Khoury, Gann to be recognized as ETSU’s 2013 Notable Women award winners

JOHNSON CITY – East Tennessee State University faculty members Drs. Amal Khoury and Rosalind Gann are the 2013 recipients of the Notable Women of ETSU awards sponsored by the university’s Women’s Studies Program.

Khoury and Gann will be honored at the annual Notable Women of ETSU Colloquium on Wednesday, Nov. 13, from 5-7 p.m. in the D.P. Culp University Center’s East Tennessee Room. The public is invited to this free event, and current and former students of the honorees are especially welcome. Refreshments will be served at the ceremony.

The awards and colloquium highlight the expertise and accomplishments of women academicians at ETSU; provide a forum for the exchange of ideas, research and projects generated by women faculty; and identify women faculty whose work advances understanding of women and their lives.

Khoury is the chair and professor in the College of Public Health’s Department of Health Management and Policy. Her nomination highlights her dedication to student learning and her strong commitment to her field of study. She is internationally recognized for her work in women’s health, is a recipient of multiple national grants, and is currently the principal investigator on a proposal submitted to the National Cancer Institute for research on breast cancer prevention to underserved women in Appalachia.

“Dr. Khoury is a consummate professional, and is well-liked and deeply respected by her peers,” her nominator wrote. “Most importantly, despite her tremendous work commitments, she also manages to prioritize her children and her family. Dr. Khoury is, without a doubt, a model for excellence, hard work, productivity, demeanor, and balance.”

Gann is an associate professor within the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in the Claudius G. Clemmer College of Education. Her work in literacy and reading practice spans five countries and three continents. Her nomination states that she recently developed a local community outreach project for English Language Learners (ELL). This program serves Hispanic single parents looking to improve their careers and economic status. Gann has also worked in the Czech Republic, where she initiated a similar ELL program to help provide learning assistance for young mothers wanting to re-enter the Czech workforce.

As her nominator wrote, “She is a champion of those whose voices are often not heard as much as they should be.” As a result of her efforts, Gann received the university’s Distinguished Faculty Award in Service in 2012. She is also the recipient of multiple state and national grants on reading improvement and content area reading practices.

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