



April 22, 2016 | 2:00 p.m.

University Hall Auditorium



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Scholastic Honors Convocation 2016



Processional Music - "Pavan Academia" (K. S. Hansen)	Columbus State University Horn Quartet
Master of Ceremonies	Dr. Kristen Hansen, Chair, Scholastic Honors Committee
Welcome	Dr. Chris Markwood, President, Columbus State University Tyler Davidson, Student Government President
Recognition of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities	Dr. Gina L. Sheeks Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Paula Walker King Associate Professor, Who's Who 2015 - 2016 Committee Chair Theresa Willey Lecturer, Who's Who 2015 - 2016 Committee Member
Recognition of Columbus State University Honor Societies	Dr. Kristen Hansen
Phi Kappa Phi Senior Award	Dr. Kevin Burgess 2015-2016 President, Phi Kappa Phi
Recognition of Faculty Emeriti	Dr. Chris Markwood
Presentation of Honor Cords	Dr. Cindy Ticknor, Dean, Honors College Dr. Tom Hackett, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

Awards



Honors College

Honors Awards	Interdisciplinary Studies Award Scholarly Activities in Fine & Performing Arts Award Scholarly Activities in Humanities Award Scholarly Activities in Professional Studies Award Scholarly Activities in Science Award Scholarly Activities in Social Science Award Presented by Professor & Dean Cindy Ticknor
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College of the Arts

Department of Art	Studio Art Award Art Education Undergraduate Award Art Education Graduate Award Art History Award Presented by Professor & Chair Joe Sanders
Department of Communication	Communication Student of the Year Award Presented by Professor Christopher McCollough
Schwob School of Music	Music Award The Presser Scholar Presented by Professor & Chair Scott Harris
Department of Theatre	Theatre Arts Award Theatre Arts Design & Technical Award Theatre Arts Performance Award Theatre Arts Education Award Presented by Professor & Chair Larry Dooley

D. Abbott Turner College of Business

Department of Accounting & Finance	Accounting Award Finance Award Presented by Professor Andres Jauregui
Department of Management & Marketing	Management Award Marketing Award Management Information Systems Award General Business Award Presented by Professor & Chair John Finley
Graduate Business Program	Master of Business Administration Award Master of Science in Organizational Leadership Award Web MBA Award Presented by Professor & Director Andres Jauregui
TSYS School of Computer Science	Software Systems Computer Science Award Applied Computer Science Award Games Programming Computer Science Award Applied Computer Science, M.S. Award Information Technology Award Computer Science Cybersecurity, M.S. Award Presented by Professor & Chair Wayne Summers

College of Education and Health Professions

Department of Counseling, Foundations and Leadership	School Counseling Graduate Award Clinical Mental Health Counseling Graduate Award Leadership Specialist Graduate Award Presented by Professor & Chair Thomas McCormack
Department of Teacher Education	Early Childhood Education Undergraduate Award Early Childhood Education Graduate Award Middle Grades Education Undergraduate Award Middle Grades Education Graduate Award English Education Undergraduate Award English Education Graduate Award Spanish Education Undergraduate Award French Education Undergraduate Award UTeach Mathematics Education Undergraduate Award UTeach Science Education Undergraduate Award Secondary Science Education Graduate Award Social Science Education Undergraduate Award Social Science Education Graduate Award Special Education Undergraduate Award Special Education Graduate Award Curriculum & Instruction in Accomplished Teaching Graduate Award Teacher Leadership Graduate Award School Library Media Award Presented by Assistant Department Chair Erinn Bentley
Department of Health, Physical Education and Exercise Science	Health Science Award Health & Physical Education Undergraduate Award Exercise Science Undergraduate Award Exercise Science Graduate Award Presented by Professor Clayton Nicks

School of Nursing Outstanding Nursing B.S.N. Award
Outstanding Nursing R.N.- B.S.N. Award
Outstanding Nursing M.S.N. Graduate Award
Outstanding Nursing M.S.N. - F.N.P Graduate Award
Presented by Associate Director, School of Nursing Tammy Condrey

College of Letters and Sciences

Department of Criminal Justice and SociologyCriminal Justice Student of the Year Award
Sociology Student of the Year Award
Presented by Professor & Chair Michael Bailey

Department of English English Literature Award
English Creative Writing Award
English Professional Writing Award
Presented by Professor & Chair Pat McHenry

Department of History and Geography. History Award
Presented by Professor & Chair Gary Sprayberry

Department of Modern & Classical Languages. Spanish Award
Presented by Professor & Chair Vivian Bonamy

Department of Political ScienceOutstanding Political Science Award
Mario Mion Political Science Honors Scholarship Award
Master of Public Administration Award
Presented by Professor & Chair Frederick Gordon

