

MENU

SALAD

Baby Field Greens, Shaved Heirloom Carrots, Heirloom Cherry Tomatoes,
Shaved Cucumber, Parmigiano Reggiano, Carrot Greens,
Creamy Oregano Feta Dressing

ENTRÉE SELECTIONS

Roasted Filet in Demi Glace, Truffle Mashed Red Potatoes,
Roasted Asparagus, Sun Dried and Heirloom Tomato Confit, Salsa Verde,
Carrot Greens

Paella Style Risotto, Shrimp, Baby Scallops, Clams,
Tomato Confit, Parmigiano Reggiano, Parsley

VEGETARIAN

Roasted Cauliflower Purée, Sun Dried Tomato,
Blistered Heirloom Carrots, Brussel Sprout Leaves,
Crispy Fingerling Rounds, Carrot Greens

DESSERT SELECTIONS

Pumpkin Tart with Whipped Cream, Cocoa Powder,
Chocolate Stick, Caramel Drizzle

Opera Cake with Chocolate Stick and Leaf Garnish, Gold Leaf

ORDER OF EVENTS

WELCOME

Jay Gogue
Interim President

DINING

REMARKS

Bill Hardgrave
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

CONGRATULATIONS

Jimmy Sanford
Auburn University Board of Trustees

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Norman Godwin
Associate Provost for Academic Effectiveness

DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE FACULTY LECTURESHIP

Presented by Gretchen VanValkenburg
Vice President for Alumni Affairs and
Executive Director of the Auburn Alumni Association

ALUMNI UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Presented by Gretchen VanValkenburg

PRESIDENT'S OUTSTANDING COLLABORATIVE UNITS AWARD

Presented by Jay Gogue

DEPARTMENTAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Presented by Bill Hardgrave

PROVOST AWARD FOR FACULTY EXCELLENCE IN
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTORING

Presented by Bill Hardgrave

RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY BOARD ADVANCEMENT OF RESEARCH
AND SCHOLARSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Presented by Jim Weyhenmeyer

*Vice President for Research
and Economic Development*

CREATIVE RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Presented by Jim Weyhenmeyer

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FACULTY OUTREACH

Presented by Royrickers Cook

*Vice President and Associate Provost
for University Outreach*

THE GERALD AND EMILY LEISCHUCK
ENDOWED PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR
EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Presented by Jay Gogue

CLOSING REMARKS

Bill Hardgrave

FACULTY AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE FACULTY LECTURESHIP

Recognizes faculty for exceptional service in support of graduate education and excellence in research.

ALUMNI UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Recognizes the outstanding teaching of undergraduates from nominations made by department heads, deans, alumni, and students. A committee of retired faculty selects the recipients.

PRESIDENT'S OUTSTANDING COLLABORATIVE UNITS AWARD

Presented to Auburn units whose collaborative efforts result in unique exemplary service or academic excellence within the university and the community.

DEPARTMENTAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Given by the University Senate, this award recognizes the efforts of departmental faculty for their commitment to improving education at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

PROVOST AWARD FOR FACULTY EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTORING

Recognizes sustained efforts to promote excellence in undergraduate scholarship through research.

**RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD ADVANCEMENT
OF RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

*Recognizes high quality, competitive research, and scholarly activity that exemplifies
and advances Auburn's research and scholarship missions.*

CREATIVE RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

*Honors the research achievements and contributions of two Auburn faculty members who
have distinguished themselves through research, scholarly works,
and creative contributions to their fields.*

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FACULTY OUTREACH

*Honors the engagement of faculty members who demonstrate the tremendous impact
Outreach has on our community, state, and nation.*

**THE GERALD AND EMILY LEISCHUCK ENDOWED PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS
FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING**

*Honors two full-time, tenured faculty members who
have demonstrated effective and innovative teaching methods and
a continuing commitment to student success through advising
and mentoring inside and outside the classroom.*



