PRESIDENT’S EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Past Award Recipients: 1978 to 2023
PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

Faculty IP Innovation and Commercialization Award

2022  Shane Farritor, Mechanical and Materials Engineering, UNL
2023  Howard Gendelman, Pharmacology and Experimental Neuroscience, UNMC

Outstanding Research and Creative Activity Award

1978  Norman Cromwell, Chemistry, UNL; Bernice Slote, English, UNL
1979  Joseph P. Gilmore, Physiology/Biophysics, UNMC; Joseph H. Macek, Physics/Astronomy, UNL; Paul Schach, Germanic Languages, UNL; John W. Schmidt, Agronomy, UNL
1980  Ezekiel Bahar, Electrical Engineering, UNL; J. Michael Daly, Biochemistry, UNL; Sang M. Lee, Management, UNL; Michael F. Sorrell, Internal Medicine, UNMC
1981  Harry A. Duncan, Fine Arts, UNO; Charles O. Gardner, Agronomy, UNL; Wallace C. Peterson, Economics, UNL
1982  Myron K. Brakke, Plant Pathology, UNL; David P. Forsythe, Political Science, UNL
1983  Naba K. Gupta, Chemistry, UNL; James A. Rawley, History, UNL
1984  Paul A. Johnsgard, Biological Sciences, UNL; Paul A. Olson, English, UNL
1985  Mihir R. Banerjee, Biological Sciences, UNL; Frederick C. Luebke, History, UNL
1986  Louis Crompton, English, UNL; Sidney S. Mirvish, Eppeley Institute, UNMC
1988  Dermot P. Coyne, Horticulture, UNL; Susan Welch, Political Science, UNL
1989  John R. Hardy, Physics & Astronomy, UNL; David Nicholas, History, UNL
1990  Samuel M. Cohen, Pathology/Microbiology, UNMC; Keith Jacobshagen, Art, UNL
1991  James O. Armitage, Internal Medicine, UNMC; Robert Audi, Philosophy, UNL
1992  Stephen C. Behrendt, English, UNL; James L. Van Etten, Plant Pathology, UNL
1993  John R. Hibbing, Political Science, UNL; Irving H. Zucker, Physiology/Biophysics, UNMC
1994  Ercole Luigi Cavalieri, Eppeley Institute, UNMC; Oyekan Owomoyela, English, UNL
1995  Moira C. Ferguson, English, UNL; Reuben D. Rieke, Chemistry, UNL
1996  David R. Beukelman, Special Education/Communication Disorders, UNL; David J. Sellmyer, Physics & Astronomy, UNL
1997  James M. Cook, Music, UNK; Anne Kessinger, Oncology and Hematology, UNMC
1998  John Janovy, Jr., Biological Sciences, UNL; Karen Kunc, Art, UNL
1999  William G. Mayhan, Physiology/Biophysics, UNMC; Cassia Spohn, Criminal Justice, UNO
2000  Pill-Soon Song, Chemistry, UNL; Ross A. Thompson, Psychology, UNL
2001  Gary Moulton, History, UNL; Brett Ratcliffe, Entomology/State Museum, UNL
2002  Jeffrey A. French, Psychology, UNO; Hilda Raz, English and Prairie Schooner, UNL
2003  John D. Turner, Religious Studies, UNL; Stephen W. Ragsdale, Biochemistry, UNL
2004  Alan Kamil, Biological Sciences, UNL; Susan Rosowski, English, UNL
2005  Parks M. Coble, History, UNL; Anthony F. Starace, Physics, UNL
2006  Ruma Banerjee, Biochemistry, UNL; Wheeler Winston Dixon, English, UNL
2007  Alexander “Sasha” V. Kabanov, Pharmaceutical Sciences, UNMC
2008  Fred Luthans, Business, UNL; Vadim Gladyshev, Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, UNL
2009  Stephen Rennard, Internal Medicine, UNMC; Michael James, Textiles, Clothing & Design, UNL
2010  Jonis Agee, English, UNL; Xiao Zeng, Chemistry, UNL
2011  Gert-Jan de Vreede, Collaboration Science, UNO; P. Stephen Baenziger, Agronomy & Horticulture, UNL
2012  Carolyn Pope Edwards, Psychology, UNL; Howard Gendelman, Pharmacology and Experimental
PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS, CONTINUED...

