BLAKLEY, Jim

Loyalist's Jim Blakley 'respected counsellor'

1992 recipient of the 'Distinction Awards' program

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Jim Blakley is the newest award winner at Loyalist College.

The co-ordinator of counselling and placement is the 1992 recipient of the college's Distinction Awards.

The awards are presented annually to employees who have demonstrated excellence and innovation in performing their duties. Nominations are submitted to a committee representing all groups within the college community.

Peter Callaghan, chairman of the college's academic advisory council, said Blakley "has contributed as much or more to student life at this college than any other person.

"He is one of the most respected counsellors in the college system," he said. "His accomplishments include creating the first peer tutor program and doing countless studies on student withdrawals, retention, success rates, graduation rates and market share analysis".

Blakley had received a federal government grant to develop

Nextstep, a program designed to help students make career choices.

The recipient is an active member of the Ontario Counsellors' Association and has held many offices at the provincial level.

An honorable mention award was also presented to Rosemary Stevens, Loyalist's director of admissions and enrolment. Stevens has played a leading role in developing the Ontario College Application Service and serves on its management board.

Stevens is also a member of the Belleville and District Chamber of Commerce education committee and the Belleville and District Big Sisters Association.

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