

# *Celebrating Excellence*



**MINNESOTA STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE**

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# Celebrating Excellence

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## EMCEE

Cathy Wurzer

## MUSIC

Cyril Dela Cruz - Piano

Musical Overture

Alexis Johnson, Jannet Kot, Matthew Neeser, Alonso Alley - Vocalists  
Melissa Bergstrom - Piano

"The New World" by Jason Robert Brown

## WELCOME

Devinder Malhotra, Chancellor

Roger Moe, Board of Trustees Chair

## ~ LUNCH ~

## INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Cheryl Tefer, Board of Trustees Academic and Student Affairs Chair

## RECOGNITION OF AWARDS

ACCT Faculty of the Year

Roger Moe, Board of Trustees Chair

Outstanding Service Faculty

Service Faculty of the Year

Educators of the Year

Outstanding Educators

## CLOSING

Satasha Green-Stephen, Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs

## OFFICIAL PHOTOS



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# ACCT Faculty of the Year



## Lisa Bergin

Minneapolis College

Association of Community College Trustees  
Central Region Faculty Member Award

Minneapolis College philosophy faculty Lisa Bergin received a 2022 Faculty Member Award for the Central Region of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) at the 53rd Annual ACCT Leadership Congress in New York City on October 28, 2022.

The Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT), in its regional awards program, annually recognizes one trustee, equity program, chief executive officer, faculty member, and professional board staff members.

ACCT's Regional Awards recognize the tremendous contributions made by community colleges and their leaders to meet the needs of their communities.

ACCT is a non-profit educational organization of governing boards, representing more than 6,500 elected and appointed trustees who govern over 1,200 community, technical, and junior colleges in the United States and beyond.

Since 2008, when Minnesota State became an ACCT member, three Minnesota State faculty have now received the ACCT Central Regional Faculty Leadership Award. Each year, ACCT identifies one faculty award recipient for each of the five regions (Central, Northeast, Pacific, Southern, and Western).

### ABOUT LISA BERGIN

Lisa Bergin is a faculty member in the Department of Philosophy and a faculty development consultant in the Center for Teaching and Learning at Minneapolis College. Anti-racist and culturally responsive pedagogies infuse all her work. She is an Equity and Inclusion Coordinator with the Minnesota State Network for Educational Development and now offers trainings to Minnesota State faculty.

## PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE AWARD

The award is an honor bestowed upon university service faculty to acknowledge and reward exceptional individual professional accomplishment, and to encourage ongoing excellence in the key roles that service faculty fulfill at our system's universities. They are responsible for advising and counseling students; for the recruitment, retention, and placement of students; for residential life programming; facilitation of student groups and student leadership; and other involvement in university and community activities.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

The Professional Excellence in Service Award Review Committee evaluated each nominee in the following areas:

- » Leadership and Innovation
- » Knowledge and Expertise
- » Advancement of Equity and Inclusion
- » Professional Development and Growth
- » Commitment to Student Success

Nominations were made by students, faculty peers, or staff, and evaluated by a campus review committee before Outstanding Service Faculty nomination packets were submitted to the Senior Vice Chancellor. At the system level, a committee employed a rubric of detailed criteria in reading and discussing Outstanding Service Faculty portfolios, and made final recommendation of one Service Faculty of the Year recipient to Senior Vice Chancellor Green-Stephen. That recommendation was reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees.



# Randy Ludeman

**Director of Housing and Residential Life**  
**Interim Dean of Students**  
**Bemidji State University**

When COVID-19 hit, Dr. Randy Ludeman led his team with the challenging task of closing residence halls and safely moving more than 1,000 residential students from campus. Ludeman and his team worked often for 10 or more hours a day, accounting for all students and their property as well as arranging relocation to designated residencies for essential student workers, international students, and other students in need.

Throughout his more than three decades of service, Ludeman has demonstrated his commitment to the success of Bemidji State University students inside and outside the classroom. His many successful initiatives help demonstrate his impact, including programming to increase student use of wellness resources, partnerships to encourage environmental stewardship in residence halls, and gender inclusive housing and support, to name a few.

