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JSRCC opticianry program head named to national most influential list

Richmond, Va. (July 27, 2009) - Kristina Green, director of the J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Opticianry Program, has been named "One of the 2009 Most Influential Women in Optical" by the optical industries leading news trade publication *Vision Monday*.

Green has been in opticianry for 14 years and has served as the director of the school's opticianry program for the past six years. Her responsibilities include the instruction and revision of all courses including ophthalmic optics, finishing laboratory, ophthalmic dispensing, contact lens theory, clinical, anatomy and physiology of the eye, and optical business management.

Green is passionate about spreading the message of the true value and need for formal education saying, "Today's technological advances demand a higher level of expertise. My personal belief is that opticianry will never reach the level of respect it deserves as an allied health profession without requiring formal education, licensure and continuing education."

In addition to earning a Master of Science degree in Occupational and Technical Education, Green is an ABO-Master Optician and a Fellow of the Contact Lens Society of America.

"The women in the most influential list exude excellence and are prime examples of what a leader should be," said Joel Adler, JSRCC acting dean for the JSRCC School of Nursing and Allied Health. "We are very fortunate to have Kristi. She is very talented and she is committed to bringing incredible value to the College and the community."

Green has two favorite duties when it comes to heading up the opticianry program at Reynolds—the first is talking to perspective students about entering the field of opticianry and the second is volunteering as a marshal on graduation day to experience firsthand the fruits of her labors.

Serving over 18,000 students annually, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College is the youngest and third largest of 23 community colleges in Virginia. The College operates three campuses serving residents in the City of Richmond and the counties of Henrico, Hanover, Goochland, Powhatan and Louisa.

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