Ehlen Named 44th Underwood Award Recipient

The recipient of the 44th David L. Underwood Memorial Lecture Award is Steve Ehlen, supervisor of the technology learning center.

A host of St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley staff, faculty and retirees attended the announcement ceremony held Wednesday in the Instructional Resources building.

Tom McGovern, professor of engineering and technology, described why Ehlen is a natural for the honor in his nomination submission.

"Steve Ehlen is one of those behind-the-scenes people that makes everything work. He always finds a way to meet a request for something to be done. In fact, we have a standing joke at FIRST about Steve "the get it for us guy." He challenged us years ago to ask for something he could not find or a problem he could solve. In 14 years of running FIRST events on campus, we have never succeeded in stumpimg him. It may take some time, but he has always come through, McGovern wrote.

Ehlen, who started as a STLCC-Florissant Valley student in 1977 and was hired as a student worker two months later, said he is grateful for the acknowledgment. "This is an overwhelming honor, and I am truly humbled that I was even considered, much less receiving this award."