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## Distinguished Faculty and Staff Awards Excellence in Advising Award - Office of the Provost

To recognize outstanding academic advising by a faculty member and to demonstrate the University of Mississippi's commitment to excellent advising.

- [Crystal Armstrong Dunn](#) - Coordinator of Advising, Recruitment and Retention (2014)
- [Donna J Patterson](#) - Academic Counselor II (2012)

### Staff Council Award - Overall

- [Anne Dorsey McCauley](#) - Assistant Director-Office of Sustainability (2017)

### Staff Council Award - EEO1

- [Katrina Myers Caldwell](#) - Adjunct Professor of Higher Education (2019)
- [Marc K Showalter](#) - Instructional Assistant Professor of Leadership and Counselor Education (2000)
- [Mary Ann Connell](#) - Adjunct Professor of Leadership & Counselor Education (1995)

### Outstanding Staff Award

A staff member of the School of Engineering who has demonstrated exemplary service, leadership, and commitment.

- [Bethany Ferguson LaValley](#) - Coordinator of Professional Development-CMSE (2010)

### Frist Service Award

- [Anne Dorsey McCauley](#) - Assistant Director-Office of Sustainability (2015)
- [Marc K Showalter](#) - Instructional Assistant Professor of Leadership and Counselor Education (2008)
- **GLORIA J MCGREGOR** - ASSISTANT TO THE DEAN (2006)
- [Thomas J Reardon](#) - Dean Emeritus of Students (1995)

### Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher Award

The Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher of the Year for the University is selected from nominations submitted by students, alumni and faculty.

- [Ann Elizabeth Monroe](#) - Associate Dean and Professor of Teacher Education (2018)

### School of Education Outstanding Service Award

The Exemplary Service Award is presented to a faculty or staff member for exceptional service to the profession, the local or University community, region, state, or national and international scholarly communities during the academic year.

- [Laura F Prior](#) - Associate Professor of Teacher Education (2022)
- [Kelly Nicole Smith Marion](#) - Director of Development (2021)
- [Sara Ann Grimes Platt](#) - Assistant Dean and Director of Assessment and Accreditation, Assistant Professor of Special Education (2020)
- [Nichelle Catrice Robinson](#) - Associate Professor of Teacher Education and School of Education Diversity Officer (2019)
- [Denise A Soares](#) - Assistant Dean, Director of Graduate Studies, Professor of Special Education, and Interim Director of the National Center for School-University Partnerships (2018)
- [Matthew Blake Adams](#) - Program Manager (2017)
- [Stacy Ryan Niemeyer](#) - Assistant Provost for Regional Campuses and Associate Professor of Leadership and Counselor Education (2016)
- [Virginia J Moore](#) - Associate Professor Emeritus of Elementary Education (2015)
- [Melissa Kim Chrestman](#) - Operations Coordinator II (2014)
- [Whitney Thompson Webb](#) - Assistant Dean for Certification and Undergraduate Studies and Clinical Assistant Professor of Higher Education (2013)
- [Ann Elizabeth Monroe](#) - Associate Dean and Professor of Teacher Education (2012)
- [Donna J Patterson](#) - Academic Counselor II (2011)

### School of Education Outstanding Teacher of the Year

- [Mary Katherine Naron](#) - Instructor in Teacher Education (2022)
- [Karen V Davidson Smith](#) - Clinical Associate Professor of Teacher Education; School of Education Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (2021)
- [Diane Lawrence Lowry](#) - Clinical Associate Professor of Special Education (2020)



