Distinguished Faculty and Staff Awards

The Distinguished Professor Award
The Award acknowledges outstanding faculty by conferring the honorific title of Distinguished Professor. Appointment as a Distinguished Professor is reserved for only the very best faculty members in recognition of sustained excellence.

- **A M Rajendran** - Chair and Distinguished Professor of Mechanical Engineering (2020)

School of Engineering, Junior Faculty Research Award
- **Taiho Yeom** - Assistant Professor - Thermo Fluids Energy (2021)
- **Ellen Lackey** - Emerita Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Director of Composite Materials Research Group Test Facilities (2009)

School of Engineering, Senior Faculty Research Award
- **Prabhakar R Mantena** - Professor of Mechanical Engineering (2008)

Faculty Achievement Award
The Faculty Achievement Award is given annually to recognize unusual effort in the classroom, involvement with students, and active scholarship.

- **Ellen Lackey** - Emerita Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Director of Composite Materials Research Group Test Facilities (1999)
- **Jeffrey A Roux** - Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering (1991)

Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching and Mentoring
Criteria: impact on graduate students, excellence in supervision of student research or professional practice, excellence in graduate classroom instruction, and other contributions to improved instruction, including influence on the graduate curriculum.

- **A M Rajendran** - Chair and Distinguished Professor of Mechanical Engineering (2018)

School of Engineering, Faculty Service Award
- **Prabhakar R Mantena** - Professor of Mechanical Engineering (2007)
- **Tyrus A McCarty** - Assistant Dean for Special Initiatives in The School of Engineering, Assistant Chair and Associate Professor for Mechanical Engineering (2006)

School of Engineering, Faculty Teaching Award
- **Aaron David Joy** - Adjunct Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering (2021)
- **Damian L Stoddard** - Instructor in Mechanical Engineering (2021)
- **Taiho Yeom** - Assistant Professor - Thermo Fluids Energy (2020)
- **Erik Curtis Hurlen** - INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (2016)
- **A M Rajendran** - Chair and Distinguished Professor of Mechanical Engineering (2011)
- **Ellen Lackey** - Emerita Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Director of Composite Materials Research Group Test Facilities (2007)

School of Engineering Outstanding Teacher of the Year
- **A M Rajendran** - Chair and Distinguished Professor of Mechanical Engineering (2016)
- **Jeffrey A Roux** - Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering (2015)
- **Ellen Lackey** - Emerita Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Director of Composite Materials Research Group Test Facilities (2003)
- **Jeffrey A Roux** - Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering (1999)