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Faculty Emeritus Nomination Form

Category (Professor | Librarian | Counselor)

Professor

Full Name of Person Being Nominated

DR EDNA L. SAFFEY

Years Served at FCCJ (must be a min. of 15)

37

Date Nominee Retired (must be within a year of retirement)

31 DECEMBER 2007

Check at least two categories for which this person is being nominated:

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Please provide a description of the nominee’s noteworthy achievements and service to the college.
(Use additional attachments if necessary.)

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Notes: A nomination may be initiated by any full-time faculty member or immediate supervisor. A minimum of two (2) nomination forms are required from those who endorse the candidate.

**Dr. Eona L. Saffy**

**Dean Charles Smires**

Name of Nominator:

Title:

**Dean of Liberal Arts**

**South Campus**

**Florida Community College**

@ Jacksonville
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**Dr. Edna L. Saffy**

**Dr. Bonnie Satterfield**

Name of Nominator:
Title:

**Assistant Dean of Liberal Arts**

**South Campus**

**Florida Community College @ Jacksonville**
FACULTY EMERITUS NOMINATION FORM

Nominee’s Address, e-mail, and phone # Edna Louise Saffy, Ph.D.

Category Professor
Years Served at FCCJ 37 years
Date Nominee Retired December 31, 2007

Process:

1. “Documentation Attached Indicating nominee’s record of excellence in teaching with attached additional pages as necessary”
2. “Select at least two categories as listed below and attach documentation that indicates nominee’s proven record of service in those categories. Attach additional pages as necessary.”

Category for Nomination (Select a minimum of 2)

- ✔ Achievements in professional and/or creative endeavors in applicant’s field
- ✔ Outstanding contributions on projects and initiatives that advance departmental, division, and college-wide goals
- ✔ Outstanding record of service and leadership through participation on college committees, involvement in student mentoring, involvement in student extracurricular activities, or faculty organizations
- ✔ Service to the community

Nominator: Charles Smires
Title: Dean
E-Mail: csmires@fccj.edu
Phone: 646-2438

Nominator: Dr. Bonnie Finsley Satterfield
Title: Associate Dean
E-Mail: bfinsley@fccj.edu
Phone: 997-2702
DESCRIPTION OF THE NOMINEE’S NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS AND SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE

Dear Emeritus Committee of Florida Community College:

I am deeply honored to be considered for the title of Professor Emeritus.

I can imagine no better description of my qualifications for this position than the following letters from my Dean, Charles Smires and from my Assistant Dean, Dr. Bonnie Finsley Satterfield.

I ask that you consider both these and the enclosed resume, as well as the other documents attached as description of my noteworthy achievements and service to the college.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you require further information, please contact me at home by telephone at or by email at

Sincerely,

Edna Saffy, Ph.D.
RECORD OF EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

I have received “Excellent” FCCJ Teaching Evaluations from my Deans for all the 37 years I have been at the college.

I have continually updated, developed, and adjusted the several different Speech Communication courses to meet the constantly changing needs of the professional, technical, and/or academic world that our students are about to enter in the next few years.

Since many of our community college students are unfamiliar with the college culture, I have included classroom presentations involving terminology with explanation of such words as “upper division,” and “lower division,” “baccalaureate,” “masters,” “doctorates,” “colleges” within “universities,” “graduate school,” etc.

Also included have been lectures, films, etc. covering the hiring and employment process, resumes, interview behavior (both verbal and nonverbal) with questions to expect as well as appropriate answers, proper dress, etc.

At the request of the Florida Speech Communication Association, I have both presented and published in their journals articles detailing the content of my classroom activities. (“Jobspeak: Speech in the Marketplace...” and “The Basic Speech Course...”)

In recognition of my excellence in teaching, I was first chosen by FCCJ for the National Master Teacher Seminar, and then awarded by our college a $6,000 grant for advanced study.

In recognition of my abilities within the classroom, the college-wide speech faculty elected me Chair of the FCCJ Speech Council for multiple terms (at least 5 terms).

I was awarded an FCCJ internship on Administrative Structure by former FCCJ Vice President Timothy Lightfield.
EDNA LOUISE SAFFY, Ph.D.

