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History of Scholarships and Awards

The Kinesiology and Health Science Annual Award ceremony serves as a platform for acknowledging the outstanding contributions of faculty, staff, and students, thereby enhancing the overall excellence of our department. Notably, not every award is presented annually; instead, our emphasis is on identifying individuals who truly embody and demonstrate the specific criteria for each award. We seek those whose exceptional contributions distinguish them from their peers, making the award recognition a truly meaningful and merit-based acknowledgment.

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Scholarships

Scholarships represent more than just financial support; they are a powerful investment in the potential and aspirations of individuals pursuing education. These scholarships provide opportunities for students to access higher education, pursue their passions, and overcome financial barriers. Scholarships, often based on merit, talent, or specific criteria, recognize and reward academic excellence, leadership, and community engagement. Beyond the monetary assistance, scholarships inspire recipients, instilling confidence and motivating them to excel in their academic pursuits. They contribute to creating a diverse and inclusive educational landscape, empowering individuals to contribute meaningfully to society. In essence, scholarships are a transformative force, unlocking doors to knowledge, personal growth, and future success.

This section presents an overview of the current scholarships awarded to students in the Kinesiology and Health Science department. Each scholarship is distinguished by its unique criteria and has played a pivotal role in the development of every recipient. We acknowledge with gratitude that these valuable opportunities are made possible through the generosity of our generous donors.

Please be aware that scholarships are granted for the upcoming year, whereas awards are contingent on nominations received during the past or current year. Consequently, scholarships will reflect a year in advance compared to the awards history.

Conway L and Rula H. Maughan Scholarship

This scholarship is for undergraduate students in Human Movement Sciences with a Pre-Physical Therapy emphasis, demonstrate a desire to further their studies at a graduate level in a related field and maintain a 3.0 GPA.

2010-2011	Charles Tyson Carter
2011-2012	Nikelle Hunsaker Heather Hill
2012-2013	Rakelle Sanchez Casey Saunders Reagan Ward
2013-2014	Heather Hill
2014-2015	None
2015-2016	Cortland Dickey Lindsay Thunnell
2016-2017	Quinn Parker Easton Rothwell
2017-2018	Easton Rothwell Jacob Hamblin
2018-2019	Garrett Wright Cole Nash
2019-2020	Mallory Weed Drew Partridge
2020-2021	Jesse Bradshaw Stephen May
2021-2022	Sydnee Bingham Ashley Hortin Camilla Nelson
2022-2023	Ryan McCammon Rachel Wright
2023-2024	Rachel Wright Connor Wilcox Kaitlin Beelek
2024-2025	Jake Livingston Nathan Corry David Castelli
2025-2026	

Dale O. and Alice B. Nelson Scholarship

This scholarship is for a student majoring in exercise science or physical therapy maintaining a minimum GPA of 3.0 and demonstrates financial need.

2009-2010	Kathleen Tam Allison Lenhart Natalie Maw	Health Education Parks and Recreation Physical Education
2010-2011	Dustin Nash Kimball Burton	Exercise Science Exercise Science
2011-2012	Jacquelynn Dana	Physical Education Coaching
2012-2013	Laura Nelson	Exercise Science
2013-2014	Tyce Stewart	Exercise Science
2014-2015	None	
2015-2016	Annecy Murdockk	Exercise Science
2016-2017	Hayden Datwyler	Pre-Physical Therapy
2017-2018	Rachel Barrus	Pre-Physical Therapy
2018-2019	Hannah Lovett	Pre-Physical Therapy
2019-2020	Tyler Noall Andres Garcia	Pre-Physical Therapy Pre-Physical Therapy
2020-2021	Shaylee Garcia Erica Christensen	Exercise Science Exercise Science
2021-2022	Conner Carter Sione Lasike Olivia Joss	Pre-Physical Therapy Pre-Physical Therapy Pre-Physical Therapy
2022-2023	Bethany Smith Landon Taylor	Pre-Physical Therapy Exercise Science
2023-2024	None	
2024-2025	None	
2025-2026		

Dennis Gregory Dolny Memorial Scholarship

The Dennis Gregory Dolny Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a deserving graduate student studying Kinesiology or Pathoknesiology. Applicants must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher and show involvement with past or current research related to Kinesiology.

The Scholarship was established in memory of Dennis Dolny who came to Utah State as department head of the Kinesiology and Health Science Department in 2008 and also served as department head of the Nursing and Health Professions Department starting in 2016. His move to USU came after 24 years working as a faculty member at the University of Idaho where he directed the Human Performance Laboratory. He suffered a stroke and later passed away in January 2018. He was an extraordinary leader of both USU departments, and his guidance and passion have been greatly missed.

2022-2023	Christopher Long
2023-2024	Elizabeth Cafferty
2024-2025	Sara Banimahdi Dehkordi
2025-2026	

Dick Motta Scholarship

This scholarship is for junior or senior students majoring in Physical Education Teaching, with a Coaching Emphasis. Applicants must demonstrate academic achievement, financial need, and personal integrity.

2001-2002	Tyler Johnson
2002-2003	Brandon Harrison
2003-2004	None
2004-2005	Wes Woodward
2005-2006	Kari Skewes
2006-2007	Brandon Ripplinger
2007-2008	Matthew Southam
2008-2009	Isaach Goodrich
2009-2010	Kelsey Jardine Stormy Schuler
2010-2011	Shannon Hurst Kelsey Jardine
2011-2012	Julie Douglas Camille Fehlberg
2012-2013	Jill Hicken Nicole Masco
2013-2014	Shalee Julian Nicole Masco Jack pay Samantha Soudrup Sara Sorenson
2014-2015	None
2015-2016	Nathan Anderson Rachel Barrus Richard Coles Amy Henrie Arielle Meredith Anastasia Roundy Melanie Wright
2016-2017	Jacob Kendall Rachel Barrus Nicolle Ensign Melissa Judd Cody Davis
2017-2018	Taya Adams Melissa Guymon Cody Davis
2018-2019	Taya Adams
2019-2020	Joseph Andreasen
2020-2021	Joseph Andreasen Emily Major
2021-2022	Emily Major
2022-2023	None

2023-2024	Emma Brownell
2024-2025	Lauren Hyer Franco Tellechea
2025-2026	



Dr. Dennis and Brenda Nelson Leadership Scholarship

This scholarship is for declared majors in Parks and Recreation. Awardees are in their Sophomore or Junior year and must have a minimum 3.0 GPA in their major courses. Awardees should have previous work experience or be currently working for a recreation agency. In the case there is not a candidate meeting the above criteria, the scholarship may be awarded to a student majoring in Teacher Education, either elementary or secondary education.

2018-2019	Daniel Davies
2019-2020	Sadie Lindquist
2020-2021	Daniel Davies
2021-2022	Sophie Hartline
2022-2023	Vanessa Montgomery
2023-2024	Samantha Kinghorn
2024-2025	Elle Dunyon
2025-2026	

Dr. Richard and Colleen Gordin Sport Psychology Scholarship

Recipients should be graduate students majoring in Kinesiology that intend to go into Sport Psychology or an undergraduate student majoring in Kinesiology and minoring in Psychology that intend to go into Sports Psychology. Preference is given to students with demonstrated financial need.

1. Recipient must be either

- graduate student majoring in Kinesiology that intends to go into Sports Psychology,
- undergraduate student majoring in Kinesiology and minoring in Psychology that intends to go into Sports Psychology.

3. If no students meet the above criteria, the award will go to an undergraduate student majoring in Psychology and minoring in Kinesiology.

4. Preference given to students with demonstrated financial need.

2024-2025	McKinley Biddulph
2025-2026	

H.B. & Ethel Hunsaker Scholarship

This scholarship is for Kinesiology and Health Science majors who have attained high scholarship, ethical standard, and are involved in departmental, campus and community activities.

