2016-17 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 five 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.

**About our awards**

**Faculty Awards**

- **Junior Faculty Teaching Excellence**
  - Vanessa Valentin
  - Civil Engineering

- **Senior Faculty Teaching Excellence**
  - Ganesh Balakrishnan
  - Electrical and Computer Engineering

- **Junior Faculty Research Excellence**
  - Jose Cerrato
  - Civil Engineering

**Staff Awards**

- **Marcus Panozzo**
  - Civil Engineering

- **Reiner Martens**
  - Electrical and Computer Engineering

- **Kyle Beenhouwer**
  - Computer Science

- **Marcus Panozzo**
  - Civil Engineering

Join us Friday, May 5 at 11:30 a.m. in the Centennial Courtyard for our annual Spring Appreciation Luncheon!

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**May 4, 2017**

Centennial Engineering Center Auditorium
3:30 p.m. • 5 p.m. reception, Stamm Commons
The University of New Mexico
Computer Science

Outstanding Sophomore
Anna Carey

Outstanding Junior
Sahba Tashkori

Outstanding Senior
David Ringo

Outstanding Graduate Student
Amanda Minnich

Chemical & Biological Engineering

Outstanding Sophomore
Esmeralda Arreguin-Martinez

Outstanding Junior
Maria Kelly

Outstanding Senior
Bram R. Hunt

Outstanding Graduate Student
Isaac Klickstein

Electrical & Computer Engineering

Outstanding Senior
Benjamin Reichelt

Mechanical Engineering

Outstanding Junior
Benjamin R. Murphy

Outstanding Senior
Carly Romnes

Outstanding Senior
Colin Weaver

Civil Engineering

Outstanding Sophomore
Claudia Jimenez Arellano

Outstanding Senior
Jared Romero

Civil Engineering

Outstanding Senior
Christopher Zapotocky

Mechanical Engineering

Outstanding Graduate Student
Josefine D McBrayer

Special Award

Outstanding Sophomore
Kevin Barnette

Outstanding Graduate Student
Wenjing Liu

Nuclear Engineering

Outstanding Graduate Student
Amirhosein Jafari

Outstanding Graduate Student
Jedediah Styron