

2026 Service Awards

5 year milestone

Bryon Applequist	College of Education & Human Development
Hassan Aziz	College of Nursing & Health Sciences
Adrienne Backer	College of Education & Human Development
Laura Beecraft	Harte Research Institute
Christopher Benedetti	College of Education & Human Development
Juan Canchola	Harte Research Institute
Tara Carlisle	Mary & Jeff Bell Library
Ricardo Carrillo	University Police Department
Bryana Cazarez	College of Nursing & Health Sciences
Tara Davis	School of Arts, Media & Communication
Ralph Davis	Athletics
Patrick De Los Santos	Information Technology
Kitay Diejomaoh	Health Services
Ashley Drillen	College of Nursing & Health Sciences
Krystal Estrada	Admissions
Barret Flaminio	Autonomy Research Institute
Cristela Flores	Student Success
Dana Forgione	College of Business
Carla Gaona	Information Technology
Sarina Garcia	Institutional Advancement
Dale Gawlik	Harte Research Institute
Karl Gonzales	Bursar
Jonathan Gonzalez	Information Technology
Tammy Graham	Contracts Administration
Tristan Guajardo	Registrar's Office
Justin Guajardo	Research & Innovation
Mahboobeh Haghparast	College of Engineering & Computer Science
Cassandra Haney	Admissions
Tracy Harper	College of Education & Human Development
Billy Harris	Student Success
Sandeep Jilla	Harte Research Institute
Ariel Kelley	College of Liberal Arts
Stephaine Long	College of Nursing & Health Sciences
Vanessa Lopez	Harte Research Institute
Candice Lumibao	College of Science

Kevin Martin	Recreational Sports
Joseph Matt	College of Science
Aref Mazloum	College of Engineering & Computer Science
Shawn McCracken	College of Science
Zane McFarlane	Athletics
Carlos Rubio-Medrano	College of Engineering & Computer Science
Cathy Miller	College of Nursing & Health Sciences
Heather Montgomery	Harte Research Institute
Dung Ngo	College of Liberal Arts
Thang Nguyen	College of Engineering & Computer Science
Manuel Pina	College of Liberal Arts
Alissa Ramirez	Enrollment Management
Amy Rivera	Budget
Adrian Rodriguez	SEAS & Intercollegiate Athletics
Jim Shaw	Athletics
Mehdi Sookhak	College of Engineering & Computer Science
Maria Vasilyeva	College of Science
Esmeralda Vasquez	Student Life
Ashley Voggt	College of Education & Human Development
Wenlu Wang	College of Engineering & Computer Science
Matthew Wesson	Autonomy Research Institute
Terri Xu	College of Business
Alex Zavala	Human Resources

10 year milestone

Christopher Andrews	College of Liberal Arts
Kelli Bippert	College of Education & Human Development
Silas Breaux	School of Arts, Media & Communication
Susan De Ghize	School of Arts, Media & Communication
Raquel Garcia	Procurements & Disbursements
Joseph Garcia	Information Technology
Jennifer Garza-Cuen	School of Arts, Media & Communication
Stephanie Gonzales	Financial Aid
Stephen Greene	Athletics
Lizzy Guerra	Marketing
Christine Hagen	Autonomy Research Institute
Mahdiar Hariri	College of Engineering & Computer Science
Amanda Hartman	College of Liberal Arts
Laura Helbling	College of Science
Derrik Hiatt	Mary & Jeff Bell Library
Tyler Higgins	Inventory
Christopher Hollenbeck	College of Science
Maryam Jalali-Mousavi	College of Engineering & Computer Science
Tiesong Lu	Information Technology

Shelley Martinez-Lopez
Michele Matthews
Teresa McEnulty
Judy Metcalf
Nancy Miller
Veronica Munoz
Valeriu Murgulet
Jangwoon Park
Tye Payne
Suyang Pei
Christopher Pool
Charles Proffitt
Erlinda Salinas
Amanda Sanchez
Stephanie Schmidt
Jian Sheng
Rinki Suryavanshi
Barbara Szczerbinska
Kimberly Trejo
Wayne Willmon
Lin Zhang
Daqun Zhang

Health Services
Athletics
Athletics
College of Science
School of Arts, Media & Communication
School of Arts, Media & Communication
College of Science
College of Engineering & Computer Science
Autonomy Research Institute
College of Science
School of Arts, Media & Communication
College of Science
Disability Services
University Counseling Center
Student Life
College of Engineering & Computer Science
Digital Learning & Academic Innovations
College of Science
Health Services
Information Technology
College of Science
College of Business