Neuroscience, UNMC
2013 Thomas Porter, Internal Medicine, UNMC; Kenneth Price, English, UNL
2014 Susan Sheridan, Educational Psychology, UNL; Donald Weeks, Biochemistry, UNL
2015 Wayne Fisher, Munroe-Meyer Institute-Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders, UNMC; Charles Wood, Nebraska Center for Virology, UNL
2016 Surinder Batra, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, UNMC; Bruce Johansen, Communication and Native American Studies, UNO
2017 Yongfeng Lu, Electrical and Computer Engineering, UNL; Roni Reiter-Palmon, Psychology, UNO
2018 David Hage, Chemistry, UNL; Dennis Molfese, Psychology, UNL
2019 Kwame Dawes, English, UNL; Evgeny Tsybalkov, Physics and Astronomy, UNL
2020 Edgar Cahoon, Biochemistry, UNL
2021 Nicholas Stergiou, Biomechanics, UNO; Margaret Jacobs, History, UNL
2022 Howard Fox, Neurological Sciences, UNMC; Jordan Stump, Modern Languages and Literatures, UNL
2023 Rick Bevins, Psychology, UNL

Outstanding Teaching and Instructional Creativity Award

1992 Diane Gillespie, Goodrich Program, UNO; Don A. Kaufman, Chemistry, UNK
1993 Alvin M. Earle, Cell Biology & Anatomy, UNMC; Robert G. Fuller, Physics & Astronomy, UNL
1995 Patrice Berger, History, UNL; Manuchair Ebadi, Pharmacology, UNMC
1996 James D. Carr, Chemistry, UNL; James R. Newland, Pathology & Microbiology, UNMC
1997 John R. Gruhl, Political Science, UNL; Richard L. Miller, Psychology, UNK
1998 Ann Mari May, Economics, UNL; Roosevelt L. Pardy, Biological Sciences, UNL
1999 Stephen M. Buhler, English, UNL; Paul Kelter, Chemistry, UNL
2000 Barbara DiBernard, English and Women's Studies, UNL; Helen Moore, Sociology and Women's Studies, UNL
2001 Daniel J. Bernstein, Psychology, UNL; Robert F. Rycek, Psychology, UNK
2002 William L. Blizek, Philosophy and Religion, UNO; Peter Maslowski, History, UNL
2003 W. James Lewis, Mathematics, UNL; Max A. McFarland, Counseling and School Psychology, UNK
2004 Lisa Kelly-Vance, Psychology, UNO; Joy Ritchie, English & Women's Studies, UNL
2005 C. William McLaughlin, Chemistry, UNL; Kenya S. Taylor, Communication Disorders, UNK
2006 Karen Dwyer, Communication, UNO; Ruth Heaton, Teaching, Learning & Teacher Education, UNL
2007 Valerie Cisler, Music & Performing Arts, UNK; Paul D. Larsen, Pediatrics Neurology, UNMC
2008 Donna Dufner, Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis, UNO; Theresa Wadkins, Psychology, UNK
2009 Calvin Garbin, Psychology, UNL; Donald Lee, Agronomy and Horticulture, UNL
2010 Laura White, English, UNL; Paul Paulman, Family Medicine & Clinical Skills, UNMC
2011 Kurtis G. Cornish, Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC; Jonna Holland, Marketing and Management, UNO
2012 Tiffany Heng-Moss, Entomology, UNL; Richard MacDonald, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, UNMC
2013 Edward Vandenberg, Internal Medicine, UNMC; Peter Wolcott, Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis, UNL
2014 Dawn Mollenkopf, Teacher Education, UNK; Judy Walker, Mathematics, UNL
2015 Chandrakanth Are, Surgical Oncology, UNMC; Martha Mamo, Agronomy and Horticulture, UNL
2016 Neal Grandgenett, Teacher Education, UNO
2017 Erin Blankenship, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, UNL; Jason Kautz, Chemistry, UNL
PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS, CONTINUED...

