Western Presents Top Awards For Teaching, Research, and Service

Western Carolina University presented its top faculty and staff awards for teaching, research and service for the 2002-2003 academic year April 25 at the annual spring General Faculty Meeting and Awards Convocation.

Mimi Fenton, associate professor of English, won the Chancellor’s Distinguished Teaching Award. The Paul A. Reid Service Award for faculty went to Bob Buckner, instructor of music and marching band director, while the Paul A. Reid Service Award for administrative staff went to Andy DeGrove, superintendent of maintenance in the Division of Facilities Management. James Carland Jr., professor of accountancy, finance, and entrepreneurship, received the University Scholar Award for distinguished scholarly achievement.

The honors were announced by Chancellor John W. Bardo, who also presented the Support Program of Excellence Award to the University Health Services Center.

He also noted other major awards, including The University of North Carolina Board of Governors’ Award for Excellence in Teaching, won by Grace Allen, associate professor of accountancy, finance, and entrepreneurship; the Collaborative Education Experience Award; and the Scholarly Development Assignment Program awards.

Chancellor’s Teaching Award

Fenton, winner of the Chancellor’s Distinguished Teaching Award, is completing her eleventh year as a member of the faculty. In her work she has met every standard on a list of “characteristics of a great teacher” developed by the awards selection committee to guide its deliberations, Bardo said in announcing the award. Those characteristics include an interactive teaching style, adapting to meet the needs of students, caring for and

Collective Soul, Delbert McClinton Headline ArtsFest

Music Appeals to Diverse Tastes

Organizers of Western’s second annual CulloWHEE! ArtsFest have announced a slate of headline performers featuring chart-topping rock ‘n’ roll band Collective Soul, legendary bluesman Delbert McClinton, folkabilly queen Nanci Griffith, and popular acoustic rock guitarist Edwin McCain.

Also on the bill for the two-day festival is Western North Carolina’s own Acoustic Syndicate, an explosive “newgrass” quartet from the Shelby area.

The outdoor festival, set for Friday, June 20, and Saturday, June 21, will take place on intramural sports fields near the Ramsey Center. Last year’s inaugural event attracted approximately 3,000 people over two days. The festival also will feature national, regional, and local performers on the main stage and on a second stage within the WRGC Arts Village, a large tented area where festival-goers can relax in the shade, enjoy a variety of food and

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challenging students, showing enthusiasm and professionalism, and connecting subject matter to students’ lives.

“She was willing to take risks in the classroom when she thought it would add to learning, even if there was a risk of failure,” Bardo said, quoting the committee. “She showed enormous enthusiasm about teaching. Dr. Fenton obviously loves her field and loves teaching it. It is refreshing to see someone so passionate about their teaching.”

**Faculty and Staff Paul A. Reid Awards**

Bob Buckner, winner of the Reid faculty award, has been in charge of athletic bands at Western since 1991, growing the marching band from 82 members to 230 in 2002. He directs the Cathouse Pep Band, teaches a marching band techniques course for music education majors, and supervises music student teachers. Buckner also was recently named chairman of the North Carolina Marching Band Committee.

“The name Bob Buckner has long been associated with bands both in the state of North Carolina and on the national level. He has been active as a teacher, consultant, designer, and adjudicator for more than 36 years,” Bardo said. “Our bands have performed at regional high school exhibitions, Bands of America regional competition in the Georgia Dome, Bands of America Nationals in Indianapolis—in fact, they just received an invitation to perform there a second time—and an Atlanta Falcons professional football halftime show.”

Andy DeGrove, who won the Reid staff award, is responsible for the day-to-day supervision of seven trade shops within Facilities Management. He works with about 60 trades people and technicians who keep Western’s campus operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, Bardo said. DeGrove also has been involved in numerous campus leadership activities and was one the original members of a committee that developed the current campus governance structure.

“Andy has the responsibility of overseeing the hands-on operation of a more-than-100-year-old campus that is interfaced with the 21st century and undergoing a multi-million dollar expansion. This sometimes requires responding to mechanical problems at 2 a.m. on a Saturday and, on at least one occasion, even personally going down in a sewer manhole to help troubleshoot a problem,” Bardo said. “The best description of Andy DeGrove’s contributions to this campus comes from his nominator, who said, ‘Andy is not just a spoke in the wheel that operates the university. He is the hub and the grease that keeps the wheel turning.’”

