

Mary Walachy, Executive Director of the Davis Foundation,  
Honored by STCC

Mary E. Walachy, Executive Director of The Irene E. and George A. Davis Foundation, has received an honorary degree from Springfield Technical Community College. The award was presented by STCC President Dr. Ira Rubenzahl at the college's 42<sup>nd</sup> commencement exercises on May 28 at the MassMutual Center.



Rubenzahl said, "On special occasions the college, through its board of trustees, may award an honorary degree to an individual who has given extraordinary service to the college, the community or the nation.

"Mary Walachy is the Executive Director of The Irene E. and George A. Davis Foundation in Springfield. Prior to joining the Davis Foundation in 1997, she was the Executive Director of the Mental Health Association of Greater Springfield. Ms. Walachy has a long and exemplary history of service to the community. At the Davis Foundation she is a driving force behind its agenda to be a leading funder in education and early education, particularly through the creation of the Cherish Every Child initiative. In the community, the Davis Foundation has touched the lives of people and organizations too numerous to mention.

"We at STCC are particularly grateful for her guiding role, with other state foundations, in funding the Achieving the Dream initiative in Massachusetts. STCC is one of four community colleges in the state selected to be part of this national movement to increase the success of students in community colleges.

"Ms Walachy has helped to establish the Davis Foundation as a leading philanthropic organization locally, statewide, and increasingly on the national scene. For these and many other reasons it is my distinct pleasure to present an honorary degree to Mary E. Walachy with all the rights, privileges, and honors appertaining to this degree."

Walachy holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Massachusetts and a master's degree in social work from the University of Connecticut.

