

**STEPHEN CHARRY MEMORIAL AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE
2024 NOMINATION**

Name: Mary Black	Course / Department / Division: Mathematics / Natural Sciences and Business
Nominated By: Nicolette Walsh	Date of Nomination: February 5, 2024

1. Challenges students to pursue goals. Prepares students to make life choices.

She is so uplifting and even though I don't have her class anymore, she still pushes me to do the best I can. She is just so positive and really believes in all of her students, such a sweet lady and is very knowledgeable and kind.

2. Improves students' skills for employment and/or success in academic endeavors.

I was in her math supplement class and we went over different success strategies and outlets if someone needed them and discussed the importance of mental health.

3. Motivates students to be an active and concerned citizen of the community.

Like I stated before, she pushes all of her students present or past to do their best and do what they put their minds to. She encourages all types of students to get involved in the community and IVCC.

4. Is engaged on campus and/or in the community.

In the community she helps so much and on campus she wants to keep students engaged on campus.

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Nominated By: Alea Goodman	Date of Nomination: February 7, 2024

1. Challenges students to pursue goals. Prepares students to make life choices.

Mrs. Black always told us that she wanted us to do our best. She told us that if we didn't have a cheerleader or someone in our corner, she would be there for us and cheer us on always. We created a close bond, and I miss being in her class because she always was rooting for us. She made everyone in the class feel special, and cared about. I couldn't have asked for a better teacher than her.

2. Improves students' skills for employment and/or success in academic endeavors.

Mrs. Black was our math support teacher, and she was there to help us with any questions that we had. In the beginning, not many people would speak their minds about what they were having trouble with. But, as the semester went on, she made sure that everyone felt comfortable in her class. Making sure that no one felt like their question was dumb, or that it wasn't a good question to have. Double-checking with us that we knew and understood what we were talking about was a big help for me.

3. Motivates students to be an active and concerned citizen of the community.

She would talk about how important it was to always be kind to someone and help them if you can because you don't know what they are going through. When we talked she would say that treating people with kindness is so important and it isn't hard to do so. Again, she told everyone that she would always be their cheerleader if they needed one. And even though I don't have her class anymore, I still go and see her from time to time to catch up with her, which I haven't done with any of my other teachers.

4. Is engaged on campus and/or in the community.

I'm not sure what Mrs. Black does outside of campus for her community, but I bet it is nothing short of amazing.



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2024 NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY**

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Degree (s), schools attended, industry experience:

BS, Mathematics, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS
BS, Education, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS
MS, Instructional Design & Technology, Western IL University, Macomb, IL
Master Online Teacher Certificate, University of Illinois Springfield, Springfield, IL

Position at the college:

Mathematics faculty member

Classes taught:

Statistics Supplement
College Algebra Supplement
Basic Algebra
Intermediate Algebra
Technical Mathematics 1

Years teaching at IVCC and years teaching elsewhere:

I will have taught at IVCC for 25 years, effective June 2024. I also taught junior high and high school mathematics from 1996-1999 in the LaMoille School District.

Programs, committees, student organizations in which involved:

I am currently serving as a member of the Distance Learning Committee. I also served one academic year as Co-chair of that committee in 2022-2023. I am also on the Multiple Measures team which discusses placement mandates and initiatives for our campus and our students. In addition, I am also serving as an IVCC team member for the Partnership for College Completion cohort. For the last several years, I've served as the liaison to our district high schools for the state's Transitional Math initiative.

I am also one of the Faculty Facilitators for the Excellent Online Teaching course that IVCC offers in-house to our full- and part-time faculty. Lastly, I most recently joined the IT Committee.

Professional activities outside the college:

Professional organization memberships:

I am a member of the National Organization for Student Success (NOSS), formerly known as the National Organization for Developmental Education (NADE).

Presentations, publications, exhibits, etc.

I was a co-presenter at the Fall 2023 Faculty Development Day, where Dawn Lockwood and I discussed Regular and Substantive Interaction--a vital component of the best practices in online teaching.

Hometown:

Oglesby, IL

Family:

Married to math faculty member, Wes Black. Mom to daughters Bethany (& Eli) and Rachel, and first-time Grandma coming in September!