



COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION CEREMONIES

2019

OUTSTANDING MAVERICKS

25 YEAR CLUB HONOREES

30-35-40-45-50 YEAR HONOREES

10-15-20 YEAR HONOREES



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues:

An institution does not develop a reputation for greatness, nor its ability to provide knowledge to students, or even its excellence in research through transitional contributions. Reputation is derived from continuity and a history of effort and achievement through the dedicated efforts of faculty and staff ensuring that our work with students and in the community is both transformational and impactful. It is thus imperative that we recognize and celebrate the many contributions made by our talented faculty and staff, thanking them for the important roles that they have played, and continue to play, in ensuring the ever increasing excellence of UTA.



Today we recognize them for their contributions, for their service, and for their love and commitment to the institution. We also make important statements – that we recognize and place high value on the service of members of the Maverick family, acknowledging the role that each plays in making UTA the model 21st Century Urban Research University.

As we celebrate these distinguished achievements together, we share in the successes of this University because we all play personal and profound roles in realizing them. Your efforts have made a difference for our students, your colleagues, and the community we serve. You are the engine that powers our progress.

Whether you're being recognized for a service anniversary or as an Outstanding Maverick, you have long demonstrated your dedication and commitment. I'm pleased to congratulate you on your outstanding service—and to thank you for all you have done for UTA. Our successes are yours, and our future is bright because of you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vistasp M. Karbhari". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Vistasp M. Karbhari
President



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We owe a debt of gratitude for countless contributions made in service to the University.

50 YEARS

Donald Wilson
*Mechanical and Aerospace
Engineering*

45 YEARS

David Gray
Management

40 YEARS

Martin Pomerantz
Chemistry

Barbara Sellers
Economics

Richard Timmons
Chemistry

Zoltan Schelly
Chemistry

35 YEARS

Scott Brasher
OIT Telecommunications

Daniel Himarios
Global Academic Initiatives

Manjeri Raja
*Information Systems and
Operations Management*

Elsa Corral
Office of the President

Dennis Maher
Theatre Arts

Albert Tong
*Mechanical and Aerospace
Engineering*

Gary Glinsky
*Facilities Management -
Custodial*

Seiichi Nomura
*Mechanical and Aerospace
Engineering*

Johny Vargas
Police Department

30 YEARS

Marie Bannister
Health Services

Mark Cook
Library

Ronald Jordan
*Facilities Management -
Custodial*

Elisabeth Cawthon
Liberal Arts

William Cox
Police Department

Andrew Kruzic
Civil Engineering

Chee-Ming Chew
OIT Network Services

John Diltz
Finance and Real Estate

Eric Leidlein
Auxiliary Services

Norman Cobb
Social Work

Rod Hissong
Public Affairs



Frank Lu
*Mechanical and Aerospace
Engineering*

Mary Pearson
*OIT Development and
Operations*

Mark Permenter
Institutional Advancement

Selma Permenter
Institutional Advancement

Bradley Samek
OIT Network Services

Pete Smith
University Analytics

James Stewart
University Analytics

25 YEAR CLUB HONOREES

We pay special tribute to those who have served students, alumni, and the community for a quarter century.

