



## Vicki Cowan Distinguished Lasallian-Administrator 2007-2008

Vicki came to Manhattan College in 1989. She received her bachelor's degree from Hampton University and in 1994, became an alumna of Manhattan College by earning her master's degree. Vicki is a lifetime learner, continuing her education by attending seminars and courses in human resources. She belongs to numerous professional associations, including the Association of African-Americans in Human Resources.

Vicki is exceptional in every way. Besides her total dedication to all the employers of Manhattan College, she continues to give of herself to the community. She has participated in the Youth Employment Program of the City of New York and The City Housing Authority where she has spoken on basic skills and employment training. She has also volunteered in the Newark Public Schools Career days. She has presented at the College Student Personnel Association of New York State on the "Future of Affirmative Action," participated in numerous job fairs for the disabled and the small business development center. The list of her charitable giving goes on and on. In addition, she is an active member of the Church and is mother to a daughter, Kyara.

Vicki began her career at Manhattan as the employment manager/affirmative action officer and she was promoted to assistant director and then director. She is a true inspiration to all of us in both her professional and private life.

Vicki's warm, caring and personable demeanor makes her an excellent candidate for the Lasallian Award. It is her daily commitment to this institution, faculty, staff and students alike that make her most worthy. Everyone's initial contact with Vicki detects her commitment and professionalism. That, coupled with her warm and inviting nature, is a testimony to her and an example of what employees should not only imitate in their professional lives, but also in their personal lives. She is truly an honorable example of what God intended men and women to be. It would be a disservice to the Manhattan College community not to acknowledge this special individual. May she continue to inspire us all!