



2009 Nell Ann Pickett Award Winner

For her outstanding dedication, service, and leadership, **Sharon Mitchler** of Centralia College in Centralia, Washington, has been selected as the 2009 winner of the Nell Ann Pickett Service Award.

This award honors an outstanding teacher who exemplifies creativity, sensitivity, and leadership. It is named for Nell Ann Pickett, professor of English at Hinds Community College, Raymond, Mississippi. Pickett was instrumental in the creation of TYCA and served as editor of the TYCA journal, *Teaching English in the Two-Year College*, from 1988 to 1994. The award was presented at the CCCC Awards Ceremony on March 13, 2009.

Sharon Mitchler is an Associate Professor at Centralia College. In her role as National TYCA Chair (2004-2006), she has had a strong voice on the Executive Committees of the National Council of Teachers of English and the Conference on College Composition and Communication. She was instrumental in transforming the TYCA-Pacific Northwest region from a weakening organization to a thriving group. Over the past several years Ms. Mitchler has served in many capacities within NCTE, TYCA, and CCCC. Her personal approach and her positive and encouraging nature exemplifies what we hope for all two-year college teachers.