

# Quality Matters Award



Dr. Kathy Chatfield has been recognized for her outstanding efforts toward improving digital learning at Clark College.

Chatfield, who leads the college's eLearning and instructional design department, has received the Ron Legon Leadership Award for Quality Digital Education bestowed by Quality Matters and MarylandOnline. The award is reserved for singular contributors to the mission of continuous improvement in digital learning.

Quality Matters is an international leader for quality assurance in online and innovative digital teaching and learning environments. Chatfield is among five award recipients who have demonstrated an exceptional dedication to quality in digital learning.

Chatfield's work of improving online experiences for students includes building sustainable quality assurance processes at the institutional level. Clark College began offering online classes in 2005. Online classes were the first to fill and the first to put students on a waitlist.

Quality Matters stated: "The Ron Legon award acknowledges the impact Chatfield's leadership has had on faculty, staff, students and the educational landscape at large through her steadfast devotion to the pursuit of quality assurance."

In their recognition, Quality Matters added: "Chatfield represents a strong voice at both the college and state levels, where she helps sustain support for the importance of quality standards in online learning. At Clark College, she works to maintain the culture of professional development she has built among the institution's faculty. As a member of the Washington State eLearning Council, she has championed statewide adoption of effective policy on digital learning."

"I am very honored to have been selected as the recipient of this year's Leadership Award for Quality Digital Education," Chatfield said. "The rigor and dedication to quality that is involved in education and peer-reviewed course design through the Quality Matters organization inspires us to always strive for better, stay on a path of continuous improvement and seek greatness in our students' learning. I am proud to represent Clark College in this endeavor." Chatfield will accept her award at a ceremony during the QM Connect Conference Nov. 5-8 at the Radisson Blu Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn. She has been asked to speak about what the award means to her.

"I'm diligently working on my speech," Chatfield said. "My aim is to inspire others to leadership in eLearning and to recognize Clark College as being a leader, itself, in this field."

Chatfield has served in higher education for 34 years at eight

institutions. She has worked at Clark College since January 1995. She has taught part-time in person and online. She has served full-time in the eLearning and Instructional Design department since 2006.

## **About Quality Matters**

Quality Matters is a global organization leading quality assurance in online and innovative digital teaching and learning environments. It provides a scalable quality assurance system for online and blended learning used within and across organizations. QM certification marks on courses or programs means they have met QM course design standards or QM program review criteria in a rigorous review process. Learn more at [here](#).