1983-1984	Stephanie Hoffman Robert H. Johnson Tamara A. Bruns	Health Education Physical Education Physical Education
1984-1985	Gina A. Stuart Prentice N. Fox Darrell C. Gardner	Physical Education Parks and Recreation Physical Education
1985-1986	Michael J. Hansen Arthur W. Johnson Elizabeth Jones Carolee Streeper	Physical Education Physical Education Health Education Physical Education
1986-1987	Lisa D. Avery Shelley Baddley Bonnie James Debbie Lynn Merkley	Physical Education Parks and Recreation Health Education Physical Education
1987-1988	Jeff Baldwin Ramona M. Healy Melanie Steed	Physical Education Health Education Health Education
1988-1989	Leslie C. Buckingham Kurt W. Knechtel Camile Van Orden	Parks and Recreation Health and Education Physical Education
1989-1990	Brett Daniels Ryan Richins Allyson Tyler	Parks and Recreation Health Education Health Education
1990-1991	Lynette Christensen Scott Labrum Melinda McNeill Vielane Parker Anne Rumsey Rosemary Thackeray	Health Education Health Education Health Education Health Education Parks and Recreation Health Education
1991-1992	Jami Webb Daranee S. hatch Kelly Christiansen	Health Education Physical Education Parks and Recreation
1992-1993	Rebecca Lee Thalman Allyson S. Tyler Jason Jade Hess	Health Education Health Education Parks and Recreation
1993-1994	Nickie Michelle Murdock Allyson S. Tyler Jason Jade Hess Bradley Scott Phillips	Physical Education Health Education Parks and Recreation Parks and Recreation
1994-1995	Phillip J. Waite Wendy C. Putnam Ladora Sue Phillips	Health Education Physical Education Parks and Recreation
1995-1996	Liz Hubrich	Parks and Recreation

	Marylynn Boone Diana Besendorfer	Health Education Physical Education
1996-1997	David A. Bell David B. Hansen Dustin D. Olsen	Physical Education Parks and Recreation Physical Education
1997-1998	Kimberly Dewitt Elizabeth Barron Graham Tiffany Alaina Meyer	Physical Education Physical Education Physical Education
1998-1999	Heidi Liggett Andrea McKea	Parks and Recreation Physical Education
1999-2000	Vanessa Aagard Colleen Walsh	Parks and Recreation School Health
2000-2001	Michelle Hansen Bonnie Shamrell	Community Health Exercise Science
2001-2002	Brooke Stevens Valerie Madsen	Community Health Physical Education
2002-2003	Aminda Thurn Michelle Gittins	Health Education Parks and Recreation
2003-2004	Ted Davis	Exercise Science
2004-2005	Suzanne Carlile	Physical Education
2005-2006	Emily Tingey Dan Lacy	Parks and Recreation Physical Education
2006-2007	Kelly Hill Mary Wright	Parks and Recreation Physical Education
2007-2008	Melinda Hunt Sheila Smith	Physical Education Parks and Recreation
2008-2009	Allison Christensen Sarah Zurcher	Parks and Recreation Health Education
2009-2010	Lisa Christensen Ashley Nelson	Health Education Physical Education
2010-2011	Callie Cahoon Lacy Larsen	School Health School Health
2011-2012	Julie Reese Aubrianna Squire	School Health Human Movement Science
2012-2013	Kimberly Harris Maury Beorchia	Exercise Science Community Health
2013-2014	Marie Lindstrom	Pre-Physical Therapy
2014-2015		
2015-2016	Caroline Kauwe	Health Education
2016-2017	Megan Pope	Exercise Science
2017-2018	Mark Guymon	Exercise Science
2018-2019	Katelyn Nielsen	Pre-Physical Therapy
2019-2020	Abbey Horrocks Jaxton Birky	Exercise Science Exercise Science
2020-2021	Victoria Hepworth	Physical Education
2021-2022	Adrianna Mortensen	Exercise Science
2022-2023	Branson Foncesbeck	Pre-Physical Therapy

2023-2024	Dallin Anderson	Exercise Science
2024-2025	Seth Hadley	Kin: Pre-Physical Therapy
2025-2026		



J M Kras Teaching Scholarship

This scholarship is for a Graduate student in Physical Health Education or an Undergraduate student with a Physical Health Education Teaching Major, a minimum GPA of 3.0 and financial need. The student's main focus should be on teaching physical education in the public school system. Preference given students in the master's program.

2015-2016	Hyrum Stott
2016-2017	None
2017-2018	None
2018-2019	None
2019-2020	Hannah Lovett
2020-2021	Taylon Abeyta
2021-2022	None
2022-2023	Sarah Wiscombe
2023-2024	Melanie Price Emmaline Carr Lucy Haslam
2024-2025	Paul Ward
2025-2026	

Mary Jane Faylor Scholarship for Jr. Women in PE

This scholarship is for junior students majoring in Kinesiology and Health Science.

1983-1984	Tina Shepardson
1984-1985	Shana D. Brewer
1985-1986	Kim Norman
1986-1987	Connie Rae Frazier
1987-1988	Julie Dustin
1988-1989	Trudie M. Pettingill
1989-1990	Julie Taylor
1990-1991	Mary Anne Smith
1991-1992	Cynthia Allen
1992-1993	Amy Ann Field
1993-1994	Lisa Anne Klarich
1994-1995	Julie B. Stephenson
1995-1996	Mandi Green
1996-1997	Kindra H. Dopp
1997-1998	Andrea McKea Anita Anderson Stewart
1998-1999	Loni Spencer
1999-2000	Anna Hansen
2000-2001	Robynn Redford
2001-2002	Katie Clark
2002-2003	Mandi Van Dyke
2003-2004	None
2004-2005	Natalile Andrews
2005-2006	Natalie Sozio
2006-2007	Lori Anderson
2007-2008	Kassi Quayle
2008-2009	Melinda Brown Lindsey Rowberry
2009-2010	Janessa King
2010-2011	Caitlin Warbis Mary Martin
2011-2012	Jakki Hansen Cassey Kendrick
2012-2013	Deborah Stauffer
2013-2014	Alexis Bird
2014-2015	
2015-2016	Emily Horlacher
2016-2017	Jennifer Curtis
2017-2018	Haile McMurdie
2018-2019	None
2019-2020	Kaitlyn Bawden
2020-2021	None
2021-2022	Sarah Dickson

2022-2023	Chloe Parker
2023-2024	None
2024-2025	None
2025-2026	



Mehdi Heravi Emma Eccles Jones College of Education & Human Services Scholarship

The scholarship was established by Dr. Mehdi Heravi, who received a bachelor's and master's degree from USU. The scholarship will be awarded to a KHS student pursuing an undergraduate degree in Health Education & Promotion with a GPA of 3.0 or greater. Applicants will address how they have been involved in community, school and/or professional associations. In addition, they will describe how they demonstrate leadership, initiative, thoughtfulness, and personal integrity.

2023-2024	Zoe John Adalaide Hogan Amy Taggart Hailey Henstrom Luisa Botchway
2024-2025	Madisen Beckstead Corbin Spencer Asaria Zizumbo
2025-2026	

Raymond J. Foley Memorial Scholarship

Recipients should be students majoring in the Kinesiology and Health Science who demonstrate financial need who would not likely be able to afford college without additional funding.

2012-2013	Nnamdi Gwacham	Exercise Science
2013-2014	Sarah Gudmunson	Exercise Science
2014-2015		
2015-2016	McKenzie Alvarez	Exercise Science
2016-2017	Raygan Bitner Mitchell Stevens	Exercise Science Exercise Science
2017-2018	Savana Budge	Pre-Physical Therapy
2018-2019	Savannah Stone	Pre-Physical Therapy
2019-2020	Jami Painter Kealey Gibson Tayla Knowles	Health Science Health Science Health Science
2020-2021	Shandon Poulsen	Exercise Science
2021-2022	Payton Davis	Exercise Science
2022-2023	Morgan Engels	Pre-Physical Therapy
2023-2024	Alexis Jennings	Pre-Physical Therapy
2024-2025	Danielle Tso	Community & Public Health
2025-2026		

Sharon Maughan Jacobson Pedersen Legacy Scholarship

Scholarship applicants must be enrolled in the Kinesiology and Health Science Department and have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Preference is given to applicants from the state of Utah, and applicants are eligible to receive the award only once.

