

41st Annual Banquet

Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza

May 5, 2006

Open Bar & Appetizers 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Open Bar & Dancing: 8:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Tickets available through the Union office

\$35.00 per person; New members \$25.00

*This will be a wonderful evening of Union solidarity,
entertainment, good cheer and fun!*

PERSONAL GLIMPSES

Carnegie Foundation Names Vali Siadat Illinois Professor of the Year 2005



At a special recognition ceremony in December, Vali Siadat is given a plaque acknowledging his accomplishment. At left is Daley College colleague, Dr. John Novosel, and former Daley College Dean of Instruction Dan Landt.

Local 1600 member and Richard J. Daley College faculty Dr. **M. Vali Siadat** was named the 2005 Illinois Professor of the Year from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Siadat is a skilled academic, with two doctorates in mathematics both from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Siadat has been on the faculty of Daley College since 1982. Since 1997 he has been chairman in the Department of Mathematics. During that time, the department has consolidated its curriculum, expanded its course offerings from 45 to 80, and expanded its enrollments from 1000 to more than 2000. His colleagues unanimously chose him as the Distinguished Professor for Daley College for 1999-2000.

For the past eight years, Siadat has been the director of Chicago PREP, also known as Proyecto Access- Chicago. This is an intensive mathematics-based academic summer program targeting low income and minority students in middle school and high school, funded by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in collaboration with Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU). Proyecto Access - Chicago is one of only ten programs in the nation funded under the direction of NASA.

Siadat co-founded "The Keystone Project" which has placed Daley College on the national spotlight. In October 2001, it won the Excellence in Learning-Centered Instruction Award from the Illinois Community College Board. The program is designed to help students learn mathematics by requiring frequent testing on the concepts being addressed in the classroom.

Siadat has won other teaching awards and recognitions in the past: the 2001 Excellence in College Mathematics Teaching Award from the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the 2002 Distinguished Teaching Award from the Illinois Section of the Mathematical Association of America.