



Welcome & Opening Remarks

OPENING REMARKS

PROVOST'S WELCOME

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

VICE PROVOST WELCOME

Mica Mecham,
Director,
Faculty Commons

Dr. Christie Shelton,Provost and Senior Vice
President, Academic Affairs

Dr. Don C. Killingsworth, Jr., President

Dr. Staci Stone,Vice Provost,
Academic Affairs





Faculty Research Activity

College of Arts, Humanities, and Sciences

Rashad Ahmed, English

Kathryn Catlin, Chemistry and Geosciences

Jed DeBruin, Chemistry and Geosciences

Christopher Douglas, English

Eric Gamess, MCIS

Joanne Gates, English

Arup Ghosh, MCIS

Larry Gray, English

Jessica Griffith, English

Gabriel Lonsberry, English

Rachel Park, Music

Ashley Rattner, English

Marija Reiff, English

Mark Sciuchetti, Chemistry and Geosciences

Kimberly Southwick-Thompson, English

Julia Tigner, English

Monica Trifas, MCIS







College of Education and Professional Studies

Joseph Akpan, Secondary Education

Christie Calhoun, Center for Evaluation, Research, and Innovation

Russell Hammack, Teacher Education

Kyoko Johns, Teacher Education

Wendy Stephens, Career Technical Education and Professional Studies

Hungwei Tseng, Professional Counseling and Leadership

Ashley Turner, Teacher Education



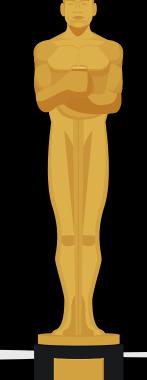








Scratch the Dot to See if You Are A Winner!



Prizes will be available at registration table after ceremony.



Promotion & Tenure ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR WITH TENURE

Sarah Ellis, Art and Design

Tray Ridlen, Art and Design

Jenna Ridlen, Biology

Ansuree Mukherjee, Chemistry and Geosciences

Ross Martin, Chemistry and Geosciences

Saeideh Gharehchahi, Chemistry and Geosciences **Stephen Slauson,** Chemistry and Geosciences

> **Emrys Donaldson,** English

> Christopher Clark, Kinesiology

> > Gregor Kay, Kinesiology

Melissa Duckett, Nursing

Jennifer Frank, Nursing Stacy Mikel, Nursing

Rachel Wooten, Nursing

Tammy Morrow, Nursing

Dr. Albi Alikaj,Management and Marketing

Wei Ning,Management and Marketing

Casey Thomas, Music

James Watkins, Theatre and Film

Promotion & Tenure RANK OF PROFESSOR

William Hankins, Finance, Economics, and Accounting

Franco Zengaro, Kinesiology

Kihyun Kim, Management and Marketing

Shellie Beeman, Music Eric Gamess, MCIS

Sarah Donley, Sociology and Political Science

Russell Hammack, Teacher Education

Franco Zengaro, Kinesiology

Promotion & Tenure EARNED DOCTORAL DEGREES



Candice Byers
Teacher Education



Leah SimmonsCriminal Justice



Aimee Weathers
Teacher Education

Promotion & Tenure EMERITI FACULTY

Allison Newton

Assistant Professor of Emergency Management and Public Administration

Cynthia McCarty Professor of Economics

Kim Whorton

Instructor of Social Work

Robyn Snider
Instructor of Social Work

Thomas Leathrum

Professor of Mathematics

Special Recagnition FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR CZECH REPUBLIC



Dr. Dan MertensManagement and Marketing

Special Recognition

CAREER ENHANCEMENT FELLOWSHIP FOR JUNIOR FACULTY, INSTITUTE FOR CITIZENS & SCHOLARS



Dr. Khadeidra Billingsley English







Michael Alvidrez, Teacher Education

Michael Burns, Biology

Russell Hammack, Teacher Education

Shih-Kai, Emergency Preparedness

Kay Lang,Criminal Justice and
Forensic Investigation

John Oles, Art and Design Brian Patton, Criminal Justice and Forensic Investigation

Jay Snellen, Mathematical, Computing, and Information Sciences

Wendy Stephens, Career Technical Education and Professional Studies

> Kimberly Warfield, Professional Counseling and Leadership

> > Aimee Weathers, Teacher Education



Kyoko Johns, Teacher Education

> April Mattox, English

Tanya Sasser, English Jimmy Triplett, Biology

Falynn Turley, Finance, Economics, and Accounting

James Woodward, Music



Jimmy Barnes, Career Technical Education and Professional Studies

> **Douglas Clark,** Art and Design

Teresa Gardner, Teacher Education

William Lester, Public Administration Tammy Morrow, Nursing

> Misty Reed, Psychology

Jeremy Stovall, Music

Monica Trifas, Mathematics, Computing, and Information Sciences



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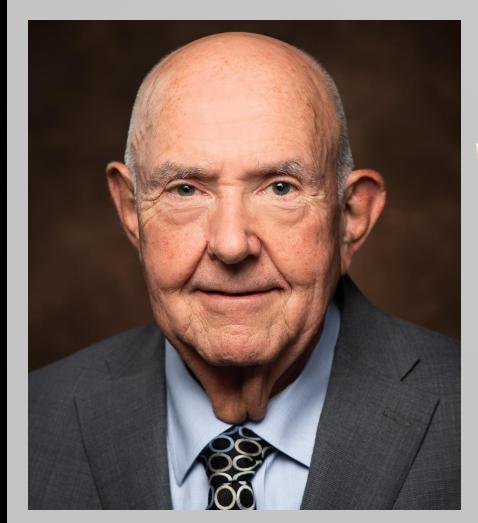




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Ronnie Clayton Finance, Economics, and Accounting



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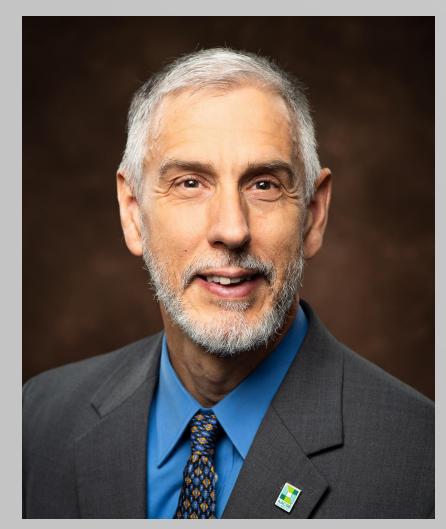




