



## Brescia University College Award for Excellence in Teaching

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Brescia University College invites nominations for its Award for Excellence in Teaching. Nominations are due February 1, 2012. The purpose of the Brescia award is to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding efforts made by Brescia faculty in fostering the academic development of students. The Award is given to professors who excel in two or more of the following activities:

- 1) **Classroom teaching**, which includes regular classes and lectures, seminars, tutorials and laboratory sessions.
- 2) **Academic counselling**, which may involve assisting students in selecting courses or choosing programs of study, helping them make career choices, writing letters of recommendation, offering information and advice on professional programs and graduate schools, and so on.
- 3) **Designing courses or academic programs** to suit the needs of students, a Department, or the College as a whole.
- 4) **Producing educational materials** such as textbooks, instructional packages, laboratory manuals, software, study guides, slides, films and handouts.
- 5) **Participating in teaching development activities** like workshops or seminars designed to improve or enhance teaching skills and strategies.
- 6) **Developing innovative teaching methods**, such as providing an opportunity for experiential learning, fieldwork, or learning through community service.

**To submit a nomination** two or more nominators work together to prepare the nomination. The nominators may be students, faculty, alumnae, or any combination of these. First, the team will contact the professor to determine whether she/he is willing to be nominated. If a positive response is received, the nominators will then prepare a one-page letter of nomination. The letter may refer to the criteria above in making the case.

**Nominations** must be submitted to the Selection Committee, Award for Teaching Excellence by February 1, 2012 C/O the Office of the Academic Dean, Brescia University College, 1285 Western Road, London, ON N6G 1H2.

Questions of clarification may be directed to members of the 2011-12 Selection Committee: John Mitchell (Coordinator), Colleen Hanycz, Isabelle Giroux, Dennis Hudecki, designated Alumnae Rep, and President designate of the BUC Students' Council.

The Selection Committee then assists the nominees to prepare a dossier. The decision of the Selection Committee is announced in April.