Faculty & Staff Awards Recognition Dinner

“Reach for Excellence”

Wednesday, September 7, 2022 | 5:30 p.m.

Willie A. Tempton, Sr., Memorial Student Center Ballroom
Prairie View, TX
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**Presiding**
Harriette Howard-Lee Block
Associate Professor and Department Head of Biology

**Welcome**
Ruth J. Simmons
President

**Invocation**
Reverend Charles H. Lewter IV
Dean, Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel

**Dinner is Served**

**Presentation of Awards**

**Presidential Awards**
Ruth J. Simmons

**Faculty Awards**
James M. Palmer
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

**Faculty/Staff Research and Innovation Awards**
Magesh Rajan
Vice President for Research, Innovation and Sponsored Programs

**Staff Awards**
Cynthia Carter-Horn
Senior Vice President for Business Affairs and Chief Financial Officer

**Closing Remarks**
James M. Palmer
2020–2022 Presidential Awards

Presidential Award for Outstanding Achievement as a Faculty Member

The Presidential Award for Outstanding Achievement as a Faculty Member is the highest honor bestowed on faculty members by PVAMU. The accomplishments and contributions of those selected are highly meritorious and worthy of recognition. Whither, they have had an impact not only on PVAMU but also on the broader community, the state of Texas, and at the national and international levels.

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<td>Gloria Regisford</td>
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Presidential Award for Outstanding Achievement as a Staff Member

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2020–2022 Faculty Awards

Outstanding Full-Time Teaching

- 2020: Lin Li
- 2021: Jacklyn Sanders
- 2022: Karl Baughman

Outstanding Part-Time Teaching

- 2021: Manjit Kaur
- 2022: Brian Cantrell

Faculty Service

- 2020: Yolander Youngblood
- 2021: Terésa Dowell-Vest
- 2022: Lin Li
- 2021: Wash Jones

Academic Advising

- 2021: Orlando Garcia
- 2022: Ahmed Mahfouz

Global Engagement Faculty

- 2020: Quincy C. Moore III
- 2021: Nabil Ouassini
- 2022: Kwaku Addo
## Faculty/Staff Research and Innovation Awards

### Excellence in Sponsored Research

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<td>Lijun Qian</td>
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<td>Ali Fares</td>
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### Excellence in Scholarly Research

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### Outstanding Early Researcher

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<td>Na Li</td>
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### Excellence in Innovation, Commercialization and Entrepreneurship

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### Staff Awards

#### Initiative and Creativity

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<td>Alexis Boyd</td>
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#### Personal Accomplishments

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<td>Elizabeth Brumfield</td>
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#### Team Accomplishments

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#### Customer Support

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#### CEP Extension Award

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PLANNING COMMITTEE
James M. Palmer, Co-Chair
Beverly Copeland ’03 ’06, Co-Chair
Carol Campbell ’79 ’99, Co-Chair

STEERING COMMITTEE
Cynthia Carter-Horn
Magesh Rajan
Ashley Albee
JeDonna Barnett
John S. Briscoe ’02 ’06
Demitris Cambric
Kevin H. Hoffman ’89 ’93
Demetria Howard ’04
Candace Johnson ’02 ’05
Olivia Lee
Rahim Quazi
Blynthia Wilson

SPECIAL THANKS
Office for University Special Events and Protocol
Office for Marketing and Communications

Amazing Awards
Blank Canvas Graphic Design
Daniel Pardo
Darren Bennett
Gabriel Santiago
Hiram H. Smith of Hiram Style
Metoyer-Roy Printing