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Triton College Faculty Members Receive Award

Salvatore Siriano and Risè Sanders-Weir Honored at Board Meeting

RIVER GROVE, Ill. – Dr. Susan Campos, vice president of Academic Affairs, proudly presented faculty member Salvatore Siriano with the Outstanding Full-Time Faculty of the Year Award and adjunct faculty member Risè Sanders-Weir with the Outstanding Adjunct Faculty of the Year Award on Tuesday, April 25, at the Triton College board meeting.

Both Siriano and Sanders-Weir were recognized by the board of trustees for their accomplishment.

Full-time faculty member Salvatore Siriano was raised in Elmwood Park, a suburb very close to Triton College. Growing up, he played a variety of instruments from guitar to saxophone.

“I like that I am still connected to the community where I grew up,” he said.

Siriano began working at Triton College in January 2020. He currently teaches Music Theory and Electronic Music for music majors, and Listening to Music to non-music majors. He’s also the director for the Triton Community Band.

During his time at Triton, Siriano feels very proud that he was able to update Triton’s music curriculum and host in-person and virtual performances by a wide variety of artists from around the world.

Siriano holds degrees in music composition. His audiovisual work *Static Interludes* was recently featured at Earth Day Art Model 2023, a global telematic and media event hosted by Purdue’s School of Engineering and Technology.

“It’s nice to know the efforts that I’ve put in at Triton have been recognized and well received,” said Siriano.

Adjunct faculty member Risè Sanders-Weir moved to the Chicago area for graduate school. She was a staff producer/director/writer for Towers Productions from 1996-2000, working for A&E, the History Channel, and the Weather Channel. She has been a freelancer since then, working for a variety of networks.

Sanders-Weir has been an adjunct instructor at Triton College since 2011 and teaches Cinema Appreciation remotely.

“Working as an adjunct instructor at Triton has been a great fit for me,” she explained.

Outside of Triton College, Sanders-Weir still produces and directs documentaries. Her recent documentary, *Gadget Girls*, was screened at the American Film Showcase (AFS) in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, from June 19-25, 2022.

The documentary focuses on the social pressures girls face when they show an interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) and how one of Triton’s innovative programs helps to address this.

“It’s very humbling to be selected amongst several energetic peers,” she said. “I feel very proud.”

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