



The Mason Star

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Celebrating Achievements through Mason Recognition

Welcome to our sixth edition of the Mason Star. Recognition is a touchstone at George Mason University and central to our values here in HR & Payroll. It is exciting to see the depth and breath of Mason's recognition culture from the central programming (outstanding achievement, service awards, etc.) to the recognition in many colleges, schools and departments. We want to celebrate the accomplishments and contributions made by so many in the Mason community this past year and thank those who nominated and supported them. They are all our Mason stars.

State Honors Psychology Professor Eden King with Outstanding Faculty Award

Eden King joined the faculty of the Industrial-Organizational Psychology program at George Mason University after earning her Ph.D. from Rice University in 2006.

Her research, which has appeared in the top journals in her discipline and in popular media outlets such as Good Morning America and the CBS Evening News, builds understanding of the experiences of stigmatized individuals in the workplace and the strategies that can be used to improve these experiences. Her research reflects breadth in the diversity of perspectives that are considered, which include women, ethnic minorities, obese individuals, older workers, disabled individuals, parents, and gay and lesbian workers.



Dr. King's research endeavors have been supported by funding from the Sloan Foundation and the American Psychological Association and recognized by awards from the Society for Industrial-Organizational Psychology and the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. She is currently on the editorial boards of the Journal of Management and the Journal of Business and Psychology. Her first book, *How Women Can Make it Work: The Science of Success*, will be published this spring.

In her teaching, Dr. King strives to cultivate critical thinking based on empirical research and to evoke persistent learning and application of research after students leave her classroom. Her enthusiasm for research is matched by her dedication to the mentorship of diverse graduate and undergraduate students.

Article from January 2011 <http://www.schev.edu/adminfaculty/ofa/11king.asp>
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Bob Sachs, professor of Mathematical Sciences, awarded the John Smith Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching by the Mathematical Association of America.

Sachs is the first Mason professor to receive the award since its first recipient in 1992, the late John Smith, for whom the award is named. Sachs was recognized for extraordinarily successful teaching, having documented examples of teaching effectiveness, showing influence beyond our institution, and fostering curiosity and generating excitement about mathematics in our students.

Sachs has played many leadership roles since he began working at Mason in 1989. He was on the planning committee for the Computational Sciences Institute and designed the computational mathematics track for PhD students. He also led the effort to establish a PhD program in mathematics and he created a set of computer labs for the calculus sequence to be used by the faculty teaching MATH 113, 114 and 213. Outside of Mason, Sachs designed and implemented a four-course sequence for Fairfax County, Va., and other local school districts to teach multivariable calculus. Every semester for the last 10 years, he has taught advanced mathematics courses at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria, Va. And for the last two years, he has often lectured in the weekly Fairfax Math Circle, a math club for middle and high school students.



Photo courtesy of Bob Sachs

Sachs is a co-principal investigator on a five-year, \$3 million grant from the National Science Foundation that began in 2007. The grant supports graduate students who train kindergarten through grade 12 math and science teachers in local schools.

Article from May 20, 2011 <http://gazette.gmu.edu/articles/20437?print=y>

Mason Wins TIAA-CREF Raise the Rate Contest; Walker First Winner of 'Mason Spirit Award'

In a surprise announcement at the close of the annual Mason awards ceremony on Oct. 22, Roger W. Ferguson, president and CEO of TIAA-CREF, told the crowd of awardees and supporters that Mason had won the company's Raise the Rate Contest.

Nearly 170 colleges and universities participated in the nationwide contest. Members of the Mason community submitted the most ideas — 296 — to raise the U.S. personal savings rate.

At the ceremony, Ferguson presented President Alan Merten with a huge \$25,000 "check."

Linda Harber, associate vice president of Human Resources and Payroll (HR) said that the endowment will be used to help employees on tuition waiver purchase textbooks required for their course work. It will be a competitive \$250 book scholarship for part-time and full-time Mason faculty and staff who are pursuing a degree at Mason. Since the scholarships will be provided from the investment results of the endowment, the scholarship will be sustainable. People can contribute to the endowment if they would like.



