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Valerie Swart receives Ron Bouvier Award

At the 34th annual commencement ceremonies on May 29, 2009, Valerie Swart received the Ron Bouvier Award, named after ECA's former Discipleship Director who passed away in 2007.



During his time as a faculty member, Ron coached athletic teams, conducted retreats, led wilderness trips, taught Bible classes and led all of the ECA chapels. However, this has less to do with what Ron did and everything to do with who Ron was.

Ron's life was about loving and encouraging people, dealing with sin in his life and lovingly confronting sin in others' lives. He often sacrificed himself for others, demonstrating his desire to model Christ by being a servant, not being served. Ron's passion for God and His

Word were exhibited by his faithfulness in prayer and reading the Scriptures.

The Ron Bouvier Discipleship award is given to a senior young man or woman who best represents these qualities exemplified by Ron:

- possesses a love for people and demonstrates that love through encouragement
- committed to dealing with sin in their own lives and the lives of others
- characterized as a servant has a passion to know Christ and a love for the Word of God and spiritual disciplines.

SCORE International Award recipient named

Valerie Swart, daughter of John & Teresa Swart, was also named the recipient of the second annual SCORE International Award at graduation ceremonies on Friday, May 29, 2009.

The award, underwritten by SCORE International, demonstrates the administration's and faculty's commitment to missions and ministry in the lives of the students of ECA.

Based on the character qualities determined by SCORE International and the parameters established by ECA, the award is present to a senior who:

- attended the senior mission trip with SCORE
- will continue their post-secondary education with a focus on missions (at least ministry)
- models Christ-like behavior in all that he/she does
- has attended ECA for at least two years.

The administrator, Campus Pastor, senior Bible teacher and class sponsor determine

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which student should receive the award.

The scholarship is a one-time award of \$500 and will be sent to the college where the graduate will attend.