



COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

# Awards Ceremony

**Tuesday, April 29, 2025**  
**The Ford Hall of Champions**  
**at Kyle Field**  
**4 p.m. - 7 p.m.**



# Schedule of Events

**4 p.m.**

## **Welcome**

*Mark J. Zoran, Dean*

**4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.**

## **Presentation of Awards**

*Stefanie Harris, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs*

### **Staff Awards**

- Staff Excellence
- Outstanding Leadership

### **Faculty Awards**

- Early Career Teaching
- Undergraduate Mentoring
- Graduate Mentoring
- Service
- Public Engagement and Outreach
- Administration
- Research Impact
- Faculty Excellence
- Outstanding Career

### **Student Awards**

- Outstanding Graduating Seniors

### **University Awards**

### **Endowed Student Awards**

**5:15 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

## **Reception**





## Congratulations to the 2025 College of Arts and Sciences award recipients!

Excellence is a standard in the College of Arts and Sciences that is evident in the quality of our teaching, research and service. The College of Arts and Sciences Awards Program was established in 2023 to recognize and reward faculty, staff and students for their commitment to excellence, outstanding performance and selfless contributions. The variety of awards illustrates the breadth and depth of the newest and largest college at Texas A&M University.

## Staff Awards

### Staff Excellence

**Chelsi Bass**

*Executive Assistant II*  
Economics

**McKensie Le Fevre**

*Associate Director*  
Biology

**Paula Verdegaal**

*Assistant Program Director*  
Economics

**Miranda Wickesser**

*Program Coordinator*  
Chemistry

### Outstanding Leadership

**Ron Carter**

*Assistant Department Head*  
Chemistry

# Faculty Awards

## Early Career Teaching

**Nicole Hagstrom-Schmidt**

*Lecturer*

English

**Constantine Karathanasis**

*Assistant Professor*

Global Languages and Cultures

**Erik Nielsen**

*Instructional Assistant Professor*

Atmospheric Sciences

**Andy Thomas**

*Assistant Professor*

Chemistry

## Undergraduate Mentoring

**Sarah Gatson**

*Associate Professor*

Sociology

**Dylan McCreedy**

*Assistant Professor*

Biology

**Dwayne Raymond**

*Instructional Associate Professor*

Philosophy

**Katherine Unterman**

*Associate Professor*

History

## Graduate Mentoring

**Andrew Barr**

*Associate Professor*

Economics

**Richard Curry**

*Associate Professor*

Global Languages and Cultures

## Service

**James Howell**

*Instructional Assistant Professor*

Global Languages and Cultures

**Anne Raymond**

*Professor*

Geology

## Public Engagement and Outreach

**James Pennington**

*Instructional Associate Professor*

Chemistry

## Administration

**Wayne Versaw**

*Professor*

Biology

## Research Impact

### **Ege Selin Islekel**

*Assistant Professor*  
Philosophy

### **Yina Liu**

*Assistant Professor*  
Oceanography

### **Angela Mitchell**

*Assistant Professor*  
Biology

### **Wencai Liu**

*Associate Professor*  
Mathematics

### **Fernando Luco**

*Associate Professor*  
Economics

### **Daniel Paredes-Sabja**

*Associate Professor*  
Biology

### **Sharon Gursky**

*Professor*  
Anthropology

### **Xiaohong Liu**

*Professor*  
Atmospheric Sciences

### **Alberto Moreiras**

*Professor*  
Global Languages and Cultures

## Faculty Excellence

### **Mohamed Aburweis**

*Instructional Associate Professor*  
Statistics

### **Rich Cooper**

*Senior Lecturer*  
English

### **Heather Klein**

*Instructional Professor*  
Mathematics

### **Justin Spilker**

*Assistant Professor*  
Physics and Astronomy

### **Shawna Ross**

*Associate Professor*  
English

### **Darryl de Ruiter**

*Professor*  
Anthropology

## Outstanding Career

### **Catharina Laporte**

*Instructional Professor*  
Anthropology

### **Deborah Bell-Pedersen**

*University Distinguished Professor*  
Biology

### **Eduardo Espina**

*Professor*  
Global Languages and Cultures

# Student Awards

## Outstanding Graduating Seniors

**Jackson Baker**

History/Anthropology

**Ana Gou**

Spanish/International Affairs

