

Faculty and Staff Excellence Awards

In order to recognize the outstanding contributions to the College of Visual and Performing Arts by both faculty and staff, three faculty and three staff awards have been created. The VPA Faculty Excellence Awards will recognize faculty excellence in research, faculty excellence in teaching, and faculty excellence in service. The VPA Staff Excellence Awards will recognize the hard work and dedication of our staff. All awards are \$1,000.

Nominations for the upcoming year should be submitted by Friday, March 18, 2022. Nominations should be submitted to Ralph Lorenz, senior associate dean of academic affairs, at ralorenz@syr.edu, and Chris Eiffe, senior director of budget, operations, and strategic initiatives, at caeiffe@syr.edu.

- [VPA Faculty and Staff Excellence Awards \[Word\]](#)
- [Faculty Excellence Awards Nomination Form](#)
- [Staff Excellence Awards Nomination Form](#)

2020-21

Winners: Faculty Excellence*

- José (Peppie) Calvar, Setnor School of Music, Excellence in Teaching
- Kelly Gallagher, Department of Transmedia, Excellence in Teaching
- Margie Hughto, School of Art, Excellence in Teaching
- Marilyn Koch, School of Art, Excellence in Teaching
- Carmel Nicoletti, School of Design, Excellence in Teaching

**No nominations were received for Excellence in Research or Service.*

Winners: Staff Excellence

- Melissa Chirico-Brown, Office of Budget and Operations
- Kati Foley, Office of the Dean
- Caitlin Jarvis, Office of Recruitment and Admissions
- Ben Luhrs, Office of Academic and Career Advising
- Hannah Nast, Office of Academic and Career Advising

2019

Winners: Faculty Excellence

- Ed Morris, Department of Transmedia, Excellence in Teaching
- Sharif Bey, School of Art, Excellence in Research
- Anne Laver, Setnor School of Music, Excellence in Service

Winners: Staff Excellence

- Danielle Benedetto, Office of Information Technology
- Maria Maloof, Office of Budget and Operations
- Michelle Taylor, Setnor School of Music

2018

Winners: Faculty Excellence*

- Boryana Rossa, Department of Transmedia, Excellence in Research
- Ida Tili-Trebicka, Setnor School of Music, Excellence in Service

**No nominations were received for Excellence in Teaching.*

Winners: Staff Excellence

- Megan Carlsen, Setnor School of Music
- Francesca Moore, Setnor School of Music
- Lisa Nicholas, Department of Drama
- Sandy Puro, School of Art

2017

Winners: Faculty Excellence

- Kara Herold, Department of Transmedia, Excellence in Teaching

- Susannah Saylor, Department of Transmedia, Excellence in Research
- Joanna Spitzner, School of Art, Excellence in Service

Winners: Staff Excellence

- Joanne Balduzzi, Department of Communication and Rhetorical Studies
- Chris Prior, VPA Fabrication Shops
- Lisa Tucci, Department of Drama