

Ruth Butler receives 2019 Dorothy Jordan Pryor Award

SPRINGFIELD – An instructor in the Cosmetology Department at Springfield Technical Community College is the recipient of the 2019 Dorothy Jordan Pryor Award that honors “living treasures” within the local community.

“This is an extremely special honor for me,” said Ruth Butler, of Granby, who has taught at STCC since 2012. “I’m overwhelmed and delighted by the honor of just having been nominated.”

The Dorothy Jordan Pryor Award was established in 1994 by STCC professor Cecelia Gross. The award is given in honor of Dorothy Jordan Pryor, who was an English professor at the college and later served as the college’s affirmative action officer. Following her retirement, Pryor was appointed by the governor to serve on the STCC Board of Trustees for two five-year terms and was elected vice chairman of the board.

Butler is a 1996 graduate of the

Cosmetology Program. In 2018, she advanced from adjunct to full-time faculty member at STCC.

“Butler and her students have volunteered their efforts in fundraisers for non-profit organizations in the community,” said Phil O’Donoghue, a STCC professor and coordinator of the Ovations Series, which organized the luncheon.

Kristy Perry, an associate professor of English, commended Butler during the ceremony on April 3 at STCC.

“Throughout Ruth’s 23 years in the field of cosmetology, she has put her heart and soul into going the extra mile to help others and to ensure student success here at STCC,” Perry said. “She has been an outstanding faculty member who has demonstrated admirable dedication. She has always been engaged in helping others and our student, and creating collaboration between the cosmetology program and the community at large.”