Profession  Professor of Speech and Oral Communication
Florida Community College at Jacksonville
South Campus
11901 Beach Boulevard
Jacksonville, FL 32216

Place of Birth  Jacksonville, Florida

Spouse  Grady Earl Johnson, D.M.D.
Dentist in Private Practice

Education
University of Florida  Gainesville  1976  Ph.D.
University of Florida  Gainesville  1968  M.A.
University of Florida  Gainesville  1966  B.A.

Activities and Involvement
Recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award in City of Jacksonvillle from the Florida Times Union, June, 2005
Appointed by President Clinton to the President's Advisory Committee on the Arts of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, (1995-01)
Appointed by Florida's Governor Lawton Chiles to "Florida's Finest", An honor that recognizes Florida residents who improve their community through good deeds and hard work, (1997)
Recipient of Mayor John Delaney’s Women’s History Award as “A Woman of Courage and Vision” by the Mayor’s Commission on the Status of Women (2001)
Appointed by Mayors John Delaney and Mayor John Peyton to the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission (2003-08)
Appointed to FBI’s Hate Crime Working Group (2007-present)
Appointed by Mayor John Peyton to the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission (2006-2008)
Appointed by Mayor John Delaney to the Advisory Committee on Ritz and LaVilla Cultural Heritage District, (1996-02)
Appointed by Mayor Tommy Hazouri to the Duval County Hospital Authority
Appointed by Mayor Jake Godbold to the Jacksonville Area Planning Board
Activities and Involvement (continued)

Leadership Jacksonville Alumni(ae) Board of Directors
(1989-90)

Ritz Theatre Historic Restoration Board of Directors
(1987-97)

Point LaVista Neighborhood Association Board of Directors
(1990-00)

Appointed to Uptown Civitan Club Board of Directors, (1997)
(2005)

Karpeles Manuscript Museum Board of Directors (1990-07)
Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society Board of Trustees (1987-02)
Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society Trustee Emeritus
Hubbard House Shelter for Abused Women Patron (1992-94)
Arab American Institute National Leadership Council
(1991-97)

"Jacksonville Reads Seminar" for American Association of
University Women (2003)

Activities and Involvement in Women's Issues

Founder Jacksonville Women’s Network (1979)
Planned Parenthood of Northeast Florida Board of Directors

Planned Parenthood of Northeast Florida Legislative and
Fundraising Committees (1998-08)
Florida Women's Consortium Board of Directors (1992-95)
Florida Women's Alliance Board of Directors (1985-90)
Florida Women's Political Caucus, State President (1977)
ERA Jacksonville (Equal Rights Amendment), Director (1976)
Director Florida Parades for ERA (1975)
Director and Co-Convener Jacksonville Chapter National
Organization for Women (1970)
Director and Convener University of Florida Chapter National
Organization for Women (1972)
South Atlantic Modern Language Association Women's Studies
Section Helped Found, Atlanta, 1975
Take Back the Night Committee, "Week Without Violence" (1998-
03)

Appointed by President Gerald Ford as a Florida Delegate to
International Women's Year Conference, 1976
Elected Florida Delegate to International Women's Conference
In Houston Texas, 1977

Activities and Involvement in Party Issues

Host Committee for Hillary Clinton for President, June, 2007
Delegate Florida Democratic Convention, October, 2007
Democratic National Convention, Appointed Credentials
Committee Los Angeles (Vice President Al Gore) (2000)
Democratic National Convention, Appointed At-Large Alternate
Chicago (President William Jefferson Clinton) (1996)
Democratic National Convention, Appointed by President Clinton
to the Credentials Committee attend the National
Democratic Convention, New York City (1992)
Democratic National Convention Elected Alternate for President
Duval County Democratic Executive Committee (1977-2008)
Central Committee of Duval County Democratic Party (1992-97)
Precinct Committeewoman Democratic District Five 1977-2008
Florida State Democratic Convention Elected Delegate

