

Thompson, Georgina

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On campus Loyalist graduate honored

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Georgina Thompson, president of All-Care Health Services and Thurlow Township councillor, has received a Premier's Award for outstanding achievement as a college graduate. Thompson graduated from the nursing program at Loyalist in 1978. Premier Bob Rae presented the award at the provincial conference for the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology earlier this month.

The Premier's Awards were established in 1992 in honor of the college system's 25th anniversary. Four provincial awards are presented each year

to one graduate in the areas of Applied Arts, Business, Health Sciences, and Technology. Thompson received the Premier's Award for the outstanding graduate in Health Sciences. In recognition of this honor, a bursary of \$5,000 will be given to Loyalist to establish an award for students in the college Nursing program.

After graduating from Loyalist, Thompson worked as a registered nurse at Belleville General Hospital until 1981, and then formed All-Care Health Services — a nursing and home support agency that operates in Belleville, Napanee and Kingston. She has also chaired the Regional Hospice of Quinte, and was an active board member until 1992. She continues to work part-time as a Registered Nurse at Trenton Memorial Hospital,



and as a consultant to Plainfield Children's Home.

Thompson was appointed to the Board of Governors of Loyalist College in 1990, and was elected vice-chairman of the board in 1993. She is a member of the Sidney Rotary Club, and has served as a councillor for Thurlow Township since 1988. She is an executive member of the Ontario Palliative Care Association, and also chairs the Centre and South Hastings Recycling Board. Thompson has many other community and professional commitments.



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As a member of the nominating committee, I know it's very difficult to decide on only one graduate in each of the four areas of Business, Applied Arts, Health Sciences and Technology — that's a challenge in itself. In fact, we have many, many outstanding graduates from our programs at Loyalist. But in the end, we agreed that Thompson was a wonderful role model and representative of our graduates in the Health Sciences area. We described her as an "outstanding example of the adult who lives lifelong learning. Georgina came to Loyalist in September 1976 as an adult learner who successfully and with great enthusiasm juggled the roles of wife, mother, worker and student. During her three years at Loyalist, Georgina impressed everyone with her boundless energy, organizational skills and determination to succeed. Her endless enthusiasm continues in her professional and community commitments. Recently she was named the 1994 chair of the United Way Campaign in the Quinte area, another example of her dedication to her community."

We're very proud of our graduates, and we're pleased that Thompson has been recognized with this significant provincial award for her contributions. Congratulations Georgina, from your Alumni Association.

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