About our awards

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.

**Faculty Awards**

- **Junior Faculty Teaching Excellence Vanessa Valentin**
  Civil Engineering
- **Senior Faculty Teaching Excellence Ganesh Balakrishnan**
  Electrical and Computer Engineering
- **Junior Faculty Research Excellence José Cerrato**
  Civil Engineering

**Staff Awards**

- **Reiner Martens**
  Electrical and Computer Engineering
- **Kyle Beenhouwer**
  Computer Science
- **Marcus Panozzo**
  Civil Engineering

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3:30 p.m. • 5 p.m. reception, Stamm Commons
The University of New Mexico