Awards, Fellowships and Certifications

Invited by President William Jefferson Clinton to Witness
Signing of Middle East Peace Accord at the White House September 13, 1993
Who's Who in Florida 1989
Mary Nolan Award for Outstanding Women's Leadership, National Organization for Women (1987)
Women in Power Award, National Council of Jewish Women (1978)
Alice Paul Award for Outstanding Contribution toward Passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, Florida Women's Political Caucus, (1979)
Awarded $6,000 Grant from Florida Community College for Continued Professional Study
Co-authored Federal Grant Resulting in Funding for Creation of Rosanne Hartwell Women's Center at Florida Community College, 1972
Chosen by Florida Community College for National Master Teacher Seminar (1980)
University of Florida Hall of Fame (1973-74)
Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, University of Florida (1973-74)

Publications and Presentations

Presentation at Request of Library Association on The Role Of Women in the Consolidation of City of Jacksonville
Florida Humanities Council Seminar Lecturer on Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings (three month's series, approximately 1988)
"Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings: Sojourner At Cross Creek Review" Published in Florida Historical Society Quarterly Journal, January, 1989

"Never Another Season of Silence: A Study of Communication Networks". Presented to the National Speech Communication Association Convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1978
Publications and Presentations (continued)

"Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings: For This Is An Enchanted Land", Presented at Conference on Southern Women Writers, Santa Fe Community College, Gainesville, Florida
We Shall Not be Denied, Published in the National NOW News January, 1975
Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Journal of Southern Literature Advisory Board, 1991-96

Professional and Association Memberships

Jacksonville Women's Network
Florida Women's Alliance
St. Johns Riverkeeper
United Florida Faculty
Society for the Study of Southern Literature
Speech Communication Association of America
Molaka Club of Jacksonville
Syrian Ladies Club of Jacksonville
National Organization for Women
National Women's Political Caucus
Planned Parenthood of Northeast Florida
Voters for Choice
Uptown Civitan Club of Jacksonville
Alpha Chi Omega Sorority Alumnae
Jacksonville Community Council (JCCI)
Leadership Jacksonville
Wage Peace
Vietnam Veterans Against the War
Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society
Florida Humanities Council
2007 Final Evaluation for Edna Saffy, Ph.D.  
Professor Speech Communication

Participation in Conferences, Workshops, and Seminars

1. I presented a seminar at TYCA on the founding of a literary society using as a specific example the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society. The seminar included displays of first editions, drawings, memorabilia, etc., as well as providing literary information concerning MKR.

2. At the request of the Jacksonville Library Association, and as part of their forum on the Consolidation of the Jacksonville Government, I delivered a paper on the role of Women at the time of consolidation.

3. I was a volunteer working registration at the 20th Annual FCCJ Writers Festival March 30-April 2, 2006.

4. As a Trustee of the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society, I not only attended, but also participated at various levels in both the 2006 and 2007 state conferences.

5. During the last two years (2006-2007) as a Trustee I have participated in the MKR quarterly Board of Trustees’ meetings addressing the ongoing business of the society.

6. In 2006 and 2007, I attended the Teaching and Learning Conference at Sawgrass registering for workshops on Creating Classroom Communities and other workshops on electronic media. The content of the keynote speakers’ talks was excellent.

7. As Co-Chair of the MKR Scholarship Committee, I presented $1,000 scholarship to FCCJ student.
Service to College/Department: (Committee Work, Task Forces, Faculty Senate, Special Projects

1. In February, 2006, we hosted at our home the Communications Department Poetry Reading and Pot Luck Dinner.

2. At the request of the Administration Support Staff, I was a presenter at the Memorial for Dr. Will in the fall of 2006.

3. I worked with the President of the Faculty Senate David Bowen in preparing the final draft of the policy for benefits and selection of “FCCJ Professor Emeritus.”

4. I assisted in providing background and support to affirm Speech courses continue as part of FCCJ General Education Requirement (GER).

5. As a former Presidential appointee to the Kennedy Center and continuing my connection in whatever ways I am able, I played a minor role in bringing the Kennedy Center Theatre Festival (KCACTF) Region IV to FCCJ in February, 2006.

6. As Co-Chair of the MKR Scholarship Committee I have awarded $1,000 scholarships not only to FCCJ student but also to students in each of the counties in which MKR annual conferences are held.

7. At the request of the FCCJ Women’s Center and as a former recipient of the award, I represented the faculty of FCCJ at the Mayor’s Commission on the Status of Women at his Women’s History Month annual breakfasts in 2006 and 2007.

