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MSCC Program Coordinator Nominated for Educational Innovation Award

Stephanie Eley, Mid-South Community College Program Coordinator for Communications, Reading, Education, and Study/Survival Skills, has been nominated for a Developmental Studies' Innovative Educator of the Month award from Cengage Learning.



John Coleman of the Follett Bookstore on the MSCC campus recommended Eley for the recognition based on her work to create fully digital solutions for Developmental Reading and College Survival classes.

“Stephanie has worked closely with Cengage to find exactly what would fit perfectly with our students’ needs,” said Dr. Judith Scherer, MSCC Vice President for Learning and Instruction. “She collaborates with them to modify specific software we may be interested in using, and she gives feedback as to whether or not it would work for our students and why.”

“We are not the least bit surprised that Stephanie Eley was nominated for this award. Since she arrived at MSCC, her focus on developmental education has been exemplary. Not only is she not afraid to try new things, but she is constantly evaluating them and, if necessary, making changes to fit the needs of our students. It’s a job that requires tireless attention throughout the year.”

While improving developmental education is the goal, it is not the only expected outcome of Eley’s work, Scherer said.

“The true beauty of this award and the reason Stephanie deserves it is not because she is improving developmental education. It’s because she is improving our students’ futures and therefore our regional outlook.”

Cengage Learning is a leading provider of innovative teaching, learning and research solutions. The company’s products and services are designed to foster academic excellence and professional development, increase student engagement, and improve learning outcomes.

Nicole Pavlu, Cengage Marketing Coordinator for Developmental Studies, notified Eley of the nomination and thanked her for “all that you have done for developmental studies.”

Cengage employees are reviewing and evaluating the nominations and will make a decision soon on honorees for December and January.

Eley came to MSCC in June 2009 from the University of Memphis where she served as Graduate and International Recruitment Representative. She has taught at Northwest Mississippi Community College, Christian Brothers University, Coahoma Community College, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga State Technical College, and Meridian Community College.

Eley earned a bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi and received a graduate certificate from the University of Memphis. She is currently a doctoral candidate at U of M.