

**2011 DISTINGUISHED
FACULTY AWARD
NOMINATION FOR**

DR. MAUREEN MAIOCCO

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Dear SUNY Canton Awards Committee,

Dr. Maureen Maiocco is a four-star faculty member at SUNY Canton. Her presence inspires others to want to attend or be a part of the College.

Maureen and I started at SUNY Canton at around the same time. My former supervisor assigned me to write about the changes and innovation she was implementing in the Early Childhood program. That was seven years ago, and Maureen Maiocco is still bringing changes and innovation to the Early Childhood program. Never one to be satisfied with anything less than her personal best, Maureen has continually adapted to the changes in the profession and instilled her own fortitude, passions, and adaptability in her students.


She is a resource to area early childhood professionals both through conferences hosted at the College and through casual conversations. She will always listen and answer questions from early childhood educators or parents seeking information about the best methods to work with children.

Among her most recent accomplishments, she worked with the Early Childhood club to hold a Christmas party for the children of the SUNY Canton community. Every time a child visits the campus, Maureen and her students welcome them with fun crafts and activities. Her efforts help market the college to future generations – and their parents.

Maureen has continually promoted her students in anyway she can. The Early Childhood club was recently featured in the January edition of the National Association for the Education of Young Children publication, *Young Children*. Previously, students have published work in other national publications including *The Mailbox*.

From a public/media relations standpoint, Maureen is a fantastic resource. She understands the value of telling us whenever she or her students have positive news to share. She's encouraged her class to be filmed for commercials, and even offered a speaking role a few years ago. She will also be featured offering her take on "Time Out" in an early childhood education setting on WAMC's academic minute. In fact, she was the first from the college to submit to the highly-successful radio show that has been supported by the SUNY Research Foundation, and recognized by *Inside Higher Ed* and the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. She's always ready to help out whenever we present her with a project. She even made a guest appearance in a documentary I created for my graduate class at SUNY Potsdam (*both the academic minute and the documentary are included on an accompanying DVD*).

Thank you for your time and Consideration,



Gregory E. Kie

Dear SUNY Canton Awards Committee:

Enclosed in this binder is a complete nomination for Dr. Maureen Maiocco, Professor in the Early Childhood Education Program to receive the award of Distinguished Faculty at the 2011 Commencement Ceremony.

Some examples of Dr. Maiocco's distinguished service include:

- Recently promoted to the academic rank of full professor at SUNY Canton;
- Helped coordinate and organize President Joseph L. Kennedy's Holiday Party for families and friends of the College;
- Recipient of 16 golden apple awards for teaching excellence through the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society;
- Submitted proposals for a four-year Early Childhood program;
- Traveled to China as a representative of SUNY Canton, and hosted international faculty members as part of the College's international outreach;
- Supported recruitment and retention efforts within her program;
- Provided resources and hosted conferences for area early childhood professionals and educators;
- Encouraged student participation in the annual Scholarly Activities Celebration;
- Provided entertainment for children at almost every College-wide event;
- Served as an Early Childhood Club Advisor, inspiring outreach and service volunteerism; and
- Recorded and submitted academic research for the Academic Minute on Northeast Public Radio.

After the initial nomination, we received letters of support from current and former students, College administrators and Dr. Maiocco's colleagues, all of which are contained within this publication. In my mind, there is no better candidate for the honor of receiving the 2011 Distinguished Faculty Award.

Please feel free to contact me for any further information.

Thanks,



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EDUCATION

- 2001-2004 Ed.D., Nova Southeastern University, Florida
Specializations: *Child & Youth Studies*
Curriculum Development
- 1996-1998 M.S. Wheelock College, Massachusetts
Specialization: *Teacher Leadership*
- 1993-1996 B.A. Curry College, Massachusetts, summa cum laude
Specialization: *Education*
- 1981-1987 Early Childhood Undergraduate Studies
Framingham & Bridgewater State College, MA
Stonehill College, MA
Massasoit Community College, MA

EXPERIENCE

August 2004-present

Professor

Early Childhood Program Director

State University of New York Canton College of Technology, Canton, New York

School of Business & Liberal Arts: Early Childhood

Responsible for the administration of the Early Childhood Associate of Science Degree Program, curriculum development, course instruction, and university service.

Duties include:

- College teaching, scholarship and service
- Academic advisement of 80+ pre-ECHD & ECHD undergraduate students
- Instruction of 10-12 ECHD courses each academic year
- Affiliation contracts of sponsor programs for student teachers
- Coordination, placement and supervision of off-campus field-base student teaching experiences and student teachers
- Development of the major, in enrollment and growth
- Student recruitment and retention
- Development, approval, and assessment of program courses
- Selection, training, and evaluation of adjunct instructors
- Budget development and expenditures
- Articulation agreements with public and private schools
- Program specific strategic planning, assessment and evaluation
- Community involvement for college and program public relations and promotion
- Collaboration with a 9-member program advisory board
- Development of program and marketing tools
- Management and supervision of the EC Teacher Center and Classroom

Courses Instructed:

- ECHD 101 Introduction to Early Childhood Education
- ECHD 121 Wellness in Young Children: Promoting Health, Safety & Nutrition
- ECHD 125 Curriculum Development
- ECHD 200 Planning Programs for Young Children
- ECHD 123 Student Teaching Orientation

- ECHD 201 Student Teaching Experience I w/ Seminar
- ECHD 202 Student Teaching Experience II w/ Seminar
- ECHD 250 Children with Special Needs
- ECHD 285 Issues and Policies in Early Care & Education
- EDUC 210 Principles of Education (on-line, Fall 2008)

September 1988- June 2004

Owner/Director/Lead Teacher

M. F. Powers, Inc. d/b/a The Rainbow Pre-School, Stoughton, Massachusetts
Responsible for the total operation of the pre-school; both as an educational facility and small business.

Duties included:

- Administered part and full time programs
- Organized various school activities and events
- Created and implemented monthly theme-based curriculum & program activities
- Instructed children ages 3-6 years
- Created and implemented a "Caring for Our Community" curriculum
- Coordinated parent involvement & participation opportunities
- Produced monthly newsletters for students and families
- Created and maintained a school web site for families and students
- Supervised, evaluated and scheduled staff and student interns
- Developed and facilitated in-service training and workshops for staff & parents
- Implemented Mass. Dept. of Education Pre-K Standards into program curriculum, learning centers, and activities
- Maintained compliance with the regulations established by the MA Office of Child Care Services & the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Accreditation standards
- Small business development, management, budget and payroll

2000-2004

Adjunct Faculty

Massasoit Community College, Brockton, Massachusetts

Adjunct instructor for the Department of Public Service/Social Science.