8. Also at the request of FCCJ, I was asked to be present at the Leadership Jacksonville dinner when Duane Dumbleton received his award. Though again asked by the college for this year (2007), I was unable to attend.
9. I was a member of the Speech Search and Screen Employment Committee in 2006, and I was appointed Chair of the Speech Search Committee for 2007; however it was decided to reorganize the committee later in the year.

10. During Black History Month (2006 and 2007) I attended the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce Martin Luther King Breakfast at the Convention Center. (President of the Chamber of Commerce is Dr. Stephen Wallace whose office helped me (as a member of the Mayor’s Human Rights Commission) obtain a table for the event.

11. On October 6, 2006, I attended the FCCJ Communication Department Faculty Retreat in Fernandina, FL.

**Teaching Projects/Innovations**

1. I have continually attempted to update, develop, adjust, etc., the Speech Communication course to meet the constantly changing needs of our students for the current academic world and the future profession work force they are about to enter in the next few years; thus I have attempted the following:
   
   a. Lectures diagramming the academic future that include terminology with explanation of such worlds (I do not mean words, I really mean worlds) as upper and lower division, electives and prerequisites, baccalaureate masters and doctorates, colleges within universities, graduate school, etc.
   
   b. Lectures covering the hiring and employment process, resumes, interview behavior with question to expect as well as appropriate answers, proper dress, etc.

2. I have taken my class to the Work Force area to participate in the Virtual Employment Interviews.

3. I have taken my class and walked them through FCCJ’s College Transfer Fair.

4. I have taken my classes to the Shakespeare Festival.
Professional Growth/Scholarly Activities: (Activities undertaken to keep current in field, promote scholarship, enhance certification)

1. Publication of my presentation at Seminar on “Consolidation of the City of Jacksonville,” delivered October, 2006, at the new Jacksonville Public Library. This paper will be housed permanently in the Library and in the Jacksonville Historical Society. (Please see Attachment)

Membership/Positions in Professional Organizations

1. Trustee Emeritus of the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society
2. Board of Directors Planned Parenthood
3. Precinct Committee Woman of Precinct 5E
4. Duval County Democratic Executive Committee
5. Florida Humanities Council
6. Founder Jacksonville Women’s Network
7. Founder of Jacksonville and University of Florida National Organization for Women
8. Uptown Civitan Association
9. Jacksonville Community Council (JCCI)

Other Accomplishments

1. I was appointed by Mayors John Delaney and John Peyton to serve on the Mayor’s Commission on Human Rights 2006, 2007-2009
   (Placed on subcommittee to review complaints of racism and sexism within Fire Department and review fire science training. (Please note the relationship to FCCJ’s Fire Science Institute)
2. At the request of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) I was appointed to the FBI’s Hate Crime Working Group.
   (Note the attached letter from the FBI, and the relationship to training at FCCJ’s Law Enforcement Institute.)
3. As recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award, I currently serve as a judge of the Florida Times Union EVE (Education/Volunteer/Employment) awards to be given June, 2007.
December 1, 2008

Dear Emeritus Committee of Florida Community College:

I am deeply honored to be considered for the title of Professor Emeritus and would gladly accept this title if it were offered to me.

I retired from Florida Community College December 31, 2007 with 37 years of service.

I came to Florida Community College from the University of Florida in August of 1968 and have served it continuously (except for a two-year extension of my professional leave granted by FCCJ to earn my Ph.D.).

Enclosed you will find letters of nomination from my Dean, Charles Smires, and my Assistant Dean, Dr. Bonnie Finsley Satterfield. Both are in support of my qualifications for this position.

I am seeking nomination in all categories for Professor Emeritus and ask that you consider these letters and the enclosed resume, as well as the other documents attached, as description of my noteworthy achievements and service to the college.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you require further information, please contact me at home by telephone at or by e-mail at

Sincerely,

Edna Saffy, Ph.D.
To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure to write this letter of support for Dr. Edna Saffy, Professor of Communications, as she is considered for the distinction of Professor Emeritus. I have known Dr. Saffy since September 16, 2005, when I assumed the position of Associate Dean of Liberal Arts at the South Campus. I mention the date because it was a tragic time; Dr. Norm Will, Campus President, had died suddenly less than 24 hours before. The faculty members with whom I would be working were shocked and grief-stricken that first day on the job. The morning I arrived, Edna greeted and welcomed me with open arms. Despite the sad and unforeseen circumstances, I felt an instant connection with her, and that feeling has never diminished. The poem she read at Dr. Will’s memorial service was eloquent and comforting to the college community.

