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University Park, October 25, 2006 – The Academy Awards are announced in the spring, the Heisman Trophy in the winter, and inductees into Baseball's Hall of Fame in the summer. In the fall, Governors State University honors its educators with Faculty Excellence Awards.

These awards honor the hard work and dedication of professors who work tirelessly to educate, guide, and inspire their students. Recipients are chosen based on student evaluations and department director and dean recommendations. It is a welcome honor because it publicly acknowledges the good work and effective teaching which goes on in the classroom during the school year.

The 2006 Faculty Excellence Award Recipients from the College of Arts and Sciences:

Dr. Emmanuel Alozie of Park Forest, Associate Professor of Media Communications
Dr. Tim Gsell of Homewood, Associate Professor of Microbiology
Dr. Gary Lyon of Manteno, Assistant Professor of Chemistry Education
Cyrana Mott of Flossmoor, University Lecturer
Dr. Xuequing (Clare) Tang of Naperville, Assistant Professor of Computer Science

Recipients of the Faculty excellence Award from the College of Business and Public Administration are:

Edna Fry of Richton Park, University Lecturer
Dr. Heikki Heino of Crete, Associate Professor of Finance
Pam Stipanich of Beecher, Academic Advisor

From the College of Education, the Faculty Excellence Award was earned by:

Dr. Jon Carlson of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, Professor of Psychology and Counseling
Dr. Larry Cross of Steger, Associate Professor of Education
Dr. Shannon B. Dermer of Park Forest, Assistant Professor of Counseling
Dr. Cyrus Marcellus Ellis of Steger, Assistant Professor of Counseling
Dr. Sandi Estep of St. John, Indiana, Associate Professor of Educational Administration/
Director of An Adventure of the American Mind
Dr. Catherine Sori of Highland, Indiana, associate Professor and Team Leader of the Marriage and Family Track of the Master's in Counselor Program.
Lucianne Sweder of Downers Grove, University Lecturer/Assistant Director of An Adventure of the American Mind

Faculty Excellence Award recipients from the College of Health Professions include:

Dr. Kyusuk Chung of Chicago, Associate Professor of Health Administration and director of the Institute for Aging
Dr. Robbie Kuchler O'Shea of LaGrange, Associate Professor of Physical Therapy
Dr. Ann Vendrely of Flossmoor, Associate Professor of Physical Therapy

Faculty Excellence Award recipient from the University College:

Yevette Lewis Brown of Flossmoor, Assistant Professor of Digital Learning and Media Design

From Student Affairs and Services, the Faculty Excellence Award was given to

Dr. Becky Nugent of Park Forest, Writing Center Coordinator

The Faculty Excellence Award from University Library was given to

Nancy Shlaes of Homewood, Professor of Library Science

In addition to the awards, tenure was granted to:

Dr. Mary Carrington of Crete, Associate Professor of Biology
Dr. David Diers of Manhattan, Associate Professor of Physical Therapy
Dr. Robert Druzinksky of Glenview, Associate Professor of Anatomy and Neuroscience
Dr. Heikki Heino of Crete, Associate Professor of Finance
Dr. Nancy J. MacMullen of Oak Forest, Associate Professor and Program Coordinator in Nursing
Dr. Robbie Kuchler O'Shea of LaGrange, Associate Professor of Physical Therapy
Dr. Todd Rohman of Dekalb, Associate Professor of English
Dr. Barbara Ann Winicki of Oak Lawn, Associate Professor of Reading and Coordinator of the Master of Arts Degree in Reading