

PAST PRESIDENT'S EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS

▶▶▶ Faculty IP Innovation and Commercialization Award

- 2022 **Shane Farritor**, Mechanical and Materials Engineering, UNL
- 2023 **Howard Gendelman**, Pharmacology and Experimental Neuroscience, UNMC
- 2024 **Carrick Detweiler**, Computer Science and Engineering, UNL
- 2025 **Thanh Nguyen**, Emergency Medicine, 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**, Eppley Institute, UNMC
- 1987 **Robert Beadell**, Music, UNL; **James A. R. Samson**, Physics & Astronomy, UNL
- 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**, Eppley 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

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- 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 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 Tsybal**, 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
- 2024 **Jonathan Vennerstrom**, Pharmaceutical Sciences, UNMC; **Kristen Olson**, Sociology, UNL
- 2025 **Jay Storz**, Biological Sciences, UNL; **Timothy Schaffert**, English, 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
- 1994 **Kris Berg**, Health, Physical Education, & Recreation, UNO; **Melvin C. Thornton**, Mathematics & Statistics, 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; **Rosevelt 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

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- 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
- 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 Kilinç**, 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
- 2024 **Phani Tej Adidam**, Marketing & Entrepreneurship, UNO
- 2025 **Betsy Becker**, Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, UNMC; **Renee McFee**, Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, UNL

▶▶▶ *Innovation, Development and Engagement Award*

- 2007 **Steven Hinrichs**, Pathology and Microbiology, UNMC
- 2009 **Donald Weeks**, Biochemistry, UNL
- 2010 **Phyllis Markussen**, Family Studies & Interior Design, UNK; **Byers W. Shaw, Jr.**, Surgery & Advanced Clinical Applications Program, UNMC
- 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
- 2024 **Benson Edagwa**, Pharmacology and Experimental Neuroscience, UNMC
- 2025 **Gina Ligon**, Business Administration, UNO; **Karoly Mirnics**, Munroe-Meyer Institute, UNMC

▶▶▶ *Innovations in Student Success Award*

- 2025 **Goodrich Scholarship Program**, UNO

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▶▶▶ *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
- 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
- 2024 **Department of Physical Therapy**, University of Nebraska Medical Center
- 2025 **Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders**, University of Nebraska–Lincoln