

# Gonzaga University Academic Honors Convocation 2023

Tuesday, April 25





# Behind the Scenes

*Excitement builds as we gather to honor our amazing community members!*

*Colleagues and friends greet one another and share their stories before processing into the ceremony space.*







































Dr. Marianne Poxleitner  
Professor of Biology and  
Faculty President  
*Faculty Marshal for the  
Academic Honors Convocation  
and  
Presenter for the Faculty Awards  
portion of the ceremony*



Dr. Ellen M. MacCarone  
Acting Vice President for Mission  
Integration and Associate  
Professor of Philosophy

*Delivering the Land Acknowledgment*



Reverend Janeen Steer

Office of Mission & Ministry

*Offering the Invocation for the  
Academic Honors Convocation*



Sacha Kopp, Ph.D.

Provost

*Master of Ceremonies for the  
Academic Honors Convocation*

# Outstanding Academic Achievement



FRESHMAN CLASS AWARD  
TATUM RYEIN UHLRICH



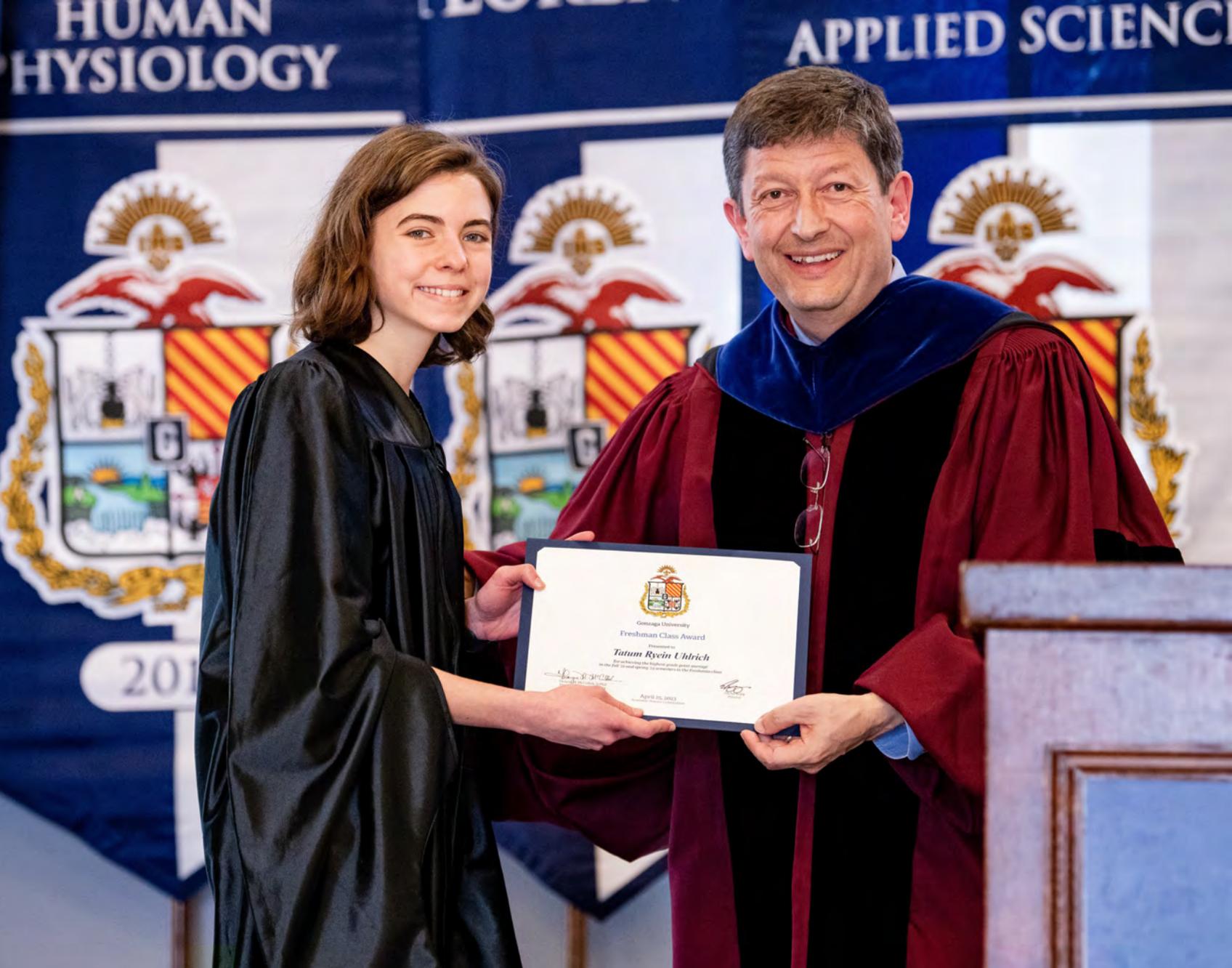
SOPHOMORE CLASS AWARD  
ETHAN MACVICAR



JUNIOR CLASS AWARD  
WILLOW COLLINS  
*not able to attend*