Department of Biology Cellular & Molecular Biology Award
Organismic Biology Award
Ecological & Evolutionary Biology Award
Biology Education Award
George Stanton Biology Award
Presented by Professor & Assistant Chair Brian Schwartz

Department of ChemistryOutstanding Freshman Chemistry Major Award
A.C.S. Organic Chemistry Undergraduate Award
Excellence in Chemistry Research Award
Outstanding Chemistry Major Award
Presented by Professor & Chair Floyd Jackson

Department of Earth and Space SciencesGeology Award
Physics Award
Engineering Award
Environmental Science Award
Astronomy Award
Presented by Professor & Chair Dr. Clinton Barineau

Department of Mathematics and Philosophy Mathematics Award
Presented by Professor & Chair Tim Howard

Department of Natural Sciences M.S. Natural Sciences - Biology Track Award
M.S. Natural Sciences - Environmental Science Track Award
M.S. Natural Sciences - Geo Science Track Award
Presented by Professor & Director Kevin Burgess

Department of PsychologyPsychology Award
Presented by Professor & Chair Mark Schmidt

University Awards

Georgia Professor of the Year Award from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education	Dr. Tom Hackett
U.S. Professor of the Year Nominee.	Dr. Tom Hackett
Faculty Service Award	Dr. Tom Hackett Dr. Shamim Khan, 2015 Faculty Service Award Recipient
Faculty Research and Scholarship Award.	Dr. Tom Hackett Dr. Frank Mixon, 2015 Faculty Research and Scholarship Award Recipient
CSU Teaching Excellence Award.	Dr. Susan Hrach, Director, Faculty Center for Teaching & Learning
CSU Excellence in Online Teaching Award.	Dr. Susan Hrach
USG Regents Teaching Excellence Award: Department/Program	Dr. Susan Hrach
CSU Scholarship of Teaching & Learning Award	Dr. Susan Hrach
Chappell Graduate Award.	Dr. Tom Hackett Dr. Troy Keller, 2015 Chappell Graduate Award Recipient
CSU International Educator of the Year Award.	Dr. Neal McCrillis
Educator of the Year Award.	Carlie Hinson, SGA Vice President of Scholastic Affairs Dr. Alan Tidwell, 2015 Educator of the Year Award Recipient
Academic Recognition Award	Dr. Tom Hackett
Faculty Cup Award	Dr. Kim Shaw for Faculty Senate
Recessional	Professor Earl Coleman, Faculty Marshal
Recessional Music - <i>Festival March</i>	Columbus State University Horn Quartet



Reception will follow in the Davidson Center Cougar Lounge

Student Honorees and Degree Programs



Asha Alexander	Public Administration	James Fielding	Criminal Justice
Brittany L. Allen	Political Science	Shytara Fields	Education
Delores Anderson	Communication	Brandi L. Fine	Biology
Mary Arnold	Education	Heather Fournier	Business Administration
Molly Avary	Nursing	Christopher T. Galvez	Public Administration
Kayla Ayuso	Exercise Science	Skye Geeslin	Psychology
Mark Allen Bair	Earth & Space Science	Nathaniel Gibson	Computer Science
Marc Baker	Business Administration	Colleen Gottfried	History
Gerri Barnes	Information Technology	Jacob Greene	Chemistry
Avion Bell	Finance	Katherine Grego	Earth & Space Science
Jared Bies	Chemistry	Brittany K. Griffin	Chemistry
Katharine L. Birkhead	Health & Physical Education	Scott Griffith	Computer Science
Chamaine Bjornson	Nursing	Nakia S. Guy	Chemistry
Chatil Bradford	Organizational Leadership	Bethany Hansen	Education
Casey T. Brown	Core Curriculum	Ann Harber	Nursing
Brittney Browning	Health Science	Victoria Hargrove	Music Performance
Jocelyn Cañedo	Pre-Med	Timothy Ryan Hart	M.Ed. Curriculum & Instruction
Suzanne Carney	Chemistry	Pamela Harvey	Education
Randy D. Carpenter	Spanish	Cecilia Lucia Hernandez	Biology
Austin Caughy	Earth & Space Science	Katherine Holmes	Music - Performance
Elizabeth Center	Biology	Kaitlynn Howard	Communication
Chloe A. Chambers	Earth & Space Science	Jessica Howell	Nursing
Kayla Smith Coble	Natural Sciences	Yumei Huang	Business Administration
Destini Cofield	Health Science	Jordan Huffman	Computer Science
Megan Corcoran	Criminal Justice	Jordan Hughes	Education
Kieron Cotter	Theatre Arts	Victoria L. Hurse	Political Science
Tyler Davidson	Communication	Heather R. Ivery	Exercise Science
Brandon J. Davis	Criminal Justice	Tameika Jackson	Sociology
Cailee Davis	Business Administration	Kate Jacoby	Theatre Arts
Chanethia Davis	Computer Science	Janell T. James	Chemistry
Curtis Davis	History	Taylor N. Jenkins	Nursing
Danielle Davis	English Language/Literature	Comfort Johnson	Criminal Justice
Meredith Dayoub	Music Education	Jasmine Johnson	Criminal Justice
Francisco-Javier De Alba	Music Performance	Nadiya L. Johnson	Criminal Justice
Jacquelyn DeLauder	English & Spanish	Kenneth Justice	Management Information Systems
Nathan DeMarco-Jacobson	Marketing	Ashley Kennedy	Nursing
Jacob Dirkman	Biology	Tessa King	Education
Travis Martinez Eberhart	Biology	Taeler Klimp	Education
Alesha M. Erickson	Special Education	Joshua A. Knoblock	Education
Kaveh Felfeli	English Language / Literature	Aina Kumar	Business Administration
Shirin Felfeli	Special Education	Gwendolyn D. La Belle	French
John Thomas Fellows	Communication	Amy K. Labas	Special Education

