

FACULTY AWARDS

Mary W. Pinschmidt Award

Members of the senior class select the winner of the Mary W. Pinschmidt award. Established in 1999 in honor of a long-time professor of biology, this award recognizes the faculty member who seniors select as the person they will most likely remember as the one who had the greatest impact on their lives. The faculty rank shown is the person's rank at the time of the award.

1999 – Stephen J. Farnsworth, *Assistant Professor of Political Science*

2000 – Werner Wieland, *Professor of Biology*

2001 – Erin H. Fouberg, *Assistant Professor of Geography*

2002 – Topher Bill, *Professor of Psychology*

2003 – Gregg Stull, *Associate Professor of Theatre*

2004 – José Angel Sainz, *Assistant Professor of Spanish*

2005 – William B. Crawley, Jr., *Distinguished Professor of History*

2006 – Claudia Emerson, *Associate Professor of English*

2007 – Kenneth D. Machande, *Assistant Professor of Business Administration*

2008 – W. Brown Morton III, *Professor of Historic Preservation*

2009 – Jean Ann Dabb, *Associate Professor of Art History*

2010 – Stephen C. Davies, *Assistant Professor of Computer Science*

2011 – Chad M. Murphy, *Assistant Professor of Political Science*

2012 – Gary N. Richards, *Assistant Professor of English*

2013 – Daniel J. Hubbard, *Associate Professor of Accounting*

2014 – Lynn O. Lewis, *Professor of Biology*

2015 – Maria Isabel Martinez-Mira, *Associate Professor of Spanish*

2016 – Dawn S. Bowen, *Professor of Geography*

2017 – Surupa Gupta, *Associate Professor of Political Science*

2018 – Smita Jain Oxford, *Senior Lecturer in Business Communication*

2019 – Jeremy G. Larochelle, *Professor of Spanish*

2020 – Melissa S. Wells, *Assistant Professor of Education*

2021 – Kashef A. Majid, *Associate Professor of Marketing*

2022 – Christine R. Henry, *Associate Professor of Historic Preservation*

2023 – Randall D. Reif, *Associate Professor of Chemistry*

2025 – Ian Finlayson, *Associate Professor of Computer Science*

2026 – Christopher H. Willis, *Assistant Professor of Management*

Grellet C. Simpson Award

Established in 1972, the Grellet C. Simpson Award reflects the importance placed by the University on its primary mission as an undergraduate, teaching institution. Named for former President Grellet C. Simpson, this award was made possible by an anonymous donor and is presented to a faculty member in recognition of excellence in undergraduate teaching. The faculty rank shown is the person's rank at the time of the award.

