

Scholarship, Commitment, Service, and Research

Physics Faculty, Staff, and Students Recognized at 2016 Chancellor's Banquet

April 20, 2016

The physics department walked away with several top honors at the Chancellor's Banquet Tuesday evening, with recognition in the highest of university ideals—scholarship, teaching, and research—as well as the bedrock principles of service and honor. Professor Soren Sorensen was named 2016 Macebearer: the highest faculty honor at the university. Professor Geoff Greene won the Alexander Prize for exceptional teaching and distinguished scholarship. Professor Thomas Papenbrock was recognized for outstanding research and creative achievement. Chrisanne Romeo was honored for her stellar customer service skills. Our students were recognized in impressive numbers, comprising 25 percent of the Arts and Sciences honorees in Extraordinary Professional Promise and 18 percent of the Arts and Sciences awardees in Extraordinary Academic Achievement. The department's award winners were:



Professor Soren Sorensen, Macebearer
(<http://honorsbanquet.utk.edu/2016-macebearer/>)

Macebearer is the highest faculty honor at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and is symbolic of the faculty's commitment of service to students, to scholarship, and to society. The Macebearer is awarded to a faculty member who has exhibited longstanding commitment and service to the university community.



Professor Geoff Greene, Alexander Prize
(<http://honorsbanquet.utk.edu/2016-alexander-prize/>)

The Alexander Prize is named for former UT President and State Senator Lamar Alexander and his wife, Honey, to honor a faculty member who is "an exceptional undergraduate teacher whose scholarship is also distinguished."



Professor Thomas Papenbrock, Research and Creative Achievement Award
(<http://honorsbanquet.utk.edu/2016-research-and-creative-achievement/>)

The purpose of these awards is to recognize tenured faculty members who have received national and/or international recognition in their field, to stimulate research and creative achievement, and to emphasize that faculty research and creative achievement are integral to the mission of the University of Tennessee.



Chrisanne Romeo, Extraordinary Customer Service
(<http://honorsbanquet.utk.edu/2016-extraordinary-customer-service/>)

Recipients of the Citation for Extraordinary Customer Service are those who, through their actions, bring honor to the university. These are people who excel in their jobs and in their working relationships.

Student Honors: Extraordinary Academic Achievement

Blake Erickson, Zachery Markland, and Louis Varriano (18 percent of Arts and Sciences)

Student Honors: Extraordinary Professional Promise

Jason Bane, Blake Erickson, Ghaneshwar Gautam, Blaine Heffron, Zachery Markland, Joel Mazer, Ryan Sinclair, Nicholas Sirica, Louis Varriano, and Da Yang (25 percent of Arts and Sciences)

Student Honors: Top Collegiate Scholar (Arts and Sciences)

Jacob Wessels

See the full list of the night's awards at:

<http://honorsbanquet.utk.edu/> (~~<http://honorsbanquet.utk.edu/>~~).