Laura Alanis
Global Academic Initiatives

James Alvarez
Mathematics

Sandra Asebedo
OIT Enterprise Architecture

Debra Basler
English Language Institute

Cynthia Bing
Counseling Services

William Crowder
Economics

Kaushik De
Physics

Rasika Dias
Chemistry

Polly Downs
*Admissions, Records and
Registration*

Raul Fernandez
*Mechanical and Aerospace
Engineering*

Jeremy Forsberg
Vice President for Research

Leah Hoy
*Environmental Health and
Safety*

Alusine Jalloh
History

Jorge Juarez
*Facilities Management -
Grounds*

David Maldonado
Payroll Services

Charla Markham Shaw
Communication

Pamela McBride
*Computer Science and
Engineering*

Deborah McDonald
Nursing - Undergraduate

Ramon Ruiz
*Environmental Health and
Safety*

John Wickham
*Earth and Environmental
Science*

Jamie Williams
Faculty Affairs

Robert Yarbrough
Police Department

20 YEARS

Agustin Alvarez
*Facilities Management -
Grounds*

Linda Barasch
*Computer Science and
Engineering*

Heather Beardsley
TMAC

Thanh Bui
*Shimadzu Institute for
Research Technologies*

David Carpenter
*Mechanical and Aerospace
Engineering*

Blake Carpenter
University Analytics



Hao Che
*Computer Science and
Engineering*

Gerri Crain
Social Work

Sheniqua Daniels
Social Work

Digant Dave
Bioengineering

Rebecca Deen
Political Science

Nicole Dickens
Career Services

Greg Frazier
Business

Mike Garcia
Athletics

Deborah Garcia
Athletics

Lisa Graham
Art and Art History

Krista Hawley
Business Services

Patricia Healy
Art and Art History

Tim Henry
Biology

Rafael Herrera
*Facilities Management -
Utilities*

Richard Jimmerson
*Admissions, Records and
Registration*

Peter Keenan
OIT Enterprise Architecture

Jianling Li
*Planning and Landscape
Architecture*

Bear Lunce
*University Center and
Summer Camps*

David Mack
Management

Radha Mahapatra
*Information Systems and
Operations Management*

Ladorna McGee
Sociology and Anthropology

Nancy Michael
*Mechanical and Aerospace
Engineering*

Patricia Motlagh
Certification and Advising

Christopher Muller
Campus Recreation

Hue Nguyen
*Facilities Management -
Custodial*

Dennis Ohare
University Analytics

Yuan Peng
Psychology

Apinan Samermit
English Language Institute

Pamela Smith
Nursing - Undergraduate

Perri Turner
Honors College Dean

Qiming Zhang
Physics

15 YEARS

Clarence Alexander
*OIT Development and
Operations*

Carrie Ausbrooks
Educational Leadership

Evelyn Barker
Library

Donelle Barnes
Nursing - Graduate

Diego Benitez
Tennis - Men's

Satu Birch
International Education

Diana Botello
*Center for Mexican
American Studies*

Darin Brezeale
*Computer Science and
Engineering*

Alan Cannon
*Information Systems and
Operations Management*

Victor Chang
*OIT Development and
Operations*

Thomas Christie
Communication

Andrew Clark
Communication

Mark Copper
*OIT Development and
Operations*

Ginger Dickens
*Computer Science and
Engineering*

Atilla Dogan
*Mechanical and Aerospace
Engineering*

Sergio Espinosa
Music



Tracey Faulkinbury <i>Engineering</i>	Chyng-Yang Jang <i>Communication</i>	Rebecca Neilson <i>Business</i>
Janet Finch <i>Social Work</i>	Adrainette Jones <i>University Advising Center</i>	Benjamin Peek <i>Bioengineering</i>
Bryan Florentin <i>Art and Art History</i>	Theresa Jorgensen <i>Mathematics</i>	Grover Pierce <i>Business Technology Services</i>
Jean Gao <i>Computer Science and Engineering</i>	Sungyong Jung <i>Electrical Engineering</i>	Regina Praetorius <i>Social Work</i>
Donald Gatzke <i>Architecture</i>	Libby Kay <i>Social Work</i>	Michael Richarme <i>Marketing</i>
Natalie Gaupp <i>Theatre Arts</i>	Wiley Kirk <i>Material Science and Engineering</i>	Ronald Roberson <i>Business Technology Services</i>
Beverly George <i>Management</i>	Seong Koh <i>Material Science and Engineering</i>	Michael Roner <i>Biology</i>
Melissa George <i>Institutional Advancement</i>	Jerald Kunkel <i>Architecture</i>	Julie Russell <i>Admissions, Records and Registration</i>
Dustin Harp <i>Communication</i>	James LaVelle <i>Management</i>	Frances Sanchez <i>VP Enrollment Management</i>
Scott Hawk <i>OIT Network Services</i>	Yu Lei <i>Computer Science and Engineering</i>	Kamesh Subbarao <i>Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering</i>
Robert Hawley <i>Social Work</i>	Ping Liu <i>Physics</i>	Mark Tremayne <i>Communication</i>
Desiree Henderson <i>English</i>	James Lummus <i>Industrial Engineering</i>	Michael Vasilyev <i>Electrical Engineering</i>
Ann Hoang <i>Industrial Engineering</i>	Heath MacDonald <i>Architecture</i>	Michael Ward <i>Economics</i>
Kathryn Holliday <i>Architecture</i>	Victoria McWilliams <i>Precollege Program</i>	Rose Washington <i>Admissions, Records and Registration</i>
Darlene Hopkins <i>Business Technology Services</i>	Caron Miller <i>Environmental Health and Safety</i>	Thomas Woodman <i>Campus Recreation</i>
David Hopman <i>Planning and Landscape Architecture</i>	Mary Monk <i>Office of the President</i>	Christian Zlolsniski <i>Center for Mexican American Studies</i>