- Created and implemented contracted courses for Self Help Inc. and Head Start
- Created and instructed courses for full and part-time college students
- Independently created each course syllabus and related course work
- Responsible for the selection of course textbooks and materials
- Created and presented lectures utilizing various formats, including Power Point presentations
- 1984-2004 College Supervisor for MCC Early Childhood Student Teachers

Courses included:

- Introduction to Early Childhood Education
- Child Development
- Health, Nutrition & Safety Needs of the Young Child
- Admin., Supervision & Management of Early Childhood Programs

1999-2000

Adjunct Faculty

Dean College, Franklin, Massachusetts

Adjunct instructor for the School of Professional and Continuing Studies.

Students consisted of both full-time undergraduate and part-time evening students.

Courses included:

- Introduction to Early Childhood Education
- Day Care Policies and Issues
- Administration of ECE Programs

LICENSES & CERTIFICATES

- Massachusetts Department of Education Certification, Pre-K-3, #362234
- Massachusetts O.C.C.S. Qualification, Lead Teacher/Director II, #10005
- Certified in Emergency First Aid & C.P.R.
- Identification & Reporting of Child Abuse & Neglect, NYS, April 2005
- Recipient: 16 Golden Apples for Teaching Excellence, SUNY Canton, 2006-2010

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Member: Recognition & Awards Committee, SUNY Canton
- Member: Employee Assistance Program (EAP), SUNY Canton
- Co-Chair & Member: First Year Experience (FYE) Committee, SUNY Canton
- Member: Character Development Committee, SUNY Canton
- Member: New Student Orientation Committee, SUNY Canton
- Member: SUNY Athletic Booster Club, *Roo Crew*
- Founder & Advisor: Early Childhood Student Club, SUNY Canton
- Chair, SBLA Student Success Advising Initiative Committee, SUNY Canton
- Volunteer: Parent Welcome Gazebo, New Student Orientation Move-In Day
- Volunteer: New Student "Boomers & Flyers" Initiative
- Member: Annual Employee Recognition Luncheon Committee, SUNY Canton
- Member: Chancellor Zimpher SUNY Strategic Planning *Group of 200*, 2009-2010
- Coordinator/Host: Early Childhood Annual Conference, SUNY Canton, 2006-present
- Facilitator: Non-credit Opportunities for EC Professionals, SUNY Canton
- Peer Reviewer: SUNY Canton On-Line Courses
- Peer Reviewer: Faculty Portfolios
- Faculty Sponsor: 52 Scholarly Student Poster Presentations, 2010, SUNY Canton
- Chair, Summer China ECE Institute International Program, SUNY Canton, 2009
- Member: Curriculum Committee 2005-2008, SUNY Canton
- Co-Chair: MSCHE Accreditation/Periodic Review 2006-2008, SUNY Canton
- Chair: Business & Organization Leadership Faculty Search Committee, 2010
- Member: Chemistry Faculty Search Committee, 2006
- Member: Assistant Director of Admissions Search Committee, 2007
- Member: Provost & VP of Academic Affairs Search Committee, 2007
- Member: Union of University Professors (UUP)

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- Member & Officer: SUNY Potsdam Child Care Center Board of Directors
- Member & Officer: St. Lawrence Child Care Council Board of Directors
- Member: BOCES Seaway Tech-Norwood EC Advisory Board
- Member: American Associate Degree Early Childhood Educators (ACCESS)
- Member: National Assoc. Early Childhood Teacher Educators (NAECTE)
- Member: National Assoc. for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
- Member: NYS Association for the Education of Young Children (NYSAEYC)
- Program Advisory Committee: Child Care Education, Massasoit Community College

- Member: Alexander Graham Bell Honor Society, Curry College
- Host: Chinese Student Exchange Reception, SUNY Potsdam (October 2008)
- Volunteer: Maria Sergi Annual Fun Run, Canton NY, July 2008-present
- Volunteer: Maria Sergi Benefit Spaghetti Dinner, Canton NY, June 17, 2010
- Experience with WebCT, Blackboard & Angel distance learning technologies
- Proficient with multimedia technologies for classroom instruction
- Member: Canton Day Care Center Board of Directors, Canton NY 2004-2009
- Member: Teaching Conference Committee, Associated Colleges, 2005-2008
- 1986-2004, Supervisor: Massasoit Community & Curry College Student Teachers
- 1998-2004. Guest Lecturer, UMass Boston, Curry College, Massasoit CC
- 1998-2003, Program Accreditation Validator, NAEYC
- 1992-2004: Easter Seals Children's "Hop-n-Ing" Event Coordinator & Sponsor
- Past Volunteer: South Elementary School Full-Day Kindergarten Program

SCHOLARLY WORK

Powers-Maiocco, M.F. (2004). CYS; Applied Dissertation. *Improving Teaching Practices in the Field of Early Care and Education Through an In-Service Training Model*. 99 pgs. Nova Southeastern University, FL

PROFESSIONAL WRITING & PUBLICATIONS

Curriculum Course Outline Template. Created for SUNY Canton Faculty. (March 2006).

Curriculum Course Outline Writing Resource. Created for SUNY Canton Faculty. (March 2006).

Substantive Change Report for SUNY Canton. (September 2006). Prepared for The Middle States Commission on Higher Education (University Accreditation).

Periodic Review Report (January-March 2008). Prepared and authored document for The Middle States Commission on Higher Education for SUNY Canton College of Technology Accreditation.

St. Lawrence County Meets Xian City! (August 2009). Featured story in St. Lawrence Child Care Council Quarterly Newsletter.

Promoting Students' Professional Development (September 2009). Article, New York State Association for the Education of Young Children (NYSAEYC) Reporter.

PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

St. Lawrence Daily Courier-Observer. (16 November 2004). *Stimulating educational growth in kids is SUNY program focus*. (Feature Program Interview).

Rochester Democrat & Chronicle. (31 December 2004). *Child care challenge: Finding a babysitter for New Year's eve is often difficult*. Contributing author.

Parent & Toddler Magazine. (March 2005). *Preschool helps prepare children for school and life beyond*. Contributing author.

Reviewer for Allyn & Bacon. (March 2006- December 2009).
Prospectus: *Health, safety & nutrition in ECE* [Textbook].

Reviewer for Allyn & Bacon. (November 2006). Prospectus: *An introduction to early childhood education* [Textbook].

