Outstanding Faculty Recipients
2014-2015 Academic Year

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Dean: Dr. Michelle Patrick

**Accounting:** Dr. Lori Fuller, Chair

**Dr. Richard Barndt, Department of Accounting**
-I really enjoy Dr. Barndt's teaching style because he makes difficult material easy to understand. He teaches by doing problems, rather than reading off of the book or a PowerPoint, which makes the lectures easier to follow. He has a great sense of humor that makes the class enjoyable. He cares about his students and is very helpful at his office hours.

**Professor Phyllis Belak, Department of Accounting**
-Professor Belak is a really great teacher! She makes the material easy to understand, and gives real life examples for the class to relate to. Professor Belak makes class enjoyable and interesting. She cares about her students, and is very approachable.

**Dr. Robert Derstine, Department of Accounting**
-Dr. Derstine makes a hard subject very understandable. His power points explain the material thoroughly, and his ready-notes make note taking and studying a lot more organized. He cares about his students and is always willing to answer questions in and out of class. He is also very helpful in answering questions about the major that do not pertain to the class. Dr. Derstine is very engaging, and makes us really grasp the different concepts.

**Dr. Kevin Flynn, Department of Accounting**
-Dr. Flynn goes above and beyond to ensure his students receive a superior education. He takes a tremendous amount of pride in his craft and is dedicated to providing an unmatched education. Dr. Flynn works to instill a sense of lifelong discipline in his students. Dr. Flynn is an incredible asset to this university.

**Economics and Finance:** Dr. Cynthia Benzing, Chair

**Dr. Simon Condliffe, Department of Economics and Finance**
-Dr. Condliffe consistently goes above and beyond to help his students. He promptly responds to emails and always thoroughly explains concepts, both in person and through email. He uses real-world examples in class to help students enhance their understanding of concepts. He always has a positive attitude and encourages students to challenge themselves to succeed.

**Dr. Ebru Isgin, Department of Economics and Finance**
-Professor Isgin focuses on making class fun and entertaining, rather than throwing information at us all at once. She clearly explains concepts and is always willing to answer questions to clear up any confusion. Professor Isgin really seems to care about her students and makes sure they understand the material, rather than just making sure they pass the class.
Dr. Joy Fritschle, Department of Geography and Planning

-HON 314 has by far been the most influential class I have taken. The lessons I have learned about sustainability are so important and have motivated me to think about implementing them into my daily life. The whole student body should take this class! I also loved the teaching style of Dr. Morgan, laid back by intriguing. I could not imagine a more involved or amazing professor.

Dr. Megan Heckert, Department of Geography and Planning

-Dr. Heckert is really upbeat and full of energy, she tries to make her class fun and exciting for all. She is also really patient in explaining when students have trouble with material. Dr. Heckert has given up her lunch countless times to help me step by step go through labs. She is also very flexible with her lesson plans and has a main goal of having students learn the material.

Dr. Edward Benzing, Department of Marketing

-Dr. Benzing does such a great job as a marketing professor. Not only does he know his material, but he knows how to teach it so students can understand. He gives great, relatable examples as well. For example, he showed us a picture of the cheerios box and asked us to find ways to make the label better. This was both informative and helpful to utilize the skills we were learning in class. I will also never forget the day we conducted a focus group in class. This is one of the most important critical qualitative research methods and he brought it to life. We all sat in a circle and did a focus group on Oreo cookies. (Now who doesn’t love Oreos) It was a lot of fun and I really got to see how a focus group works.

Dr. Ashlie Delshad, Department of Political Science

-Dr. Ashlie Delshad is far more than a satisfactory professor. She is always very pleasant and engaged with the class. Even more so I feel that Dr. Ashlie Delshed has an incredibly strong grasp upon the subject that she teaches. For example she always knows when to appropriately recall her own experiences to apply to what we are covering in class.

Dr. Yury Polsky, Department of Political Science

-Dr. Polsky is a man dedicated to the details. I have had the privilege of participating in multiple classes with Dr. Polsky, and can say that the quality of the education he provides is second only to his sense of humor- to date he is the only professor who has pushed me to tears of laughter. That being said, his courses are a challenge. The first words from any Polsky veteran are words of caution, admitting you will work hard. Yet consistently, following this warning, are encouraging stories of how much you will enjoy the lectures, and promises that it will be one of the most fulfilling classes of one’s college career. It is my hope that Dr. Polsky understands how instrumental, influential, and inspirational he
has been to so many students, and that he will be able to continue sharing his brilliant mind with students for many years to come.
- The work we do in class is difficult yet Dr. Yuri has been able to keep the class interested. He is very adamant about class attendance and participation and he makes the class feel important. Although Dr. Yuri is very sarcastic he truly loves the subject. His passion for the class is truly admirable and he makes me want to learn even more about international relations. Being a political science major, the fact that Dr. Yuri can help keep me interested is excellent and makes me want to wake more classes with him.

Dr. Linda Stevenson, Department of Political Science

- Though the quality of her works as an educator should not be diminished, I feel the quality best represented by Dr. Stevenson is flexibility. While providing excellent insight in the courses I have taken, she has also fostered a sense of mutual respect and understanding. In every obstacle I have encountered, Dr. Stevenson has demonstrated the utmost ability to adapt, accommodate, and assure. When taking a class with Dr. Stevenson, one can be assured that when life gets in the way, she certainly will not. I have also been pleased to see that Dr. Stevenson also makes frequent attempts to include service-learning options in her courses (the “options” is important, as she includes the opportunity without forcing obligations onto busy students). Her well-rounded and engaging approach as a professor is well complimented by her ability to create a comforting and flexible class atmosphere.