

2017 Tradition of Excellence Award Winners Announced

Twelve Texas A&M University staff members and one staff team have been selected to receive Division of Academic Affairs "Tradition of Excellence" awards for 2017. The recipients will be recognized at the Academic Affairs Awards Ceremony and Social, May 18.

The awards include 10 awards to individuals recognizing their distinguished contributions through dedication, initiative, attitude, and outstanding achievement at Texas A&M. Recipients are Mark Garner, client technologies analyst I with Instructional Media Services; Karen Lepley, financial aid advisor IV with Scholarships & Financial Aid; Melanie Monroe, associate registrar, Laura Ann Heard, associate registrar, and Matthew Johnson, assistant registrar, all with the Office of the Registrar; Kasandra Phillips, associate director with Dallas Admissions Recruitment; Jennifer Kuehn, senior administrative coordinator I with the Office of Admissions; Jennifer Ann Scasta, senior career coordinator, Career Center; Nancy Vazquez, writing consultant III with the University Writing Center; and Georgia Hines, assistant to the assistant provost, Undergraduate Studies.

This year's recipient of the Tradition of Excellence Leadership Award—for distinguished leadership through dedication, flexibility, initiative, transparency, attitude, and outstanding achievement at the University—is Gayla Christiansen, marketing manager with the Texas A&M University Press.

The recipient of the Tradition of Excellence Diversity and Inclusion Award, recognizing distinguished contributions to improving climate through community building, broadening perspectives, and outstanding achievement at Texas A&M, is Amanda Johnson, administrative coordinator I with Public Partnership & Outreach.

The 2017 Admissions Customer Service Team with the Office of Admissions, in recognition of distinguished teamwork through dedication, initiative, attitude, and outstanding achievement, is the recipient of the Tradition of Excellence Staff Team Award. Team members are Stephanie Love, administrative coordinator I; Mike Pickett, program coordinator; Angela Reinecke, customer service associate III; Steve Smith, administrative coordinator II; Betty Steckman, customer service associate I; and Debbie Turner, customer service associate III.

The "Tradition of Excellence" award recognizes superior service by employees in the associate and assistant provosts' offices and their units, the University Libraries, and the Faculty Senate.