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CONTINUING THE RECOGNITION TRADITION:

Things move quickly at Mason! No sooner had our new president started when he had the opportunity to present the award to our July Employee of the Month: Heather Madnick, Office of Equity and Diversity Services. It was Dr. Cabrera’s second official day on campus as our new President, yet he was right at home...even taking photos to post to his social media account!
2012 Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award Recipients

Governor Robert McDonnell honored 12 Virginia educators as recipients of the 26th annual Outstanding Faculty Award (OFA) for excellence in teaching, research, and public service, as part of the annual OFA program administered by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV).

“This year’s recipients truly represent the Commonwealth’s commitment to excellence and diversity in its higher education system,” said Governor McDonnell. “The public service and scholarly contributions of these faculty members are well-known not only on their respective campuses, but nationally and internationally.”

We are proud to have two of our own faculty recognized by the Governor: Dr. Giorigo Ascoli and Dr. Robert Hazen. Dr. Ascoli is University Professor in the Molecular Neuroscience Department. He is a leading pioneer in Neuro-Informatics, and founding director of the Center for Neural Informatics at the Krasnow Institute for Advanced Study.

Dr. Robert Hazen is Professor of Earth Science. He developed a new approach to mineralogy called “mineral evolution,” and the biomineral “hazenite” was named in his honor. Congratulations Drs. Ascoli and Hazen!

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The Employee of the Month award is available to administrative faculty, classified and wage employees, who have been with the University for one year and who are in good standing.

The recipient is presented with the award and various gifts at a ceremony with the University President. To nominate a colleague for the Employee of the Month award, please visit http://hr.gmu.edu/awards/everyday.php#empl

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The Mason Star
TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2012

2012 David J. King Award
Robert Sachs
Professor, College of Science

Teaching Excellence Award Recipients
Yoosun Chung
Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Education, CEHD
Paul Cooper
Assistant Professor, College of Science
Margaret Daniels
Associate Professor, School of Recreation, Health, and Tourism, CEHD
Lisa Lister
Assistant Professor, English, CHSS
Tamara Maddox
Associate Professor, New Century College, CHSS
Julie Owen
Assistant Professor, New Century College, CHSS
Danielle Rudes
Assistant Professor, Criminology, Law & Society, CHSS

ITU Employees of the Month

July  John Prette, ITU Security & Project Management Office
August Yu Kuo, Technology Systems Division
September Theresa Calcagno, University Libraries
October Friedgard Cowan, University Libraries
November Cheng Cheu, Technology Systems Division
December Whitney Sublett, ITU Administrative Services Division
January Mark Craft, Technology Systems Division
February Stephanie Werhane, Technology Systems Division
March Barry Freese, Technology Systems Division
April Joanna Lee, University Libraries
May Andrea Baruzzi, University Libraries
June Mike Rothgeb, Technology Systems Division

UNIVERSITY POLICE
Officer of the Year 2012
Michael Lighthiser
Employee of the Year 2012
Katherine Van Doren
Office of Alumni Affairs

CELEBRATION OF DISTINCTION

David Atkins  Alumni Service Award
Linda Monson  Faculty Member of the Year
Tyler Cowen  CHSS Distinguished Alumni Award
Richard Parrell  Thomas W. Iszard III Distinguished Alumni Award
J. Thomas Hennessey  School of Public Policy Distinguished Alumni Award

Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award
Matthew J. Doyle  Department of Civil, Environmental & Infrastructure Engineering

Outstanding Teaching Award
Stephen Nash  Department of Systems Engineering & Operations Research

Outstanding Research Faculty Award
William Rosenberger  Department of Statistics

Outstanding Alumnus Award
Robert Pettit, IV  Department of Computer Science

2011-12 Emerging Researcher, Scholar, Creator Awardees
Qiliang Li  Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering

Siddhartha Sikdar  Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering/Bioengineering

Team Player Award
Linda Kovac  Development Office, Dean’s Office

2012 Computer Science Department Awards

Faculty Advisor of the Year
Pearl Wang

Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award
David Wheeler

Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award
Huzefa Rangwala

Outstanding Service Award
Ami Motro

Outstanding Staff Award
Ryan Lucas

Young Faculty Research Award
Amarda Shehu
OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD:
Sidhartha Das, Information Systems and Operations Management
Jim Hsieh, Finance
Chris Joiner, Marketing
Keith Jones, Accounting
Maheshkumar Joshi, Management
David Kravitz, Management
Kevin McCrohan, Marketing
Laurie Meamber, Marketing
Kumar Mehta, Information Systems and Operations Management
Gnanakumar Visvanathan, Accounting

TEACHING AWARDS
Graduate Teaching Award - John Crockett
Undergraduate Teaching Award - Cindy Parker
Outstanding Contributions to Teaching Award - Jeff Kulick

GRADUATE TEACHING AWARD
MBA Professor of the Year - John Crockett
EMBA Professor of the Year - Bob Johnston
EMBA Professor of the Year - 1st Year - Jack High
EMBA Professor of the Year - 2nd Year - Jim Wolfe
Technology Management Professor of the Year - 1st Year - Claus Langfred
Technology Management Professor of the Year - 2nd Year - Sidhartha Das
Technology Management Commitment to Academic Excellence - Kumar Mehta

STAFF SERVICE AWARD
Bette Clark  Martha Martin
Nicole Hitpas  Janet Palmisano
Basma Ishak  Kerry Willigan

OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY LIFE

Positive Impact Award
December 2011 Joey Allen
January 2012 Lisa Snyder
February 2012 Lewis Forrest
March 2012 Lauren Mauriello
April 2012 Michael Galvin