His work in residential life and learning communities has resulted in higher grade point averages, better retention rates, and an increase in engagement and student satisfaction.

### SERVICE FACULTY OF THE YEAR COMMENTS

It is with great humility that I receive this award. I would like to thank President John Hoffman, Vice President Travis Greene and Ms. Kierstin Hoven for their kind and thoughtful nominations. I would also like to thank my father, Roger, and son, Blaine, for their inspiration, encouragement, support, and patience over the years. During my 35-plus years as a student development educator, what has always provided me both challenge and joy has been accompanying students on their developmental journey. Whether teaching in the classroom, facilitating a training session, or attending a social event, watching students engage in their learning, establish an identity and a voice, and develop a purpose have afforded me many powerful experiences. I have also had the pleasure of working alongside many gifted and caring mentors and colleagues, all whom I will appreciate forever.

# 2023 Outstanding Service Faculty



## HAILEY OLSON

**Assistant Director, Career Development and Outreach  
St. Cloud State University**

Olson makes a difference in students' lives, whether through one-on-one coaching, teaching career exploration courses, leading Career Center innovations, or serving as the president of the Minnesota College and University Career Services Association.



## SARA SCHULTZ

**Planetarium Director, Physics and Astronomy  
Minnesota State University Moorhead**

A trailblazer in planetarium education research, Dr. Schultz has led the planetarium's evolution from a traditional astronomical laboratory space to a stellar outreach tool that engages the public, university students, and children.



## AMY STALOCH

**Director of Student Success Communications and Systems  
Minnesota State University, Mankato**

Staloch led the launch of the technology platform MavConnect and the development of systems to better identify students who may need help, and to reach and connect them to the right resources.



# 2023 Outstanding Service Faculty



**TYLER TREPTOW-BOWMAN**  
**Intercultural and Completion Coordinator**  
**Winona State University**

Dedicated to closing equity gaps, Treptow-Bowman organizes meaningful programs, helps guide students on the best pathways to success, and advocates tirelessly for the rights of BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ students and employees.



**PING WANG**  
**Academic Advisor, College of Sciences**  
**Metro State University**

Recipient of all Metro State's advising awards, Wang has built programs and relationships to successfully recruit and support Asian American students and has helped advance equity and inclusion in many ways.

## RECENT SERVICE FACULTY OF THE YEAR

- 2022 - Erika Bailey-Johnson**, Sustainability Director, Bemidji State University
- 2020 - Marcia Anderson**, Director, Student-Directed Learning, Metro State University
- 2019 - Kari Peterson**, Recreation & Wellness Director, Minnesota State University Moorhead
- 2018 - Jane Olsen**, Director, Women's Center, St. Cloud State University
- 2017 - Kierstin Hoven**, Director, Campus Recreation, Bemidji State University

View additional previous award recipients at [MinnState.edu/BOTawards](https://www.minnstate.edu/BOTawards).

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

The Board of Trustees Educator of the Year Award for Excellence in Teaching was established in 2007. Board of Trustees bestow the award upon faculty within Minnesota State to acknowledge and reward exceptional professional accomplishment, and to encourage ongoing excellence in teaching. The award proclaims, on behalf of the entire system, the Board of Trustees' pride in the dedication and accomplishment of its faculty who provide instruction that prepares Minnesota college and university students for their professional, scholarly and civic lives. This year, presidents designated 30 Outstanding Educators in nomination for the award.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

The Board of Trustees Educator of the Year Award for Excellence in Teaching program evaluates each nominee in the following areas:

- » Innovative Teaching Strategies and Materials
- » Standards for Assessment of Student Learning and Performance
- » Culturally Responsive Teaching and Pedagogy
- » Service to Students, Profession, Institution, System to Advance Teaching Excellence
- » Content Expertise and Professional Growth

Nominations were made by students, faculty peers, or staff, and evaluated by a campus review committee before Outstanding Educator nomination packets were submitted to the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs.