- [Amanda Micheal Winburn](#) - Professor of Counselor Education and Coordinator Ed.S Play Therapy Program (2019)
- [Alicia Cooper Stapp](#) - Associate Professor of Health and Physical Education (2018)
- [Joel C Amidon](#) - Professor of Teacher Education (2017)
- [Jerilou J Moore](#) - Professor Emeritus of Elementary Education (2016)
- [Kerry B Melear](#) - Professor of Higher Education (2015)
- [Allan Edward Bellman](#) - Professor of Mathematics Education (2014)
- OTIS WESTBROOK PICKETT - ADJUNCT PROFESSOR (2013)
- [Joel C Amidon](#) - Professor of Teacher Education (2012)
- [Dennis A Bunch](#) - Associate Professor of Leadership & Counselor Education and Program Coordinator (2011)
- [Ann Elizabeth Monroe](#) - Associate Dean and Professor of Teacher Education (2010)
- [Nichelle Catrice Robinson](#) - Associate Professor of Teacher Education and School of Education Diversity Officer (2009)
- LORI A WOLFF - PROFESSOR OF LEADERSHIP AND COUNSELOR EDUCATION, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND EVALUATION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION CERTIFICATE COORDINATOR (2009)
- KEVIN B STOLTZ - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LEADERSHIP & COUNSELOR EDUCATION (2008)
- [Jerilou J Moore](#) - Professor Emeritus of Elementary Education (2007)
- [Angela Sykes Rutherford](#) - Professor of Teacher Education and Director of the Center for Excellence in Literacy Instruction (2006)
- LUCINDA M LEIGH - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (2005)
- ANN G WEBSTER - ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF LEADERSHIP AND COUNSELOR EDUCATION (2004)
- SARAH E BLACKWELL - ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR IN TEACHER EDUCATION (2003)
- SONJA C BURNHAM - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND PROGRAM COORDINATOR (2002)
- [Sidney T Rowland](#) - Associate Professor Emerita of Teacher Education (2001)
- BOBBIE SMOTHERS JONES - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (2000)
- [MARTHA S CHAMBLESS](#) - Professor Emerita of Elementary Education (1999)
- [PEGGY EMERSON](#) - Chair Emerita and Professor Emerita of Curriculum (1998)

### School of Education Researcher of the Year

- [Kenya Elizabeth Wolff](#) - Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education (2022)
- [Stephanie Lisanne Lusk](#) - Professor of Leadership and Counselor Education (2021)
- [Joel C Amidon](#) - Professor of Teacher Education (2020)
- [Richard Scott Balkin](#) - Chair and Professor of Counselor Education (2019)
- [Burhanettin Keskin](#) - Professor of Early Childhood Education (2018)
- [Kerry P Holmes](#) - Professor Emerita of Elementary Education (2017)
- [Denise A Soares](#) - Assistant Dean, Director of Graduate Studies, Professor of Special Education, and Interim Director of the National Center for School-University Partnerships (2016)
- [Joel C Amidon](#) - Professor of Teacher Education (2015)
- [Allan Edward Bellman](#) - Professor of Mathematics Education (2014)
- [Kerry B Melear](#) - Professor of Higher Education (2013)
- KEVIN B STOLTZ - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LEADERSHIP & COUNSELOR EDUCATION (2012)
- ANGELA TILL BARLOW - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (2011)
- [Kerry B Melear](#) - Professor of Higher Education (2010)
- BARBARA J DOUGHERTY - PROFESSOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (2009)
- Rosusan D Bartee - PROFESSOR OF LEADERSHIP & COUNSELOR EDUCATION (2008)
- [Kerry B Melear](#) - Professor of Higher Education (2007)
- [MARILYN S SNOW](#) - Associate Professor Emerita of Counselor Education (2006)
- [DEBORAH A CHESSIN](#) - Professor Emerita of Curriculum and Instruction (2005)
- [Kerry P Holmes](#) - Professor Emerita of Elementary Education (2004)
- MICHAEL K PONTON - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LEADERSHIP & COUNSELOR EDUCATION (2003)
- [William Joseph Sumrall](#) - Professor of Elementary Education (2002)
- [David Rock](#) - Dean of the School of Education and Professor of Curriculum & Instruction (2001)
- [JEAN M SHAW](#) - Professor Emerita of Curriculum and Instruction (2000)

### School of Pharmacy Faculty Service Award

- [Gay Marie Barnard](#) - Associate Professor of Pharmacy Administration and Research Associate Professor in the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences (2022)

