



DR. LARISA EADS NAMED 2016 IRSC FACULTY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Dr. Larisa Eads of Vero Beach was presented with the Harriett Kirk Crago Faculty of the Year Award at the Indian River State College Campus Coalition Government Awards Banquet. The award is presented annually to an outstanding IRSC faculty member who is selected by students. An Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Dr. Eads began teaching part-time at IRSC in 2001 and was appointed to a full-time position in 2011. Student comments remark on her “willingness to give extra help,” “great sense of humor,” and “passion for chemistry, making every class enjoyable.” Dr. Eads developed a diagnostic tool to ensure that math skills don’t hinder student learning, created helpful tutorials and review materials and piloted new homework programs. Her efforts have resulted in 85% student success rates. She is also supportive of students outside the classroom, volunteering with the IRSC Science Club, Brain Bowl, the Firefighter’s Challenge and the NJCAA Swimming and Diving Championships. She holds a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the prestigious Russian Academy of Sciences.

The Faculty of the Year Award is named in honor of Harriett Kirk Crago, a highly respected former member of the IRSC Board of Trustees. The honoree is selected from the Faculty Members of the Month. The 2015-16 Faculty Members of the Month are, September, Dale Rieth; October, Herbert Ricardo; November, Keara Sodano; December, James Jeffers; January, Dean Wagstaffe; February, Larisa Eads; March, Paul Godfrey; April Michael Bonville.