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2022

Academic Achievement
Awards Program

This is the time of year for UNLV to celebrate the successes of our outstanding students, faculty, and staff. These individuals make up the engine powering our momentum toward fulfilling our Top Tier 2.0 mission and goals. Each represents an important influence on how we move forward, creating a bold and vibrant future for our university.

During today's Academic Achievement Awards Ceremony, our UNLV Rebel Pride is on full display as we recognize the noteworthy accomplishments of more than 60 awardees, including undergraduate, graduate, and professional students excelling academically, faculty providing high-quality classroom instruction and producing impactful scholarship and creative work, and staff members supporting our academic mission in a variety of important ways. Congratulations to these honorees and to all the unit award winners whose work we also acknowledge in this program.

This community of dedicated students, faculty, and staff is propelling UNLV's advancement and solidifying our standing as a Carnegie R1 university, which places us among the top 3 percent of research institutions in the country. Our exceptional students, faculty, and staff are acquiring and applying knowledge to create a better tomorrow for us all.

It is our pleasure to recognize these incredibly accomplished individuals. Once again, congratulations!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith E. Whitfield". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Keith E. Whitfield, Ph.D.
President



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris L. Heavey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris L. Heavey, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President and Provost

2022 Academic Achievement Awards Ceremony



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Regents' Awards

Sam Lieberman Regents' Award for Student Scholarship (Undergraduate)



Vanessa Booth

Junior

Political Science Major; Public Policy/Journalism
Minor

Honors College

Sam Lieberman Regents' Award for Student Scholarship (Graduate)



Maria Ramos Gonzalez

Ph.D. Candidate

Dept. of Mechanical Engineering

Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering

Regents' Rising Researcher Award



Allyson Hindle

Assistant Professor

School of Life Sciences

College of Sciences

Regents' Academic Advisor Award - Undergraduate



Le Quanda Cole

Director

UNLV/CSN Transfer Program

Office of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate
Education

University Awards

Harry Reid Silver State Research Award



Seyhmus Baloglu

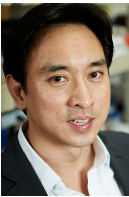
Professor and Department Chair
Dept. of Hospitality Management
William F. Harrah College of Hospitality

Barrick Distinguished Scholar Award



Katherine Hertlein

Professor
Psychiatry and Behavioral Health/Couple and Family
Therapy Program
Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine



Edwin Oh

Associate Professor
Dept. of Internal Medicine/NIPM
Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine

Barrick Scholar Award



Ambroise Aubrun

Assistant Professor of Music, Violin
School of Music
College of Fine Arts



Qiang Zhu

Assistant Professor
Dept. of Physics and Astronomy
College of Sciences

University Awards

UNLV Foundation Distinguished Teaching Award



Jennifer Guerra

Associate Professor in Residence
Dept. of Chemistry and Biochemistry
College of Sciences



Han-fen Hu

Associate Professor & Graduate Coordinator of MIS
Programs
Dept. of Management, Entrepreneurship, and
Technology
Lee Business School



Aaron Saiewitz

Associate Professor
Dept. of Accounting
Lee Business School



Micah Stohlmann

Associate Professor of Mathematics/STEM Education
Dept. of Teaching and Learning
College of Education

Alex G. and Faye Spanos Distinguished Teaching Award



Chad Cross

Visiting Associate Professor
Dept. of Environmental and Occupational Health
School of Public Health

University Awards

UNLV Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award



Anjala Krishen

Professor and Director of MBA Programs
Dept. of Marketing and International Business
Lee Business School

UNLV Outstanding Teaching by Part-Time Faculty Award



Xiaoling Hays

Chinese Language Instructor
Dept. of World Languages and Cultures
College of Liberal Arts



Hope Hinchman

Clinical Instructor
School of Nursing



Yousif Muradian

Lecturer
Dept. of Finance
Lee Business School



Hiroko Tadano

Japanese Lecturer
Dept. of World Languages and Cultures
College of Liberal Arts

University Awards

UNLV Distinguished Professor



Nancy Rapoport

Garman Turner Gordon Professor of Law
Boyd School of Law
Affiliate Professor of Business Law and Ethics
Lee Business School

Outstanding Department Chair



Sajjad Ahmad

Professor and Department Chair
Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering and
Construction
Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering

James S. McPhee Librarian of the Year



Sue Wainscott

Engineering Librarian
Research and Education Division
University Libraries

University Awards

CSUN Faculty Award



Ambroise Aubrun

Assistant Professor of Music, Violin
School of Music
College of Fine Arts



Laura Book

Assistant Professor in Residence
Dept. of Hospitality Management
William F. Harrah College of Hospitality



Nancy Brown

Field Experience & ARL Coordinator Lecturer in
Residence
Dept. of Early Childhood, Multilingual, and Special
Education
College of Education



Jeremy Cho

Assistant Professor
Dept. of Mechanical Engineering
Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering



Brent Hathaway

Ted and Doris Lee Professor of Business
Dept. of Marketing and International Business
Lee Business School

University Awards

CSUN Faculty Award



Daniel Holstein

Instructor
Dept. of Criminal Justice
Greenspun College of Urban Affairs



Sharon Jalene

Assistant Dean
Integrated Health Sciences



Martha Phelps

Assistant Professor in Residence
Dept. of Political Science
College of Liberal Arts



Alison Sloat

Associate Professor in Residence
College of Sciences

Educational Outreach Faculty Excellence Award



Nita Andrieu

PEX Instructor
Educational Outreach

University Awards

Top Tier Award



Keith Lawler

Assistant Research Professor
Nevada Extreme Conditions Laboratory
College of Sciences



Rian Satterwhite

Director, Office of Service Learning & Leadership
Student Life
Division of Student Affairs

UNLV Mission Fulfillment Grant



Kaitlin Climin

Assistant Professor and Director of Composition
Dept. of English
College of Liberal Arts



Nicole Espinoza

Online Program Coordinator
School of Public Health

University Awards

Academic Advisor Award (Undergraduate)



Le Quanda Cole

Director
UNLV/CSN Transfer Program
Office of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate
Education

Academic Advisor Award (Graduate)



Jin Ouk Choi

Assistant Professor
Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering and
Construction
Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering

Academic Advising Center of the Year

Greenspun College of Urban Affairs



University Awards

Academic Assessment Award (Individual)



Cheyenne Cuizon

Assistant Director of Academic Transitions and Learning Support
Academic Success Center



Laura Kruskall

Program Director and Associate Professor
Dept. of Kinesiology & Nutrition Sciences
School of Integrated Health Sciences

Academic Assessment Award (Departmental)

Academic Success Center



University Awards

Outstanding Graduate Faculty Leadership Award



Kaitlin Clinnin

Assistant Professor and Director of Composition
Dept. of English
College of Liberal Arts

Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentorship Award



Pramen Shrestha

Professor and Graduate Coordinator
Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering and
Construction
Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering

Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award



Torisha Khonach (*First Place*)

Graduate Student Instructor
Dept. of Sociology
College of Liberal Arts



Joshua Donnelly (*Second Place*)

Lab Manager - Tourism Safety and Crowd Science Lab
Dept. of Criminal Justice
Greenspun College of Urban Affairs



Ghazaleh Laleh (*Third Place*)

Research Assistant
Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering and
Construction
Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering

University Awards

Outstanding STEM Thesis Award



Cale Seymour

Graduate Student
School of Life Sciences
College of Sciences

Outstanding Non-STEM Thesis Award



Maribel Estrada Calderon

Former Graduate Teaching Assistant and M.A. Student
Dept. of History
College of Liberal Arts

Outstanding STEM Dissertation Award



Jeremy Smallwood

Recent Ph.D. Graduate
Dept. of Physics and Astronomy
College of Sciences

Outstanding Non-STEM Dissertation Award



Yen-Ling Chen

Recent Ph.D. Graduate
Dept. of Psychology
College of Liberal Arts

University Awards

Service-Learning Faculty Award



Deirdre Clemente

Director of Public History
Dept. of History
College of Liberal Arts

Community-Based Research Faculty Award



Edwin Oh

Associate Professor
Dept. of Internal Medicine/NIPM
Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine

Faculty/Staff Outreach Award



Laura Kruskall

Program Director and Associate Professor
Dept. of Kinesiology & Nutrition Sciences
School of Integrated Health Sciences

Student Service Award



Abriana Perez

Undergraduate Student, Supplemental Instruction
Leader and Peer Mentor
College of Sciences

University Awards

Administrative Faculty Member of the Year



Lori Ciccone

Executive Director
Office of Sponsored Programs
Division of Research

Outgoing Administrator



Lori Olafson

Professor
Dept. of Educational Psychology, Leadership, and
Higher Education
College of Education

College, School, and Unit Awards

ACADEMIC ADVISING CENTER

Outstanding New Advisor

Janelle Yasukochi

Urban Affairs

Outstanding Advisor

Elizabeth Johnson

Academic Success Center

Outstanding Advising Administrator

Le Quanda Cole

Advising/VPUE

UNLV/CSN Transfer Program

Academic Advising Center with the Highest Quality of Service (Student Choice)

College of Engineering Advising Center

Academic Advising Center Excellence in Efficiency (Student Choice)

College of Sciences Advising Center

Academic Advising Center Who is the Most Welcoming (Student Choice)

Pre-Professional Advising Center

ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER

ASC Faculty Award

Jenifer Utz

College of Sciences

Campus Community Partner Award

Military & Veteran Service Center

College, School, and Unit Awards

ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER (*CONTINUED*)

ASC Service Award

Cheyenne Cuizon

ASC Student-Centered Award

Jennifer Villalobos

ASC Collaboration Award

Elizabeth Johnson

ASC Collegiality Award

Kevin Sebastian

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Distinguished Teaching Award