At the system level, two committees - one for college instructors and another for university instructors - employed a rubric of detailed criteria in reviewing and discussing Outstanding Educator portfolios, and made final recommendations of three Educators of the Year recipients to Senior Vice Chancellor Green-Stephen. Those recommendations were reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees.



# Derrick Crim

**Human Services**  
**Metro State University**

Dr. Derrick Crim embraces innovative teaching approaches that maximize skill and empathy development and include equity-focused content, all with the aim of preparing students to enter the field of addiction counseling.

To help students engage, he uses two affective teaching pedagogies, Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) and Spiritual Responsive Pedagogy. TIC explores ways to create safe learning spaces for traumatized learners. Spiritual Responsive Pedagogy emphasizes a sense of greater good, shared values, and full development of human potential. His approach evolves with changes in the behavioral health field. As the pandemic impacted the delivery of services, he introduced telemental health methods into his course. These experiences inside and outside the classroom help students succeed in one important milestone for their careers - licensing through the Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy.

Crim also has contributed to numerous service and outreach projects, many of which advance diversity, equity, and inclusion within Minnesota State and throughout the community.

### EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR COMMENTS

I am a person who was given a second chance in life. As an alumnus, Metro State University made my dream of receiving a college degree come true. Receiving a college degree is personal. It validates all the things that doubt tries to steal. I see each student's dream and honor being a visitor on this road of validation with them.

I thank President Ginny Arthur for selecting me as a nominee, allowing me to work at my Alma Mater, and being the most approachable leader I have ever met. I thank Provost Amy Gort, who talks to me like we're sitting at a Starbucks. I thank Dean Rick Kurtz, the College of Community Studies and Public Affairs, the Human Services Department, and my colleagues in the Alcohol and Drug Counseling Program. I thank the roots of my life, my wife, Ruthann, and daughter, Katayiah. Last, I thank God, who is my solid foundation and anchor.



# Shannon Gibney

English, Global Studies  
Minneapolis College

Described as a “dynamic presence in the classroom,” Shannon Gibney helps students see where they are, who they are, and how they might meet their personal and educational goals.

Gibney builds student confidence and connections among students. In one activity, students write a Literacy Autobiography where they describe their experiences and relationship to the written word in its many forms – from picture books to novels to texts. This exercise helps students understand their multifaceted and ever-evolving relationship to language and writing.

An advocate of culturally responsive pedagogy, Gibney creates a curriculum that reflects student diversity. Her students benefit from her experience as an award-winning author, and she often brings talented writers into the classroom.

Among her many contributions, Gibney led the charge to develop one of the first AA degrees with an emphasis African Diaspora Studies at a two-year college. As Minneapolis College’s campus steward for Write Like Us, a multi-campus project, she helps connect students with BIPOC artists, celebrating their diverse voices and creating community.

### EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR COMMENTS

I have my amazing student, Patricia Aguilar Duran, to thank for nominating me; Minneapolis College President Sharon Pierce for selecting me as a nominee; Vice President for Academic Affairs Gail O’Kane for helping me refine my portfolio; and all my colleagues, peers, friends, and community members who have supported me through my more than 15 years of teaching writing through a racial justice lens at Minneapolis College, even when it was not politically convenient to do so. Most of all, I want to thank my students, for insisting on being who they are, and telling and hearing each other’s stories, no matter how difficult, and challenging all of us to do and be better teachers and human beings.



# Amy Zsohar

Communication

Inver Hills Community College

By incorporating community-based learning, Dr. Amy Zsohar not only builds the skills of students but also drives home the value of communication in their lives.

The student-centered, equity-based class themes and projects engage students and help them act on issues that matter to them. For example, her interpersonal communication classes focuses on hunger and homelessness in the fall, gender-based violence in the spring, and the environment in the summer. Intercultural communication courses explore anti-racism in the fall and ability during the spring. Public speaking emphasizes advocacy, with students attending Advocacy Days at the Legislature and working on campaigns for non-government or non-profit organizations. In each case, the course helps students find their voice to impact social change.

