2016 Employee Awards

Lagerstrom Award
Presented annually to an outstanding academic unit in the College of Engineering, based on the unit’s accomplishments in providing service to its students, the College, the University, and the broader community.

- Biological Systems Engineering

Holling Family Distinguished Senior Faculty Teaching Award
General teaching award open to the ranks of associate professor and professor; $2,500 each
Funded by the Holling Distinguished Teaching for Engineering Fund

- Shannon Bartelt-Hunt, Associate Professor, Civil Engineering
- Greg Bashford, Associate Professor, Biological Systems Engineering

Henry Y. Kleinkauf Family Distinguished New Faculty Teaching Award
General teaching award open to the rank of assistant professor; $2,500 each
Funded by the Henry Y. Kleinkauf Family Fund

- Chris Bourke, Assistant Professor of Practice, Computer Science and Engineering
- Sidy Ndao, Assistant Professor, Mechanical and Materials Engineering

Holling Family Distinguished Teaching/Advising/Mentoring Award
Recognizes faculty for effectiveness as an adviser and mentor, as well as effectiveness as a classroom teacher; chosen by eSAB, $2,500 each
Funded by the Holling Distinguished Teaching for Engineering Fund

- Karen Coen-Brown, Associate Professor of Practice, Mechanical and Materials Engineering
- Hamid Sharif, Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

UNO Alumni Association Excellence in Teaching Award
General teaching award open to all faculty ranks; recipient is also recognized at the UNO Faculty and Staff Recognition Reception; $1,000 from UNO and $1,000 from COE
Funded by the UNO Alumni Association and donors’ annual gifts to the College of Engineering

- **Stuart Bernstein**, Associate Professor, Durham School of Architectural Engineering and Construction

**Holling Family Master Teacher Award/UNL University-Wide Teaching Award**

*General teaching award open to all faculty ranks; recipients are also recognized at the UNL Spring Honors Convocation; $1,000 from UNL and $1,000 from COE each*

*Funded by the Holling Distinguished Teaching for Engineering Fund*

- **Sohrab Asgarpour**, Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering
- **Deepak Keshwani**, Associate Professor, Biological Systems Engineering

**Edgerton Innovation Award**

*Research award open to the rank of assistant professor (tenure track); nominated by unit heads; $2,500 (personal prize) / $10,000 (new Ph.D. student assistantship) / $10,000 (unrestricted research)*

*Funded by Edgerton Innovation Award Fund*

- **Carrick Detweiler**, Assistant Professor, Computer Science and Engineering

**College Faculty Research & Creative Activity Award**

*Recognizes individuals for activities associated with investigation/experimentation aimed at the discovery and/or interpretation of facts, as well as the development of creative works or new products; $2,500 each*

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- **Liyan Qu**, Assistant Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering
- **Ron Faller**, Research Associate Professor, Civil Engineering
- **Florin Bobaru**, Professor, Mechanical and Materials Engineering

**College of Engineering Faculty Service Award**

*Recognizes outstanding individuals for service to their department, college and university, as well as to their profession and community; $2,500 each*

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- **Aemal Khattak**, Associate Professor, Civil Engineering
- **Yong-Rak Kim**, Associate Professor, Civil Engineering
- **Yongfeng Lu**, Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering
College Staff Awards for Exemplary Service and Support
Celebrates staff members in the College of Engineering for exemplary service and support towards achieving the vision and mission of the college; $1,500 each
Funded by the Charles J. Vranek Fund for Engineering Excellence and/or donors' annual gifts to the College of Engineering

- James Holloway, Research and Testing Manager, Midwest Roadside Safety Facility
- Matthew Honke, Web Specialist, College of Engineering
- Aaron Howell, Administrative Technician, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
- Susan Melcher, Financial Specialist, College of Engineering
- Kayla Person, Academic Advisor, College of Engineering
- Alma Ramirez Rodgers, Senior Assistant Director of College Relations and Student Development
- Nancy Re, Personnel Generalist, College of Engineering
- Jennifer Skidmore, Career Services Coordinator – Omaha, College of Engineering
- Laura Smoyer, Research Scientist, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
- Diann Young, Administrative Support Associate, Biological Systems Engineering