**University Scholar Award**

James Carland, who won the University Scholar Award, has been a member of Western’s College of Business faculty since 1982, earning his master’s degree in business administration from Western. He is acknowledged as a leader in the fast-growing field of entrepreneurship studies, and he was instrumental in the development of North Carolina’s first undergraduate degree program in entrepreneurship, established three years ago, and Western’s brand new master’s degree program in the discipline, the only program of its type in the state.

“Dr. Carland’s research expertise encompasses entrepreneurship, with concentration on the entrepreneurial psyche,” Bardo said. “Due in part to Dr. Carland, entrepreneurial psyche is a full-blown discipline, and one of the most important and influential in the entire field of business administration. The Carland Entrepreneurship Index, first published in the 1990s, has been translated into more than a dozen languages and is in use by entrepreneurship researchers around the world. It is clear that Jim’s work has influenced entrepreneurship researchers around the world.”

**The Collaborative Education Experience Award**

The Collaborative Education Experience Award is designed to support well-rounded student learning experiences that go above and beyond traditional course requirements and support Western’s mission of teaching and learning. Emphasis is on collaborative activities that promote holistic student development. The 2003 winners are Julie Temple, assistant professor of human environmental sciences, and Glenna Batson, assistant professor of physical therapy. They collaborated on the annual Abilities Challenge Event, designed to heighten awareness of environmental barriers faced by people with disabilities. The event included an open invitation to pilot a

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Miller Takes Helm of Fund Raising

James H. Miller Jr. recently joined Western as the new associate vice chancellor for development in the Division of Advancement and External Affairs.

Leading the Office of Development, Miller will work with staff coordinating private-sector, university-wide fund raising, which includes the areas of major gifts, planned gifts, annual giving, and athletics fund raising.

Miller comes to Western following 16 years in professional fund raising, which started with United Way of Wake County and United Way of North Carolina. He then spent 13 years in institutional advancement at Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he led various programs in development, alumni relations, and communications.

He served as the statewide field services director for United Way of North Carolina, assistant director of medical alumni development and programs at Duke University Medical Center, senior development officer at the Medical Foundation of North Carolina—the fund-raising arm of the medical schools at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill—and executive director of alumni affairs at UNC-CH’s Kenan-Flagler Business School, where he helped recruit and manage staff responsible for major gifts, corporate and foundation relations, annual giving, alumni programs, and special events.

Miller holds a bachelor’s degree in social work from North Carolina State University and a master’s degree in business administration from Kenan-Flagler Business School.

“Jim is one of the brightest young professionals in higher education fund raising in North Carolina, and I am delighted he and his wife, Tara, have joined us,” said Clifton Metcalf, vice chancellor for advancement and external affairs.

SPA Service Awards Slated for June 11

The annual SPA Service Awards Luncheon to honor employees who have reached specified years of service with Western and the state of North Carolina is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, at noon in the Grandroom of the University Center.

The winner of the first Judy H. Dowell Outstanding Support Staff Award will be announced. Retirees from the past year also will be recognized.

If you would like to attend the luncheon, make a reservation by contacting the Office of Human Resources no later than May 14. The cost for the luncheon is $5.

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Integration of Learning Award

A new university award, the Integration of Learning Award, is designed to recognize faculty members who work to promote the integration of teaching within activities of the Division of Student Affairs. Recipients of the award are Daryl Hale, head and associate professor, and N. Dane Scott, assistant professor, of philosophy and religion, and Brian Railsback, head and associate professor of English, for their proposal for the creation of a “humanities house.”

Support Award of Excellence

In presenting the Support Award of Excellence, Bardo praised the University Health Services Center for its efforts to provide “excellence in service.” He singled out the center for improving efficiency and for reducing the average wait time for patients, despite seeing an increasing number of patients—up to 90 per day—while preparing for a move to new facilities.

“Each member of the staff has been challenged to increase his or her level of commitment and expertise to the campus community, thus the level of patient care as well as community involvement has improved,” Bardo said. “Health Services is proud of its team approach to establishing healthy standards of living among our students.”
Awards Highlight Spring Recognition Programs

Office of Academic Affairs

Vice Chancellor’s Instructional Improvement Awards
Marilyn Chamberlin, assistant professor of sociology; and Susan Brown-Strauss, associate professor of communication and theatre arts; Sharon Dole, assistant professor of human services; Erin McNelis, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science; Terry Nienhuis, professor of English, and Brain Castle, assistant professor of English; and Maurice Hipp, associate professor of health and human performance.

