

2022 Models of Excellence Program Awards

Models of Excellence-Individual

Honoree: Gwendolyn Beetham	
	<i>Gwendolyn Beetham, Associate Director of the Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Program (GSWS), spearheaded numerous new policies, processes, and programs to address trans-affirming pedagogies in the classroom and best practices throughout campus; care work policies, procedures, and grants for faculty, students, and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic; and strengthening and expanding the GSWS curriculum, alumni network, and interdisciplinary program offerings.</i>
School or Center	School of Arts and Sciences

Honoree: Vanna Hing	
	<i>Vanna Hing, Coordinator in the Neurology Department, supports resident and fellowship programs. She is the go-to person for medical education questions. She has streamlined purchases for residents and sought out the best and most effective vendors for everything from recruitment swag to catering and celebratory facilities. She is a model for all employees with her dedication, resourcefulness, and professionalism.</i>
School or Center	Perelman School of Medicine

Models of Excellence-Team

Honoree: Emergency and Opportunity Fund			
	<i>The Emergency and Opportunity Fund Team is a cross-functional group comprised of colleagues from University Life, Student Financial Aid, Penn First Plus, and Graduate Education/the Vice Provost for Education whose responsibility is the timely resolution of the financial concerns that may present a barrier to student success. Together - and heightened by the pandemic - they have addressed student needs through either additional grant funding from Penn or the application of advising and counseling resources to help students navigate challenging moments. In total, this group is responsible for resolving the financial, personal, and academic concerns of over 3,100 students in the last year.</i>		
Team	First Name	Last Name	School or Center
1.	Hatef	Alavi	Provost's Center
2.	Jessica	Bolker	Provost's Center
3.	Stephanie	Brocklehurst	Division of Finance
4.	MaryAgnes	Brown	Provost's Center
5.	Amber	Green	Student Services
6.	John	Haggerty	Division of Finance
7.	Silvia V.	Hanks	Division of Finance
8.	Dana S.	Marcus	Provost's Center
9.	Anita	Mastroieni	Provost's Center
10.	Jodi	Wagner	Division of Finance
11.	Takahide	Watanabe	Student Services
12.	Meredith	Wooten	Provost's Center

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Honoree: Quaker Kitchen Project

The Quaker Kitchen Project Team incorporated a unique and innovative community dining experience into New College House in novel ways that support the pedagogy of a college house. Through its innovation, the team was also able to attract today's students who have many other dining options throughout Philadelphia, and they did so within an extremely compressed schedule.

Team	First Name	Last Name	School or Center
1.	Douglas	Berger	Residential and Hospitality Services
2.	Mariette	Buchman	Facilities and Real Estate Services
3.	Lynnea	Carrington	Business Services
4.	Michael	Doherty	Facilities and Real Estate Services
5.	David	Dunn	Facilities and Real Estate Services
6.	Jeremy	Estrada	Residential and Hospitality Services
7.	Ke	Feng	Facilities and Real Estate Services
8.	Paul	Forchielli	Residential and Hospitality Services
9.	William	Gingrow	Business Services
10.	Mark	Kocent	Facilities and Real Estate Services
11.	Pamela	Lampitt	Residential and Hospitality Services
12.	Thomas	MacDonald	Residential and Hospitality Services
13.	Jackie	Schindwein	Facilities and Real Estate Services

Honoree: Wharton Intergroup Dialogue and Inclusion

The Wharton Intergroup Dialogue and Inclusion Team (WIDIT) has designed a learning space for Wharton staff that did not exist before. It is a space staff can regularly and intentionally discuss topics of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Team	First Name	Last Name	School or Center
1.	Sonja Lee	Chen	Wharton School
2.	Connor	Daugherty	Wharton School
3.	Aman Singh	Goyal	Wharton School
4.	Gidget M.	Murray	Wharton School
5.	Sarvelia Nonantzin	Peralta-Duran	Wharton School
6.	Mattie Maria	SimBarcelos	Wharton School
7.	Antonio	Vivas	Wharton School
8.	Olivia	Wilson	Wharton School

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Honorable Mention: Libraries' Canvas Support Team			
<p><i>The Libraries' Canvas Support Team has been continually adaptive in rapidly scaling, supporting, reinforcing, and providing a consistently stable and sound learning management platform for our faculty and students to teach and learn throughout the pandemic and as we continually shift from in-person, virtual, and hybrid learning environments.</i></p>			
Team	First Name	Last Name	School or Center
1.	Katherine	Bertel	University Library
2.	Molly	Bonnard	University Library
3.	Monique	Breaux	University Library
4.	Jade E.	Davis	University Library
5.	Ben	Rosen	University Library