American Baby Magazine. (June 2006). *The value of toddler play: Play ball!*
Contributing author.

SUNY Canton News Releases. (2004-present). Various ECHD Program Features &
University Commercials Public Relations-Media Office, SUNY Canton Web Site

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

Open House Events, New Student Admit Days, Student Orientations (2004-present).
Presenter and Early Childhood Program Representative. SUNY Canton

New Faculty Orientation. (August 2005). Top 10 List: Insights to Adapting to SUNY
Canton. Presenter

Child Development in Practice. (October 2005). Occupational Therapy Assistant
Students, SUNY Canton. Workshop Facilitator

About SUNY Canton's Early Childhood Program. (November 2005). Staff Development
Day: St. Lawrence Head Start. Workshop Facilitator

Creating Theme-Based Learning Centers: Engaging The Teacher and Student.
(December 2005). Featured Workshop presenter. National Association for the
Education of Young Children, National Conference, Washington, DC.

Gateways. (April 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009) High School Career Day, SUNY Canton EC
Program Representative, Clarkson University, NY. Presenter

The Impact of the Environment on Children's Behaviors. (April 2006). Staff Development
Training: SUNY Potsdam Child Care Center, NY. Workshop Facilitator

What You Say is What You Get: The Power of Teachers Actions and Reactions.
(April 2006). Staff Development Training: SUNY Potsdam Child Care Center, NY.
Workshop Facilitator

Early Childhood International Video Conference Exchange, Kherson State University,
Ukraine and SUNY Canton Undergraduate Students (February 26, 2007) Focus:
Language & Literacy Development. Featured Presenter and Workshop Facilitator

Identification and Reporting of Child Abuse, Maltreatment & Neglect. (April 2007,
August 2007, October 2007) Training Facilitator

Pets & People. (May 5, 2007). Workshop Facilitator. SUNY Canton Spring Conference

Behavior Management, Discipline & Temperament. (May 21, 2007). Staff Development Day: St. Lawrence Head Start, Canton, NY. Workshop Facilitator

Creative Curriculum Themes. (June 2007). Non-Credit Workshop Opportunities. SUNY Canton. Workshop Facilitator

Family Friendly Policies. (June 2007) Non-Credit Workshop Opportunities. SUNY Canton. Workshop Facilitator

Teaching Methodology: The Art & Science of Teaching. (August 20, 2007). SUNY Canton Dental Hygiene New Faculty Orientation, Rome, NY. Featured Presenter and Workshop Facilitator

Boosting the Brain! (January 25, 2008). Staff Development Day: St. Lawrence Head Start, Canton, NY. Workshop Facilitator

Mom's in College. (March 27, 2008). Guest Speaker, Counseling Center & Human Resources Support Group Initiative for SUNY Canton students, Canton, NY

About SUNY Canton's Early Childhood Program. (April 10, 2008). Presentation, BOCES High School Student & Faculty Campus Visit Day, SUNY Canton, Canton, NY

The Accreditation Process: Self-Study & Periodic Review MSCHE Overview. (April 29, 2008). PPT Presentation prepared for Faculty Assembly, SUNY Canton

Dedication Ceremony, Maria Sergi Early Childhood Teacher Center. (May 12, 2008). Speaker/Host, SUNY Canton

Amazing Things To Do with Paint & Glue! (October 18, 2008). Workshop Facilitator with undergraduate student presenters, SUNY Canton Fall Conference

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Spring Induction. (March 4, 2009). Featured Guest Speaker, SUNY Canton

Early Childhood Summer Institute-SUNY Canton. (July 20-31, 2009). Facilitator/Host: *Educating Children Takes Everyone.* Workshop series and tours of ECE centers and programs for visiting scholars and administrators from Xian University, China.

Educational Seminars (January 4 – 15, 2010). Xi'an University, Xi'an, China. Presented Full-Day Seminars: *Emotional & Social Development of the Young Child & UPK Learning Standards in ECE.* http://v.youku.com/v_show/id_XMTQ00T10MzU2.html

Picture Books in Early Childhood (April 7 & 8, 2010, June 15, 2010, November 8 & 9, 2010). Guest Speaker, ENGL 216 Children's Literature. SUNY Canton.

SUNY Canton Annual Scholarly Celebration (April 29, 2010). Faculty Presentation: *Primary Education in China & the U.S: My Journey to Xi'an.*

New York State Association for the Education of Young Children (NYSAEYC) Annual Conference (May 1, 2010). Faculty Sponsor, 12 SUNY Canton Early Childhood students participation in *Undergraduate and Graduate Student Poster Exhibit.*

Turning Stone Conference Center, Verona, NY. <http://www.nysaeyc.org/default.htm>

FYE Student Kick-Off Celebration (August 22, 2010). Host & Coordinator, SUNY Canton
First Year Experience. New student orientation event, Turf Field, SUNY Canton.

School of Business & Liberal Arts (January 21, 2011). *Student Success Advising Initiative
Pilot Presentation*. SUNY Canton

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Attendee: National Conference (Dec. 2003). NAEYC. New York, NY
 Doctoral Coursework, Nova Southeastern University, April 2001 – May 2004
 Attendee: Teaching Effectiveness Conference (Fall 2004). Associated Colleges, NY
 Attendee: Audio-Conference (Fall 2004). SUNY Canton
 Attendee: Teaching Effectiveness Conference (Spring 2005). Associated Colleges, NY
 Attendee: Audio-Conference (Spring 2005). SUNY Canton
 Participant: Designing Online Courses (Summer 2005)
 Participant: Faculty Reviewer Training for Online Courses, (Fall 2005)
 Attendee: Teaching Effectiveness Conference (Fall 2005). SUNY Canton, NY
 Attendee: Audio-Conference (Fall 2005). SUNY Canton
 Attendee/Presenter: National Conference (Dec. 2005). NAEYC. Washington, DC
 Course: *Chinese History & Culture*. (Dec. 2005-Jan. 2006). Online, SUNY Canton
 Attendee: MSCHE Assessment Workshop (March 2006). Philadelphia, PA
 Attendee: Teaching Effectiveness Conference (Spring 2006). Clarkson University, NY
 Attendee: Audio-Conference (Spring 2006). SUNY Canton
 Attendee: NAEYC Professional Institute (June 2006). NAEYC. San Antonio, Texas
 Participant: Designing & Teaching an Online Course (Summer 2006)
 Attendee: Teaching Effectiveness Conference (Fall 2006). St. Lawrence Univ., NY
 Attendee: MSCHE Annual Conference (December 2006). Philadelphia, PA
 Attendee: Spring Semester Retreat, SUNY Canton (January 2007)
 Attendee: ALLY Training, SUNY Canton (February 2007)
 Attendee: Audio-Conference, *Teachers as Leaders* (Spring 2007)
 Attendee: Diversity Workshop, SUNY Canton (May 4, 2007)
 Attendee: SUNY Leadership Retreat (June 17-22, 2007)
 Attendee/Participant: Retention Planning Retreat (June 2008)
 Attendee/Participant: Various Webinars, SUNY Canton (2005-present)
 Attendee/Participant: The First Year Experience Seminar (February 2010)
 Attendee/Participant: Communication in the Workplace Seminar (June 2010)