10 YEARS

Nita Alexander
Business Technology Services

Carla Amaro-Jimenez
Curriculum and Instruction

Gregory Anson
*Facilities Management -
Housing*

Erian Armanios
*Mechanical and Aerospace
Engineering*

Raymond Atta-Fynn
Physics

David Badon
Theatre Arts

Jolynne Batchelor
Social Work

Kermit Beird
*Mechanical and Aerospace
Engineering*

Linda Bishop
Communication

Phillip Bivens
*Facilities Management -
Custodial*

Amy Blakeney
Social Work

Cecilia Blizzard
Institutional Advancement

Alan Bowling
*Mechanical and Aerospace
Engineering*

Theron Bowman
*Criminology and Criminal
Justice*

Gleen Boyett
Property Management

Amber Campbell
*Facilities Management -
General Services*

Dusti Carr
Engineering

Deepika Chalemela
*OIT VP Information
Technology*

Wilaiwan Chanmanee
*Mechanical and Aerospace
Engineering*

Karishma Chatterjee
Communication

Shawn Christensen
Biology

Susan Clark
Social Work

William Cleaver
Chemistry

Dylan Clifford
Human Resources

Denise Collins
Certification and Advising

Leah Collum
Office of Graduate Studies

Jerry DaVault
*Facilities Management -
Housing*

Theresa Davis
Social Work

Humberto De Leon
*Facilities Management -
Custodial*

Phuoc Dinh
*Facilities Management -
Custodial*

Lori Duskocil
Student Publications

Brittany Eghaneyan
Social Work

Sergio Esparza
*Facilities Management -
Custodial*

Daniel Evilsizor
Institutional Advancement

Frank Foss
Chemistry

Justin Fowler
Police Department

Jennifer Fox Taylor
Student Governance

Beth Francesco
Student Publications

Lee Ann Frederick
Biology

Eddie Freeman
Equal Opportunity Services

Nancy Gandre
History

Crystal Garner
Budget, Planning and Analysis

Douglas Garner
Campus Recreation

Justin Ginsberg
Art and Art History

Rosalinda Gloria
Parking and Transportation

Kierra Godfrey
Academic Resource Planning

Sandra Golightly
*CONHI Student Success
Advising*

Edward Gonzales
Nursing

Gina Gonzalez-Wilson
Social Work



Kim Gray <i>Counseling Services</i>	Heather Jacobson <i>Sociology and Anthropology</i>	Janet McLean <i>Nursing - Undergraduate</i>
Bethany Harris <i>Procurement</i>	Lynn Johnson <i>Library</i>	Jorge Medellin <i>Facilities Management - Utilities</i>
Lonny Harrison <i>Modern Languages</i>	Patrick Jordan <i>OIT Enterprise Architecture</i>	Cheryl Meeseey <i>Police Department</i>
Nicolette Hass <i>Psychology</i>	Merja Karwoski <i>Environmental Health and Safety</i>	Angela Middleton <i>Health Services</i>
Anne Healy <i>Theatre Arts</i>	Cynthia Kilpatrick <i>Linguistics and TESOL</i>	Carla Monk <i>OIT Development and Operations</i>
Charles Hermes <i>Philosophy</i>	Andrew Klein <i>Art and Art History</i>	Hyejin Moon <i>Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering</i>
Brandon Hernandez <i>Engineering</i>	Frank Kudlaty <i>OIT Network Services</i>	Ligia Munoz <i>Library</i>
Amparo Herrera <i>Facilities Management - Housing</i>	Justin Lerberg <i>English</i>	Laura Mydlarz <i>Biology</i>
Barrie Hill <i>Communication</i>	Joshua Lewis <i>Facilities Management - Utilities</i>	Rosa Newman <i>Human Resources</i>
Greg Hladik <i>Parking and Transportation</i>	Szu-Yen Liang <i>Modern Languages</i>	Teresa Newton <i>Institutional Advancement</i>
Brian Horton <i>Communication</i>	Teaira Little <i>Certification and Advising</i>	Thiet Nguyen <i>Facilities Management - Custodial</i>
Qinhong Hu <i>Earth and Environmental Science</i>	Fen Lu <i>Library</i>	Hoang Nguyen <i>OIT Enterprise Architecture</i>
Taylor Hughlett <i>Earth and Environmental Science</i>	Venessa Lyons <i>Financial Aid</i>	Jacqueline Noye <i>Police Department</i>
Holly Hungerford-Kresser <i>Curriculum and Instruction</i>	William Martin <i>Facilities Management - Motor Pool</i>	Jaime Olinske <i>Institutional Advancement</i>
Andrew Hunt <i>Earth and Environmental Science</i>	Diana Martinez Cepeda <i>TMAC</i>	Taner Ozdil <i>Planning and Landscape Architecture</i>
Penelope Ingram <i>English</i>	Shelia McCoy <i>Facilities Management Administration</i>	Radha Padmasolala <i>OIT Development and Operations</i>
Pamela Jackson <i>Facilities Management - Custodial</i>	Margaret McFadyen <i>Management</i>	



