

Faculty and Staff Awards 2021 - 2022



- » **Dr. Laura Fazio-Griffith**, Health & Human Sciences – President’s Award for Excellence in Faculty Service
- » **Dr. Lily Brooks**, Visual Art + Design -- President’s Award for Excellence in Artistic Activity
- » **Dr. Jean Fotie**, Chemistry & Physics – President’s Award for Excellence in Research
- » **Dr. Rebecca Davis**, Health & Human Sciences – President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching
- » **Cally Berner**, Auxiliary Services – President’s Award for Excellence in Unclassified Staff Service
- » **Dr. Rhonda Pocararo**, Nursing – Awarded a seeding grant through the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the Arnold P. Gold Foundation for the Southeastern School of Nursing to host its inaugural White Coat Ceremony during the fall 2021 semester.
- » **David Armand**, English – Selected as recipient of the 23rd annual Louisiana Writer Award by the Louisiana Center for the Book in the State Library. The award is given to a contemporary Louisiana author in recognition of an outstanding contribution to Louisiana’s literary and intellectual life exemplified by the writer’s body of work.
- » **Dr. Rhett Allain**, Chemistry & Physics – Was invited to give a presentation at the American Physical Society March meeting in Chicago. The title of his talk was “Science Communication with MacGyver and Mythbusters.”
- » **Dr. Elizabeth Hornsby**, Communication & Media Studies, and **Dr. Jerry Parker**, World Languages and Cultures -- Were recently appointed to the Interactive OER for Dual Enrollment for Fundamentals of Communication (Hornsby) and Elementary Spanish II (Parker) from LOUIS: The Louisiana Library Network and the Louisiana Board of Regents, funded through an Open Textbooks Pilot grant from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 2021-2023.
- » **Dr. Jerry Parker**, World Languages and Culture – Accepted as a fall 2021 fellow in the STAR Millennium Scholars program offered by the STAR Scholars Network. This fellowship is designed to support early career academics in disseminating their research and scholarship to a global audience.
- » **Anthony Blakeney**, Industrial and Engineering Technology -- Honored with the WEBCO Excellence Award as the top educator in the country.
- » **Dr. Paula S. Calderon**, Education -- Invited to present at the 84th Annual Convention of the Louisiana School Boards Association March 7. Her presentation focused on the challenges in teacher education recruitment and retention and strategies to address the declining enrollment in teacher education programs in the state.
- » **Anne Babson**, English -- Invited by Les Causeries du Lundi, a French cultural association of New Orleans, to present a lecture on author Georges Simenon in the context of his times.