Distinguished Graduate Faculty Lectureship

Russ Muntifering

Professor

Department of Animal Sciences

College of Agriculture

29 Years at Auburn University

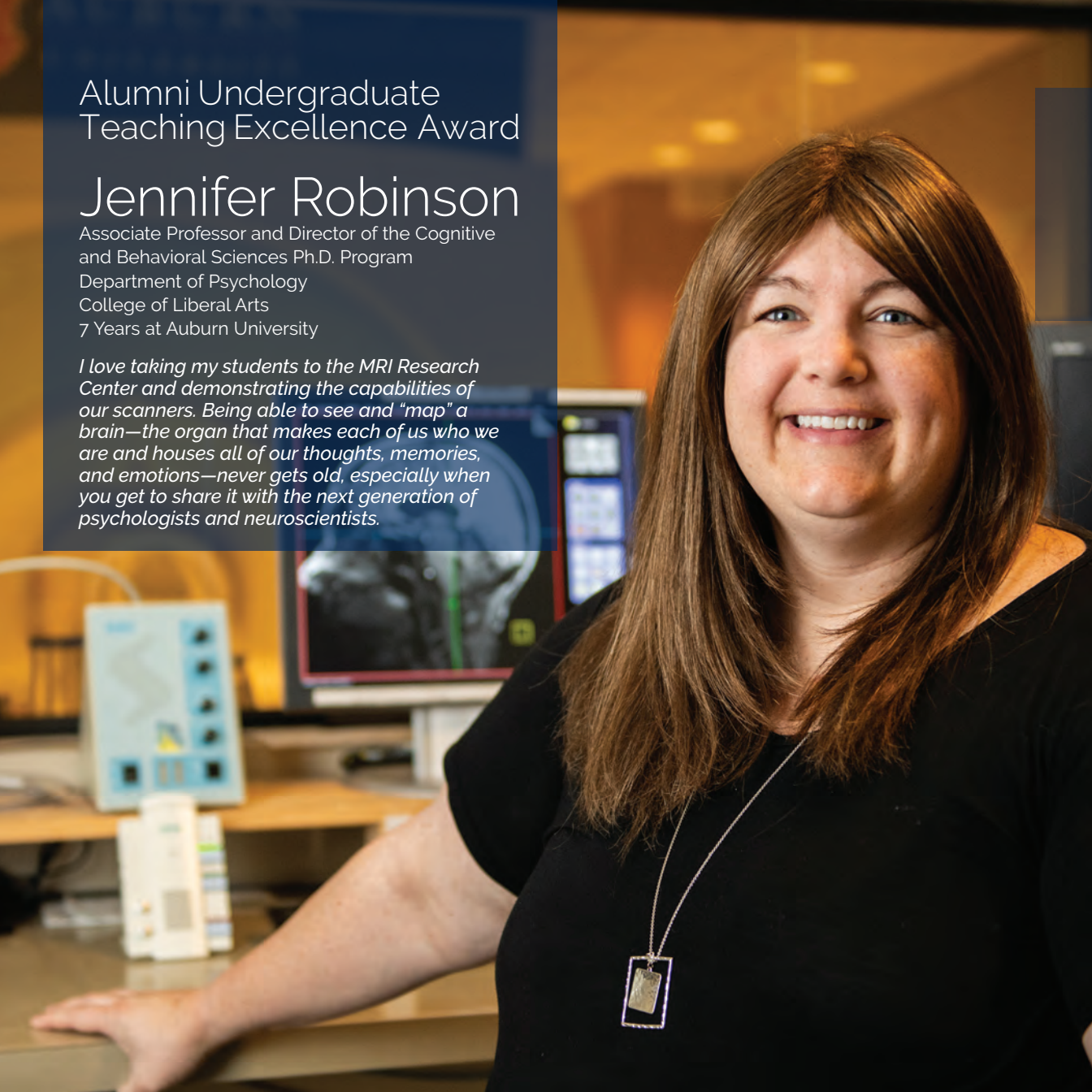
I took a course in my senior year at University of California-Davis that was taught by the most inspiring and gifted instructor I'd ever had in my undergraduate program. He called on me by name early in the course, knowing that I was majoring in a different program, and challenged me to integrate a particular concept across our respective disciplines. I would go on to be his M.S. student and receive a broad-based, liberal graduate education that characterizes my work with students to the present day.

Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award

Jennifer Robinson

Associate Professor and Director of the Cognitive
and Behavioral Sciences Ph.D. Program
Department of Psychology
College of Liberal Arts
7 Years at Auburn University

I love taking my students to the MRI Research Center and demonstrating the capabilities of our scanners. Being able to see and “map” a brain—the organ that makes each of us who we are and houses all of our thoughts, memories, and emotions—never gets old, especially when you get to share it with the next generation of psychologists and neuroscientists.



A photograph of Professor Stewart Schneller, an older man with glasses, wearing a light blue button-down shirt. He is holding a small glass vial with a yellow cap in his right hand, looking at it intently. The background is a laboratory setting with shelves containing various bottles and equipment.

Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award

Stewart Schneller

Professor
Chemistry and Biochemistry
College of Sciences and Mathematics
26 Years at Auburn University

"I believe in the human touch..."undergirding my teaching style is the acknowledgement that organic chemistry presents the students with a stressful challenge. I can help them manage that with confidence by conveying a sense of caring for their success by being accessible, respectful of them, non-intimidating, challenging yet reasonable and understanding of the complexities of college life.

A man with short brown hair, wearing a light blue and white checkered button-down shirt and dark trousers, is sitting in a black chair. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. Behind him is a large, curved wall made of several panels, each displaying a different architectural rendering. The renderings include a green hillside with a small building, a modern house with a blue roof, and a landscape with trees and a fence. The overall lighting is dim, with the screen providing the main light source.

Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award

Eric Wetzel

Assistant Professor
McWhorter School of Building Science
College of Architecture, Design and Construction
4 Years at Auburn University

After my first year of teaching in 2016, I received a handwritten note from a recent graduate thanking me for instilling professionalism in their class and preparing them for their future. As a brand-new faculty member, just trying to keep my head above water, that note made me feel like I was heading in the right direction. The note is still in my office.

President's Outstanding Collaborative Units Award

Department of Nutrition, Dietetics,
and Hospitality Management
(College of Human Sciences);
Department of Sociology,
Anthropology, and Social Work
(College of Liberal Arts); Harrison
School of Pharmacy; School of
Nursing; Edward Via College of
Osteopathic Medicine

Kathy Jo Ellison

Professor
School of Nursing

Sarah Watts

Assistant Professor
School of Nursing

Jean Dubois

Clinical Professor
School of Nursing

Emily Myers

Associate Clinical Professor
Department of Sociology,
Anthropology and Social Work,
College of Liberal Arts





Glenn Nordehn

Associate Dean of
Interprofessional Education
and Faculty Development
and Discipline Chair for Rural
and Medically Underserved
Populations, Edward Via College
of Osteopathic Medicine-Auburn

Jeanna Sewell

Assistant Clinical Professor
and Director of
Interprofessional Education,
Harrison School of Pharmacy

Drew Frugé

Assistant Professor and Director
of Didactic Program in Dietetics
Department of Nutrition, Dietetics
and Hospitality Management,
College of Human Sciences

Departmental Award for Excellence in Education



Front row:

Lead Administrative Assistant Becky Henderson, Assistant Professor Elizabeth Benson, Associate Professor DeLuca, Professor Daydrie Hague, Costume Studio Coordinator Jennifer Salter, Lecturer Ashley Buter,

Back row:
Associate Professor Tessa Carr, Assistant Professor Sarah Chandler, Director of Production Katie Shade, Instructor of Music Theatre James Mablin, Associate Professor Chris Qualls, Associate Professor and Chair

Department of Theatre, College of Liberal Arts



Tracy Oleinick, Associate Professor Adrienne Wilson, Communications and Marketing Specialist Rachele Professor Fereshteh Rostampour, Senior Lecturer Jeri Dickey

Professor Dan LaRocque, Technical Director Matt Gist, Stage Operations Coordinator Cameron Lucas, Chase Bringardner, Associate Professor Scott Phillips, Associate Professor Robin Jaffe

Provost Award for Faculty Excellence in Undergraduate Research Mentoring

Kathryn Floyd

Associate Professor
Department of Art and Art History
College of Liberal Arts
11 Years at Auburn University

My favorite line of The Auburn Creed describes how the human touch "cultivates sympathy . . . and mutual helpfulness." Undergraduate research mentoring requires close working relationships that benefit both the student and the mentor equally, ideally creating a situation of mutual respect for the importance of new perspectives and the significance of experience and expertise. I believe that the cultivation of an environment that respects the human component of research and academic work is a strength of Auburn University and should remain a priority.





