



## 2024 Models of Excellence Program Awards

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### *Models of Excellence-Individuals*

#### **Honoree: Kayla Clark, Perelman School of Medicine**

Kayla Clark, Project Manager in the Division of Medical Ethics & Health Policy, is an essential team member for the Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease Risk Reduction Initiative. Kayla has overcome challenges, collaborated, built relationships across the Penn community, and made remarkable improvements to the research operations. Her work informed the development of the initiative's new centralized program, Penn Medicine Healthy Heart, which treats hypertension and hyperlipidemia, increases smoking cessation, and improves nutrition.

#### **Honoree: Abby Kalkstein, School of Engineering and Applied Science**

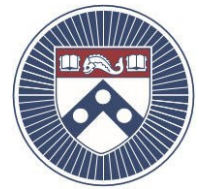
In her former role as Associate Director of Admissions and Operations in the School of Social Policy and Practice (SP2), Abigail Kalkstein supported SP2 in their enrollment management and admissions initiatives. She ensured accurate data management allowing all other school departments to make strategic decisions affecting budgets, personnel resources, and enrollment goals. Her contributions to the admissions team were essential in SP2's overall mission to create a community of student-leaders committed to global social justice.

#### **Honoree: Lauren Rudick, Student Services**

Lauren Rudick, Director of the Office of Student Intervention Services (SIS), leads a team of advisors who coordinate efforts to address the needs of students who require specialized assistance for personal and academic challenges. Lauren and her team avert crisis by working actively with academic deans and advisors, Special Services, and Student Health and Counseling in the best interest of students.

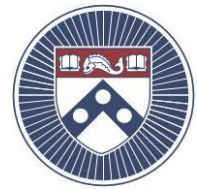
#### **Honoree: Teri Scott, Morris Arboretum & Gardens**

Teri Scott, Director of Marketing at the Morris Arboretum & Gardens, expertly led a major rebranding campaign, pushed for new, visitor-focused initiatives, focused on new and diverse markets and increasing media awareness of *the Morris* and its activities. She is determined to make everyone she encounters feel valued.



### *Models of Excellence-Teams*

Honoree: DEEPenn STEM Organizing Team			
<p>The DEEPenn STEM Organizing Team orchestrated a grassroots graduate school preview event showcasing Penn's interdisciplinary research by promoting inclusivity. Tailored for undergraduates who have limited information and opportunities to pursue advanced degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), this initiative bridged the information gap in STEM graduate recruitment efforts at the University of Pennsylvania.</p>			
	First Name	Last Name	School or Center
1.	Annie	Jeong	School of Engineering and Applied Science
2.	Patricia	Rea	School of Arts and Sciences
3.	Ashley J.	Wallace	Provost Interdisciplinary Programs
Honoree: Let's Talk Team			
<p>The Let's Talk Team is a diverse panel of experts who provide culturally and linguistically appropriate emotional well-being services through informal, confidential drop-in counseling. Let's Talk provides easily accessible services that challenge the stigma around mental health and create a safe, non-judgmental environment. The innovative initiative actively engages with students to address their concerns and equip them with life skills.</p>			
	First Name	Last Name	School or Center
1.	William	Atkins	Student Services
2.	Zaida	Bryant	Provost's Center
3.	Batsirai	Bvunzawabaya	Health and Wellness
4.	Mary Kate	Coghlan	Health and Wellness
5.	Krista	Cortes	Student Services
6.	Valerie	De Cruz	Student Services
7.	Benoit	Dubé	Health and Wellness
8.	Bramble	Heidt	Health and Wellness
9.	Jane F.	Holahan	Student Services
10.	Jasmine R.	Johnson	Health and Wellness
11.	Tex	Kang	University Library
12.	Steve	Kocher	Provost's Center
13.	Marc A.	Lo	Provost's Center
14.	Chelsea	Minsky	Health and Wellness
15.	Kaden	Moriarty	Health and Wellness
16.	Malik	Muhammad	Student Services
17.	Nicole	Nardone	Health and Wellness
18.	Brian	Peterson	Student Services
19.	Marian	Reiff	Health and Wellness
20.	Morgen	Rosen	Division of Recreation & Intercollegiate Athletics



21.	Julia	Saul	Health and Wellness
22.	Steve	Scaduto	University Library
23.	Alaina	Spiegel	Health and Wellness
24.	Yacob	Tekie	Health and Wellness
25.	Miao	Tian	Health and Wellness
26.	Meredith	Wooten	Provost's Center
27.	Derik	Yager-Elorriaga	Health and Wellness
28.	Tianhong "Jojo"	Yao	Health and Wellness

**Honoree: Penn Cooks**

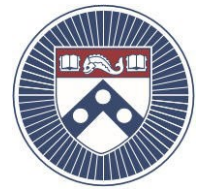
To celebrate the diversity of the students, and to provide them with opportunities to explore and appreciate their own and others' identities and experiences through food, the Penn Cooks team created Penn Cooks - Culture, Community, and Cuisine. This program features chefs and cuisines from various backgrounds, partners with campus groups and cultural centers to select the food and the chef, and invites students to join a special meal and a friendly discussion about the chef's culture and history.

