2017 Award Winners

Community Service (Student – Individual and Organization)
  Michelle Frerich
  Christina Parker
  Dance Marathon
  Student Democracy Coalition

Outstanding Achievement (Students)
  Catamount Communications: Alexander Benz, Daniel Dove, Logan Gentry, Chad Grant, Sally Morris, Brian Murray
  NAMI: Leann Cain, Mackenzie Coggins, Morgan Forbes-Robinson, Hannah Fraser, Emilee Hammer, Kimberly Russell

Shining Star
  Ashley Creason
  Kenneth Flinchum
  Josh Vance

Outstanding Achievement (Community Service)
  Erin Adams
  Ashley Hyatt

Outstanding Achievement (Teaching)
  Cheryl Conway
  Jessie Swigger

Outstanding Achievement (Research)
  Betty Farmer, Lane Perry, & Steve Ha

Meritorious Service
  Scott Eldredge
  Kelsey Woodford

Partnership
  Cullowhee Valley School
  Karol Farris

Leading Light
  Inclusive Education Program
2016 Award Winners

Community Service (Student – Individual and Organization)
  Mallie Billing
  Leah Downing
  Matthew Impagliatelli
  Mountain Area Pro Bono PT Clinic Student Board

Outstanding Achievement (Students)
  Alicia Adams, Samantha Job, Kristina Lundberg, Jessica Augsburger, & Mo Ramsey

Shining Star
  Joanna Woodson

Outstanding Achievement (Community Service)
  Mary Adams
  Brian Boyer

Outstanding Achievement (Teaching)
  Marie-Line Germain
  Ellen Sigler
  Beth Wall-Basset

Outstanding Achievement (Research)
  Kelly Kelley

Meritorious Service
  Amy Murphy-Nugen
  Niki Paganelli
  Hillary Posten

Partnership
  Adam Bigelow
  Good Samaritan Clinic

Leading Light
  School of Nursing
2015 Award Winners

Community Service (Student – Individual and Organization)
   Garrett Goodwin
   Gretchen Gragg
   Roberto Hess
   WCU Honors College Board of Directors

Outstanding Achievement (Students)
   Rebeca Bermudez
   Tyler Cook
   Michael Lovett
   Susan Shelton

Shining Star
   Mackenzie Moody

Outstanding Achievement (Community Service)
   Bill Richmond

Outstanding Achievement (Teaching)
   Cheryl Clark

Meritorious Service
   Jessica Barnes

Partnership
   Karen Keating, Care Partners
   Habitat for Humanity of Macon/Jackson Co
   Harris Regional Hospital

Leading Light
   Philosophy and Religion Department
2014 Award Winners

Community Service (Student – Individual and Organization)
  Kristen Kowalczyk
  Nutrition and Dietetics Student Association

Outstanding Achievement (Students)
  Aaron Benton
  Tyler Chandler
  Jason Ledford
  Kris Naylor

Shining Star
  Zach Rumble

Outstanding Achievement (Community Service)
  John Carzoli

Outstanding Achievement (Teaching)
  Cyndy Caravelis Hughes

Outstanding Achievement (Research)
  Patricia Bricker

Meritorious Service
  Jennifer Bennett

Partnership
  Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project
  Kaleb Lynch (Catman2)

Leading Light
  Hospitality and Tourism Department
2013 Award Winners

Community Service (Student – Individual and Organization)
  Ozzie Gonzalez-Alanis
  Cameron Honour
  Aaron Marshall
  Cullowhee Voter Initiative
  Omega Psi Phi
  Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia

Outstanding Achievement (Students)
  Tiffany Baldwin
  Wesley Cook
  Paul Horton
  Randy Pressley

Shining Star
  Ryan Hermance

Outstanding Achievement (Community Service)
  Sharon Archer
  Katy Ginanni
  David Trigg

Outstanding Achievement (Teaching)
  Fred Fisher
  Sharon Metcalf
  Elizabeth Sexton
  John Whitmire

Outstanding Achievement (Research)
  Brenda Marques

Meritorious Service
  Todd Collins
  Glenda Hensley

Partnership
  Community Table
  REACH of Macon County

Leading Light
  Department of Communication
2012 Award Winners

Community Service (Student – Individual and Organization)
  Tyler Guess
  Ryan Hermance
  Alpha Kappa Alpha
  Epsilon Tau Pi
  Nutrition & Dietetics Student Association

