

## 2010 OBEA Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year. . .

Twila Lehman was selected as Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year at the 2010 OBEA Fall Conference held at the Oregon Garden in Silverton, Oregon, on October 8. Twila received an Associate of Applied Business in Business Management from Wayne General & Technical College of the University of Akron in Ohio. She then went on to get her Bachelor of Science in Business Education and her Masters of Education from Oregon State University. She has been teaching for 22 years in various positions and numerous subjects. Currently she is an instructor in the Business Technology Department at Linn-Benton Community College.



Throughout her years of teaching, Twila has been actively involved with the National Business Education Association (NBEA), the Western Business Education Association (WBEA), and the Oregon Business Education Association (OBEA). She has served on the OBEA Board for 10 years and was the OBEA President in 2007. She is currently serving as the OBEA Post-Secondary Representative.

Twila says it is “rewarding to be able, if only in a small way, to know that I made a difference in a person’s life.” It’s gratifying to watch students gain self-confidence and succeed in school, knowing that they are getting skills that will improve the quality of life for them and their families.”

Students write. . .”She is efficient and knowledgeable, she is organized with clearly defined academic responsibilities for students, and displays excellent subject mastery.” “I don’t know where I would be without her encouragement and guidance; the reason I have succeeded is because of her.”

Her Dean, Ann Malosh, writes. . .”She is the consummate professional. Her love of teaching manifests itself in the enthusiasm she demonstrates when sharing her perspectives and knowledge with her students and peers.”

At Linn-Benton Community College, Twila is the Benton Center Program Coordinator and advisor for the Medical Transcription and Office Specialist Certificates. She serves on the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence Advisory Committee and Business Technology Advisory Committee and has also been instrumental in creating and updating many business courses.