1972 – Carmen L. Rivera, *Professor of Modern Foreign Languages*

1973 – Sidney H. Mitchell, *Professor of English*

1974 – Anna S. Hoye, *Professor of Biology*

1975 – Earl G. Insley, *Professor of Chemistry*

1976 – Donald E. Glover, *Professor of English*

1977 – Glen R. Thomas, *Professor of American Studies*

1978 – Nancy H. Mitchell, *Professor of English*

1979 – Elizabeth A. Clark, *Professor of Religion*

1980 – Janet G. Zeleznock, *Associate Professor of Mathematical Sciences*

1981 – Arthur L. Tracy, *Associate Professor of History*

1982 – Mary W. Pinschmidt, *Professor of Biology*

1983 – Joseph C. DiBella, *Associate Professor of Art*

1984 – Bernard L. Mahoney, Jr., *Professor of Chemistry*

1985 – Susan J. Hanna, *Professor of English*

1986 – George M. Van Sant, *Professor of Philosophy*

1987 – Marshall E. Bowen, *Professor of Geography*

1988 – Joanna L. Reynolds, *Associate Professor of Modern Foreign Languages*

1989 – Roger J. Bourdon, *Professor of History*

1990 – Michael J. Joyce, *Associate Professor of Dramatic Arts*

1991 – Richard M. Zeleznock, *Assistant Professor of Mathematics*

1992 – David W. Cain, *Professor of Religion*

1993 – Sammy R. Merrill, *Professor of Modern Foreign Languages*

1994 – William B. Crawley, Jr., *Distinguished Professor of History*

1995 – Lewis P. Fickett, Jr., *Distinguished Professor of Political Science*

1996 – Carol S. Manning, *Professor of English*

1997 – Topher Bill, *Professor of Psychology*

1998 – Bulent I. Atalay, *Professor of Physics*

1999 – Steven A. Greenlaw, *Associate Professor of Economics*

2000 – William Kemp, *Professor of English*

2001 – Clavio F. Ascari, *Professor of Italian*

- 2002 — Steve R. Hampton, *Associate Professor of Psychology*
- 2003 — Rosemary Barra, *Professor of Biology*
- 2004 — John H. Reynolds, *Professor of Computer Science*
- 2005 — David J. Long, *Professor of Music*
- 2006 — John M. Kramer, *Distinguished Professor of Political Science*
- 2007 — Thomas G. Moeller, *Professor of Psychology*
- 2008 — Margaret Huber, *Distinguished Professor of Anthropology*
- 2009 — Jean Ann Dabb, *Associate Professor of Art History*
- 2010 — Gregg Stull, *Professor of Theatre*
- 2011 — Teresa A. Kennedy, *Professor of English*
- 2012 — Dawn S. Bowen, *Professor of Geography*
- 2013 — Joella C. Killian, *Professor of Biology*
- 2014 — Mara N. Scanlon, *Professor of English*
- 2015 — Liane R. Houghtalin, *Professor of Classics*
- 2016 — Marie E. McAllister, *Professor of English*
- 2017 — Jonathon F. McMillan, *Assistant Professor of Art*
- 2018 — Robert R. Barr, *Associate Professor of Political Science*
- 2019 — Leslie E. Martin, *Associate Professor of Sociology*
- 2020 — Stephen C. Davies, *Professor of Computer Science*
- 2021 — Mary Elizabeth S. Mathews, *Professor of Religion*
- 2022 — Maya Mathur, *Professor of English*
- 2023 — Suzanne Sumner, *Professor of Mathematics*
- 2024 — Angela L. Pitts, *Professor of Classics*
- 2025 — Christine A. McBride, *Professor of Psychology*

Graduate Faculty Award

Established in 2003, this award recognizes an exceptional full-time faculty member who demonstrates excellence in graduate teaching and professional leadership in a graduate program. The person selected must have served in a full-time position at the University for at least two years. The faculty rank shown is the person's rank at the time of the award.

- 2003 — Andrew Blair Staley, *Assistant Professor of Leadership and Management*
- 2004 — Jo Tyler, *Associate Professor of Linguistics and Education*
- 2005 — Alan G. Heffner, *Professor of Leadership and Management*
- 2006 — Norah S. Hooper, *Associate Professor of Education*
- 2007 — Gail D. Brooks, *Associate Professor of Computer Information Systems*
- 2008 — Brenda E. Vogel, *Professor of Education*

- 2009 — Kimberley L. Kinsley, *Assistant Professor of Leadership and Management*
- 2010 — Suzanne Houff, *Professor of Education*
- 2011 — Laurie B. Abeel, *Associate Professor of Education*
- 2012 — Mukesh Srivastava, *Associate Professor of Management Information Systems*
- 2013 — Louis A. Martinette, *Associate Professor of Marketing*
- 2014 — Beverly D. Epps, *Associate Professor of Education*
- 2015 — G. Robert Greene, *Senior Lecturer in Management*
- 2016 — John P. Broome, *Assistant Professor of Education*
- 2017 — Patricia E. Reynolds, *Assistant Professor of Education*
- 2018 — Jane L. Huffman, *Associate Professor of Education*
- 2019 — Woodrow D. Richardson, *Professor of Management*
- 2020 — John D. Burrow, *Lecturer in Management*
- 2021 — No Awardee
- 2022 — No Awardee
- 2023 — Teresa L. Coffman, *Professor of Education*
- 2024 — Kyle T. Schultz, *Professor of Education*
- 2025 — Melissa S. Wells, *Associate Professor of Education*

Alumni Association Outstanding Young Faculty Member Award

The Alumni Association Outstanding Young Faculty Member Award, established in 1989, recognizes the achievement and contribution of a faculty member who has been at the University from two to five years. The faculty rank shown is the person's rank at the time of the award.

- 1989 — James E. Goehring, *Assistant Professor of Religion*
- 1990 — George King, III, *Associate Professor of Physics*
- 1991 — Grant R. Woodwell, *Assistant Professor of Geology*
- 1992 — Larry W. Penwell, *Assistant Professor of Psychology*
- 1993 — John T. Morello, *Associate Professor of Speech*
- 1994 — Suzanne Sumner, *Assistant Professor of Mathematics*
- 1995 — Gregg Stull, *Assistant Professor of Theatre*
- 1996 — Janusz Konieczny, *Assistant Professor of Mathematics*
- 1997 — Mehdi Aminrazavi, *Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion*
- 1998 — W. Gardner Campbell, *Assistant Professor of English*
- 1999 — Christine A. McBride, *Assistant Professor of Psychology*
- 2000 — Kelli M. Slunt, *Assistant Professor of Chemistry*
- 2001 — Stephen J. Farnsworth, *Assistant Professor of Political Science*