Microgrant Award Recipients
Elizabeth Addison, associate professor of English; Robert Bacon, professor of chemistry; Glenna Batson, assistant professor of physical therapy; Debra Burke, professor of business law; Laura Cruz, assistant professor of history; Russ Curtis, assistant professor of human services; Bonnie Garner, assistant professor of nursing; John Habel, associate professor of psychology; Harold Herzig, professor of psychology; James Kirk, professor of human resources; Cathy Litty, visiting professor of human services; Gwendolyn Lordeon, visiting assistant professor of nursing; Erin McNelis, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science; Bonnie Martin, assistant professor of human environmental sciences; Terry Nienhuis, professor of English; William Perry, professor of business computer information systems.

College of Applied Sciences

Criminal Justice—Duane Davis, professor of criminal justice.
Engineering Technology—Bill Medaris, associate professor of engineering technology.
Health Sciences—Phil Kneller, associate professor of health sciences.
Human Environmental Sciences—Julie Temple, assistant professor of human environmental sciences.
Nursing—Bonnie Garner, visiting assistant professor of nursing.
Physical Therapy—Glenna Batson, assistant professor of physical therapy.
College of Applied Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award—Bonnie Garner, visiting assistant professor of nursing.

College of Education and Allied Professions

Legislative Award for Superior Teaching—Candace Boan, assistant professor of psychology; Dan Grube, assistant professor of health and human performance; Bob Houghton, associate professor of elementary and middle grades education; and Cathy Litty, visiting professor of human services.
Taft B. Botner Award for Superior Teaching—Anna McFadden, assistant professor of educational leadership and foundations.
Dean’s Research Award—Lisa Bloom, professor of special education.
Exemplary Service Award—Mary Lou Millwood, licensure secretary; and Jane Hall, associate professor of human environmental sciences.

College of Arts and Sciences

Board of Governors–College of Arts and Sciences Teaching Award—Mimi Fenton, associate professor of English.
Career Service Award—Ralph H. Willis, associate professor of mathematics.
Distinguished Career Award—Royce S. Woosley, head and professor of chemistry and physics.

Graduate School

Hunter Scholar Award—Richard Starnes, assistant professor of history.
Excellence in Graduate Student Mentoring Award—Bruce Frazier, Belk Distinguished Professor in Commercial and Electronic Music.
Summer Research Grants—Glenna Batson, assistant professor of physical therapy; Sloan Despeaux, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science; James McLachlan, associate professor of philosophy and religion; Marya Roland, associate professor of art.
Dean’s Graduate Program Director Award—Philip Little, head and associate professor of accountancy.
The Alden and Linda McCracken Teaching Excellence Award in the MBA Program—James Carland, professor of entrepreneurship.
Summer Research Fellowships—Jo Ann Carland, professor of entrepreneurship; and Janet Dickinson, assistant professor of social work.
Faculty Research Grants—James Costa, assistant professor of biology; Cheryl Clark and Judy Mallory, assistant professors of nursing; Annette Debo, assistant professor of English; and Cathy Litty, visiting professor of human services.
Division of Student Affairs

DIVISION AWARDS
“Star” Award for Special Achievement—Rebecca Caldwell, coordinator, Women’s Center; Keith Corzine, director, Residential Living; Robert Wikle, housekeeper, Residential Living; and Sharlo Farineau, office manager, Health Services.

New Employee Award—Tim Inman, resident director, Residential Living; Danny Gibson, staff nurse, Health Services; Dwaun Warmack, coordinator, Multicultural Affairs; and Carmen Roland, housekeeper, Residential Living.

Program of the Year Award—Mending Peace for the World, University Center; and Study Bucks, Residential Living.

Faculty of the Year Award—Patricia Bailey, associate professor of art.

Energizer Award—Heidi Sears, medical records, Health Services; and Elaine Hyatt, office assistant, University Center.

Student Program of the Year Award—Last Minute Productions, University Center; and Hall-o-ween, Residential Living.

Collaboration—Rebecca Caldwell, coordinator, Women’s Center.

Enhancing Diversity Award—Beth Johnson, assistant director, University Center.

Community Service—Karen White, nutritionist and visiting assistant professor, Health Services.

Advising—Amber Rhoades, resident director, Residential Living.

Western Ambassador—Lari Jackson, staff psychologist; and C.R.E.W. peer educators, Counseling Center.

Bright Idea—Tim Chapman, associate director for facilities, Residential Living.

John Fry Advising—Chesney Reich, director, Academic Tutoring Center.

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Office of Student Affairs—Patty Harley, office assistant; Tom Frazier, manager, Print Shop; Yvonne Hooper, assistant director, Student Financial Aid; and Ronald Royal, student.

