BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES FACULTY AND STAFF

AWARDS
Daniel Suter
Professor

Daniel Suter is recognized for his four years of service as chair of the Biological Sciences Graduate Program, and eight years of service on the Graduate and Advanced Studies Committee. During this time Individual Development Plans were implemented and the GRE as an admissions criterion was dropped.
Roger Mahrling
Academic IT Specialist

Roger is honored for leading numerous IT efforts including superb organization of our computer inventory and the launch of our teaching-with-technology efforts in the new CHAS building. He also is an outstanding mentor to the undergraduate students who work for him, and actively recruits incoming Purdue students from strong high school technology programs to work with him.
Karen Wiggins
Senior Academic Advisor

Karen is recognized for the exceptional work to overhaul and update BIOL115 & 293. This work required overhaul of multiple portions of the courses to be effective online. This work to transform very hands-on courses was especially valuable during this time where much of the student experience lost its personal connection. Karen put in the time to salvage some of that for our beginners and sophomores.
Evie Orick
Senior Academic Advisor

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Jared York
Instructional Coordinator

Jared is being honored for making BIOL 205/206 a success in trying COVID times. He collaborated with the course director in the IMPACT X+ program to prepare for delivering in-person and hybrid versions of the courses, and implemented moving their lab room and teaching materials to our new space in CHAS. He also developed an entire set of online lab activities, quizzes, assignments, and exams to accommodate students unable to attend in-person.
Denise Zielinski
Senior Lecturer

Denise is recognized for her strong commitment to education which benefits a wide range of students including non-majors, majors, and graduate students. She is also recognized for how she stepped up and chaired an exceptionally well-run search to fill positions for limited-term lecturers.
Steve Wilson
Senior Systems Engineer

Steve is being recognized for consistently providing high level IT support for the users of the major structural biology instruments in Hockmeyer Hall. On his own initiative, he has created an overall system that ranges from simple backups to installation of cutting edge software and provides the basic instructions on how to access and use these materials. He makes himself available for these high level tasks but also for simple problems and in doing so, keeps research running smoothly.
Megan McClure
Schedule Deputy

Megan is being honored for proving herself to be very capable, helpful, and responsive. She is always willing to help, and sees meeting someone else's goal as her top priority. She doesn't fluster easily, and handles their complex situations with grace, poise, and accuracy.
OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Lisa Kolo
Senior Instruction Specialist

Lisa is being honored for supporting the new BIOL203/204 instructional team in very significant ways as they faced a transition from long-time instructors, merging two courses re-inventing the courses to be more modern and applicable to a broader audience, and the challenges of COVID. She played a major role by taking charge of laboratory revisions during the first two years as the course transitioned to a new online lab interface. She has also helped create innovative case study discussions and other updated engagement opportunities to enhance student learning in this important service course.
TEAM AWARD

Nick Noinaj
Associate Professor

Nick is being recognized as a part of the Graduate Admissions Committee team for their significant effort in AY20-21 to advance diversity, equity and inclusion for our graduate program. This group worked extremely hard to completely overhaul our graduate program's application and review processes to achieve a more holistic approach in our graduate admissions.
Brittany Allen-Petersen
Assistant Professor

Brittany is being recognized as a part of the Graduate Admissions Committee team for their significant effort in AY20-21 to advance diversity, equity and inclusion for our graduate program. This group worked extremely hard to completely overhaul our graduate program's application and review processes to achieve a more holistic approach in our graduate admissions.
Henry Chang
Associate Professor

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Stephanie Gardner
Associate Professor

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Scott Pluta
Assistant Professor

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CONGRATULATIONS

Thank you to all of our honorees for your persistent efforts to create a culture of respect, inclusion, innovation and growth.

We appreciate you!