

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.

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

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



Junior Faculty Teaching Excellence
Asal Naseri
Mechanical Engineering



Senior Faculty Research Excellence
Edl Schamiloglu
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Staff Awards



Reiner Martens
Electrical and Computer Engineering



Kyle Beenhouwer
Computer Science



Marcus Panozzo
Civil Engineering

2017

School of Engineering

ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

HONORING THE
OUTSTANDING EFFORTS OF
STUDENTS, FACULTY,
AND STAFF

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 Tashakkori



Outstanding Senior
David Ringo



Outstanding
Graduate Student
Amanda Minnich

Civil Engineering



Outstanding
Sophomore
Cody Powell



Outstanding Junior
Claudia Jimenez
Arellano



Outstanding Senior
Jared Romero



Outstanding
Graduate Student
Amirhosein Jafari

Chemical & Biological Engineering



Outstanding
Sophomore
Esmeralda Arreguin-
Martinez



Outstanding Junior
Maria Kelly



Outstanding Senior
Bram R. Hunt



Outstanding Graduate
Student
Omar K. Abudayyeh

Special
Award



MEP Outstanding
Leadership
Josefina D. McBrayer

Electrical & Computer Engineering



Outstanding
Sophomore
Kevin Barnette



Outstanding Junior
Benjamin Reichelt



Outstanding Senior
Christopher
Zapotocky



Outstanding
Graduate Student
Wenjing Liu

Mechanical Engineering



Outstanding
Sophomore
Daniel Davis



Outstanding Junior
Nicholas Torres



Outstanding Senior
Terese Martinez



Outstanding
Graduate Student
Isaac Klickstein

Nuclear Engineering



Outstanding
Sophomore
Benjamin R. Murphy



Outstanding Junior
Carly Romnes



Outstanding Senior
Colin Weaver



Outstanding
Graduate Student
Jedediah Styron