



## 2018 Models of Excellence Program Awards

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### ***Models of Excellence Award***

<b>Honoree</b>	<b>Intercultural Leadership Team</b>	
	For providing an opportunity for first-year domestic and international students at Penn, both undergraduate and graduate, to solidify a foundation of intercultural competence and leadership by inspiring proactive engagement, examining self and cultural awareness, and paving an avenue to make a lasting impact as global citizens at Penn and beyond.	
<b>Nominator</b>	Batsirai Bvunzawabaya, Counseling and Psychological Services	
<b>Team Members</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>School or Center</b>
	1. Shaina Adams-El Guabli	Provost's Center
	2. Rodolfo (Rudie) Altamirano	Penn Global
	3. Batsirai Bvunzawabaya	Student Services
	4. Valerie De Cruz	Student Services
	5. Katie Bonner	Student Services
	6. Yuhong He	Student Services
	7. Umi Howard	Wharton School
	8. Matthew LeRoy	Student Services
	9. Soumya Madabhushi	Student Services
	10. Sarvelia Nonantzin Peralta-Duran	Wharton School
	11. Julianne Reynolds	Student Services
	12. Charquinta Sullivan	Student Services
	13. Ryan Villanueva	Penn Global
<b>Honoree</b>	<b>Charity Payne</b>	
	For her role as the essential organizing force, focusing and coordinating the recent growth and continued coherent identity of GRASP (General Robotics, Automation, Sensing & Perception Laboratory). Most notably, serving as the true hub, she unquestionably led the birth and early success of the Penn Engineering Research Collaboration Hub (PERCH) – a historic and crucial opportunity for expanding the regional, national, and international pre-eminence of Penn Engineering.	
<b>School or Center</b>	School of Engineering and Applied Science	
<b>Nominator</b>	Daniel Koditschek, School of Engineering and Applied Science	



**Honoree Working Group for LGBTQ Student Health**

For their role as the central clearinghouse and organizational catalyst for addressing issues that affect the health of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer/Questioning and Transgender students at Penn and for their health-related planning and protocols specific to the needs of LGBTQ students at Penn, with their primary focus being the Student Health Service.

**Nominator** Valarie Swain-Cade McCoullum, Student Services

<b>Team Members</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>School or Center</b>
	1. Melissa Bottiglio	Student Services
	2. Cyndy Boyd	Student Services
	3. Julia M. Burton	Student Services
	4. Laura Kay Collins	Student Services
	5. Erin G. Cross	Student Services
	6. David Glassman	Student Services
	7. Ashlee Halbritter	Student Services
	8. Heather Hersh	Student Services
	9. Sigrid Larson	Student Services
	10. Elizabeth Manai	Student Services
	11. Judith Max Palmer	Student Services
	12. Joyce McNeill	Student Services
	13. Daniel Meyer	Student Services
	14. Julie M. Mullany	Student Services
	15. Giang Nguyen	Student Services
	16. Perri Stella	Student Services
	17. Meghan Sullivan	Student Services
	18. Amanda Finegold Swain	Student Services
	19. Erin Taylor	Student Services
	20. Leslie Thompson	Student Services

**Honorable Mention Faculty Life and Professional Development Team**

For curating professional development offerings and resources from across the Penn Medicine Health System, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, the Perelman School of Medicine, and the University of Pennsylvania, resulting in a content-rich website that also functions as a portal for faculty to easily access professional development opportunities, resources, and benefits in the areas of attaining teaching excellence, career development, leadership, research and scholarship, and well-being (including university benefits in physical and emotional health, which are of critical importance to building clinician resilience and preventing burnout).

**Nominator** Victoria Mulhern, Perelman School of Medicine

<b>Team Members</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>School or Center</b>
	1. Vivian Fisher	Perelman School of Medicine
	2. Karen Grasse	Perelman School of Medicine



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| 3. Kimberly Haebel   | Perelman School of Medicine |
| 4. Rorie Leahy       | Perelman School of Medicine |
| 5. Dorothy L. Leung  | Perelman School of Medicine |
| 6. Victoria Mulhern  | Perelman School of Medicine |
| 7. Chelsea Patrick   | Perelman School of Medicine |
| 8. Karen Shala       | Perelman School of Medicine |
| 9. Stephanie Taitano | Perelman School of Medicine |
| 10. Jane Waltman     | Perelman School of Medicine |

**Honorable Mention Institutional Risk Committee (IRC) Information Security Program**

For building a comprehensive, collaborative Information Security Program that is now a national model—making Penn dramatically stronger and safer while protecting its values of trust, privacy, and openness, and thus setting a very high standard for all future IRC initiatives.