Student Honorees and Degree Programs



Taylor Langevin	History	Sadie N. Santos	Art Education
Amber E. Lanier	Exercise Science	Shaunquelle Sapp	Psychology
Lindsay M. Marchello	English Language/Literature	Panjai Satayabut	Nursing
Amanda Marshall	Psychology	Jewell Scott	M.S. Nursing
Leah Martin	Theatre Arts	Harrison Sharitt	Mathematics
Rebecca Martin	English Language/Literature	Megan Shelnut	Education
Amelia Maxfield	Theatre Arts	Nicole Sikes	Chemistry
Amber McWhorter	Education	Andrea Skipor	Sociology
Jeremy Miller	Natural Sciences	Jessica D. Smith	Biology
Robert Monfort	Health Science	Sarah P. Smith	Education
Kaitlin Moye	Accounting	Krista Snead	Psychology
Caroline Moyer	Business Administration	Kevin Stanford	History
Andrea Nelson	Mathematics	Joshua Staples	Computer Science
Catherine North	Finance	Micah Staples	Biology
Osamienwenfan Blessing Obasuyi	Business Administration	Elizabeth Sudduth	General Business
Akinola Ololade Oladipo	Human Resource Management	Terrance Tarver	Psychology
Coleman S. O'Neal	Accounting	Jonathan R. Tew	Computer Science
Robert O'Rourke	Business Administration	Leslie Thomas	Music Performance
Heidi L. Packard	History	Mamadou Toure	Business Administration
Hillary Eden Palmer	Art Education	Louisa G. Tovar-Forero	Political Science
Kayla A. Parsons	Mathematics	April Marie Trawick	Education
Laura A. Pate	Organizational Leadership	Joshua N. Trowell	English
Anisha Patel	Health Science	Karolyn L. Turner	Art History
Mansi Patel	Nursing	Emily Vaughn	Business Administration
Chudney Patrick	Education	Chelsea Wakefield	Criminal Justice
Wenonah Patrick	Earth & Space Science	Winston Walker	Earth & Space Science
Chelsea Anne Person	Public Relations	Jordan Walsh	Music Performance
Staren Pierce	Public Relations	Belinda Louise Walton	Education
Ashley Redondo	Education	Yien Wang	Computer Science
Brittany N. Reeves	Health Science	Anna Watson	Criminal Justice
Thomas Cameron Rice	Public Administration	Dwayne White	Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Lyndsay Richardson	Music Education	Lauren Whitehurst	Natural Sciences
Chloe E. Richey	Sociology	Amanda D. Whitworth	History
Erick D. Richman	Exercise Science	Alexandria Mieko Winchester	Art
Michael Everett Rohly	Biology	Katie Elaine Winkles	Biology
Shelby Rolling	Health Science	Samantha Wooden	Modern & Classical Language
Kenneth Roop-Eckart	Earth & Space Science	Samantha J. Worthy	Natural Sciences
Althea A. Roy	Chemistry	Mary Katherine Wright	Biology
Beverly Saint-Amand	Nursing	Mark Yanoschik	Communication
Brittany T. Sanders	Early Childhood Education	Lori L. Yerkins	Education
Charlotte A. Santana	M.S. Public Administration		

Faculty Service Award 2016 Nominees



Dr. Christopher McCollough is an Assistant Professor of Communication. His research focuses on government media relations and public communication, as well as, research on the impact of service learning on civic engagement. Dr. McCollough is Columbus State University's representative to the American Democracy Project (ADP) and is the Vice Chair and 2016 Program Planner for the Public Relations Division of the Southern States Communication Association. Within the university, he currently serves on the Faculty Handbook Committee, Data Stewards Task Force, Education Advisory Board Task Force, and recently began serving on the Pasaquan Advisory Board, in addition to administrative support to his department. Within the community, Dr. McCollough serves as an active member of the American Cancer Society's Leadership Council for Muscogee County. He judges and coaches the Boys and Girls Club "Youth of the Year" competition, and is a pro bono public relations consultant for over 100 non-profit and local civic organizations.

