Pat Ziegelmeier Recognized as Outstanding Teacher

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Long-time Colby Community College instructor Pat Ziegelmeier was recognized for teaching excellence as part of commencement activities on May 14. Ziegelmeier was the recipient of the 2011 Tangeman Award given to recognize the year's outstanding teacher.

Ziegelmeier began at CCC in 1989 after completing a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Wyoming and a Master's in Educational Administration at Fort Hays State University. She teaches Piano, Keyboard Skills, Harmony, and Fundamentals of Music. In addition, she is the accompanist for the CCC Concert Choir and Sunflower Singers

The award was presented by Dean of Academic Affairs Joyce Washburn.

"Criteria for the Tangeman Award include service to the institution and to the community, professional activities, and excellent teaching practices with satisfactory results," said Washburn. "Throughout her career at CCC, Pat has earned consistently high evaluations and her classroom performance has always been at the highest level of competence. She has contributed immeasurably to the entire department at CCC, the community and organizations across the state."

As well as teaching, Ziegelmeier plays the piano and organ at a number of public events each year and is very active in the Western Plains Arts Association.

She and her husband Carl have five adult children. They are all graduates of CCC.