

**Catherine O’Kane Shackson —
Recipient of Teaching Excellence Award for Part-Time Faculty**

Cathy Shackson says she has wanted to be a teacher her entire life. She has taught at Miami Middletown for the past seven years, working as an academic advisor in Student Services part time for three semesters. She is currently serving on the Honors Program Committee. And she is often seen taking advantage of programs offered to improve teaching competence such as Small Group Instructional Diagnosis, CTL and GCCCU workshops, etc. Cathy’s nominator said about her, “Cathy Shackson has always displayed for her students the perfect combination of professionalism and nurturing support.... As an adjunct, Cathy is required only to teach her classes and offer her students some kind of ‘office hour’ availability. I am personally amazed at how many hours I’ve seen her put into one-on-one mentoring with students in order to assure them of a more successful academic outcome.... The extra, uncompensated work that Cathy does extends well beyond the classroom.” Indeed, Cathy is well known for maintaining high standards, but also working with students to promote learning on an individual basis. As a part-time faculty member, Cathy sets the standard for teaching at Miami Middletown.