

## 2023 Award Winners

### Lily Award Recipients

Sarah Barksdale  
Emma Dingle  
Meredith Mandell  
Dustin Pease  
Terin Waller

### Lily Award with Distinction Recipients

Jordan Chambliss  
Syerra Greene  
Monique R. McFarland  
Christine Robbins  
Megan Robey  
Pierce Roberts  
Isaac Roberts  
Rea Syska  
Angelica Tagge  
Sarah Tisinger  
Penny Vermeulen

### Jacob Spencer Medford Scholarship Recipients

Mohammad Alhassan  
Gracin Almond  
Josephine Bloomfield  
Theodore Brandon  
Jeffrey Clark  
Emma Lineberger  
Kate Merrin  
Bernard Moyo  
Xaviers Mathews Mukire  
Trinity Pittman  
Breeanna Powell  
Gianna Sidler  
Heather Swanson  
Mary Tyson  
Lily Wies

### Graduating Members of Student Democracy Coalition

Holly Miller  
Kylie Cox

### Community-engaged Teaching & Learning Award

**Band of Brothers: (Servant) Leadership and Masculinity** - Residential Case Manager and Instructor, Brian Boyer & The Community Table of Jackson County.

### Community-engaged Research Award

**A Monumental Project:** WCU Lecturer of English Dr. Rachel Bridgers; WCU Assistant Professor of History Dr. Jessie Swigger; WCU Professor of Political Science and Public Affairs Dr. Chris Cooper; WCU School of Art and Design Adjunct Faculty Dr. Susan Martin; WCU University Library Technician Jenny McPherson; WCU Alpha Phi

Fraternity Members; Former WCU English Faculty Dr. Elizabeth Heffelfinger; SCC Professor Chrise Cox; UT Knoxville Professor Geography Dr. Derek Alderman; Cherokee Schools Arts Director Yona Wade; Jackson County Historical Society; Jackson County Genealogical Society; Sons of the Confederacy Jackson County Chapter; Jackson County Arts Council, Jackson County NAACP; and The Sylva Herald.

**Economic Impact & Environmental Benefits of Green Energy:** Professor of Economics, Dr. Steve Ha; WCU Student, Vivian Nguyen; and Green Energy Park in Jackson County.

#### Community-engaged Outreach Award

Mountain Area Pro Bono Health Services (MAP): WCU Physical Therapy Department Head and Professor Dr. David Hudson; WCU Physical Therapy Associate Department Head and Assistant Professor Dr. John Carzoli; WCU Physical Therapy Assistant Professor Dr. Todd Eckard; WCU Physical Therapy Assistant Professor Dr. Jessica Graning; WCU Physical Therapy Assistant Professor Dr. Ashley Hyatt; WCU Physical Therapy Assistant Professor Dr. Joshua Jones; WCU Physical Therapy Professor Dr. Doug Keskula; WCU Physical Therapy Assistant Professor Dr. Katie Ollendick; WCU Physical Therapy Assistant Professor Dr. Lori Schrod; WCU Physical Therapy Assistant Professor Dr. Tammy Simmons; WCU Physical Therapy Assistant Professor Dr. Elizabeth Wark; WCU Physical Therapy Professor Dr. Todd Watson; WCU Physical Therapy Student Sandy Davis; WCU Physical Therapy Student Zach Demeester; WCU Physical Therapy Student Hannah Pollard; MAP Student Board; and Vecinos, Inc.

#### Student-initiated Community Engagement Award

**A Brotherhood for Good:** WCU Alpha Sigma Phi & United Christian Ministries  
**Giving Together. Saving Lives.:** WCU Emergency Management Student Association & American Red Cross.

#### Community Engagement Champion Award

**Mountain Heritage Center:** Director, Dr. Amber Albert; Curatorial Specialist Loran Berg; Museum Education Associate Peter Koch; Administrative Support Associate Lois Stiles.

