

Night of many tongues

Students awarded for language study at University of Toronto-Mississauga

Incentives for those deserving, in an academia that is rich in opportunities and high-level discourse, may be the key to improving the learning environment — if Friday evening at the University of Toronto-Mississauga (UTM) was any indication.

The awards evening organized by the department of language studies, presided over by Professor Michele Lettieri, acknowledged students who have distinguished themselves.

Prof. Lettieri highlighted their common denominator of dedication, enthusiasm, and self-sacrifice, also drawing attention to the work done by the various teachers (who are) “founts of inspiration for the students.”

During the evening, the value of young minds was given high profile.

“This evening is the proper occasion to celebrate the success of students and the department of language studies,” said Amy Mullin, academic dean and vice-principal.

Also present was Professor Salvatore Bancheri, new chair and graduate chair of the Italian department of the University of Toronto who, along with teacher Teresa Lobalsamo, awarded the 12 students who distinguished themselves in the study of Italian.

Prizes were also awarded to students of French, Arabic, Chinese, German, Hindi, Latin, Persian, Sanskrit, and Spanish, and acknowledgements offered to UTM teachers.

Professor Anthony Mollica also highlighted the review *Mosaic, The Journal for Language Teachers* (edited in collaboration with Emmanuel Nikiema), published by the department of languages, with contributions by Kathleen Julia Penrice, Disra Moughal, Aleksandra Vojnov, and Wendy Schrobilgen.

At the end of the ceremony, Professor

Lettieri made special mention of the nine-week Italian course with a teacher from Florence, the cinema course with Professor Guido Pugliese of UTM, and a course offered by the Centro per Stranieri-Università degli Studi di Firenze (international students’ centre at Florence university). ♦



Amy Mullin, Michele Lettieri, Salvatore Bancheri and Sima Farsandaj



Left: prof. Anthony Mollica with Kathleen Julia Penrice, Sidra Moughal, Aleksandra Vojnov e Wendy Schrobilgen. Above: prof. Lettieri, Nazar Mlynko (European Studies Award), prof. Helen Hatton, Amy Mullin. Right: Karine Kianza, Natasha Tasciotti, Grace Mabika Moukita (Research Opportunity Program Awards), Amy Mullin and prof. Pascal Michelucci



Above, Italian Awards: from left, Alanah Jordan Inglese, Justyna Jablonska, Joshua Anthony Romano, Michael Vincent Cristiano, Anjeza Rexha, Jenna Spagnuolo, Elessia Dell'Unto, il prof. Salvatore Bancheri, Kathleen Julia Penrice, Luigi Giangrande, Lais Gorgatti, Danielle Sparkman, Sonia Laura De Marco, Amy Mullin Academic Dean and Vice-Principal, Teresa Lobalsamo, il prof. Michele Lettieri. Below, Language Awards: Samra Yonus e Abdi Hassan Ahmed (arabic); Stanislaw Fedun e Shannon Jane Currie (german), John Fabiano (latin), Karuna Gill (sanskrit), Amir Aziz Ahmed e Yih-Cherng Ma (modern standard chinese), Prabhjot Kaur Mand (hindi), Abnous Anjomshoa (persian), Caitlin Jane Cook-Yeo e Grace Chama Mbazima (spanish) with professors Ahmed Shalaby, Derong Chen, Stefan Soidovieri, Hansa Deep, Catherine Rubincam, Azita Taleghani, Joel Tatelman, Arturo Victoriano



Left French Awards with prof. Michel Lord (on the right): Anjeza Rexa, Kathleen Julia Penrice, Christina Hunter, Erica Berg, Hardit Singh Khuman, Laura Duncan. Sopra: Lettieri, Lais Gorgatti (Language Teaching and Learning Award), Amy Mullin and prof. Charles Elkabas (Foto Corriere - Gregory Varano)



Linguistic Awards: Adrian Mensah, Denise Marler, Carolyn Ka-Yan Chan, Venus Marwah, Sally Lam, Urja Mehta, Sophie Pettos with prof. Arsalan Kahnemuyipour (on the right) and prof. Michael Lettieri, forth Amy Mullin



Above: prof. Michelucci, Johanna Danciu (course instructor French), Maud Pillet (teaching assistant French), Julia Su (teaching assistant Linguistics) Amy Mullin and prof. Lettieri. Right: Cherylann Yvonne Cawthorn, Cristina Isabel Gonzalez, Julie Farrally-Horich, David Lloyd Baker, Shereen Abdou (Concurrent Teacher Educational Awards) with prof. John Smith, Amy Mullin e Jennifer Shield and prof. Lettieri