The scholarship serves as a lasting tribute to Sharon Maughan Jacobson Pedersen. She graduated from Utah State with a teaching degree and then taught physical education in Utah, Nevada, and Arizona school systems. She and her husband raised three children.

2022-2023	Lincoln Feist
2023-2024	Lauren Black
2024-2025	Emma Marchant Justus Rammell Gabriel Memmott
2025-2026	

Stones Family Scholarship for Parks and Recreation

Established by Michael and Suzanne Stones to support students in the Parks and Recreation Department. Applicants must be enrolled in the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services, Parks and Recreation Program. Preference given to students who receive a letter or recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Director.

2020-2021	Hollyn Alder Kinsee Gaillard
2021-2022	Janica Gubler
2022-2023	Rachel Rayburn Alliyah Rementilla
2023-2024	Joshua Rose
2024-2025	Camden Opfar
2025-2026	

Ted and Marge Seeholzer Scholarship

This scholarship is for junior or senior students majoring in Physical Education Teaching and planning to be a physical education teacher. Candidates must demonstrate academic achievement, financial need, and personal integrity.

2005-2006	Melanie O'Hara
2006-2007	Ashlee Cooper
2007-2008	Lori Anderson
2008-2009	Allison Noble
2009-2010	Krista Allen
2010-2011	Jill Hicken
2011-2012	Hallie Baker Keisha Lloyd
2012-2013	Jack Pay
2013-2014	None
2014-2015	None
2015-2016	Kristina Steward
2016-2017	Richard Coles
2017-2018	None
2018-2019	None
2019-2020	Joseph Andreasen
2020-2021	None
2021-2022	None
2022-2023	Abigail McCammon
2023-2024	None
2024-2025	None
2025-2026	

Thomas A. and Kathleen Stewart Scholarship

This scholarship is for Human Movement Science Majors with an emphasis in Pre-physical Therapy, demonstrate a financial need, display leadership skills and maintain a 3.0 GPA. Preference will be given to students who desire to teach.

2010-2011	Nikelle Hunsaker
2011-2012	None
2012-2013	Derrick Labrum
2013-2014	Ethan Abbott
2014-2015	None
2015-2016	None
2016-2017	Anastasia Roundy
2017-2018	Preston Miller
2018-2019	Savannah Daines
2019-2020	Jamie Smith
2020-2021	None
2021-2022	Taylor Jordin
2022-2023	David Castelli
2023-2024	Nathan Corry
2024-2025	Brooklyn Schow
2025-2026	

Utah Parks and Recreation Association Scholarship

2005-2006	Alanna Longhurst
2006-2007	Brett Goodrich
2007-2008	None
2008-2009	Chase Ellis Bryce King
2009-2010	Brandon Hansen Jedidiah Stewart
2010-2011	Marissa Mikami Mariah Morley
2011-2012	Aaron Mecham Marissa Mikami
2012-2013	Haley Phippen Scott Major
2013-2014	Layne Jenkins Justin Peterson
2014-2015	None
2015-2016	Bailey Thomas Dalin Crosland
2016-2017	Alexis Bird Amber Louder
2017-2018	Jordyn Jensen Josh Wilson
2018-2019	Michaela Uresk Mitch Watterson
2019-2020	Quinn Spackman Lindee Christensen
2020-2021	Kelly Ravsten Janica Gubler
2021-2022	Kaylie Stoker Elly Wolfley
2022-2023	Sydney Head Madi Mickelson
2023-2024	Halle Hart Rachel Rayburn Catherine Fugal Sophie Dell'Ergo
2024-2025	Seth Cowie Shaelyn Harman Sarah Baker Meagan Adams
2025-2026	

Student Awards

Student awards serve as a powerful acknowledgment of the dedication, achievements, and potential of individuals within an educational institution. These accolades celebrate excellence in academics, leadership, community involvement, and various other realms. More than just recognition, student awards motivate and inspire recipients to continue striving for excellence, setting a standard for their peers. Additionally, these awards contribute to fostering a positive and competitive academic environment, encouraging students to actively engage in diverse activities and pursue personal and professional growth. Beyond the individual, student awards also reflect the institution's commitment to nurturing talent and preparing students for success in their future endeavors.

In this section, you will find an overview of the history of currently awarded student awards along with their respective criteria within the Kinesiology and Health Science department. Our department is privileged to have exceptional students excelling across various fields of study. These awards provide a platform for us to commend the noteworthy accomplishments and substantial growth demonstrated by select students over the past year.

Undergraduate Students

Outstanding Graduating Senior

The Outstanding Graduating Senior Award for the Kinesiology and Health Science Department celebrates the remarkable achievements and contributions of undergraduate students across various disciplines within the department. This award aims to honor not only academic excellence but also active involvement, service, and engagement in the respective fields of study.

Nominees for this award are selected from each program for each emphasis. Therefore, as appropriate the weight and consideration given for the criteria below will be dependent on each program and field of study to. Additionally, other criteria or evidence of excellence may be considered within the justification of nominations.

- **High Academic Achievement:** Nominees must have demonstrated outstanding academic performance within their graduating class.
- **Involvement and Engagement:** Nominees should exhibit active involvement and engagement in field-specific activities, such as internships, research, service projects, and professional development opportunities.
- **Independent Research:** Notable undergraduate researchers are those who have consistently engaged in independent inquiry, whether through coursework, student employment, or independent research grants. They demonstrate a commitment to exploring and contributing to the body of knowledge within their discipline.
- **Excellence in Teaching (for Physical Education Teaching Emphasis):** This award recognizes outstanding undergraduate students who excel in teaching within the field of physical education. Nominees should demonstrate dedication, creativity, and excellence in their teaching endeavors.
- **Be an undergraduate student in a KHS program graduating in the most recent fall, current spring, or upcoming summer semester.**

By recognizing one student from each emphasis within each program, the department aims to highlight the diverse talents and contributions of its graduating seniors. These individuals serve as exemplary role models, embodying the department's commitment to academic rigor, professional excellence, and community engagement.

The award criteria was updated for this award to expand consideration of more than academic performance (GPA) in the selection of the award recipients.

1982-1983	Pamela S. Ferreira Kevin M. Dustin Margaret S. Pawalek Camille Meyer DeLoach	Health Education Physical Education Parks and Recreation Dance Education
1983-1984	Tina S. Baker Jeri Muse James Greenwood Valerie Loken	Health Education Physical Education Parks and Recreation Dance Education
1984-1985	Stephanie Hoffman Darrell Gardner	Health Education Physical Education

