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Dear Colleagues:

It is with great pleasure that I announce the winners of this year's **Above and Beyond Faculty Awards!** This award was started in 2019 and is funded by the College of Sciences Advisory Board to recognize those faculty who, through their teaching, research, or service, go above and beyond their usual role. These faculty serve the educational mission of ODU in many ways, some of which are not recognized through the usual teaching or research awards. These faculty are problem solvers, the ones who take initiative to improve the lives of our students, staff, and faculty.

This year the Advisory Board raised extra money in order to recognize 10 faculty who were critical to our efforts to go online quickly when the COVID-19 pandemic forced that change in March. These faculty were incredibly helpful to their colleagues and made it possible for many faculty who have never taught online to do so successfully with little advance warning. Normally Jim Brunelle and Lynn Clements from the Advisory Board would present the awards in person. However, this year that is not possible, so they sent this message to the 2020 Above and Beyond Faculty Award winners:

“The College of Sciences Advisory Board is honored to support Dean Dodge in recognizing each of you for your professionalism and dedication in support of the College throughout the ongoing pandemic crisis. Your individual and collective contributions have played a critical role in maintaining the high academic standards of the College and ensuring an effective and productive student experience. Your model efforts are clearly exemplary and well deserving of recognition for performance Above and Beyond. Congratulations!”

I am extremely grateful to the following winners of the 2020 Above and Beyond Faculty Awards for their contributions to the success of our educational mission this past spring:

Bala Ramjee – Chemistry and Biochemistry
Christina Steel – Biological Sciences
Des Cook – Physics
Gordon Melrose – Mathematics and Statistics
Jennifer Younkin – Psychology
Kalpana Mahadevan – Chemistry and Biochemistry
Kayla Culbertson – Biological Sciences
Przemek Bogacki – Mathematics and Statistics
Shannon Wells – Ocean and Earth Sciences
Steve Zeil – Computer Science

Congratulations!
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