



**Harriett Kirk Crago Faculty of the Year Award
Dr. Maria Seidel**

Indian River State College recognized Dr. Maria Seidel as the Harriett Kirk Crago Faculty of the Year. Maria, Associate Professor in the Health Science Division, has served as an IRSC faculty member since 1994. An advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner, she recently completed her Doctorate in Nursing Practice from the University of Southern Florida.

In addition to her responsibilities as an instructor, She serves as the President of the Florida Nurses Association, District 24, and is involved in community activities such as the St. Lucie County Diabetic Coalition and Relay for Life.

Maria's students at IRSC best know the dedication she shares towards success in their education. One student shares that "Dr. Seidel is a fabulous teacher and wonderful person!" Another shares that she is "very protective of her students and is willing to take the time to teach all that she knows." Her students continue, saying that "We have to work hard in her class but she is very helpful and we learn a lot. She always puts her students first."