REFERENCES

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January 21th, 2011

Awards and Recognition Committee
SUNY Canton

Re: Dr. Maureen Maiocco for 2011 Distinguished Faculty Award

Dear Awards and Recognition Committee

It is a pleasure to write a letter or support Dr. Maureen Maiocco's nomination for 2011 Distinguished Faculty Award at SUNY Canton. She is the role model of what a SUNY Canton faculty member should be.

I first met Dr. Maiocco at New Faculty Orientation in August of 2005. She was the guest speaker providing advice on how new faculty can succeed at SUNY Canton. As a new faculty member, you can imagine that beginning the school year in a strange environment filled with new faces, unfamiliar procedures, and unknown pitfalls was a scary prospect. However, I never let people see me sweat. My first year was fraught with new challenges, but her advice and tips really helped me make it through this difficult time. Honestly, Dr. Maiocco was my role model.

In 2009, I had the privilege to work with Dr. Maiocco, my role model, as part of the first Early Childhood Summer US-China Institute for administrators and educators from Xi'an City, China. I worked as a translator for Early Childhood Education (ECE) workshops and tours. In other words, I was her shadow. As a result, I have become to know her very well. Dr. Maiocco's exceptional organizational skills and tireless efforts prior to and during the 2009 Early Childhood Summer Institute were instrumental in assuring that all went seamlessly. She handled all details of the Summer Institute, including arrangements for finding classrooms for about 10 workshops, tours to 20 local schools as well as day-care centers, food, travel and accommodation arrangements, liaison with staff, communication with school principals and volunteers to help with events, etc. It was a huge undertaking, involving around so many people and coordination of a large group of volunteer students, guest speakers, faculty and staff from SUNY Canton and many other local schools. . In addition, she had to deal with all kinds of emergencies and issues that came up, and she did so, as she always does, with good humor, efficiency, professionalism, and a very friendly smile. She worked for 10 hours every day, the first person to arrive, and the last person to leave. She was the nerve center that made this Summer Institute work very successfully. The event was not only a showcase of ECE program but also a showcase for the University and Canton in general.

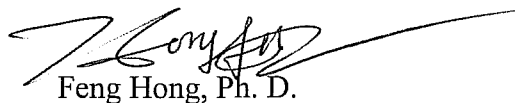
All participants from China commented on the fact that this was the best organized Summer Institute they had ever attended. All attendees whom I talked to did think that workshop teachers were very sensitive to their needs and the classes were full of good humor and interaction. Not only was the content so rich, but also the learning experience and group work provided them with real growth and left them with plenty of things to think about and take back to China with them. The summer institute success is due in very large part to Dr. Maiocco's exceptional contribution and high level of commitment to make this work.

Dr. Maiocco is an excellent teacher. What I most admire about Dr. Maiocco is her remarkable ability to stimulate students and add personality to the course material. Students can feel the passion, energy and optimism radiate from her teaching. Her dynamic teaching style makes students listen attentively to her. Dr. Maiocco does not only teach exceptionally well but she also cares a lot about the level of understanding of each student. She is one of those professors that take the extra effort to make sure all students that need extra help are accommodated, despite her busy schedule. One of her students says that, "Dr. Maiocco is the most caring professor that I have ever known at SUNY Canton." 20 Golden Apple Awards Dr. Maiocco received for her teaching tell the entire story about her outstanding career. She exemplifies all the qualities of an excellent professor.

Dr. Maiocco has an incredibly warm, cheerful, and friendly personality. Her smile and sincere happiness brighten everyone's day. She is never too busy to give full attention to a faculty's or student's needs, and in general she accomplishes far more than a full-time appointment requires. She makes the new students, as well as our current ones, feel so welcome. A couple of students told me that she is the reason why they had chosen to come to SUNY Canton to seek Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education Program.

Dr. Maiocco has served the Early Childhood education community with a calm and gracious presence and with enormous commitment and quiet determination. I do hope that the foregoing will give the committee some indication of the pure excellence which she brings to our teaching, mentoring, and university as well as community services. Dr. Maiocco is, in my opinion, most worthy of the award for which she is being considered.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Feng Hong', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Feng Hong, Ph. D.

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To the Awards Selection Committee:

I write in support of Maureen Maiocco's nomination as the 2011 Distinguished Faculty Award recipient. Her involvement with the Advancement Division, students on campus, the community, and prospective students has been incredible.

Maureen attends nearly every Admissions sponsored event, recruiting students into her program. Usually after a first meeting with Maureen, students make up their mind to come to SUNY Canton. The Admissions Office often cites Maureen as an example of the involvement and enthusiasm we hope to receive from all faculty members. Our counselors are also confident that they can accept a mediocre student into Maureen's program and expect that student to become a better college student than they were a high school student...because of Maureen.

Maureen has been involved with the Foundation and Alumni offices, specifically with the fundraising, outreach, and naming of the Maria S. Sergi Early Childhood Teacher Center in 2008.

She's constantly involved with our public relations and marketing efforts. She always shares her positive news with our PR staff, in an effort to market her program and the entire College. She even made international television during her recent trip to China.

Maureen has been involved with the Grants Office, and worked alongside Joanne Fassinger on several grants related projects. She's also involved with the Booster Club in our Athletics Department, and we've discussed creating a College Spirit Club to rally students to our home games and promote the opening of our brand-new athletic center.

Maureen demonstrates that a strong leader can advance a program, similar to the way our President, Dr. Joseph L. Kennedy, has advanced the entire College. She's very much responsible for the growth, retention, and student satisfaction within her program.

She has also involved her students in many of the events we hold on campus. This year's holiday is a perfect example of her students entertaining the children of faculty, staff and community members. They also do that during our spring and fall festivals and other occasions.