When I think of Dr. Edna Saffy, three words come to mind: knowledge, professionalism, and integrity. She has high standards and has instilled those standards in thousands of students throughout her distinguished career at FCCJ. I admire her and hold her in high esteem for a number of reasons, the first of which is that she has devoted her entire career to one institution. Second, she has been a trailblazer and a pioneer in a number of ways. She was one of, if not the first, women to enter a Ph.D. program at the University of Florida. Third, as a community activist, Dr. Saffy’s record of accomplishments and involvement is stellar. The City of Jacksonville is blessed that a native daughter chose to spend her life and her career here, and Dr. Saffy has truly made a difference in the lives of others through her tireless efforts.

Finally, in addition to being a wonderful colleague to those fortunate enough to have worked with her, Dr. Saffy has been a mentor and has been generous with her time. She has provided guidance, advice, and counsel to innumerable faculty members and administrators throughout her tenure. She is an inspiration and a role model, and I cannot think of anyone I have known or worked with who is more deserving of the title “Professor Emeritus” than Dr. Edna Saffy.

Sincerely yours,

Bonnie Finsley Satterfield, Ed.D.
Associate Dean of Liberal Arts
January 4, 2008

To: Professor Emeritus Selection Committee

I am pleased to write this letter in support of Dr. Edna Saffy for the distinction of Professor Emeritus. Dr. Saffy recently retired in December 2007 after 37 years of service to FCCJ. A narrative of this length could never adequately capture the impact Professor Saffy has had on this College and community. However, I would to highlight a few of her contributions.

First and foremost, Dr. Saffy is responsible for the vital role that speech instruction plays today in the general education of our students. She saw that speech established itself as a serious and respectable area of study. Then, she saw that the faculty who teach speech are credentialed in that area and even helped to arrange graduate study in the area of speech for faculty to pursue such academic training. After these benchmarks were achieved, she worked to promote the importance of speech communications to her colleagues and administrators across the College. Finally, she worked to see that speech communication became a required component of our students' general education study.

Of course, through her own instruction, Dr. Saffy impacted the lives of thousands of students. Not only did she impart in them the skills and confidence needed to be successful in public speaking situations and in other oral communication endeavors, but she also opened their minds to the political, social, and career aspects of their lives. She always worked to see that students understood the practical implications of their study of speech communication and rhetoric.

Besides impacting the lives of students, Dr. Saffy had a major influence on many, many faculty throughout the years. She often took on the role of mentor for new faculty, helping them to make the transition to a new teaching environment. She not only helped them to understand policies and procedures, but also advised them as to how to establish their presence at the institution. Dr. Saffy was always very supportive of her colleagues' efforts, either by making sure others are aware of her colleagues' accomplishments or by taking her students to their events.

Another major impact Dr. Saffy had on this College is in the creation of a harassment-free atmosphere for students, particularly female students, and in creation of a supportive learning environment for women to achieve an education. Dr. Saffy, throughout her years of service, was a strong voice for maintaining a harassment-free atmosphere and was a personal advocate for students in seeing that such an atmosphere is enforced. In addition, Dr. Saffy was one of the forces behind the creation of the FCCJ Women's Center, an entity that has given hundreds of women that opportunity and the support needed to further their education.
Finally, Dr. Saffy's influence extended way beyond the College into the community. She has always been an activist dedicated to the improving the quality of life for the citizens of Jacksonville, in particular, the lives of women. Two brief examples just from this past year are her participation on the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights and the FBI's Hate Crime Working Group. For her commitment to women's causes, Dr. Saffy was awarded in 2005 the highly prestigious EVE Award for Lifetime Achievement.

Dr. Saffy truly had a remarkable career here at FCCJ. For her contributions to our students and to our College and for the distinction she brought to our College through her community work, I feel she is extremely deserving of being honored with the title of Professor Emeritus.

