2020

FACULTY/STAFF

AWARDS

WELCOME

to the 20th Annual
Faculty/Staff Awards

PROGRAM

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

Timothy D. Sands
University President

AWARDS RECOGNITION

Timothy D. Sands

Deseria Creighton-Barney
President, Alumni Association Board of Directors

Cyril Clarke
Executive Vice President and Provost

Bryan Garey
Vice President for Human Resources

Deseria Creighton-Barney

CLOSING

Timothy D. Sands

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Created in 1990, the President's Award for Excellence is presented annually to up to five Virginia Tech staff members and certain administrative and professional faculty who have made extraordinary contributions by consistent excellence in the performance of their job or a single incident, contribution, or heroic act.

RECIPIENTS

Margie Murray
Special Events Coordinator
Office of the President

Gladys Sartin
Lead Housekeeper
Summit Community

Sherry Schoolfield
Housekeeping Supervisor
McComas Hall

Robert Sebek
Research Guide and Information Technology Specialist
University Libraries

Anthony S. Watson
Director
Building & Grounds
Facilities Operations

PRESIDENTIAL PRINCIPLES OF COMMUNITY AWARD

The Presidential Principles of Community Award was established in 2014 by the Office of Inclusion and Diversity to recognize faculty and staff members who exemplify and promote a welcoming and inclusive environment in accord with the university's Principles of Community.

RECIPIENTS

Carlos Evia
Associate Professor
Department of Communication
College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Latin Link
Student Organization
Student Affairs

Mae Hey
Assistant Professor
Department of Sociology
College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

ALUMNI AWARD FOR OUTREACH EXCELLENCE

Established by the university's Commission on Outreach and International Affairs with the support of the Virginia Tech Alumni Association, the Alumni Award for Outreach Excellence is presented annually to recognize outstanding contributions by Virginia Tech faculty members who have extended the university's outreach mission throughout the commonwealth, the nation, and the world. Recipients are nominated by their peers and are inducted into the university's Academy of Outreach Excellence.

RECIPIENTS

EXCELLENCE AS A TEAM

Jennifer Pollard-Scott
Research Assistant
VT Autism Clinic and Center for Autism Research
Department of Psychology
College of Science

Angela Scarpa
Professor and Director
VT Autism Clinic and Center for Autism Research
Department of Psychology
College of Science

EXCELLENCE AS AN INDIVIDUAL

Paul Quigley
Associate Professor
Virginia Center for Civil War Studies
College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

ALUMNI AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Established in 1982 by the Virginia Tech Alumni Association, the Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching is presented annually to honor two Virginia Tech faculty members for teaching excellence. Award recipients are selected by the university's Academy of Teaching Excellence and are chosen from among those faculty members who have received certificates of teaching excellence from their respective colleges during the preceding three years. Each recipient is inducted into the Academy of Teaching Excellence.

RECIPIENTS

Maria del Carmen Caña Jimenez
Associate Professor
Department of Modern and Classical Languages and
    Literatures
College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Carolyn Copenheaver
Associate Professor
Department of Forest Resources and Environmental
    Conservation
College of Natural Resouces and the Environment

ALUMNI AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE ACADEMIC ADVISING

Established by the Virginia Tech Alumni Association, the Alumni Award for Excellence in Graduate Academic Advising is presented annually by the Office of the Provost to recognize Virginia Tech faculty who have been particularly dedicated to and effective in the advising of graduate students. Recipients may be nominated by university faculty or students, are selected by a committee of former award winners, and are inducted into the university's Academy of Advising Excellence.

RECIPIENT

Kostas Triantis
John Lawrence Professor of Industrial Engineering and
    Operations Research
Director of the Northern Virginia Industrial Engineering
    Programs

ALUMNI AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC ADVISING

Established by the Virginia Tech Alumni Association, the Alumni Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Academic Advising is presented annually by the Office of the Provost to recognize Virginia Tech faculty who have been particularly dedicated to and effective in the advising of undergraduate students. Recipients may be nominated by university faculty or students and are selected by a committee of former award winners.

RECIPIENT

Maia Greene-Havas
Academic Advisor
Department of Engineering Education
College of Engineering

ALUMNI AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EXTENSION

Sponsored by the Virginia Tech Alumni Association, the Alumni Award for Excellence in Extension is presented annually to two Virginia Cooperative Extension staff members who have made outstanding contributions outside the classroom. One award is given to an Extension Specialist and one is given to an Extension Agent.

RECIPIENTS

Corey Childs
Unit Coordinator & Animal Science Extension Agent
Virginia Cooperative Extension

Joseph E. Hunnings
Director
Planning and Reporting, Professional Development, and Civil Rights Compliance
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the VCE

WILLIAM E. WINE AWARD

Established in 1957 by the Alumni Association in memory of William E. Wine (Class of 1904), who served on the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors and as president of the Virginia Tech Alumni Association, the William E. Wine Award is presented annually to three Virginia Tech faculty members to recognize "a history of university teaching excellence." Nominations by students, alumni, and faculty in each college are reviewed by respective college selection committees. The colleges' candidates are reviewed by a university-wide committee, which then selects the three award winners. Each recipient is inducted into the university's Academy of Teaching Excellence.

