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Chemistry and environmental science professor receives Carroll College faculty award

WAUKESHA, WIS.— An associate professor of chemistry and environmental science has received an annual Carroll College award that recognizes excellence in teaching, research and educational innovation.

Dr. Joseph Piatt of Waukesha was presented the Benjamin F. Richason Jr. Faculty Award at the college's 162nd Commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 11, 2008. Piatt, who earned his bachelor's degree at Marquette University, master's degree at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and his doctorate at the University of Arizona, joined the Carroll faculty in 1998.

The award is a memorial established by the family, friends and colleagues of the late Professor Ben Richason, a professor of geography at Carroll from 1952 until his death in 1988.

In presenting the award, Dr. Joanne Passaro, provost, said of Piatt, "He is known as an engaging, excellent and dedicated teacher. His lectures and labs emphasize the connections to everyday life, and his students find that he is supportive of their research ideas and mentors them toward their goals. Colleagues comment on his 'amazing work ethic.'"

Piatt is a two-time Pioneer Scholars mentor, working one-on-one with undergraduate students to perform a summer research project; is active in grant writing; has taught a New Cultural Experiences Program course that took students to Russia and Kazakhstan; and serves on a variety of college committees.

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