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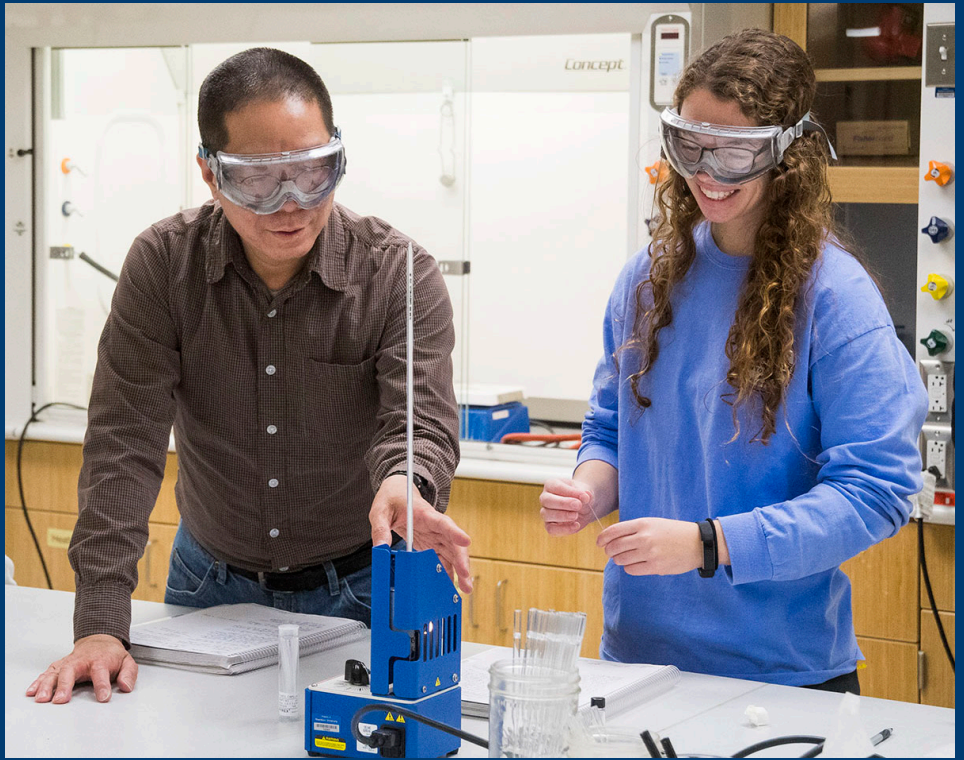
ROCK STARS



Employee Recognition Celebration Honoring Employees & Retirees

Tuesday, May 2
Memorial Union, Washburn A/B





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Master of Ceremonies

Shannon Reilly, Topeka Civic Theatre Artistic Director

Recognizing Years of Service 5 Years | 10 Years

Herrick Faculty Award for Outstanding Service

Outstanding Service Award for Administrative Support

Student Employees of the Year

Recognizing Years of Service 15 Years | 20 Years

A. Roy Myers Excellence in Research Award

Outstanding Service Award Service/Maintenance

Muriel D. Clarke Student Life Award

**Outstanding Service Award Administrative/Technical
and Paraprofessional**

Ned N. Fleming Excellence in Teaching Award

President's Remarks

Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn University President

Recognizing Years of Service

25 Years | 30 Years | 35 Years | 40 Years

Recognizing All Retirees

Recognizing Emeriti & Eminentes

Closing Remarks

Dr. Mazachek, Washburn University President



Emeritus

The Emeritus title is intended to honor faculty members who have made a significant contribution to Washburn University through teaching, research or service. Individuals retiring after 10 years of full-time service as members of the general faculty immediately preceding their retirement are eligible for the designation. During the first semester of each year, the dean of each school or college shall recommend those who are eligible for Emeritus status to the vice president for academic affairs who will recommend to the president for Washburn University Board of Regents approval.



Eminentes Universitatis

The university may honor individuals by awarding the title of Eminentes Universitatis to employees who have been a staff employee or technical instructor for a continuous period of 10 years or more; worked .5 FTE or more each of 10 continuous years; retired in good standing; and, provided meritorious service to the university as judged by the department head, area head and the president.