These community projects have resulted in many successful student experiences, including volunteering in the community, writing legislators, developing social media campaigns, and exploring other forms of communication. Passionate about equity and inclusion, Zsohar serves as the faculty sponsor of the LGBT+ student organization.

### EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR COMMENTS

I am deeply honored to be receiving this recognition. Knowing that what I am doing is valued and recognized just fuels my passion to continue to work to make my classes and my community one that is centered on advocacy and agency. A special thank you to President Michael Berndt for selecting me, to the administration, faculty, staff, and most importantly students at Inver Hills for this nomination and for embracing all the energy, passion, and creativity I bring to the campus. I also want to thank Shannon Williams who partners with me to ensure my classes are community engaged. A shout out to my spouse who loves me through all the ups and downs, and my folks, who flew up here to celebrate this with me and embraced me marching to the beat of my own drum.

# 2023 Outstanding Educators



## JIM BAINER

**Diesel Equipment Technology**

**Minnesota State Community and Technical College**

Bainer invests in student success by incorporating new technologies and teaching methods, improving the curriculum, helping grow the program, and connecting with industry, leading to equipment donations and more opportunities for students.



## CATHY BISHOP

**Health, Surgical Technology**

**Anoka Technical College**

Based on the understanding that students learn in many ways, Bishop incorporates different learning modalities, including lectures, hands-on activities, and large and small group exercises, and adjusts approaches to meet student needs.



## SHANE BOWYER

**Management**

**Minnesota State University, Mankato**

With a passion to help students learn, Dr. Bowyer uses activities, group projects, extracurricular options, and other techniques to engage them, always searching for new ways to enhance courses and expand opportunities.



## GREG CADY

**Sociology and Criminal Justice**

**Minnesota State College Southeast**

Whether by asking questions to prompt discussion or incorporating community service projects as part of course work, Cady equips his students with practical, hands-on learning to prepare them for their next steps.

# 2023 Outstanding Educators



## RUTH CASPER

**Psychology**

**Rochester Community and Technical College**

Possessing the tools and skills of a compassionate educator, Dr. Casper involves her students in their education, encourages community in the classroom, and helps the college move forward through her service contributions.



## KENT DAHLMAN

**Speech Communications**

**Minnesota West Community and Technical College**

Whether asking students to deliver a speech with a cultural focus, create an interpersonal communication case study, or execute events for non-profits, Dahlman helps strengthen students' communication skills and foster cultural awareness.



## JENNIFER EVENS

**Biology**

**St. Cloud Technical and Community College**

The college's Cultural Fluency Council chair, Evens integrates equity and inclusion in her teaching and designs activities where students learn by doing, including asking students to present knowledge they gather to classmates.



## BETSY GOETZ

**English**

**Riverland Community College**

As director of the Be Your Best program, Goetz helps remove barriers and change lives for marginalized students, and in her English and humanities courses, she includes learning labs to support students.

# 2023 Outstanding Educators

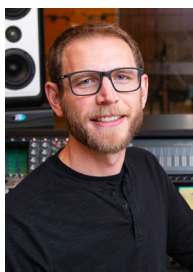


## BRENDA HENRIKSEN

**Nursing**

**Northwest Technical College**

Henriksen, R.N., shares her technical knowledge and health care experience with students, and as the college's nursing division chair, she continues to help the program update content, grow, and ensure student success.



## MATT HOLMES

**Audio Production**

**Hennepin Technical College**

Division chair, audio engineer, and entrepreneur, Holmes offers students expertise, support, and hands-on learning experiences, such as internships and final capstone projects, all of which help them jump start their careers.



## CRAIG JASPERSE

**Chemistry and Biochemistry**

**Minnesota State University Moorhead**

Dr. Jasperse builds personal connections with students, leverages cutting-edge technology, and makes organic chemistry – a subject notoriously difficult for most people – interesting and accessible, all to help students succeed.