TIAA-CREF President and CEO Roger Ferguson joins the Patriot, Mason cheerleaders and President Alan Merten to present his company's Raise the Rate contest prize. Photo by Lori A. Wilson

Article from October 26, 2010 <http://gazette.gmu.edu/articles/18415>





Senior Vice President Super Star Award



Jana Hurley
Sisc Johnson
Steve Morehouse

Auxiliary Enterprises
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Patrice Musco
Li Zhou

Budget Office
Budget Office

Laura Manno

Campus Planning

Stephanie Ford
Jennifer Massie
Deepali Nanda

Environmental Health & Safety
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Richard Cleveland
Otis Foster
Christy Hogan
Connie Samuel
Deena Treague

Facilities Management, PW Campus
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Jim Gear
Brad Glatfelter

Facilities Project Management & Construction
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Neda Delavarpour
Junko Dierken
Michael Landrum

General Accounting/Fiscal Services
Accounts Payable/Fiscal Services
Cashier's Office

Mira Halilovic
Megan Kirk
Helga Yunker

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Paul Bowden
Deborah Corbatto
Michael Ouellette

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Jacqueline Curtis

Internal Audit & Management Services

Janice Gouch

Office of the Senior Vice President

Amanda Harrison

Regional Campuses

Cynthia Zema

University Counsel

Tom Baligalupi
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Michael Guston
Michael Lighthiser
Emily Ross

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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 or 40 years of service. This year's University Day Celebration was held on April 7th, and 493 employees were honored. Eight employees were honored with 35 years of service, and five 40-year recipients were honored!

40 Years

Emmett Holman, *Philosophy*
Michael R. Kelley, *Capitol Connection*
James Trefil, *Robinson Professors*



35 Years

Kenneth Beaty, *Facilities Management*
James Bennett, *Economics*
Douglas Mose, *Chemistry*
Frederick Schack, *School of Recreation, Health, and Tourism*
Maurice Scherrens, *Senior Vice President*
Lich Tran, *Registrar's Office*



Also recognized (no photo available)
Roberto Coronel





University Employee of the Month

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.

Dr Merten presents an award and various gifts at a ceremony held for the winner. To nominate a coworker for the Employee of the Month award, please visit <http://hr.gmu.edu/awards/everyday.php#empl>

July	Pam Thomson, <i>ITU Administrative Services</i>
August	Mary Jackson, <i>Economics</i>
September	Tuyen Nguyen, <i>Accounts Payable</i>
October	Patricia Sperry, <i>Office of Sponsored Programs</i>
November	Tara Laskowski, <i>University Relations</i>
December	Rosalynn Holder, <i>University Life</i>
January	Cloud Spurlock, <i>English</i>
February	Catalina Wheat, <i>HR & Payroll</i>
March	Bobbie Merritt, <i>HR & Payroll</i>
April	David Soorenko, <i>CHSS Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs</i>
May	Karen Manley, <i>Enrollment Services</i>
June	Jill Scharl, <i>Economics</i>



Facilities Employee of the Month

July	Fausto Diaz and Wiredu Adade, <i>Recycling/Waste</i>
August	Erich Miller, <i>Project Management Office</i>
September	Venton Chaney, <i>HVAC Shop</i>
October	Martha Sansaver, <i>Project Management</i>
November	Danielle Wyman, <i>University Sustainability</i>
December	Jose Escobar, <i>Paint Shop</i>
January	Stephen Scarborough, <i>Auto Shop</i>
February	James Small, <i>Warehouse</i>
March	Greg Rismiller, <i>Infrastructure & Records</i>
April	James Gear, <i>Building Commissioning</i>
May	Christie Scarborough, <i>Customer Service</i>
June	Johnny Trejos, <i>Project Management Office</i>



ITU Employee of the Month

July	Leslie Painter, <i>Security & Project Management</i>
August	Veronica Fisher, <i>SC&A, Library</i>
September	Laura Phelps, <i>Organizational Analysis & Development</i>
October	Ahmed Sharif Ahmed, <i>Technology Support Services</i>
November	Benjamin Allen, <i>Networking Engineering & Tech</i>
December	Lene Palmer, <i>Collection Development & Preservation, Library</i>
January	Natalie Webster, <i>Networking Engineering & Tech</i>
March	Richard Jackson, <i>TSD - Ent Servers & Messaging</i>
April	Huaming Liu, <i>LSS/OLR Web Applications Developer</i>
May	Dennis Royal, Jr., <i>ITU Support Center</i>
June	Cherie Galantis, <i>DoIT - Educational Media Services</i>