Maureen is an outstanding choice for the 2011 Distinguished Faculty Award and it is my pleasure to support her nomination. Her attitude, enthusiasm, dedication, and optimism is infectious.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Randy B. Sieminski



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January 28, 2011

Distinguished Faculty Award Committee
SUNY Canton

To the Committee:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Dr. Maureen Maiocco in support of awarding her the honor of 2011 Distinguished Faculty.

My first interaction with Maureen occurred in 2004 when I served as a member of the search committee who hired her for her current position as Director of the Early Childhood Education program at SUNY Canton. Even in a telephone interview, her enthusiasm and passion for teaching was evident

During her time as a faculty member here at SUNY Canton, Maureen has made a remarkable impression on this campus. The early childhood program has grown both in size and reputation. Maureen's passion for learning and teaching is reflected back on her via the students and faculty with whom she interacts. Her students describe her kindness and caring, and ability to reach each of them as individuals.

In addition to her direct teaching and administrative responsibilities in the Early Childhood program, Maureen has been active in a multitude of leadership roles on campus. She continually seeks out opportunities to improve our campus – her energy and willingness to shoulder a variety of challenges is unsurpassed.

I am honored to be her colleague. Maureen is an outstanding role model and example of what a SUNY Canton Distinguished faculty member should be.

Sincerely yours,

Jennifer S. McDonald, PT, DPT, MS
Associate Professor/Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education



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SUNY Canton
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RE: Distinguished Faculty Award Nomination – Maureen Maiocco
January 22, 2011

Faculty Award Committee Members,

I enthusiastically write this letter to show my support for Dr. Maureen Maiocco as a candidate for the 2011 Distinguished Faculty Service Award. I have had the pleasure of knowing Maureen since the beginning of my tenure at SUNY Canton in early 2008. I have had the honor of working with Maureen as a committee member on the First Year Experience Program Committee she Chairs, relied on her thoughtful feedback and keen eye as a volunteer peer reviewer for new online courses, and last but certainly not least, as a teammate on the Faculty Intramural Dodgeball team (go Roos!). In every interaction I have had with Maureen, the care and dedication she has for her students is easily evident.

During her time at SUNY Canton, Maureen has worked tirelessly to build and maintain our Early Childhood degree program where, until recently, she was the lone faculty member for the program. She has won the 16 Golden Apples for Teaching Excellence for However, teaching 10-12 classes a semester and advising 80+ students in the curriculum is only the beginning of her interactions with the students. Maureen regularly volunteers for activities that work to help our students succeed and become a part of the SUNY Canton community – New Student Orientation and Move-in Day, Boomers and Flyers Program, Early Childhood Student Club, Student Poster Presentations, and Student Success Committee just to name a few.

I whole-heartedly believe that Maureen is a model educator and pillar of our campus community, going far above and beyond the requirements of a college faculty member. For these reasons, I highly recommend that Dr. Maiocco be awarded the Distinguished Faculty Award.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kyle Brown', written over a horizontal line.

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January 26, 2011

Dear Distinguished Faculty Award Committee:

I am writing this letter of recommendation in support of Dr. Maureen Maiocco nomination for the 2011 SUNY Canton Distinguished Faculty.

I have known Dr. Maiocco for the past three years, as a fellow in the Early Childhood Profession. During that period I worked very closely with her at SUNY Canton and on various avenues in the field of Early Childhood across St. Lawrence County. As a result, I have become very familiar with Dr. Maiocco as a professional. Accordingly, I am writing this because it is my sincere belief that she is eminently qualified to be a recipient of a Distinguished Faculty.

Dr. Maiocco has demonstrated to me time and again that she is an exceptional communicator and gifted educator. In my opinion, she is the perfect model for a teacher in the field of early childhood. She is a highly dedicated professional who knows how to motivate her students to strive for excellence. Both in the classroom and in person, Dr. Maiocco is a dynamic and powerful communicator who possesses the gift of being able to make content understandable. In spite of these formidable gifts, she is a humble and approachable person who loves to share her extensive knowledge with others, her students in particular.

Dr. Maiocco has provided me with outstanding mentorship in the field of early childhood education. Under her tutelage I have been motivated to strive for and achieve exceptionally high standards. In many areas, both personally and professionally, Dr. Maiocco has taught and encouraged me to meet challenges that I had never before thought possible.

In closing, it is with sincere conviction that I enthusiastically recommend that Dr. Maiocco be selected as a recipient of SUNY Canton Distinguished Faculty award.

Sincerely,

Christina Martin
Christina Martin
Instructor
SUNY Canton

October 22, 2010

Distinguished Faculty Award

Letter of Recommendation for Dr. Maureen Maiocco

I consider myself to be very fortunate that I have spent the last 15 years of my life working in institutes of higher education. The best part of my chosen occupation are the people I work with – dedicated and intelligent people, any one of whom would stand out as exemplary in other occupations. Being surrounded by such colleagues of such high quality, it takes a truly exceptional individual to become conspicuous by their excellence. In Dr. Maiocco, SUNY Canton is blessed to have such an individual.

At SUNY Canton, faculty distinguish themselves as teachers, and Dr. Maiocco has done just that. Despite the fact that I do not teach a course taken by any of her students, the times that I have heard students extolling virtues in the classroom are innumerable. Students find her knowledgeable in the field, approachable, entertaining, and compassionate to their needs. She is both respected for her accomplishments, ability and position, while at the same time being close enough to her students to comfort and guide them through the trials of college life. I have rarely seen a teacher so dedicated and accomplished as Dr. Maiocco.

That Dr. Maiocco is such a notable teacher is even more incredible in light of her many other roles at the college. She has single-handedly developed the Early Childhood Education program from its infancy to a program that is now endowed with a legacy of strong graduates and a future of high enrollment. In the community, graduates from her program are known to be of high quality. Many of them are working in the field, and many others have gone on to successfully complete further education to augment their qualifications. As director, she has had to deal with accreditations, arranging practicums, screening applicants, and the hiring, training and supervision of adjunct faculty. She has accomplished all these tasks to the high standards achieved only by those who are skilled, passionate, and dedicated to their undertaking. It is my sincere belief that the Early Childhood Education program at SUNY Canton would not be the success it is were it not for the efforts of Dr. Maiocco.

Despite working in a program essentially isolated from other majors on campus, Dr. Maiocco is both well-known and well-regarded by faculty across SUNY Canton. Her involvements are numerous, including but not limited to co-coordinator of the First Year Experience program, representing SUNY Canton at the series of meetings organized by Chancellor Nancy Zimpher, and member of the curriculum committee. Outside of campus, Dr. Maiocco has served on the Board of Directors of the SUNY Potsdam Child Care Center, St. Lawrence Child Care Council and the Canton Day Care Center. Those who have worked with Dr. Maiocco know that her involvement is never half-hearted – she gives her all to every endeavor.

