



The evidence of Dr. Corine Fitzpatrick's life and work in the Graduate Counseling Program more than qualify her as the Lasallian educator of the year. Corine has met the standards of a Lasallian educator in many ways.

The students in the care of the Counseling program under Corine's direction, are given a person-centered education, their participation in the outreach programs created, funded, staffed, through her work has helped them develop as persons and professionals, has given opportunities to engage in service to others. They know that social justice is the result of providing quality service that is based on and grounded in an orientation to individual dignity and the connectedness of relationships developed with those they serve and with others who can be of service. Corine's respect for human dignity and the individual person is real, and goes far beyond lip-service, by giving opportunities, by giving a chance. This type of connectedness has been imparted to participants in the Counseling program as an ethical imperative – to serve, to commit to the highest standards for themselves and those they serve.

Others have praised Dr. Corine Fitzpatrick because she has touched their lives and hearts by a generous spirit and never-ending service. The Motivation Outreach program alone has been an inspiration to those who participate and has created for members of the Motivation Outreach Club the means to fulfill the mission of changing the lives of New York City students educationally and personally. The accolades of those who have worked with Dr. Fitzpatrick would fill a book. The theme is constant – generous, prepared, professionally literate, open-minded, kind, Lasallian.

Among her many accomplishments:

- In 2000, Corine was awarded the TITAN grant - \$1.0 million over four years of technology development for MC faculty and partner schools.
- In 2009 –she created and began the Center for Optimal College Readiness that serves K – 12 children in schools in the NYC metropolitan area. The center continues the good work of assisting school children through grant partnerships with Yonkers, Mt. Vernon through GEAR UP, Kids2 College, and My Brother's Keeper – all of which focus on college readiness for some who might never have considered themselves capable or worthy.

- Dr. Fitzpatrick advises the Motivational Outreach Club – an undergraduate student club that brings high school students to campus and gives undergraduates a chance to go right into the schools in the New York area with their motivational workshops.
- Corine serves on the Board of Directors for Sports and Arts for Students Foundation in NYC to provide services to over 22,000 k – 12 students in the New York metro region.
- She is a member of the NYC Volunteer Medical Corps –
- She was pro bono counselor to those in grief over their losses in 911. Some of those relationships exist to the present.

Dr. Corine Fitzpatrick is a worthy recipient of the 2017 Lasallian Educator of the Year Award.

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