

# 2020 Models of Excellence Program Awards

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## ***Models of Excellence Award-Team***

<b>Honoree</b>		
<b>Penn Museum Sphinx Move Team</b>		
The Penn Museum Sphinx Move Team transported the more than 3,000-year-old Sphinx, the largest in the Western Hemisphere, to the grand Main Entrance Hall, reimagining the 10,000-square-foot space in new galleries and transforming the human experience for all of the Museum’s visitors.		
<b>Nominator</b>		
Julian Siggers, Penn Museum		
<b>Team Members</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>School or Center</b>
	1. Anne Brancati	Penn Museum
	2. Kevin Cahail	Penn Museum
	3. Edgardo Esteves	Penn Museum
	4. Molly Gleeson	Penn Museum
	5. Lynn Grant	Penn Museum
	6. Brian Houghton	Penn Museum
	7. Anna O’Neill Alexander	Penn Museum
	8. Robert Thurlow	Penn Museum
	9. Jennifer Wegner	Penn Museum
<b>Honoree</b>		
<b>Transform Penn’s Data Center Team</b>		
The Transform Penn’s Data Center Team successfully migrated from the Walnut Street Data Center to a newly conceived, state-of-the-art facility at the Pennovation Center while modernizing network architecture, delivering immediate and long-term benefits to Penn, achieving sustainability targets, and providing a cost savings.		
<b>Nominator</b>		
Thomas Murphy, Information Systems and Computing		
<b>Team Members</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>School or Center</b>
	1. Daniel Bachovin	Information Systems and Computing
	2. David Cohen	Information Systems and Computing
	3. Joseph Demarest	Information Systems and Computing
	4. Jeffrey Edwards	Information Systems and Computing
	5. Steven Fredricks	Information Systems and Computing
	6. Tiffany Hanulec	Information Systems and Computing
	7. Gregory Hartley	Information Systems and Computing
	8. Donna Jacobs	Information Systems and Computing
	9. Dante Keyes	Information Systems and Computing
	10. Shijoy Mathew	Information Systems and Computing
	11. David Mongeluzi	Information Systems and Computing



12. James Renfro	Information Systems and Computing
13. James Riley	Information Systems and Computing
14. Maria Roberts-Reyes	Information Systems and Computing
15. Charles Rumford	Information Systems and Computing
16. Kent Whiting	Information Systems and Computing
17. Thomas Yoo	Facilities and Real Estate Services

**Honorable Mention Campus Express New Student Experience Team**

The Campus Express New Student Experience Team recreated Penn’s online onboarding site for all new students, providing a welcoming and engaging gateway to the diverse services and amenities that Penn has to offer.

<b>Nominator</b>	Marie Witt, Business Services	
<b>Team Members</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>School or Center</b>
	1. Mark Aseltine	Business Services
	2. Christopher Bradie	Business Services
	3. Barbara Lea-Kruger	Business Services
	4. Ann Weinstein	Business Services

**Honorable Mention College of Liberal and Professional Studies (LPS) Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences Team**

The LPS Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences Team created and launched the first online bachelor’s degree in the Ivy League.

<b>Nominator</b>	Dean Steven Fluharty, School of Arts and Sciences	
<b>Team Members</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>School or Center</b>
	1. Christopher Angelucci	School of Arts and Sciences
	2. Ursula Bechert	School of Arts and Sciences
	3. Dave Bieber	School of Arts and Sciences
	4. Aaron Boczkowski	School of Arts and Sciences
	5. Yvette Bordeaux	School of Arts and Sciences
	6. Leona Brandwene	School of Arts and Sciences
	7. Mary Bustamante	School of Arts and Sciences
	8. Jacqueline Candido	School of Arts and Sciences
	9. Clayton Colmon	School of Arts and Sciences
	10. Angelina Conti	School of Arts and Sciences
	11. Sara Davis	School of Arts and Sciences
	12. Betsy Dougherty	School of Arts and Sciences
	13. Benjamin Filreis	School of Arts and Sciences
	14. Ilene Ford	School of Arts and Sciences
	15. Michael Griego	School of Arts and Sciences
	16. Joseph Hallman	School of Arts and Sciences
	17. Susan Hassett	School of Arts and Sciences
	18. Caitlin Hier	School of Arts and Sciences
	19. Zachary Humenik	School of Arts and Sciences



