

College of Letters, Arts and Sciences Deans Awards Categories and Descriptions

Please read the descriptions below prior to submitting your nomination(s).

The College of Letters, Arts and Sciences (CLAS) Deans Awards recognize faculty and staff who have demonstrated excellence in their roles and contributions to MSU Denver. Winners are recognized during the CLAS Faculty and Staff Appreciation and Award Ceremony, receive an award certificate and a monetary award incentive.

CLAS Deans Awards Categories

Winners represent those who have received the highest honor and distinction for CLAS. No more than one individual will be recognized for each CLAS Deans Award category.

Eligibility: All CLAS staff (administrator and classified) or faculty members (affiliate, lecturers, tenure track and tenured) who have been employed by the University for a minimum of one academic year may be nominated for CLAS Deans Awards.

- **Excellence in Teaching: Affiliate Faculty** recognizes affiliate faculty who have demonstrated excellence in teaching and educating MSU Denver students. They have shown excellence in the classroom and consistent dedication to students by creating welcoming and inclusive classrooms that support the growth, learning and education of MSU Denver students.
- **Excellence in Teaching: Lecturers** recognizes lecturers who have demonstrated excellence in teaching and educating MSU Denver students. They have shown excellence in the classroom and consistent dedication to students by creating welcoming and inclusive classrooms that support the growth, learning and education of MSU Denver students.
- **Excellence in Teaching: Tenure Track and Tenured Faculty** recognizes tenure track and tenured faculty who have demonstrated excellence in teaching and educating MSU Denver students. They have shown excellence in the classroom and consistent dedication to students by creating welcoming and inclusive classrooms that support the growth, learning and education of MSU Denver students.
- **Excellence in Service: Tenure Track and Tenured Faculty** recognizes tenure track and tenured faculty members who have provided outstanding service to the University.
- **Excellence in Research: Tenure Track and Tenured Faculty** recognizes tenure track and tenured faculty members who have contributed noteworthy research to their area of expertise and advanced knowledge through scholarly activities.
- **Advisor of the Year** recognizes one individual who has received the highest honor and distinction for a CLAS advisor. The advisor of the year is committed to the students they advise and actively promote student success. They personify [NACADA's core values](#): Care, Commitment, Empowerment, Inclusivity, Integrity, Professionalism and Respect.
- **Staff Member of the Year** recognizes one individual who has received the highest honor and distinction for a staff member in CLAS. Winners represent those who have shown excellence and professionalism in their positions, have made outstanding contributions that benefit students, staff, faculty and the College and exhibit a strong commitment to values and mission of the University.
- **Chair/Director of the Year** recognizes one CLAS Chair/Director for the highest honor and distinction in CLAS. The Chair/Director of the year goes beyond the role and scope of their department and displays outstanding leadership qualities. The Chair/Director of the year fosters

a positive departmental environment by mentoring and supporting the development of their faculty and staff. They have also shown dedication to diverse hiring and recruiting. They contribute significantly to the strategic planning and vision of the University, demonstrate innovation, and encourage collaboration and cross-disciplinarity. They are a resource for problem-solving often lending expertise, addressing challenging issues, while creating a culture that values civic leadership and driving change. They promote [the University's core set of values](#): Excellence, Community, Access, Diversity and Respect.

Award Incentives

- All winners will be recognized during the CLAS Faculty and Staff Appreciation and Award Ceremony. This ceremony will occur once during the Spring semester.
- All winners will receive:
 - An award certificate or plaque
 - A monetary award incentive
 - A signed award letter from the CLAS Dean
 - Additional special promotional items (when available)
- Current and past winners' names will be acknowledged on the CLAS website.
- If publication dates align, winners will also be featured in the Rowdy Report (the official newsletter of MSU Denver College of Letters, Arts and Sciences).