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Carolyn Sizemore, dean of the Beckley Campus of New River Community and Technical College was honored as the college's Outstanding Contributor for 2010 at the WV Community College Association/WV Association of Developmental Educators Conference hosted by Blue Ridge Community and Technical College in Martinsburg last month.
In his comments at the awards banquet, New River President Ted D. Spring commended Sizemore’s leadership during the consolidation of the Beckley and Raleigh County Campuses during the late spring and summer.

He also noted that Sizemore has overseen record-setting enrollment growth, expansion of course offerings and facilities, development of a Weekend College and has even taught classes as needed.

Finally, he credited her work as project coordinator of the $2 million Title III grant that is greatly enhancing the delivery of distance learning courses at the college.

“This project is making a huge difference in our ability to offer innovative classes to students throughout our nine counties. Dean Sizemore and her team are doing an outstanding job of accomplishing each year’s goals.”

Sizemore earned her Ed.S. degree from Marshall University Graduate College in leadership studies and is in her advanced candidacy for a doctorate in higher education administration. A mother of three children, she is proud to be a role model for working mothers who juggle college, work and family.

A former public school teacher for 24 years in Kanawha, Mercer, Braxton, Nicholas and Fayette counties, Sizemore has been awarded numerous Teacher of the Year awards. She was selected to be a member of the first WV Reading Cadre Team chosen by the WV Department of Education. She was also recognized for her Outstanding Contributions to Community and Technical College Education in 2002 when she was an administrator for Glenville State Community and Technical College.

Sizemore has authored numerous successful grants, including the $2 million grant for New River’s Title III project. She was named Women’s Sports Advocate of the Month by the national Women’s Sports Foundation for her efforts in getting softball lights installed at the Stephanie Postalwait Memorial Softball Field at Nicholas County High School. She resides in Nicholas County where she remains active as a volunteer advocate for women’s issues and family literacy.

“I am so grateful and humbled that my colleagues have selected me to receive this award. It is a constant reminder that my colleagues appreciate my hard work and share with me the honor of our successes,” Sizemore said.