Greg Pederson <i>Science</i>	Ashley Smith <i>University Compliance Services</i>	Raymond Welch <i>Facilities Management - Custodial</i>
John Perry <i>International Education</i>	Heather Snow <i>VP for Student Affairs</i>	Dustin Wheat <i>Architecture</i>
Karen Phillips <i>Office of Legal Affairs</i>	Jiachu Song <i>Finance and Real Estate</i>	Alison White <i>Kinesiology</i>
Kathleen Priester <i>Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering</i>	Chunke Su <i>Communication</i>	Mindia Whittier <i>Communication</i>
Harvey Richey <i>Environmental Health and Safety</i>	Shan Sun-Mitchell <i>Mathematics</i>	Shelley Wigley <i>Communication</i>
Beth Robinson <i>Material Science and Engineering</i>	Stevie Thompson <i>Facilities Management - Custodial</i>	Linda Wilson <i>Marketing</i>
Jessica Rose <i>Art and Art History</i>	Chi Tran <i>Facilities Management - Custodial</i>	Arne Winguth <i>Earth and Environmental Science</i>
Charles Russell <i>Property Management</i>	Victor Trujillo <i>OIT VP Information Technology</i>	Cornelia Winguth <i>Earth and Environmental Science</i>
Mark Salinas <i>SMART Hospital and Simulation</i>	Dennis Veit <i>Management</i>	Glenn Wood <i>Nursing - Undergraduate</i>
Deborah Sandoval <i>Business Services</i>	Kathy Wagner <i>Strength and Conditioning</i>	Patricia Woodward <i>Sociology and Anthropology</i>
Brent Sasley <i>Political Science</i>	Kendra Wallis <i>Material Science and Engineering</i>	Neco Wynne <i>Admissions, Records and Registration</i>
Suman Satyal <i>Physics</i>	Martha Walvoord <i>Music</i>	Dajing Yan <i>Material Science and Engineering</i>
Marc Schwartz <i>Curriculum and Instruction</i>	David Wang <i>Electrical Engineering</i>	Mahmut Yasar <i>Economics</i>
Lawton Seal <i>Chemistry</i>	Jingguo Wang <i>Information Systems and Operations Management</i>	Jie Zhang <i>Information Systems and Operations Management</i>
Bethany Shaffer <i>English</i>	Sonja Watson <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Dazheng Zhu <i>Music</i>
Tammy Skrehart <i>Student Publications</i>		



OUTSTANDING MAVERICK AWARDS

This evening, we also honor the Mavericks who continue to make a difference in our community through unparalleled service and tireless dedication to the University.

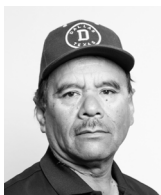
CATEGORIES

Administrative Support
Administrative and Professional
Professional, Para-Professional, and Technical
Service Maintenance
Team

2018 – 2020 OMA COMMITTEE

Eunice Currie
Arnita Williams
Becky Valentich
Durl Rather
Jeff Johnson

OUTSTANDING MAVERICK AWARDS



Arturo Barrios is a Maintenance Worker II in the Office of Facilities Management - Housing Maintenance. He is passionate about what he does and goes the extra mile to ensure that his work is done well. His main goal is to keep doing a great job because it is important for UTA to grow and prosper, so he will help wherever he is needed. When the University hosted recycle mania, Arturo was a key participant in that challenge. He has a pleasant demeanor, positive attitude, and a great work ethic. One of his supervisors said, "I would take five more Arturo's if they were out there, but he is a diamond in the rough getting the job done."



Owen Cook is a Lead IT Analyst in the Office of Information Technology. He is always a professional with a sense of humor. Furthermore, he has tirelessly supported a program designed to work with diverse populations of students at UTA. Owen is committed to supporting the McNair Scholars Program because of its mission – to serve first-generation, low-income, and minority students. Without Owen, our program's efforts to create an online application for students and an alumni newsletter would not have been possible. He is well respected throughout the University for his technical expertise. He is most deserving of this award.