David DempseyMCIS



Hanrong Wang Library Services



Jeffrey Zanzig Finance, Economics, and Accounting



Service Pins THIRTY YEARS

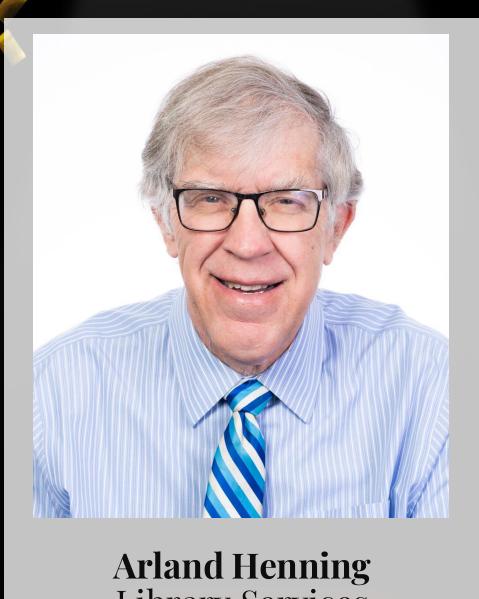




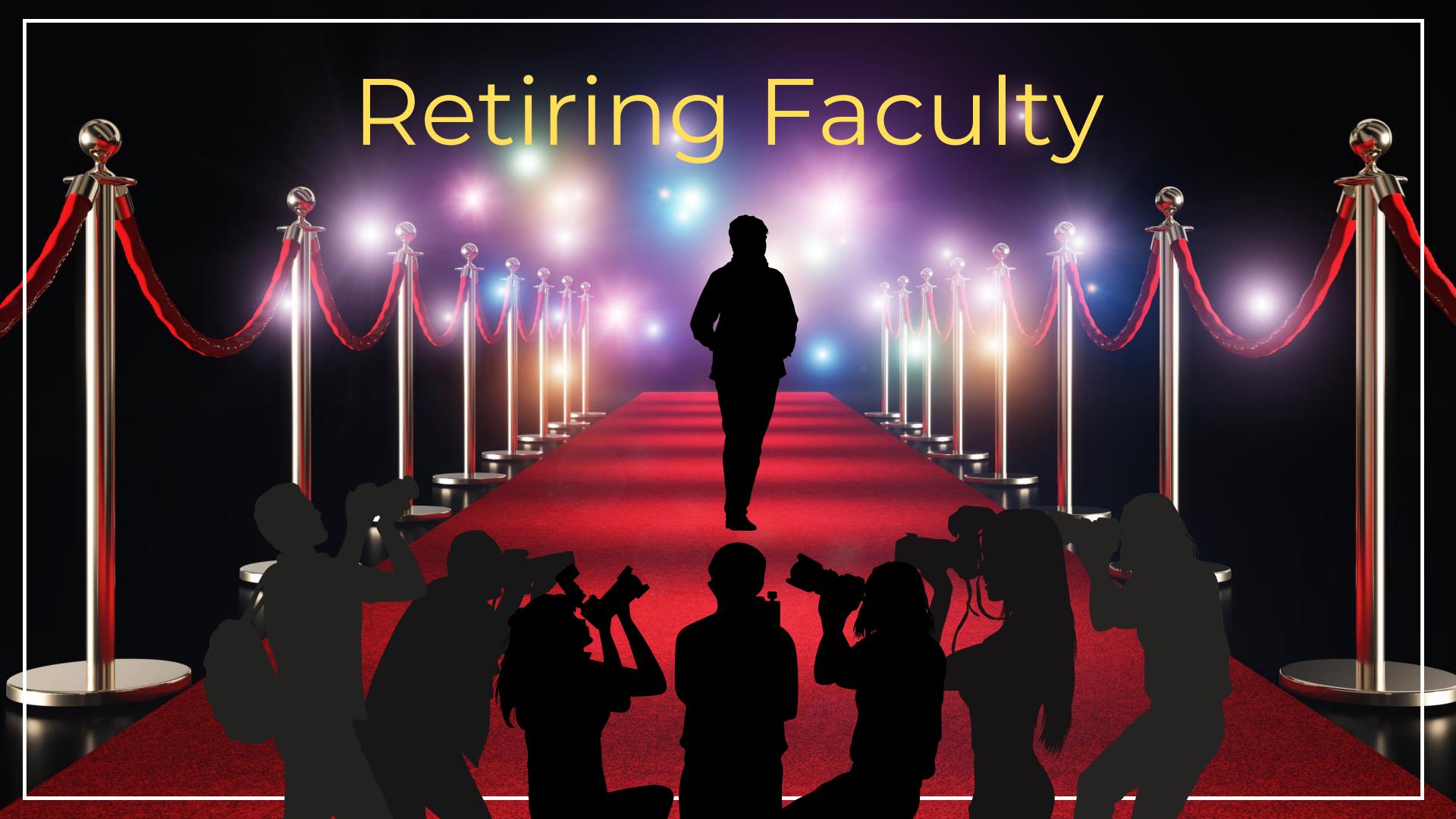
Edwin Smith MCIS







Arland HenningLibrary Services



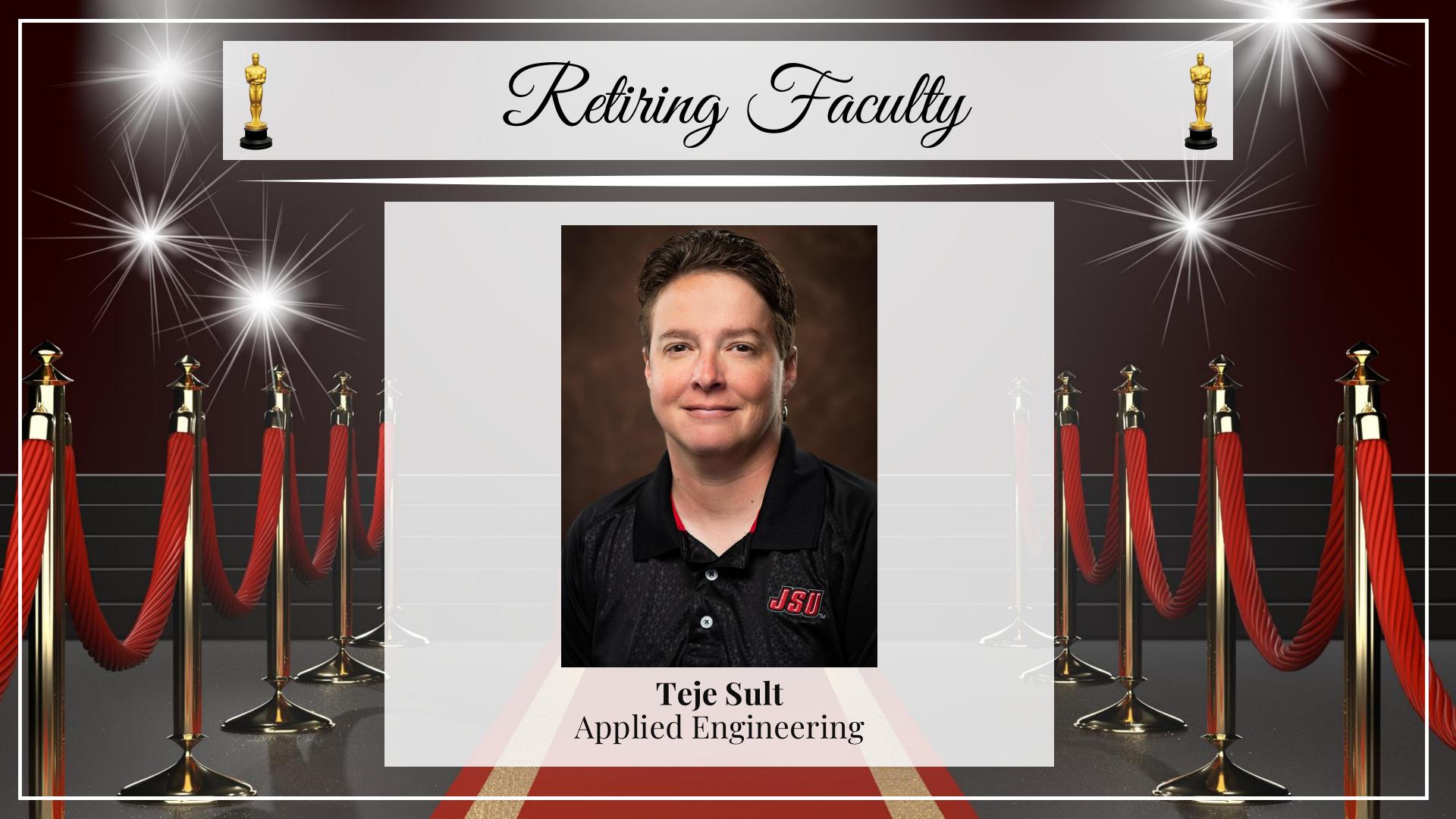


















Faculty Senate Members 2024-2025

Jess Godbey, Applied Engineering
Tray Ridlen, Art and Design
Jenna Ridlen, Biology

Erica Hardy, Career Technical Education and Professional Studies

Kathryn Catlin, Chemistry and Geosciences

Patrick McGrail, Communication

Christopher Murtagh, Criminal Justice and Forensic

Investigation

Chan Wang, Emergency Management and PA

Rashad Ahmed, English

Katelyn Walker, English

Billy Hankins, Finance, Economics, and Accounting

Lance Ingwersen, History and Foreign Languages

Chris Clark, Kinesiology

Allen Gilbert, Kinesiology

Natalie Freeman, Learning Services

Allison Boswell, Library

Yajun Lu, Management and Marketing

David Thornton, MCIS

David Dempsey, MCIS

Paul Robertson, Military Science

Chris Hosmer, Music

Shellie Beeman, Music

Laura Barrow, Nursing

Stacy Mikel, Nursing

Wendy Key, Nursing

Stacey Gill, Professional Counseling and Leadership

Heidi Dempsey, Psychology

Andres Crawley, Respiratory Therapy

Jody Long, Social Work

Brianna Turgeon, Sociology and Political Science

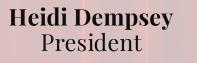
Barbie Norvell, Teacher Education