Dr. Dell Miller is Assistant Director of the Undergraduate Program and Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing. She began her nursing career in 1975 after graduating with honors from Columbus College. Later she received a BSN from Columbus State University and a MSN from Troy State University in Adult Health/Administration. Her clinical practice experience focused on critical care, emergency/trauma and administration. She is also a paramedic and taught medics at Columbus Technical College from 1977 to 2002. Dr. Miller served as a clinical educator within the hospital and a community educator for the American Heart Association. She has served as the clinical educator for Region 7 EMS, which included 14 Georgia counties. Dr. Miller returned to school and received a post masters Family Nurse Practitioner certificate and a second M.S.N./Acute Care Nurse Practitioner from the University of Alabama - Birmingham, and earned a Doctorate in Nursing Practice from University of South Alabama. She has been employed at Columbus State University for seven years.

Dr. Yesem Peker is an Assistant Professor in the TSYS School of Computer Science. She received her B.S. degrees in Computer Engineering and Mathematics Departments from the Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey where she completed her M.S. in Mathematics. Dr. Peker received a Ph.D. in Mathematics from Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. Her research focuses on applications of cryptography, in particular protocols that use cryptography to assure security as well design and analysis of cryptosystems. After completing a Ph.D., she went on to teach Mathematics first at Pomona College in Claremont, CA, then at Randolph College, in Lynchburg, VA. She joined the TSYS School of Computer Science in the spring of 2013.

Dr. Glenn Stokes is a Professor of Biology. He is finishing his 33rd year on the Biology faculty at Columbus State University. Dr. Stokes has taught courses at both the undergraduate and graduate level. He has crossed departmental lines in order to teach courses for both Chemistry and Psychology. His efforts in the classroom were rewarded when he received the Educator of the Year award for CSU in the spring of 2000. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he has had the opportunity to serve in several administrative roles, including being the Acting Chairs of Computer Science, Nursing and Psychology & Sociology and the Director of the Environmental Science Master's Program. Also Dr. Stokes served as the Associate Dean of Science for over 20 years, and has served as Dean of the College of Science and later the College of Letters and Sciences. During his tenure, he has participated actively in the governance of the university through his service on several important committees such as the Statutes and Bylaws Committee, the LeNoir Hall Project Steering Committee, the First Choice Campaign Cabinet, and the Faculty Senate additionally. Dr. Stokes has served as the Faculty Athletics Representative to the NCAA for the last 22 years, and has been active on several national NCAA committees. Dr. Stokes continues pursuing his research interests, most recently with an ongoing study of the population dynamics of the Alligator Snapping Turtle population in Upatoi Creek.

Faculty Research and Scholarship Award 2016 Nominees



Dr. Clinton Barineau is Associate Professor of Geology and Chairperson of Earth & Space Sciences. He was born and raised near Tallahassee, Florida, where he earned a Ph.D. in Geology from Florida State University. Before joining Columbus State University (CSU) in 2007, Dr. Barineau taught for four years as a full-time instructor at Valdosta State University. Beginning in 1999, he taught as an Adjunct Instructor at Tallahassee Community College and Florida State University. Dr. Barineau was one of the founding members of CSU's Department of Earth and Space Sciences in 2009.

Dr. Rania Hodhod is an Assistant Professor in the TSYS School of Computer Science at Columbus State University (CSU). Dr. Hodhod teaches and supervises undergraduate and graduate students. Her research interests span a range of areas, such as Intelligent Systems, Machine Learning, Educational Games, and Computational Creativity. She has published over 40 reference articles and conference papers in these areas. Dr. Hodhod earned a Ph.D. degree from the University of York, UK in 2010. Before joining CSU in 2013, she was a post-doctoral research fellow in the Adaptive Digital Media Lab and the Entertainment Intelligence Lab at Georgia Tech University. In the past two years at CSU, she earned Columbus State University's Outstanding Teacher of Writing Award, Recognition of Excellence: Graduate Faculty Award, and Faculty Writing Fellowship Award. In addition to two winning interdisciplinary research projects and two winning state grants, last year, she led her undergraduate students to present their research work at the Big South Undergraduate Research Symposium in North Carolina where they won Best Presentation Award.