## SARA JOHANNES

**Culinary Arts**

**Saint Paul College**

Experienced chef and department chair, Johannes focuses on impacting students, whether they are designing their own restaurant concept, running the City View Grille restaurant, or benefiting from scholarships that she helps raise.



# 2023 Outstanding Educators



## TRACEY KLOECKL-JIMÉNEZ

**Spanish**

**Central Lakes College**

Kloeckl-Jiménez helps students master content and understand culture, igniting their enthusiasm, as well as inspiring them as advisor to the Diversity and Global Connections Club and coordinator of the Cultural Thursday Series.



## TIMOTHY LONEY

**Sociology**

**Minnesota North College**

Loney selects exercises to promote critical thinking, such as assigning students to spend 20 hours of observation outdoors for Environmental Sociology and to debate topics in his Introduction to Criminal Justice classes.



## WADE MCDONALD

**Photography and Design**

**Ridgewater College**

McDonald has led innovative student-centered changes to the program and throughout the college, using digital tools to support flexibility, exposing students to cutting-edge technology, such as virtual reality, and promoting interactive and collaborative learning.



## MELANIE MELENDREZ-VALLARD

**Biology**

**Anoka-Ramsey Community College**

A champion of equity and student advocate, Dr. Melendrez-Vallard fosters a classroom of belonging, encouraging students to embrace failure and to learn from interactive activities, assignments, labs, online resources, and each other.

# 2023 Outstanding Educators



## KELLY MEYER

**English**

**Anoka-Ramsey Community College**

A leader in successful online course development and inclusive practices, Dr. Meyer focuses on teaching the whole student, adjusting her course materials and activities to honor their experiences, skills, and identities.



## FRANCOIS NGUYEN

**Math**

**Saint Paul College**

As a seasoned teacher, Nguyen brings math to life; as an innovator, he helped develop the Information Technology Center and pioneered online classes; and as a student advocate, he motivates and supports.



## BYRON PIKE

**Accounting and Business Law**

**Minnesota State University, Mankato**

Dr. Pike takes teaching to new levels by incorporating technology in his courses and improving the D2L Brightspace learning platform, which led to the development of a popular online graduate accounting program.



## GEMMA PUNTI

**Individualized and Interdisciplinary Studies**

**Metro State University**

Dr. Puntì led the work to implement student-defined program learning goals in individualized degree plans, a major innovation, and excels in culturally responsive teaching with a focus on understanding and respecting the underprivileged.

## 2023 Outstanding Educators



### **KHALED RABIEH**

**Computer Science and Cybersecurity**

**Metro State University**

An innovative and engaging teacher, Dr. Rabieh has opened opportunities for students, contributing to the development of a recently launched master's degree in cyber operations and securing grants that support underrepresented students.



### **MARY KAY RIENDEAU**

**Human Services, Addiction Studies**

**Minnesota North College**

Riendeau impacts lives and communities in many ways – by strengthening the Human Services and Addiction Studies program, championing interactive distance learning, and garnering grants to help underrepresented students, to name a few.



### **KATE RIES**

**Natural Sciences**

**Metro State University**

Dr. Ries co-facilitated the Chemistry Foundation program that improved course success rates by providing extra support sessions, as well as encouraging a growth mindset and sense of belonging in her teaching.



### **LAUREL SMITH**

**English**

**Century College**

Smith helps create community and collaboration among students in her classes through large and small group discussions, with each assignment designed to keep students interested and to demystify the writing process.

# 2023 Outstanding Educators



## JAY STENCEL

**Civil Engineering Technology**  
**South Central College**

Working closely with city officials, the Minnesota Department of Transportation, and local consultants, Stencel takes his students into the field for real-world lessons, as well as offering hands-on project and certification opportunities.



## PATRICIA WISENDEN

**Biosciences**  
**Minnesota State University Moorhead**

Innovative in many ways, Dr. Wisenden wrote a cadaver dissection lab manual for undergraduates, since one didn't exist, and uses sales proceeds to fund the Friday Research Education Experience seminar for students.



