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**Outstanding faculty to be honored at ceremony**

Sacramento State’s annual Faculty Senate Award ceremonies will be held from 3-5 p.m. Thursday, March 14, in the University Union, Redwood Room. The awardees from across the University are men and women making a difference on campus as well as in the community.

**College of Arts and Letters**

- Lorelei Bayne, Department of Theatre and Dance, will receive the Outstanding Teaching Award. Her roles as instructor, artist, performer and departmental leader have drawn raves from students and colleagues. Laurel Zucker, Department of Music, will be honored with the Outstanding Scholarly and Creative Activities Award. She has established an international reputation as a flute soloist, chamber player and composer.
- M.L. Pattaratorn “Pat” Chirapravati, Department of Art and the Asian Studies Program, will receive the Outstanding University Service Award. Her recent appointment as program director reflects her robust exchange program with Thailand, which has enhanced the role of Asian Studies on the campus and raised the University’s international profile.
- Timothy Howard, Department of Communication Studies, will receive the Outstanding Community Service Award. His collaborative efforts include last year’s successful U-Nite at the Crocker Art Museum and fifth annual Causeway Classic Blood Drive.

**College of Business Administration**

- Pingsheng Tong, Marketing Area, is the sole choice from CBA for the Outstanding Teaching Award. Her creative, debate-style, integrated case approach challenges students to delve into the complexities of the marketing field and work as a team and compete for a consulting contract.

**College of Engineering and Computer Science**

- Scott Gordon, Department of Computer Science, was selected for the Outstanding Teaching Award because of his innovative classroom offerings.
highlight is his focus on artificial intelligence, which has received funding from the National Science Foundation.

- Ben Fell, Department of Civil Engineering, is noted for research and experimental expertise that has earned him the Outstanding Scholarly and Creative Activities Award. A case in point is his most recent collaborative project with Stanford University and UC San Diego, exploring earthquake-resistant building materials.

- Mary Jane Lee, Department of Computer Science, will receive the Outstanding University Service Award for her commitment and contribution to the college assessment committee and its academic council. She also coordinates the faculty-student mentor programs.

College of Education

- Frank Lilly, Department of Teacher Education, is the awardee for Outstanding Teaching. This engaging instructor gets the most from his students. They routinely praise his enthusiasm and commitment to learning.

- Lynda D. Stone, Department of Child Development, is the recipient of the Outstanding Community Service Award. Her service learning projects have changed the lives of her students as well as those they affect in our local schools.

- Stephen E. Brock, Department of Special Education, will receive the Scholarly and Creative Activity Award. His specialty, which flows from considerable research, focuses on best practices in school crisis prevention.

- Marcy Merrill, Department of Teacher Education, earned the University Service Award for her leadership role at the departmental level in accreditation efforts with the California Commission on Teacher Credentials. She has earned the respect of colleagues and serves teachers and students throughout the region.

College of Health and Human Services

- Dian Baker, School of Nursing, will receive the Outstanding Scholarly and Creative Activity Award. An accomplished scholar who has brought national recognition to the University through her work, Baker has secured more than $1 million in contract and grant funding.

- Michelle Dang, School of Nursing, is the recipient of the Outstanding Community Service Award. She has motivated her students to gain experience in public health and nonprofit agencies.

- Tanya Altmann, School of Nursing, will be presented with the Outstanding University Service Award. Her tireless efforts on behalf of students and staff, and other efforts to improve the School of Nursing have increased its stature.

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

- Ronald M. Coleman, Department of Biological Sciences, will receive the Outstanding Community Service Award for his ability to enhance scientific
interest among the community. Coleman’s scores of public lectures and events have made him one of Sac State’s most visible professors.

- Tracy Hamilton, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, will receive the Outstanding Teaching Award. Hamilton’s commitment to teaching excellence has prompted many of her students to become professionals in their chosen fields.
- John Spence, Department of Chemistry, will receive the Outstanding Teaching Award. He specializes in synthetic organic chemistry. His students routinely refer to him as an “amazing” instructor who does cutting-edge research.

College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies

- Sujatha Moni, Department of Women’s Studies, will receive the Outstanding Teaching Award. Her student evaluations are consistently glowing, and she has transformed Women’s Studies from a program to a department and major.
- Kimberly Nalder, Department of Government, has earned the Outstanding Community Service Award for her innovative Project for an Informed Electorate. It provides lectures, panels and forums to examine and explain public policy issues and elections.
- Seunghee Wie, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, is co-recipient of the Outstanding Community Service Award. She has compiled an exceptional record of community service to the Korean community and Sacramento region, emphasizing the importance of food safety.

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