2013 Alumni Award Winners

Outstanding Alumna/us

This award recognizes a graduate for significant accomplishment and excellence in one or more of the following areas: professional practice, research, teaching, entrepreneurship, mentorship or other activity that brings recognition to the College and the Alumni Association.

Kathleen Koar Wisniewski, MS Ed., CVT ’99
Veterinary Technician

Kathy Koar Wisniewski, Program Director of Veterinary Technology at Harcum College and 2011 recipient of the Lindback Award for distinguished teaching, is recognized by her students for her love of animals and animal care. She got her start in education as a fourth grade teacher. In addition to teaching, she worked at the Schuylkill Wildlife Rehabilitation Center for many years, which prompted her to enroll as an evening student at Harcum. After graduating from Harcum, she began work as a veterinary technician in Emergency Service at the Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (VHUP), where she continued to work until 2011. Ms. Wisniewski also has a bachelor’s degree from Muhlenberg College and a master’s degree from the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education. Kathy began her career at Harcum in 2000 as an adjunct instructor in the Veterinary Technology Program. In 2003, she became a full-time faculty member and the Assistant Program Director, and in 2012, took over as program director. Since becoming program director, she has headed up the renovation of the Veterinary Technology Lab and instituted the first on-campus VTNE prep course.

Community Service Award

This award recognizes an alumna/us who has touched their community through leadership involvement and/or provided significant impact on the community by virtue of their involvement in community organizations.

Jennifer Wilkinson, RDH ’02
Dental Hygiene
Jennifer Wilkinson began in the Harcum College Dental Assisting certificate program in 1999, and was accepted to the Dental Hygiene program one year later, graduating in 2002 with her associate’s degree. She received a bachelor’s degree in Health Science in 2003 from West Chester University. In addition to her current career as a dental hygienist, Jennifer is an adjunct instructor in clinical dental hygiene at a community college. In 2011, Jennifer’s son, who suffered a brain injury during birth, spent 88 days in the neonatal intensive care unit. During those difficult days, the family stayed at the Ronald McDonald House of New Brunswick/Long Branch, NJ. It became their “home away from home” when their support systems were located far away. To repay the kindness they received while spending so much time at Ronald McDonald House, Jennifer started a small nonprofit called MadJosh’s Love. She makes and sells hair accessories for children, as well as cherry pit thermal packs. All proceeds go back to the Ronald McDonald House of New Brunswick/Long Branch. MadJosh’s Love implemented a carebag project so that each family that checks into the houses has toiletries, games, books, blankets, and gift cards during the hospital stay or when receiving specialized medical care. In addition to her service to the Ronald McDonald House through her nonprofit, Jennifer volunteers her time to provide dental screenings for Special Olympic’s athletes during the summer games at The College of New Jersey. She also participates in Missions of Mercy, providing dental care for the uninsured and financially unstable patients.