Mr. Rylan Steele is an established artist and Associate Professor of Photography at Columbus State University (CSU). He received an A.S. in Photographic Technology from the Southeastern Center for Photographic Studies at Daytona Beach Community College, a B.F.A. in Photography from Florida International University and a M.F.A. in Photography from the University of Georgia. Professor Steele has exhibited photographs in numerous regional and national exhibition spaces over the last few years including the Georgia Museum of Contemporary Art, the Houston Center for Photography, the Light Factory in Charlotte, and the Ogden Museum of Southern Art. In 2015, he was named one of four finalists for the Hudgens Prize for Georgia Artists and was also a finalist for the Lange/Taylor Prize awarded by the Center for Documentary Studies.

CSU Teaching Excellence Award 2016 Nominees



Dr. Erinn Bentley is Assistant Chair of the Teacher Education Department and coordinates Secondary English education programs at Columbus State University. She has taught English in Japan and the United States. Currently, her research interests include writing, teacher education, and professional learning communities.

Dr. Phil Bryant is Assistant Professor of Marketing and Management in the D. Abbott Turner College of Business. He earned his Ph.D. in Management from the University of Memphis in 2009. Dr. Bryant joined Columbus State University's Turner College in 2010 to round out their Human Resource Management and Servant Leadership concentrations in their newly developed Masters of Science in Organizational Leadership program. Since joining the D. Abbott Turner College of Business, Dr. Bryant has written and published a book on Managing Employee Turnover, published a score of journal articles, earned two senior level certifications in Human Resource Management, and founded and edited the Turner College's flagship peer-reviewed journal, *Servant Leadership: Theory & Practice*.

Dr. Michelle DeBruyn is Associate Professor in Columbus State University's Schwob School of Music. She promotes healthy singing based upon the function of the voice and the most current physiological information available. Dr. DeBruyn teaches Studio Voice, Vocal Pedagogy, and team teaches Professional Materials for Vocal Performers, a course that she created. She completed both a Masters of Music (2002) and Doctorate of Musical Arts (2005) in Vocal Performance and Literature from the Eastman School of Music. Dr. DeBruyn has studied voice with Beverly Hay and Robert McIver, vocal pedagogy with William McIver, and has coached with Russell Miller, Benton Hess, and Sylvie Beaudette.

Dr. Shannon Godlove is Assistant Professor of English. She joined the Columbus State University (CSU) faculty in Fall 2012. Dr. Godlove serves as the English Department's Specialist in Medieval Literature. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Medieval Studies from Smith College and a M.A. and Ph.D. in English Literature from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her research focuses on the literature and history of the Anglo-Saxons, and she has published several articles on Old and Middle English poetry, Latin letters written by Anglo-Saxon missionaries, and the Old Norse sagas of the Viking settlers of Iceland. Dr. Godlove regularly teaches courses including Medieval Literature in Britain, History of the English Language, Old English, World Literature before 1650, and English Composition, and has taught courses on topics including the poetry of Chaucer, Medieval Women Writers, and Tales of King Arthur. She also serves as the Faculty Coordinator for CSU's Interdisciplinary Medieval and Renaissance Studies Certificate program, which she started with a colleague in the Department of History and Geography in Fall 2013.

CSU Excellence in Online Teaching Award 2016 Nominees



Dr. Jennifer Pitts is an Associate Professor of Management Information Systems in the D. Abbott Turner College of Business at Columbus State University, where she teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in Information Systems and Project Management. Dr. Pitts holds the Rothschild Chair in Business Leadership, and serves as chair of the University's Distance Learning Committee. In 2014, she was Columbus State University's nominee for the Regent's Award for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. Her research has appeared in the *Journal of Applied Behavioral Science*, *Journal of Business Logistics*, *Journal of Information Systems Education*, and *Structural Equation Modeling: A Multidisciplinary Journal*.

Dr. Ramesh Rao is a Professor and the Associate Chair in the Department of Communication at Columbus State University (CSU). This year, he completes 30 years of teaching in the United States. He arrived at Hattiesburg, MS as a graduate student in September 1985, where he earned an M.S. in Mass Communication, before moving to East Lansing, MI, to earn a Ph.D. in Communication from Michigan State University, where he began teaching. He later taught at Truman State University in Kirksville, MO, and Longwood University in Farmville, VA. He came to CSU in May 2013 to chair the DegreeIn3 Program, and moved to the Department of Communication in July 2015. He has written, co-authored, and edited a number of books on Indian politics, culture, and society, and has co-authored a textbook on Intercultural Communication. Dr. Rao has taught a wide variety of communication courses: from Public Speaking to Mass Media Law; and from Persuasion to Intercultural Communication. Teaching online exclusively over the past three years, he fully understands the demands and challenges of offering online education.

