

Ivey F. Lewis Distinguished Service Award

Presenting Award, VAS President D'Arcy P. Mays, Accepting Award for, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, John N. Ambrose, Associate Vice President of Technology.

**J.Sargeant Reynolds Community College
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J.Sargeant Reynolds Community College was awarded the Virginia Academy of Science Ivey F. Lewis Distinguished Service Award. Since the very beginning of J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in 1972, it has supported the Academy by encouraging its faculty to become members, supporting the Visiting Scientists program and supporting travel to the annual meetings. Even during hard economic times of budget cutbacks, it supported faculty travel to Council and annual meetings. One Academy member was in 35 years, never refused travel support. JSRCC supported the Virginia Journal of Science by supporting its editor and allowing the Journal to be managed and typeset in the Science Department. The College supplied and maintained the computer, printer, scanner and programs needed to produce the Journal. In fact, the very first scanner purchased by the College was stationed in the editor's office. Correspondence with authors was also supported by the college. The college has also allowed the Academy to hold Council and committee meetings in its classrooms.

When J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College developed its initial web presence, it encouraged Dr. Jim Martin to learn HTML and produce a personal web page, and within a year allowed him to develop a prototype academy web page on its server. By mid 1997, the Academy had its own URL and a fully operational web site, supported by the College. To this day, the College graciously houses the Academy server.

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College has in the past and is continuing to make significant contributions to the Virginia Academy of Science.



Lisa L. Martin

Lisa L. Martin was awarded the Virginia Academy of Science Ivey F. Lewis Distinguished Service Award. Lisa became increasingly familiar with the Academy and its operation as she attended academy meetings for the past 38 years. Twenty four years ago she began working with the Virginia Junior Academy of Science when she took on a small part-time job in the Academy office offered by Dean Decker, the Junior Academy director. She advanced the computerization of the Junior Academy, edited, typeset and produced the Proceedings of the Virginia Junior Academy of Science, maintained the records, correspondence, and management of the office during a time of increasing complexity as the Junior Academy grew in size to over 1200 students. Working with the successive Junior Academy Directors (Dean Decker, Don Cottingham and Susan Booth) Lisa attended every Academy meeting, many times working past midnight to produce the hundreds of winner certificates and the script for the next morning's Junior Academy Awards assembly. She produced the first digital copy (a CD) of the Proceedings for distribution, greatly reducing the Proceeding's cost to the Academy.

During this time in the Academy office, Lisa became increasingly involved with the operation of the Senior Academy. She worked closely with Executive Secretaries Blanton Brunner and Arthur Burke, and Executive Officer Jerry Bass. She was the main driving force bringing the Academy Office into the computer age. She computerized and maintained the membership and dues records, managed purchase and service of equipment, office and storage facilities. Lisa has become the corporate memory of the Academy and has contributed significantly to the Virginia Academy of Science.