Sincerely,

Charles Smires
Dean of Liberal Arts
August 12, 2007

Dr. Steven Wallace

Dear Dr. Wallace:

My name is Mayumi Pierce and I graduated from FCCJ completing an A.A. degree last December. I have recently been selected as the recipient of the State University Minority Community College Transfer Scholarship at UNF. Prior to applying for this scholarship, Dr. Edna Saffy, who was my speech professor, wrote a wonderful letter of recommendation. By enclosing a copy of the letter of appreciation I wrote to Dr. Saffy, please let me offer you an opportunity to recognize how magnificent professor she is.

When I visited Dr. Saffy’s office last April, I did not expect to leave her office with a letter of recommendation in my hands. I only wanted to ask her whether she would write the letter for me or not. However, as soon as I told her about this scholarship, she dropped everything and started writing the letter for me. I was deeply touched by her dedication as an educator.

As I mentioned in the letter to Dr. Saffy, I did not have any qualifications to work for the education field in the United States. When I started taking classes at FCCJ, I was not sure if I would be able to pursue my academic goals. Thanks to the supportive professors and an excellent learning environment, I was constantly on the president’s list and graduated with high honors. I believe what makes FCCJ stand out is faculty members who are committed to students’ success. Some of the FCCJ professors and counselors, including Dr. Saffy, are still in contact and continue to support me.

Thank you so much for providing outstanding professors like Dr. Saffy.

Sincerely,

Mayumi Pierce
Dear Admissions Coordinator:

Having in class a student like Mayumi Yamazaki Pierce happens too few times in the lifetime of a community college professor, for Mayumi is both an excellent student and simultaneously a caring teacher.

Mayumi Pierce was my student in a sophomore public speaking course (Spc 2600) here at Florida Community College at Jacksonville in the fall of 2006. She was an outstanding student—always prepared, perfect attendance, working far in advance of the assignments. Her life experiences had given her an awareness of language and a precision of usage of the English language that is seldom encountered.

Obviously she achieved the highest of evaluations on all work. Her final grade in the public speaking course was, of course, an “A”.

Now to address her potential as the application guideline suggested… Upon looking at her resume one sees that in Japan she taught English to Japanese children. The skills of Mayumi as a teacher were apparent to me, for the other students in the class would come to her on a regular basis seeking assistance with their work or clarification of the assignments. Here understanding of their specific needs was indeed an art. I was the professor, yet with Mayumi in the classroom, our students had two professors.

I am privileged to recommend Mayumi Yamazaki Pierce for the State University Minority Community College Transfer Scholarship. She will bring honors to your school as she has to ours.

Sincerely yours,

Edna Saffy, Ph.D.
Professor, Speech Communication
Florida Community College at Jacksonville
South Campus,
11901 Beach Boulevard
Jacksonville, FL 32246
Office phone: 646-2344
August 20, 2007

Ms. Mayumi Pierce

Dear Ms. Pierce:

Thank you for taking the time to recognize the selflessness of one of Florida Community College’s extraordinary professors. The exemplary actions of Dr. Edna Saffy at South Campus illustrate the College’s aspirations to make education for students a positive experience. As College President, it is rewarding to hear how our professors and counselors have been contributors to your academic success.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steven R. Wallace
College President
April 24, 2006

Dr. Steven Wallace
FCCJ Downtown Campus
501 W. State Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear President Wallace,

I am currently a student at FCCJ’s South Campus. I would like to start this letter by quoting FCCJ’s College Mission which says,

“We are dedicated to meaningful learning and excellent teaching, enabling individuals to achieve their hopes, dreams and full potential, and to being a leading partner in creating a dynamic, prosperous community of enlightened leaders and thoughtful, effective global citizens.”

Dr. Edna Saffy (Speech Communication; South Campus) fulfills every aspect of this statement. Not only does she prepare students for distinctive success, she takes the time to understand us individually. When she teaches it doesn’t feel like a lecture. If anything it feels more like a one on one conversation.

There are not enough words for me to begin to explain my appreciation to you and your staff for giving the students of FCCJ the opportunity to have outstanding professors like Dr. Saffy, Prof. Stephen Powers, and Prof. Sarah Colangelo, all located at the South Campus of FCCJ.

The leadership you have in your organization is an outstanding example to all of us. Please remember that this is not someone who visited the college and received a quick first impression. I am a student; at South Campus three days a week.

