

“Anita Forte-Scott '91, exemplifies everything that ECC would be proud to have in their alumni. She is accomplished, driven, compassionate, inquisitive, selfless, involved, steadfast, reliable and so much more”, according to her nominator, Debbie Perryman. Anita thrives on challenges and is always involved with community projects and personal goals. Ms. Forte-Scott is an entrepreneur and is the owner/administrator of Bright Stars Academy Child Care / Pre-School & After School Center in Elgin, Illinois. [www.BrightStarsAcademy.com](http://www.BrightStarsAcademy.com)

Ms. Forte-Scott is well liked, respected and makes a lasting positive impact with every community task she accepts. She has a philanthropic side as she helps serve some of the poorest and underprivileged, accepting the Child Care Assistance program at her center. Some of her clients are single mothers taking classes at ECC or are trying to graduate from high school. She also provides time and resources for her employees to attend early childhood education classes at ECC. You see, Ms. Forte-Scott knows the importance of a community college education and how having a high quality childcare facility is critical to a student's success.

#### Community Involvement

- Founded and operating Bright Stars Academy, a successful childcare center, for the past eleven years.
- Elected to the Schaumburg Township District Library Board of Trustees for her Third Term and is the current Vice-President / Secretary and Past President.
- Rotary Club member for the past 9 years and is currently membership and fellowship chairman, and is on the board of directors. Founded and coordinated the Poplar Creek Watershed Planning Commission for 12 years and continues to serve the community and environment as a member of the Hoffman Estates Sustainability Commission.
- Member of the Hoffman Estates Celtic Commission, appointed by the Mayor, and has planned many successful community events including this year's Celtic Fest on May 4, 2013 at the Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates. This event is Free to everyone and is Free to park.

#### Honors

- Rotarian of the Year 2011-12
- Illinois Environmental Educator of the Year in 2002 for her Services Learning Projects work
- Illinois Lincoln Excellence in Public Service Series; Fellow – May 2006

Ms. Perryman says, “I have known Anita for a very long time. She has shared with me on many occasions how attending ECC and then going to NIU has given her purpose and direction in her life. She not only found an excellent education and a career path, but found her true life's calling, one which fulfills her spirit and heart as well as the spirits and hearts of those she touches all around here.”