

# RECOGNITION AWARDS FOR FACULTY, LIBRARIANS, AND STAFF

The timetables for chancellor's and president's awards are available in the Academic and Student Affairs Office and on the Academic Affairs Web site, [www.buffalostate.edu/academicaffairs](http://www.buffalostate.edu/academicaffairs).

## **DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

### **Distinguished Teaching Professor**

The Distinguished Teaching Professorship is awarded only to persons who have demonstrated outstanding teaching competence over a period of years at the graduate, undergraduate, or professional levels.

### **Distinguished Service Professor**

The Distinguished Service Professorship recognizes extraordinary service that transcends beyond the campus and the state university to the region, New York State, and even the nation.

The Distinguished Teaching Professorship and the Distinguished Service Professorship both carry prestigious tenured university rank above full professor and can only be conferred by the SUNY Board of Trustees. Appointment to either rank is regarded as a promotion with a salary increase of up to \$2,500. Names of distinguished professors will be listed in the college catalog separately at the head of the faculty list. Appointees are faculty whose contributions will continue to elevate the standards of service, instruction, and curricular reforms within the state university. Criteria and procedures are received annually in the Academic and Student Affairs Office and published in the *Bulletin*.

### **Distinguished Professor**

Distinguished Professorship is a rank open to all senior campuses of the state university and may be conferred upon persons in any of the disciplines or fields of study. The appointment recognizes individuals who have achieved national or international prominence and a distinguished reputation within his or her chosen field through significant contributions to the research literature, or through artistic performance or achievement in the case of fine arts. The person's work must be of such a character that his or her presence will tend to elevate the standards of scholarship of colleagues both within his or her academic field and beyond, and of such quality that students and scholars on other campuses of the university would wish to benefit by lectures and seminars, or other appropriate presentations. Campuses may submit an appropriate nomination at any time; this award does not follow an annual review schedule.

### **Distinguished Librarian**

Distinguished Librarian is a prestigious tenured University rank. The SUNY Board of Trustees confers the appointment to librarians whose contributions have been transformational in creating a new information environment by providing access to information, sharing or networking information resources, and fostering information literacy. In extending its “Distinguished” ranks to the library faculty, the State University of New York recognizes the accomplishments of all its faculty; it also assumes national leadership within the academy by having become the first university system to so encourage and foster the full potential of the faculty status of librarians. The Distinguished Librarian rank honors and promotes the achievement of personal excellence, groundbreaking professional progress, and wide-ranging benefit to the academic community. This rank parallels the Distinguished Professor rank in terms of expected level of accomplishment and the rarity in awarding the rank.

## **CHANCELLOR’S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE**

Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence are designed to give university-wide recognition for superlative performance and outstanding achievement by faculty, librarians, and professional employees. Guidelines and criteria for campus nominations are received annually from the SUNY Office of Scholarly Programs. Primary evaluation of the nominees’ qualifications is the responsibility of local campus committees. Candidates are forwarded by the president to the State University Advisory Committee on Awards for review and recommendation to the chancellor. The deadline for submitting nominations to the Academic and Student Affairs Office is the third Monday in October; exact dates are published in the *Bulletin*. Recipients of the Chancellor’s Awards are so designated in the college catalog. They receive a certificate of recognition and an inscribed medallion.

### **Excellence in Teaching**

Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence in Teaching recognize superior teaching at the graduate, undergraduate, and professional levels. They are open to all full-time instructors, regardless of academic rank.

### **Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities**

Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities recognize those among the faculty ranks who consistently engage in and have established a solid record of scholarship and creative productivity in addition to their teaching responsibilities.

### **Excellence in Librarianship**

Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence in Librarianship recognize full-time librarians (regardless of rank) for extraordinary professional achievement in the field of librarianship and to encourage the continuation of excellence.

### **Excellence in Professional Service**

The Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence in Professional Service were created to give recognition for extraordinary service and to encourage the continuation of excellence. Nominees must serve in full-time professional service capacities with more than 50 percent of the assignment in non-teaching, non-librarian services. Specific categories included are

academic administration, business affairs, student affairs, institutional support technologies, instruction and research support technologies, and directors of campus libraries.

### **Excellence in Faculty Service**

The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service recognizes consistently superior service sustained during a multiple-year period to the local campus, the State University, the community, or the nominee's service contributions to discipline-related professional organizations or to faculty governance. The award also recognizes faculty having outstanding service contributions at the statewide, national, or international levels.