The most impressive aspect of Dr. Maiocco is the quality of colleague that she is. Despite her involvements and commitments, she is never too busy to lend a helping hand. She always makes the best of difficult situations, and frequently takes on more to aid others. She is tireless in achieving these

goals, and is commonly at campus in evenings and weekends to get everything done. And if you ever need a smile or a minute of pleasant conversation, you can count on Dr. Maiocco.

To conclude, it is my honor to write this letter of endorsement of Dr. Maureen Maiocco's nomination for the Distinguished Faculty Award. SUNY Canton is truly fortunate to have such an excellent faculty member working on our team, and I am honored to call her my colleague. I truly hope that you would strongly consider efforts and choose to recognize her accomplishments by bestowing this award upon her.

Sincerely,

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To: Awards and Recognition Committee

From: Deborah Molnar, PTA Program Director *Deborah Molnar 01/24/11*

Date: January 24, 2011

Re: 2011 Distinguished Faculty nomination for Dr. Maureen Maiocco

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of support for the nomination of Dr. Maureen Maiocco for the 2011 Distinguished Faculty award. I have known Maureen for almost 7 years now and have to say that from the very start I knew SUNY Canton was getting a very special person as a member of the faculty. The one thing that amazes me most about Maureen is that she probably has one of the heaviest workloads on this campus, and yet she is often the person you see involved in so many of the extracurricular campus activities, volunteering her time, always with a smile and positive attitude. In addition, she is often called on by administration to spearhead new ventures, is a member of many committees on campus, and at the same time has managed to run a quality ECHD program with a staff of one (herself) until just this year! The passion she has for her program, her students, her profession, and for SUNY Canton is contagious. You can't help feel excited and inspired when you interact with her.

Maureen's commitment to her students is evident in so many ways. The mere fact that she has been awarded the Golden Apple award for teaching 16 times is a testament to her success as a teacher! She proudly displays her student's work, involves her students in various campus activities such as Family Weekend, and provides superb leadership and guidance to the ECHD club. She is very well respected by her students and holds high standards for them, not only academically, but personally. Maureen treats each of her students as an individual, not just another face in the classroom. She is a very caring, compassionate person and an excellent role model for students, faculty and staff at SUNY Canton.

Maureen has contributed so much to SUNY Canton in such a short time. Her dedication and commitment to students and the college is apparent in all that she does. I provide the highest recommendation for her nomination as the 2011 Distinguished Faculty.



JoAnne M. Fassinger
SUNY Canton Grants Coordinator

October 4, 2010

Awards and Recognition Committee
SUNY Canton

RE: Dr. Maureen Maiocco for 2011 Distinguished Faculty Award

Dear Committee Members:

It is a privilege for me to write this letter of support for Dr. Maureen Maiocco for the 2011 Distinguished Faculty Award. Maureen is dedicated, motivated, energetic, enthusiastic, well organized, detail orientated and highly respected by her peers. She is a team player and very student oriented and is always looking for ways to improve the students experience here at SUNY Canton. She always puts the needs of the institution and the student before her own. Dr. Maiocco is the type of person who will continue to make positive contributions to the SUNY Canton campus community as well as the communities in the North Country.

In January of 2010, I had the privilege of travelling to Xian China with Maureen. She had been invited by the University in Xian to do multiple workshops on Early Childhood Education in America for students in the Early Childhood program there as well as Early Childhood Educators in their local schools. This was a result of the Summer Program that she and Dr. Feng Hong offered here at SUNY Canton during the summer of 2009. She continues to be involved with this project looking for ways to further develop the relationship between SUNY Canton and Xian by offering faculty and student exchange programs, dual degree programs and visiting scholars programs.

Dr. Maiocco is committed to this institution and her students. She makes herself accessible to the students, always willing to give them extra help, meeting after hours to accommodate their schedules. Dr. Maiocco is truly dedicated to all students and does whatever is necessary to help them succeed. She is always looking for ways to assist all students and they feel comfortable to come to her with any life issues they may have. The students have acknowledged this with the numerous Golden Apple awards that she has received. Maureen is passionate about what she teaches and it shows in everything that she does here at SUNY Canton.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter on Dr. Maiocco's behalf. She is so deserving of this award. Maureen is an excellent role model of what a Professor should be. We should truly celebrate having this type of person as part of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'JoAnne M. Fassinger'.
JoAnne M. Fassinger

TO: Distinguished Faculty Award Committee

FROM: Dr. Peggy La France, Professor

RE: Dr. Maureen Maiocco

DATE: January 26, 2011

I support Greg Kie's nomination of Dr. Maureen Maiocco. I have had the pleasure of interacting with Maureen over the past six years and have had multiple opportunities to observe her role as an educator. Maureen and I have worked together on a number of committees. Maureen is a passionate educator who dedicates herself to the enhancement of critical thinking and student success. The annual Early Childhood workshops that are planned and facilitated by Maureen provide opportunities to promote excellence in the quality of childcare throughout the area.

Maureen stepped up to the plate and became co-chair of the First Year Program. She produced an excellent syllabus, ANGEL course shell, and numerous course activities to enhance success of the FYE courses. She assisted in orienting faculty, mentoring them through the experience, and in evaluating faculty and the course itself. She is a dynamic individual who readily motivates students and faculty.

Maureen strives to meet the diverse needs of students in the Early Childhood program. Observation in the classroom setting clearly demonstrated Maureen's ability to actively engage students in the learning process. A variety of teaching/learning strategies, such as a power-point presentation to guide the students through , *The Early Childhood Learning Environment* content, scenarios to clarify the information, and active questioning to facilitate collaborative learning. Small group activities and use of the ANGEL learning environment illuminated the new knowledge being presented. Maureen also used brainstorming and problem-solving activities in the classroom to promote critical thinking and academic success.

Maureen is an outstanding educator who readily demonstrates genuine concern for both faculty and students. I have had numerous opportunities at the Early Childhood workshops and on committees to hear unsolicited praise for her work. I highly support her nomination for the Distinguished Faculty award.