	Glen Blonquist Anne Hollist	Parks and Recreation Dance Education
1985-1986	Camilla Adair Arthur W. Johnson Monta Faye Benson Laurie Faux Callenge Orr Pamela J. Schaelling	Health Education Physical Education Parks and Recreation Parks and Recreation Dance Education Dance Education
1986-1987	Linda J. Olsen Ann Summers Nancey P. Tolman Lorraine Davis	Health Education Physical Education Parks and Recreation Dance Education
1987-1988	John J. Powell Kimberly T. Grover Michelle Grotting Peggy Bates Christensen	Health Education Physical Education Parks and Recreation Dance Education
1988-1989	Laura Smith Melanie Steed Mark Dempsey Patrice Tuttle	Health Education Physical Education Parks and Recreation Dance Education
1989-1990	Wallace Crandall Lee Anne Rupp Rochelle Deeter Janna Huff Shaw	Health Education Physical Education Parks and Recreation Dance Education
1990-1991	Vielene Parker Staci Wolf Kevin R. Bybee Leslie Slack	Health Education Physical Education Parks and Recreation Dance Education
1991-1992	Camie Bearup Kathering Satherthwaite Kelly Christiansen Amy Price	Health Education Physical Education Parks and Recreation Dance Education
1992-1993	Rebecca Thalman Rebecca Naegle Corey Thompson Paige Hunsaker White	Health Education Physical Education Parks and Recreation Dance Education
1993-1994	Allyson Tyler Amy Ann Croney Melissa Davis Morry Angell	Health Education Physical Education Parks and Recreation Dance Education
1994-1995	Cari L. Gibbons Sean Michael Oliverson Ladora Sue Phillips Shannon Erickson	Health Education Physical Education Parks and Recreation Dance Education
1995-1996	Marylynn Goudy Cathy Bills Bradley Phillips	Health Education Physical Education Parks and Recreation

1996-1997	Frances palmer Adrian L. Cook Jeanette Linder	Health Education Physical Education Parks and Recreation
1997-1998	Emily Hacking Kim Reimenn Lorie Cotter Camille McDonald	Community Health Physical Education Parks and Recreation Dance Education
1998-1999	Traquel Dayley Christy Huff Ruth Jack Jennifer Webb	Physical Education Parks and Recreation Community Health Dance Education
1999-2000	Hollie Mumford Bulent Bulut Vanessa Aagard Austin Nunn	Community Health Parks and Recreation Parks and Recreation Physical Education
2000-2001	Travis Hunt David Seria Jacob Pugsley	Community Health Parks and Recreation Physical Education
2001-2002	Rachelle Burgener Valerie Madsen Johnson Kevin Schmidt	Health Education Parks and Recreation Physical Education
2002-2003	Sandy Harris Tyler Johnson Nathan Trauntvein	Health Education Parks and Recreation Physical Education
2003-2004	Natalie Younger Clark Funk Jenny Johnson	Health Education Parks and Recreation Physical Education
2004-2005	Andrea Turley Skip Williams Megan Miles	Health Education Parks and Recreation Physical Education
2005-2006	Megan Dinsdale Sephonnie Elliss Wayne Wheeler	Health Education Parks and Recreation Physical Education
2006-2007	Alison Cox Phil Blaney Melissa Buttars	Health Education Parks and Recreation Physical Education
2007-2008	Lori Andersen Shea Slaymaker Jacob Wilkey	Health Education Parks and Recreation Physical Education
2008-2009	Sarah Shaw Kelli Meyer Bryce King	Health Education Parks and Recreation Physical Education
2009-2010	Jared Glenn Justine Johnson Jedidiah Stewart	Exercise Science Health Education Parks and Recreation
2010-2011	Kandace Shoell Morgan Lerdaahl	Human Movement Science Community Health

	Candice Coleman	Parks and Recreation
2011-2012	Sasha Murray Nikelle Hunsaker Marissa Blauer Camille Fehlberg	Community Health Exercise Science Parks and Recreation Physical Education Teaching
2012-2013	Chalyce Carlsen Matt Hough Jeffrey Morgan Bjorn Rasmussen	Community Health Physical Education Teaching Parks and Recreation Human Movement Science
2013-2014	None	None
2014-2015	AJ Bixler Kelsey Parker Mickensi Paget Samantha Sondrup Steven Noords	Physical Education Teaching Parks and Recreation Health Science Human Movement Science Pre-Physical Therapy
2015-2016	Caitlyn Smith Hannah Pendergast Camerson Willis Jonathan Hemansen Brieanna Allen Christie Bunnell	School Health Parks and Recreation Health Science Exercise Science Community Health Pre-Physical Therapy
2016-2017	Ricky Coles McKenzie Alvarez Cortland Dickey Natalie Berrett Chandler Whitlock Mariah Smith Marquessa Gordon	Physical Education Exercise Science Pre-Physical Therapy Community Health Health Science School Health Parks and Recreation
2017-2018	Eleanor Watson Connor McGuire Savanna Budge Charity Wayman Raygan Bitner Demiree Hamblin	Health Science Physical Education Pre-Physical Therapy Community Health Exercise Science Parks and Recreation
2018-2019	Jennifer Madsen Taya Holloway Jacob Hamblin Alexandra Rogers Mark Guymon Deborah Nelson Mitzi Stewart	Health Science Physical Education Pre-Physical Therapy Community Health Exercise Science Parks and Recreation School Health
2019-2020	None – COVID-19	
2020-2021	Emily Nielsen Brendon Jones Kelee Funk Felicia Truman Christopher Long	Recreation Administration Health Science Community Health Exercise Science Pre-Physical Therapy

	Elisabeth Larsen	Physical Education
2021-2022	Ashley Brown Erin Lundberg Bailey Downing Lyndee Hoopes Ian Woodward Kaitlin Farley	Recreation Administration Health Science Community Health Exercise Science Pre-Physical Therapy Physical Education
2022-2023	Tressa Williams Brooklyn Palmer Carly Taylor Paxton Ingram Carly Harper Sarah Wiscombe	Recreation Administration Health Science Community Health Exercise Science Pre-Physical Therapy Physical Education Teaching
2023-2024	Erika Blaser Vanessa Powers Hailey Henstrom Lincoln Feist Rebecca Elwood Lucy Haslam Tullis	Recreation Administration Health Science Community Health Exercise Science Pre-Physical Therapy Physical Education

Salutatorian

The student who ranks second highest in the graduating class. This student is determined using the same standards as the Valedictorian. Advisors review student files and records to select this student.

1987-1988	Ramona M. Healy	Health Education
1988-1989	Juli I. Martin	Health Education
1989-1990	Wallace Crandall	Health Education
1990-1991	Vielane Parker	Health Education
1991-1992	Kami Hendrickson	Dance Education
1992-1993	Mont Diderickson	Physical Education
1993-1994	Lori Loudner	Physical Education
1994-1995	Phillip J. Waite	Health Education
1995-1996	Matt London	Physical Education
1996-1997	Ruth Barton	Health Education
1997-1998	None	
1998-1999	Eric Bell	School Health
1999-2000	Lori Anne McKnight	Exercise Science
2000-2001	Katie Carone	Health Education
2001-2002	Jenice Beck	Pre-physical Education
2002-2003	Jacob Geyer	Physical Education
2003-2004	BreAnn Vernon	Pre-physical Therapy
2004-2005	Wade Anderson	Physical Education
2005-2006	Emily Kunz	Physical Education
2006-2007	Chelsea Yates – Fall Stephanie Vause – Spring	Physical Education Physical Education
2007-2008	Chantee Wyatt Bryce Jensen	Physical Education Physical Education
2008-2009	Alisa Woodbrey Brian Hess	Parks and Recreation Physical Education
2009-2010	Lindsey Christensen Janessa Chadwick	Exercise Science Health Education
2010-2011	Russell Erickson – Spring	Pre-Physical Therapy
2011-2012	Amanda Jensen	Pre-Physical Therapy
2012-2013	Michael Wright	Human Movement Science
2013-2014	None	
2014-2015	Tyce Steward	Exercise Science
2015-2016	Todd Bushman	Pre-Physical Therapy
2016-2017	McKelle Stephens	Pre-Physical Therapy
2017-2018	Jessica Dixon Hill	Health Science
2018-2019	Makina Todd	Pre-Physical Therapy
2019-2020	None – COVID 19	
2020-2021	Madison Budge	Health Science
2021-2022	Kendyl Nelson	Pre-Physical Therapy
2022-2023	Brannson Fannesbeck	Pre-Physical Therapy
2023-2024	Catherine Fugal	Recreation Administration

Undergraduate Teaching Fellow

This award is given each year to recognize an outstanding undergraduate who works in assisting faculty in teaching.