Randal Blades, Theater and Film



Faculty Senate Executive Committee Officers 2024-2025











Faculty Senate President 2024-2025





OER Champions



Dr. Sadik Arin



Dr. Kimberly Southwick



Dr. Monica Trifas



Dr. Lindsay Holman



Dr. Maureen McGuire



Dr. Tray Ridlen



Dr. Jennie Vaugh



Dr. Falynn Turley



Dr. Stacy Mikel



Dr. Rachel Weiser



Ms. Katelyn Walker

EL Task Force



Assoc. Dean, Seth Johnson



Dr. Ben Gross



Dr. Diane Best



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Dr. Kelsey McEntyre



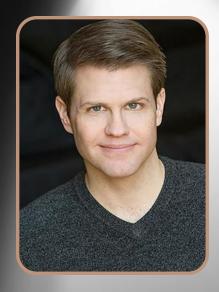
Dr. Falynn Turley





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Dr. Michael
Boynton
CAHS
Committee
Chair



Dr. Serena Gramling CHPW



Ms. Karlie Johnson Library Services



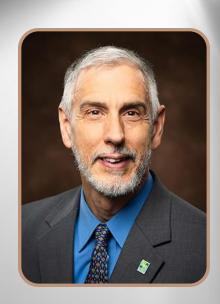
Dr. Christopher Ogden CAHS



Dr. Ashley Turner CEPS



Ms. Katelyn Walker CAHS



Dr. Jeffer Zanzig CBI



Dr. Paul Hathaway CSBS



Ms. Mica Mecham Ex-Officio Non-Voting



Dr. Heidi Dempsey Ex-Officio Non-Voting



Ms. Kim
Turner
Ex-Officio
Non-Voting



Dr. Staci Stone Ex-Officio Non-Voting



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Adjunct Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award



The Adjunct Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award, established in 2022, is a faculty-administered award designed to honor an outstanding adjunct faculty member's teaching efforts at Jacksonville State University.

