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### **Ridgewood Resident Honored with Community College Spirit Award**

TRENTON, N.J.— During its regular bi-monthly meeting, the New Jersey Council of County Colleges presented the 2009 Community College Spirit Award to Jennifer Dudley, director of continuing education and workforce development, Passaic County Community College, for her exemplary service to New Jersey’s community colleges.

“Since its inauguration in 1993, the Community College Spirit Award has been an honor bestowed to those who embody the community college spirit – perseverance, dedication and excellence,” said NJCCC Chairman Ronald Winthers.

Dudley was recognized for her leadership as a member of the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development executive board. The Workforce Consortium, established in 2004, is a central one-stop contact that develops and delivers education and training programs to New Jersey businesses, agencies and organizations.

Since its creation, the Workforce Consortium has provided training to over 29,000 enrollees from over 1,200 New Jersey employers.

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“Jennifer has served on the Workforce Consortium’s executive board since 2005, and has played a key role in every one of the Consortium’s major successes, including the New Jersey Department of Human Services Career Ladders Training Program, the BioNJ BioTech Training Program, the New Jersey Education Association Career Ladders Training Program, and the New Jersey Business and Industry Association’s Basic Skills Workforce Training Program,” Winthers added.

As the director of continuing education and workforce development at Passaic County Community College, Dudley designs, implements and markets all open-enrollment courses and oversees the non-credit course offerings for College’s Public Safety Academy. She also manages grant-funded programs including: the NJ Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Distance Learning and Food Services programs, NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development customized training grants, and Literacy and Integrated English and Civics grants. She was also instrumental in launching the New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey alternate route teacher certification program at NJ’s community colleges.

In addition to serving on the Workforce Consortium executive board, Dudley serves as treasurer of the New Jersey Community Colleges’ Senior Continuing Education Officers, is a member of the Association of Continuing Education, Society for Human Resource Management and the American Association for Women in Community Colleges.

Dudley holds an M.B.A. in finance from Rutgers University, a master’s degree in media studies from the New School for Social Research and a bachelor’s degree in communications

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from New College of Florida. She is currently finishing her dissertation with the first cohort of students in Rowan University's Community College Leadership doctoral program. She is also certified as a Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) through the Society for Human Resources Management.

She and her husband, Richard, reside in Ridgewood and have three children: Aurora, a science teacher at Wayne Valley High School; Michaela, a student at University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill; and Richardson, a senior at Ridgewood High School.

The New Jersey Council of County Colleges is the state association representing New Jersey's 19 community colleges. As an independent, trustee-headed organization that joins the leadership of trustees and presidents, the Council is the voice of the community college sector before the state legislature and other branches of government. The Council is also the state coordinating organization for all community colleges in New Jersey.