



Dr. Patrice Tiffany
Distinguished Lasallian-Educator
2010-2011

You have been selected by the Lasallian Education Committee as the 2010-2011 Distinguished Lasallian Educator at Manhattan College.

As a student, you learned mathematics at Manhattan College from several former Distinguished Lasallian Educators. How fitting it is that you join their ranks today. You know what it means to be a first generation college student majoring in a subject where because of your gender you were in the minority. For you and for those who taught you, gender was never an issue. At Manhattan you found a community of devoted educators who treated you as an individual and who challenged you to achieve. Now the pupil has become the teacher. Our students are receiving the same kind of care and concern from you that you received from those who preceded you. Your vocation “worthy of the dedication of a lifetime” is that of teacher.

You are remarkable for the amount of time you give to your students. When you see a need, you very quietly try to fill that need. You are proactive. You reach out to students in distress and pull them back in. If there is a technological innovation that might help our students become better teachers you learn what it is, how to use it, and how to teach it. In fact, you are the epitome of what it means to be a lifelong learner. While a mother of four children, you returned to school to complete your second master’s degree. While a mother of five children, you returned to school to complete your doctoral degree. You also have the distinction of having your own personal Lasallian community at home. Your husband graduated from Manhattan as did your five children, two sons-in-law and one daughter-in-law.

Your participation in the Lasallian Leadership Institute as a member of Cohort 5 for 2009 to 2012 has made you profoundly aware of the Lasallian community that exists beyond Manhattan College. Because of the dedication that you have shown to Manhattan College and to the principles of Lasallian education, you are a most worthy recipient of the 2010-2011 Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award.