Sincerely,

Peggy La France, Professor

TO: Distinguished Faculty Award Committee

FROM: Dr. Linda Heilman

DATE: January 24, 2011

RE: Nomination of Professor Maureen Maiocco for the Distinguished Faculty Award

This memo is written in support of Dr. Maureen Maiocco's nomination for the Distinguished Faculty Award. Professor Maiocco holds an Ed.D. from Nova Southeastern University with a specialization in Child and Youth Studies and Curriculum Development. She also earned an M.S. in Teacher Leadership from Wheelock College and a B.A. *summa cum laude* in Education from Curry College. Dr. Maiocco came to SUNY Canton in 2004. She was promoted to Associate Professor in 2008 and achieved promotion to Full Professor and Continuing Appointment in 2010.

In terms of subject matter mastery, Dr. Maiocco has organized and presented at numerous Early Childhood conferences and workshops. In the publishing arena, she has served as a textbook reviewer and is frequently quoted in children's journals, national magazines, and newsletters, thereby raising the profile of SUNY Canton and the Early Childhood Program.

In terms of teaching effectiveness, Dr. Maiocco's end of course evaluations are consistently strong. Her portfolio contains many handwritten notes of appreciation from students and she has received ten Golden Apple Awards. Her students' feedback confirms that she is well-prepared for class, presents and clarifies ideas well and responds effectively to questions. In her teaching statement, Dr. Maiocco demonstrates a strong commitment to applied, hands-on learning and to constructivist theory. She is an innovative educator, willing to reassess her curriculum periodically, to develop new degree programs, and to try new things both inside and outside the classroom.

In terms of effectiveness of university service, Dr. Maiocco is Program Director for Early Childhood. In that capacity, she coordinates and supervises student fieldwork, is a member of five professional associations, and serves on the boards of several local child care organizations. On campus, she is a member of multiple committees including Recognition and Awards, Employee Assistance, and Character Development. In addition, she co-chairs the First Year Experience Committee and chairs the School of Business and Liberal Arts Student Success Committee. From 2005 to 2008, she served on the Curriculum Committee; from 2005 to 2008, she was Co-Chair of SUNY Canton's MSCHE Accreditation/Periodic Review; in 2009, she chaired the Summer China ECE International Program; and last year, she was one of two Canton representatives serving on the Chancellor's SUNY Strategic Planning Process Group of 200. She has done all of this while handling a very heavy teaching load and spending a great deal of time mentoring and advising more than 80 students in her program. It is not surprising, therefore, that she is well regarded by her colleagues, her students and SUNY Canton's senior administration.

Since coming to SUNY Canton in August of 2008, I have had numerous opportunities to work directly with Dr. Maiocco, and I would like to conclude this letter with a few personal observations. As ECHD Program Director, she reports to me and is a

tremendous resource for our School. Since Thanksgiving, we have been working together on a pilot project to enhance student success and improve graduation rates in the School of Business and Liberal Arts. To roll out the project at the beginning of this semester, Dr. Maiocco worked over winter break and did a superb job of preparing materials and marshalling support from her colleagues. She consistently puts in long hours, spends a lot of one-on-one time mentoring individual students, attends numerous open houses, and develops the best marketing materials in our School. Each time I enter the Early Childhood classroom, I am struck by the wonderful sense of place that Dr. Maiocco has created there. Her meticulous attention to detail, love of subject matter and passion for early childhood education shine through in every aspect of the learning environment. When I observe ECHD program graduates' presentations, I am impressed both by the quality of student work and by the obvious pride which each student takes in sharing it.

Finally, let me say that in every aspect of her work from Teacher to Program Director to Mentor to Advisor to Committee Chair, Professor Maiocco exhibits the very best of what SUNY Canton has to offer. We are fortunate to have her as a faculty member in the School of Business and Liberal Arts. As Dean, it is a distinct pleasure to support her nomination for the Distinguished Faculty Award. In my humble opinion, there is no one more deserving of that high honor. Thank you for considering my input.

February 7, 2011

Dear Committee Members:

It with pleasure that I write this letter in support of Dr. Maureen Maiocco's nomination for recognition as the college's Distinguished Faculty member. I have had the privilege of knowing Maureen since she began teaching at the college in August 2004.

One only needs to read Maureen's curriculum vitae to gain an appreciation of not only how committed she is the SUNY Canton, but also to the success of her students. In her time here at the college, she has turned a program that was experiencing difficulty in meeting enrollment projections, to a program that is in high demand. In addition to her administrative and teaching responsibilities, she has provided local early childhood program staff the opportunity to attend an annual workshop focusing on early childhood issues.

One only needs to walk by Maureen's office at any given time throughout the week and you will find her engaged with a student. I have had the good fortune to review Maureen's portfolio on at least one occasion. In reading that portfolio, and the students' evaluations accompanying it, that Maureen is held in high regard by her students. Although more than one student commented about the "high bar" Maureen sets, all of them stated that she was instrumental in helping them to succeed.

In summary, I whole-heartedly endorse Maureen's nomination for this award.

Sincerely,

John Conklin, PhD, RN
Associate Degree Nursing Program Director

October 28, 2010

To the SUNY Canton Recognition and Awards Committee:

It is my great pleasure to write this letter of recommendation and support on behalf of Dr. Maureen Maiocco for the Distinguished Faculty Award. I have had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Maiocco since the fall of 2005 when I entered her Early Childhood program. From the first time I met her and had a class with her I knew that Dr. Maiocco was going to be a professor that would have a great impact on my life as both a student and a person. She is a person that is passionate, dedicated, honest, professional, and committed to her students and the field of early childhood education. It was evident in everything that she did that her first priority was her students and their success, both in the college classroom and as early childhood educators. Her positivity, energy, humble attitude, and kindness still inspire me today.

All of Dr. Maiocco's classes were a healthy combination of hands-on activities and lecture, as she understood that all students learned differently. Her hands-on approach to teaching and learning inspired all of her students to get involved in the classroom and work together. There was never a dull moment in her classroom as her humor and creativity kept us all interested in what she had to say. Student interaction and participation was of utmost importance to Dr. Maiocco. She never just read from a textbook, but instead brought the book to life and made it real for her students. Thinking outside of the box was a life lesson that was well learned from Dr. Maiocco as she encouraged thinking outside of the box when teaching young children. Her teaching style and passion helped me greatly when I began student teaching both at SUNY Canton and at SUNY Potsdam. I took what I learned from her while in her classroom and made it part of who I was as a teacher, and in turn was very successful while student teaching. She encouraged all of us to aim high and believed in all of her students. She always gave us her best and expected that back from us. There was also a high level of mutual respect between Dr. Maiocco and her students.