<b>Nominator</b>	Joshua Beeman, Information Systems and Computing	
<b>Team Members</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>School or Center</b>
	1. Dan Alig	Wharton School
	2. R. Joy Azikiwe	Human Resources
	3. Jeffrey Ballentine	Information Systems and Computing
	4. Joshua Beeman	Information Systems and Computing
	5. John J. Breen III	Information Systems and Computing
	6. James Brewer	Information Systems and Computing
	7. Robert Brower	Human Resources
	8. Sean Burke	President’s Center
	9. Richard Cardona	Annenberg School for Communication
	10. James Choate	Information Systems and Computing
	11. Caroline Couture	Information Systems and Computing
	12. Donna Milici Dacey	Information Systems and Computing
	13. Robert Desilets	Information Systems and Computing
	14. Catherine DiBonaventura	School of Design
	15. Darlene P. Dziomba	Information Systems and Computing
	16. David James Earley	Information Systems and Computing
	17. Ryan Hastings	Information Systems and Computing
	18. Paul Herrmann	Information Systems and Computing
	19. Michael Herzog	Graduate School of Education
	20. Bryan Hopkins	Information Systems and Computing
	21. Samuel Jenkins	Information Systems and Computing
	22. Sarah Katz	Information Systems and Computing
	23. Denise Mancuso Lay	Information Systems and Computing
	24. Naila Machado	Information Systems and Computing
	25. Sherry Michael	Information Systems and Computing
	26. Melissa Muth	Information Systems and Computing
	27. John W. O’Brien	Information Systems and Computing



28. Warren Petrofsky	School of Arts and Sciences
29. Magida Phillips	Business Services
30. Jacqueline Koury Raynor	Information Systems and Computing
31. Charles Rumford	Information Systems and Computing
32. Michael Sanker	Information Systems and Computing
33. Scott D. Schafer	Audit Compliance and Privacy
34. Kevin Secrest	Audit Compliance and Privacy
35. Joseph Shannon	Division of Finance
36. Lauren Steinfeld	Audit Compliance and Privacy
37. Matthew Sullivan	Information Systems and Computing
38. David Tarampi	Information Systems and Computing
39. Vivin Varghese	Facilities and Real Estate Services
40. Mark Wehrle	Information Systems and Computing
41. Paul Weidner	Division of Finance
42. Barry Wilson	Wharton School
43. Ira Winston	School of Engineering
44. Wiam Younes	Information Systems and Computing
45. Jennifer Yuan	Information Systems and Computing

**Honorable Mention *Gayle Joseph***

For independently creating new, innovative ways to advance the research mission at Penn Vet, and most importantly, for her passion for research and for acting on that passion.

<b>School or Center</b>	School of Veterinary Medicine
<b>Nominator</b>	Phillip Scott, School of Veterinary Medicine

***Pillars of Excellence Award***

**Honoree *Kim Bowers***

For serving as a major pillar in the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (OFSL), the thread that holds the office together, and for her commitment to the success of OFSL, evident and apparent through her high standards of efficiency and resourcefulness, impeccable interpersonal skills, hard work and thoughtful approach.

<b>School or Center</b>	Student Services
<b>Nominator</b>	Eddie Banks-Crosson, Student Services

**Honoree *Deidre Wood***

For her dedication and reliability, efficient cleaning ideas, support and motivation of her coworkers and for her knowledge of current equipment and sustainable practices. Deidre's work ethic and positive attitude motivates those around her to work hard and meet deadlines.

<b>School or Center</b>	Facilities and Real Estate Services
<b>Nominator</b>	Wendy Sparks, Facilities and Real Estate Services



**Honorable Mention Team Materials Library & Shared Shelf**

For their critical role in the success of three major changes to the Fisher Fine Arts Library, impacting the team directly: a physical renovation, a redefinition of roles and work, and the implementation of a new digital asset management system which upended all the core workflows. Their collaborative spirit, resourcefulness, positive attitude, efficiency, creativity, and professionalism were critical to the success of all these transitions.

<b>School or Center</b>	University Library	
<b>Nominator</b>	Hannah Bennett, University Library	
<b>Team Members</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>School or Center</b>
	1. Elizabeth W. Beck	University Library
	2. Constance Mood	University Library
	3. Christal Springer	University Library

***Model Supervisor Award***

**Honoree Rodolfo (Rudie) Altamirano**

For the exceptional leadership in his role as Director of International Student and Scholar Services, his willingness to go above and beyond for students and faculty, for his staff and for Penn.

<b>School or Center</b>	Penn Global
<b>Nominator</b>	Li (Lily) Zhang, Penn Global

**Honorable Mention Amy Ashbridge**

For overseeing dramatic growth in faculty and staff, marked improvement in business processes, and the development of a complex new initiative in online education, all while creating a positive and collegial culture that makes the department an exceptional place to work.

<b>School or Center</b>	Perelman School of Medicine
<b>Nominator</b>	Steven Joffe, Perelman School of Medicine

**Honorable Mention Karen Di Maria**

For embodying the life of a leader and a model of excellence to every person she encounters in her role as the Facilities and Real Estate Services Controller.

<b>School or Center</b>	Facilities and Real Estate Services
<b>Nominator</b>	Andrea Jacobs, Facilities and Real Estate Services