Partnership Award
Fall 2011
Leila Peterson

Spring 2012
James Greif

Outstanding Service Award
January 2012 Carol Filak
February 2012 Jumana Kamal
March 2012 Ashley Sieman
CHSS STAR AWARD

Amy Noecker
Holly Gillcash
July 2011

Shae Mensch
September 2011

Rashad Mulla
January 2012

Timothy Sherrange
March 2012

2011 Mary Roper Award
Susan Ridley
Department of Psychology

Outstanding Contributions in HR & Finance Support
Laura McCloskey
Department of History and Art History

Outstanding Contributions in IT Support
Christine Hernandez
Women and Gender Studies Program

2011 Mary Roper Award
Susan Ridley
Department of Psychology

Outstanding Contributions in Graduate Program Support
Susan Turriziani
College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Rookie of the Year Award - Outstanding Contributions to the Department of Public and International Affairs
Matthew Green
Department of Public and International Affairs

CHSS Fall 2011 BTS Upload Contest Winners
Denise Ivey, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Sara Montiel, Department of Psychology
Ann Ludwig, Department of Public and International Affairs
Mary Jackson, Department of Economics
Jennifer Stone, Department of English

CHSS Spring 2012 BTS Upload Contest Winners
Maria Carabelli, Department of Communication
Heather Anderson, Honors College

Facilities Employees of the Month

July Michael Johnson, Arlington
August Tina Riley, Prince William
September Lance Florence, Warehouse
October Robert Gallahan, HVAC
November Stephanie Fifield-Anson, Grounds
December Brad Glatfelter, Facilities
January Keith Wallace, Warehouse
February Fredy Lima, Auto
March Nicole Miller, Facilities Management
April Terri Russell, Customer Service
May Darmell Owens, Preventative Maintenance Shop
June Kim Greene, Facilities
University Day Celebration

The University Service Award recognizes employees who have served George Mason University and/or the Commonwealth of Virginia for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 or 45 years of service. This year’s University Day Celebration was held on April 9-10, and 566 employees were honored. Twelve employees were honored with 35 years of service, three 40-year recipients were honored, and we had our first 45-year honoree!

45 Years
Donald Gallehr, English
Louis Buffardi, Psychology
Joe Lieb, School of Physics, Astronomy, Computational Science
Stephen Saperstone, Mathematical Sciences

40 Years
Luis Aguirre, University Services
Warren Decker, Communication
Robert Johnson, School of Management Undergraduate Programs
Walter Kravitz, Art and Visual Technology
Ronnie Levy, Mathematical Sciences
Jay Marsh, Intercollegiate Athletics
Frank Matthews, University Equity & Diversity Office
Josephine Mose, School of Systems Biology
Linda Samuels, School of Management
Susan Shreve, English
Suzanne Slayden, Chemistry
Glenn Smith, Music
Robert F. Smith, Psychology

Outstanding Achievement Awards

Over 25 university employees were honored at the Outstanding Achievement Awards Ceremony on October 19. These employees were presented with Outstanding Achievement Awards, Exceptional Support Awards, the Martha J. Reiner Quality Customer Service Award, and the David W. Rosell Quill Award. In addition, the Staff Senate presented the Outstanding Supervisor Award, the Office of Diversity Programs and Services presented the Margaret C. Howell Award, and the University Sustainability Office presented the Sustainability Hero Award. Presidential Citations, the Spirit of Mason award, and the new “Raise the Rate” Faculty/Staff Book Scholarship were also presented.

Outstanding Achievement Awards
Colette L. Brooks, Student Accounts
Karen J. Budd, Student Health Services
Josh Cantor, Parking & Transportation
Kimberly Ford, Office of the Provost
Karina Mizrahi, Fiscal Services
Marianne H. Moe, Krasnow Institute

Exceptional Support Awards
Betty S. Andrews, Registrar's Office, PWC
Rachel Benner, Student Health Services
Faith A. Cannon, Library
Cheng F. Cheu, ITU, Technology Support Services
Richard C. Goolsby, Facilities Management
Janet Ness, University Police

Outstanding Supervisor Award
Lauren Long
Director, Office of Student Involvement
Janet Walker
Work/Life & Communications Coordinator, Human Resources & Payroll

Sustainability Hero Award
Rick Holt
Trainer, Human Resources & Payroll

Margaret C. Howell Award
Jaime Lester
Assistant Professor, Higher Education Program

David W. Rosell Quill Award
Mary E. Davis
Nurse Practitioner, Student Health Services

Spirit of Mason Award
Michael W. Nickens - “Doc Nix”
Assistant Professor/Athletic Bands, School of Music

Martha J. Reiner Quality Customer Service Award
Jerrelyn D. Madden
Clinical Director, Student Health Services

“RAISE THE RATE” Faculty/Staff Book Scholarship
Sandra Price
Administrative Office Support, Kellar Institute for Human disAbilities

PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS
Rahil U. Ashraf, Student, George Mason University
Anthony Capizzi, Police Officer, University Police
Edward T. Gannon, Sr, Master Police Officer, University Police
Jack Langley, Customer Service Assistant, Intercollegiate Athletics
Christopher Topping, Operations Manager, Intercollegiate Athletics
Thank You Dr. Merten!

Dr. Alan Merten valued and strongly supported faculty and staff recognition. In his years of service as our President, Dr. Merten gave out a grand total of 22,085 awards. Mrs. Merten played a special role in our award ceremonies, often reading the descriptions of the accomplishments of the recipients. We appreciate their dedication to the Mason community. And, perhaps now you see why we fondly nicknamed Dr. Merten as “Mason’s Recognitionator.”