



If you missed the Employee Appreciation Carnival on April 16th, you missed a fun event! Employees enjoyed hot dogs, ice cream and other treats, were entertained by clowns and a magician, and had a chance to win prizes by playing a variety of carnival games. Click on the link to see photos from the event: [Employee Appreciation Event 2008](#)

In previous years, retirees, employees with 25 years of service, and Golden Apple nominees and winners were recognized at the Spring Reception. However, because the funding for the Golden Apple (provided by the Chester Smith family) has been expended, we chose to use the opportunity to make some changes to the employee recognition program:

- The Golden Apple has been retired and replaced with the Outstanding Employee of the Month & Year award. (Follow this link to read more about this new program: [Employee Recognition Programs](#)) We encourage you to nominate a deserving co-worker or someone you supervise for this monthly award. Two employees (one faculty and one staff member) will then be selected from this group of monthly winners to receive the Outstanding Employee of the Year award, which will be presented at the annual Employee Appreciation event in April.
- Retirees were recognized at the Employee Appreciation Carnival in April, and we'll continue to explore the best ways to recognize their service and contributions to the College.
- Each fall at the Welcome Back event, employees will be recognized for every five (5) years of service, as opposed to recognizing only 25-year employees.

Thanks to everyone who shared their thoughts and ideas on our survey for future Employee Appreciation Events.