## ADRIENNE ZARN

**Medical Coding**  
**Dakota County Technical College**

An approved instructor of the Academy of Professional Coders with 30 years of experience and multiple coding certifications, Zarn took the medical coding programs online, helping reach record enrollments in fall 2022.

## RECENT EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR

### 2022

[Lisa Bergin](#), Philosophy, Minneapolis College

[Michael Dando](#), English/Communication Arts and Literature, St. Cloud State University

[Melissa Hanzsek-Brill](#), Mathematics, St. Cloud State University

[Alex Layne](#), Technical Communications, Metro State University

[Lindsay Mason O'Brien](#), English, Lake Superior College

[Katie Nelson](#), Anthropology, Inver Hills Community College

[Kleber Ortiz](#), Education, Minneapolis College

### 2020

[Jessie Breyer-Peterson](#), Psychology, Century College

[Ruthanne Crapo Kim](#), Philosophy, Minneapolis College

[Cindy Kaus](#), Mathematics, Metro State University

[Miriam Kero](#), Speech and Communications, Hibbing Community College

[Paul Neiman](#), Philosophy, St. Cloud State University

[Janet Tilstra](#), Communication Science, St. Cloud State University

[Stephanie Zarse](#), Dental Hygiene, Normandale Community College

### 2019

[Kevin Haglin](#), Physics and Astronomy, St. Cloud State University

[Kimberly Hansen](#), Accounting, Riverland Community College

[Tanya Hoting Mrazek](#), American Sign Language, Central Lakes College

[Megan Jones](#), Earth and Environmental Sciences, North Hennepin Community College

[Jacqueline Semaan](#), Nursing, Lake Superior College

[John Sinko](#), Physics and Astronomy, St. Cloud State University

### 2018

[Matthew Palombo](#), Philosophy, Minneapolis College

[Tracy Ore](#), Sociology, St. Cloud State University

[Rhonda Besel](#), Cosmetology, Riverland Community College

[Jeffrey Bell](#), Biology, Northland Community and Technical College

[Sarah Petitto](#), Chemistry, St. Cloud State University

[Kerry Norling](#), Communications, Hennepin Technical College

### 2017

[Gill Creel](#), English, Minneapolis College

[Joan Bernard](#), Computer Careers/Information Systems, Hennepin Technical College

[Maran Wolston](#), Philosophy, Minneapolis College

[Kari Frisch](#), Communications, Central Lakes College

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# Official Photos

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After the event, we ask 2023 award recipients, presidents, and Trustees to join us near the stage for official photographs. Photographs will be taken in the following order, additional guidance will appear on the slideshow.

Wearing your medallion is encouraged.

1. Service Faculty of the Year
2. Service Faculty of the Year, President, Trustees, and Chancellor
3. Outstanding Service Faculty, Trustees, Chancellor
4. Outstanding Service Faculty, Presidents
5. Outstanding Service Faculty
6. Educators of the Year
7. Educators of the Year, Presidents, Trustees, and Chancellor
8. Outstanding Educators, Trustees, and Chancellor
9. Outstanding Educators, Presidents
10. Outstanding Educators
11. All Award Recipients: Outstanding Educators, Outstanding Service Faculty, Service Faculty of the Year, and Educators of the Year

You are encouraged to take advantage of the personal photo station available near registration for personal photos, candid or formal.

Additional group photos can be taken on stage as time permits.

## Wear your Medallion

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Recipients are encouraged to wear their Board of Trustees Award for Excellence medallion at campus commencement ceremonies.










# Celebrating the History

Since 2007, the Minnesota State Board of Trustees Awards for Excellence have recognized and awarded 475 Outstanding Educators and 72 Educators of the Year. Since incorporating the professional excellence in service award in 2016, 47 have been recognized as Outstanding Service Faculty, and 8 have been awarded as Service Faculty of the Year. Help celebrate and honor their professional achievements and encourage the ongoing pursuit of excellence.

