

Excellence in Teaching Award Committee Annual Report 2017-2018

Dr. Robin Kalder (Mathematical Sciences; Full-time recipient of the 2015 award) and Dr. Matthew Orange (Physical Education & Human Performance) served as Co-Chairs of the committee, and, with the following committee members, reviewed and selected candidates and award winners: Dr. Alicia Bray (Biology), Dr. Kuan Pin Chiang (Marketing), Professor Vicente Garcia (Art; Full-time recipient of the 2016 award), Instructor Kelly Jarvis (English; Part-time recipient of the 2016 award), Dr. Heather Rodriguez (Sociology).

The EIT committee began the process by meeting and planning the year's events that included meetings throughout both fall and spring semesters. In the fall of 2017, a call for nominations was sent to the entire CCSU community. With the assistance of Dr. Mark McLaughlin (Marketing & Communications) students were provided a link to a SelectSurvey nomination form via email, the student news feed on pipeline, and on various television screens across campus. We received a large number of nominations – **over 170 full- and part-time faculty**. SelectSurvey allowed the committee to conveniently download student nomination responses into an Excel workbook.

Each nominee was notified and asked to contact another faculty member and six students to write letters of recommendation. Nominees were asked to submit the names of these writers, a statement of teaching philosophy, and a curriculum vitae to be considered for the EIT Award. Portfolios submitted by nominees included **76 full-time** and **7 part-time faculty**. The transfer of these documents (over 400 files) to BlackBoard was arduous and time consuming, taking over many hours over the course of several weeks. The EIT committee reviewed these **83 portfolios to select twelve semi-finalists**. Eight full-time faculty and four part-time faculty were invited for interviews, a process that took an entire day in the beginning of the spring semester. We narrowed down the pool to three full-time finalists and two part-time finalists. Remaining faculty, that had submitted all the materials required of a nominee, were advanced to the honor roll.

The final part of the selection process was the visitation of the finalists' classes. Each committee member scheduled classroom visits for each of the five finalists. We selected Mitchell Charkiewicz (Economics) as the 2017 winner of the Part-time Award, and Maria Lourdes Casas (Modern Languages) as the Full-time winner. We celebrated the award winners, semi-finalists and honor roll recipients during the sixth "Faculty Day" on April 19, 2018.

The Chairs would like to note that all members of the committee worked diligently to make the process fair and comfortable for all nominees. The process of working on selecting recipients for this award was a gratifying experience for the committee members. However, the amount of time and effort spent on certain tasks calls for additional administrative support to be able to handle the volume of files received.

Submitted by,

Robin Kalder, Co-Chair, Mathematical Sciences
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Overview of numbers:

2017-2018

Over 170 Faculty nominated

83 Portfolios were submitted
76 Full-time Faculty
7 Part-time Faculty

2016-2017

252 Faculty nominated

109 Portfolios were submitted
98 Full-Time Faculty
11 Part-Time Faculty

2015-2016

206 Faculty nominated
151 Full-Time Faculty (Representing all 4 schools)
54 Part-Time Faculty (Representing all 4 schools)

78 Portfolios were completed
69 Full-Time Faculty
9 Part-Time Faculty

2014 - 2015

76 Faculty nominated
61 Full-Time Faculty (Representing all 4 schools)
9 Part-Time Faculty (Representing all 4 schools)
4 Ineligible Full-Time Faculty*
2 Ineligible Part-Time Faculty*

43 Portfolios were completed
42 Full-Time Faculty
1 Part-Time Faculty

*All faculty members are eligible for nomination but previous winners may not advance past the Honor Roll. Full-Time faculty with less than three years of service at the university who are nominated for the award are only eligible for Honor Roll. Part-Time faculty are eligible even if they have not served three years.