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Fortis Institute Administrator Recognized for Service to Students

TALLAHASSEE, FL – August 12, 2014 – A Fortis Institute administrator was honored for her service to students by the Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges (FAPSC), a statewide organization representing private career schools.

Maria Goodspeed from Fortis Institute in Pensacola was selected the 2014 Gail Benjamin Student Services Administrator of the Year. The honor is named for Gail Benjamin, who began assisting students in 1996 and quickly became involved in helping students across 130 schools.

The leaders of Florida’s career colleges recently recognized the sector’s outstanding graduate, school, faculty and administrators of the year. The 2014 awards were presented at the association’s annual conference in Miami.

“Maria is truly an asset for the students at Fortis Institute,” said Curtis Austin, executive director of FAPSC. “Under her guidance, the Learning Resource Center has become an indispensable extension of the classroom, a place where students come to study and conduct research.”

The award also recognizes Goodspeed’s leadership in several areas, including her service on the Fortis Institute advisory board. As well, she directs the Fortis Institute orientation program for students – Campus Portal – that is known for its high participation rates.

Fortis Institute provides programs for students interested in careers in nursing, massage therapy, allied health and skilled trades.

FAPSC has been the voice of Florida’s career schools since 1956. The association of more than 250 members works on behalf of the more than 1,000 licensed private career schools and colleges in Florida that prepare 300,000 students each year for employment by offering degree programs, certification and training.

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