JEROME NADAL, S.J.,  
RETURNING ADULT AWARD  
MATTHEW P. LARAMIE



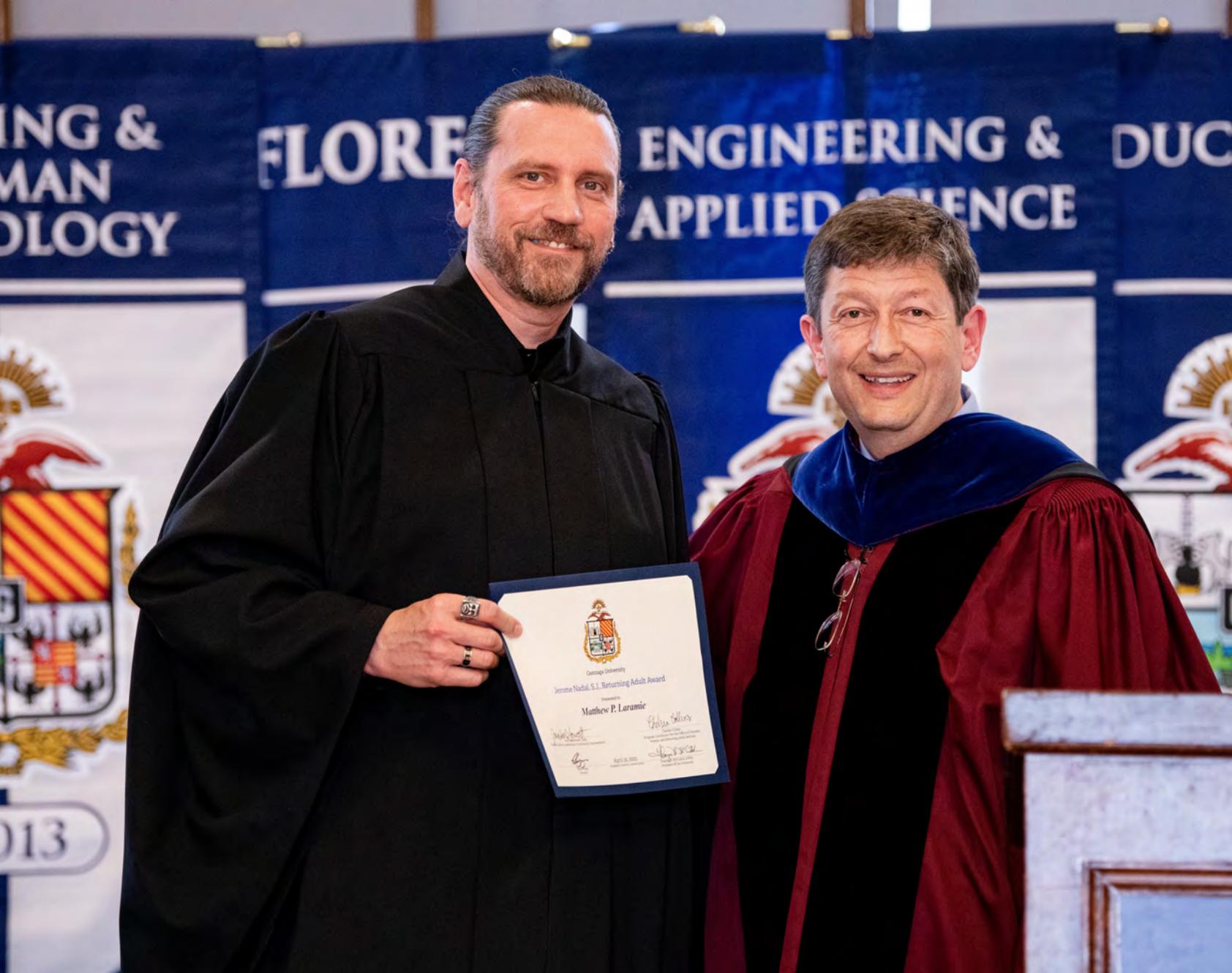
Freshman Class Award

Tatum Ryein Uhrich



Sophomore Class Award

Ethan MacVicar



Jerome Nadal, S.J.,  
Returning Adult Award

Matthew P. Laramie

# Scholar Athletes of the Year



Alyssa Bienfang  
Cross-Country



Ezra Samperi  
Baseball

*not able to attend*



Scholar Athlete of the Year

**Alyssa Bienfang**

*Cross-Country*

# Distinguished Service to the Community



COMMUNITY ENGAGED LEARNING  
STUDENT OF THE YEAR

ABIGAIL COTA



EVA LASSMAN MEMORIAL  
STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD

ERIN K. DAVIS

*not able to attend*

# College of Arts & Sciences Awards

*Presented by  
Dean Annmarie Caño, Ph.D.*

- Art
- Biology
- Chemistry & Biochemistry
- Sociology & Criminology
- Classical Civilizations
- Communication Studies
- Dance
- English
- Environmental Studies & Sciences
- History
- International Studies
- Mathematics
- Modern Languages & Literature
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Religious Studies
- Women's & Gender Studies

