

Childcare supervisor honoured for her hard work, dedication

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Special to The Champion

Miltonian Pat Tretjack was the centre of attention this past week with the announcement that she was named winner of the 2000 Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) Staff Excellence Award.

Ms Tretjack, a Milton resident for the last eight years, has been supervisor of the childcare centre at Sheridan College in Oakville for 19 years.

She's responsible for its operation, including the implementation of the High/Scope curriculum for 46 children and their families, direction and support for eight staff members, and supervision and evaluation of Early Childhood Education students on field placement.

Her unyielding dedication to her field of study, institutional impact, team work abilities and remarkable performance and contribution were reportedly all standing reasons why she was given the prestigious award.

This is Ms Tretjack's first award on an international scale and she was both honoured and surprised at the recognition.



Pat Tretjack

"There was initial shock," said Ms Tretjack of her winning the award.

"Then after that there was lots of hugging and screaming. My colleagues were happy for me."

According to Moya Fewson, coordinator of Sheridan's Early Childhood Education program, Ms. Tretjack is highly deserving of the award.

"Pat has worked for the benefit of children through her role at the childcare centre and is a wonderful role model for the students of our ECE program."

Ms Tretjack will be honoured by the Sheridan community at a cere-

mony scheduled to take place Thursday, May 11 in Sheridan Hall, Trafalgar Road Campus, from 2 to 4 p.m.

She will be formally presented with the award during the ACCC Annual Conference, to be held from May 28 through to May 30 in Whitehorse, Yukon.

Created in 1972, the ACCC is a national organization that represents colleges and institutions both in Canada and internationally.

Man falls 25 feet off roof

A 48-year-old Kitchener man was lucky to escape serious injury after falling about 25 feet off a roof at Gordon Foods Service on James Snow Parkway last Tuesday.

The construction worker was doing masonry work on the south west corner of the roof when he fell off, landing feet first, Halton Regional Police said.

He was taken to Milton District Hospital with an ankle injury.

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