HAKE RECEIVES UNDERWOOD LECTURE AWARD
April 18, 2018

The David L. Underwood Memorial Lecture Award winner is a secret until the official announcement. So Cindy Campbell, professor of physical education at St. Louis Community College-Florissant Valley, offered clues before revealing Carol Hake’s name.

“The 43rd recipient completed both their undergraduate and graduate degrees from Saint Louis University, has taught for 37 years, and has two family members who have taught or teach for STLCC as well. Hmmm,” she teased.

Campbell, an Underwood Award winner herself, hugged Hake, associate professor of English, when the latter accepted the award during a ceremony in early April in the David L. Underwood Library.

Before his death in 1975, David Underwood was known for his love of education. He was deeply concerned with the welfare of students and staff alike. His dedication went beyond office hours as he tirelessly devoted his time and talents to further STLCC’s mission at Florissant Valley.

Since the Underwood Award was established, recipients have demonstrated the same dedication and commitment. Chosen by a committee of peers, recipients exhibit excellence in instruction and a genuine, humanistic concern for students, faculty, staff and the field of education.

Elizabeth Perkins, Florissant Valley provost, cited many reasons for Hake’s selection for the accolade.

“Carol Hake is a very deserving recipient of the Underwood Lecturer Award. She is a strong student advocate, and in addition to her dedication to her students inside of the classroom, she is also incredibly supportive of them outside of the classroom.

“Carol has served the students, the campus and the college through not only classroom instruction, but also by mentoring colleagues, serving on committees and task forces, and serving as a co-advisor for Phi Theta Kappa,” Perkins added. “She has dedicated much of her professional life to Florissant Valley, and we are grateful for all she has given of her time and her talents to make the campus and the college a wonderful place to work and learn.”

Hake thanked Annabelle and Kathy Underwood – his widow and daughter – for attending the ceremony and keeping his legacy alive at Florissant Valley.

“I have to say that I am pleased, I am honored and I am humbled to accept the David L. Underwood Award,” Hake said. “David served as a genuine example of what it means to be a teacher at our community college. It is all about reaching students. An Underwood – what a privilege to share the name.”