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The Association for Non-Traditional Students in Higher Education just held its 12th Annual Conference at Saint Martin's University in Lacey Washington. This annual conference provides opportunities for nontraditional students, as well as those academic professionals who support them, to come together for a weekend of learning, collaboration, and recognition.

At the award ceremony on Sunday Middle Tennessee State University received two outstanding recognitions. MTSU received a Two Star* rating from the newly released ANTSHE Campus survey. This is the second highest ranking achieved of the 47 uniquely identified institutions which participated. The survey program was designed to gauge the services provided to nontraditional students at various institutions and provide feedback in the form of ranking. The ranking was done based on a point system, having 28 points possible. Some of the main items of interest were having a student organization, scholarship, and services office. The ranking also allowed for additional points to be awarded for services offered above and beyond those services graded. Middle Tennessee State University received 3 additional points for their peer mentoring services, website for off-campus housing, and Annual Adult Learner Conference.

The other outstanding recognition for MTSU was for one of their exceptional academic professionals, Dr. Carol Ann Baily. Dr. Baily was nominated among her peers and awarded the ANTSHE National Treasure Award. This award is given to a recipient who works on behalf of nontraditional students, as an advocate not only on their own campus, but has an impact on and supports national advocacy. Dr. Baily is deserving of this award based on her untiring efforts on behalf of the students on her campus and her continued advocacy through participation and mentoring of national programs for all nontraditional students.

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When asked to comment ANTSHE President said *“It was my honor to present Dr. Baily this award. I have known her for several years now and can think of no one who is more deserving of this honor.”* Dr. Baily receives this award based on her untiring efforts on behalf of the students on her campus and her continued advocacy through participation and mentoring of national programs for all nontraditional students

In a letter sent to MTSU President McPhee, ANTSHE Pres. Bunnell stated *“We congratulate Middle Tennessee State University on their achievements and superior ranking in support of non-traditional students, and for allowing us the privilege and honor of recognizing an outstanding member of your university community”.*

ANTSHE continues to provide support to all member non-traditional student programs across the country, and due in part to the survey results, will continue to offer MTSU program as a model to which other institutions can strive to emulate on their campus.

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Additional Info: ANTSHE is an international partnership of students, academic professionals, institutions, and organizations whose mission is to encourage and coordinate support, education, and advocacy for the adult learner.