Office of Housing & Residence Life

Housing Facilities Employee of the Month

- November** Juan Morales, *Maintenance*
Carlos Ramirez, *Housekeeping*
- December** Jose Chinchilla, *Grounds*
Francisca Argueta, *Housekeeping*
- January** Jose Salazar, *Maintenance*
Gloria Rodriguez, *Housekeeping*
- February** Sayed Hashimi, *Maintenance*
Esperanza Hernandez, *Housekeeping*
- March** Man-Shik Lim, *Maintenance*
Nicolas Alcantara, *Housekeeping*
- April** Luis Jarquin, *Maintenance*
Loyda Ruiz, *Housekeeping*
- May** Henri Cruz, *Maintenance*
Zulma Terceros, *Housekeeping*



Office of University Life

Positive Impact Award Recipients

- October 2010** Julie Lubochincki
- November 2010** Kathy Shifflett
- April 2011** Karen Wolf
Danielle LaPierre



University Life Partnership Award Recipients

- December 2010** Michelle R. Ramos-Pellicia
- April 2011** Rick Diecchio



The Noreen McGuire Prettyman Phoenix Award Recipient

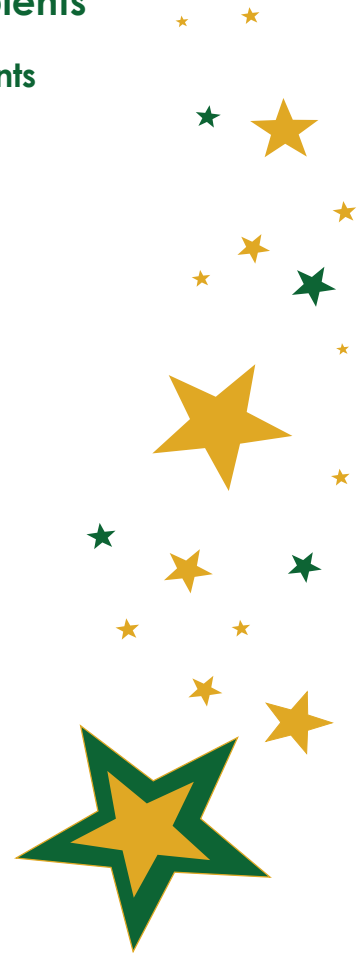
- December 2010** Katie Murray



SOM Instructional Faculty Award Recipients

2010-11 Excellence in Research Award Recipients (Premier Publication Award)

J.K. Aier	<i>Accounting</i>
Keith Jones	<i>Accounting</i>
Karen Kitching	<i>Accounting</i>
Mikhail Pevzner	<i>Accounting</i>
Min Shen	<i>Accounting</i>
Rick Warne	<i>Accounting</i>
Stephen Christophe	<i>Finance</i>
Michael Ferri	<i>Finance</i>
Jin-Lung Hsieh	<i>Finance</i>
Fei Xie	<i>Finance</i>
Steven Pilloff	<i>Finance</i>
Christof Stahel	<i>Finance</i>
Jesse Bockstedt	<i>Information Systems & Operations Management</i>
Anant Mishra	<i>Information Systems & Operations Management</i>
Nitup Menon	<i>Information Systems & Operations Management</i>
Michael Naor	<i>Information Systems & Operations Management</i>
Chi-Hyon Lee	<i>Management</i>
Kevin Rockmann	<i>Management</i>
Ning Li	<i>Management</i>





2010-11 Teaching Award Recipients

Catherine Crampton
James Wolfe
Cindy Parker

Management
Management
Management



2010-11 Service Award Recipients

Philip Buchannan
Edward Douthett
Anne Magro
Sidhartha Das
Kumar Mehta
Mahesh Joshi
David Kravitz
Laurie Meamber
Kevin McCrohan
Christopher Joiner
Anupam Jaju

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Marketing
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2010-11 Staff Service Award Recipients

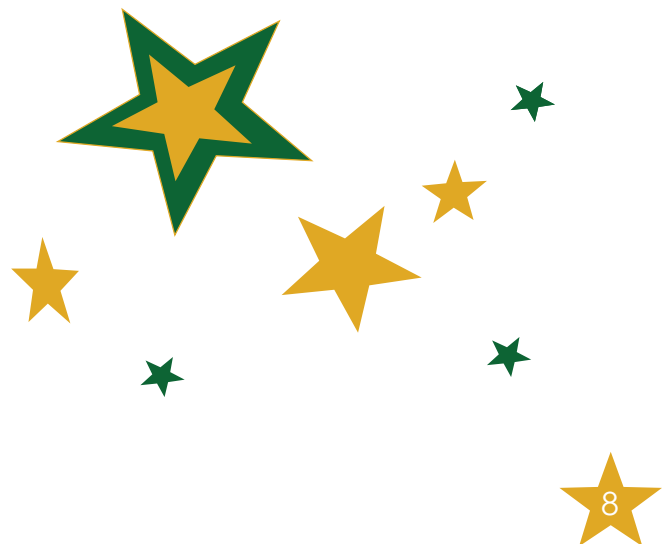
Marie Scanlon
Cheryl Welch
Susan Stone
Lynda Carmichael
Catherine Kotila

