2007 DAVID L. UNDERWOOD AWARD WINNER – PATRICIA WILLIAMS

Patricia Williams was named the 2007 recipient of the David L. Underwood Memorial Lecture Award–an award that honors outstanding staff members for their dedication to students.

A St. Louis native, Williams graduated from Riverview Gardens High School and then went on to earn a B.A. and M.L.S degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Missouri.

Williams started working at Florissant Valley in 1982 as a Library Associate in the Circulation Department and within one-year became the supervisor of the department. When the Manager of Library Services position opened in 2003, Williams accepted what she termed her “dream” job. In this role, her passion has been to establish the David L. Underwood Library as an inviting academic space for students, staff and faculty to gather and to provide a forum for lectures, speeches and presentations open to all of the campus community. It has also been her belief that with all the recent changes in technology in the Library, we owe our students the information literacy skills they need to compete and continue to grow in today’s world and that the Library will remain a key resource in meeting that need. In accepting the award, Williams’ graciously noted that working with the outstanding faculty and staff in the Library has been the catalyst for the entire Library’s success.

While at Florissant Valley, Williams has served as the Missouri Community College Association campus liaison, chair of FVIAC and chair of CIAC. She also takes pride in being a part of the original One Book, One College program committee. Now entering its fourth year the program recently won the district Innovation of the Year Award and the program continues to grow and bring the college together in the shared reading experience.

After 25 years of service to SLCC, Williams will retire in June. She plans to spend more time with her husband Ron, two daughters, Shannon (Michael Higgins) and Laurie, and two grandchildren, Jacob and Emily Higgins.