RECIPIENTS

Mary V. Lipscomb
Senior Instructor
Department of Biological Sciences
College of Science

Jessica A. Folkart
Professor
Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures
College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Stephen J. Skripak
Professor of Practice
Department of Management
Pamplin College of Business

EDWARD S. DIGGS TEACHING SCHOLARS AWARD

Sponsored by the Virginia Tech Academy of Teaching Excellence, the Diggs Teaching Scholars Award was established in 1992 and is presented annually to up to three Virginia Tech faculty members to recognize exceptional contributions to the teaching program and learning environment. A year after receiving the award, new Diggs Teaching Scholars are invited to lead the Diggs Roundtable, a series of presentations and a discussion related to their innovative teaching. The award is supported by an endowed fund established through an estate gift from the late Edward S. and Hattie Wilson Diggs. Mr. Diggs was a 1914 graduate of Virginia Tech.

RECIPIENTS

Matthew Wisnioski
Associate Professor
Department of Science and Technology in Society
College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Takumi C. Sato
Clinical Assistant Professor
School of Education
College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Alejandro Salado
Assistant Professor
Systems Engineering
College of Engineering

PROVOST'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ADVISING

The Provost's Award for Excellence in Advising is given annually to recognize a Virginia Tech faculty or staff member who serves undergraduate advisees in exemplary ways. Recipients are inducted into the university's Academy of Advising Excellence.

RECIPIENT

Vernon Ferguson
Academic Advisor
School of Architecture and Design
College of Architecture and Urban Studies

XCALIBER AWARD

Established in 1996 by the Office of the Provost, the XCaliber Award (shorthand for exceptional, high-caliber work) is presented annually by Technology-Enhanced Learning and Online Strategies to recognize individual faculty members or teams of faculty and staff who integrate technology in teaching and learning. The award celebrates innovative, student-centered approaches.

RECIPIENTS

EXCELLENCE AS AN INDIVIDUAL

Diana Bairaktarova
Assistant Professor
Engineering Education
College of Engineering

EXCELLENCE AS AN INDIVIDUAL

Carol A. Mullen
Professor
School of Education
College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

SPORN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING INTRODUCTORY SUBJECTS

Sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching and the Virginia Tech Academy for Teaching Excellence, the Sporn Award for Teaching Introductory Subjects is presented annually to a Virginia Tech faculty member to recognize excellence in teaching introductory-level courses. Nominations are received from students. Recipients are selected by a committee comprised of student representatives and a faculty advisor who was the previous year's award winner. Recipients are inducted into the university's Academy of Teaching Excellence.

RECIPIENT

Buddy Howell
Advanced Instructor
Department of Communication
College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

STAFF CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Created in 2011 to recognize retiring staff members, the Staff Career Achievement Award is presented annually to up to five individuals who have distinguished themselves through exemplary performance and service during their university career. Nominees must have worked a minimum of 10 years at Virginia Tech.

RECIPIENTS

Thomas McAvoy
Quarantine Office
Entomology Department
College of Science

Brian Squibb
Compliance/Safety Officer
Architecture Support
College of Architecture and Urban Studies

Barbara T. Angelotti
Supervisor Lab Coordinator
Occoquan Lab, National Capital Region
Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory

James Long
Senior Vice President
Operations and Administration
Virginia Tech Police Department

MCCOMAS STAFF LEADERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The McComas Staff Leadership Award recognizes non-student wage and staff (classified and university) employees who regularly demonstrate the behaviors of a strong leader in support of the goals of the university, college or Vice President area, or department.

RECIPIENT

Laura Hagy
HR Systems Administrator
Human Resources

ALUMNI AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Sponsored by the Virginia Tech Alumni Association, the Alumni Award for Excellence in International Education is presented annually to a Virginia Tech faculty or staff member who has had a significant impact on international education at the university. Selection is based upon contributions to the internationalization of Virginia Tech, the impact on students, the impact on the campus and community and the significance and sustainability of the initiative.

RECIPIENT

David Knight
Associate Professor
Engineering Education
College of Engineering

ALUMNI AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Sponsored by the Virginia Tech Alumni Association, the Alumni Award for Excellence in International Outreach is presented annually to a faculty or staff member who has had a significant impact on international outreach at Virginia Tech. Selection is based on contributions to the internationalization of Virginia Tech, global impact, significance of the project, and sustainability of the project.

RECIPIENT

Thomas Thompson
Associate Dean and Director
Global Programs
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

ALUMNI AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH

Sponsored by the Virginia Tech Alumni Association, the Alumni Award for Excellence in International Research is presented annually to a faculty or staff member who has had a significant impact on international research at Virginia Tech. Selection is based on contributions to the internationalization of Virginia Tech, global impact, significance of the project, and sustainability of the project.

RECIPIENT

Ignacio Moore
Professor
Biological Sciences
College of Science

ALUMNI AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

Sponsored by the Virginia Tech Alumni Association, the Alumni Award for Excellence in Research is presented annually to as many as two Virginia Tech faculty members who have made outstanding contributions in the area of research. Alumni, students, faculty, and staff may nominate candidates for the award.

RECIPIENTS

Rafael Davalos
Professor
School of Biomedical Engineering and Sciences
College of Engineering

Martha Bell
Professor of Psychology
Department of Psychology
College of Science