Emeritus

Karen Barron has been a dedicated member of the English department and the Washburn community since she was hired as a lecturer in 2005. She was promoted to senior lecturer in 2019 and appointed coordinator of Community Engaged Learning in 2018. Karen has contributed significantly in all three categories: Teaching, Service and Scholarship. She is an excellent and innovative teacher especially by incorporating CEP, technology and inclusive pedagogies into her writing classes. She did substantial work mentoring and training faculty in community engaged learning, facilitating dozens of workshops and a series of podcasts on the topic. Finally, Karen has contributed greatly as a writer. She published a novel last year entitled “Thirst.” The book has been out for less than four months, and already she has been invited to dozens of bookstores across Kansas, Colorado, Arkansas, Massachusetts and Oregon.

Jalen O’Neil Lowry has served Washburn University School of Law as a full-time member of the faculty for 26 years. After graduating from Washburn Law in 1987, she served as an adjunct professor while clerking for Chief Justice Miller of the Kansas Supreme Court. Jalen joined the faculty full time in 1990, teaching Civil Procedure, Criminal Law, Bioethics, Transactional Drafting and Legal Research, Analysis and Writing. In 2001 she temporarily left teaching upon the birth of her son, David (who will be a Washburn graduate himself this May), rejoining the faculty in 2008. In 2011, Jalen was appointed associate dean for student affairs. She was named an Alumni Fellow in 2018 and is a lifetime member of the Washburn University Alumni Association.

Susan Maendele earned a BSN from St. Mary of the Plains college and a MSN from Washburn University. She formerly practiced as a RN at Stormont-Vail for more than 20 years before joining the faculty at Washburn in 2011. She has served as coordinator for the Level 2 and 3 medical/surgical clinical courses. Susan has been very active in the School of Nursing, serving as chair of the graduation and alumni committees, and participated in the school’s international programs by taking a group to Japan. She has also coordinated the school’s mentoring program. Susan is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the honor society for nurses, and her greatest passion is patient care and working with students in the clinical setting.

Dr. Cecil Schmidt came to Washburn in fall of 1994 from industry where he was a multi-divisional program manager with successful MRP2/ERP software applications. Cecil made consequential contributions to the evolving CIS curriculum. He developed Contemporary Programming Methods and Advanced Application Programming courses. In the early 2000s, he started Data Mining and Computational Intelligence courses to address a new area of growth.

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Emeritus

(Dr. Schmidt) Around 2010, Cecil created the Modeling with VBA/Excel course to support the data science program. Cecil served on numerous committees: faculty senate, program review, IT steering committee and assessment. He published more than 20 academic articles with the most significant ones being in IEEE Software, Journal of Computer Information Systems and the Journal of Computer Information Systems Education. His ties to local businesses provided a unique view of future technology and helped connect Washburn with the private sector.

Dr. Sharon Sullivan has been a Washburn faculty member in theatre and women's and gender studies for more than 20 years and chair for six years. She has contributed to more than 100 productions for the Washburn theatre stage. She developed the women's and gender studies minor, teaching much of the coursework. Sharon's research is internationally recognized. She regularly presents at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. Her research in human trafficking has led her to develop recognition and prevention trainings for educators, health professionals and law enforcement. She co-founded the Stop Trafficking and Reject Slavery (STARS) initiative and works to improve women's lives through local, national and international advocacy. Sharon's service to Washburn and Topeka has been recognized through numerous awards: Woman of Influence in Education, Peacemaker Lifetime Achievement, Student Life Commitment to Diversity and Herrick Award for Outstanding Service.

Martin Wisneski began his service as the associate director and head of technical services to the Washburn University Law Library and School of Law in the fall of 1986 and he will be retiring in late summer 2023 during his 37th year. His initial projects included organizing and cataloging significant portions of the library's collection and streamlining materials processing. In 2013, Martin assumed responsibility for the law library's budget and bill-paying activities. He was project coordinator during the 1988-1992 law school building addition and remodel. Martin has been, for more than 25 years, the individual primarily responsible for maintaining content on the law school's website, working with law school staff and faculty to ensure that website visitors have access to timely and accurate information. He was website manager for the American Association of Law Libraries Technical Services Special Interest Section from 2003-2018.

