Appalachian's campus community nominated 61 individuals for University College/General Education awards; nine were chosen. Awardees include, Lewis Alexander, Heather Childress Custer, Gaige Cogswell, Sarah Donavan, Heather Lippard, Harry Clark Maddox, Ruth Marotta, Adrian Rice, and Cali Wickert.

**HEATHER LIPPARD**  
Director, Academic Strategy Instruction  
Student Learning Center  
Wayne D. Duncan  
Appalachian State University  
Faculty Enrichment and Teaching Fellowship  
"For me, building relationships is a vital component of the teaching process."

**HEATHER CHILDRESS CUSTER**  
Lecturer in Rhetoric and Composition  
Department of English  
Faculty Award for Excellence in General Education Teaching (NTT)  
"At the heart of my teaching philosophy lies the practice of reflection."

**ADRIAN RICE**  
Lecturer in Rhetoric and Composition  
College of Education  
Rennie W. Brantz Awardee for Outstanding Teaching in the First Year Seminar  
"I believe that Poetry and the Arts enshrine the free and open pursuit of knowledge for its own sake...."
I have come to believe that a great teacher is a great artist and that there are as few as there are any other great artists. It might even be the greatest of the arts since the medium is the human mind and spirit.

– John Steinbeck

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**HARRY CLARK MADDOX**
Director of Watauga Residential College
Interdisciplinary Studies

*Harvey R. Durham*
Outstanding Freshman Advocate Award

"Who we are...is an organic creation of not only the sum of our experiences, but the interplay of each and all of them."

**Cali Wickert**
Academic Advisor
Advising and Orientation

*Excellence in University College Student Advising*

"I hope to empower my students to take control of their education...and support them when they are facing obstacles."

**Gaige Cogswell**
Graduate Assistant
Advising and Orientation

*Excellence in General Education Student Mentoring*

"I believe students want to be heard and cared about, if you provide these things that can create a solid foundation."
“A mentor empowers a person to see a possible future, and believe it can be obtained.”

- Shawn Hitchcock

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SARAH DONAVAN
Lecturer
Department of Social Work
Excellence in Community Engagement

"Social work is social justice through community engagement; effectively teaching social work requires ongoing community connection."

RUTH MAROTTA
Lecturer
Department of English
A Portfolio Award for Excellence in Teaching

"Portfolios can be used as tools for transformational education."

LEWIS ALEXANDER
Lecturer
Computer Information Systems
Transfer Champion Award

"Having been a transfer student myself, I know the challenges of combining with established classmates. I work to ease the pain of this transformation."