#### Change-Maker Award

Palin Berkana-Wycoff  
Dr. Jim Dean  
Dr. Cathy Grist  
Dr. Yue Hillon  
Dr. Kelly Kelley  
Dr. Travis Rountree

#### IMPACT Award

Dr. Carol Burton

## **2022 Award Winners**

Community Service (Student – Individual and Organization)

Karstin Alfaro

Sigma Phi Epsilon

Outstanding Achievement (Students)

COMM 460

Shining Star

Rebecca Hart

Mitch Mullin

Kaleigh Roberson

Joslyn Stinson

Outstanding Achievement (Community Service)

Bora & Berna Karayaka

Coach Kiley Hill & Coach Megan Brown

Outstanding Achievement (Teaching)

Patrick Baron

Outstanding Achievement (Research)

Todd Watson

Meritorious Service

Anne Aldrich

Jack Eaddy

Partnership

Margo Capparelli

Jess Mrugala

Leading Light

Department of Social Work

## **2021 Award Winners**

Moving Mountains

Cortnee Lingerfelt  
Community Service (Student – Individual and Organization)  
Maddox Bulris  
James Carroll  
Virginia Cross  
Kelly Yates  
Alpha Phi Omega  
Mujeres con un Propósito  
Outstanding Achievement (Students)  
HSCC 475  
Shining Star  
Danny Tizon  
Outstanding Achievement (Community Service)  
Cyndy Caravelis  
Outstanding Achievement (Teaching)  
Sara Duncan  
Adam Groh  
Meritorious Service  
Coleman Leopard  
WCU Athletic Department  
Partnership  
MAHEC  
SCC Nursing Program  
Leading Light  
Human Services Department

## **2020 Award Winners**

Student Recognitions

Kathryn Darsillo  
Deria Evans  
Emily Freeze  
Ashley Palmer  
Sidney Roy  
Danny Tizon  
Brianna Weaver  
Alpha Phi Omega Petitioning Group  
Circle K International  
Rotaract Club of Western Carolina University  
Student Democracy Coalition

Faculty Recognitions

Scott Eldredge  
Heather Mae Erickson  
Betty Farmer  
Marie Line Germain  
Yue Hillon  
Matt Liddle  
April Perry  
Eleanor Petrone  
Jessie Swigger  
Yanjun Yan

Staff Recognitions

Brian Boyer  
Steve Bridges  
Jonathan Brooks  
Marty Ramsey  
Division of Information Technology  
Staff Senate  
University Communications and Marketing

Community Partner Recognitions

Leonard Holden, Project FIRE  
Kaleb Lynch, Catman2  
Biltmore Park Food Pantry  
Haywood Pathways Center  
Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust  
HomeBase  
Jackson County Board of Elections  
North Carolina Campus Compact

**2019 Award Winners**

Community Service (Student – Individual and Organization)

David Benoit  
Abigail Veit  
Honors College Student Board of Directors  
Rotaract  
Outstanding Achievement (Students)  
COMM 460  
Shining Star  
Jeremy Sasser  
Outstanding Achievement (Community Service)  
Richard Tichich  
WCU Grounds Department  
Outstanding Achievement (Teaching)  
John Carzoli  
Shelby Hicks  
Outstanding Achievement (Research)  
Jonathan Bradshaw  
Meritorious Service  
Kaitlin Ritchie  
Department of Intercultural Affairs  
Partnership  
The Community Table  
Full Spectrum Farms  
Haywood Pathways Center  
Leading Light  
The Honors College

**2018 Award Winners**

Community Service (Student – Individual and Organization)

Jermois Morris  
Leanna Purvis  
Davis Wilson  
Alpha Phi Omega Petitioning Group  
Autism Society of North Carolina, Western Carolina University Chapter  
Outstanding Achievement (Students)  
SOCW 673  
Shining Star  
Kaylynn Wilson  
Outstanding Achievement (Community Service)  
JP Gannon  
Outstanding Achievement (Teaching)  
Wendy Cagle  
Yue Hillon  
Outstanding Achievement (Research)  
Lane Perry, Robert Lahm, Annika Schauer, & Zachary Rumble  
Meritorious Service  
Arledge Armenaki  
George Brown  
Jeremiah Haas  
Partnership  
Adam Bigelow  
Vecinos Farmworker Health Program  
Leading Light  
Nutrition and Dietetics Program

**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 Metcalfe  
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

## **2007 Award Winners**

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

## 2006 Award Winners

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)  
Samanthia 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