Two Mason Faculty Members are Honored by Governor Kaine with the 2009 Outstanding Faculty Award

RICHMOND—Governor Timothy M. Kaine honored 12 Virginia educators as recipients of the 2009 Outstanding Faculty Award for excellence in teaching, research, and public service on February 19th. The faculty members from two-year and four-year colleges and universities across the Commonwealth were recognized during an awards ceremony at the Jefferson Hotel as part of the annual OFA program administered by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and sponsored by Dominion.

“These faculty members were selected by academic and business leaders as exemplary educators committed to student learning, beneficial research endeavors, and community volunteerism,” Governor Kaine said. “They represent the unique missions of their institutions and have helped make the Commonwealth’s higher education system one of the finest in the nation.”

Michael M. Behrmann is the “Teaching with Technology” designee and Director of the Helen A. Kellar Institute for Human Disabilities and Kellar Professor of Special Education in the Graduate School of Education at George Mason University.

Raja Parasuraman, internationally recognized for his research in human factors and cognitive neuroscience, is University Professor of Psychology at George Mason University.

Photos from http://www.schev.edu/AdminFaculty/OFAprogramIndex.asp
Article from http://www.governor.virginia.gov/MediaRelations/NewsReleases/viewRelease.cfm?id=879
Mason Recognized in Top 100 of Academic Ranking of World Universities

George Mason University was ranked in the top 100 North and Latin American Universities by the Academic Ranking of World Universities which is conducted annually by Shanghai Jiao Tong University’s Institute of Higher Education.

Universities are ranked by several indicators of academic or research performance, including alumni and staff winning Nobel Prizes and Fields Medals, highly cited researchers, articles published in the journals Nature and Science, articles indexed in major citations indices and the per capita academic performance of an institution.

Other Virginia universities recognized were the University of Virginia in Charlottesville and Virginia Tech in Blacksburg.
(Excerpts from Mason Gazette, 9/04/2008)

Mason Makes the Princeton Review’s List of Best Value Colleges

Mason is one of the nation’s best values among undergraduate institutions, according to The Princeton Review. The New York-based education services company features Mason on its list of America’s 100 “Best Value” colleges for 2009.

The guide profiles 50 public and 50 private colleges and universities. Of these 100 schools, the list ranks the top 10 public and the top 10 private. The remaining 80 are unranked and listed alphabetically. Mason is the only school in the Washington, D.C., region to be selected for the list.

The “best value” choices for 2009 are based on the surveys of administrators and students at more than 650 colleges and universities. The selection criteria consisted of more than 30 factors in three areas — academics, costs of attendance and financial aid — using data from each institution’s 2007-08 academic year. Also, more than 160,000 student surveys provided input for the academic ratings.

James Madison University in Harrisonburg was also recognized.
(Excerpts from Mason Gazette, 1/12/2009)
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 475 employees were honored. Six employees were honored with 35 years of service, and one 40-year recipient was honored!

35 Years
Lloyd Duck, College of Education and Human Development
Klaus Fischer, College of Science
James Metcalf, College of Health and Human Services
Victoria Rader, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Miriam Raskin, College of Health and Human Services
James Sanford, College of Humanities and Social Sciences

40 Years
Evans Mandes, College of Science
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.

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

November  Margaret Ream, College of Health & Human Services
December  Mery Tucker, College of Science
January   Judy Meade, University Police
February  Susan Turriziani, College of Humanities & Social Sciences
March     Robyn Madar, Human Resources & Payroll
April     Kathy Jayne, Fiscal Services
May       Amy VanMeter, College of Science
June      Ann Ludwick, Public & International Affairs

Facilities Employee of the Month

October   Helen Tolson, Housekeeping
November  Charles Hart, Carpenter
December  Joe Hart, Locksmith
January   James Patterson, Arlington
February  Scott Bargas, Paint Shop
March     George Malenich, Plumbing
April     Epifanio Escamilla, Maintenance
May       Winston Jones, Electric Shop
June      John Wickline, Arlington

ITU’s Employee of the Month

November  Michael Snipas, Technology Support Services
December  Dorothy Lockaby, University Libraries
January   Angela Ballesteros, ITU Security & Project Management
February  Tamara Schweinsberg, DoIT — Learning Support Services
March     Howard Davis, Technology Support Services
April     Mark Sadler, Technology Support Services
May       Carey McDaniel, DoIT
June      Joyce Price, University Libraries
SOM Instructional Faculty Award Recipients

2007-08 Excellence in Research Award Recipients
(Premier Journal Publication)

ACCT — Keith Jones
Do Models of Discretionary Accruals Detect Actual Cases of Fraudulent and Restated Earnings: An Empirical Analysis

ACCT — Anne Magro
Do effects of client preference on accounting professionals’ information search and subsequent judgments persist with high practice risk?