This award recognizes an adjunct faculty member who exemplifies the highest quality for the teaching and mentorship of students and whose outstanding achievements have enhanced the JSU community over the previous academic year. Adjunct teachers are partners in our academic programs who supplement the student experience on campus, providing necessary services to their departments and to JSU students. This award seeks to recognize adjunct faculty who have demonstrated a clear dedication to teaching and learning at Jacksonville State University by incorporating innovative classroom strategies, demonstrating outstanding classroom teaching, using technology to enhance learning, and engaging students beyond the classroom. The person selected for this honor will receive a framed certificate recognizing this accomplishment.





Megan Meade

Biology

Adjunct Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award



Oniversity Service

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University Service Award



The University Service Award, established in 2022, is a faculty-administered award designed to honor outstanding faculty members for their achievements in the area of service to Jacksonville State University.

The award is designed to honor those who have dedicated their time and service to Jacksonville State University. Though not a community service award, like the Cleo and Carla Thomas Award, the University Service Award seeks to honor and recognize excellence in service to university operations and governance. Recipients have a distinguished level of university involvement and are exemplary university citizens who have applied their role as good stewards of place to both improve student learning and improve the quality of life for our campus community. Service includes activities at the university, college, and/or departmental levels (including libraries). The person selected for this honor will receive a framed certificate recognizing this accomplishment.





Christopher Clark

Kinesiology

University Service Award



Campus Geehnology Leadership Grant



Campus Technology Leadership Grant



The Campus Technology Leadership Grant, established in 2019 by Vinson Houston, Vice President of Information Technology, and awarded by Jacksonville State University's Division of Information Technology, is designed to honor an outstanding faculty member, who, in addition to the effective use of technology in their own classroom serves as a liaison between IT and other faculty members, helping to incorporate and demonstrate effective technological teaching practices across all disciplines.

The faculty member selected for this honor will receive a budget that will fully cover the allowed travel expenses incurred while attending a national technology conference decided upon by the recipient of the grant and the Vice President of Information Technology, as well as a framed certificate that recognizes this accomplishment. Upon return from the conference, the recipient will present a session in Faculty Commons on the topics of relevance and interest.







Tenna Midlen

Biology

Campus Technology Leadership Grant



Gaculty Scholar Lecturer Award



Faculty Scholar Lecturer Award

The Faculty Scholar Lecturer Award, established in 1998, is a faculty-administered award sponsored by the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. It is designed to honor an outstanding faculty member for research that resulted in publication in a refereed journal, a book, a juried show, an invited performance, or other research work in their field.

The person selected for this honor will receive an honorarium of \$500 and a budget of \$500 for expenses, and a framed certificate that recognizes this accomplishment. The person selected will deliver a lecture or an appropriate presentation to the University community through Faculty Commons via the Faculty Research Symposium.

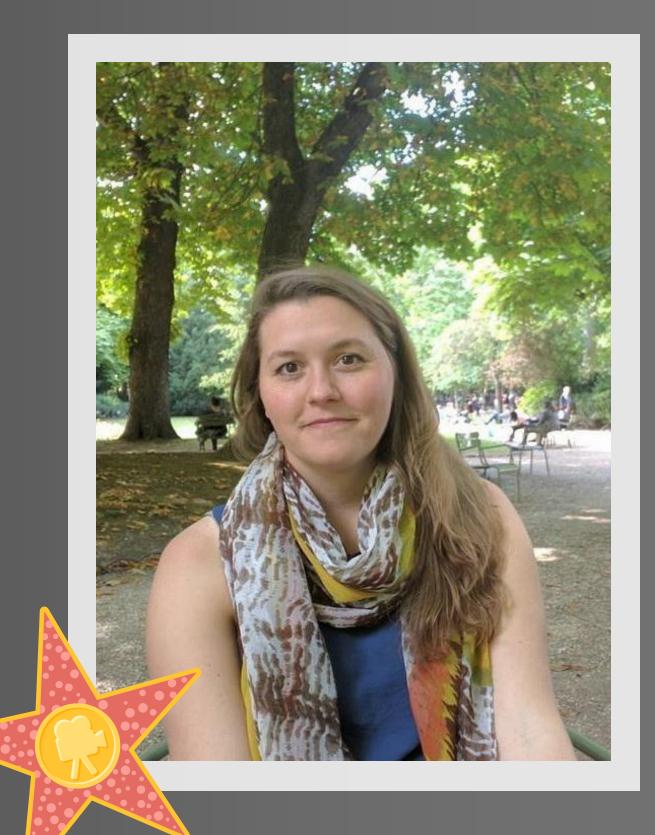




Sarah Monley

Sociology

Faculty Scholar Lecturer Award



Foanne E. Gates Gaculty Desearch Award



Joanne E. Gates Faculty Research Award



The Joanne E. Gates Faculty Research Award is a faculty-administered program designed to honor a faculty member who is actively engaged in exceptional scholarly research or professional development, and who would benefit from a monetary award for professional development, travel expenses, or release time. The award is named for Emerita Professor in English Dr. Joanne E. Gates whose research on suffragist writer Elizabeth Robins has spanned decades at JSU. Most notably, she is the author of the biography Elizabeth Robins, 1862–1952: Actress, Novelist, Feminist (1994), which won the Elizabeth Agee Award from the University of Alabama Press, and she serves as the project director for The Elizabeth Robins Web.

In honoring the reclaimed achievements of Elizabeth Robins, preference may be given to projects that champion women in the health professions, that promote gender equity, or that study women's literature, travel literature, biography, or theater history. Robins was an Ibsen actress, a novelist, diarist, and playwright who actively supported campaigns for women's suffrage. The person selected for this honor will receive an honorarium of \$1,000.00 and a framed certificate recognizing this accomplishment.







