2021 Employee Awards

FACULTY TEACHING AWARDS

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

- **Vishnu Reddi**, Assistant Professor of Practice, Durham School of Architectural Engineering and Construction
- **Ruiguo Yang**, Assistant Professor, Mechanical and Materials Engineering

Holling Family Distinguished Senior Faculty Teaching Award (1 award)
General teaching award open to the ranks of associate professor and professor; $2,500 each

- **Michael Kocher**, Associate Professor, Biological Systems Engineering

Holling Family Master Teacher Award/UNL University-Wide Teaching Award (2 awards)
General teaching award open to all faculty ranks; $1,000 from UNL and $1,500 from COE each

- **Jena Shafai Asgarpoor**, Associate Professor of Practice, Master of Engineering Management

- **Khalid Sayood**, Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Holling Family Distinguished Teaching Award for Excellence in Inclusive Teaching (1 award)
Teaching award for a faculty member who has demonstrated an approach to teaching that considers the diverse needs and backgrounds of all students to create a learning environment where all students feel valued and where all students have equal access to learn; $2,500

- **Alisa Gilmore**, Associate Professor of Practice, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Holling Family Distinguished Teaching/Advising/Mentoring Award (2 awards – 1 on each campus)
Recognizes faculty for effectiveness as an adviser and mentor, as well as effectiveness as a classroom teacher; chosen by eSAB/NESCO, $2,500 each

- **Christine Wittich**, Assistant Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering

- **Lim Nguyen**, 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 $1,500 from COE

- **Seunghee Kim,** Assistant Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering

Holling Family Distinguished Engineering Educator Award (1 award)

Honors an outstanding engineering educator who has demonstrated sustained excellence in engineering education, open to the ranks of associate professor and professor; $7,500 cash award per year and $2,500 in discretionary funds per year, for each of three years.

- **Hunter Flodman,** Associate Professor of Practice, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

FACULTY RESEARCH AWARDS

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

- **Christos Argyropoulos**, Assistant Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

- **Brittany Duncan**, Assistant Professor, Computer Science and Engineering

- **Bai Cui**, Associate Professor, Mechanical and Materials Engineering

- **Wei Qiao**, Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Edgerton Innovation Award

Research award open to the rank of assistant professor (tenure track); $2,500 (personal prize) / $10,000 (unrestricted research)

- **Shudipto Dishari**, Assistant Professor, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

FACULTY SERVICE AWARDS

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

- **Andrew Harms,** Assistant Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

- **Yufeng Ge**, Associate Professor, Biological Systems Engineering

- **Bing Chen**, Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

COLLEGE STAFF AWARDS

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

- **Alan Boldt,** Research Engineer II, Biological Systems Engineering

- **Chris Steffen,** Classroom Technology Support Associate, College of Engineering

- **Emili Jones,** Student Programs Specialist, College of Engineering

- **Grace Clark,** Academic Advisor, College of Engineering

- **Jayde McWilliams,** Coordinator of Student Development, College of Engineering

- **Julia Brunkow,** Budget Analyst, College of Engineering

- **LaRita Lang,** Administrative Coordinator, Computer Science and Engineering

- **Leonard Akert,** Prototype Design Specialist and Lab Manager, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

- **Patricia Lena,** Administrative Technician, Civil and Environmental Engineering

- **Peter Hilsabeck,** Lab Manager, Civil and Environmental Engineering

RETIREES
- **Wayne Jensen**, Associate Professor, The Durham School: **20 years of service**

- **Bruce Fischer,** Associate Professor, The Durham School: **20 years of service**

- **Leonard Akert,** Prototype Design Specialist and Lab Manager, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering: **26 years of service**