## Videos

Videos shown during this event and those from previous years will be available for future viewing in the Minnesota State Board of Trustees Awards YouTube playlist. Find this and programs from previous years at [MinnState.edu/BOTawards](https://MinnState.edu/BOTawards).

	2022 Board of Trustees Awards for Excellence - Erika Bailey-Johnson, Bemidji State University Minnesota State • 115 views • 9 months ago
	2022 Board of Trustees Awards for Excellence - Lisa Bergin, Minneapolis College Minnesota State • 197 views • 9 months ago
	2022 Board of Trustees Awards for Excellence - Michael Dando, St. Cloud State University Minnesota State • 365 views • 9 months ago
	2022 Board of Trustees Awards for Excellence - Melissa Hanzsek-Brill, St. Cloud State University Minnesota State • 180 views • 9 months ago
	2022 Board of Trustees Awards for Excellence - Alex Layne, Metro State University Minnesota State • 131 views • 9 months ago
	2022 Board of Trustees Awards for Excellence - Lindsay M. O'Brien, Lake Superior College Minnesota State • 87 views • 9 months ago
	2022 Board of Trustees Awards for Excellence - Katie Nelson, Inver Hills Community College Minnesota State • 172 views • 9 months ago



## Award Plaques

As of 2021, Minnesota State Board of Trustees Award plaques are on display at each campus to recognize and honor all current and past outstanding teaching and service faculty at each school.

# Network for Educational Development Excellence in Teaching Series

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Minnesota State is filled with incredible faculty who are doing amazing work focused on their teaching craft. The purpose of the Network for Educational Development Excellence in Teaching Series is to continue honoring and showcasing the experience and expertise of the Board of Trustees Awards for Excellence Educators of the Year through the opportunity to present, share, or teach about teaching and learning topics that have contributed to their recognition as excellent educators.

## PREVIOUS INSTALLMENTS IN THE SERIES:



### **BILL BREEN**

**2016 Educator of the Year**  
**Anoka-Ramsey Community College**

The Teacher's Life: Guided Reflection for Renewal  
October 2022



### **JANET TILSTRA**

**2020 Educator of the Year**  
**St. Cloud State University**

The Faculty Journey: Mid-Career  
March and April 2023



### **DEANNA FORSMAN**

**2014 Educator of the Year**  
**North Hennepin Community College**

Cafeteria-Style Grading Workshop  
April 2023

Look for future installments on the NED Events Calendar.  
[asaneewsletter.org/events](https://asaneewsletter.org/events)



# 2024 Nomination Guidelines

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The nomination guidelines for the 2023-2024 Minnesota State Board of Trustees Awards for Excellence are available now.

2024 Board of Trustees Award nominations are due November 1, 2023.

Learn more at [MinnState.edu/BOTawards](https://MinnState.edu/BOTawards).

## Your participation requested

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During the event, we invite you to share a photo of yourself and your experiences on social media with your medal, family, friends, and colleagues using #MinnStateBOTawards and tagging @MinnStateASA and your campus.

Alternatively, you may email your photos to [BOTawards@MinnState.edu](mailto:BOTawards@MinnState.edu).



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# Thank You

To celebrate these honorees requires the hard work of many.

Thank you to:

- » All of the students, faculty, and administrators who nominated candidates, and who served on the campus selection committees
- » Members of the system-wide review committees
- » Cathy Wurzer, our graceful and talented emcee
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- » Cedar Printing
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- » Lisa Bergin • Minneapolis College
- » Timothy Berry • Minnesota State University, Mankato
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- » Susan Parry • Hennepin Technical College
- » Erika Pinter • Winona State University
- » Sam Raghu • Students United
- » Tarrence Robertson • System Office
- » Jessalyn Sabin • Minnesota North College
- » Sue Selland-Miller • System Office
- » Paul Shepherd • System Office
- » Pete Thul • Northwest Technical College
- » Janet Tilstra • St. Cloud State University



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