Breann Murphy

Communication

Joanne E. Gates Faculty Research Award



Oleo and Parla Ophomas Outstanding Community Education Service Award



Cleo and Carla Thomas Outstanding Community Education and Service Award

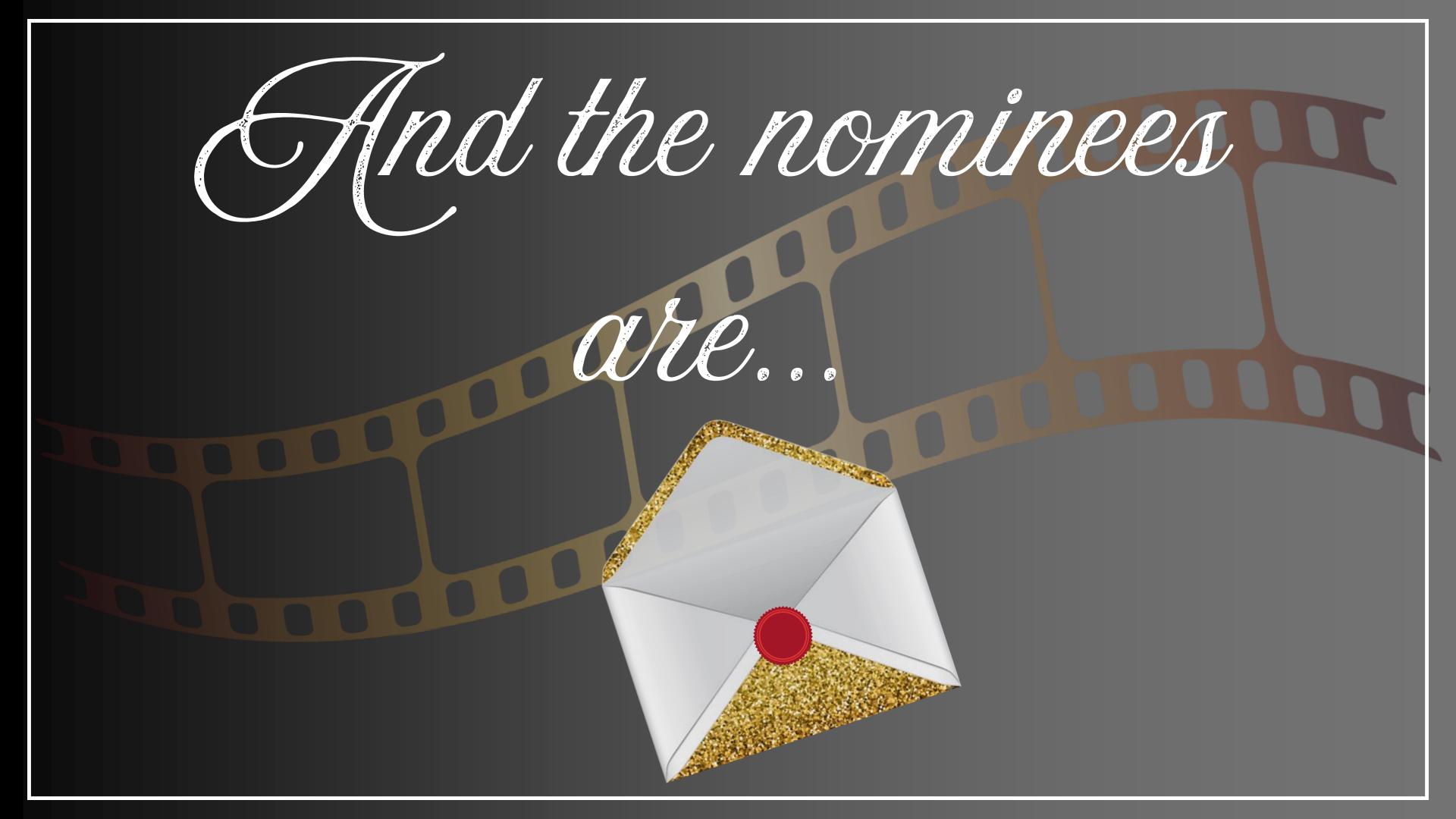


The Cleo and Carla Thomas Award for Outstanding Community Education/Service, established in 1999, is a faculty-administered award designed to honor an outstanding faculty member in their achievements in the area of education or service to the civic community of Jacksonville, Alabama and the surrounding area.

The award is named after and funded by Drs. Cleo and Carla Thomas. The Thomases are longtime supporters of Jacksonville State University, giving both their time and generous charitable contributions to the students and faculty of the JSU community. Dr. Cleo Thomas is a past president of the International House Board, and both he and his wife, Dr. Carla Thomas, established the Thomas Outstanding Community Service Award to "support the teaching enterprise and honor faculty service and activities." According to Dr. Cleo Thomas, "Much of...what makes our region wonderful can be traced to JSU." This award honors the impact that JSU, its faculty, and its students have on our local community.

Jacksonville State University views community education and service as an active collaboration that builds on the resources, skills, and knowledge of a regional area to improve its quality of life in a manner consistent with the campus mission. The person selected for this honor will receive an honorarium of \$500, a budget of \$500 for expenses, and a framed certificate that recognizes this accomplishment.







