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Vali Siadat Receives Honor

National Honors for Top Professor in Illinois City Colleges of Chicago celebrates Daley College Professor Vali Siadat, Ph.D.

November 17, 2005 - Chicago, IL - The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) have named M. Vali Siadat, Ph.D., of Richard J. Daley College, the 2005 Illinois Professor of the Year. Professor Siadat was selected from among nearly 400 top professors in the United States.

"The City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) applauds Dr. Vali Siadat for being named 'Illinois Professor of the Year' by CASE and the Carnegie Foundation," said CCC Chancellor Wayne D. Watson. "This national honor, decided by a national panel is one of the most prestigious annual teaching awards in higher education."

The 2005 Professor of the Year program includes winners in 40 states, Guam, and the District of Columbia. CASE assembled two preliminary panels of judges to select finalists. The Carnegie Foundation then convened the third and final panel, which selected four national winners and state winners. Professor Siadat was selected from faculty members nominated by colleges and universities throughout the country.

"Dr. Siadat is an educational innovator," said Sylvia Ramos, president of Richard J. Daley College. "His work as director of the Proyecto Access/Chicago PREP program inspires middle school and high school students to develop an enthusiastic interest in science and engineering. As Daley College professor of mathematics and department chair, Dr. Siadat motivates and nurtures students of all ages. He has had excellent success in arranging research internships for Daley College students at Argonne National Laboratory. We are very proud of his many accomplishments and his most recent designation as 2005 Illinois Professor of the Year."

"The 2005 Illinois Professor of the Year award is a wonderful honor. This year marks my 31st year of college teaching," said Dr. Siadat. "Part of my role as teacher is challenging myself. Each new class poses a new mix of challenges. The classroom is a small society in itself, in which - when I am successful - students feel a shared responsibility to see others succeed. My role is to cultivate each

group of students, making their educational experience as engaging and productive as possible."

The City Colleges of Chicago (CCC), Community College District 508 is a system of seven independently accredited colleges. They are: Richard J. Daley College, Kennedy-King College, Malcolm X College, Olive-Harvey College, Harry S. Truman College, Harold Washington College and Wilbur Wright College. WYCC-TV Channel 20, a public broadcast station is also part of the City Colleges system. For more information about the City Colleges of Chicago call (773) COLLEGE.

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching was founded in 1905 by Andrew Carnegie "to do all things necessary to encourage, uphold and dignify the profession of teaching." The Foundation is the only advanced-study center for teachers in the world and the third-oldest foundation in the nation. Its nonprofit research activities are conducted by a small group of distinguished scholars.

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) is the largest international association of educational institutions, with more than 3,200 colleges, universities, and independent elementary and secondary schools in nearly 50 countries, including the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the United Kingdom. Representing these institutions are more than 38,000 professionals in the disciplines of alumni relations, communications, and fund raising. Additional affiliates include educationally related nonprofit organizations and commercial firms.

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