



Distinguished Faculty Awards – 2026

REGENTS PROFESSOR Nominee

Dr. LaVelle Hendricks

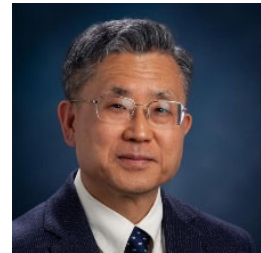
Professor of Counseling
Department of Counseling
College of Education & Human Services



MAYO PROFESSOR

Dr. Sang Suh

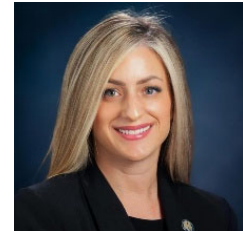
Regents Professor of Computer Science
Department of Computer Science & Info Systems
College of Science & Engineering



PAUL W. BARRUS DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARDS FOR TEACHING

Dr. Maggie Salem

Assistant Professor of Agricultural Leadership
Department of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources
College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources



H.M. LAFFERTY DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD FOR SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY

Dr. Dimitra Smith

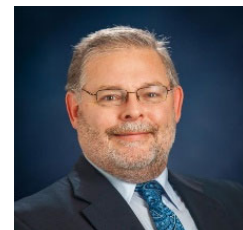
Professor of Higher Education
Department of Higher Education & Learning Technologies
College of Education & Human Services



NEILL HUMFELD DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD FOR SERVICE

Dr. Jason Lee Davis

Associate Professor of Technology Management
Department of Engineering & Technology
College of Science & Engineering



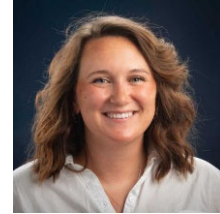


Faculty Recognition Awards for Professional Excellence – 2026

Teaching Excellence Award

Ms. Elizabeth Joslin

Clinical Instructor of Secondary Education
Department of Curriculum & Instruction
College of Education & Human Services



“Ceaseless Industry” Award for Excellence in Creative Activity

Dr. Whitney Figland

Assistant Professor of Agriculture Education
Department of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources
College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources



“Fearless Investigation” Award for Excellence in Research

Dr. Billy Quarles

Assistant Professor of Astronomy
Department of Physics & Astronomy
College of Science & Engineering



“Unfettered Thought” Award for Excellence in Scholarship

Dr. Nizar Tayem

Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering
Department of Engineering & Technology
College of Science & Engineering



“Unselfish Service” Award for Excellence in Service

Dr. Belinda Rudinger

Assistant Professor of Psychology
Department of Psychology & Special Education
College of Education & Human Services