I want to thank you for not letting your mission be a goal, but a realistic and well achieved standard.

Respectfully,

Brock E. Fazzini
May 11, 2006

Brock E. Fazzini

Dear Mr. Fazzini,

Thank you for your recent letter which expresses appreciation for the quality education you have experienced while attending Florida Community College and, specifically, in the classrooms of Dr. Edna Saffy, Professor Stephen Powers, and Professor Sarah Colangelo.

I was delighted to learn that the College has met your expectations, and that you have felt enriched by these fine professors. Feedback from our students such as you have provided is very meaningful because it assists us with our own institutional evaluation.

With particularly this in mind, may I once again express my gratitude to you for taking the time to inform me of the impact Dr. Saffy -- along with Professors Powers and Colangelo -- have had on your career path. I wish you all the best in achieving your educational goals.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steven R. Wallace
College President

cc: Dr. Edna Saffy
    Professor Stephen Powers
    Professor Sarah Colangelo
    Dr. Nancy Yurko
throughout the world who have experienced the wars of separation, combat, discrimination, disenfranchisement, and inequality, and who continue to fight and sacrifice for the benefit of women everywhere. In particular, this issue is dedicated to two very noteworthy women: Patricia L. Sutherland and Dr. Edna L. Saffy.

I first met Patricia Sutherland in July of this year when I contacted her in response to her poetry which she had submitted for possible inclusion in this edition of Kalliope. I immediately responded to her warm personality and the way in which her comments and responses were touched with great insight and humor. Unfortunately, my association with Patricia would be all too short. She passed away quite suddenly last month. Pat was born in 1942 and died in 2007. She had been a high school English, speech and drama teacher and director for 36 years before coming to Tennessee Wesleyan College, where she had taught for the last seven years. She had only recently turned the spotlight on herself by publishing her own work. She published two creative non-fiction works in the last few years. The first work, “From the Wings,” relates what it is like to be a director, and was published in 2005 by The Nantahala. The other work of creative non-fiction, entitled “I Used to be Amelia Earhart” and published in The Springs of Helicon, relates a childhood trauma. Only recently had Patricia turned her attention to poetry. Kalliope is honored to include her poem “Private John September 17, 1917” in this edition.

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— Margaret L. Clark. Ph.D.
Editor-in-Chief

Edna L. Saffy - 1972
Letter from the Editor

In both wartime and peace, there is often a tendency to formulate, memorialize, revisit, and recollect our individual and collective histories. Indeed, the myths emerging from the total World War I experience to which Paul Fussell addresses the majority of The Great War and Modern Memory had such an effect upon American cultural perceptions that memories of the way in which widespread and exaggerated stories concerning the purported atrocities against the people of Belgium at the hands of the Germans during 1914 and 1915 led many public and private citizens to regard the initial stories of German holocaust camps during World War II to be without merit. In her study of how photographs taken at the time of the liberation of various concentration camps in Germany shape our memory of the Holocaust, Remembering to Forget: Holocaust Memory through the Camera’s Eye, Barbie Zelizer states, “The exaggerated nature of the World War I atrocity story set in place an aura of fakery that greeted the initial reports to the false World War I atrocity stories generated such skepticism that until proven true, atrocity reports were assumed false; they were regarded first as narratives of exaggeration and propaganda and only later as potentially credible accountings of the ravages of war.” Often, initial disbelief concerning the presence of the unthinkable is the means of protecting oneself from the reality of unjust treatment and inconceivable injustice.

In this special issue of Kalliope, the poetry, short fiction and art about women by women who have experienced war in all its effects present a candid and clear recollection of war absent from the myths which often idealize it and can lead us to believe that atrocity does not exist in the twenty-first century. The atrocity of domestic abuse, inequality, harassment and unequal opportunity are wars still being waged today on many fronts throughout the world. The poems and stories contained in this issue often call for a response from the individual to the individual, a response that requires each person, through free will and independence of thought and deed, to transcend any perceived personal or cultural boundaries and respond to the dictates of conscience and self. I remain grateful to the women who shared with me and members of the Kalliope Editorial Board their work submitted in response to the call for submissions. Narrowing down the hundreds of submissions was not an easy task and one that we approached with great diligence and care.
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