Salute to Triton Faculty

These faculty were presented with the **Outstanding Faculty Award:**
- Mary Romberger – Adjunct in the Science Department for 37 years.
- Mike Thiry – Adjunct in the Business Department for 39 years.
- JoBeth Halpin – Architecture Faculty, retiring this year.
- William Griffin – Business Faculty and Program Coordinator.

Preet Saluja (pictured above center), Chemistry instructor, received the **Lifetime Achievement Award.** Dr. Saluja, retiring this year, was recognized for his passion of teaching and raising funds for students in need.

The Criminal Justice Program received a **NEMRT Host Site Award.** NEMRT, North East Multi-Regional Training is a program for law officials. The award was accepted by CJA Faculty John Augustine.

**Action Exhibits and Purchasing Schedules Approved**  All of the exhibits presented to the Board were approved, including Data Sharing agreements with local schools as part of our School/College Alliance, authorization to conduct a Campus-Wide Space Planning Study, and college-related travel. See the [Board of Trustees website](#) for information on all of the items that went to the Board of Trustees in April.
**St. Baldrick’s Fundraiser**

Bill Justiz announced that $3,276 was raised through gracious donation for the St. Baldrick’s Head-Shaving Event that he and his EMT students participated in. “This was an excellent way for the students to experience sacrifice and service to their community while raising money for the worthy cause of supporting research to conquer childhood cancer.” noted Mr. Justiz. The funds were donated to St. Baldrick’s in honor of Triton student Stephanie Page, who died in March after a three-year battle with cancer.

**Nuevos Horizontes Transition**

As discussed at the January and February Board meetings, Nuevos Horizontes is set to transition from its Melrose Park location to the Triton campus to better serve students with support services that include ESL, High School Completion, and Spanish GED classes, tutoring, access to literacy, student success strategists, scholarships, advisors, Library, Academic Success Center, Career Services, ETRC computers, health services, student life, financial aid, fitness center, etc. Transportation will be provided for students currently attending classes from Nuevos to the Triton Campus.

Enrollment at Nuevos Horizontes has declined over 50 percent in the last ten years and district-wide surveys report that 80 percent of students would prefer to come to the Triton campus rather than an outreach center. Only 1 percent of Nuevos students have transitioned to college credit courses over the past five years, which does not reflect student success. “The Board has an obligation to serve the whole district – all 25 communities, approximately 300,000 residents,” stated Chairman Stephens. “I am committed to serving everyone to the best of our ability, and that means getting people in programs to help them gain employment or advance in their current jobs.” The Village of Melrose Park may purchase the building and transition it into a community service facility of which Triton will remain a part.

Five community members spoke to the Board asking that the center not close, expressing that Nuevos Horizontes is a benefit to the community, a cornerstone to the immigrant community in Melrose Park, comfortable and convenient to those who use it.

An Open Public Forum is scheduled at Nuevos Horizontes on Wednesday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m.