

SUNY DELHI FACULTY AND STAFF HONORED WITH CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS

DELHI, NY ... Three members of the SUNY Delhi faculty and staff have been named as recipients of the 2003 SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Excellence.

SUNY Delhi's most outstanding faculty and staff members have received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence, the State University's most prestigious honor—Dr. Lynn Domina, Associate Professor of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Robert Seibert, Associate Professor of Hospitality Management; and Michele DeFreece, Director of EOP. They were presented with their awards at SUNY Delhi's 86th commencement on May 17.

Professor Robert Seibert, who received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, came to SUNY Delhi in 1985 after teaching in the Maryland public school system and after a 17-year career with Catskill Travel, Inc, a multi-office travel company serving Central New York. As the Hospitality Management department chair from 1990-1995, he's been instrumental in shaping new academic programs in Hospitality Management at SUNY Delhi. He's designed two associate degrees for the college, Culinary Arts and Travel and Tourism Management, and thanks to Professor Seibert's hard work, SUNY Delhi graduates can now be found working in management positions at prominent restaurants, resorts, cruise lines and theme parks. Professor Seibert understands the important role technology plays in education, and because of his efforts, SUNY Delhi is one of the first colleges in the nation to use SABRE, the leading airline and tourism data information system in the world.

One of SUNY Delhi's most accomplished and decorated writers, Dr. Lynn Domina, was presented the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities. Since

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joining SUNY Delhi's faculty in 1997, she's published two dozen poems in periodicals ranging from *Poetry Northwest* and *Prairie Schooner* to *The Christian Century*. A collection of her poetry, *Corporal Works*, has won the Four Way Books Intro Series Prize—a national award that recognizes poets' first books. Dr. Domina serves as a contributing editor to the literary journal, *Marlboro Review*, and has been solicited as a peer reviewer for a manuscript on Mary McCarthy by Fairleigh Dickinson University Press. Most recently, her work on a reference book, *Understanding A Raisin in the Sun: A Student Casebook to Issues, Sources, Historical Documents*, has led to an invitation to serve on an advisory panel for a PBS television series. Dr. Domina is also a popular speaker who has been selected to serve as a "Speaker of the Humanities" by the New York State Council of the Humanities. Earlier this year, Dr. Domina was among 42 top researchers in the humanities, arts and social sciences honored by the State University.

Michele DeFreece, who began her career at SUNY Delhi in 1985, received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. As director of SUNY Delhi's Education Opportunity Program, she has the reputation on campus as someone who sees the big picture, and who puts the needs of students and the college first at all times. She's made a considerable impact on the SUNY Delhi campus, making substantial improvements to the college's EOP program. Her work to secure a highly competitive "special programs" grant of \$120,000 from SUNY resulted in the establishment of the EOP Living and Learning Community known as *Visions*. A strong student advocate, DeFreece consistently supports the value of diversity. Last year, students honored her with an "In the Spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr. Award" for her commitment to the ideals expressed by Dr. King. She has chaired the college's Multicultural Team and has served as an advisor to the Latin Student Organization and the Delhi Women's Network.

SUNY Delhi's Chancellor's Award recipients were nominated by their colleagues and received the required recommendation by a campus committee and the college president. A SUNY-wide committee then reviewed the nominations and recommended selected candidates to SUNY Chancellor Robert L. King for approval.