Criteria

- Conscientiously carries out duties as assigned by the faculty mentor
- Offers insight to the faculty mentor on how the course or assignments may be improved or enhanced
- Genuinely helps students enrolled in the course (as evidenced by the students' evaluations or comments)
- Demonstrates integrity in working with confidential matters of academic work

2006-2007	Megan Summers Seth Christensen	Health Education Physical Education
2007-2008	None	
2008-2009	Amber Whitby Reed Capener Bryce King	Health Education Physical Education Parks and Recreation
2009-2010	None	
2010-2011	Jacquelynn Dana Marissa Mikami Michelle Swaner	Human Movement Science Parks and Recreation Community Health
2011-2012	Amanda Moosman Marissa Blauer Keisha Lloyd	Community Health Parks and Recreation Physical Education Teaching
2012-2013	Laura Anne Wright	Human Movement Science
2013-2014	None	
2014-2015	Duran Montgomery Joanie Lindsey Shayna Patton Steven Noorda	Physical Education Parks and Recreation Community Health Exercise Science
2015-2016	Taylor Mulford Emily Brikerhoff	Exercise Science Physical Education Teaching
2016-2017	Megan Argyle Kyle Black Rachel Coppin	Parks and Recreation Physical Education Exercise Science
2017-2018	Hailey Judd	Community Health
2018-2019	Zander Andreasen Morgan Frstrup	Physical Education Health Science
2019-2020	None – COVID-19	
2020-2021	Molly Anderson Rowley	Exercise Science
2021-2022	Christopher Hunsaker	Physical Education
2022-2023	Rachel Rayburn	Recreation Administration
2023-2024	Jared Webb	Exercise Science

Valedictorian

Student having the highest academic achievements of the graduating class. Highest USU GPA in the department with a minimum 3.5 GPA, undergraduate student completing first Bachelors, A minimum of 60 credits earned at USU for Letter grades. (The greater number of USU credits will advantage the candidate.) Attendance at the University main Commencement and college graduation ceremony. If there is more than one student that meets the listed criteria then further criteria is considered. Advisors review student files and records to select this student.

1986-1987	Ann Summers	Health Education
1987-1988	Barbara Nelson	Physical Education
1988-1989	Patrice Tuttle	Dance Education
1989-1990	Wallace Crandall	Health Education
1990-1991	Susan J. Miller	Dance Education
1991-1992	Daranee S. Hatch	Physical Education
1992-1993	Dawn Misenhimer	Dance Education
1993-1994	Tara Jensen	Physical Education
1994-1995	Sean Michael Oliverson	Physical Education
1995-1996	Bonnie Bench	Physical Education
1996-1997	Adrian Cook	Physical Education
1997-1998	Alecia Gilbert	Pre-Physical Therapy
1998-1999	Kristine Jensen	Exercise Science
1999-2000	Loni Spencer	Exercise Science
2000-2001	Tanya McArthur	Physical Education
2001-2002	Brook Stevens	Health Education
2002-2003	Tanna Grunig	Health Education/Exercise Science
2003-2004	Kelsey Peterson	Physical Education
2004-2005	Jeffrey Baugh-Winter Daniel Preece-Spring	Physical Education Physical Education
2005-2006	Kevin Iaskon Andrea Barker	Physical Education Physical Education
2006-2007	Carlie Sawyer-Fall Danina Thatcher-Spring	Physical Education Physical Education
2007-2008	Emily Nelson Shea Slaymaker	Parks and Recreation Physical Education
2008-2009	Emilie Thompson Kelli Meyer	Parks and Recreation Physical Education
2009-2010	Malee Gardner Erin Stratton Stephanie Wells	Exercise Science Exercise Science Exercise Science
2010-2011	Charles Tyson Carter – Spring	Pre-Physical Therapy
2011-2012	Cassey Kendrick	Human Movement Science
2012-2013	Joseph Visser	Pre-Physical Therapy
2013-2014		
2014-2015	Hannah Rush	Human Movement Science
2015-2016	Geoffrey Prusack	Human Movement Science

2016-2017	Marquessa Gordon	Parks and Recreation
2017-2018	Easton Rothwell	Pre-Physical Therapy
2018-2019	Kashley Carter	Pre-Physical Therapy
2019-2020	None – COVID-19	
2020-2021	Victoria Hepworth	Physical Education
2021-2022	Ellie Matsen	Exercise Science
2022-2023	Karli Ludwig	Exercise Science
2023-2024	Merrill Ward	Exercise Science

Graduate Student Awards

Outstanding Graduate Students

The Outstanding Graduate Student Award for the Kinesiology and Health Science Department recognizes the exemplary achievements and contributions of graduating graduate students across various programs and specializations. This distinguished honor seeks to commend individuals who have not only demonstrated academic excellence but also meaningful involvement, service, and engagement within their respective fields.

Nominees for this award are selected from each program and specialization. Therefore, as appropriate the weight and consideration given for the criteria below will be dependent on each program and field of study to. Additionally, other criteria or evidence of excellence may be considered within the justification of nominations.

- **Academic Excellence:** Nominees must have exhibited outstanding academic performance throughout their graduate studies, demonstrating a comprehensive understanding of their discipline and achieving notable academic distinctions.
- **Field-Specific Involvement:** Nominees should have actively engaged in field-specific activities, such as research, internships, practicum experiences, or clinical placements, that enhance their professional development and contribute to the advancement of knowledge within their area of expertise.
- **Service and Engagement:** Outstanding graduate students are those who have made significant contributions to their department, university, and community through service, leadership, and active participation in relevant organizations, initiatives, or outreach efforts.
- **Research Achievement:** Nominees should have demonstrated excellence in research, including the development and execution of innovative research projects, the publication of scholarly articles or presentations at conferences, and the dissemination of research findings to academic and professional audiences.
- Be an graduate student in a KHS program graduating in the most recent fall, current spring, or upcoming summer semester.

By recognizing one graduate student from each program and specialization, the department aims to highlight the diverse talents and achievements of its graduating graduate students. These individuals serve as exemplary representatives of the department's commitment to academic excellence, professional leadership, and community engagement.

The criteria was updated for this award to expand consideration of more than academic performance (GPA) in the selection of the award recipients.

1989-1990	Kurt W. Knechtel	On Campus
1990-1991	Leslee Whitehouse	On Campus
1991-1992	Lana Coombs Terry Hawes	Extension On Campus
1992-1993	Dee Burton Wendy Bouwhuis	Extension On Campus

1993-1994	Jim Andrew Mieure Rebecca Thalman	Extension On Campus
1994-1995	Douglas Bills Holly L. Budge	Extension On Campus
1995-1996	Denise Sly Lisa Hendy	Extension On Campus
1996-1997	Sherese Merrill Ann Olson	Extension On Campus
1997-1998	Julie Yurek	On Campus
1998-1999	Ryan Pearce Shaun Graves	On Campus Extension
1999-2000	Kristine Clark	On Campus
2000-2001	David Dixon Brian Larsen	Extension On Campus
2001-2002	Tanya Birch	On campus
2002-2003	Stephanie Vasarhely	On Campus
2003-2004	Brad Bowser Rayann Hansen	On Campus Extension
2004-2005	Matt Ingebritsen	On Campus
2005-2006	None	
2006-2007	None	
2007-2008	None	
2008-2009	None	
2009-2010	None	
2010-2011	None	
2011-2012	Adam Raikes	On Campus
2012-2013	Lauren Eichenberger	On Campus
2013-2014	None	
2014-2015	None	
2015-2016	Adam Raikes	Doctoral Student On Campus
2016-2017	Dayun Jeon	Exercise Science
2017-2018	Joshua Gordon	Exercise Science
2018-2019	Joshua Crane	Exercise Science
2019-2020	None – COVID-19	
2020-2021	None	
2021-2022	Kelci Hannan	Disability Disciplines (PhD)
2022-2023	Christopher Long Savannah Daines	Exercise Science (MS) Health Education and Promotion (MPH)
2023-2024	Brie Gutzman Monique Burton Jaclyn Miller Liz Cafferty Makaelee Main	Physical and Sport Education MEd Master of Fitness Promotion Health Education and Promotion MPH Kinesiology MS Master of Sports Management

Graduate Assistant of the Year

Intended to recognize the contributions of graduate students to the teaching and learning of undergraduate students. Nominees should be students who have demonstrated excellence in their teaching labs, courses, and/or activity courses within their role as graduate assistants within the Kinesiology and Health Science Department.