Honorable Mention: Redundant Steam Line Project			
<p><i>The Redundant Steam Line Project Team identified a single point of failure to the campus steam supply. A loss of steam to the campus and Hospital would have resulted in catastrophic outcomes including potential loss of life. To eliminate the potential for a campus-wide failure, including for the hospital, several options were studied in detail to provide a redundant source. Based on cost, capacity, and constructability, the best option was selected. Working closely with the adjacent neighbors, Penn Medicine, and the city, this new line was constructed and put into operation in the fall of 2021.</i></p>			
Team	First Name	Last Name	School or Center
1.	Michael	Dausch	Facilities and Real Estate Services
2.	Daniel	Hazley	Facilities and Real Estate Services
3.	Walter	Molishus	Facilities and Real Estate Services
4.	Robert	Piasecki	Facilities and Real Estate Services
5.	Roy	Stein	Facilities and Real Estate Services
6.	Ben	Suplick	Facilities and Real Estate Services
7.	John R.	Zurn	Facilities and Real Estate Services

Honorable Mention: Sexual Trauma Treatment Outreach and Prevention Team			
<p><i>The Sexual Trauma Treatment Outreach and Prevention (STTOP) Team creates a supportive and safe campus community by providing urgent and ongoing therapeutic support for student survivors of sexual trauma and interpersonal violence; informs and connects students to formal support services; participates in and offers campus outreach associated with sexual assault education and prevention; and collaborates with community and campus partners in meeting the needs of victim/survivors of sexual violence.</i></p>			
Team	First Name	Last Name	School or Center
1.	Julia	Burton	Health and Wellness
2.	Batsirai	Bvunzawabaya	Health and Wellness
3.	Margarita	Capistrano	Health and Wellness
4.	Laura	Collins	Health and Wellness

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5.	Brittan	Davis	Health and Wellness
6.	Heather D.	Frost	Health and Wellness
7.	Dayna	Greenspon	Health and Wellness
8.	Carmen	Moedano	Health and Wellness
9.	Nicole	Nardone	Health and Wellness
10.	Di	O'Neill	Health and Wellness
11.	Marian	Reiff	Health and Wellness
12.	Valeriya	Spektor	Health and Wellness
13.	Alyssa	Steglik	Health and Wellness
14.	Miao	Tian	Health and Wellness
15.	Vincent G.	Walford	Health and Wellness
16.	Derik	Yager-Elorriaga	Health and Wellness

Pillars of Excellence

Honoree: Weldon Blount	
	<i>Weldon Blount has provided exemplary housekeeping services over the past 11 years while employed as a custodian. He continues to ensure our standards are exceeded on a daily basis. First shift at the Perelman School Of Medicine requires consistent flexibility and Weldon is always available to help when needed without question.</i>
School or Center	Facilities and Real Estate Services

Honoree: Rosemary Welsh	
	<i>Rosemary Welsh provides administrative support to faculty, staff, and students across the Perelman School of Medicine (PSOM). Over the last 30 years, Rosemary's work has been empowered by her connections with staff, faculty, and leaders across PSOM, the Health System, and the University. She is a model of excellence and a steward of devotion toward Penn Medicine and the University.</i>
School or Center	Perelman School of Medicine

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Model Supervisor

Honoree: Blair Mannix	
	<i>Blair Mannix, Director of MBA Admissions, has elevated the individual and collective performance of her team and those departments that work with MBA Admissions, witnessed by the professional growth of her own team and the achievements shared by partners across campus. Amid the ripples of the pandemic, Blair led the department to be the first elite MBA program to break 50% of women in its class (Wharton's MBA Class of 2023 is comprised of 52% women).</i>
School or Center	Wharton School

Honoree: Sharon Smith	
	<i>Sharon Smith, Associate Vice Provost, University Life Administration, has consistently found ways to help students in need. In March 2020, students were on spring break when the University announced students must return home because of the pandemic. Sharon formed a team to assist students in getting their belongings, arranging for transportation, and problem-solving for students who just did not know what to do. Sharon is a creative problem solver who works relentlessly in crafting a positive outcome for students. Her calm demeanor inspires confidence.</i>
School or Center	Student Services