2018  Tammie Kennedy, English, UNO; Colleen Medill, College of Law, UNL
2019  Lloyd Bell, Agriculture Leadership, Education and Communication, UNL; William Mahoney, School of Interdisciplinary Informatics, UNO
2020  Jody Koening Kellas, Communication Studies, UNL; Walter Stroup, Statistics, UNL
2021  Kenneth Kiewra, Educational Psychology, UNL; Ramazan Kilinc, Political Science, UNO
2022  Robert Brooke, English, UNL; Vanessa Gorman, History and Classics and Religious Studies, UNL
2023  Betty Love, Mathematical and Statistical Sciences, UNO; Geoffrey Talmon, Pathology and Microbiology, UNMC

>>> Inclusive Excellence Collaboration Award

2019  Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor, UNL
2020  Nebraska College of Law, UNL; Department of Political Science, UNK (co-equal partner); Division of Student Success, UNO (co-equal partner)
2021  Equity, Access and Diversity Advisory, UNK
2022  College of Education and Human Sciences, UNL
2023  Health Careers Resource Center, UNO

>>> Innovation, Development and Engagement Award

2007  Steven Hinrichs, Pathology and Microbiology, UNMC
2009  Donald Weeks, Biochemistry, UNL
2011  Steve L. Taylor, Food Science and Technology, UNL
2012  Chris Calkins, Animal Science, UNL; Jonathan Vennerstrom, Pharmaceutical Sciences, UNMC
2013  Susan Swindells, Internal Medicine Infectious Diseases, UNMC
2014  Shane Farritor, Mechanical Engineering, UNL; Dmitry Oleynikov, Surgery, UNMC
2015  Michael Epstein, Special Education and Communication Disorders, UNL; Stephen Reichenbach, Computer Science and Engineering, UNL
2016  Elliot Ostler, Educational Leadership, UNO; Matt Waite, College of Journalism and Mass Communications, UNL
2017  Ann Anderson Berry, Pediatrics Newborn Medicine, UNMC; Eileen Hebets, School of Biological Sciences, UNL
2018  Joseph Evans, Pediatric Psychology, UNMC; Nicholas Stergiou, Biomechanics, UNO
2019  Mario Scalora, Psychology, UNL
2020  Sajda Qureshi, Information Systems and Qualitative Analysis, UNO; Armando De Alba Rosales, Health Promotion, UNMC
2021  Christine Cutucache, Biology, UNO; Laurence Rilett, Civil and Environmental Engineering, UNO
2022  Judy Diamond, University Libraries, UNL; Mark Svoboda, National Drought Mitigation Center, UNL
2023  Dejun Su, Health Promotion, UNMC

>>> University-wide Departmental Teaching Award

1993  Department of Chemistry, University of Nebraska at Kearney
1994  Department of English, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
1995  Goodrich Scholarship Program, University of Nebraska at Omaha
PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS, CONTINUED...

1996  Department of Sociology, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
1997  Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy, University of Nebraska Medical Center
1998  Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
1999  Department of Psychology, University of Nebraska at Kearney
2000  Department of Textiles, Clothing and Design, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
2001  Division of Medical Technology, University of Nebraska Medical Center
2002  Department of Biological Systems Engineering, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
2003  Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska at Kearney
2004  College of Nursing, University of Nebraska Medical Center
2005  Department of Social Work, University of Nebraska at Omaha
2006  Division of Physical Therapy Education, University of Nebraska Medical Center
2007  Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
2008  Department of Family Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center
2009  School of Communication, University of Nebraska at Omaha
2010  Department of Psychology, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
2011  Department of Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis, University of Nebraska at Omaha
2012  Department of Marketing and Management Information Systems, University of Nebraska at Kearney
2013  Department of Teaching, Learning, and Teacher Education, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
2014  Department of Biology, University of Nebraska at Kearney
2015  Department of Entomology, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
2016  Department of Foreign Languages and Literature, University of Nebraska at Omaha
2017  Department of History, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
2018  Department of Genetics, Cell Biology and Anatomy, University of Nebraska Medical Center
2019  Department of Biochemistry, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
2020  Department of Teacher Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha
2021  Department of Management, University of Nebraska at Omaha
2022  Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
2023  School of Biological Sciences, University of Nebraska–Lincoln