Eminentes Universitatis

Jeannie Cornelius, director of academic advising, has served Washburn University for almost 37 years. She joined Washburn in 1986 as an administrative assistant in biology. Over the next 16 years, she used her educational benefits to earn a bachelor's degree in communication. As a working adult who gradually earned her degree, she developed an empathy for students who question their ability and/or stamina to complete their postsecondary education. As an academic advisor, she has played a transformative role at Washburn—both in the individual lives of her students and in creating a proactive model of academic advising at our institution.

Rugena Hall, assistant to the president, retired with nearly 29 years of service to Washburn. She began her career at Washburn in 1994 in the vice president for academic affairs office. Since 2001, she served the president's office with the final title of assistant to the president. Rugena provided indispensable support to the president, managing his calendar among other important tasks. She greatly enjoyed supervising and working with student employees, remaining in contact with many to this day. She also had the pleasure of serving on several university committees and planning many events. Rugena earned her degree from Washburn, utilizing the staff benefit to take classes while working here.

Donna McMurry, office coordinator, will retire with close to 19 years of service to Washburn University, exclusively in the School of Law. She has served as a valuable resource to the dean's office and is known for her collaborative and inclusive approach and unwavering commitment to our values and mission. She received the WU Staff Administrative Support Outstanding Service Award in 2016 and 2022. She also was named staff person of the year for the law school on multiple occasions.

Sue Palmer, executive assistant, retired with nearly 32 years of service to Washburn. She began her career as an office specialist in the president's office and through staff changes, her role eventually grew to executive assistant the last 10 years. Sue provided support to the Board of Regents and was responsible for much of the day-to-day operations while also supporting all members of the president's office. She served as a resource for many, keeping excellent records for WUBOR and the office.

Eric Showalter, auto collision instructor at Washburn Tech, is retiring after 15 years of service. He is nationally recognized as a pro-level III training instructor in areas of structural, non-structural, refinish, estimator and aluminum by the Inter-Industry Conference on Auto Collision (I-CAR). In addition to his expertise in the classroom, he also believed in serving his community. What started out as a casual conversation to provide students more opportunities for hands-on skill development led to the launch of the National Auto Body Council (NABC) Recycled Rides program at Washburn Tech. Eric works with area vendors, technicians, shop managers, students and staff to present refurbished vehicles to families in need. To date, the program has gifted 33 cars to deserving families, the most of any Recycled Rides program in the country.

Faculty and Technical Instructor Service Awards

Emeriti

Karen Barron
Jalen O'Neil Lowry
Susan Maendele
Cecil Schmidt
Sharon Sullivan
Martin Wisneski

40 Years

Bob Boncella

30 Years

Jane Carpenter

25 Years

Sarah Cook
Lori Edwards
Debbie Isaacson
Bruce Mactavish
Azyz Sharafy

20 Years

Alan Bearman
John Burns
Paul Byrne
Kim Morse
Kevin O'Leary
Marguerite Perret
Bassima Schbley
David Sollars
Maria Stover
Courtney Sullivan

15 Years

James Barraclough
Jeanne Catanzaro
Erin Chamberlain
Liz Derrington
John Lemon
Janet Sharp
Jim Smith
Danny Wade

10 Years

Michael Clouser
Connie Gibbons
Erin Grant
Stacie Hawkins
Tom Hickman
Jericho Hockett
Nicholas Hunter
Ida Johnson
Kara Kendall-Morwick
Tracie Lutz
Barbara Scofield
Ian Smith
Sean Stacey

5 Years

Cody Beauclair
Todd Cooksey
Joseph DeSota
Zsolt Eder
Madeline Eschenburg
Sam Finch
Mark Green
Craig Haugsness
Michelle Heusi
Erica Hill
Erinn Howard
Lindsey Ibañez
Tippi Killingsworth
Gail Hoover King
Madeline Lambing
Amanda Lisher
Ashley Maxwell
Jason Miller
Beth O'Neill
Benjamin Reed
Michele Reisinger
Vincent Rossi
Jordan Rossich
Scott Sainato
Tom Seddon
Aaron Starnes
Max Stinnett
Bobby Tso
Zenova Williams
Kelly Winkel