Honorable Mention: Joseph Kay	
	<i>Joseph Kay, Research Manager for the Behavior Change for Good Initiative, prioritizes mentorship and support and handles his work seamlessly and effectively in a consistently calm and kind demeanor. His leadership of the Behavioral Change for Good Initiative has received positive publicity and made a splash in both academic and policy circles.</i>
School or Center	Wharton School

Honorable Mention: Hien Lu	
	<i>Hien Lu is the Project Manager for the RadComp Study, a nationwide breast cancer study involving 34 proton networks and 75 locations throughout the United States. Hien manages a team of 3 full-time staff and is the point of contact for RadComp's research teams' 350 national consortium partners. Her leadership skills have helped a small team manage a large clinical trial over the past six years as it closes in on its enrollment goals and has received national recognition for excellence in patient engagement.</i>
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Supporting Penn Through COVID-19 and Return to Campus Work-Individual

Honoree: Maria Perkins	
	<i>Maria Perkins, Director, Gifts Accounting & Administration and Records, re-architected the business process in the management of over 100K gift transactions totaling over \$1B in commitments during the pandemic. This re-architecture revolutionized the processes of over 20 remote staff as well as the department's interaction with Schools and Centers. DAR continued to successfully execute one of its most important business functions - the timely and accurate processing of gifts, receipting and thanking donors, and capturing and updating our records all while closing the \$5.4B Power of Penn Campaign.</i>
School or Center	Development and Alumni Relations

Honoree: Bethany Robblee Schell	
	<i>From April 1, 2020, just two weeks after campus was de-populated due to COVID-19, through June 2021, Bethany produced necessary and urgent paper academics records. Bethany quickly identified a large gap in critical services and stepped in to close that gap when no one else could, minimizing disruption to fulfilling those responsibilities, and meeting the needs of students and alumni.</i>
School or Center	Division of Finance

Supporting Penn Through COVID-19 and Return to Campus Work-Team

Honoree: Penn Zoom Team			
	<i>When COVID forced teaching online, the cross-campus Penn Zoom team rapidly came together to convert a disorderly landscape of multiple Zoom instances into a uniform, easy-to-use experience. They did this collaboratively, across a wide set of Schools, offices, and units, with patience and a focus on the end user. In doing so they provided the tools needed to preserve Penn's mission of teaching and learning, effectively and smoothly, despite the challenges of distance.</i>		
Team	First Name	Last Name	School or Center
1.	Amber	Abercrombie	Information Systems and Computing
2.	David	Allegretti	School of Social Policy and Practice
3.	Anthony	Auge	School of Nursing
4.	Tonya	Bennett	School of Veterinary Medicine
5.	Molly	Bonnard	University Library
6.	John	Breen	Information Systems and Computing
7.	Gerald	Brennian	Perelman School of Medicine
8.	Elona	Canaj	School of Veterinary Medicine
9.	Randall	Couch	Information Systems and Computing
10.	Joe	Cruz	Wharton School
11.	Dan	Delaney	Information Systems and Computing
12.	Jim	Denk	Wharton School
13.	Christine	Droesser	Law School
14.	Dylan	Fenton	School of Engineering & Applied Science

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15.	Brendan	Gallagher	School of Veterinary Medicine
16.	Amelia	Garrett	Law School
17.	Andre	Harris	Information Systems and Computing
18.	Michael	Hyzer	Information Systems and Computing
19.	Alex	Jarymovych	Weitzman School of Design
20.	Sarah	Katz	Information Systems and Computing
21.	Christopher	Lake	Weitzman School of Design
22.	Janet	Lind	Information Systems and Computing
23.	Kevin	Lux	Perelman School of Medicine
24.	Steven	Mak	Information Systems and Computing
25.	Roberto	Mansfield	School of Arts and Sciences
26.	Erin	Marshall	School of Nursing
27.	Christopher	Niemeyer	School of Engineering & Applied Science
28.	Brandon	Orselli	Weitzman School of Design
29.	Christopher	Passanante	School of Arts and Sciences
30.	Andrew	Perch	School of Engineering & Applied Science
31.	West	Phinney	Information Systems and Computing
32.	Samuel	Rossi	School of Arts and Sciences
33.	David	Roush	Law School
34.	Kyle	Schumacher	School of Dental Medicine
35.	Douglas	Smullens	University Library
36.	Eric	Snyder	Information Systems and Computing
37.	Matthew	Sullivan	Information Systems and Computing
38.	Neal	Swisher	Law School
39.	Dave	Tarampi	Information Systems and Computing
40.	Michael	Tees	School of Dental Medicine
41.	Charles E.	Washington, Jr.	Graduate School of Education
42.	Emerson	Waterbel	Provost's Center
43.	Mark	Wehrle	Information Systems and Computing
44.	Vern	Yoneyama	Information Systems and Computing
45.	Nico	Zigouras	Information Systems and Computing

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Honoree: Perelman Quadrangle Team: Amplifying Student Life During COVID-19

The Perelman Quadrangle operations team provided transformative service as the in-person presence of the University Life division enabling a safe, meaningful campus experience for students. The team supported essential activities such as COVID testing sites, flu clinic, and election polling places.