15 year milestone

Mayra Alvarado Ramirez
Zelda Chacon
Nene Coulibaly
Stephen Doolan
Maria Gonzalez
Patricia Hernandez
Karen Hunnicutt Hollenbaugh
Misty Kesterson
Larry Lloyd
Lisa Louis
Amanda Marquez
Troy Martinez
Dorina Murgulet
Dolores Phegan
Carrie Pierce
Patricia Spaniol-Mathews
Jenny Vela
Jason Williams

College of Engineering & Computer Science
Health Services
College of Science
College of Liberal Arts
Centralized Accounting & Business Services
Mary & Jeff Bell Library
College of Education & Human Development
College of Education & Human Development
Research & Innovation
Mary & Jeff Bell Library
College of Liberal Arts
College of Liberal Arts
College of Science
Employee Development & Compliance Services
School of Arts, Media & Communication
Student Success
Registrar's Office
Harte Research Institute

20 year milestone

Jennifer Anderson	Mary & Jeff Bell Library
Claudia Ayala	Student Support
Sara Chapa	College of Science
Joseph Doan	Mary & Jeff Bell Library
Shay Lee	PAIRS
Paul Montagna	Harte Research Institute
Peter Moore	College of Liberal Arts
Terrance Oprisko	Information Technology
Terry Palmer	Harte Research Institute

25 year milestone

Leticia Bazan	Community & Belonging
Gregory Buck	College of Science
Chuleeporn Changchit	College of Business
Shawn Elizondo	Coastal Bend Business Innovation Center
Erin Hill	Harte Research Institute
Christina Holzheuser	Bursar's Office
Margaret MacDonald	Institutional Advancement
Susan Murphy	Provost's Office
Maria Pedigo	Human Resources
Lisa Perez	Student Engagement & Success
Elizabeth Perez	Institutional Excellence
Ricardo Reyes	Student Life
Theresa Sharpe	University Counseling Center
James Silliman	College of Science
Dan Sipes	School of Arts, Media & Communication
Philippe Tissot	Conrad Blucher Institute
Cynthia Turner	Procurements & Disbursements

30 year milestone

Melissa Adames	College of Education & Human Development
Nancy Burns	Procurements & Disbursements
Kevin Krank	Information Technology
Sandra Kureska	Registrar's Office
Richard Ricard	College of Education & Human Development
Stefan Sencerz	College of Liberal Arts
Benito Soto	Information Technology

*Thank you to all 2026 honorees for your time
and service at the university!*



2026 Parade of Achievers

Mayra Alvarado	Doctor of Curriculum and Instruction
Samantha Barrera	Doctor of Education (Educational Leadership)
Daniel Clancy	Master of Business Administration
Ashley Drillen	Doctor of Nursing Practice
Abigail Evans	Master of Public Administration
Lori Flamino	Doctor of Education (Educational Leadership)
Brittani Fletcher	Master of Public Administration
Cristy Gonzalez	Bachelor of Accounting
Jasmine Lopez	Master of Science (Geospatial Systems Engineering)
Marissa Morales	Master of Science (Educational Administration)
Seth Moran	Master of Public Administration & Homeland Security Certification
Julia Norrell	Doctor of Education (Educational Leadership)
Domonique Onken	Master of Business Administration (Management)
Alexis Rodriguez	Master of Business Administration
Richard Solis	Master of Fine Arts in Studio Art (Graphic Design)
Matthew Tedrow	Doctor of Education (Educational Leadership)
Lei Vincent	Master of Arts in Communication (Organizational Leadership)

2026 Excellence Award Nominees

Faculty

RESEARCH & SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Rosie Banda
Shawn McCracken

CREATIVE ACTIVITY

Sarah Gonzalez

SERVICE

Kevin Bazner
Devanayagam Palaniappan

TEACHING

Christopher Benedetti

TEACHING INNOVATION

Kevin Bazner
Heather DeGrande

Staff

LEADERSHIP

James Dalton
Donna DeLeon
Cynthia Lazcano
Sheryl McMillan
Benjamin Oliveira
Angelita Peralez

IMPACT

Margaret MacDonald
Jennifer Mahan
Angelita Peralez

ENGAGEMENT

Jeremy Dean
Mario DeLeon
Alissa Mejia
Angelita Peralez

Interdivisional Collaboration

TBD - Winner to be announced at the event!