

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

2008 Graduate Community of Scholars Tribute

The Department of Reading and Language Arts is this year's recipient of the **Graduate Community of Scholars Tribute Award**. Presented annually during the spring Graduate Forum, the award was established by the CCSU Graduate Studies Committee in 2001 to recognize departments or programs whose ongoing work and scholarly activities embody the School's five graduate tenets—Community of Scholars, Scholarly Inquiry, Intellectual and Personal Integrity, Excellence, and Leadership.



2008 CSU Trustees Teaching Award

Dr. Cara Mulcahy is the recipient of the University-level 2008 CSU Trustees Teaching Award at Central Connecticut State University. Dr. Mulcahy, an assistant professor of reading and language arts, was "recognized as a model teacher able to engage students in deep thinking, problem solving and creativity, effective in systematically building upon her students' previous learning, and successfully interweaving her research and teaching, resulting in exemplary work in critical literacy and the use of technology to resolve the challenges facing marginalized high school students" (<http://www.ctstateu.edu/trustees/TrusteeAwards.htm>). The Trustees Teaching Award was presented to Dr. Mulcahy at the CSU Board meeting, April 10, 2008, at Western Connecticut State University.



Bookbird Editorial Appointment

Dr. Catherine Kurkjian was appointed co-editor of **Bookbird** with Sylvia Vardel from the School of Library and Informational Studies at Texas Women's University. **Bookbird** is an international journal of the International Bureau of Books for Youth (IBBY), an organization whose mission is to promote peace through children's literature. IBBY sponsors the Hans Christian Andersen Award and also conducts reading initiatives around the world. The Journal comes out four times a year and although written in English encourages manuscripts from around the world and will translate articles written in other languages. IBBY has over 70 national sections including USBBY. **Bookbird** is posted on the IBBY website at: <<http://www.ibby.org/index.php?id=276&L=0.html>>

