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## **News Release**

### **Delmar's Sandra Sorell Receives NYSTRS Award** *Honored for Continual Contribution to Excellence*

**ALBANY, N.Y. (Feb. 25, 2009)** — Sandra Sorell, coordinator of quality and training for the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (NYSTRS), was recently honored as the inaugural recipient of the NYSTRS Continual Contribution to Excellence award.

Sorell, a resident of Delmar, was honored for her more than three decades of exemplary service to NYSTRS. Among her accomplishments: initiating the System's diversity training program; administering the tuition reimbursement program; facilitating improved training methods; and, fostering a culture of recognition.

“Sandra's long list of accomplishments would be enough to merit praise and admiration from co-workers and supervisors alike, but these only measure a fraction of her contributions to NYSTRS,” said NYSTRS Board President R. Michael Kraus, who presented the award in his capacity as chairman of the System's Personnel and Planning Committee. “Sandra's positive attitude and tireless work ethic, coupled with her well-earned reputation as a resourceful problem solver, have earned her the trust and respect of all.”

The System began a program of recognizing its top employees in 1971 to celebrate the staff members whose achievements best contribute to the fulfillment of the System's goals and objectives. Sorell was presented with a plaque during the Board's January meeting.

The New York State Teachers' Retirement System provides retirement, disability and death benefits to eligible New York State public school teachers and administrators. NYSTRS is the second largest public retirement system in the state and one of the 10 largest systems in the nation, serving over 275,000 active members and more than 130,000 retirees and beneficiaries.

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