

SPRINGFIELD

STCC honors 2 professors for excellence

Faculty in the computer information technologies and digital media production programs at Springfield Technical Community College were honored as this year's endowed chair award recipients.

Brian Candido, of Granby, was honored as the 2018 Anthony M. Scibelli endowed chair, and LuAnne Carbaugh, of Easthampton, as the 2018 Joseph J. Deliso Sr. endowed chair. The honors were announced by college president John B. Cook.

Each year, STCC faculty are nominated by their colleagues and then invited to apply. An award selection committee, composed of faculty and staff, reviews applications, and the college foundation's Executive Committee then selects winners.

"We are fortunate to have talented faculty like Brian and LuAnne," Cook said. "They're doing their part to fulfill STCC's mission to support students as they transform their lives."

Candido and Carbaugh received a monetary award - \$3,000 each - and wooden chairs with plaques inscribed with their names. They can apply \$1,500 to professional development and \$1,500 to their academic department.

Candido, chair of computer information technologies at STCC, said he plans to purchase new equipment for his department such as android devices and tablets to assist in teaching programming of mobile apps. For his professional development, Candido intends to purchase books and developer tools.

"I love teaching," Candido said. "I worked for many years in the information

technology industry, so it's great to give back."

Carbaugh, chair of digital media production, will use her award to purchase a computer data storage server that will help students collaborating on projects.

"We have students doing work in high definition. It takes up a lot of space," she said. "With NAS (network-attached storage), they can upload to a server and share their work. It will make things easier for the whole department."

Carbaugh will use the other half of her monetary award to attend the 2019 National Association of Broadcasters Conference, which she said will allow her to see and experience the latest developments in the industry.

Carbaugh has been working full-time at STCC since 1997. Candido was hired part-time that same year, and has been working full time for the past 11 years.

Adrienne Smith, dean of the School of Engineering Technologies and Mathematics, said Carbaugh has played a pivotal role in the growth and development of the digital media department over the past 21 years.

"With a leadership style that is both professional and collegial, she has earned the trust and respect of her faculty and students," Smith said.

Leona Ittleman, dean of the School of Business and Information Technologies, praised Candido for his work in and outside of the classroom.

"Most faculty and staff members know Brian from his participation on many committees and initiatives during his 11 years as a



Brian Candido, chair of computer information technologies, and LuAnne Carbaugh, chair of digital media production, were recently honored as endowed chair award recipients at Springfield Technical Community College. (STCC PHOTO)

full-time faculty member," Ittleman said.

"By naming him as an endowed chair recipient, we recognize the equally substantial contributions he has made in the classroom."

Funded through the STCC Foundation, the awards are named for two of the college's founders. The college established the Anthony M. Scibelli Endowed Chair in 1992 to recognize and foster faculty excellence. As a member of the state House of Representatives, Scibelli sponsored and pushed

through legislation approving funding and authorizing the transfer of 35 acres of Springfield Armory to the state, as a location for the college.

In 1993, the Deliso family established the Joseph J. Deliso Sr. Endowed Chair in recognition of excellence in teaching. Appointed as the first chairman of the STCC Advisory Board, Deliso, an industrialist, served from 1967 to 1981. He then became first chairman of the college trustees, serving through 1985.