

CALS Innovation in Teaching Award



Nominations Open: January 1st

Student Nominations Due: Friday March 22, 2024, to wysocki@ufl.edu

Description: CALS award program to recognize innovative teaching practices through the eyes of students.

How Recognized: Recognized in IFAS units (departments and centers) and at the annual CALS Teaching Enhancement Symposium.

Award: Memento.

Eligibility Requirements:

- The individual must be a faculty member (tenure-track or other *regular* faculty appointment including lecturer, but not OPS appointees) who has been responsible for teaching at least two courses during the previous and current calendar years.
- This recognition is designed to serve as a consistent “building” memento for awardees.
- One awardee per IFAS unit (departments and centers) per year.
- Individuals who received this award during the **previous two years** are not eligible.
- Innovation, excellence, and effectiveness should be demonstrated and documented in the student’s nomination materials.

Nomination and Selection Process:

- The *faculty nominee does NOT know they are receiving this award*.
- Students nominate the faculty by sending an email that includes the completed cover page and supporting documentation describing the faculty innovation to the CALS Dean’s office (wysocki@ufl.edu) by Friday March 22, 2024.
- CALS Dean’s office will forward all nominees to the appropriate unit leader (department chair or center director) by April 5, 2024.
- IFAS units will review nominations and submit maximum of one winner per unit to the CALS Dean’s office (wysocki@ufl.edu) by Friday April 26, 2024.
- Department Chairs of the winners will be notified by May 15 and the innovative teachers will be recognized at the annual CALS Teaching Enhancement Symposium.

Student Nomination Packet to Include:

- Cover page – use attached form (1 page max).
- Documentation of the innovation described on the cover page.
 - This could include screen shots of innovative practices or electronic copies of assignments, or pictures, etc. of innovative practices.

A list of past winners and their eligibility is presented on the next page.

Year Awarded	Eligible in 2023?	Name	Unit
2023	No	Julie Meyer	Soil and Water Sciences
2023	No	Nia Morales	Wildlife Ecology and Conservation
2023	No	Brantlee Spakes-Richter	Plant Pathology
2023	No	Caleb Stair	Food and Resource Economics
2023	No	Taylor Stein	School of Forest, Fisheries, & Geomatic Sciences
2022	No	Michael Andreu	School of Forest, Fisheries, & Geomatic Sciences
2022	No	Brad Diagneault	Animal Sciences
2022	No	Beth Gankofskie	Food Science and Human Nutrition
2022	No	Melissa Jones	Microbiology and Cell Science
2022	No	Marcus Lashley	Wildlife Ecology and Conservation
2022	No	Conner Mullally	Food and Resource Economics
2022	No	Kim Wiley	Family, Youth, and Community Sciences
2022	No	Chris Wilson	Agronomy
2021	Yes	Megan Cantrell	Agricultural Education and Communication
2021	Yes	Jennifer Clark	Food and Resource Economics
2021	Yes	Matthew Deitch	Soil and Water Sciences; West Florida REC
2021	Yes	Vanessa Hull	Wildlife Ecology and Conservation
2021	Yes	Wonsuk (Daniel) Lee	Agricultural and Biological Engineering
2021	Yes	Gabriel Maltais-Landry	Soil and Water Sciences
2021	Yes	Gerardo Nunez	Horticultural Sciences
2021	Yes	Silvana Paula-Moraes	Entomology and Nematology; West Florida REC
2021	Yes	Lori Warren	Animal Sciences
2020	Yes	Luis Pena-Levano	Food and Resource Economics
2020	Yes	Lorenzo Rossi	Horticultural Sciences
2020	Yes	Adam Watson	Agricultural and Biological Engineering
2019	Yes	Erin Alvarez	Environmental Horticulture
2019	Yes	Allan Bacon	Soil and Water Sciences
2019	Yes	Daniel Czyz	Microbiology and Cell Science
2019	Yes	Jennifer Gillett- Kaufman	Entomology and Nematology
2019	Yes	Erica Goss	Plant Pathology
2019	Yes	Steve Johnson	Wildlife Ecology and Conservation
2019	Yes	Kevin Kenworthy	Agronomy
2019	Yes	Jamie Loizzo	Agricultural Education and Communication
2019	Yes	Andrew McIntosh	Food Science and Human Nutrition
2019	Yes	Emily Miller-Cushon	Animal Sciences
2019	Yes	Ajay Sharma	SFFGS and West Florida REC
2019	Yes	Misti Sharp	Food and Resource Economics
2019	Yes	Xin Zhao	Horticultural Sciences