Outstanding Achievement (Students)
  Olivia Jacobs
  Ashlan McSwain

Shining Star
  Andy Miller

Outstanding Achievement (Community Service)
  Jolene Coggins
  Bob Ford

Outstanding Achievement (Teaching)
  Susan Brown-Strauss
  Dan Clapper
  Betty Farmer
  Gabe Nucci

Outstanding Achievement (Research)
  BJ White

Meritorious Service
  Cheryl Clark
  Betty Farmer

Partnership
  Full Spectrum Farms
  Jennifer Dirkes

Leading Light
  Recreational Therapy Program
2011 Award Winners

Community Service (Student – Individual and Organization)
  Courtney Timmons
  Jettana Thomas
  Rakim Lash
  Ted Denning
  Alpha Kappa Alpha
  Delta Sigma Theta
  Omega Psi Phi

Outstanding Achievement (Students)
  Hanna Allen
  Kenya Crocker

Shining Star
  Branden Cable
  Steven Kummer
  Aaron Marshall

Community Service (Staff)
  Sue Grider
  Adam Griffith

Meritorious Service
  Sarah Carter
  Robert Ford

Outstanding Achievement (Teaching)
  Brian Lawrence
  Mickey Randolph
  John Whitmire

Outstanding Achievement (Research)
  Jane Nichols

Outstanding Achievement (Service)
  Jeanne Dulworth
  Jennifer Hinton & Julie Ogletree
  Candace Roberts

Partnership
  Oconaluftee Job Corps
  REACH of Jackson County

Leading Light
  Department of Communication
2010 Award Winners

Community Service (Student – Individual and Organization)
Amanda G. Smith
Shanee Sullivan
Jake Watkins
Alpha Kappa Alpha
Sigma Chi
Catamount Communications

Community Service (Staff)
Jennifer Bennett
Lisa Wilson
Brendan Braaten

Meritorious Service
Department of Athletics
University Center Staff
Julia Konish

Shining Star
Krista Robb
Mindy Smith

Outstanding Achievement (Students)
Tracy Bailey
Christopher Novack
Stephen Barber
Zachary Johnson
Adam Morris
Trey Campbell
Amanda Hughes
Christopher Walters
Carey McKelvey
Mike Santoro
Graeme Watt

Outstanding Achievement (Teaching)
Prof. Arledge Armenaki
Dr. Todd Collins
Dr. Sharon Metcalf

Outstanding Achievement (Research)
Dr. Paul Jacques

Outstanding Achievement (Service)
Prof. Joan Byrd
Dr. Victoria Faircloth

Partnership
Terry Bradley (Principal, East Franklin Elementary School)
Kevin Hughes (Volunteer Coordinator & Kitchen Manager, Community Table)
Appalachian Homestead Farm and Preserve
REACH of Macon County
SOAR – Success Oriented Achievement Realized

Leading Light
Office for Special Programs & Teaching Fellows (Dr. Jacqueline Smith–Director)
2009 Award Winners

Support Program of Excellence Award
   Center for Service Learning
Honors College Award Grant
   Center for Service Learning
Leading Light
   School of Health Sciences
Partnership
   Mountain Trace Nursing Center
     Lisa Dean
     Eleanor Macaulay (Jackson Co Public Schools)
     Peggy Ayers (Jackson Co Public Schools)
   Jackson County Public Schools (Jackson Co Public Schools)
     Todd Goins of the Clay County Department of Social Services
Outstanding Achievement (Students)
   Sean Cassidy
   Ross Dillon
   Kirk Gunton
   Stephen Johnson
   Jesse Romine
Outstanding Achievement (Teaching)
   Dr. Robert Anderson (Engineering Technology)
   Professor Dottie Green (Social Work)
   Dr. Patricia Morse (Social Work)
   Dr. April Tallant (School of Health Sciences)
Outstanding Achievement (Service)
   Dr. Jamie Davis (Modern Foreign Languages)
   Dr. Ashley Long (School of Health Sciences)
Outstanding Achievement (Research)
   Dr. Paul Jacques
Shining Star
   Colin Scott
   Shawna Hipps
Community Service- Organization
   Alpha Phi Omega
   Nutrition and Dietetics Association
   Western Athletic Training Association
Community Service- Students
   Aaron Camp
   Ashley Merrill
Community Service- Staff
   Brian Boyer
Meritorious Service
   Staff of Base Camp Cullowhee
Medford Scholars Certificates
   Kathleen Cummins
   Mollie Richards
   Wil Owens
   Ashley Merrill
   Samuel “Colin” Scott
2008 Award Winners

