New Scholarship Fund Established to Honor David Fearon and Promote Student Business Learning

The University and the Juran Institute recently announced the creation of the David Fearon-Juran Institute Scholarship Fund to support CCSU students. The scholarship is named in honor of CCSU Professor of Management and Organization David Fearon, an esteemed scholar and educator whose commitment to promoting performance excellence was recently honored when the Juran Institute recognized him as a Juran Fellow.

The Fearon–Juran Institute Scholarship will be awarded to CCSU students who have “distinguished themselves by their demonstrated desire to learn beyond today’s conventions of management thought and practice, by their passion for delighting customers, and by their excellence as students,” according to Vice President for Institutional Advancement Christopher Galligan. “In many ways,” Galligan added, “this exceptional scholarship will advance Dave’s mission to inspire students to become leaders in innovative, high-quality-focused management.”

Central alumnus and President of the Juran Institute Joseph A. DeFeo said, “We selected a professor from CCSU, Dr. Fearon, to become a Juran Fellow because his commitment to teaching the principles of quality management mirrors our founder Dr. Joseph M. Juran’s mission and commitment to promoting the spirit of continuous improvement as a way to benefit both business and society. We recognize Dr. Fearon and his relentless pursuit of improvement to the quality of our society. The Dave Fearon–Juran Institute Scholarship will recognize students who share that passion.”

CCSU President Jack Miller congratulated Fearon for his prestigious recognition as one of only a few Juran Fellows and thanked the Juran Institute for “its warm generosity” in creating the scholarship fund. “Gifts such as these enable Central to honor its dual commitment to access and to academic excellence. While the first beneficiaries of this scholarship will be our students, our region and state will also benefit as our students go on to become creative business leaders in Connecticut.”

Fearon says of this generous gift, “Each future donation to our Fund honors every Central student I have taught over the past 24 years. They all experienced my own ways of giving expression to Dr. Juran’s inspiring conviction that people working closest to what is done for customers are vital sources of performance improvements and innovations.”

In addition to inspiring his students to become innovative, customer-focused business leaders, Fearon works tirelessly to create learning and career opportunities for them. His work with Travelers, for example, regularly brings representatives from the company to campus to provide CCSU students with advice and mentoring and to offer networking events. Each week, Fearon brings business leaders to talk with his students who tie theoretical lessons to the practices of their guests. Most of these leaders are Fearon’s former students.

Fearon also engages the community beyond campus. In a “Summer Business Boot Camp” he worked closely with some 30 area middle-school students to deepen their understanding of how businesses are created and sustained.

The Fearon–Juran Institute Scholarship will be awarded first to a sophomore or junior at CCSU beginning in the spring of 2010.

The Juran Institute is headquartered in Southbury, CT, and has offices in Canada, Spain, The Netherlands, Germany, the United Kingdom, South Africa, China, Dubai, and South Korea. Juran provides a wide range of training and consulting services designed to improve overall business performance, using Quality, Lean, and Six Sigma methodologies.