

2007 Award Winners

Secondary Teacher of the Year - Jon Abel - N. Salem High
Post Secondary Teacher of the Year - Verna Reardon - PCC
Administrator of the Year - Jerry Wille, LBCC
Distinguished Service Award - Charles and John Pazlar, Retired
Lammers Scholarship - Michael Morrell, LBCC
Winger Scholarship - Kari Patching, Student Teacher



Jon Abel
2007 Secondary Teacher of the Year



Jon Abel, business teacher and advisor at North Salem High School, was named **OBME's 2007 Secondary Teacher of the Year** at the annual conference held at the Resort at the Mountain in Welches, Oregon, on October 12, 2007.

Jon has been a contributing member of Oregon Business and Management Educators (OBME), Western Business and Information Technology Educators (WBITE), National Business Education Association (NBEA), Oregon Association for Career and Technical Education (OACTE), and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). His contributions to FBLA are extensive. He is currently the advisor and has been named Advisor of the year twice. His chapter has been recognized as Chapter of the Year on three different occasions. He has served as the chair of the Board of Advisors, and one of his chapter members was elected to the position of National FBLA president. Jon is in his 24th year of teaching.



Verna Reardon
2007 Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year.



Verna Reardon, Computer Applications and Office Systems Chair and faculty at Portland Community College was named **OBME's 2007 Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year** at the annual conference held at the Resort at the Mountain in Welches, Oregon, on October 12, 2007.

Verna has been involved in Business Education for the past 39 years. She is a member of the Oregon Business and Management Educators (OBME), Western Business and Information Technology Educators (WBITE), and the National Business Education Association (NBEA). Her contributions to OBME include Community College Representative, Second Vice President, First Vice President, President, and Past President. In addition, she has developed extensive curriculum for her community college. These courses include business communications, business editing, office management, integrated computer projects, and various computer courses. Currently, she is heading a committee and an advisory committee to develop a new certificate degree program.



John & Charles Pazlar

2007 Distinguished Service Award



John and Charles Pazlar, retired business educators, were given **OBME's 2007 Distinguished Service Award** at the annual conference held at the Resort at the Mountain in Welches, Oregon, on October 12, 2007.

John and Charles have been involved in Business Education for the past 48 years. They are members of the Oregon Business and Management Educators (OBME), Western Business and Information Technology Educators (WBITE), and the National Business Education Association (NBEA). During this time, they have been strong advocates for business education and most recently (for the last 15 years) have been advocates for the retired members of OBME. Both of these men have held numerous leadership roles from President, Treasurer, District Representative, Conference Chair, and Retired Representative. John was named Teacher of the Year for OBME in 1970.



Aministrator of the Year

Dr. Jerry Wille,
Dean of LBCC's Business and Computer Systems
Division,

Jerry was nominated for this award by the Business Technology Department at Linn-Benton Community College. His commendation reads in part: Jerry's support for our participation in

professional activities comes in a variety of ways—paying for substitutes when we are needing to be gone to meetings, allowing us to choose what activities we deem important to participate in, responding to our requests for additional funding to pave the way for developing new programs and hiring appropriate faculty, attending the conferences where the faculty members have been involved in key leadership roles at all levels, never saying “no” you can't do that, and being understanding when we do something first and ask permission later. Jerry came into our Division at a difficult time, when the morale was low and the collegiality among our peers was not at its best. His easy-going attitude, up-front management style, and ability to let us map our own destiny has allowed the Division's productivity and ability to work together as a team mature. LBCC's faculty have been honored with awards and given the opportunities to provide leadership during his time as our boss—none of which would have been possible if Jerry did not support, applaud, and foster each of us individually and collectively as a department.” Dr. Wille has a Bachelor of Science in Math Education and a Ph.D. in Statistics from Oregon State University. He joined LBCC as Dean of the Business and Computer Systems Division in 2001 after spending 28 years in industry in various positions at Wah-Chang.



Michael Morrell from Monroe received the 3rd annual Lammers Professional Development Scholarship at the 61st annual Oregon and Business Management Educators (OBME) Conference held in Welches at the Resort at the Mountain on October 12, 2007. Michael is a part-time faculty member at Linn-Benton Community College's Benton Center in Corvallis. He substitute teaches in the Bethel School District and is currently serving as secretary of OBME and is a member of the OBME Communications Task Force. Michael is a graduate of Oregon State University with a Double Degree in Business and Education.

Ms. Kari Patching, a current undergraduate Double Degree Major in Business and Education at Oregon State University, was the recipient of the Fred and Lorraine Winger Scholarship at the 61st Annual Oregon and Business Management Educators (OBME) Conference held in Welches, Oregon, at the Resort at the Mountain on October 12. She is currently in the first phase of her student teaching at Corvallis High School and will do her final student teaching at Astoria High School with her former high school business teacher, Ms. Lyndy O'Bryan. Kari's main goal in becoming a business education teacher is to instill the love of commerce that she holds in the students whom she teaches. She wants to further develop her career by becoming active in her professional associations and networking with other teachers by attending conferences and communicating with others.