ISOM — Cheryl Druehl
A Strategy for Opening a New Market and Encroaching on the Lower End of the Existing Market

FNAN — Alexander Philipov
Momentum and Credit Rating

FNAN — Fei Xie
Corporate Governance and Acquire Returns

MGMT — Matthew Cronin
Group Learning

MGMT — David Kravitz
The diversity-validity dilemma: Beyond selection - the role of affirmative action

MGMT — David Kravitz
The diversity-validity dilemma: Overview and legal context

MGMT — Claus Langfred
The downside of self-management: A longitudinal study of the effects of conflict on trust, autonomy and task interdependence in self-managing teams

MGMT — Yan Ling
Transformational Leadership’s Role in Promoting Corporate Entrepreneurship: Examining the CEO-TMT Interface

MKTG — Ning Li
Trust at Different Organizational Levels

MKTG — Ritesh Saini
How I Decide Depends on What I Spend: Use of Heuristics is Greater for Time than for Money

2007-08 Teaching Award Recipients

MGMT — Cindy Parker
Undergraduate Student Teaching Award

MGMT — Kevin Rockmann
Graduate Student Teaching Award

MGMT — Paige Wolf
SOM Excellence in Teaching Award

2007-08 Business Engagement Award Recipients

ACCT — Sarah Nutter

MGMT — Maheshkumar Joshi

MGMT — Paige Wolf
2009 CHSS Mary Roper Award Ceremony

Mary Roper Award Recipients

Barb Gomperts  
Department of English

Jen Barnard  
Department of Modern and Classical Languages

Other Award Recipients

Annie Lonetti  
Outstanding Contributions in HR & Finance Support  
Department of Administration of Justice

Susan Ridley  
Outstanding Contributions in Administrative Support  
Department of Psychology

Susan Turriziani  
Outstanding Contributions in Graduate Programs Support  
Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

Jennifer Hostler  
Outstanding Contributions in IT Support  
Department of English

CHSS Spring BTS Upload Contest Winners

Annie Lonetti  
Department of Administration of Justice

Laura McCloskey  
Department of History and Art History

Barb Gomperts  
Department of English

Dana Vogel  
Department of Economics

Kristin Fairchild  
Department of Psychology

Sara Montiel  
Department of Psychology

Andy McDonald  
Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies

Karen Secrist  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Jen Barnard  
Department of Modern and Classical Languages

2009 Admissions Office “George” Award Recipients

January  
Ryan Piluzza, Erica Phillipy, Grace Arguijo, Pat Mazur, and Rosemary Hallenbeck

February  
Zakir Alam, Kathy Zimmerman, Bruce Keen, and Jan Macario

March  
Matthew Jaquith

April  
Tanneh Kamara, Shavawn Holmes, Emily Jackson, John Ivicic, and Gregory Doyle

May  
Joy Morgan, Erica Lewis, and Nancy Kliwer

June  
Pat Mazur, Iby Setzer, Grace Arguijo, Emily Archambeault, Emily Welty, Brydin Banning, Will Curley, and Steve Steppe
Teaching Excellence Awards - 2009

2009 David J. King Award

Dr. Debra Bergoffen  Professor/Graduate Coordinator
Department of Philosophy

Teaching Excellence Award Recipients

Dr. Pamela Hudson Baker  Assistant Professor
College of Education & Human Development

Dr. Karen Hallows  EMBA Academic Director
School of Management

Dr. Kumar Mehta  Assistant Professor
School of Management

Dr. Linda Monson  Professor/Associate Chair/Keyboard Studies Director
Department of Music

Chawky Frenn  Assistant Professor
Department of Art and Visual Technology

Dr. Esperenza Roman-Mendoza  Assistant Professor
Department of Art and Visual Technology

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Human Resources & Payroll Awards Ceremony – Fall 2008

Twenty-three University employees were honored at the Fall Award Ceremony on October 21st. These employees were presented with Outstanding Achievement Awards, Exceptional Support Awards, the Martha J. Reiner Quality Customer Service Award, and the David W. Rossell Quill Award. In addition, the Staff Senate presented the Outstanding Supervisor Award, and The Environmental Health and Safety Office presented the Safety Recognition Award. The first-ever Sustainability Hero Award was also awarded.