Mark Sciuchetti

Geosciences

Cleo and Carla Thomas
Outstanding Community
Education and Service Award



Provost's Excellence in Teaching Award Wominees by College

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Dr. Teresa Reed CAHS



Dr. Kazi Rahman CAHS



Mr. John Sudduth CBI



Dr. Cynthia Connor CEPS



Dr. Torsten Dryden CEPS



Dr. Kimberly Mitchell CEPS



Dr. Jennifer Burgett CHPW



Dr. Stacy Mikel CHPW



Dr. Jonathan Adams CSBS



Dr. Benjamin Gross CSBS



Dr. Sheryl Pelletier CSBS



Dr. Sally Zengaro CSBS



Ms. Laurie Heathcock Library

ARTS,
HUMANITIES,
AND SCIENCES



Dr. Kazi Rahman Associate Professor of Mathematics

ARTS,
HUMANITIES,
AND SCIENCES



Dr. Teresa Reed Professor of English

BUSINESS
AND
INDUSTRY



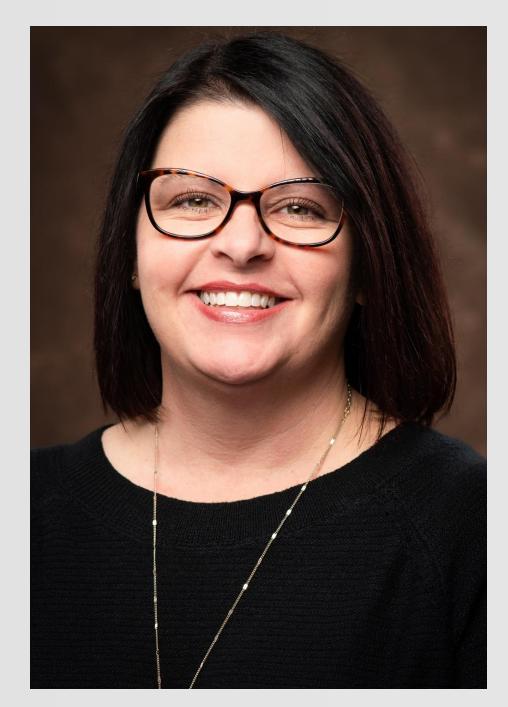
John Sudduth Instructor of Accounting

EDUCATIONAL
AND
PROFESSIONAL
STUDIES



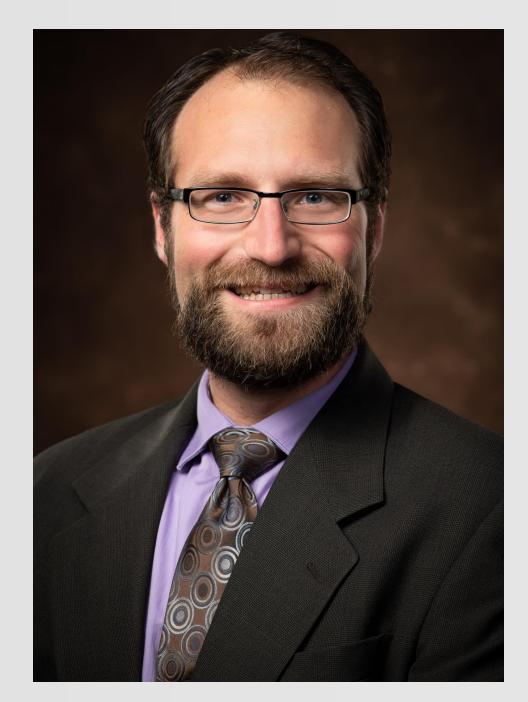
Dr. Cynthia Connor Professor of Special Education

HEALTH
PROFESSIONS
AND WELLNESS



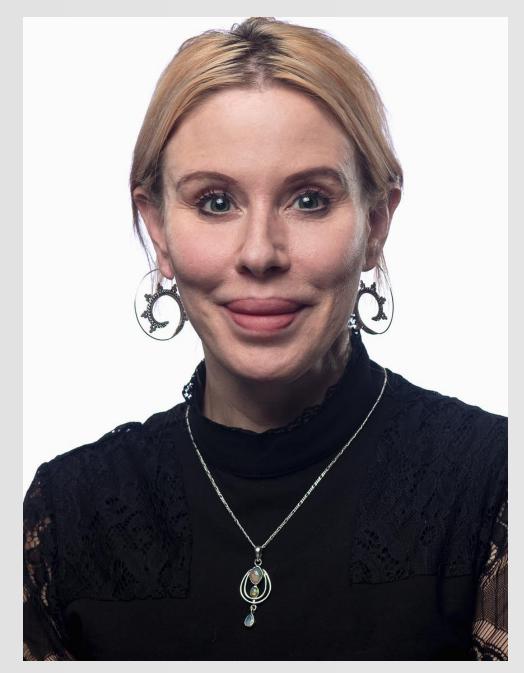
Dr. Stacy Mikel Assistant Professor of Nursing

