2009 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS
* P. Kay Whitlock PE, D.WRE *

P. Kay Whitlock, Southeastern Illinois College Class of 1967 has been selected by members of the college’s Mu Psi Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa National Honors Society to join Southeastern’s Distinguished Alumni roster.

Whitlock is currently the Vice President of Christopher B. Burke Engineering in Chicago, and manages multi-disciplinary water resource, storm water and flood control projects, including a storm water management plan for Cook County, and hydrology, hydraulics and water resource permitting for the O’Hare Modernization Program.

Before becoming a private consultant in 2001, Whitlock served a number of public agencies in flood control and water resource management issues, including Santa Clara Valley Water District in Silicon Valley, and DuPage County, Illinois.

Whitlock holds an A.S. from Southeastern Illinois College, and a B.S. and M.A. from the University of Illinois. She is a Registered Professional Engineer in Illinois, and a Diplomate, Water Resources Engineer. She was named the Chicago Government Civil Engineer of the Year in 1989, and in 1998, she was selected by President Clinton to sit on the American Heritage Rivers Initiative Advisory Committee.

Whitlock has a long history of service as well. She was a licensed foster parent for runaway “status offender” teen girls. While working in California, Whitlock negotiated an agreement to allow a vacant property to be utilized as transitional housing until it was needed for flood control. She was named to the area’s Board of Directors of the Emergency Housing Consortium which serves to end homelessness in that region. She carried that passion to Chicago where she currently serves as a Director for Mercy Housing Lakefront.