James Dillon Johnson is an Administrative Assistant I in Social Work. James is amazingly professional, friendly, reliable, and responsive. In his role he is a great ambassador for the University. When we invite new, diverse Social Work faculty candidates to UTA, they always refer to James and want to meet him and thank him for his help. He is informative, provides excellent service, and understands the importance of having a diverse pool of candidates. James is a critical team member in the School of Social Work as we work through the process to recruit the best and the brightest new faculty members.



Michele Lawson is an Administrative Assistant II in the College of Business. Each November since 2016, Michele has coordinated volunteers to support the Veterans Business Symposium and Resources Fair during National Veterans Small Business Week. In November 2018, she spearheaded that same event, hosting more than 464 participants in five days from across North Texas. She serves as an ambassador for the volunteers experiencing their first visit to the UTA community. Michele has contributed to our sustainability efforts by reducing the office supply budget from \$7,500 to \$3,000 by taking advantage of new technology. She goes above and beyond the call of duty and is so deserving of this award.



Viki Lewis is a Contract Specialist in Facilities Management. She is cooperative and compassionate when working with our diverse group of employees. Viki has an established presence on campus by volunteering and supporting annual events such as Move-In-Day, UTA's Earth Day, and Maverick Cookout. She is always willing to learn new things and is dedicated to process improvements. She is resourceful, demonstrates good judgment, and is a team player who understands how to help others in time of need. Since 2012, we have been fortunate to have Viki as part of the Maverick community and the Facilities Management family. She is definitely deserving of the Maverick Award.



Yvette Rodriguez is a Human Resources Specialist III in the Office of Human Resources. She values differences in ideas, perspectives, and beliefs by celebrating our employees' diversity, and she approaches them first with compassion. Yvette is committed to community service by participating in the Big Event's STEM program in the College of Engineering where students ages 8-18 build mechanical devices from stock cards. She sets a great example of an outstanding Maverick employee. Because of her unrelenting support of employees and retirees, they know she has their best interest at heart. It is evident in her work ethic and attitude. Yvette is the absolute model of a UTA ambassador. This award could not go to a kinder and a more giving person.



Dr. Gregory Shirley, II, Ed.D. is an Assistant Director in Career Services. He is a champion for Fraternity and Sorority Life, Multicultural Affairs, and LGBTQ+. He co-founded the Inclusion Constituency Council. Dr. Shirley is involved in numerous ways throughout the community, including as a speaker during the UTA TEDx Conference. He has not only worked hard to raise UTA awareness in other areas but also to link both Academic Affairs and Student Affairs within UTA to form one cohesive experience for the students. He is a people person who embodies the Maverick spirit and demonstrates service excellence through his outstanding commitment to volunteer and serve UTA students and departments.



Pamela Y. Smith is a Coordinator III, Special Programs in the College of Nursing and Health Innovation. She continuously demonstrates the ability to encourage differing viewpoints. As an integral part of her responsibilities, Pam gives freely of her time to volunteer for CONHI and University events for faculty and students. She has actively participated in the initiation and implementation of our Freshmen Nurse Scholar Pilot Study for AY 2017-2018 and AY 2018-2019. Pam's organizational skills and attention to service excellence support others in undergraduate nursing and contribute greatly to CONHI's role in helping UTA achieve Tier I status.

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TEAM AWARD: ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Degree Auditors - Admissions, Records and Registration

Craig Adam Fike, Transcript Evaluator II

Katie J. Krumm, Transcript Evaluator II

Laura Medrano, Transcript Evaluator I

This team is very professional in posting needed classes to facilitate the student registration process. Without their leadership and training of others, the students and advisors would have a more challenging time when enrolling students. This team may not be public facing, but they understand the need for all departments to work together behind the scene to better serve our students. The enrollment team has a cheerful response even when they are overloaded with emails. A department that works with them said, "They are happy to help us as a team and we need them just as much." We are appreciative to all of them for the service they provide.



Craig Adam Fike,
Transcript Evaluator II



Katie J. Krumm,
Transcript Evaluator II



Laura Medrano,
Transcript Evaluator I

*“If I have been of service,
if I have glimpsed more
of the nature and essence
of ultimate good,
if I am inspired
to reach wider horizons
of thought and action,
if I am at peace with myself,
it has been a successful day.”*

–Alex Noble, Author