CSU Scholarship of Teaching & Learning Award 2016 Nominees



Dr. Jennifer Brown is Assistant Professor of Educational Foundations in the Department of Teacher Education. Dr. Brown earned her Ph.D. in Educational Psychology with an emphasis in Educational Research from Auburn University in 2008. She earned her B.S.Ed., M.Ed., and Ed.S. degrees in Special Education from the University of West Georgia. Dr. Brown taught eight years as a high school Special Education teacher and three years as a high school Math teacher, and she earned National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification while in the classroom. Currently, she serves on the Executive Board for Eastern Educational Research Association. Dr. Brown's primary areas of expertise include Undergraduate Student Retention and Effective Instructional Strategies. Her research has been presented at regional and national conferences and published in national and international peer-reviewed journals.

Dr. Kathleen Hughes is an Associate Professor of Biology and is the Director of the Competitive Premedical Studies Program at Columbus State University (CSU). She has published work on Peer Leader Strategies and assessments in Human Anatomy and Physiology courses. Dr. Hughes has presented Peer Leader Development and Assessment in various Biology courses at the university level and has secured mini grants in this field. She will continue this presentation of work at the national Human Anatomy and Physiology Society meeting in May. Dr. Hughes coordinated a Service Learning Study Abroad course to the Bahamas. Her Neuroscience course includes student-authored research projects that are presented at state and regional scientific conferences. Dr. Hughes earned her B.S. in Biology from Winthrop University and her Ph.D. in Biomedical Science from the University of Florida.

Chappell Graduate Award 2016 Nominees



Dr. Kevin Burgess, a member of the Columbus State University faculty since 2008, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Biology. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Guelph in Canada, and has held Post-Doctoral Fellowships at the University of Virginia and the University of Toronto. Since arriving at Columbus State University, he has published eight peer-reviewed journal articles in high-impact, international journals. He has established a vigorous research program in pure and applied Ecological Genetics, mentoring seven graduate research theses and 15 undergraduate research projects. He has presented at more than 10 international and regional meetings and has given invited seminars at University of Georgia, Emory University, North Georgia College and State University, Georgia State University and Auburn University where he now holds an Adjunct position. He has written and received numerous internal and external grants to fund his research program and serves as a reviewer for 11 international journals. His involvement in cutting edge research on DNA barcoding has received local, national, and international media attention and has been featured on the Board of Regents website. Dr. Burgess strives to involve his graduate, honors, and undergraduate research students in all aspects of scholarship including: writing and receiving grants; data analysis and publishing; conference presentations; and teaching and mentoring.

Dr. Kirk C. Heriot is the Crowley Endowed Chair of Entrepreneurship. He received his M.B.A. from the University of South Carolina and his Ph.D. from Clemson University. He previously served as the Director of Graduate Business Programs at Columbus State University (CSU) during 2011-2012. In that time period, two new required courses were added to the curriculum. Since 2011, he has served as the Course Lead for Entrepreneurship in the Georgia Web MBA Program responsible for coordinating instructors from five other universities. He was the Interim Course Lead for Strategy in the Web M.B.A. Program in 2013-2014. In addition, Dr. Heriot teaches Entrepreneurship in the traditional MBA program at Columbus State University. He has taught four of the 10 required courses in the CSU MBA program in his nine years as a member of the faculty. In addition, he started the CSU Business Plan Competition, which is entering its fifth year. In the past eighteen months, two of his MBA students have started companies based on the business plans they began writing in his Entrepreneurship course. A third student started a business in Savannah after taking his Entrepreneurship course in the Web M.B.A. program. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Dr. Heriot founded the *American Journal of Entrepreneurship* in 2008 and continues to serve as the editor. The journal published Volume 8(1) in June 2015.

Educator of the Year Award 2016 Nominees



Dr. Jeanine Fittipaldi-Wert is an Associate Professor of Health and Physical Education and Adapted Physical Education at Columbus State University (CSU). She earned her doctorate from Auburn University, her bachelor's degree in Health and Physical Education Teacher Certification from West Chester University, PA, and her Master's Degree in Adapted Physical Education from State University of New York (SUNY), Brockport, NY. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she is also the Director of Camp Abilities in Columbus, GA, which is a developmental sports camp for children with visual impairments. She won the Mayor's Award: "Educator of the Year 2014" for Outstanding Service in Supporting People with Disabilities.