20. Jaime Kelly	School of Arts and Sciences
21. Tomea Knight	School of Arts and Sciences
22. Jennifer Kollar	School of Arts and Sciences
23. Janet Krieger	School of Arts and Sciences
24. Sarah Libros	School of Arts and Sciences
25. Jeffrey Lyons	School of Arts and Sciences
26. John MacDermott	School of Arts and Sciences
27. Marsha Mallet	School of Arts and Sciences
28. Sarah Masino	School of Arts and Sciences
29. Jason Matjasic	School of Arts and Sciences
30. Elizabeth Matthew	School of Arts and Sciences
31. Rita McGlone	School of Arts and Sciences
32. Jacqueline McLaughlin	School of Arts and Sciences
33. Melissa Moore	School of Arts and Sciences
34. Amy Mulhern	School of Arts and Sciences
35. Debra Murphy	School of Arts and Sciences
36. Kristine Rabberman	School of Arts and Sciences
37. Brittany Robertson	School of Arts and Sciences
38. Anna Safford	School of Arts and Sciences
39. Samantha Sangenito	School of Arts and Sciences
40. Leigh Scarborough	School of Arts and Sciences
41. Joseph Schaffner	School of Arts and Sciences
42. Daniel Shields	School of Arts and Sciences
43. Kristin Sowden	School of Arts and Sciences
44. Raymond Taylor	School of Arts and Sciences
45. Donna Tomlinson	School of Arts and Sciences
46. Kathy Urban	School of Arts and Sciences
47. Christopher Veitz	School of Arts and Sciences
48. Levester Williams	School of Arts and Sciences
49. Miriam Wright	School of Arts and Sciences

**Honorable Mention Forerunner Team**

The Forerunner Team launched a trailblazing initiative to “bring the world to Penn and Penn to the World” by providing a high-touch, in-person experience to prepare new international students and parents for their Penn journey.

<b>Nominator</b>	Ryan Villanueva, Penn Global	
<b>Team Members</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>School or Center</b>
	1. Rodolfo Altamirano	Penn Global
	2. Batsirai Bvunzawabaya	Student Services
	3. Chinedu Eke	School of Engineering and Applied Sciences
	4. Sung Youn Gwak	School of Engineering and Applied Sciences



5.	Imani Hall-Harvin	Graduate School of Education
6.	Yuhong He	Student Services
7.	Sarah Kaufman	Graduate School of Education
8.	Soumya Madabhushi	Student Services
9.	Amy Nichols	Wharton School
10.	Elisabeth O’Connell	Provost’s Center
11.	Zoe Qiao	Wharton School
12.	Patricia Rea	School of Arts and Sciences
13.	Julianne Reynolds	Student Services
14.	Sharon Smith	Student Services
15.	Charquinta Sullivan	Wharton School
16.	Ann Tiao	Graduate School of Education
17.	Peter Van Do	Student Services
18.	Ryan Villanueva	Penn Global
19.	Yuan Yao	Student Services
20.	Li Zhang	Penn Global

### ***Models of Excellence Award-Individual***

**Honoree** **Kyle Cassidy**

Kyle Cassidy exemplifies the leadership and innovation that makes collaborative work at the University so successful at tackling big problems. His leadership in the Penn Virtual Reality Working Group fostered a connection between the Annenberg Center and the School of Nursing to create a virtual tool for preventing opioid overdose deaths.

**School or Center** Annenberg School for Communication

**Nominator** Lizz Cooper, Annenberg School for Communication

**Honorable Mention** **Victor Adams**

With his remarkable leadership, cross-campus collaboration, and wealth of knowledge, Victor Adams, Director in the Corporate Tax, Compliance & Payroll Office, personifies the Division of Finance’s mission to provide world-class service to faculty, staff and students.