NC Campus Compact Awards
  Ramona Dowell

Community Service (Individual)
  Marie Nemerov
  Kathleen Cummins

Community Service (Organization)
  Psi Chi/Psychology Club
  Sigma Chi Fraternity
  Sport Management Association

Shining Star
  Cassidy Shane Price
  Ashley Merrill

Meritorious Service
  Jane Adams-Dunford
  Charli Lehman

Outstanding Achievement (Students)
  Diane Smith
  Brianna Ward
  Diane Erikson Fox
  Robin Stevens

Outstanding Achievement Service
  Dr. Erin Tapley
  Janet James
  Dr. William Richmond
  Dr. Lydia Aydlett

Outstanding Achievement Research
  Jeanne Dulworth

Outstanding Achievement (Teaching)
  Dr. Barbara St. John
  Dr. Sharon Elizabeth Metcalfe
  Dr. Margaret “Peg” Connolly
  Jeanne Dulworth
  Dr. Cynthia Deale

Partnership
  Timara McCollum (Community Table)
  Jackson Department of Social Services
  Jackson County Green Energy Park
  Emily Elders (Town of Dillsboro)

Leading Light
  Department of Social Work
  Dr. Marie Huff – Department Head
Community Service (Individual)
  Courtney Howard
  Joshua Fisher

Community Service (Organization)
  Art Education Club
  Recreational Therapy Association

Meritorious Service
  Tanisha Jenkins
  Mary-Lynn Starkey

Shining Star
  Ramona Dowdell
  Katie Graunke

Outstanding Achievement (Teaching)
  Prof. Debra Connelly
  Dr. Bill Richmond
  Dr. Barbara Jo White

Outstanding Achievement Research
  Prof. Debra Burke

Outstanding Achievement (Students)
  Rachel All
  Julie Mann
  Lori Saddler
  Lauren Kaufmann
  Lacy Ensley
  Chris Whisenhunt
  Donna Ferrara
  Tyler “Tate” Apodaca
  Shea Megia-Croft
  Kimberly Nesbit
  Garrett Fisher
  Patricia Graham

Partnership
  Dr. Alberto Bernal Millian
  Dr. Paul Strop
  Small Business & Technology Development Center
  Town of Sylva
  Pardee Hospital

Leading Light
  Department of Communication, Theatre, and Dance
  - Prof. Susan Brown-Strauss Department Head
Humanitarian Award
   Nominee Katie Graunke
Community Impact Award
   Katie Graunke
Medford Scholarship
   Ramona Dowdell
   Mary Ferrick
   Joshua Fisher
   Katie Graunke
   Amber Poling
Leading Light
   Department of Marketing and Business Administration and Law, Debra Burke (Department Head)
Community Service (Individual)
   Samantha McNeil
   Tabitha Taylor
Community Service (Organization)
   Business & Law Society
   Kendo Club
   Last Minute Productions
   La Voz Latina
Meritorious Service
   Donna Welch
Shining Star
   Meredith Silas
   LaRhonda Dowdell
Outstanding Achievement (Students)
   Norris Raby
   Jay Moose
   Cara Lovejoy
   Rebecca Grinder
   Patricia Graham
   Erica Edgington
   Ellie Lee
   Kanyon Robertson
Outstanding Achievement (Teaching)
   Michael Caudill
   Dr. Erin Tapley
   Dr. Todd Watson
   Glenda Hensley & Claire Eye
   Dr. Phillip Sanger
   Craig Capano
Outstanding Achievement (Service)
   Dr. Lyn Lazar
   Dr. Lynda Aydlett
   Patricia Hackett
Partnership
   Brian Thomas (WestCare Health System)
   Sandy Frazier
   Dr. David Thomas
   Larry McDonald (Jackson County Board of Education)
   Town of Maggie Valley
2005 Award Winners

Leading Light
   Dr. Karen Lunnen

Other Major Awards
   Natalie Breitenstein
   Sara McGraw
   Bonnie Garner
   Mary Teslow
   Dr. Christopher Cooper
   Dr. Joe McDonald
   Marjorie Askins
   Harrah’s Cherokee Casino and Hotel
   Claire Dills
   Dona West

2004 Award Winners

Medford Scholarships
   LaRhonda Dowdell
   Jason Marshburn
   Meridith Silas
   Joel Stroot
   Tabitha Taylor

2003 Awards Winners

Medford Scholarships
   Christina Smith
   Tabitha Taylor
   Edward Johnson
   Molly Murtola
   Kern-Elaine Smith