Saddleback College Professor Recognized for “Invaluable” Work in Online Education

Mission Viejo, CA – Recognized for her innovation in online education technology, Saddleback College Anthropology Professor Claire Cesareo-Silva was rewarded a 2010 Blackboard Catalyst Award for Individual Contributions in Staff Development for her work with the college’s Online Teaching Certification program. The BbWorld 2010 Client Program Committee said that her "efforts in staff and professional development have been recognized as invaluable to the participants at large."

Dr. Tod Burnett, President, said, “Saddleback College is a leader in online education in the state of California and this is due in no small part to the work of Professor Cesareo-Silva. Congratulations to Claire for her outstanding work and for her continued commitment to the success of Saddleback College and our students.”

Dean of Behavioral and Social Sciences Patricia Flanigan Chapin praised Professor Cesareo-Silva, "While this certainly gives recognition to Saddleback College, it also speaks volumes to her high level of expertise and innovation relative to Online Education. Through good and bad times, Professor Cesareo-Silva’s leadership in this area has had a huge impact on the success of our online classes."

Professor Cesareo-Silva said that she is proud of the recognition this brings Saddleback College and thanked the people who helped her with the Online Educator Project, including Child Development Professor June Millovich, Distance Learning Librarian Elizabeth Horan, and Application Specialist II Valerie Senior.

Professor Cesareo-Silva joined the faculty of Saddleback College in 2000, after having previously taught at several other colleges/universities including Whittier College, New York University and Columbia University. She is a cultural anthropologist who continues to do research, primarily in Brazil, on issues of agrarian reform, social movements, and the construction and use of social memory.

Located in Mission Viejo, Saddleback College provides quality higher education and training to the greater south Orange County community. Having served more than 500,000 students since 1968, Saddleback College offers over 300 degree and certificate programs to help students reach their personal, career, and educational goals. For more information, please visit www.saddleback.edu.