Staff Service Awards

Eminentes Universitatis

Jeannie Cornelius
Rugena Hall
Donna McMurry
Sue Palmer
Eric Showalter

40 Years

Steve Ice
Manuel Walker

35 Years

Leigh Ives
Kyle Riggles

30 Years

Esperanza Root

25 Years

Jerry Farley
John Haverty
Shirley Jacobson
Frank Lee

20 Years

Chris Herron
Beth Kuhn
Julie Olson
Nancy Province
Tammy Parsons
Craig Schurig
Rhonda Thornburgh
David Trupp
Val VanDerSluis

15 Years

John Bredahl
Lyll Ford
Janet Radziejewski
Monique Robins
Janet Schneider
Louisa Schurig
James Staehli

10 Years

Michael Allen
Robert Coffelt
Kaydee Emperley
Jessica Foxhoven
Cynthia Holthaus
Jennifer McGraw
Tiffany McManis
Toni Lewis
Debi Oshel
Jeff Schwinn
Christa Smith
Amanda Stoller
Kassy Swain
Andy Vogel

5 Years

Kaitlin Alegria
Kyle Allen
Brett Ballard
Chris Bowers
Andrea Clifton
Jan Crawford
Cindy Cummings
Jared Dechant
Emily DeShazer
Jason Dinkel
Christina Foreman
Emily Kubalik
Tim Halferty
Matt Harden
Hailey Handy
Molly Steffes-Herman
Megan Johnston
Ian Marples
Amanda Matya
Karen Meats
Hannah Newton
Vanessa Nuñez
Dale Pennington
Davy Phillips
Patty Robert
Tiffany Sejas
Joseph Tinsley
John Velde
Mark Warren



FACULTY AWARD NOMINEES

The Herrick Faculty Award for Outstanding Service

Alan Bearman
Michelle Ewert
Kim Harrison
Bruce Mactavish

Jim Martin
Linda Merrilat
Martin Wisneski

A. Roy Myers Excellence in Research

Dennis Etzel
Marsha Griggs
Rodrigo Mercader

Louella Moore
Beth O'Neill
Shane VanDalsem

Ned Fleming Excellence in Teaching

Rory Bahadur
Jayme Burdiek
Becky Dodge
Linzi Gibson

Joseph Mastrosimone
Ashley Maxwell
Courtney Sullivan

Muriel D. Clarke Award

Bob Beatty
John Burns
Rhonda Peterson
Janene Freerksen
Ross Friesen
Emily Grant

Carson Kay
Stephanie Lanning
Christopher Mullins
David Rubenstein
Tracy Wagner
Jennifer Wagner





Outstanding Service Award Nominees

Administrative/Technical/Paraprofessional

Juan Barranco
Shanise Brooks
Eileen Brouddus
Heather Center
Jeannie Cornelius
Emily DeShazer
Dave Edmonds
Janene Freerksen
Yalitza González
Matt Harden
Donna Haverkamp
Gilbert Herrera
Sam Hopper
Leigh Ives
Cherisa Jones

Laura Keighley
Justin Kingsbury
Stephanie Lanning
Christopher Mullins
Hannah Newton
James Robbins
Marc Routsong
Tammy Schrickel
Joy Smith
Blaine Smith
Megan Staab
Amanda Stoller
Kathryn Stroebele
Kassy Swain
Ernie Webb, III

Administrative Support

Jackie Askren
Beth Kuhn
Melissa Lewis
Toni Lewis
Donna McMurry
Yvette Montgomery
Cory Payne
Christine Rhoads

Lisa Rieschick
Patty Robert
Esperanza Root
Margo Stewart
Teresa Vasquez
Linda Wilson
Dawn Yarnell
Amy Zook

Service/Maintenance

Lyle Edwards
Mark Garlock
Jay Hall
Mark Noble

Mike Sershen
Brenda Shirley
Tish Steele