Iesha Jackson

Teaching & Learning

Distinguished Research Award

Kenny Varner

Teaching & Learning

Distinguished Service Award

Doris Watson

Educational Psychology, Leadership, and Higher Education

Early Career Award

Vanessa Vongkulluksn

Educational Psychology, Leadership, and Higher Education

College, School, and Unit Awards

HOWARD R. HUGHES COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Distinguished Researcher

Jaeyun Moon

Mechanical Engineering

Distinguished Researcher

Jee Woong Park

Civil and Environmental Engineering & Construction

Distinguished Administrative Faculty Service

Christopher Parker

Engineering Advising Center

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Charles Vanda Award for Excellence in the Arts

Adam Schroeder

Music

Outstanding Teacher of the Year

Karl Ulrich

Film

Outstanding Part-Time Teacher of the Year

Lisa Ortega

Architecture

Administrative Faculty Member of the Year

Leann Karr

Advising Center

College, School, and Unit Awards

HONORS COLLEGE

The Len Zane Excellence in Honors Teaching Award

Bryan Bornholdt

Honors College Faculty Service Award

William Doyle

Department Honors Teaching Award

David Schwartz

Ombuds

WILLIAM F. HARRAH COLLEGE OF HOSPITALITY

Boyd Award for Service

Roberta (Bobbie) Barnes

Hospitality Management

Boyd Award for Teaching

Mehmet Erdem

Resort, Gaming & Golf Management

Boyd Award for Research

Hyelin (Lina) Kim

Food & Beverage and Event Management

SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED HEALTH SCIENCES

Distinguished Scholar Award

Jeff Cummings

Brain Health

Distinguished Scholar Award

Leo Lozano

Kinesiology and Nutrition Sciences

College, School, and Unit Awards

SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED HEALTH SCIENCES (CONTINUED)

Distinguished Scholar Award

Cassy Turner

Physical Therapy

Career Service Award

Richard Tandy

Kinesiology and Nutrition Sciences

LEE BUSINESS SCHOOL

Lee Co-Researcher of the Year

Woo-Yong Park

Management, Entrepreneurship & Technology

Lee Co-Researcher of the Year

Emir Malikov

Economics

Lee Teacher of the Year

Kimberly Nehls

Marketing & International Business

Lee Distinguished Service Award

Kimberly Charron

Accounting

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Diversity Award

Rainier Liboro

Psychology

College, School, and Unit Awards

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS (CONTINUED)

Faculty-in-Residence/Lecturer Award for Excellence
in Teaching

Lisa Johnson

Anthropology

Rita Deanin Abbey Teacher of the Year Award

Vincent Perez

English

William Morris for Excellence in Scholarship
(Humanities)

Amy Reed-Sandoval

Philosophy

William Morris for Excellence in Scholarship
(Social Sciences)

Tyler Parry

Interdisciplinary, Gender, and Ethnic Studies

William Morris for Excellence in Teaching
(Humanities)

Francois-Nicolas Vozel

World Languages and Cultures

Donald Schmiedel Lifetime Service Award

Tim Gauthier

Interdisciplinary, Gender, and Ethnic Studies

James Frey Senior Faculty for Excellence in
Scholarship

Alyssa Crittenden

Anthropology

College, School, and Unit Awards

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Outstanding Library Faculty Scholarship Award

Chelsea Heinbach

Educational Initiatives

Outstanding Library Faculty Service Award

Amanda Melilli

Teacher Development & Resources Library

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Outstanding Scholarship

Jennifer Kawi

Outstanding Didactic Teaching

Lisa Nicholas

Outstanding Clinical Teaching

Susan VanBeuge

Outstanding Service

Reimund Serafica

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Excellence in Teaching

Karen Callahan

Environmental & Occupational Health

Excellence in Research

Lung-Chang Chien

Epidemiology & Biostatistics

College, School, and Unit Awards

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH (CONTINUED)

Excellence in Service

Lung-Wen Chen

Environmental & Occupational Health

Outstanding Faculty-in-Residence

Maire Simington

Healthcare Administration & Policy

Outstanding Part-Time Instructor

Kristin Steffen

Healthcare Administration & Policy

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

Distinguished Researcher Award

Jichun Li

Mathematical Sciences

Distinguished Teaching Award

MaryKay Orgill

Chemistry and Biochemistry

Distinguished Service Award

Brenda J. Buck

Geoscience

Distinguished Staff Award

Katrina Switalski

Distinguished Staff Award

Robin Grove

College, School, and Unit Awards

GREENSPUN COLLEGE OF URBAN AFFAIRS

Excellence in Teaching

Anne-Marie Abruscato

Social Work

Excellence in Service

Jayce Farmer

Public Policy and Leadership

Excellence in Research

Rebecca Rice

Communication Studies

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