SOCIAL AND
BEHAVIORAL
SCIENCES



Dr. Benjamin Gross Associate Professor of Political Science

LIBRARY
SERVICES



Laurie Heathcock Associate Professor and Education Librarian

Earlon and Betty McOMhorter Outstanding Heacher Award



Earlon and Betty McOffhorter Outstanding Teacher Award

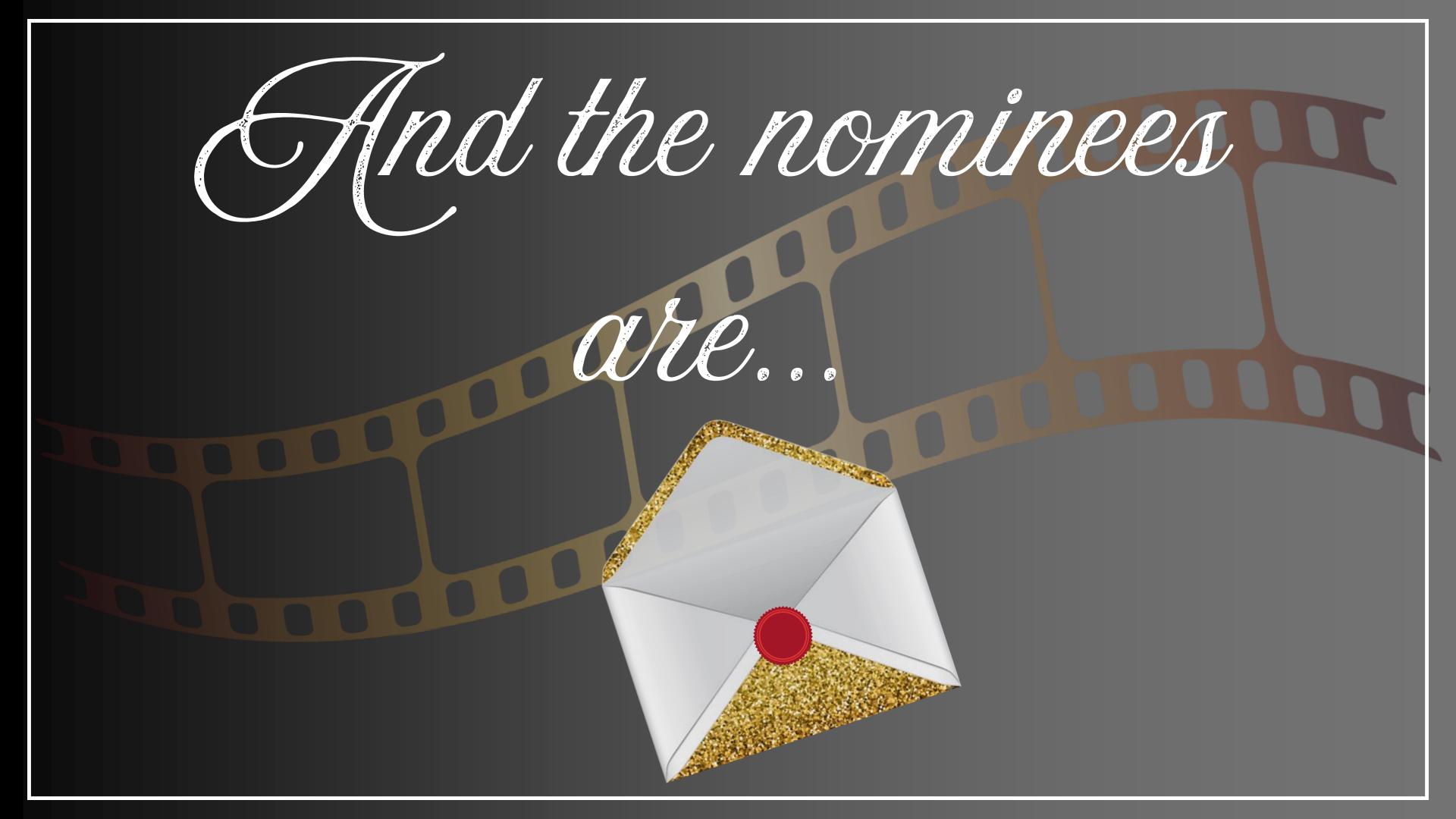


The Betty and Earlon McWhorter Outstanding Teacher Award, established in 1993, is a faculty administered award designed to honor an outstanding faculty member in their efforts in teaching at Jacksonville State University.

This award was made possible because of the generous donations of Mr. Earlon and Mrs. Betty McWhorter, both of whom have been avid supporters of the university for many years. Earlon McWhorter grew up near Jacksonville, Alabama and attended JSU as an undergraduate, majoring in pre-engineering. He and wife Betty have gone on record to say that during their time at JSU, they "had many outstanding teachers" and they wanted to "do something to honor them." In addition to gifting the university with housing support, they have also chosen to financially contribute to the success of the university through scholarship opportunities and through the establishment of the Betty and Earlon McWhorter Outstanding Teacher Award.

This award recognizes faculty members who create opportunities for students to grow intellectually while providing them an atmosphere where they can thrive and succeed. The person selected for this honor will receive an honorarium of \$1,500, a budget of \$500 for expenses, and a framed certificate that recognizes this accomplishment.





Benjamin Gross
Political Science

Earlon and Betty McWhorter Outstanding Teacher Award



JAX STATE CONFERENCE USA FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



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In 2023, Jacksonville State University joined Conference USA in all sports. As such, Jax State faculty are presented with the opportunity to take part in a faculty award opportunity sponsored by C-USA.

The Conference USA Presidents and Chancellors believe in the importance of recognizing, honoring and advancing exceptional achievements of institutional faculty members at the conference level. The Conference USA Faculty Achievement Award and the Conference USA Professor of the Year Award were established to highlight, celebrate, and honor institutional professors who demonstrate a record of outstanding teaching, research, service and/or scholarly activity within their academic discipline.

The Conference USA Faculty Achievement Award recognizes one winner from each C-USA institution who will receive an honorarium of \$5,000 and will become the university's nominee for the Conference USA Professor of the Year Award. The Conference USA Professor of the Year Award is determined by a committee comprised of Provosts from each member institution and individuals will not be eligible to vote for their own nominee. The faculty member chosen for this distinction will receive an additional honorarium of \$15,000.

Jax State C-USA Award:

The Jax State Conference USA Faculty Achievement Award winner selected at the 2024 Faculty Awards celebration will go on to represent Jax State as the C-USA Professor of the Year nominee.

This award recognizes faculty members who create opportunities for students to grow intellectually while providing them an atmosphere where they can thrive and succeed while also maintaining an impressive body of scholarly work. The person selected for this honor will receive an honorarium of \$5,000 awarded by C-USA, a framed certificate that recognizes this accomplishment, and the opportunity to represent Jax State as the Conference USA Professor of the Year nominee.





Loui Hensley

Biology

Jax State Conference USA Faculty Achievement Award



Offilliam A. Offeehan Legacy Award



Offilliam A. Meehan Legacy Award



The William A. Meehan Legacy Award, established in 2015 and administered by the Council of Deans, is an award designed to honor a faculty member who has significantly advanced the mission of Jacksonville State University (JSU) through an outstanding, career-long contribution in one or more of the following areas: teaching, professional effectiveness, research, or service.

This award is sponsored by the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. This legacy award is named after JSU's 11th president, Dr. William A. Meehan. William Arthur Meehan first attended Jacksonville State University in 1968 as a student. After completing his Bachelor of Science in Biology in 1972 at JSU, Dr. Meehan returned for his master's and worked as a graduate assistant in the admissions office. Upon graduating with his Master of Science in Biology in 1976, he was approached by Dr. Theron Montgomery and asked to stay as a full-time biology instructor. The road between the classroom and the presidency consisted of a few stops along the way. Dr. Meehan served in several other roles including coordinator of medical technology, director of academic advisement, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, acting vice president for academic affairs, associate vice president for academic and student affairs, and acting vice president for institutional advancement.

In 1999, Dr. Meehan earned his doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Alabama, and on July 1, 1999, Dr. William A. Meehan became the 11th president of JSU. Dr. Meehan and his wife, Elizabeth, along with their children, Drew, Will and Carol Grace, lived in the President's Home for the duration of his nearly 16 years long Presidency.

In total, President Meehan dedicated 47 years of his life to JSU – 40 as an employee. Dr. And Mrs. Meehan and their family left a lasting legacy upon JSU and the numerous students who had the privilege of attending the university under the Meehan administration.

The individual selected for this honor will receive an honorarium of \$1,000 and a framed certificate that recognizes this accomplishment.