*Photos are in order by students' last names with the exception of those in group photos*

*Not able to attend:*



*Ashton Blair*



*Sara Clark*



*Bri Covert*



*Lily Miller*



*Gillian Wittstock*



Global Scholars Award for  
Distinction in  
International Studies

Miguel Acosta Loza



Excellence in  
Japanese Award

Ethan Bao

(Modern Languages & Literature)



Robert D. Prusch Award for  
Distinction in Biology

**Braden Bell**



Fr. Fredric Schlatter S.J. Book Award

**Sarah Bradford**

(Classical Civilizations)



Jo Merwin Scholarship

Kendra Brislawn

(Music)



Jo Merwin Scholarship

Mary Browne

(Music)



Jerry Kohls Award for  
Excellence in Philosophy

Carter Bushee



Flannery Award for Excellence in  
Religious Studies

Parker Coleman



American Institute of  
Chemists Award

**Faith Dennie**

(Chemistry & Biochemistry)



Environmental Studies and Sciences  
Environmental Stewardship Award

Abigail Ann Dodd



Academic Excellence and Citizenship  
Award for Dance Performance

Zoe Driml

LEADERSHIP  
STUDIES

HUMAN  
PHYSIOLOGY



Theta Alpha Kappa Undergraduate  
Achievement Award

**Montse Gasca**

(Religious Studies)



Women's and Gender Studies  
Founders' Award for  
Excellence in Activism

Benjamin Gonzales



Outstanding Achievement in  
Modern Hebrew Language Award

**Brayden Dini**

(Modern Languages & Literature)



Martin P. Blum Scholarship Award in  
Recognition of Exemplary Academic  
Performance in French

**Elouise Hollenkamp**

(Modern Languages & Literature)



Excellence in Spanish Award

**Emily Hunter**

(Modern Languages & Literature)



Phi Alpha Theta Award for  
Excellence in History

Peter Kerr



Outstanding Senior  
Students in Sociology

Anisia Malai Vanh  
Khammala

*(left)*

and

Ariana Bethany Chin

*(right)*



Outstanding Physics Major

Yuchen Huang



Outstanding Senior Student in  
Criminology

Haley R. Mayer



Communication Studies  
Outstanding Student Award

Marianne  
Nacanaynay



Peter G. Pauw Award for  
Distinction in Biology

Haylee Marie Pollard  
Emiliano Soto-Romero  
Jazmine E. Newson

*left to right after Dean Caño*



Outstanding Senior  
Student in Criminology

Haylee Marie Pollard



Outstanding Achievement in  
Filipino/Tagalog Language Award

**Dawson Oen**

(Modern Languages & Literature)



Carsrud Award

**Benjamin Lombardi**

(Mathematics)



Carsrud Award

Luke William Martin

(Mathematics)



Environmental Studies  
Exemplary Senior Award

Kelly Patterson



Excellence in Italian Award

**Lillian Parker**

(Modern Languages & Literature)



Anthony T. Wadden and  
Michael B. Herzog Scholarship

Maxine Andrea  
Asistido Reyes *(left)*

Tara Hollander *(right)*

(English)



Women's and Gender Studies  
Founders' Award for  
Excellence in Academics

**Amy Robinson**



Fr. William T. Costello, S.J.  
Outstanding Senior  
English Major Award

**Olivia Rollman**



German Excellency Award

Camille Ruhlin-Hicks

(Modern Languages & Literature)

# School of Business Administration Awards

*Presented by  
Dean Ken Anderson, Ph.D.*

## *School of Business Administration Excellence Award Recipients*



OLIVER ANDERSSON



ALEXIS DEADMARSH



KATELYN ELAINE ORNDORFF



TREVOR MATTHEW TAYLOR



School of Business Administration  
Excellence Award

Oliver Andersson



School of Business Administration  
Excellence Award

Alexis Deadmarsh



School of Business Administration  
Excellence Award

Katelyn Elaine  
Orndorff



School of Business Administration  
Excellence Award

Trevor Matthew  
Taylor

# School of Education Awards

*Presented by  
Dean Yoli Gallardo, Ph.D.*



EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR  
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION  
LIAM BRAATEN



EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR  
SECONDARY EDUCATION  
JASMIN AZIZI