Team	First Name	Last Name	School or Center
1.	Barthel	Akins	Student Activities
2.	Benjamin	Coppola	Student Activities
3.	Patrick	Faulk	Student Activities
4.	Kelly	Hartman	Student Services
5.	Christopher	Kessler	Student Activities
6.	Julian	Lawrence	Student Activities
7.	Tyree	Long	Student Activities
8.	Chris	Mateo	Student Activities
9.	Peter	Morgans	Student Services
10.	Laron	Overby	Student Activities

Honoree: Student Campus Compact Review

In anticipation of the University operating under COVID-19 restrictions for the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 terms, the University enacted a Student Campus Compact and formed a Student Campus Compact Review Panel to handle reports of non-compliance with the Student Campus Compact. The implementation of the Student Compact was essential to Penn welcoming students to campus living during the Spring 2021 term and helped to keep the COVID positivity rates remarkably low during the 2020-2021 academic year.

Team	First Name	Last Name	School or Center
1.	Laura Rose	Collins	Student Activities
2.	Tamara	Greenfield King	Student Services
3.	Ashlee	Halbritter	Health and Wellness
4.	Danielle	Lybrand	Provost Interdisciplinary Programs
5.	Gary	Purpura	Provost's Center
6.	Neil	Roper	Health and Wellness
7.	Lauren	Rudick	Student Services
8.	Sharon	Smith	Student Services
9.	Vanessa	Stoloff	Health and Wellness

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Honorable Mention: Career Services: Supporting Students Through COVID			
<p><i>The Career Services team exhibited exemplary service to the Penn community during the pandemic. They expanded remote student advising, created new pandemic-related digital resources, implemented virtual recruiting programs to connect students with employers, offered hundreds of virtual workshops tailored to specific student populations (many in collaboration with campus partners), and managed a highly successful expanded summer funding program to support 183 students in completing unpaid internships or research experiences.</i></p>			
Team	First Name	Last Name	School or Center
1.	Ariana	Alexander	Student Services
2.	Tina	Anino	Student Services
3.	Joseph	Barber	Student Services
4.	Emily	Barrale	Student Services
5.	Mia	Carpiniello	Student Services
6.	Jillian	Cener	Student Services
7.	Ashley	Culver	Student Services
8.	J. Michael	DeAngelis	Student Services
9.	Anne	Dickinson	Student Services
10.	Sharon	Fleshman	Student Services
11.	Jamie	Grant	Student Services
12.	Carol	Hagan	Student Services
13.	Barbara	Hewitt	Student Services
14.	Dianne	Hull	Student Services
15.	Debra	Koita	Student Services
16.	Natty	Leach	Student Services
17.	Marianne	Lipa	Student Services
18.	Leon	Malloy	Student Services
19.	Jackie	Moriniere	Student Services
20.	Esther	Ra	Student Services
21.	S. David	Ross	Student Services
22.	Rebecca	Tamayo	Student Services
23.	Caroline	Wilky	Student Services

