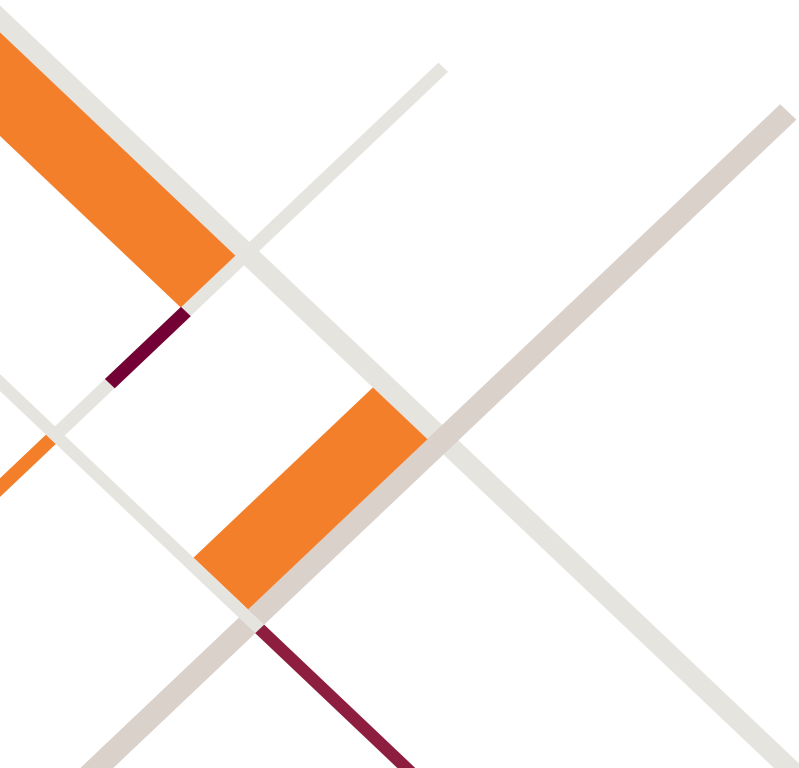




**2022**  
**FACULTY/STAFF**  
**AWARDS**

# WELCOME

to the 22nd 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 R. 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

*The President's Award for Excellence is presented annually to Virginia Tech staff members who have made extraordinary contributions by consistent excellence in the performance of their job or a single incident, contribution, or heroic act.*

### RECIPIENTS

#### LaTawnya Burleson

Advancement Associate Senior  
College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences  
Office of the Dean

#### Julie Carlson

Administrative Support Specialist  
Hokie Wellness

#### Lynn Heffron

Laboratory Specialist Senior  
Meng Lab of Molecular Virology  
Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine

#### Max Ofsa

Manager, Prototyping and 3D Scanning Studios  
University Libraries

# 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

### INDIVIDUAL LONG TERM

**Tamarah Smith**

Business Operations Specialist  
Office of Summer & Winter Sessions

### INDIVIDUAL RECENT

**Melissa Faircloth**

Director of American Indian and  
Indigenous Cultural Center  
Cultural and Community Centers

**Eric Z. Glenn**

Research Program Specialist  
Virginia Tech Transportation Institute

### GROUP AWARD

**Black Caucus of Virginia Tech**



## ALUMNI AWARD FOR OUTREACH EXCELLENCE - TEAM

*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.*

### RECIPIENT

#### Center for Educational Networks and Impacts

Lisa McNair

Professor  
Engineering Education  
College of Engineering

Chelsea Haines Lyles

Associate Director  
Engineering Education  
College of Engineering

Phyllis Leary Newbill

Associate Director  
Engineering Education  
College of Engineering

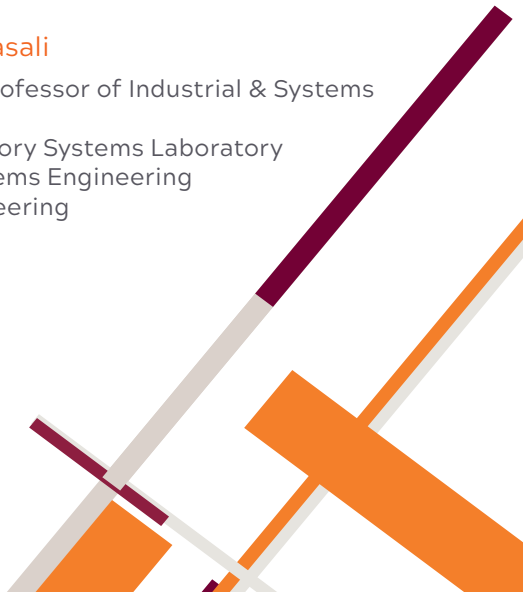
## ALUMNI AWARD FOR OUTREACH EXCELLENCE - INDIVIDUAL

