

University College and General Education

2020 AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT

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 Donovan, 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..."



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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



HARRY CLARK MADDUX

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."



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."



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RUTH MAROTTA

Lecturer
Department of English

*A Portfolio Award for
Excellence in Teaching*

"A 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."



"A mentor empowers a person to see a possible future,
and believe it can be obtained."

- Shawn Hitchcock
