

2017 Performance Recognition Award Winners

Margaret Agha, Account Specialist – Continuing & Professional Studies

Margaret is extremely student centered and possesses a primary objective to have a positive impact on student retention as well as student success. She empowers the students to take charge of their own educational success by providing them the knowledge, guidance and skills they need. Margaret, through her knowledge of Spanish and Arabic has also made the course process less complex to several students with a limited knowledge of the English language. She also participates in the Brookdale Volunteer Connection, volunteers in campus wide initiatives both on and off campus, embracing after hour events and weekend programs and certainly reaches far beyond the scope of her responsibilities. With Margaret's packet, you come away with the sense that she genuinely cares for the students, as well as her co-workers, and goes above and beyond to support them however she can. She puts her heart and soul into the work she does, does not shy away from learning new skills and welcomes any challenge set before her.

John Magliacane, Academic Tutor - Computer Science

John has worked at Brookdale Community College over 40 years, first in the capacity of Learning Assistant in Engineering and Technology, and most recently as an Academic Tutor in Computer Science. John is a dedicated employee who goes above and beyond his job description. John has embraced his position to mentor students for success upon their graduation from Brookdale Community College. This is supported by his lifelong dedication to our students in pursuing and achieving their goals of transferring to four year institutions and/or securing employment after their BCC studies. He initiated conversation and tours of AT&T, helping secure employment for BCC graduates. John provides preventative maintenance on lab equipment, applying his extensive knowledge of engineering to repair and/or refurbish valuable and expensive equipment, saving the College money and resources. John is an Engineering Club Advisor, Electronics Advisory Board Member, and participated on the adjunct instructor selection committee. John engages the students in numerous activities including, but not limited to: Rocket Science (the observation of a Department of Defense rocket launch), the Lab Volt, Wind Energy Trainer, and the Amateur Radio Club. John is student-centered and embraces teaching excellence. He keeps current with technology and maintenance skills and has several of his articles published.

Tatiana Shabat, Academic Tutor - Mathematics

Tatiana submitted a well-organized and informative packet. She inspires student success with her commitment to excellence in teaching and support services. Tatiana is student-centered and seeks out students by visiting classrooms and holding workshops and creates a friendly learning environment for them. She embraces current technology by keeping math mainstream, using social media. She seeks interesting opportunities for students, such as math based art competitions, and encourages students to become tutors and mentor each other. Tatiana embraces the commitment to the "open-door" policy, to provide all individuals with a reasonable opportunity for success in fulfilling their academic goals. Tatiana is involved in College Governance, serving on the Student Life Committee. She also participated on the search committee for the STEM Dean. Her professional development is sustained throughout her tenure at Brookdale, with an emphasis on working with diverse populations. In 2016, Tatiana received the Outstanding Staff Award.