Dr. Tom Dolan is a Professor of Political Science at Columbus State University (CSU). He joined the CSU faculty in 2000 to develop an Asian Studies curriculum, and has twice served as the Chairman for the Department of Political Science. Dr. Dolan's academic career began after 20 years of military service, during which his travels included operations in the North Atlantic, Mediterranean Sea, South Pacific, and Indian Oceans. During this time he traveled extensively in South America, Asia, and East Africa. He received his Master's degree in National Security Affairs at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, and his Ph.D. in Political Science from Georgia State University. In April 2011, he was selected as an Academic Fellow for the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, and during the summer of 2011, he underwent counterterrorism training in Israel in addition to teaching a course on Islam in Europe in Oxford, England. In 2012, he conducted research on his major area of study, Korean Reunification, in South Korea, China, and North Korea. In the summer of 2013, he returned to Oxford to teach. His professional work includes four dozen publications.

Ms. Pam Wetherington is the Program Coordinator and Instructor in the Early Childhood Education Program. Additionally, Ms. Wetherington serves as the Department of Teacher Education's edTPA Coordinator. Her professional interests include strengthening the preparation methods for pre-service teachers by ensuring that they are: (1) providing safe and respectful learning environments; (2) meeting their students' needs and interests as evidenced by their plans, instruction, and assessments; (3) prepared for the complexities of today's classrooms; and (4) confident in their abilities to serve as advocates for their students. Her research interests include thematic teaching/project-based learning and the effect on student performance and achievement; the effect of formative assessments and feedback on the development of pre-service teachers; and the effect of the development of teaching portfolios on pre-service teachers' self-efficacy.

Ms. Katherine Herczeg is an adjunct faculty member of the College of Nursing at Columbus State University. She has taught Pharmacology and Pathophysiology for the past three years. Ms. Herczeg is an honors graduate of the 2004 Columbus State University BSN program and the 2008 Georgia State University M.S.N. Family Nurse Practitioner Program. She has worked in various positions at St. Francis Hospital since 2003, and is presently employed in their Emergency Department as a Nurse Practitioner. Past and present experiences include travel nursing, cardiac cath lab, correctional medicine, industrial medicine, family practice and providing medical expert witness services.

CSU International Educator of the Year Award 2016 Nominees



Dr. Becky Becker is Professor of Theatre and Assistant Director for Columbus State University's Center for International Education, where she coordinates the International Studies Certificate. She also heads the B.A. program in Theatre. In addition to teaching Theatre History, Dramaturgy, Playwriting and Devising Performance, she teaches Introduction to International Studies and Cross-Cultural Learning at Columbus State University. Her directing credits include: "A Midsummer Night's Dream", "The Laramie Project", "Eurydice, and Caroline", or "Change", as well as such new plays as "Compañeras", "The Old Ship of Zion", and "Mr. Burns: A Post-Electric Play". Dr. Becker has conceived and directed several oral history performances, including "Westville: Collected Lives," and "Bibb City: Collected Lives From a Mill Town". She serves as current editor for "Theatre Symposium: A Journal of the Southeastern Theatre Conference", Volumes 24 and 25, and is Vice Chair of the "National Playwriting Program" for Region 4 of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. Her research interests include cross-cultural theatre, intercultural communication, and the embodied mind. Her published works have appeared in *Theatre Journal*, *Feminist Teacher*, and *Review: The Journal of Dramaturgy*, *Theatre Symposium*, and various edited volumes.

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and State University, Georgia State University, and Auburn University where he now holds an Adjunct position. Dr. Burgess has written and received numerous internal and external grants to fund his research program and serves as a reviewer for 11 international journals. His involvement in cutting edge research on DNA barcoding has received local, national, and international media attention, as well as, featured on the Board of Regents website. He strives to involve his graduate, honors, and undergraduate research students in all aspects of scholarship including: writing and receiving grants; data analysis and publishing; conference presentations; teaching and mentoring.

Dr. Dona Lee Ferguson is an instructor in the Columbus State University (CSU) School of Nursing. Her nursing career spans more than 40 years, including starting as a Nurse's Aide and eventually receiving a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Nursing, both from the University of Southern Maine. Dr. Ferguson has worked in several different areas of nursing, such as neurosurgery, developmental disabilities, community health, and operating room. In her academic career, she has taught in Associate Degree and Baccalaureate degree programs in Maine, South Dakota, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, and now in Columbus, Georgia.

Dr. Susan Hrach is a Professor of English and Director of the Faculty Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning. Dr. Hrach's area of academic expertise is European Renaissance Literature. Her scholarly research, which includes archival work at the Folger Shakespeare Library, a National Endowment for the Humanities grant, and a Research Fellowship from the Open Education Group, has recently focused on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Early Modern Studies. In 2013, she was awarded the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award by the University System of Georgia for her dedication to developing students' global awareness. Her work in International Education includes serving as a past President of the Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society, as a member of the International Learning Community, and as Columbus State University's campus Fulbright representative, in addition to facilitating seven Columbus State University study abroad programs.