Research and Economic
Development Advisory
Board Advancement of
Research and Scholarship
Achievement Award

Rex Dunham

Professor and Butler-Cunningham Eminent Scholar in
Agriculture and Environmental Sciences
School of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences
College of Agriculture
41 Years at Auburn University

Elementary education is key for our country's future. I had tremendous elementary and high school teachers and, in reality, they impact my work to this day. Also, my major professor, R. Oneal Smitherman, gave me a great deal of independence, authority, and resources as well as teaching me much about scientific writing and the Auburn mission. Otherwise, I would not be here at this ceremony today.

Creative Research and Scholarship Award

Rusty Smith

Associate Professor and
Associate Director, Rural Studio
School of Architecture, Planning
and Landscape Architecture
College of Architecture, Design
and Construction
21 Years at Auburn University

Rural Studio is a practice-based ("belief in a practical world"), action-oriented ("belief in work") program that grapples with deeply complex, real-world issues. As has been said countless ways, the most difficult things in life are the things most worth doing. We often tell the students, "It won't be easy, but it will definitely be worth it." Not just a belief in work, but more importantly a belief in "hard work".

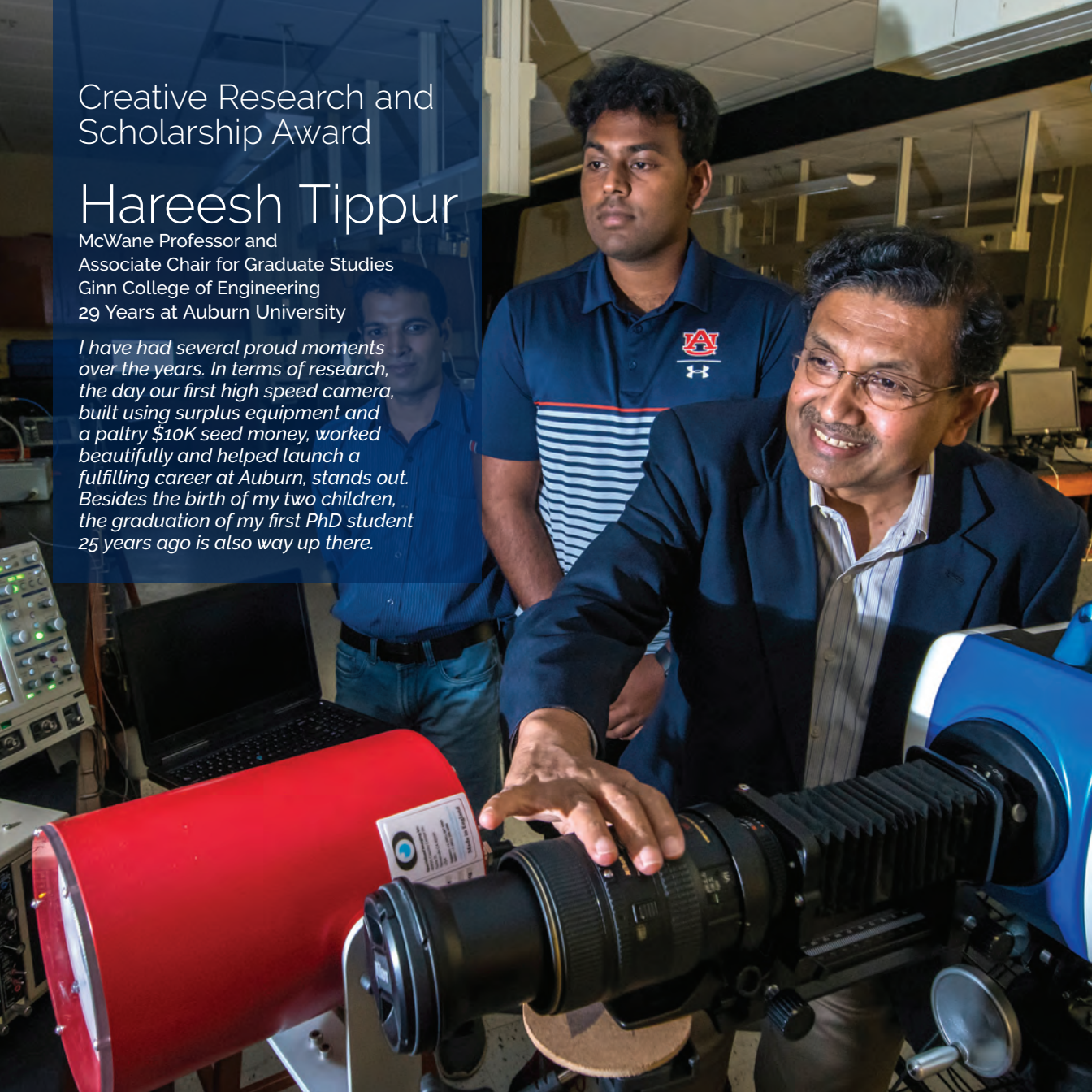


Creative Research and Scholarship Award

Hareesh Tippur

McWane Professor and
Associate Chair for Graduate Studies
Ginn College of Engineering
29 Years at Auburn University

I have had several proud moments over the years. In terms of research, the day our first high speed camera, built using surplus equipment and a paltry \$10K seed money, worked beautifully and helped launch a fulfilling career at Auburn, stands out. Besides the birth of my two children, the graduation of my first PhD student 25 years ago is also way up there.






Award for Excellence in Faculty Outreach

Scott Kramer