University Center—Tim Jacobs, director; Marie McDonald, housekeeper; Julie Temple, assistant professor of human environmental sciences; and Lincoln Walburn, Elissa Glover, and Jennifer White, students.

Counseling and Psychological Services—Lari Jackson, staff psychologist; Sue Grider, computer consultant, Information Technology Services; Melanie Wegener, co-adviser, C.R.E.W.; Trent Hall and Cheng Her, students; and C.R.E.W. peer educators, students.

Health Services—Debi Brotherton, physician’s assistant; Norma Cowan, staff nurse; Barbara Starnes, staff nurse; and George Lamphier, student.


Upward Bound—Lorraine Maloof, assistant director; and Laura Gutjahr, student.

Talent Search—Maggie Donahue, outreach counselor.

Residential Living—Lisa Surber, room assignments coordinator; Jackie McHargue, university judicial coordinator; Ruth Patterson, Housekeeper of the Year; and Crystal Lester, student.

Ramsey Center—Jim Irvin, operations manager; Fred Cantler, associate athletics director; and Tim Meyer, student.

Fitness Center—Elizabeth Jackson, Wesley Gardin, Onifer Wilmoth, and Johnnie Jones, students.

College of Business

Board of Governors–Creative and Innovative Teaching Award—Robert Mulligan, assistant professor of economics.

McCracken MBA Teaching Excellence Award—James Carland, professor of entrepreneurship.

Western Provides a Helping Hand

Students from Purdue University (on ground) hoist a roof truss to Western construction management students as part of a Habitat for Humanity project in Sylva on April 26. The project was designed to give students in Western’s new construction management program some hands-on experience at a construction site while providing a service to the community. Purdue sent a contingent at the invitation of Brad Sims, program director and associate professor of construction management.

North Carolina Transportation Secretary Lyndo Tippett (left to right) presents a commemorative plaque to family members of the late H.F. “Cotton” Robinson, including grandson Kyle Bewsey, daughter Josie Robinson Bewsey, granddaughter Katie Long, and grandson Kellen Bewsey. North Carolina Highway 107 from the dual bridges over the Tuckasegee River near Webster to the bridge at East LaPorte was named for Robinson because of his efforts to obtain state funding for the highway.

Highway Name Honors Robinson

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Theatre Takes Center Stage, Launches New Summer Fare

A new summer season of theatre will begin in June as Western’s Department of Communication and Theatre Arts and Division of Continuing Education and Summer School raise the curtain on four plays.

The newly formed Western Carolina Stage Company, the brainchild of veteran WCU theatre professor and director Stephen Michael Ayers, is planning four popular plays, all with a decidedly Southern flavor, for Summer Theatre 2003 in Cullowhee.

Greater Tuna, by Jaston Williams, Joe Sears, and Ed Howard, will open the season June 18–22. Steel Magnolias, by Robert Harling, is set for July 2–6. Alfred Uhry's Driving Miss Daisy will stage July 16–20. Summer Theatre 2003 will conclude July 30–August 3 with the production of Lone Star/Laundry & Bourbon, by James McLure.

Summer Theatre 2003 is Western’s first step in establishing a residential theatre company as part of the Actor’s Equity Association, the professional union for actors.

“We had two primary goals in establishing the Western Carolina Stage Company,” said Betty Farmer, head of the communication and theatre arts department. “First, this will give future students the opportunity to earn their equity cards, a key credential for employment in theatre. Second, this will provide additional cultural activities during the summer for residents and visitors. In fact, the response already has been tremendous. We’ve had several large group bookings before we’ve even started promoting it.”

All Summer Theatre 2003 evening performances, Wednesday through Saturday, will begin at 7:30 p.m., with 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees, in the Niggli Theatre in the Stillwell Building.

Season tickets are available for $50 for adults and $40 for students and senior citizens. Ticket prices for individual productions are $15 for adults and $12.50 for students and senior citizens.