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Honorable Mention: College Houses and Academic Services			
<p><i>College Houses and Academic Services (CHAS) creates engaging on-campus intellectual and social communities that house over 6,000 undergraduates each year. College House teams include student staff, Penn faculty in-residence, and more than 40 professionals who support the Houses both in-residence and from CHAS offices. During a time of challenge and uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CHAS stayed focused on its mission to serve students with innovative and creative strategies, no matter where they were located.</i></p>			
Team	First Name	Last Name	School or Center
1.	Amanda	Atkinson	Health and Wellness
2.	Christopher	Bogs	College Houses and Academic Services
3.	M'Hamed	Bokreta	College Houses and Academic Services
4.	Victoria	Bowen	College Houses and Academic Services
5.	Ericka	Brown	Wharton School
6.	Licinia "Lulu"	Barrueco Kaliher	College Houses and Academic Services
7.	Joselyn M.	Calderón	College Houses and Academic Services
8.	Julie	Cooke	College Houses and Academic Services
9.	Zussette	Delgado	College Houses and Academic Services
10.	Christopher	Donovan	School of Arts and Sciences
11.	Rhina	El-Amin	College Houses and Academic Services
12.	Domenic	Gaeta	Development and Alumni Relations
13.	Nicola	Gentili	School of Arts and Sciences
14.	William	Gipson	Student Services
15.	Felicia N.	Goodson	College Houses and Academic Services
16.	Jean-Luc	Grandchamp	College Houses and Academic Services
17.	Stephen	Groundwater	College Houses and Academic Services
18.	Lisa	Harris	College Houses and Academic Services
19.	Valerie	Houck	College Houses and Academic Services
20.	Ebonish	Lamar	College Houses and Academic Services
21.	Gina	Marziani	College Houses and Academic Services
22.	Kathryn	McDonald	College Houses and Academic Services
23.	Viraj	Patel	College Houses and Academic Services
24.	Jessica	Ramos	College Houses and Academic Services
25.	David	Riddell	College Houses and Academic Services
26.	Elizabeth	Scheyder	School of Arts and Sciences
27.	Nadir	Sharif	Wharton School
28.	Raji	Smith	College Houses and Academic Services
29.	Trina	Sokoloski	College Houses and Academic Services
30.	Ernie	Sparks	College Houses and Academic Services
31.	Daniel L.	Thomas III	College Houses and Academic Services
32.	Stephanie	Turner	College Houses and Academic Services

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Honorable Mention: TEAM Student Health			
<i>Undeterred by COVID-19, TEAM Student Health provides comprehensive clinical care to students. Student Health maintained continuous clinical and in-person operations throughout 2019, 2020, and the return to campus of students in Fall 2021.</i>			
Team	First Name	Last Name	School or Center
1.	William	Adelman	Health and Wellness
2.	Diana	Bainbridge	Health and Wellness
3.	Anitra	Bell	Health and Wellness
4.	Yuliis Y.	Bell	Health and Wellness
5.	Kathleen	Bidoli	Health and Wellness
6.	Shamica	Brown	Health and Wellness
7.	Mary	Bryan	Health and Wellness
8.	Julia	Burton	Health and Wellness
9.	Okeea	Carthorne	Health and Wellness
10.	Heather	Charboneau	Health and Wellness
11.	Mary	Christiansen	Health and Wellness
12.	Yajaira	Cruz	Health and Wellness
13.	Carol	Duffey	Health and Wellness
14.	James	Effrece	Health and Wellness
15.	Alice	Gallagher	Health and Wellness
16.	Elizabeth	Gallagher Manai	Health and Wellness
17.	Winifred	Gbomita	Health and Wellness
18.	Dayna	Greenspon	Health and Wellness
19.	Patricia	Kellman	Health and Wellness
20.	Lee	Krobok	Health and Wellness
21.	Cecily	Larry	Health and Wellness
22.	Sigrid	Larson	Health and Wellness
23.	John	Laury	Health and Wellness
24.	David	Leslie	Health and Wellness
25.	Lavonya	Lewis	Health and Wellness
26.	Kimberly	Lewis-Watson	Health and Wellness
27.	Alex	Madera	Health and Wellness
28.	Joyce	McNeill	Health and Wellness
29.	Daniel	Meyer	Health and Wellness
30.	Melanie	Morrison	Health and Wellness
31.	Constance	Murphy	Health and Wellness
32.	Deborah A.	Niles	Health and Wellness
33.	Nicole	Otto	Health and Wellness
34.	Dekisha	Overton	Health and Wellness
35.	Jeanel	Patten	Health and Wellness

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36.	Ana	Pereira	Health and Wellness
37.	Javon	Robinson	Health and Wellness
38.	Terema	Robinson	Health and Wellness
39.	Mariellen	Sarsfield	Health and Wellness
40.	Perri	Stella	Health and Wellness
41.	Vanessa	Stoloff	Health and Wellness
42.	Amy	Sullivan	Health and Wellness
43.	Leslie	Thompson	Health and Wellness
44.	Christina	Torrens	Health and Wellness
45.	Colleen	Treiber	Health and Wellness
46.	Seema	Vasu	Health and Wellness
47.	Deborah	Westerling	Health and Wellness
48.	Raymond	York	Health and Wellness