

Faculty Awards

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Awards are important way of recognizing achievement and excellence in the A&M-Commerce faculty. The following are brief descriptions of the awards overseen by the Faculty Awards Committee of the Faculty Senate. See A&M-Commerce Procedure [12.99.99.R0.03](#) for detailed information about eligibility and the nomination and selection process for each award.

Regents Professor Award

Each year the Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System honors individuals at the rank of professor or equivalent whose distinguished performance in teaching, research, and service has been exemplary. The award is the highest honor bestowed by the A&M System on faculty members. The performance of those selected for this award is considered meritorious and worthy of recognition of their achievements that have had an impact on not only their institution or agency, but also the community, the state of Texas, and/or at the national and international levels.

Minnie Stevens Piper Nominee

The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation honors fifteen Texas professors during the academic year for their dedication to the teaching profession and for their outstanding academic, scientific, and scholarly achievement. A&M-Commerce is allowed to nominate one professor (the number of professors any university is permitted to nominate is based on the student body enrollment).

William L. Mayo Professorship Award

The William L. Mayo Professorship Award provides recognition to a faculty member who epitomizes the goals of Professor May's motto: "Ceaseless Industry, Fearless Investigation, Unfettered Thought, and Unselfish Service to Others." The Mayo Professorship is the ultimate award granted from A&M-Commerce and is intended to highlight an exemplary career in teaching, research, and service. The award is presented to a person currently at the rank of professor who has performed in an outstanding manner, primarily in teaching, but also in scholarship and service to the university community. A recipient will be selected every three years, unless a meritorious faculty member is not identified.

Paul W. Barrus Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching

The Paul W. Barrus Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching provides recognition and a monetary award for tenure-track faculty members who have performed in an outstanding manner in teaching. The award is given every year, and up to three recipients per year may be selected.

H. M. Lafferty Distinguished Faculty Award for Scholarship and Creative Activity

The H. M. Lafferty Distinguished Faculty Award for Scholarship and Creative Activity provides recognition and a monetary award for a tenure-track faculty member who has performed in an outstanding manner in scholarship and/or creative activity. The award is given every year, with one recipient selected.

Neill Humfeld Distinguished Faculty Award for Service

The Neill Humfeld Distinguished Faculty Award for Service provides recognition and a monetary award for a tenure-track faculty member who has performed in an outstanding manner in service to the university, his or her particular college, and department. The award is given every year, with one recipient selected.

Faculty Senate Recognition Awards for Professional Excellence

The Faculty Senate Awards for Professional Excellence recognize faculty members who have distinguished themselves through outstanding achievement in particular areas of their professional duties. Any faculty member may be eligible for consideration. Faculty Senate Awards for Professional Excellence are awarded every year in the spring term.

These nine awards include:

- Teaching-Classroom Award
- Teaching -Technology Award
- Teaching-Innovation Award
- Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities - "Unfettered Thought"
- Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities - "Ceaseless Industry"
- Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities - "Fearless Investigation"
- Professional Service Award
- University Service Award
- Community Service Award

The award recipients are announced at the Faculty Award Luncheon in April.