For more information, contact the communication and theatre arts department at 227-7491.
### WCU Calendar

May 5–June 15, 2003

Look for regular updates on the university’s Web site at [www.wcu.edu/cal.html](http://www.wcu.edu/cal.html)

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<td>Training Tuesday—“Supervising and the Law,” professional development track, 3 credits, 2:30–4:30 p.m., Room 404, BB. (227-2388)</td>
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<td>Training Tuesday—“NC State Retirement System,” by invitation. If space, seminar will be opened to all interested faculty and staff. (227-2388)</td>
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<td><strong>Sunday, May 18</strong></td>
<td>Spring into Summer—seasonal nature series, this month featuring “Farm Visit,” 2:30–3:30 p.m., MHC. (227-7129)</td>
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### Exhibitions:

- **North Carolina Women Making History.** The trials, triumphs, and changing roles of women during the past 400 years. Through December. MHC. (227-7129)
- **Migration of the Scotch-Irish People.** (Permanent exhibition). Information, illustrations, artifacts, and murals. MHC. (227-7129)
- **Over, Under, Around, and Through.** Multicultural exhibit of baskets and their makers, examining the connections, crossovers, and cultural paths of Southern basketry. Through August 31. MHC. (227-7129)
- **Mammy…How I Love You.** Photography by Ernie Burton and paintings by Beverly McIver. Through May 10. Chelsea Gallery, UC. (227-7206)
- **Annual Student Art Exhibition.** Features work in a wide range of media, including painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, photography, printmaking/bookarts, and graphic design/multimedia. Through May 10. Belk Gallery, BB. (227-3590)

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<td><strong>Monday, June 9—Friday, June 13</strong></td>
<td>Day camp—Eco-Adventures, for rising second and third graders, 8:30 a.m.–noon, MHC. $ (227-7129)</td>
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### Slideshow Spotlight

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### Submissions:

Send news items and calendar notices to WCU Calendar, 1601 Ramsey Center, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina 28723 or e-mail to Reporter@email.wcu.edu.

Submit items for the university’s online calendar at least one week prior to the event.

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**Key:** $ - Admission fee; HA - Hoey Auditorium; HFR - H.F. Robinson Administration Building; HS/CF - Hennon Stadium/Childress Field; MHC - Mountain Heritage Center; NSA - Natural Sciences Auditorium; RRAC - Ramsey Regional Activity Center; RH - Recital Hall, Coulter Building; BB - Belk Building; UC - A.K. Hinds University Center; UOC - University Outreach Center; WS/BW - Whitmire Stadium/Bob Waters Field; SSF - Shrader Soccer Field.
David Luginbuhl, associate professor of mathematics and computer science, has accepted the Air Force Research Lab's offer to participate in its visiting faculty research program. For two months this summer, he will be at AFRL's Rome, New York, research site with Air Force scientists and engineers. They will be conducting research to support development of services necessary to manage information across Air Force command and control applications.

Debbie Beck, director of University Health Services, is the new president-elect of the Southern College Health Association. Western will host the association's annual conference in 2005.

Betty Farmer, head and associate professor of communication and theatre arts, and Clarissa Fisher, administrative librarian at Hunter Library, were honored during the International Mentoring Association's April conference in Philadelphia. Farmer was recognized for her five years of service as a member of the IMA's board of directors. During her tenure, Farmer served as chair of the marketing committee and spearheaded the development of a membership recruitment campaign. She also served as the founder and co-chair of the Mentoring Body of Knowledge project, a joint venture of IMA and Western to identify and codify mentoring literature. As the lead researcher for the MBOK project, Fisher reviewed dozens of databases and compiled a bibliography of more than 4,000 mentoring citations since 1990. The IMA will make this database available to its members on its Web site.

Rebecca Caldwell, coordinator of Women's Programs and the Women's Center, presented "Gender and Generativity: An Emancipatory View of Women's Spiritual Journeys and Development of Self" at the North Carolina Counseling Association annual conference in March. She also co-facilitated the panel "Dual Role Counseling Relationships: Implications for Counselors in Small Communities" with Valerie Schwiebert, associate professor of counseling, and David Craig, school counselor and graduate of Western's counseling program.

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beverage items, and browse fine arts and crafts.

A juried exhibit and sale will feature a variety of fine art and craft media, including ceramics, glass, wood, fiber, metal, jewelry, baskets, handmade paper, iron, book arts, sculpture, photography, and painting. Also on site will be a special children's area.

Advance two-day tickets for the festival are $50, with children age 13 and younger admitted free of charge with a paying adult. Discounts tickets at $40 each are available for groups of ten or more, and single-day passes may be purchased for either Friday or Saturday.

For information, contact the Ramsey Center at 227-7722, toll free at (866) WCU-FEST, or click on www.cullowheartsfest.com. Tickets may be purchased at the Ramsey Center ticket office, online via Tickets.com (www.tickets.com), or toll-free at (888) 332-5200; or at the Jackson County and Maggie Valley chambers of commerce.