Ken Boyer of the English Department at St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley is recipient of the 1987 David L. Underwood Memorial Lecture Award.

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Named for Underwood, former dean of instruction at Florissant Valley who was known for his dedication to education, the award is presented each year to an outstanding instructor of the college. Recipients must exhibit excellence in teaching, and a genuine concern for faculty, staff and students.