Welcome to our 7th edition of the Mason Star. Recognition is a touchstone at George Mason University, central to our values here in Human Resources & Payroll, and strongly supported by Mason’s senior leadership and the entire Mason community. 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 programs 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.

Celebrating Achievements through Mason Recognition

World News from Reward & Recognition

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President Cabrera presents Heather Madnick, Office of Equity and Diversity Services. 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!

President Merten presents Joy Staulcup with the June Employee of the Month Award.

President Cabrera presents Heather Madnick with the July Employee of the Month Award.

President Cabrera takes photo to post on Twitter.
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. Giorgio 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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University Employees 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.

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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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 Visvananthan, Accounting

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

FACULTY SUMMER RESEARCH AWARD
Matt Cronin, Management
Cheryl Druehl, Information Systems and Operations Management
Jim Hsieh, Finance
Keith Jones, Accounting
Chi-Hyon Lee, Management
Yan Ling, Management
Anne Magro, Accounting
Nirup Menon, Information Systems and Operations Management
Mikhail Pevzner, Accounting
Kevin Rockmann, Management
Pallab Sanyal, Information Systems and Operations Management
Min Shen, Accounting

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

EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AWARD
Jessica Hoppner, Marketing
Anne Magro, Accounting
Anant Mishra, Information Systems and Operations Management
Sarah Nutter, Accounting
Mikhail Pevzner, Accounting
Pallab Sanyal, Information Systems and Operations Management
Min Shen, Accounting

GRADUATE TEACHING AWARD
MBA Professor of the Year - John Crockett
MBA Distinguished Service Award - 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
Nicole Hitpas
Basma Ishak
Martha Martin
Janet Palmisano
Kerry Willigan

Graduate Teaching Award - John Crockett
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Teaching Awards
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

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 Ludwick, Department of Public and International Affairs
Mary Jackson, Department of Economics
Jennifer Stone, Department of English
Jen Barnard, Department of Modern and Classical Languages
Annie Lonetti, Department of Criminology, Law and Society

CHSS Spring 2012 BTS Upload Contest Winners
Maria Carabelli, Department of Communication
Heather Anderson, Honors College
Jen Barnard, Department of Modern and Classical Languages
Janice Cohen, Department of Public and International Affairs
Lenore Butcher-Kutch, Bachelor of Individualized Study Program
Dana Vogel, Department of Economics

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 Giatfelter, Facilities
January Keith Wallace, Warehouse
February Fredy Lima, Auto
March Nicole Miller, Facilities Management
April Terri Russell, Customer Service
May Darnell Owens, Preventative Maintenance Shop
June Kim Greene, Facilities
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.

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

40 Years
Louis Buffardi, Psychology
Joe Lieb, School of Physics, Astronomy, Computational Science
Stephen Saperstone, Mathematical Sciences

35 Years
Luis Aguirre, University Services
Warren Decker, Communication
Robert Johnson, School of Management Undergraduate Programs
Walter Kravitiz, 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
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
Marcianne 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
Reward and Recognition: Reward the Stars in Your Office

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 staff, 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. Available awards include:

- “Flip for You” Award - Mason flip flops
- “You’re an AMAZING Employee” – Amazon.com gift card
- “Your Efforts Really SHINE” – Mason auto sun shade
- “You Stepped It Up” – Panera gift card
- “Mama Mia, It’s a Fiesta!” Award – Gift card, Chili’s/Maggiano’s/On the Border/Macaroni Grill
- “The Star That You Are” Award – Starbucks gift card
- “Thanks a Bunch” Award – Kohl’s gift card
- “Mason’s ‘Noble’ Prize” – Barnes & Noble gift card
- “You Spice up our Life” Award – A certificate for a large one-topping pizza and 2-liter soda from Vocelli Pizza
- “You Hit the Spot” Award – A BPA-free Mason water bottle
- “Knocked our Socks Off” Award - a pair of Mason athletic socks
- “Raining Recognition” at Mason - A Mason umbrella
- “We Can’t Spell Success Without You” Award - Chocolate bar
- “You’re a ‘Reel’ Mason Star” Award - 2 movie tickets and a $10 Concessions voucher or an additional ticket
- “You Have the Write Stuff” Award - Mason portfolio
- “EXPRESSION of Gratitude” – American Express gift card
- “You’re ‘Cooler’ than you think” – Mason lunch cooler
- “Way to Go!” – Shell gas gift card
- “You’re ‘Greeeeeat!’” Award – Great American restaurants gift card
- “Get Cozy at Cosi” Award – Cosi restaurants gift card
- “You Hit the ‘Bull’s-eye’” Award – Target gift card
- “You’re Simply the Best”” Award – Best Buy gift card
- “Slam-Dunk” Award – Dunkin’ Donuts gift certificate
- “Life’s a Beach” Award – A Mason beach towel
- “Wrap it Up” Award - Mason scarf
- “Flip for You” Award - Mason portfolio (small)

*Available for Student Wage Employees

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If you would like us to publish your department/school’s awards in our next newsletter, please send us your information.

Thank You Dr. Merten!

Dr. Alan Merten pictured along with past Employees of the Month honored during his tenure.

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.”