**Megan Hardy**

Chemistry

**Joohan Kim**

Chemistry

**Katie Kopf**

Psychology

**Josiah Kwon**

Communications

**Jayden Pellegrini**

Communications

**Mariana Ruffo**

Communications

**Diego Sepulveda-Allen**

Philosophy

**Madeline Sweany**

Communications

# University Awards

## 2024-2025 Faculty Recipients

### **The Association of Former Students College-Level Distinguished Achievement Award- Teaching**

**Scott Crawford**

*Instructional Professor*

Statistics

**Sara DiCaglio**

*Assistant Professor*

English

**Samantha Fletcher**

*Instructional Associate Professor*

Biology

**Jessica Herzogenrath**

*Instructional Associate Professor*

History

**Larry May**

*Instructional Assistant Professor*

Physics & Astronomy

**Joanna San Pedro**

*Instructional Associate Professor*

Chemistry

**Rebecca Schlegel**

*Professor*

Psychological & Brain Sciences

**Heather Thakar**

*Assistant Professor*

Anthropology

### **The Association of Former Students Distinguished Achievement Award- Graduate Mentoring**

**François Gabbai**

*University Distinguished Professor*

Chemistry

### **The Association of Former Students Distinguished Achievement Award- Research**

**James Batteas**

*Professor*

Chemistry

**Xiaohong Liu**

*Professor*

Atmospheric Sciences

### **The Association of Former Students Distinguished Achievement Award- Teaching**

**Sara DiCaglio**

*Assistant Professor*

English

**Soon-Mi Lim**

*Instructional Associate Professor*

Chemistry

**Linda Radzik**

*Professor*

Philosophy

**Asha Rao**

*Instructional Professor*

Biology

### **Montague-CTE Scholar**

**Yue Zhang**

*Assistant Professor*

Atmospheric Sciences

### **Presidential Professor for Teaching Excellence**

**Jennifer Whitfield**

*Instructional Professor*

Mathematics

### **Provost Academic Track Faculty Teaching Excellence Award**

**Dawson Nodurft**

*Instructional Associate Professor*

Physics & Astronomy

### **Regents Professor Award**

**Ping Chang**

*Professor*

Oceanography

**Bani Mallick**

*University Distinguished Professor*

Statistics

### **University Distinguished Professor**

**Ping Chang**

*Professor*

Oceanography

**Aleksei Zheltikov**

*Professor*

Physics & Astronomy

### **University Professorship for Undergraduate Teaching Excellence**

**Asha Rao**

*Instructional Professor*

Biology



# University Awards

2024-2025 Staff Recipients

## **The Ed Guthrie Advising Award**

**Shari Chambers**

Psychological and Brain Sciences

## **President's Award for Dean's Office Advising**

**Lindsay Stadter**

Dean's Office Advising

**Lisa Bowden**

Psychological and Brain Sciences

**Tara Hardin**

Dean's Office Advising

## **President's Meritorious Service Award**

**Carla Harris**

Physics & Astronomy

**Urania Wells**

Biology

# Endowed Student Awards

## **Dr. H. Joseph Newton Dean's Excellence in Service to Science Award**

**Andrew Cothrell**  
Biology

**Ajithamithra "AJ" Dharmasiri**  
Physics and Astronomy

**Cade M. Dulaney**  
Mathematics

**Isaac Ray**  
Statistics

**Saptarshi Roy**  
Statistics

**Jessica Steiner**  
Chemistry

**Wyatt Stogsdill**  
Biology

**Alexandra Grossman**  
Biology

**Hanna Oberoi**  
Biology

## **Dr. Joseph Newton Graduate Student Service Award**

**Andrew Buhrow**  
Biology

**Nicklas Day**  
Mathematics

**Vipin Jagrit**  
Biology

**Marshall King**  
Mathematics

**Rebecca Lee**  
Statistics

**Zhen Ni**  
Chemistry

**Valeriya Rogovchenko**  
Statistics

**Dipankar Sen**  
Physics and Astronomy

**Jewelianna Moore**  
Chemistry

**Raenessa Walker**  
Physics & Astronomy

## **John B. Beckham Award in Science**

**Alejandro Mejias**  
Chemistry

**Hamzah Mir**  
Biology

**John P. Fackler, Jr. Endowed  
Graduate Student Award  
for Excellence**

**Andrew Cothrell**

Biology

**Nicklas Day**

Mathematics

**Aparajitha Karthikeyan**

Physics & Astronomy

**Santiago Radi**

Mathematics

**Isaac Ray**

Statistics

**Aishanee Sur**

Chemistry

**Pengsheng Wen**

Physics & Astronomy

**Jing Ye**

Mathematics

**Eshani Yeragi**

Biology





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