## **PRESIDENT'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE**

The overall objective of the President's Awards Program is to publicly recognize and reward individuals who have enriched the environment through outstanding excellence in the performance of their duties. Individuals may be nominated by any member of the college community, or may apply directly. Awards are presented annually at the Academic Convocation. Nomination applications are due in the Academic and Student Affairs Office the first Monday in March; exact dates are published in the *Bulletin*. Nomination forms and selection criteria are available in the Academic and Student Affairs Office.

### **Excellence in Teaching**

The President's Award for Excellence in Teaching is presented to a maximum of four full-time faculty to recognize and reward those who consistently demonstrate excellence in teaching and classroom management.

### **Excellence in Librarianship**

The President's Award for Excellence in Librarianship recognizes and rewards one individual annually for excellence in professional achievement as a librarian.

### **Excellence in Advisement**

The President's Award for Excellence in Advisement is presented to a maximum of four faculty and staff annually who have demonstrated those qualities associated with outstanding advisement to students.

### **Excellence in Research, Scholarship, and Creativity**

The President's Award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship, and Creativity is presented to a maximum of four faculty and staff members and is designed to provide incentives, rewards, and a public forum to acknowledge those who have attained excellence.

### **Excellence in Service to the College**

The President's Award for Excellence in Service to the College seeks to recognize those individuals who perform extraordinary service to areas such as governance, administration, or outreach of the college, consistently exhibiting excellence in the performance of their duties and/or making extraordinary contributions to the college beyond their obligations. Faculty, professional, clerical, and support staff are eligible. A maximum of four awards may be given annually with no more than two being given to faculty.

### **Excellence as an Undergraduate Research Mentor**

The President's Award for Excellence as an Undergraduate Research Mentor is presented annually to publicly recognize and reward those individuals who have accumulated an exemplary record of guiding and supporting students as they develop the skills, methods, and techniques needed to carry out research, scholarship, and creative activities. This award recognizes the pivotal role of faculty in ensuring the success of the student experience and the high value placed on this endeavor by the college.

### **Excellence in Faculty and Staff Mentoring**

The President's Award for Faculty and Staff Mentoring will be presented annually to a maximum of two individuals—one faculty and one staff member—who demonstrate those qualities associated with outstanding mentoring of new faculty and staff. Good mentoring needs to be recognized as a significant aspect of faculty and staff responsibility within or outside the department. A major goal related to the establishment of these awards is to encourage wider support and recognition of the importance of faculty and staff mentoring at Buffalo State College.

### **Excellence in Advancement of Equity and Campus Diversity**

The President's Award for Excellence in the Advancement of Equity and Campus Diversity is given annually to an individual, group, department, or program that has made significant and extraordinary contributions to the equity and diversity of the college. This award reflects the mission statement adopted by the college in 1998, which includes the goal of empowerment of a diverse population of students to succeed in a challenging world. Strategic directions adopted subsequently commit the campus "to create a nurturing environment for a diverse campus community." This award supports and provides recognition to individuals who advance equity and diversity on our campus, while emphasizing the importance of equity and diversity to our academic community.

### **For Career Achievement for Faculty**

The President's Award for Career Achievement for Faculty will be presented only as deemed appropriate. Usually a maximum of one award will be given in any year. This award will be presented to an individual who has demonstrated exemplary achievement over his or her career in each area of responsibility. For most faculty members, this would include teaching, scholarship, and service.

### **For Career Achievement for Professional Staff**

The President's Award for Career Achievement for Professional Staff will be presented only as deemed appropriate. Usually a maximum of one award will be given in any year. This award will be presented to an individual who has demonstrated exemplary achievement over his or her career in each area of responsibility. For most professional staff, this would include scholarship, service, and teaching if appropriate.

## **ADDITIONAL AWARDS**

### **Muriel A. Howard Award for the Promotion of Respect for Diversity and Individual Differences**

This award recognizes faculty and staff who have gone beyond their usual duties to promote respect for diversity and individual differences. They have accomplished this through

classroom discussions, curricular experiences, out of classroom activities, projects, discussions, or special mentorships that go beyond what is usually expected as a part of their regular job expectations or teaching assignments.