OACS
Finance
OACS
Executive MBA
Dean's Office



2010-11 Advisor of the Year Award Recipient

Jan Ward
Academic Advising





Mary Roper Award Recipient

Annie Lonetti *Department of Criminology, Law and Society*

Other Award Recipients



Michelle Carr *Cultural Studies*
Dana Vogel *Department of Economics*
Jennifer Stone *English*
Jill Scharl *Department of Economics*

CHSS Fall 2010 BTS Upload Contest Winners



Maria Carabelli *Department of Communication*
Sue Woodfine *New Century College*
Ann Ludwick *Department of Public and International Affairs*
Annie Lonetti *Department of Criminology, Law and Society*
Jennifer Stone *Department of English*
Jen Barnard *Department of Modern and Classical Languages*
Michelle Carr *Cultural Studies Program*

CHSS Spring 2011 BTS Upload Contest Winners



Jackie Anderson *Department of Public and International Affairs*
Jen Barnard *Department of Modern and Classical Languages*
Denise Ivey *Department of Sociology and Anthropology*
Annie Lonetti *Department of Administration of Justices*
Allison Millward *Department of Psychology*
Jennifer Stone *Department of English*
Dana Vogel *Department of Economics*

CHSS Star Award



1st Quarter 2010 Lynn Simnowitz, *CHSS Graduate Admissions*
2nd Quarter 2010 Jill Bowen and Kiki Holl, *Humanities & Social Sciences*
3rd Quarter 2010 David Williams, *Department of English*
4th Quarter 2010 Betty Zimmerman and Diane Conners, *CHSS Graduate Admissions*

1st Quarter 2011 Shae Mensch, *CHSS Dean's Office*
2nd Quarter 2011 Amy Noecker and Holly Gillcash, *CHSS Dean's Office*



Teaching Excellence Awards - 2011

2011 David J. King Award

Dr. Marion Deshmukh Associate Professor, *History & Art History*



Teaching Excellence Award Recipients

Dr. Kathleen Gaffney Assistant Dean, *School of Nursing, CHSS*

Dr. Mary Kayler Assistant Professor, *CEHD*

Ms. Sufumi So Assistant Professor, *Modern & Classical Languages*

Mr. James Willis Assistant Professor, *Criminology, Law & Society*

Dr. Terry Zawacki Director/Associate Professor, *English*



2011 General Education Award

Mr. Padmanabhan Seshaiyer Associate Professor, *Mathematical Sciences*



2011 Teaching with Technology Award

Dr. Kevin Curtin Associate Professor, *Geography & Geo Info. Sciences*



International Association of Administrative Professionals

Mason Chapter Member of Excellence Certificate Recipients

Sandra Beckett	<i>Facilities Planning</i>
Kerri Cardozza	<i>University Relations</i>
Judy Morton	<i>University Relations</i>
Yoland King	<i>Equity and Diversity Services</i>



The Volgenau School of Information Technology & Engineering

2011 Department of Computer Science Awards

Outstanding Faculty Research Award Recipient

Daniel Barbara, PhD

Outstanding Young Faculty Research Award Recipients

Sam Malek, PhD

Huzefa Rangwala, PhD

Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award Recipient

David Nordstrom, PhD

Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award Recipients

Fred Geldon

Gregory Martin

Outstanding Service Award Recipient

Paul Ammann, PhD

Faculty Advisor of the Year Award Recipient

Pearl Wang, PhD

Outstanding Staff Award Recipient

Therese Michael

Retirement Award Recipient

Edgar Sibley, ScD



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Human Resources & Payroll Awards Ceremony – Fall 2010

Twenty-three University employees were honored at the Achievement Award Ceremony on October 22nd. 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 Environmental Health and Safety Office presented the Safety Recognition Award and the University Sustainability Office presented the Sustainability Hero Award.