1993-1994	Melisa Cragun	Health Education
1994-1995	None	
1995-1996	Phillip J. Waite	M.S. Health Education
1996-1997	Marylynn Goudy	M.S. Health Education
1997-1998	Sarah Hodson	M.S. Health Education
1998-1999	Carol Fellows	M.S. Health Education
1999-2000	Emily Whitney	M.S. Health Education
2000-2001	Natalie Hunt	M.S. Health Education
2001-2002	Matt Seeley	M.S. Exercise Science
2002-2003	Jaylyn Merrill	M.S. Health Education
2003-2004	Alycia Nelson	M.S. Exercise Science
2004-2005	Katie Miller	M.S. Exercise Science
2005-2006	Salli Robinson	M.S. Health Education
2006-2007	Delores Rimington	M.S. Health Education
2007-2008	Jason Thomas	M.S. Physical Education
2008-2009	Shelsie Allen Brisha Bills	M.Ed. Health Education M.S. Physical Education
2009-2010	John Knott	M.S. Exercise Science
2010-2011	Nmandj Guacham Stephanie Hodgson	Human Movement Science Health Education
2011-2012	Lauren Eichenberger	Physical Education Teaching
2012-2013	Ron Garner	Human Movement Science
2013-2014	None	
2014-2015	Jeralyn Turnblom Bjorn Rasmussen	Health Science Exercise Science
2015-2016	Sadie May Megan Niebergall	Health Science Human Movement Science
2016-2017	Mariah Anderson Alyssa Jensen	Health Science Physical Education
2017-2018	None	
2018-2019	David Newman Derek England Devin Vance	Physical Sport Education (MEd) Kinesiology MS Fitness Promotion (MFP)
2019-2020	None – COVID-19	
2020-2021	Michael Vakula	Disability Disciplines (PhD)
2021-2022	Lane Bitner Riley Welch	Physical Sport Education (MEd) Kinesiology MS
2022-2023	Elizabeth Cafferty	Kinesiology MS
2023-2024	Tom Dickey	Kinesiology MS

Graduate Student Researcher of the Year

The Graduate Student Researcher Award is given in recognition of the excellent quality of research carried out by a current graduate student. Awards will be made based on outstanding contributions to research, future promise as a researcher, and originality, imagination, and significance of the research or creative activity.

1998-1999	Kasey Mitchell	M.S. Physical Education
1999-2000	Michael Bohne	Biomechanics
2000-2001	Tiffany Meyer	M.S. Health Education
2001-2002	Brian Larsen	M.S. Exercise Science
2002-2003	Tanya Birch	M.S. Exercise Science
2003-2004	Megan Leatham	M.S. Health Education
2004-2005	Sarah Moulton	M.S. Health Education
2005-2006	Sarah Moulton	M.S. Health Education
2006-2007	Dayna Barrett	M.S. Corporate Wellness
2007-2008	None	
2008-2009	Denice Ahlstrom Stephanie Christensen	Health Education Physical Education
2009-2010	None	
2010-2011	Mandi Gibbons	Human Movement Science
2011-2012	Andrew Miller Sarah Godfrey	Exercise Science Health Education
2012-2013	Talin Louder Eric Nielson	Exercise Science Health Education
2013-2014	None	
2014-2015	Cade Searle Jamie Weston	Exercise Science Health Education
2015-2016	Nick Clark	Human Movement Science
2016-2017	Rachel Morrey	Health
2017-2018	None	
2018-2019	Ross Budziszewski	Exercise Science
2019-2020	None – COVID-19	
2020-2021	Youngwook Kim	Disability Disciplines (PhD)
2021-2022	Cassidy Weeks	Kinesiology MS
2022-2023	None	
2023-2024	None	

Faculty and Staff Awards and Nominations

Faculty and staff awards stand as a testament to the unwavering commitment, expertise, and exceptional contributions of individuals within an academic institution or organization. These awards recognize the invaluable role that faculty and staff play in shaping the educational experience and organizational success. Whether acknowledging teaching excellence, research achievements, or outstanding service, these accolades honor the dedication and impact of these professionals. Faculty and staff awards not only elevate the status of deserving individuals but also serve to inspire a culture of excellence and innovation within the broader academic community. By celebrating their accomplishments, these awards contribute to fostering a positive work environment, encouraging continuous improvement, and showcasing the collective strength of the institution's intellectual and administrative capabilities.

The work within the department owes much of its success to the exceptional faculty and staff in the Kinesiology and Health Science Department. This section encapsulates the history of award nominations for faculty and staff currently recognized and awarded within the department.

Notably, the department transitioned from awarding to nominating individuals in 2021. Moving forward, the department's nominee for this award will be recommended for college awards in the following year. They are responsible for organizing and preparing all necessary documentation for submission to qualify for the award.

Eldon J. Gardner Teacher of the Year Nomination

This nomination is given to recognize and emphasize excellence in teaching. Other scholarly activities such as research and publication records may be considered in the selection process, but the main emphasis will be on teaching excellence.

Criteria:

- Nominee must be serving in a benefitted faculty position.
- Must have had a minimum of 6-credit annual teaching assignment including at least 1 undergraduate course per year, for at least three consecutive years.

Because so many individuals are potentially deserving of the Eldon J. Gardner Teacher of the Year award, past recipients are not considered. If someone is nominated by the department but does not receive this award at the college level they can be re-nominated.

The department's nominee for this award will be recommended for college awards in the following year. They are responsible for organizing and preparing all necessary documentation for submission to qualify for the award.

1989-1990	Dr. Richard D. Gordin Jr.
1990-1991	Ms. Donna L. Gordon
1991-1992	Dr. Bradford N. Strand
1992-1993	Dr. Bradford N. Strand
1993-1994	Dr. Steven Hawks
1994-1995	Dr. Deana Lorentzen
1995-1996	Dr. Arthur R. Jones
1996-1997	Dr. Julianne Abendroth-Smith
1997-1998	Dr. Julie Gast
1998-1999	Dr. Julie Gast
1999-2000	Dr. Dennis Nelson
2000-2001	Dr. Monica Lounsbery
2001-2002	None
2002-2003	None
2003-2004	None
2004-2005	None
2005-2006	None
2006-2007	None
2007-2008	Dr. Eadric Bressel
2008-2009	Dr. Phillip Waite
2009-2010	None
2010-2011	None
2011-2012	Dr. Richard Gordin
2012-2013	Dr. Julie Gast
2013-2014	Dr. Hilda Fronske
2014-2015	Dr. Maya Miyairi
2015-2016	Mr. Peter Mathesius
2016-2017	None

2017-2018	Dr. Phillip Waite (Health) Dr. John Kras (Physical Education)
2018-2019	Dr. Travis Peterson
2019-2020	None – COVID-19
2020-2021	Dr. Nate Trauntvein
2021-2022	Mr. Jon Carey
2022-2023	None
2023-2024	None

Cazier Professor Lifetime Achievement Award Nomination

Outstanding faculty to be considered for the university-level Cazier Professor Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is given each year by USU to recognize an outstanding senior faculty member who has demonstrated 20+ years of consistent excellence in each aspect of their role statement. Although each college selects and forwards one nominee for the Cazier Professor Lifetime Achievement Award to a USU central selection committee, there is no college-level award.

