



# MCIU CONNECTION

## NPSS Counselor Receives Bobbie Goodman Award

Congratulations to Peg McHugh, School Counselor with the Nonpublic School Services Division, who is the 2010 recipient of the Bobbie Goodman Award.

NPSS Director, Dr. Kenneth Voss, shared the following comments about Peg.

“As the consummate professional, Peg’s dedicated work with students, parents, and staff in the nonpublic schools served throughout Montgomery County is highly respected and widely regarded. Peg has been instrumental in bringing together teams of colleagues in providing grief counseling support to school communities in times of crisis. Her classroom workshops for students on conflict resolution are valued by students and school administrators alike. She is a recognized leader with the summer Camp Ophelia program.

Upon being notified of this award, one of Peg’s first reactions was to ask if the award could be shared with her colleagues for the outstanding work that they do! This speaks volumes for Peg as a person and as a professional. It leaves no doubt as to why Peg McHugh is this year’s Bobbie Goodman Award recipient.”



NPSS counselor Peg McHugh (pictured above with plaque) was the 2010 recipient of the Bobbie Goodman award. Below Peg is pictured with former Bobbie Goodman recipients.

## 2010 Bainbridge Award Winners

The 2010 Bill Bainbridge award -- recognizing individuals who are “key” to the MCIU and who embody our values of Integrity,



Excellence, Accountability, Dedication and Respect -- was shared by Karthik Ganesh, Technology & Information Services and Kay Hetrick, Management Services (pictured left). Karthik and Kay were recognized at the annual Support Staff Breakfast held on April 22nd.

Among Karthik’s notable achievements this year, he developed the Fitness Challenge website, the on-line school directory and the

Moodle migration --projects which support the MCIU as well as our outside clients. Karthik is credited for his ability to handle increased demands for services and manage multiple projects within tight timelines. He is a creative and active learner and teacher, constructing new technology solutions for the MCIU and the schools we serve. Karthik is also well respected for his consummate professionalism and kindness.

Kay was recognized for becoming the first-call, go-to resource for school districts, MCIU staff and parents who have Business Office issues. She was commended for her ability to, in the midst of many other duties, take the time to assist callers with all kinds of problems, whether it belongs in her department or not. This year, Kay became an expert in the area of ACCESS, communicating regularly with her counterparts in the local school districts and providing assistance.

Her supervisor, Sandy Edling, also provided a specific example of why Kay embodies the criteria of the Bill Bainbridge Award: “One day in January, I was running from meeting to meeting, but I knew I had to do a training on ACCESS paperwork for the Special Education Division at 4:30 pm that evening. I remember saying to Kay around 11:30 that we really needed to talk about that presentation, as I was going to need her help to get ready. She immediately handed me the handouts she knew I would need, as well as a list of talking points that she thought I should cover for my review. She had known that I was very busy in the days leading up to the training, so she took it upon herself to help prepare these materials. THIS is truly what we want from our Support Staff members.”

Thanks and congratulations to Karthik and Kay!



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## Meeting Assessments

### A Continuing Series on Teachings from the Jorgensen Learning Center

**D**r. Ray Jorgensen teaches the importance of using meeting assessments to determine the success of each meeting in terms of using Learning Conversation techniques and following the CPOs (context, purpose, outcome) for each agenda item. The assessment is the leader/facilitator's opportunity to gather feedback and set the stage for improving the meeting processes next time. Each attendee will be given the opportunity to consider the team and his/her actions during the meeting. The leader will collect these actions in two categories: meeting strengths and meeting changes or upgrades. Examples of strengths might be:

*We stayed on focus using the CPO.*

*We mostly followed the Learning Conversation principles.*

*Most everyone was heard.*

Examples of changes might include:

*We didn't clearly state the CPO of each agenda item.*

*We went fast a couple of times.*

*There were a few times when I could not get in to the conversation.*

## Talk like a Techie

**I**n the next few issues of *Connection*, we'll feature tech terms to help you talk like a techie.



**Adware:** Free software that is supported by advertisements.

**Applet:** This is a java program that runs in your web browser.

**Asynchronous learning environment:** Online tools that do not require real-time interaction. Communications do not happen at the same time. An example would be

email. One person can send a message and the response may come sometime in the future. Another example is a discussion forum where you can post a message and wait for a response.

**Audio conference call:** Two or more sites that can communicate through audio-only. Usually a telephone or cell phone will provide an audio conference feature. When many connections are needed, you must pay for an audio bridging service.

**Avatar:** A computer representation of a person.

A pictorial representation of a participant in a three-dimensional chat environment. The avatar is chosen by the user and may look like a bird, a fish, or some other colorful character.

**Blog:** A web log or online journal. A blog is typically authored by an individual but others may comment on the author's postings.



**A**bout 20 staff members laced up their sneakers for the National Walk at Lunch Day on Wednesday, April 28th. MCIU staff joined tens of thousands of walkers nationwide to celebrate National Walk at Lunch Day and to take the first steps toward better health. Staff walked at the MCIU building and PaTTAN sites.

This spring, 23 MCIU staff members are also participating in the Montgomery County Schools Fitness Challenge, April 1 - May 20. You can still sign up at any time through the end of the Challenge to track your personal fitness activity goals. Log on to <http://fitnesschallenge.mciu.org> to enroll.



PaTTAN's beloved assistant, Bruna Lamesta, received her Administrative Assistant Day appreciation present early. Bruna left for a vacation cruise so the Early Intervention Technical Assistance and Office of Developmental Programs consultants made sure she was well prepared for her trip, adorning her with flip flops and other cruise wear.