2014-15 has been a great year for the School, so please join us in the celebration of all of our hard work as we recognize several outstanding faculty, staff, and students in a variety of award categories listed below.

**Outstanding students** are selected based on a variety of criteria such as GPA, research, and service to the School, depending on the department.

**Staff awardees** are nominated by faculty and staff from the school, and the recipients are selected by the previous year’s winners. The criteria for selecting outstanding staff are not limited to, but include attitude, performance, contribution, and initiative.

**Faculty awardees** are nominated by their departmental chair and are selected by the previous year’s winners. Faculty awards are separated into four categories:

- **Research excellence, senior level** is awarded to a full professor or 6 or more years at UNM in a tenure-track position.
- **Research excellence, junior level** is awarded to an associate professor or lower in grade and no more than 6 years at UNM in a tenure-track position.
- **Teaching excellence, senior level** is awarded to a full professor or 6 or more years at UNM in a tenure-track position.
- **Teaching excellence, junior level** is awarded to an associate professor or lower in grade (including Instructor) and no more than 6 years at UNM in a tenure-track position.

**Welcome!**

**Faculty Awards**

- **Junior Faculty Teaching Excellence**
  - Mark Russell
  - Civil Engineering

- **Junior Faculty Research Excellence**
  - Meeko Oishi
  - Electrical and Computer Engineering

- **Senior Faculty Teaching Excellence**
  - Gary Cooper
  - Nuclear Engineering

- **Senior Faculty Research Excellence**
  - Jedidiah Crandall
  - Computer Science

**Harrison Faculty Recognition Award**

- Kerry Howe
  - Civil Engineering

See a full list of our honorees at engineering.unm.edu
UNM School of Engineering Annual Awards

10 a.m. Awards presentation in the auditorium
11:30 a.m. Lunch in courtyard

Dean Joseph L. Cecchi, Master of Ceremonies

Civil Engineering

Outstanding Junior
Johanna Phillips

Outstanding Senior
Erika Hernandez

Outstanding Graduate Student
Natalia Sanabria Andino

Mahmoud Taha, Chair

Computer Science

Outstanding Junior
Marcos Lemus

Outstanding Senior
Benjamin Mixon-Baca

Outstanding Graduate Student
Mahnush Movahedi

Michalis Faloutsos, Chair

Mechanical Engineering

Outstanding Junior
Christopher DeGraw

Outstanding Senior
David Flores

Outstanding Graduate Student
Nima Fathi

Chris Hall, Chair

Nuclear Engineering

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Daniel Timmons

Outstanding Senior
Emory Brown

Outstanding Graduate Student
Timothy Schriener

Anil Prinja, Chair

Computer Science

Outstanding Junior
Wesley Hutchins

Outstanding Senior
Regina Eckert

Outstanding Graduate Student
Saadat Ul Masabih

Jane Lehr, Chair

Electrical & Computer Engineering

Outstanding Junior
Lyndsay Stapleton

Outstanding Senior
Angelica Benavidez

Outstanding Graduate Student
Rebekah Lucero

Jane Lehr, Chair

Outstanding Staff
Joel Straquadine

Center for High Technology Materials

Outstanding Staff
Mary Rhodes

Chemical and Biological Engineering

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Chemical and Biological Engineering

Pre-Major Awards

Outstanding Freshman
Connie Li

Outstanding Sophomore
Maria Kelly

MEP Outstanding Leadership
Ty Dennison

Steve Peralta, ESS Director

Staff Awards

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