2002 – Carole A. Garmon, *Assistant Professor of Art*
 2003 – Claudia Emerson, *Associate Professor of English*
 2004 – Leanna C. Giancarlo, *Assistant Professor of Chemistry*
 2005 – Miriam N. Liss, *Assistant Professor of Psychology*
 2006 – Craig T. Naylor, *Assistant Professor of Music*
 2007 – Jason W. Davidson, *Assistant Professor of Political Science*
 2008 – Keith E. Mellinger, *Assistant Professor of Mathematics*
 2009 – W. Shawn Humphrey, *Assistant Professor of Economics*
 2010 – Robert R. Barr, *Associate Professor of Political Science*
 2011 – Krystyn R. Moon, *Associate Professor of History*
 2012 – Rosemary K. Jesionowski, *Assistant Professor of Art*
 2013 – Melanie D. Szulczewski, *Assistant Professor of Environmental Science*
 2014 – Chad M. Murphy, *Assistant Professor of Political Science*
 2015 – Eric C. Bonds, *Assistant Professor of Sociology*
 2016 – Jon M. Pineda, *Assistant Professor of English*
 2017 – Laura C. Wilson, *Assistant Professor of Psychology*
 2018 – Caitlin C. Finlayson, *Assistant Professor of Geography*
 2019 – Elizabeth A. Johnson-Young, *Assistant Professor of Communication*
 2020 – April N. Wynn, *Assistant Professor of Biology*
 2021 – Pamela R. Grothe, *Assistant Professor of Geology*
 2022 – Varun Suresh Makhija, *Assistant Professor of Physics*
 2023 – Tyler E. Frankel, *Associate Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences*
 2024 – Marcus L. Leppanen, *Assistant Professor of Psychology*
 2025 – Xin-Wen Wu, *Associate Professor of Computer Science*

J. Christopher "Topher" Bill Faculty Service Award

The Topher Bill Award recognizes outstanding faculty service. Nominees must have served a minimum of seven years as a member of the Mary Washington teaching faculty and must have been heavily and consistently involved in a variety of service roles through department, college, university, and/or community service activities. This award is presented annually at the opening general faculty meeting in August. The faculty rank shown is the person's rank at the time of the award.

2003 – Sammy R. Merrill, *Distinguished Professor of German*
 2004 – Roy H. Smith, *Distinguished Professor of Psychology*
 2005 – Patricia P. Norwood, *Professor of Music*

2006 – Raymond B. Scott, *Professor of Chemistry*
 2007 – Martha V. Fickett, *Professor of Music*
 2008 – Debra L. Hydorn, *Professor of Mathematics*
 2009 – Ana G. Chichester, *Associate Professor of Spanish*
 2010 – Kelli M. Slunt, *Professor of Chemistry*
 2011 – Ernest C. Ackermann, *Professor of Computer Science*
 2012 – Jeffrey W. McClurken, *Associate Professor of History*
 2013 – Craig R. Vasey, *Professor of Philosophy*
 2014 – Louis A. Martinette, *Associate Professor of Marketing*
 2015 – Venitta C. McCall, *Professor of Education*
 2016 – Debra J. Schlee, *Professor of Sociology*
 2017 – Kenneth D. Machande, *Associate Professor of Accounting*
 2018 – Dana S. Hall, *Associate Professor of Athletics, Health, and Physical Education*
 2019 – Jacqueline Gallagher, *Associate Professor of Geography*
 2020 – Allyson M. Poska, *Professor of History*
 2021 – P. Anand Rao, *Professor of Communication*
 2022 – Marcel Rotter, *Associate Professor of German*
 2023 – Leslie E. Martin, *Professor of Sociology*
 2024 – Jane L. Huffman, *Associate Professor of Education*
 2025 – Janine S. Davis, *Professor of Education*

Waple Faculty Award for Professional Achievement

Established in 2013, this award is based on the significance/impact of the faculty nominee's scholarly, creative, and/or professional achievement(s). All full-time, continuing faculty with at least seven years employment at UMW are eligible. Achievement(s) must have been undertaken during the nominee's years at UMW.

2013 – Claudia Emerson, *Professor of English*
 2014 – Mindy J. Erchull, *Associate Professor of Psychology*
 2015 – Christopher T. Kilmartin, *Professor of Psychology*
 2016 – Stephen P. Hanna, *Professor of Geography*
 2017 – Marie P. Sheckels, *Professor of Education and Mathematics*
 2018 – E. Eric Gable, *Professor of Anthropology*
 2019 – Elizabeth F. Larus, *Professor of Political Science*
 2020 – Miriam N. Liss, *Professor of Psychology*
 2021 – Janusz Konieczny, *Professor of Mathematics*
 2022 – Christofer C. Foss, *Professor of English*

2023 – Allyson M. Poska, *Professor of History*

2024 – Laura C. Wilson, *Professor of Psychology*

2025 – Jennifer A. Barry, *Associate Professor of Education*

Board of Visitors Faculty Leadership Award

Established in 2020, The Board of Visitors Faculty Leadership Award recognizes a full-time faculty member who exhibits exemplary leadership in advancing the mission of the institution.

2021 – Andrew S. Dolby, *Professor of Biology*

2022 – Kelli M. Slunt, *Professor of Chemistry*

2023 – Lynn O. Lewis, *Professor of Biology*

2024 – Nicole Crowder, *Professor of Chemistry*

2025 – Grant R. Woodwell, *Professor of Geology*

2026 – Jennifer D. Walker, *Associate Professor of Education*