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 breadth 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
Photo from January 2011 http://www.schev.edu/adminfaculty/ofa/11king.asp
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.

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.

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.
### Senior Vice President Super Star Award

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

Facilities Employee of the Month

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

ITU Employee of the Month

July Leslie Painter, Security & Project Management
August Veronica Fisher, SC&A, Library
September Laura Phelps, Organizational Analysis & Development
October Ahmed Sharif Ahmed, Technology Support Services
November Benjamin Allen, Networking Engineering & Tech
December Lene Palmer, Collection Development & Preservation, Library
January Natalie Webster, Networking Engineering & Tech
March Richard Jackson, TSD - Ent Servers & Messaging
April Huaming Liu, LSS/OLR Web Applications Developer
May Dennis Royal, Jr., ITU Support Center
June Cherie Galantis, DoIT - Educational Media Services
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, Accounting
Keith Jones, Accounting
Karen Kitching, Accounting
Mikhail Pevzner, Accounting
Min Shen, Accounting
Rick Warne, Accounting
Stephen Christophe, Finance
Michael Ferri, Finance
Jin-Lung Hsieh, Finance
Fei Xie, Finance
Steven Pilloff, Finance
Christof Stahel, Finance
Jesse Bockstedt, Information Systems & Operations Management
Anant Mishra, Information Systems & Operations Management
Nitup Menon, Information Systems & Operations Management
Michael Naor, Information Systems & Operations Management
Chi-Hyon Lee, Management
Kevin Rockmann, Management
Ning Li, Management
2010-11 Teaching Award Recipients

Catherine Crampton  Management
James Wolfe  Management
Cindy Parker  Management

2010-11 Service Award Recipients

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

2010-11 Staff Service Award Recipients

Marie Scanlon  OACS
Cheryl Welch  Finance
Susan Stone  OACS
Lynda Carmichael  Executive MBA
Catherine Kotila  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  
Facilities Planning

Kerri Cardozza  
University Relations

Judy Morton  
University Relations

Yoland King  
Equity and Diversity Services
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

GO MASON!
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
School of Management
Roslyn Cress
Environmental Science & Policy
Christopher N Freas
University Registrar’s Office
Michael Galvin
Office of Tech Integration & University Life
James P. Gear
Facilities Project Management & Construction
Richard Jensen
Facilities Project Management & Construction
Tara Laskowski
Office of Media & Public Relations
Robert Sparkman*
Purchasing & Accounts Payable
Thomas Ward
Fiscal Services - FAST
Jane Wendelin
Krasnow Institute for Advanced Study

* No Photo Available
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 & Construction  
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 “Greeeeeeat” 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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