Monday Matters: COS awards - call for nominations

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Dear Colleagues:

It is time to nominate yourself or a colleague for one of the College of Sciences Awards. New this year is an award for Outreach! In addition, we will honor the College nominees for the Graduate Teaching Awards and Doctoral Mentoring Award, both of which are administered by the Graduate School. These awards have earlier deadlines.

Attached please find a PDF with information about four awards from Academic Affairs/Graduate School:

1. Excellence in Graduate Teaching – each college may nominate 2 faculty members
   
   • Deadline for nominations from Chair to College – Feb. 12, 2024

2. Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Awards – one for laboratory instruction and one for classroom instruction

   • Deadline for nominations from Chair to College – Feb. 5, 2024

3. University Doctoral Mentoring Awards

   • Deadline for nominations from Chair to College – Feb. 19, 2024

The second attached PDF contains information about the College or Sciences awards. The College awards are all due from the Chair to the College on March 15, 2024. We have a limit of one nomination per department for all of these awards. I hope to get seven nominations for each award!

1. Hirschfeld Award – this award goes to a faculty member in the College of Sciences every other year.
2. Distinguished Research Award
3. Early Career Distinguished Research Award
4. Undergraduate Research Mentor
5. COS distinguished Teaching Awards – four separate awards:

   • Tenured
6. Outstanding Staff Member
7. Outstanding Advisor
8. Outreach Award – new!
9. Lee Entsminger Outstanding Ph.D. Dissertation
10. Outstanding MS Thesis

The award recipients will be honored at the College Awards Ceremony on April 23. Please save that date.

Best Regards,
Gail

**Upcoming Events and Deadlines:**

- Jan. 23 7 pm: 39th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance - an evening with Dr. Bernice A. King; Chartway Arena
- Jan. 24 10:30 – 12: Environmental Sciences Kickoff Meeting; RSVP by registering at [https://forms.gle/TeizcqqS3pRLBBp58](https://forms.gle/TeizcqqS3pRLBBp58)
- Jan. 26 Science Friday 4 – 6 pm PSB 1100; Speakers Guohui Song (Math & Stat) and Shuai Hao (Computer Science)
- Feb. 8 evening: Sonenshine public Lecture: Dr. Jonna Mazet, “Colliding Crises: the power of collaboration for addressing the planet’s wicked problems”
- Feb. 15: abstract deadline for Undergraduate Research Symposium
- Feb. 23 Science Friday 4 – 6 pm PSB 1100; Speakers John Whiteman (Biology) and Xiao Yang (Psychology)
- Feb. 28: Deadline for COS environmental sciences seed funding proposal
- March 29 Science Friday 4 – 6 pm PSB 1100; Speakers Matt Grau (Physics) and Lusi Li (Computer Science)
- March 30: Undergraduate Research Symposium
- April 13: Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair – please register to be a judge at [https://forms.office.com/r/ND2Hgyiw1H](https://forms.office.com/r/ND2Hgyiw1H)
- April 23: College of Sciences Awards Ceremony - afternoon