Criteria:

- Demonstrated record of sustained excellence in all aspects of the role statement.
- Commitment to serving the public through learning, discovery, and engagement.

The department's nominee for this award will be recommended for college awards in the following year. They are responsible for organizing and preparing all necessary documentation for submission to qualify for the award.

2020-2021	Dr. Steve Hawks
2021-2022	Mr. Peter Mathesius
2022-2023	None
2023-2024	None

Faculty Researcher of the Year

For outstanding faculty to be considered for Faculty Researcher of the Year, which recognizes excellence in research, scholarship or creative activity over a limited and recent period of time (past three calendar years).

Criteria:

- The faculty nominee must be a current CEHS employee with at least 3 years of employment as a CEHS faculty member or have retired within the past 12 months prior to submission.

The department's nominee for this award will be recommended for college awards in the following year. They are responsible for organizing and preparing all necessary documentation for submission to qualify for the award.

1999-2000	Dr. Julianne Abendroth-Smith
2000-2001	None
2001-2002	None
2002-2003	None
2003-2004	None
2004-2005	None
2005-2006	None
2006-2007	None
2007-2008	Dr. Dale Wagner
2008-2009	None
2009-2010	Dr. Eadric Bressel
2010-2011	None
2011-2012	Dr. Eadric Bressel
2012-2013	Dr. Mark Roark
2013-2014	None
2014-2015	None
2015-2016	Dr. Sydney Schaefer
2016-2017	Dr. Brennan Thompson
2017-2018	Dr. Sandra Sulzer
2018-2019	Dr. Chris Dakin
2019-2020	None – COVID-19
2020-2021	Dr. Dale Wagner
2021-2022	Dr. Dave Bolton
2022-2023	None
2023-2024	None

Faculty University Service Award Nomination

For outstanding faculty to be considered for the college Faculty University Service Award. This award is given each year to recognize and encourage excellence in service to University operations and governance.

Criteria:

- Excellence in institutional service for at least 3 years
- Evidence of effective leadership while involved in service activities
- Evidence of outstanding quality, innovation, and impact in service activities
- Recognized activities included service at the university, college and/or department levels and may include libraries and USU Extension. Examples include:
 - Service on one or more of the standing or ad hoc committees of the Faculty Senate or other councils, committees, or task forces addressing specific university issues and initiatives
 - Service on department, college, or university committees
 - service on search committees or promotion/tenure committees, and other activities performed in service to the university
- Nominees must be full-time USU faculty members with at least 3 years of employment at USU (tenure-track, tenured, or term appointments) without administrative role statements (small or minimal county director appointments for Extension are allowed)
- The award does not recognize service to a professional organization or community outside USU.

Please note that according to the college criteria, past recipients of the college award will not be considered. Nor will current or recent (within 3 years of serving) Faculty Senate presidents. If someone was nominated but was not awarded at the college level, they can be re-nominated.

The department's nominee for this award will be recommended for college awards in the following year. They are responsible for organizing and preparing all necessary documentation for submission to qualify for the award.

2020-2021	None
2021-2022	Dr. Nate Trauntvein
2022-2023	None
2023-2024	Dr. Travis Peterson

Graduate Faculty Mentor of the Year Nomination

This award recognizes faculty excellence in the complex process of mentoring graduate students to prepare them for productive careers.

Criteria:

- Nominees must be a CEHS faculty member (tenured, tenure-track, or adjunct), current or retired within the past 12 months
- Those nominated should be effective advisors who facilitate degree completion, model sound scholarship and ethical behavior, help students understand and benefit from departmental and university resources, provide emotional support, other constructive criticism, and involve students in publishing and other professional activities
- Department should seek broad input from nominations including specific outreach to state-wide campus faculty in the department

The department's nominee for this award will be recommended for college awards in the following year. They are responsible for organizing and preparing all necessary documentation for submission to qualify for the award.

2020-2021	None
2021-2022	Dr. Talin Louder
2022-2023	Dr. Debasree DasGupta
2023-2024	Talin Louder

Strong Human Service Award Nomination

Honors faculty members for significant and sustained leadership in human services, applying research to improve the lives of children or adults. The award also recognizes cross-college and interdisciplinary efforts in human services, with leadership coming from a CEHS faculty member.

Criteria:

- Leadership for at least 1 externally funded, significant project in which research findings have helped to improve the lives of children or adults
- A minimum of 5 years of sustained contribution to the EHS and USU communities and not a recipient of this award for the past 7 years.

The department's nominee for this award will be recommended for college awards in the following year. They are responsible for organizing and preparing all necessary documentation for submission to qualify for the award.

2020-2021	None
2021-2022	None
2022-2023	None
2023-2024	None

Undergraduate Faculty Mentor of the Year Nomination

This award is given each year to recognize and emphasize excellence in undergraduate academic mentoring. Other teaching and scholarly activities may become a consideration in the selection process, but the main emphasis will be on excellence in academic mentoring as judged by faculty and students.

Criteria:

- The nominee must be serving in a benefitted faculty position
- Other considerations for selection of nominees include:
 - Mentoring and guiding students as they progress toward academic and career goals
 - Work with students that involves professional, community, and/or global engagement
 - Active involvement in student clubs, organizations, and honors/scholarship groups
 - Student leadership development
 - Impact on student support in their retention, belonging, and/or thriving in their academic and personal lives

Because so many individuals are potentially deserving of the Undergraduate Faculty mentor of the Year award, past recipients are not considered.

The department's nominee for this award will be recommended for college awards in the following year. They are responsible for organizing and preparing all necessary documentation for submission to qualify for the award.

2020-2021	None
2021-2022	None
2022-2023	Dr. Jesse Jones
2023-2024	Dr. Jesse Jones

Undergraduate Faculty Research Mentor of the Year Nomination

Faculty who mentor undergraduate researchers are characterized as counselors and guides who encourage, instruct, and advocate. A good faculty mentor provides a role model for methods of inquiry in a field of study and for the responsible conduct of research. Good mentors often provide students with their first entry into professional circles and support the dissemination of the student's work through professional conference participation or publication.

Criteria

- Faculty nominee must be a current CEHS faculty member or have retired within the past 12 months prior to submission

The department's nominee for this award will be recommended for college awards in the following year. They are responsible for organizing and preparing all necessary documentation for submission to qualify for the award.

2003-2004	Dr. Eadric Bressel
2004-2005	None
2005-2006	None
2006-2007	None
2007-2008	None
2008-2009	None
2009-2010	None
2010-2011	None
2011-2012	None
2012-2013	None
2013-2014	None
2014-2015	None
2015-2016	None
2016-2017	None
2017-2018	Dr. David Bolton
2018-2019	None
2019-2020	None – COVID-19
2020-2021	Dr. Chris Dakin
2021-2022	None
2022-2023	None
2023-2024	None

Outstanding Staff of the Year Nomination

This award will recognize employees who consistently contribute to USU by carrying out the responsibilities of their jobs in an exceptional manner.

Criteria:

Nominees must have been employed in the CHS in a contract position for a minimum of 5 years and must be at least a 50% benefitted employee and not a recipient of this award in the past 7 years.

Nominations may be made by administrators, faculty, staff, or students.

The department's nominee for this award will be recommended for college awards in the following year. They are responsible for organizing and preparing all necessary documentation for submission to qualify for the award.

