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Cathy Valcke receives Distinguished Service Award

KOKOMO, Ind. — Cathy Valcke lives cream and crimson, as a passionate Indiana University supporter.

The Indiana University Kokomo Alumni Association recently rewarded her many years of dedication with its Distinguished Service Award. She began her career at IU Kokomo in April 1998, as director of alumni relations and public affairs. In June 2010, she became director of human resources, a position she continues to hold in addition to serving as interim vice chancellor.

Amanda Shoultz, immediate past president, could not think of a more deserving recipient.

“Cathy Valcke is a shining example of dedication and service to her campus, her university, and her community,” she said. “Her passion for all things IU runs deep, and is part of the fabric that is IU Kokomo. There are few names that top the list when thinking of those who have molded IU Kokomo into what it is today, and her name is atop that list.”

Bob Hayes, a former alumni association president, said Valcke encouraged him to take leadership roles in the association, and was his mentor as president.

“Cathy has always been a combination of compassion, dedication, and professionalism,” he said. “She made being a board member easy, as she always made us look like we knew what we were doing, and were doing it well.”

Valcke is thankful for and humbled by the honor.

“It’s a good feeling to know I’ve been of service,” she said “There’s no way I will ever be able to repay what IU Kokomo has given me.”

Valcke earned a bachelor's degree in communication arts from IU Kokomo, as well as a Master of Science in higher education administration and student affairs from IU.

She won the Outstanding Administrator of the Year award in 2000, and the Don Lane Service Award in 2003. She has served as president and vice president of the professional staff council.

In the community, Valcke is a member of the United Way of Howard County Board of Directors, was on the development council for the Congregation of St. Joseph in Tipton, graduated from Leadership Kokomo, and volunteers with the Family Service Association of Howard County.

Indiana University Kokomo serves north central Indiana.

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