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Dr. Ren Hartung receives Shaheen Teaching Excellence Award

CENTREVILLE---Dr. Ren Hartung, a science faculty member at Glen Oaks Community College, is the 25th recipient of the 2008-2009 E. J. Shaheen Chair for Teaching Excellence Award. The award presented at a Sturges-Young Auditorium April 25 dinner is based on recommendations from students, graduates, and fellow faculty. Dr. Hartung received a \$2,000 award from the Glen Oaks Community College Foundation and an engraved rocking chair. Presenting the awards were Janene Breneman, Executive Director of the GOCC Foundation, and Dr. Ana Gaillat, Dean of the College.

Dr. Gary Wheeler, President of Glen Oaks, said Dr. Hartung is an innovative and challenging teacher. "The comments about Dr. Hartung from students and peers alike were exciting to read. In fact, reading the comments about how much our faculty are respected and admired is very humbling," said President Wheeler.

Dr. Gaillat echoed the President, "Dr. Hartung is not only a great person and a fine team member, but he is very professional and knowledgeable. His students often commented that he easily translates the difficult into the understandable."

Dr. Hartung enjoys teaching Biology and Principles of Anatomy and Physiology in the Dale E. Gray Science Building. "I focus more on Anthropology because I enjoy studying the human species. The eye research I did for my Doctorate was an example of this," said Dr. Hartung.

Dr. Hartung joined Glen Oaks Community College in August 2007 after serving as an Adjunct Faculty with Kellogg Community College and five years teaching at Midlands Technical College, Columbia, S.C. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology at Albion College and then performed research in eye diseases on his way to a Doctoral degree in Biomedical Science at the University of South Carolina's School of Medicine. Dr. Hartung was previously a Hospital Corpsman in the U.S. Navy and served as an instructor trainer in Emergency Medicine.

Dr. Hartung said, "Being a faculty member at Glen Oaks is the best job I've ever had. The people here are great. I love teaching to so many great students and working with so many talented fellow faculty." With a new baby boy in the family, Dr. Hartung added, "We'll be getting a lot of use from that rocking chair."



Dr. Ren Hartung (left) receives congratulations from Dr. Gary Wheeler, President of Glen Oaks Community College.