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## P R E S I D E N T ' S A W A R D

### ***Donna Hendricks***

**D**onna Hendricks' contribution to South Arkansas Community College stretches back to her days as a staff member at Southern Arkansas University-El Dorado. Her employment began in 1979.

She was hired as an administrative assistant in student services, a job that she held for more than eight years before taking a position in college recruitment and student publicity. In the mean time, she went to college herself, graduating from SAU-El Dorado in 1984 with an associate's degree in office occupations and SAU in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in information management and management.

She moved to the faculty side in 1992 and has taught business and technology at SouthArk ever since. She graduated with a master's degree in quantitative analysis from Louisiana Tech University in 1996.

When becoming a faculty member, Hendricks also took on the role of Phi Beta Lambda advisor. For 25 years she has led SouthArk's chapter of the business organization to unparalleled heights, being named state Advisor of the Year four times, shepherding SouthArk to 20 different Gold Chapter designations and leading more than 1,000 students to winning more than 1,200 state PBL awards and more than 200 national top-10 finishes.

A popular professor, Hendricks is a previous winner of the Baumgardner Award, selected by students and designating the most helpful and supportive SouthArk instructor. She has been recognized by her peers with National Institute for Staff Organizational Development Excellence Awards three times.

She has been married to her husband Guy Hendricks for nearly 50 years, and together they have two children, three grandchildren and one great grandchild.



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