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Three win Adult Learner Awards

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Two Western students and a staff member have won Adult Learner Awards from the London Council of Adult Education (LCAE).

Environment and resources management student Louise Ridley-Buck, PhD psychology graduate Susan Rodger and Social Science administrative assistant Lyn Hill received the awards at the central branch of the public library on May 1.

The awards recognize the efforts and contributions of learners for the advancement of their lives through adult education.

Ridley-Buck was nominated for her role as 2001-02 University Students' Council lifelong learning commissioner, a role she will assume again next year. As a featured speaker at sessions for prospective students, Ridley-Buck shared her experience as a Western student.

Rodger, with a one-year-old daughter, decided to return to school after a 10-year hiatus from university life. In seven years she completed her Masters and PhD in psychology. Rodger designed the award-winning Leadership and Mentoring Program and teaches in the Centre for New Students' "Ready for University!" course.

Hill, a member of Toastmasters since 1996, has completed her Toastmaster Silver and Competent Leader designations.

Hill has served on the committees of several clubs, including the United Way, where she served as a loaned representative twice. Hill recently returned from a mission with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

The 13th Annual LCAE Award honours the work of Mary Gee, long-time Executive Secretary of the LCAE and celebrates the endeavours of learners in its member organizations.