Dr. Dell Miller is Assistant Director of the Undergraduate Program and Assistant Professor in the Columbus State University (CSU) School of Nursing. She began her nursing career in 1975 after graduating with honors from Columbus College. Later she received a B.S.N. from Columbus State University and a M.S.N. from Troy State University in Adult Health/Administration. Her clinical practice experience focused on critical care, emergency/trauma and administration. She is also a paramedic and taught medics at Columbus Technical College from 1977 to 2002. Dr. Miller served as a clinical educator within the hospital and a community educator for the American Heart Association. She has served as the clinical educator for Region 7 EMS which included 14 Georgia counties. Dr. Miller went back to school and received a post masters Family Nurse Practitioner certificate and a second M.S.N./Acute Care Nurse Practitioner from University of Alabama - Birmingham, and finally a Doctorate in Nursing Practice from University of South Alabama. She has been employed at Columbus State University for seven years.

Dr. Robin Snipes is a Professor of Marketing and Management in the D. Abbott Turner College of Business. She earned a Ph.D. in Management from Auburn University. She graduated from Columbus State University (CSU) in 1985 with an undergraduate degree in Marketing, and has worked in Marketing Management positions at Printpack, Inc. (Atlanta, Georgia), BC/BS of GA, and Tom's Foods (Columbus, Georgia). Prior to coming to Columbus State University, she taught Marketing and Management courses at Auburn University. Dr. Snipes has consulting experience working with firms such as Cambria Consulting, Inc. (Boston, Mass.), Microsoft, and the Columbus Water Works. She has also assisted several non-profit organizations in the development of business strategies over the years, including CORTA, the Second Harvest Food Bank, New Horizons, the American Red Cross, the American Cancer Society, Columbus Hospice, and the Concharty Council of Girl Scouts. Her research work in the areas of Strategy and Organizational Behavior has been published in several peer-reviewed academic journals, including the *Journal of Advertising Research*, the *Journal of Business Research*, the *Journal of Business Ethics*, the *Journal of Hospital Marketing and Public Relations*, the *Employee Rights and Responsibilities Journal*, the *Journal of Services Marketing*, and the *Journal of Business and Management*.

Faculty Cup Award 2016 Nominees



Brittany Allen will graduate this spring with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. A member of the national political science honor society Pi Sigma Alpha, she has also served as President of the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity at Columbus State. In addition she has won the award for top student in the Department of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Administration for two years. She has anticipated a career in law, and shown an interest in child advocacy by working with Columbus's Truancy Intervention Project and also volunteers as a Court Appointed Special Advocate.

Brittany Kameron Griffin will graduate this spring with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. An Honors student, she has won awards in the Chemistry Department twice, as well as being awarded a SRACE grant. She served as President of the student arm of the Honors program, Honoris Causa, for two years. She has co-authored research and presented her work at conferences, and is working with two faculty members in the area of biochemistry. In addition, Ms. Griffin has been active with the Peer Instruction Leaders program at CSU, and has also devoted some of her research to develop hands-on learning modules for visually impaired students.

Andrea Nelson will graduate this spring with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, in the Secondary Education track. An awardee of the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship, she has been not only a high achiever in her own work in mathematics, but has served in roles on campus and in the community to lead the learning of mathematics for others. She has taught in and served as Secretary of Public Relations and President of CSU's We Teach organization and was integral in both the Columbus Regional Mathematics Collaborative Masters Competition and CSU's Mathematics Tournament. Ms. Nelson has been student teaching at Kendrick High School this spring and looks forward to teaching students who need someone to illuminate her subject to them.

Chelsea Anne Person will graduate this spring with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Communication, with a concentration in Public Relations. Active in both the Honors and Servant Leadership Programs, she is also a member of CSU's Women's Soccer team. She has served as the chapter president of the Public Relations Student Society of America, in addition to being active with other honor societies. Ms. Person is an active and eager volunteer, not only in her leadership of project teams in her research but also in her interactions through Servant Leadership, assisting with the Broadway Tree Trimming event, providing marketing strategy and support for this fundraiser.

Kenneth Joel Roop-Eckart will graduate in the spring with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Earth and Space Sciences. An Honors student, he also has served as chapter president of the Geology Honor Society Sigma Gamma Epsilon and of the American Institute of Professional Geologists. He has served as a peer instructor for Introductory Geology and has been active in Students for a Sustainable World. Mr. Roop-Eckart has presented the results of research collaboration with faculty at several conferences, and was an invited speaker at Florida State University's Department of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences.

Terrance Tarver will graduate this spring with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Psychology. His successful coursework has shown him to be an eager and active researcher, working with a faculty member as a student research assistant. He assisted the Psychology Department as part of a student panel for a faculty search. In addition, Mr. Tarver volunteers weekly with local sports leagues to mentor young men. His plans after graduation include doctoral work in Sport Psychology.

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