	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>School or Center</b>
1.	Kristin	Cummings	Residential and Hospitality Services
2.	Pamela	Lampitt	Residential and Hospitality Services
3.	Barbara	Lea-Kruger	Business Services
4.	Thomas	MacDonald	Residential and Hospitality Services
5.	Ted	Morrin	Residential and Hospitality Services

**Honoree: PVP Consent Circles Team**

The Consent Circles Team at Penn Violence Prevention (PVP) designed a unique educational opportunity for all incoming Penn students during New Student Orientation. The team works collaboratively with orientation administrators, peer educators, and dozens of staff supporters to deliver peer-led consent education that moves beyond compliance and embraces an opportunity to build healthy relationship skills with new students in their first days on campus to create a safer and healthier Penn community.

	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>School or Center</b>
1.	Reema	Malhotra Phillips	Student Services
2.	Julie	Millisky	Student Services
3.	Tyler	Rizzo	Student Services
4.	Elise	Scioscia	Student Services



## *Pillars of Excellence*

### **Honoree: Bill Dickson, Facilities and Real Estate Services**

Bill Dickson, Custodian in Facilities and Real Estate Services has been a dedicated member of the housekeeping team for 35 years. He has consistently committed to innovation and improvement and has taken a lead role in developing the Enhanced Housekeeping Program and assisted in creating Sustainability training. William has also been a dynamic presence in assisting his team members with everything from rides to work and information on the Penn Commuter Program to supporting his co-workers with Workday.

### **Honoree: Mary Marcopul, School of Arts and Sciences**

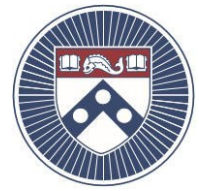
Mary Marcopul, Lecturer Demonstration Coordinator in the Department of Physics and Astronomy, has increased the academic support in the department, expanded the reach and scope of the lecture demonstrations, and championed the introduction of modern and inclusive pedagogical practices. Mary is a mentor and a vocal proponent of women and other underrepresented groups in physics and astronomy.

### **Honoree: Leslie Vallhonrat, University Library**

Leslie Vallhonrat, Web Developer and Designer for the Penn Libraries, shows a deep commitment to advocating for accessibility as a means towards inclusion and equitability in institutions of higher learning. She developed the Libraries-wide Accessibility Ambassadors program, coordinated time-sensitive website updates to relocate 1.5 million Van Pelt Library books, and contributed to the facilitation of the libraries' daily operations, supporting dozens of staff members and thousands of online visitors.

### **Honoree: Janell Wiseley, Development and Alumni Relations**

Janell Wiseley, Program Coordinator for Penn Alumni Lifelong Learning in Alumni Relations, is the ultimate example of what it means to be a colleague -- generous with her expertise and time, kind, thoughtful, and encouraging. She exemplifies effectiveness, efficiency, and continuous improvement in all she does.



### *Model Supervisor*

#### **Honoree: Erin Brown, Division of Human Resources**

Erin Brown, Director of the Penn Employee Solution Center, is a dedicated, encouraging, and heartfelt leader. Erin elevates every conversation and situation she touches by never losing sight of the human element in Human Resources. She has raised the profile of the Penn Employee Solution Center as an outstanding service while supporting the development, engagement, and well-being of the employees on her team.

#### **Honoree: Sharon Fleshman, Student Services**

Sharon Fleshman, Senior Associate Director in Career Services, exemplifies confident, compassionate, and thoughtful leadership, supervising a team dedicated to supporting students in helping professions. Sharon demonstrates a clear passion for social justice and DEI in her work. Her commitment to the professional development of staff on her team is evident from the success they enjoy in their careers.

#### **Honoree: Jane F. Holahan, Student Services**

Jane F. Holahan, Director of the Weingarten Learning Resource Center, has proven herself a transformative leader, developing the Weingarten Center into a unified department known as “Penn’s Home for Academic Support and Disability Services” while showing deep care and dedication in supporting both staff and students through unprecedented challenges.

#### **Honoree: Adam Roth-Saks, School of Social Policy and Practice**

Adam Roth-Saks, Administrative Director of the Master of Science in Nonprofit Leadership Program, is a model leader who advocates not only for his team but also for the entire Penn community. He launched one of the first fully online master’s programs. Adam encourages collaboration and innovation within and across teams and gives everyone a seat at the table.