Gina Mabrey

Kinesiology

William A. Meehan Legacy Award



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Dobert Gelgar

Department Head Emeritus, English



Charles Groover

Department Head Emeritus, Art and Design



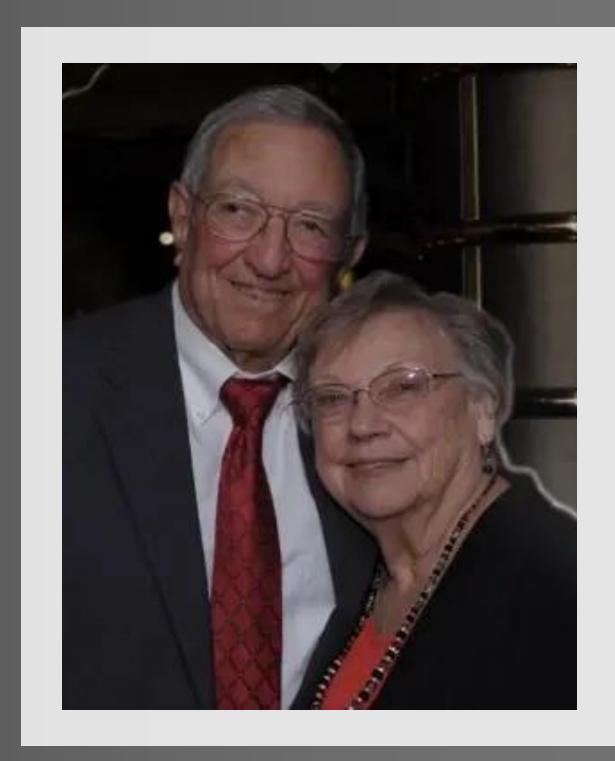
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Department Head Emeritus, MCIS



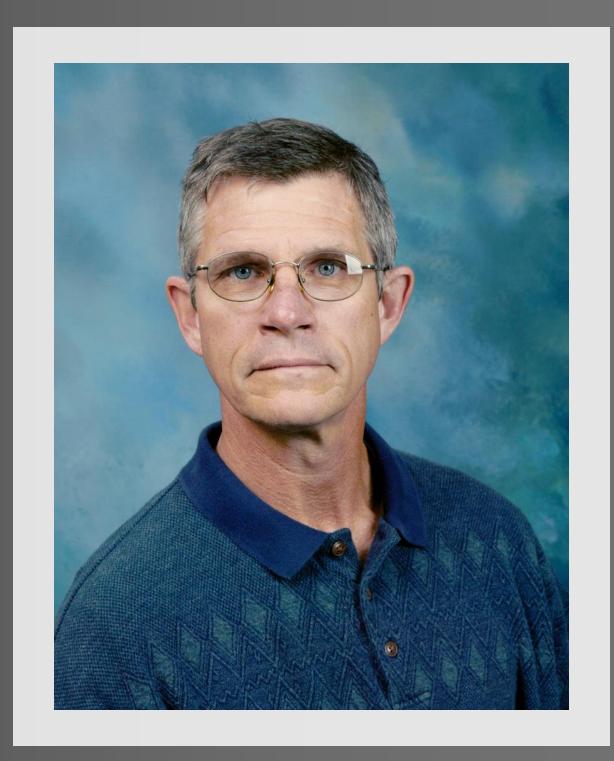
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Dean Emeritus, Music



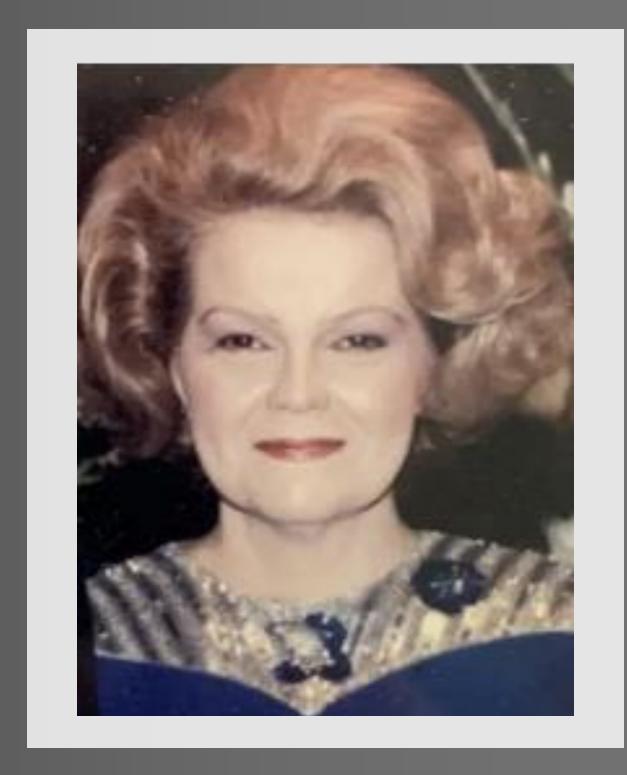
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Professor Emeritus, Art and Design



Geresita Suco

Professor, History and Foreign Languages



Shelia Mebb

Professor,
Professional Counseling &
Leadership



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Event Volunteers and Vendors

Bama Photo Booths - Photobooth
Brandy Roberts - Event Coordinator
Christie Shelton - Event Host
Faculty Honors and Grants Chair Dr. Michael Boynton
Faculty Honors and Grants Committee - Award

Reviewers **Gamecock Orientation-**Event Decor

Gina Glass-Event Volunteer

Gina Mabrey-Event Set Up

Jacob Roberts- Event Set Up

Jeffery Roberts - Event Set Up

Joshua Roberts - Event Set Up

Kimberly Carter-Event Set Up

Pop My Party-Event Balloons

Say It In Lights-Marquee Letters

Shaun Mecham at Mecham Music & Promotions-

Event Music and Lighting

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Commons Foundation account. Your
donations made it possible to purchase
event decor and adult beverages.

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AWARD WINNERS,
PLEASE MEET AT THE ENTRANCE
OF LEONE COLE BY THE BACKDROP
FOR GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS.

PICK UP RESEARCH RECOGNITION
CERTIFICATES AND SERVICE PINS AT THE
REGISTRATION TABLE.



