Dignam family honored

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Englewood residents and longtime State College of Florida supporters Annette and Tom Dignam are the first married couple to receive the SCF President’s Award of Distinction, given Saturday at spring commencement.

Dedicated to growing their family-owned business, Key Insurance Agency, Tom and Annette also have invested enthusiasm, time and funds into education and community causes. A few of the Dignams’ contributions to SCF include serving on the Board of Directors of...
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the SCF Foundation Inc., having two named classrooms in the Sarah H. Poppas Professional Development Center at SCF Venice; raising funds for the Center for Innovation and Technology at SCF Lakewood Ranch and sponsoring tables at college fundraising events.

They were named among Sarasota’s 100 Most Powerful People; received the Association of Fundraising Professionals Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year Award and were featured in the Community Video Archives.

Also May 5, Venice resident Jacqueline MacPherson was named SCF Outstanding Graduate for superior leadership, academic achievement and community service while attending SCF.

The spring 2012 commencement exercises were held in the Neil Performing Arts Center at SCF Bradenton, 5840 26th St. West.

Two ceremonies were held to accommodate the 279 graduates who participated out of 801 students eligible for graduation. In addition to associate degree graduates, 14 bachelor of science in nursing graduates received their degrees.

MacPherson served as a student state secretary and student delegate for the Florida Dental Hygiene Association and student delegate for the SCF Student American Dental Hygienists’ Association.

She participated in Smile Lobby Day held in Tallahassee and volunteered at the SCF Boys & Girls Club Giving Kids a Smile Day. American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, Special Olympics Florida, Creekwood Dental Giving Thanks for a Smile and Healthy Smiles for Healthy Kids education program.

MacPherson is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. After graduation, she plans to pursue a Bachelor of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene at St. Petersburg College.

Other finalists for outstanding graduates were Dillon Clancy, Nokomis; Kimberly Edmondson, Sarasota; James Hyld, Bradenton; Tony Labadie, Sarasota and Amanda Peebles, Bradenton.

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