Not only was Dr. Maiocco a strong and successful leader in the classroom but she was also a dedicated leader for the Early Childhood Club. She was constantly working with the students who were involved in the club to create activities that would strengthen students professionally and help them become well-rounded citizens. We volunteered in our community, fundraised, and worked together to help the children in our community. Dr. Maiocco constantly encouraged giving back to our community and we were able to do this successfully through her leadership and guidance in the club. Dr. Maiocco also worked hard and put a lot of her time and energy into the creation of the first of several Early Childhood Conferences while I was at SUNY Canton. She worked with both her students and her fellow colleagues to create workshops that would encourage more hands-on activities in early childhood classrooms. Dr. Maiocco also worked very closely with the college to provide her students with experiences that would broaden their knowledge of early childhood studies and practices around the world. For example, she worked with the college in February of 2007 to set up a satellite video conference with early childhood students from Kherson State University in the Ukraine. We were fortunate to be able to communicate with students from a different continent and implement two hands-on literacy activities with them. The Ukrainian students also implemented a hands-on literacy lesson that incorporated music and art to enhance the lesson. This experience only solidified everything Dr. Maiocco had taught to us for two years about being hands-on in our teaching and even more importantly, showed me that she was willing to go above and beyond for her students.

Dr. Maiocco has been there for me throughout my college career at both SUNY Canton and SUNY Potsdam. She has been a constant in my life and has believed in me and my abilities for the past five years. If it was not for her I truly do not believe I would be where I am today. I will be starting my graduate work in January of 2011 and owe a lot of my success as a student and an educator to her. I never thought going into college that I would find a professor who would be both my mentor and someone I consider a dear friend. Dr. Maiocco has proven to be a person who is passionate about her students, her career, and her colleagues. Her door was always open to her students and she was more than willing to take time out of her busy schedule to meet with me whenever I had something to discuss with her. She always models herself as a committed, caring, and passionate individual. She has the ability to develop a good rapport with the people she works with and exudes nothing less than the characteristics of a competent and dedicated professional. She is a role model and somebody that I look up to.

I strongly recommend and support Dr. Maureen Maiocco and feel she is more than deserving of the Distinguished Faculty Award.

Sincerely,

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January 31, 2011

Christa Kelson
Chair
Awards Committee

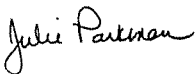
Dear Christa:

It is my honor to write a letter of endorsement for Greg Kie's nomination of Dr. Maureen Maiocco for Distinguished Faculty. Dr. Maiocco is an outstanding educator who constantly inspires her students to embrace the gift of teaching young children and she empowers them to nurture our greatest resource – our children.

I have witnessed how Dr. Maiocco's charisma and enthusiasm has molded and energized her students to become outstanding early childhood education professionals. In addition to her outstanding gift as an educator, she also has been a tremendous asset in securing funds for both her program through the Canton College Foundation. Dr. Maiocco has been a key element in the cultivation and continued stewardship of the Sergi Family in the naming of the Maria Sergi Early Childhood Teacher Center.

Her integrity and sincerity resonated with the Sergi Family and they identified with her great love for children and felt that Maria would have connected very well with Dr. Maiocco. That connection has solidified the family's relationship with the program. I enthusiastically endorse her nomination for Distinguished Faculty.

Sincerely,



Julie Parkman
Associate Director for Advancement

Dear Awards and Recognition Committee,

I'm writing on behalf of Dr. Maureen P. Maiocco. In 2009, I was introduced to one of the best and finest decisions that SUNY Canton has ever made. Dr. Maiocco captured my interest immediately. After one conversation I was hooked, I couldn't wait to see or hear what she was going to do next. Her words are captivating she is a person who is easy to look up to, listen to, and respect. I was unaware of the person standing before me and the amazing ride that I was getting to ready to embark on. Dr. Maiocco is not only my advisor by my confidante and a guiding light. Dr. Maiocco personally advises her advisees and takes the time to go over our best interests and options. In the two years I have been enrolled in the Early Childhood Education curriculum Dr. Maiocco has always put SUNY Canton and her students before her own personal life. I have never met in my college career a professor so devoted to her place of employment and her students. She takes her career personally. I have seen Dr. Maiocco personally be emotionally invested in her students. Not once in the two years that I have been enrolled in her curriculum has she ever not been to class on time, not planned and prepared, or not been to class. Dr. Maiocco is in the office before we arrive and long after we leave. Dr. Maiocco takes special interests in her students and she holds a separate mini graduation for her own students so she can personally recognize and reward her students. Dr. Maiocco has a wide range of awards displayed on her office walls, upon these awards are many Golden Apple awards, these awards are given to her by her students, and every student Dr. Maiocco comes into contact with is deeply touched. I personally nominated her for a Golden Apple award, if not for Dr. Maiocco I don't believe I would have made it this far, she has pushed me to achieve my own personal best, I have been on the Presidents list the last two semesters and the Dean's list before that, this was all made possible because of her belief in my ability to succeed.

Dr. Maiocco has hosted many early childhood events on our campus and off. One recent event was the faculty and staff Christmas party hosted by Dr. Kennedy, this event was for the children of the faculty and staff at SUNY Canton. Dr. Maiocco was asked to put together a Christmas party; she did more than put on a Christmas party. With the help of her amazing students she was able to bring back the Christmas spirit in every adult and child present. Dr. Maiocco is the type of person that will only put forth her best ability's. Dr. Maiocco in her many efforts to put all of SUNY Canton's students first, has done many things such as teach First Year Experiences for incoming freshman. In the first year she teaches freshman how to use and navigate SUNY Canton. Dr. Maiocco just recently spent her entire winter break putting forth her best efforts preparing the freshman yet again with a Student Success Resources pamphlet. This pamphlet provides freshman with information on where to go, who to see, and what drives SUNY Canton to be the college it is. I have personally witness many staff members asking Dr. Maiocco to join a review committee, I only know of 5 review committees that Dr. Maiocco is currently serving on, at this moment. Dr. Maiocco is so respected by her colleges that she is on just about every board or committee at SUNY Canton, because her colleges truly value her opinion. I know that she personally reads and explores every text book she has ever asked her students to read and buy. In wellness of young children the publisher of our book had personally asked Dr. Maiocco to review the textbook within. Dr. Maiocco is the one and only reason why the early childhood education program is

still thriving at SUNY Canton. I hope that this letter shares with you some of the amazing highlights of Dr. Maiocco's career at SUNY Canton as it has enlightened me in every way.

Thank you for your time and I hope you truly consider my nomination for Dr. Maiocco as distinguished faculty of the year.

Sincerely,

Bridget Davey