

# Debra Rose recognized

The Western Piedmont Foundation Inc. recently named **Debra Jean Rose** as the recipient of the Foundation's annual Excellence in Teaching Award.

Rose was recognized by Foundation President Sterling R. Collett III at Western Piedmont Community College's Spring Commencement Exercises held on June 1, at the City of Morganton Municipal Auditorium.

A native of Avery County, Rose came to Western Piedmont in 1986. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude from The University of Georgia and received the Graduate Teaching Award and the Outstanding Graduate Leadership Award from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

As a member of the English faculty and the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences at WPCC, she has served not just as a teacher, but also as a committee chair for the college's critical self study process, as advisor to two different student



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clubs, and in the community as a volunteer Big Sister.

Each year, the Foundation presents the Excellence in Teaching Award to a WPCC faculty member who demonstrates dedication and outstanding performance.

In addition to being recognized at the graduation ceremony, Rose received a plaque, a certificate and a financial award of \$500.