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SUSAN NOLAN NAMED ACM ADJUNCT FACULTY OF THE YEAR

CUMBERLAND, Md. (Aug. 24, 2018) – Susan J. Nolan, adjunct professor of English and speech communication, received Allegany College of Maryland’s 2018 Adjunct Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award during an awards ceremony on May 15.

Known for her openness and dedication to her students, Nolan began teaching off-site English and speech communication courses for ACM in 1989. Nolan now instructs at ACM’s Cumberland Campus where she also serves as a test reader and writing coach.

Nolan is lauded for her ability to connect with students, instruct in an accessible manner and motivate them to find and utilize their strengths.

Dr. Patsy McKenzie described Nolan as “a true teacher at heart and an asset to both the college and our students...the type of instructor who genuinely cares about helping students succeed.”

Nolan, a Lonaconing resident, taught in Allegany County Public Schools from 1976 to 2014. A certified reading specialist, Nolan holds an M.S. in Education-Reading and a B.A. in History and English Secondary Education from Frostburg State University.

The Adjunct Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award is given to part or full-time adjunct faculty who demonstrate teaching and learning excellence in the classroom, foster an environment conducive to student learning, offer service their department or institution and demonstrate strong interpersonal relationship skills.

Nolan’s fellow award nominees included Ryan Bixby (History), Wayne Blue (Business and Economics), Robert

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Bright, Jr. (Criminal Justice), Linda Stewart (English), Bev Melmed (Respiratory Therapy) and Steve Sullivan (Art). Adjunct faculty are nominated by their department chairs.

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