Outstanding Achievement Awards

Clodagh Bassett
Roslyn Cress
Christopher N Freas
Michael Galvin
James P. Gear
Richard Jensen
Tara Laskowski
Robert Sparkman*
Thomas Ward
Jane Wendelin

School of Management
Environmental Science & Policy
University Registrar's Office
Office of Tech Integration & University Life
Facilities Project Management & Construction
Facilities Project Management & Construction
Office of Media & Public Relations
Fiscal Services - FAST
Purchasing & Accounts Payable
Krasnow Institute for Advanced Study



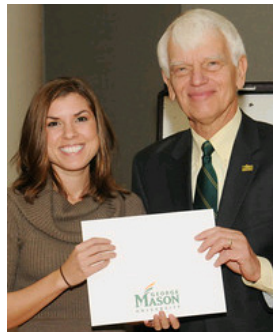
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Exceptional Support Awards

Craig Bullock
Leah Kerkman Fogarty
Rosalynn Holder
Naida Kuruvilla*
Barbara Merritt
Linda Midcalf
Keith Ruby
Jill Scharl
Hieu Tran
Michelle Workman

Facilities Management
Creative Services
University Life
Criminology, Law & Society
HR & Payroll
Facilities Management
Facilities Project Management & Construction
Economics
Facilities Project Management & Constructio
Internal Audit & Management Services



* No Photo Available



Outstanding Supervisor Award

Sergeant Judy Meade
Arlington Operations



Sustainability Hero Award

Dr. Daniel Sklarew
Environmental Science & Policy



Margaret C. Howell Award

Ric Chollar
Diversity Programs & Services



David W. Rossell Quill Award

Dr. R. Christian Jones
Environmental Science & Policy



Spirit of Mason Award

Janet Walker
HR & Payroll





Safety Recognition Award

Ronald Shayka
Business Operations

Lauren Huston
Intercollegiate Athletics



Martha J. Reiner Quality Customer Service Award

Deborah Paez Hoesly
College of Visual &
Performing Arts

Nyla Louh
College of Visual &
Performing Arts



Pictured with Martha J. Reiner

**Congratulations to all
our Mason Stars!**





Reward the stars in your office with these awards!

Gift cards, certificates, and non-monetary awards are excellent ways to show appreciation to your outstanding employees. Over 1900 of these awards have been given to Mason employees over the past 12 months. To request an award for your employee, simply send an e-mail to awards@gmu.edu with his or her name, G#, and a brief description of his or her achievement. For gift card requests, please make sure the employee's direct supervisor approves of the award. See below for all of the available awards.

- ***New*** “You’re an AMAZING Employee” – Amazon.com gift card
- ***New*** “EXPRESSION of Gratitude” – American Express gift card
- ***New*** “Your Efforts Really SHINE” – Mason auto sun shade*
- ***New*** “You’re ‘Cooler’ than you think” – Mason lunch cooler*
- ***New*** “You Stepped It Up” – Panera gift card
- ***New*** “Way to Go” – Shell gas gift card
- “Mama Mia, It’s a Fiesta!” Award – Chili’s/Maggiano’s/On the Border/Macaroni Grill gift card
- You’re a “Bloomin” Star Award – Outback Steakhouse gift card
- You’re “Greeeeeat” Award – Great American restaurants gift card
- “The Star That You Are” Award – Starbucks gift card
- “Get Cozy at Cosi” Award – Cosi restaurants gift card
- You Hit the “Bull’s-eye” Award – Target gift card
- “Thanks a Bunch” Award – Kohl’s gift card
- You’re “Simply the Best” Award – Best Buy gift card
- “Mason’s Noble Prize” – Barnes & Noble gift card
- “You’re a ‘Reel’ Mason Star” Award - Two movie tickets and a \$10 voucher to put toward concessions or an additional ticket*
- “Slam-Dunk” Award – Dunkin’ Donuts gift certificate*
- “You Spice up our Life” Award – A certificate for a large one-topping pizza and two-liter soda from Vocelli Pizza*
- “Life’s a Beach” Award – A Mason beach towel*
- “You Hit the Spot” Award – A BPA-free Mason water bottle*
- “Wrap it Up” Award - Mason scarf*
- “Knocked our Socks Off” Award - a pair of Mason athletic socks*
- “Flip for You” Award - Mason portfolio*
- “Raining Recognition” at Mason - A Mason umbrella*
- “We Can’t Spell Success Without You” Award - Chocolate bar*

**Available for Student Wage Employees*



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