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### RECIPIENT

John Gordon Casali

Grado Chaired Professor of Industrial & Systems  
Engineering  
Director of Auditory Systems Laboratory  
Industrial & Systems Engineering  
College of Engineering



## 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

#### Rachel Arnold

Collegiate Assistant Professor  
Department of Mathematics  
College of Science

#### Vinodh Venkatesh

Associate Professor/ Professor of Spanish  
Department of Modern and Classical Languages  
and Literatures  
College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences





## 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

Helene Shine Goetz

Academic Advisor

University Studies and Scholarship Support



## 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

**Holly M. Matusovich**

Associate Dean for Graduate and Professional Studies  
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

#### Elena Serrano

Extension Specialist  
Director of the Virginia Family Nutrition Program  
Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise  
Virginia Cooperative Extension

#### Carol B. Nansel

Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development  
Virginia Cooperative Extension, Shenandoah County



## 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

#### Gena E. Chandler

Associate Professor  
Department of English  
College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

#### Michael Kender

Professor of Practice  
Department of Finance  
Pamplin College of Business

#### James Spotila

Professor of Geology  
Department of Geosciences  
College of Science

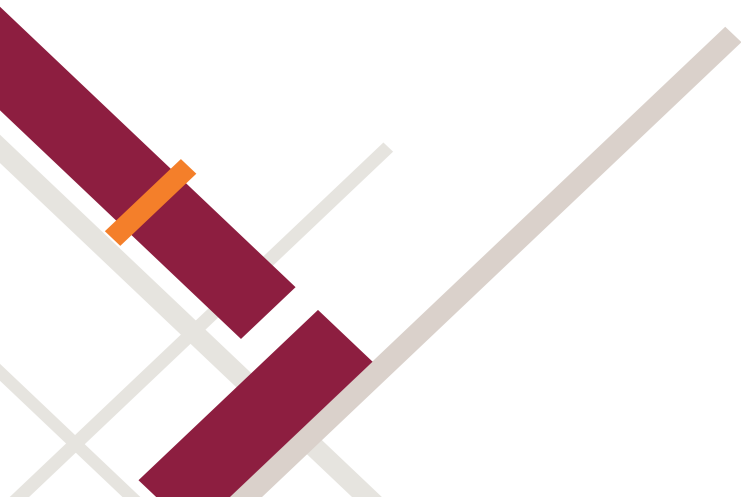
## PROVOST'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ADVISING

*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

Holly Belcher

Business and Marketing Manager  
Kellogg Center for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics  
College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences



## 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 A TEAM

**Kimberly Ellis**

Associate Professor  
Industrial and Systems Engineering  
College of Engineering

**Natalie Cherbaka**

Collegiate Associate Professor  
Industrial and Systems Engineering  
College of Engineering

## 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

Candace Wall

Instructor  
Department of Chemistry  
College of Science



## 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 ten years at Virginia Tech.*

### RECIPIENTS

#### Kathy Dowdy

Program Specialist  
Administration  
Office of Dining Services

#### Thomas Edward Hines

Research Specialist Senior  
Plant Pathology, Physiology, and Weed Science  
Eastern Shore Agricultural Research and Extension Center

#### Lynne Tolbert Jones

Office Manager  
Women's Center at Virginia Tech

#### Melissa Wilson Obenhaus

Program Coordinator  
Health Professions Advising  
Office of Career and Professional Development





## MCCOMAS STAFF LEADERSHIP 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.*

### RECIPIENTS

**Maryann Cline**

Technician Technical Team Lead  
Animal Cancer Care and Research Center

**Sharon Dunn**

Hospital Process Analyst  
Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine



## 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

Timothy D. Baird

Associate Professor  
Department of Geography  
College of Natural Resources and Environment

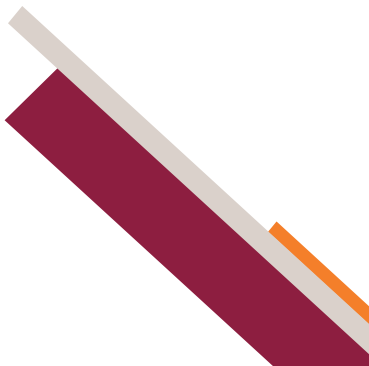
## ALUMNI AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

*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

Kevin Kochersberger

Associate Professor  
Mechanical Engineering  
College of Engineering



## 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

**Juan Luis Nicolau**

J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Professor  
of Revenue Management  
Howard Feiertag Department of Hospitality  
and Tourism Management  
Pamplin College of Business



## 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

**Brett Jones**

Professor  
School of Education  
College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

**Maury A. Nussbaum**

HG Prillaman Professor  
Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering  
College of Engineering

