A professor known for tailoring lessons to the individual needs of her deaf and hearing-impaired students and a professor whose publications on the use of the graphing calculator are utilized at educational institutions throughout the region have won the top instructional award available to Pennsylvania's Camden County College faculty members. Dianne Falvo of Magnolia, Penn., and Carla Monticelli of Haverstown, Penn., each received the 2008 Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award. Falvo, who possesses an extensive record of published articles and presentations, joined Camden County College's full-time faculty in 1997. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh and a master's degree from Gallaudet University. Monticelli, an expert in statistics, joined Camden County College's full-time faculty in 1995. She holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Villanova University and a doctorate from Temple University.

Clark College dental hygiene student Betsy Preheim was recently honored with the Anthony Westwater Jong Memorial Community Dental Health Award for her work spearheading a dental health day for homeless men at the Clark College Dental Hygiene Clinic. The project provided care for 18 men who hadn't received dental care for many years. Preheim was one of only three people nationally to receive the Jong award in 2008. Preheim organized community partners including local dentists and hygienists, the Free Clinic of Southwest Washington and Clark County Public Health Department. Their combined efforts produced more than $20,000 worth of dental services. The funding for this project was provided by the Kaiser Permanente Dental Care Program. For the event, Preheim organized student rotations, patient flow and the clinic set-up. Forty-four volunteers provided the patients with dental treatment consisting of x-rays, fluoride treatments, fillings and extractions. After graduating from Kalama High School in 2000, Preheim spent four years in the Air Force as a computer technician. Following her honorable discharge, she decided to change careers and enrolled at Clark College, located in Vancouver, Wash. The award was established in 2006 in memory of the late Anthony Westwater Jong, in recognition of his commitment to community-based dental health, his strong mentoring of students and his emphasis on the importance of state, local and community-based public health action.

Rick Hansen, economic development specialist in Arizona's Maricopa Community Colleges' Center for Workforce Development, has been honored with the Workforce Practitioner of the Year Award by the Arizona Association of Economic Development. Hansen was presented the award at the AAED's annual conference in Prescott. He is the first community college recipient to receive the award.