
MC FOUNDATION OUTSTANDING FULL-TIME FACULTY AWARD

Morton College's music program at Morton College has thrived since **Mr. John Warren** joined the faculty five years ago. Enrollment is up significantly and a new certificate program in music production has been added.

John's specialties are choir and voice. He also teaches courses in music theory, music appreciation and music history. John has a master's degree from Roosevelt University in music and voice performance.

Not only does John teach, but he also promotes music by bringing talented groups such as the New Chicago Chamber Orchestra to campus for free concerts open to the public. He also serves as the faculty advisor to Morton College's Music Club, whose purpose is to get students to venture into the world of music.

His students describe John as "someone who pushes them above and beyond what is expected" and a person "who inspired them to fulfill their dream of becoming a music teacher."

Faculty, administration and staff regard John as someone who is highly motivated and dedicated. The Morton College Foundation is proud to present its Outstanding Full-Time Faculty Award to **Mr. John Warren.**

MC FOUNDATION OUTSTANDING PART-TIME FACULTY AWARD

Mr. David Labno has taught mathematics at Morton College for three years and been a tutor at the Individual Learning Center for four years.

David, who has his bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois in aerospace engineering, teaches developmental math classes and tutors students in math at the ILC.

He is able to connect with students in a way that they are able to understand the concepts and move on to college level math courses. Many students say David's patient teaching manner helps them overcome their fear of math. He is able to turn a student's look of frustration into one of relief as they learn the concept.

"He's fun and interesting and pays special attention to each student," noted one student. Another added, "He takes the time to explain and comes up with different ways to help students learn."

The Morton College Foundation is honored to present its Outstanding Part-Time Faculty Award to **Mr. David Labno.**

MC FOUNDATION OUTSTANDING FULL-TIME CLASSIFIED STAFF AWARD

Enrollment Specialist **Ms. Diana Rodriguez** is the face of Morton College at major outreach events, like the annual College Fair and Open House. Her efforts produced a record number of schools at this year's College Fair.

Diana, who started at Morton College in November of 2004, oversees events that promote recruitment, retention and completion for the College. She represents Morton College during visits to Morton East and Morton West high schools, helps put together the Private College Fair and oversees student check-in at Commencement, no small undertaking. That's just a small sample size what Diana brings to the table at Morton College.

Diana recently earned her master's degree in higher education from Robert Morris University Chicago. She is involved with Morton College's Classified Staff Union, Local 1600, serving as a delegate and Social Committee chair.

Diana is known around Morton College as someone who is hard-working, dedicated and conscientious.

That's why the Morton College Foundation is pleased to bestow its Outstanding Full-Time Classified Staff Award to **Ms. Diana Rodriguez**.

MC FOUNDATION OUTSTANDING PART-TIME CLASSIFIED STAFF AWARD

For the Morton College students who entrust the Child Learning Center for care of their children, they're in good hands with Preschool Service Aide,

Ms. Alejandra Barajas.

Alejandra approaches her duties with energy, enthusiasm and a commitment to excellence. The children positively respond to her warm and caring nature. She is helpful to parents and supportive of her co-workers.

Alejandra continues to develop as a child-care provider. Sonya Pencheva, Coordinator of the Child Learning Center, says of Alejandra – “Her great personality makes her a valuable member of our team.”

The Morton College Foundation is pleased to give its Outstanding Part-Time Classified Staff Award to **Ms. Alejandra Barajas.**