Awards & Accolades

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Congratulations to these recent honorees.

Hamilton Included on Science News’ List of Notable Early- and Mid-Career Scientists

Christopher Hamilton, assistant professor in the Lunar and Planetary Laboratory, has been named to the 2018 list of the SN 10, Science News magazine's list of 10 early- and mid-career scientists "on their way to widespread acclaim for tackling the big questions facing science and society."

Science News is the magazine of the Society for Science & the Public, a nonprofit organization that promotes the understanding and appreciation of science. The 10 scientists, from universities in the U.S. and Chile, are younger than 40 and were nominated by either a Nobel laureate or recently elected member of the National Academy of Sciences. They were chosen by Science News staff.

Hamilton’s research involves studying lava on Earth to understand how volcanoes have affected landscapes on other bodies throughout the solar system. He has been at the UA since 2014.

Chief Receives National Recognition for Outstanding Contributions

Karletta Chief, associate professor and associate specialist in the Department of Soil, Water and Environmental Science, has been recognized as a 2018 National TRIO Achiever by the Council for Opportunity in Education. Chief and seven other honorees were recognized Sept. 13 at the council's annual conference, held in New York City.

The Council for Opportunity in Education is a national nonprofit organization that aims to expand college opportunities for low-income and first-generation students and students with disabilities. Its National TRIO Achiever honor is named after the U.S. Department of Education’s Federal TRIO programs, which provide services for students from disadvantaged backgrounds. The honor recognizes TRIO program alumni who have made "remarkable contributions to their professions."

Chief is an alumna of Upward Bound, a TRIO program that serves high school students from low-income families or those whose parents didn't graduate from college. Her research aims to improve the understanding of watershed hydrology. Chief, who is Diné, or a member of the Navajo Nation, also connects Native American communities to relevant scientific research through her work as an extension specialist. She has been on the UA faculty since 2011.

Ruiz Named Distinguished Citizen by Government of Mexico

Joaquin Ruiz, dean of the College of Science and vice president for innovation, has been named by the Government of Mexico.
a Mexicano Distinguido, or Distinguished Mexican, by the government of Mexico. Ricardo Pineda Albarrán, the consul general at the Consulate of Mexico in Tucson, recognized Ruíz with the honor last month during a celebration of Mexico's 208th year of independence.

Pineda nominated Ruiz for the distinction, which recognizes the human and professional qualities of Mexican people living abroad who contribute to the well-being and advancement of Mexico. Ruíz has worked alongside Pineda to advance Mexico’s relationship with the UA, Tucson and the state of Arizona.

Ruiz, who was born in Mexico City, was one of 31 Mexican citizens residing around the world to receive the honor. In 2009, Ruiz was included [8] on a list of outstanding researchers by the Mexican government's National System of Researchers.

Ruiz began at the UA in 1983 as an assistant professor of geosciences.

UA Videographers, Arizona Public Media Win Rocky Mountain Emmys

UA videographers and multimedia specialists, as well as journalists with Arizona Public Media [9] and KUAT, Tucson's Public Broadcasting Service affiliate, earned Emmy awards from the Rocky Mountain Southwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. The awards were presented on Sept. 22 in Phoenix.

Regional Emmys recognize excellence in local TV news across a variety of categories.

Mari Cleven, senior videographer in the Office of Research, Discovery and Innovation, won an Emmy for her video titled "Guardabosques: Guardians of the Forest [10]." The video, which won in the Photographer - News/Sports category, follows UA scientists as they collect tree-ring data in the western highlands of Guatemala to help farmers plan for a changing climate.

AZPM won six Emmys for five stories, one of which won in two categories.

The award-winning stories were:

- "Ephemeral [11]" (Arts/Entertainment - Program Feature-Segment) - produced, shot and edited by Sandra Westdahl [12], sound recording and design by Galen McCaw, media specialist in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and drone photography by Cody Sheehy, coordinator of video production in CALS.
- "Danzacultura [16]" (Historic/Cultural - News - Single Story/Series/Feature/Program Segment) - produced and edited by Westdahl, videography by Westdahl and Arlene Islas [17].
- "The Full Nelson [18]" (Human Interest - Program Feature/Segment) - produced and edited by Westdahl and photographed by Islas.
We want to know about your good news. If you, your team or a colleague has won any major awards, been honored nationally or internationally, or accomplished some other major feat that deserves recognition, let us know about it.

To submit your news, please send us an email with the following information:

- Name of the person, team or unit receiving the honor with full UA titles.
- Information about the award/honor and the organization that granted it. Please include a link to the official announcement of the award/honor.
- When the honor was announced and when it will be presented (or was presented).
- A photo of the honoree. If others appear in the photo, please provide their names and identifying information, such as their UA title or other affiliation.

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