Two lifetime learners lauded

Two Western students have won Adult Learner Awards from the London Council for Adult Education (LCAE).

Joan Forder, who was the 2000-01 University Students' Council's Lifelong Learning Commissioner, and Anne Lyons, who will graduate with a Bachelor of Administrative and Commercial Studies degree this spring, were honoured for their efforts in lifelong learning.

Forder was nominated for her contribution to the adult student community. "Joan’s leadership helped foster a sense of community among many adult learners," says the nomination. "Joan facilitated leadership modules in the leadership education program of the Centre for New Students and has been a dynamic and enthusiastic participant in many of our activities."

Forder, who completed a four-year program in three years and has been on the dean’s honour list twice, will begin a PhD in physiology in the fall. Her dream is to return to Western to teach.

Lyons has been nominated for two reasons. First, she persisted in completing her degree over 10 years while raising a family and playing key roles in two family businesses, and second, she represents a legacy of lifelong learners.

"She is a dedicated student, very attentive, participates thoughtfully and consistently, maintains excellent attendance and is timely and faithful in completion of all assignments,” says her professor, James Madden of King’s College. “She is open, honest, inquisitive, and a good team player in group activities. She is good at bringing life experience to bear in sociological analysis.”

APPRECIATION: Donna Moore, Academic and Mature Student Advisor, Centre for New Students, received an award of appreciation from UWO Lifelong Learning Students. Joan Forder, last year’s Lifelong Learning Commissioner for the University Students’ Council, presented Donna Moore with her plaque at a recent luncheon ceremony. Moore was congratulated by Mike Lawless, President of the University Students’ Council. This is the first time this award has been given and will continue to be an annual event. Moore was cited for her continued support and efforts on behalf of Lifelong Learning Students at Western.