Awards and Accolades

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Congratulations to these recently honored employees, teams and programs.

Professor Receives Award for Excellence in Teaching of Physics and Related Sciences

Joe Giacalone [1], professor in the Department of Planetary Sciences and Lunar and Planetary Laboratory, was awarded the 12th annual Professor Leon and Pauline Blitzer Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Physics and Related Sciences. The award recognizes the recipient's devotion to teaching, advising and mentoring, in addition to sustaining an active research career. With the award, Giacalone gave a lecture titled, "Solar Storms, Space Radiation and Their Effects on Earth and Space Travel." His research focus is on understanding the origin and physical processes involved in creating high-energy charged particles near the Sun and how they move throughout the solar system.

UA Departments Take Home ADDY Awards

The UA won nine awards during the American Advertising Federation Tucson's ADDY Awards. The marketing team in Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and Academic Initiatives and Student Success took home seven awards. Other UA honorees included the College of Humanities and UA BookStores.

SAEM/AISS Marketing was awarded the following:

- A Gold ADDY for Magazine Design, a Gold ADDY for Art Direction and a Bronze ADDY for Copywriting for the Freshman Admissions publication, which provides comprehensive information about the UA to prospective students.
- A Gold ADDY in the Direct Mail Campaign category for the Freshman Recruitment Suite, which includes the Freshman Admissions publication along with other various marketing materials promoting the UA.
- A Silver ADDY in the 60+ Second Film category for "The Interview," a video produced for UA Career Services that highlights actions students should avoid during job interviews. Watch the video here [2].
- A Silver ADDY for Magazine Design for "The Spirit of Inquiry," an annual publication about the Honors College undergraduate research program of the same name.
- A Bronze ADDY in the Direct Mail category for the U.S. News & World Report mailer, which provides information about the UA to high school counselors and peer institutions responsible for casting votes for U.S. News & World Report rankings.
- A Bronze ADDY in the Direct Mail category for "The Journey to UA" mailer, a marketing mailer sent to high school juniors that provides useful tips and information for staying on track for admission to the UA.
- A Bronze ADDY in the Webisode Series category for "The Dream Job" video series, which shares the stories of successful UA alumni. See the series at dreamjob.arizona.edu
The University of Arizona BookStores received a Bronze ADDY in the Email category for an email about a book sale. The College of Humanities received the Mosaic Award for Integrated Media Public Service Campaign, which was presented at the ADDY awards ceremony, for the 2016 Tucson Humanities Festival.

Arizona State Museum Curator Awarded Chair in History

Michael Brescia, curator at the Arizona State Museum and a UA history professor, was awarded the 2018 Wayne N. Aspinall Chair in History by Colorado Mesa University. The honor will take him to the Grand Junction university to teach a course on the intersection of history and law in spring 2018. He also will give a major public lecture and make other invited appearances. The award comes with a $10,000 stipend.

SAEM Employees Publish Case Study About UA’s Blue Chip Program

A case study about the UA’s Blue Chip program—a leadership program that helps students develop the skills employers look for in graduates?has been included in the publication "What Makes the First-Year Seminar High Impact?" The study was written by Marla Franco, director of assessment and research in the Office of Student Engagement, and Jessica Hill, associate director of the Leadership Programs office, and Tina Wesanen-Neil, the office’s senior director. The publisher is the National Resource Center for First-Year Experience and Students in Transition.

Vance Holliday Receives Society for American Archaeology Award

Vance Holliday, professor of anthropology and geosciences, was selected as the 2018 recipient of the Society for American Archaeology’s Fryxell Award for Interdisciplinary Research. The award is presented in recognition of interdisciplinary excellence to a scientist whose research has contributed significantly to American archaeology. The award cycles through zoological sciences, botanical sciences, earth sciences, physical sciences and general interdisciplinary studies. The 2018 award is for earth science contributions in archaeology. The award will be presented at the Society for American Archaeology’s annual meeting in Washington, D.C., in April 2018.

Extension Associate Ruth Jackson Honored by U.S. Department of Agriculture

Ruth Jackson, an extension associate who works with special research nutrition projects in the Maricopa County Cooperative Extension office, was honored with a Certificate of Appreciation from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for her 38 years of service and dedication to the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program. The national program teaches basic nutrition, meal planning and grocery dollar management to limited-income families. Jackson, who initially was a participant in the program, was recognized for empowering families as a volunteer advisory member. Jackson, who began working for the UA as a program aide in 1978, received the award at a national conference in Virginia in March.

Mary Poulton Receives Praise From Arizona Governor and AAES Award

University Distinguished Professor Mary Poulton, who holds appointments in geosciences, mining engineering, law and public health, and serves as director of the Lowell Institute for
Mineral Resources, last month received a commendation from Gov. Doug Ducey, letters of appreciation from Sens. John McCain and Jeff Flake, proclamations from the Arizona House of Representatives and Senate, and a certificate of excellence from Arizona State Mine Inspector Joe Hart for her 30-year career in the mining industry. She also was recognized for her contribution to engineering by the American Association of Engineering Societies at an awards banquet on April 24 for her work in advancing engineering education. She was one of seven honored at the banquet.

College of Engineering Names Janet Roveda 2017 da Vinci Fellow

Janet Roveda, professor of electrical and computer engineering and biomedical engineering, was named the College of Engineering’s da Vinci Fellow for 2017. Each year, the college selects one member of the faculty to receive the award, which comes with a $10,000 grant to support work in either teaching or research. Roveda was selected in recognition of her multidisciplinary research projects, which have helped the UA in its efforts to grow research awards and expenditures.

Tech Park Arizona Honored With ‘Best of Arizona’ Award

Bruce Wright, associate vice president for Tech Parks Arizona, was presented with an Economic Development Distinguished by Excellence award from the Arizona Association for Economic Development earlier this month. Wright was given the Best of Arizona award, which honors individuals and organizations whose contributions to economic development have a significant impact on the state and its growth. Wright was selected from a pool of nominations made by members of AAED for his role in raising the profile of Arizona and Tucson to the national and international business community.

Public Health Professor Appointed President of AzAFP

Daniel Derksen, the Walter Pearce Chair in Rural and Border Health and professor of public health policy and management at the UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, has been appointed president of the Arizona Academy of Family Physicians. The nonprofit professional membership association has 1,600 members, including allopathic and osteopathic family physicians, medical residents and students.

Lynn Gerald Appointed to National Asthma Education and Prevention Program

Lynn Gerald, Canyon Ranch Endowed Chair for Lifestyle and Behavioral Health and professor of public health, has been appointed to the National Institutes of Health National Asthma Education and Prevention Program. The program provides advice to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute on matters concerning asthma. Gerald is involved in professional and community education related to asthma and has served on many national and local boards. She also serves as principal investigator of the American Lung Association Asthma Clinical Research Center at the UA.

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.
- 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.

Questions? Contact Amy Williams at 626-4407 or amywilliams@email.arizona.edu [16].

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