Atlanta Auburn BSCI Alumni Committee
Endowed Professor
McWhorter School of Building Science
College of Architecture, Design and Construction
26 Years at Auburn University

I believe in Work, Hard Work ... My service learning class in Quito, Ecuador allows my students to participate in hands-on learning by tying rebar, mixing and pouring concrete by hand, laying adobe brick, etc. in order to build a small urban church that also is used as an after-school program facility. The Human Touch ... In addition to working physically hard, the students are able to engage the children at the after-school program by playing soccer, playing games, taking photos and visiting their homes.



The Gerald and Emily
Leischuck Endowed
Presidential Award for
Excellence in Teaching

Carey Andrzejewski

Associate Professor
Department of Educational Foundations,
Leadership, and Technology
College of Education
12 Years at Auburn University

I believe in the hard work of teaching and the power it has to shape the lives of others in liberating ways. I believe that teaching for equity and justice means leading students into honest understandings about the nature of our society and the role of schools in it. And, I believe that teaching and learning depend on healthy relationships rooted in humanizing care, sympathy, and mutual helpfulness.



The Gerald and Emily Leischuck Endowed Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching

Paul Cobine

Professor

Department of Biological Sciences

College of Sciences and Mathematics

11 Years at Auburn University

Student feedback is the most important recognition I can receive at Auburn. The following is a paraphrased student review that inspires and guides my teaching since I received it. "You challenged us as students giving us the respect to learn sometimes difficult material and allowing us to apply it...You were clear and fair about what exactly you expected out of us... You turned what could have been a micro nightmare into a burning passion for prokaryotes that I have not ever felt in my 20 years".