School of Education Excellence Award  
for Elementary Education

Liam Braaten



School of Education Excellence Award  
for Secondary Education

Jasmin Azizi

# School of Engineering & Applied Science Awards

*Presented by  
Dean Karlene Hoo, Ph.D.*



OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN  
CIVIL ENGINEERING  
ANTONIO ROMAN CAMPOS



OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN  
COMPUTER ENGINEERING  
RYAN LEAHY



OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN  
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING  
MIKEY ERICKSON



OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN  
ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT  
SAMANTHA QUINN WARD



OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN  
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING  
YUCHEN HUANG



OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN COMPUTER SCIENCE  
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCE  
OUTSTANDING SENIOR OF THE YEAR  
LUKE WILLIAM MARTIN



Outstanding Senior in  
Civil Engineering

Antonio Roman  
Campos



Outstanding Senior in  
Computer Engineering

Ryan Leahy



Outstanding Senior in  
Electrical Engineering

**Mikey Erickson**



Outstanding Senior in  
Engineering Management

Samantha Quinn  
Ward



Outstanding Senior in  
Mechanical Engineering

Yuchen Huang



Outstanding Senior in  
Computer Science  
and

School of Engineering and Applied  
Science Outstanding Senior 2023

**Luke William Martin**

# School of Nursing & Human Physiology Awards

*Presented by  
Interim Dean Matt Bahr, Ph.D.*



OUTSTANDING BACHELOR OF  
SCIENCE NURSING STUDENT

MELANIE BENSON



OUTSTANDING DOCTOR OF  
NURSE ANESTHESIA PRACTICE

KATE ANAHOLA HALL



OUTSTANDING HUMAN  
PHYSIOLOGY STUDENT

RHYS ELIZABETH HEENAN



PAT RUSYLA NURSING  
AWARD

NAAMAN JOSEPH GRIFFIIN

*Not able to attend*



OUTSTANDING DOCTOR OF  
NURSING PRACTICE STUDENT

BRIANNA BAUBLITZ



OUTSTANDING FAMILY NURSE  
PRACTITIONER

RYAN WILLIS



PAT RUZYLA NURSING AWARD

JENN LEWIS



Outstanding Bachelor of Science  
Nursing Student Award

Melanie Benson



Outstanding Doctor of Nurse  
Anesthesia Practice Award

Kate Anahola Hall



Outstanding Human Physiology  
Student Award

Rhys Elizabeth  
Heenan



Pat Ruzyla Nursing Award

Naaman Joseph  
Griffin

# Faculty Keynote

Karen Petruska, Ph.D.

*Associate Professor of  
Communication Studies*

*Community Engaged Learning  
Faculty Member of the Year 2022*









# Faculty Awards

*presented by*

Faculty President,  
Marianne Poxleitner, Ph.D.  
Professor of Biology



# Faculty Award Winners 2023



Susan Poindexter, BEd, Special Education  
Community Engaged Learning  
Faculty of the Year

Susan Edwards, MSN, RN, CHSE  
Teaching Excellence (Non-Tenure Track)

Nancy Staub, Ph.D.  
Diversity Leadership

Meirong "Mary" Zhang, Ph.D.  
Professional Contributions

Jamella Gow, Ph.D.  
Teaching Excellence (Tenure-Track)

Kay Slater, MSN, RN  
Collaborative Work & Innovation

Jamie Rock, Ph.D., RN  
Collaborative Work & Innovation

Gary Chang, Ph.D.  
Teaching Excellence (Tenured)

Juliane Mora, Ph.D.  
Collaborative Work & Innovation  
and  
Compass Award

**NOT PICTURED:**

- Leslie Stamoollis, M.F.A. – Compass Award
- Todd Finkle, Ph.D. – Professional Contributions
- Monica Bartlett, Ph.D. – Academic Citizenship – *not able to attend*
- Laurie Arnold, Ph.D. – Open (Tenured) – *not able to attend*





Teaching Excellence  
(Tenured)

Gary Chang, Ph.D.



Teaching Excellence  
(Non-Tenure Track)

Susan Edwards,  
M.S.N., R.N., CHSE



Professional Contributions  
Todd Finkle, Ph.D.



Teaching Excellence  
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Jamella Gow, Ph.D.



Collaborative Work and Innovation  
Juliane Mora, Ph.D.



Compass Award

Juliane Mora, Ph.D.



Community Engaged Learning Faculty  
Member of the Year

Susan Poindexter,  
BEd Special Education



Collaborative Work and Innovation

Jamie Rock,  
Ph.D., R.N.

*and*

Kaye Slater,  
M.S.N., R.N.



Compass Award

Leslie Stamoollis,  
M.F.A.



Diversity Leadership

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Professional Contributions

Meirong “Mary”  
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