Outstanding Achievement Awards

Anthony J. Edsel Diaz
Barbara Doane
Jamie Garl Engelbrecht
Irene Flores
Rosalynn Holder
Laurie Jones
Patrick Quinn
Daniel Taggart
Facilities Construction
Fiscal Services
School of Management
Web Communications
Office of Student Activities
Human Resources & Payroll
Fiscal Services
Human Resources & Payroll

Exceptional Support Awards

Djamal Kellouche
Tariq Suliman
Wendi Carroll
Roslyn Cress
Tenille Haegerle
Jennifer Hostler
Sarah Knapp
Stefanya Kurilla
Ras Al Khaimah Campus
Ras Al Khaimah Campus
University Life
Environmental Science & Policy
School of Public Policy
English Department
Staff Senate
Development Office
Outstanding Supervisor Award

Erek Perry
Director
University Scholars Program

Safety Recognition Award

David Quinn
Matthew Carroll
Clint Steele
Grounds Keeping/Turf Management
Intercollegiate Athletes

Sustainability Hero Award

Dave Kuebrich
Associate Professor
English Department

Martha J. Reiner Quality Customer Service Award

Yolanda Coles
Administrative Assistant
Office of the President

David W. Rossell Quill Award

David Harr
Senior Associate Dean
School of Management
Human Resources & Payroll Awards Ceremony – Spring 2009

Thirty-four University employees were honored on May 7th at the 25th Outstanding Achievement Awards Ceremony. The awards included Outstanding Achievement Awards, Exceptional Support Awards, the Margaret C. Howell Award, the David W. Rossell Quill Award, and the Team Excellence Award. In addition, the Staff Senate presented two Outstanding Supervisor Awards, and the Environmental Health and Safety Office presented the Safety Recognition Award. The University Sustainability Office also presented the Sustainability Hero Award. Two individuals were honored with Presidential Citations, and a student received a Mason Citizen Commendation.

Outstanding Achievement Awards

Kathy Adcock  Technology Systems Division
Nicole Ciccone  School of Management
Charles Fanshaw  Facilities Planning
Paul Foley  Facilities Management
Jerry Hansen  Facilities Management
Tom Lyall  Student Financial Aid
Gerri Nickle  Fiscal Services
Jennifer Sturgis  Krasnow Institute for Advanced Study
Greg Woodyard  Purchasing & Accounts Payable
Helga Yunker  Human Resources & Payroll

Exceptional Support Awards

Cynthia Bentley  University Libraries
Jessica Clark  School of Law
Kevin Gibson  Technology Systems Division
Holly Gillcash  College of Visual & Performing Arts
Misuk (Joyce) Kong  The Volgenau School of IT&E
Wendy Lim  University Libraries
Michael Perini  University Library
Presidential Citations and Mason Citizen Commendation

Heather Parker & Emily Ross
Police Officers
University Police
Eba Siddig
Mason Student

Outstanding Supervisor Award

Richard Wood
General Manager/Executive Producer
GMU-TV
Susan Ridley
Office Manager
Psychology Department

Safety Recognition Award

Wallace Riegel
Facilities Supervisor
Facilities Management
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** Mason’s “Noble” Prize – $20 gift card to Barnes & Noble
- **New** “Thanks a Bunch” Award – $20 gift card to Kohl’s
- **New** “Mama Mia, It’s a Fiesta!” Award – $20 gift card to Chili’s/Maggiano’s/On the Border/Macaroni Grill
- **New** “Slam-Dunk” Award – $5 certificate booklet to Dunkin’ Donuts*
- **New** “You Spice up our Life” Award – A certificate for a large one-topping pizza and two-liter coke from Domino’s Pizza*
- **New** “Life’s a Beach” Award – A Mason beach towel*
- **New** “You Hit the Spot” Award – A BPA-free Mason water bottle*
- You’re a “Bloomin” Star Award - $20.00 gift certificate to Outback Steakhouse
- You're “Greeeeeat” Award - $20.00 gift certificate to Great American restaurants
- You Hit the “Bull’s-eye” Award - $20.00 gift certificate to Target
- You “Did It” Award - $20.00 gift certificate to Home Depot
- You're “Simply the Best” Award - $20.00 gift certificate to Best Buy
- “Get Cozy at Cosi” Award - $20.00 gift certificate to Cosi restaurants
- “You’re a ‘Reel’ Mason Star” Award - Two movie tickets and a $10 voucher to put toward concessions or an additional ticket*
- You ‘Knocked our Socks Off’ Award - a pair of Mason athletic socks*
- We ‘Flip for You’ Award - Mason portfolio*
- It’s “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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