The Gerald and Emily Leischuck Endowed Presidential Awards for Excellence in Teaching

2006

JOSEPH KICKLIGHTER, HISTORY
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

ROBERT LISHAK, BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

2007

PAMELA BOYD, CURRICULUM AND TEACHING
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

ROLAND DUTE, BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

2008

DANIEL D. BUTLER, MARKETING
HARBERT COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

STEVEN KINCAID, ANATOMY, PHYSIOLOGY AND
PHARMACOLOGY
COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

2009

MARY MENDONCA, BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

SUSHIL BHAVNANI, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
GINN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

2010

DONNA BOHANAN, HISTORY,
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

ELIZABETH GUERTAL, AGRONOMY AND SOILS
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

2011

LEONARD BELL, POULTRY SCIENCE
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

MARK BYRNE, CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
GINN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

2012

ANDREW FREEAR, ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING AND
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

LARRY WIT, BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

2013

CASEY G. CEGIELSKI, MANAGEMENT INFORMATION
SYSTEMS
HARBERT COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

DAVID A. UMPHRESS, COMPUTER SCIENCE AND SOFTWARE
ENGINEERING
GINN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

2014

DEBBIE R. FOLKERTS, BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

STUART DAVID LOCH, PHYSICS
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

2015-16

ELAINE COLEMAN, ANATOMY, PHYSIOLOGY AND
PHARMACOLOGY
COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

JEFFREY KATZ, PSYCHOLOGY
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

2016-17

ROBERT S. BOYD, BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

DAN LAROCQUE, THEATRE
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

2018

CHRISTY BRATCHER, ANIMAL SCIENCES
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

KELLY DEAN JOLLEY, PHILOSOPHY
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

2018

KELLY BRYANT, GRAPHIC DESIGN
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN
AND CONSTRUCTION

JAMES LONG, ACCOUNTANCY
HARBERT COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Award for Excellence in Faculty Outreach

2006

DAVID I. BRANSBY, HISTORY
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

2007

CHRISTA SLATON, POLITICAL SCIENCE
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

2008

CHRIS RODGER, MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

2009

BARRY BURKHART, PSYCHOLOGY
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

2010

DAVID HINSON, ARCHITECTURE
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN
AND CONSTRUCTION

2011

NAN FAIRLEY, COMMUNICATIONS AND JOURNALISM
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

2012

CHERYL MORGAN, ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING AND
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN
AND CONSTRUCTION

2013

FRANCESCA ADLER-BAEDER, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
AND FAMILY STUDIES
COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES

2014

ALLEN LANDERS, PHYSICS
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

2015-16

VIRGINIA A. DAVIS, CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
GINN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

2016-17

BARB STRUEMPLER, NUTRITION, DIETETICS AND
HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT
COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES

2017

DONALD MULVANEY, ANIMAL SCIENCES
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

2018

KYES STEVENS, EDUCATION PROJECT
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN
AND CONSTRUCTION

Creative Research and Scholarship Awards

2006

S. DAVIS WORLEY, CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

2007

MONA EL-SHEIKH, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
AND FAMILY STUDIES
COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES

ZHANJIANG LIU, FISHERIES AND ALLIED AQUACULTURES
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

2008

REX A. DUNHAM, FISHERIES AND ALLIED AQUACULTURES
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

2009

MORRIS BIAN, HISTORY
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

2010

GEOFFREY HILL, BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

PAULA BACKSHEIDER, ENGLISH
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

2011

BEHZAD NAKHJAVAN, ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING AND
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

HANQIN TIAN, ECOLOGY
SCHOOL OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE SCIENCES

2012

CHRISTOPHER ROBERTS, CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
GINN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

RUTH CROCKER, HISTORY
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

2013

CONNER BAILEY, AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS
AND SOCIOLOGY
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

PRADEEP LALL, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
GINN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

2014

BRIAN E. VAUGHN, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
AND FAMILY STUDIES
COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES

F. STEPHEN DOBSON, BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

2015-16

MARIO RICHARD EDEN, CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
GINN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

DONALD R. WEHRS, ENGLISH
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

2016-17

MICHAEL S. PINDZOLA, PHYSICS
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

RICHARD A. HANSEN, HEALTH OUTCOMES RESEARCH
AND POLICY
HARRISON SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

2017

KENNETH M. HALANYCH, BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

CHRIS NEWLAND, PSYCHOLOGY
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

2018

SHIWEN MAO, ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING
GINN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

CATHLEEN GIUSTION, HISTORY
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

DAVID KETCHEN, MANAGEMENT
HARBERT COLLEGE OF BUSINESS