**School or Center** Division of Finance

**Nominator** Jasmine Benns, Division of Finance

**Honorable Mention** **Laura Tepper**

Laura Tepper displays a deep understanding of the needs of the Law School’s community, students, faculty, staff, and alumni. She utilizes this understanding to develop very effective strategies to approach the community for support of Penn Law, evidenced by her ability to meet the Law School’s \$100,000,000 capital campaign goal more than one year ahead of schedule.

**School or Center** Penn Law Development and Alumni Relations

**Nominator** Penn Law Development and Alumni Relations



<b>Honorable Mention Matthew Valenti</b>	
	In his role as Associate Director for the Center for Student-Athlete Success, Matthew Valenti led the rebranding of the Office of Student Development, resulting in the creation of the Center for Student-Athlete Success, a national leader in the area of student-athlete development.
<b>School or Center</b>	Division of Recreation and Intercollegiate Athletics
<b>Nominator</b>	Jennifer Capozzoli and Center for Student-Athlete Success Staff, Division of Recreation and Intercollegiate Athletics

***Pillars of Excellence Award***

<b>Honoree</b>	<b>Jamie Apgar</b>
	Jamie Apgar has redefined the role of Training Coordinator by shaping it beyond its parameters – she has, in effect, “super-sized” each component of her job description, confidently moving between several roles.
<b>School or Center</b>	Division of Human Resources
<b>Nominator</b>	Elena McClelland, Division of Human Resources

<b>Honoree</b>	<b>Christopher Ferraiolo &amp; Michah Mack</b>
	As Wharton School building managers, Chris Ferraiolo and Michah Mack show exceptional commitment in not only performing their daily job duties but by demonstrating their dedication to the Wharton School in everything from their delivery of superior customer service to office move coordination, managing projects, and preparing for special guests.
<b>Nominator</b>	Anna Loh, Wharton School
	1. Christopher Ferraiolo                      Wharton School
	2. Michah Mack                                      Wharton School

<b>Honoree</b>	<b>Seth Fitzgerald</b>
	Seth Fitzgerald provides excellent customer service to building occupants and welcomes each performance attendee to the theatre. His Skills distinguish him with his skills in the area of housekeeping, attention to detail, problem solving, preventative maintenance, and dedication to the mission of the Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts.
<b>School or Center</b>	Facilities and Real Estate Services
<b>Nominator</b>	Wendy Sparks, Facilities and Real Estate Services

<b>Honoree</b>	<b>Ada Lawry</b>
	Serving the University for 53 years, Ada Lawry displays the highest level of customer service, quality control, operational efficiency, food preparation and presentation, health code compliance, sanitation, and safety throughout the Penn Dining operation.
<b>School or Center</b>	Residential and Hospitality Services
<b>Nominator</b>	Pamela Lampitt, Business Services



### ***Model Supervisor Award***

<b>Honoree</b>	<b>Leigh Gantz</b> As Director of Research Integration and Special Initiatives, Leigh Gantz has a wide range of responsibilities, from tactfully managing space needs to spearheading research integration efforts. Leigh’s talent for project management and organization is readily visible through the success of her initiatives and her unparalleled ability to make her colleagues and co-workers feel valued.
<b>School or Center</b>	Perelman School of Medicine
<b>Nominator</b>	April Weakley and Kaitlyn Hagarty, Perelman School of Medicine
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>Rebecca Lerario</b> Rebecca Lerario, Director of Academic Operations for the Department of Biostatistics, Epidemiology and Informatics (DBEI), is a strategic thinker who goes above and beyond to communicate with staff, creating an environment of inclusion and confidence.
<b>School or Center</b>	Perelman School of Medicine
<b>Nominator</b>	DBEI Office of the Chair and Division Associate Directors, Perelman School of Medicine
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>Ryan Miller</b> As the Director of the Office of Learning Resources at the Weingarten Center, Ryan Miller champions education and community through his excellence in supervision. He supports his team in doing what they are best at and what brings them fulfillment.
<b>School or Center</b>	Student Services
<b>Nominator</b>	Gabriel Angrand, Student Services