2006-2007	Debbie Tiddwell
2007-2008	None
2008-2009	None
2009-2010	None
2010-2011	None
2011-2012	None
2012-2013	Debbie Phippen
2013-2014	
2014-2015	Melanie Stein Ricky Coles
2015-2016	None
2016-2017	Eadric Bressel
2017-2018	Melissa Johnson
2018-2019	None
2019-2020	None – COVID-19
2020-2021	Andrea Naegle
2021-2022	Amy Wilberg
2022-2023	Raquel Friddle
2023-2024	Melissa Johnson

Alumni Awards

Alumni awards play a pivotal role in recognizing and celebrating the achievements and contributions of individuals who have graduated from the department. These accolades serve as evidence of the lasting impact alumni have on their communities, professions, and the department. By honoring outstanding graduates, alumni awards not only acknowledge individual success but also inspire current students and foster a sense of pride and connection within the broader alumni community. Whether recognizing professional accomplishments, community service, or continued dedication to their field, alumni awards serve as a meaningful way to showcase and celebrate the diverse achievements of graduates beyond their academic journey.

Alumni Lifetime Achievement

The Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award is the highest honor bestowed by the Kinesiology and Health Science Department, recognizing distinguished alumni who have left an indelible mark through their exceptional achievements, extensive community service, and profound contributions to their profession. This prestigious accolade celebrates individuals who have demonstrated sustained excellence and leadership over a career spanning 20 or more years in their field.

Criteria for Nomination:

- **Professional Achievement:** Nominees must have achieved significant success and distinction in their respective professions, demonstrating outstanding leadership, innovation, and impact within their field.
- **Community Service:** Recipients of this award are individuals who have generously given back to their communities, using their skills, resources, and influence to effect positive change and improve the lives of others.
- **Contributions to the Department, College, and University:** Honorees are alumni who have made enduring contributions to the advancement of the Kinesiology and Health Science Department, as well as to the broader academic community of the College and University. Their commitment to mentorship, advocacy, and support has enriched the educational experience of students and enhanced the reputation of the institution.
- **Accomplishments and Recognition:** Recipients of the Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award have earned widespread recognition and acclaim for their exceptional achievements, garnering accolades, awards, and honors from their peers, professional organizations, and the broader community.
- **Must be an alumni from a program within the KHS department.**

By honoring alumni who embody the highest ideals of excellence, service, and leadership, the Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award underscores the enduring legacy of the Kinesiology and Health Science Department and celebrates the profound impact of its graduates on society.

2006-2007	Dale Nelson	Physical Education
2007-2008	None	
2008-2009	None	
2009-2010	None	
2010-2011	None	
2011-2012	None	
2012-2013	None	
2013-2014	None	
2014-2015	None	
2015-2016	None	
2016-2017	Debbie Phippen	KHS Faculty
2017-2018	None	
2018-2019	LeeAnn Powell	Parks and Recreation
2019-2020	None – COVID-19	
2020-2021	None	
2021-2022	None	

2022-2023	None	
2023-2024	None	



Outstanding Alumni Award

The Outstanding Alumni Award celebrates the exceptional achievements and contributions of alumni who have demonstrated excellence in their respective fields of education, corporate, or government institutions. This prestigious accolade recognizes individuals with 5-20 years of experience and service, who have left a lasting impact through their dedication, leadership, and innovation.

Criteria for Nomination:

- **Professional Excellence:** Nominees must have exhibited outstanding performance and achievement in their roles within education, corporate, or government sectors. Their accomplishments and leadership should have contributed significantly to the advancement of their field and the betterment of society.
- **Teaching Excellence:** For alumni in education, the award emphasizes excellence in teaching, with a focus on a minimum of 5 years of service. While other scholarly activities such as research and publications may be considered, the primary emphasis is on teaching effectiveness, innovation, and impact on student learning and development.
- **Community Service and Engagement:** Recipients of the Outstanding Alumni Award are individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to serving their communities and contributing to the greater good. Their involvement in community service initiatives, volunteer work, and advocacy efforts reflects their dedication to making a positive difference beyond their professional roles.
- **Professional Achievement:** Alumni recognized with this award have distinguished themselves through notable achievements and contributions within their field of study. Their accomplishments, leadership roles, and impact on their profession exemplify the highest standards of excellence and serve as inspiration to others.
- **Must be an alumnus for a program in the KHS department.**

By honoring alumni practitioners who embody the values of excellence, service, and leadership, the Outstanding Alumni Award pays tribute to the enduring legacy of the institution and the profound impact of its graduates on the world around them.

2023-2024	Morgan Hadden	Health Education and Promotion MPH
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Outstanding Recent Graduate

Intended to honor recent graduates (within 10 years of graduating) for outstanding achievement or service in his or her professional field. These nominees should have completed their degrees and should have demonstrated excellence through their research, publications, grants, or other contributions to their field.

The Outstanding Recent Graduate Award recognizes exceptional achievement or service by recent graduates within 10 years of completing their degrees. This prestigious accolade celebrates individuals who have demonstrated excellence in their professional fields, showcasing outstanding contributions through research, publications, grants, or other significant endeavors.

Criteria for Nomination:

- **Professional Achievement:** Nominees for this award have distinguished themselves through outstanding accomplishments and contributions in their professional fields. Whether through innovative research, impactful publications, successful grant acquisitions, or other notable achievements, recipients have demonstrated excellence and leadership early in their careers.
- **Service and Engagement:** Beyond professional achievement, recipients of the Outstanding Recent Graduate Award are individuals who have shown a commitment to service and community engagement. Through volunteer work, advocacy efforts, or other forms of service, they have made a positive impact on society and exemplified the values of leadership and citizenship.
- **Age Requirement:** Nominees must be 38 years of age or younger in the year in which the award is given. This criterion ensures that the award recognizes the achievements and potential of young professionals who have already made significant strides in their careers early in life.
- **Must be an alumnus for a program in the KHS department.**

By honoring outstanding recent graduates, this award not only celebrates individual achievement but also inspires and motivates future generations of students and professionals. Recipients serve as role models for their peers and demonstrate the transformative power of dedication, passion, and hard work in achieving success and making a difference in the world.

2002-2003	Anna West	Health Education Promotion
2003-2004	Wayne Workman	Physical Education
2004-2005	John Bradley	Parks and Recreation
2005-2006	Jenny Johnson	Health Education Promotion
2006-2007	Robert K. Gerber	Parks and Recreation
2007-2008	Mindy Meacham Shellianne Davis Matt Seeley	Health Education Promotion Parks and Recreation Physical Education
2008-2009	Carrie Mathis Tracey Reeve	Community Health Health Education Promotion
2009-2010	Amy Nielson	

	Rodney Anderson Lindsay Humes	Parks and Recreation Exercise Science
2010-2011	Jescee Adams Jake Collett Dayna Barrett	Parks and Recreation Physical Education
2011-2012	Alyson Ward Bryce King	Health Education Physical Education
2012-2013	None	
2013-2014	None	
2014-2015	Marti Geddes Nnamdi Gwacham	Health Education Exercise Science
2015-2016	Brennan Thompson Morgan Lerdahl	Exercise Science Health Education
2016-2017	BreeAnn Silcox	Community Health
2017-2018	Nicolas Clark Allison Whitworth	Exercise Science Health Science
2018-2019	None	
2019-2020	None – COVID-19	
2020-2021	None	
2021-2022	None	
2022-2023	Skyler Killian	Physical and Sport Education, MEd
2023-2024	None	

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Over time, with evolving dynamics in the department, we routinely review and assess our awards to ensure their relevance to current departmental personnel and activities. Furthermore, some scholarships, generously donated by contributors, are not endowed in perpetuity but rather constitute a one-time donation. Although these particular scholarships may not be presently available, it remains essential for us to maintain a comprehensive record. This allows us to acknowledge and honor the students, staff, faculty, donors, and scholarships that have been awarded or received in the past, even if not currently active.

Please be aware that scholarships are granted for the upcoming year, whereas awards are contingent on nominations received during the past or current year. Consequently, scholarships will reflect a year in advance compared to the awards history.

Scholarships

Cleo Christensen Smith Scholarship

Cleo Christensen Smith graduated in education from Utah State University. Upon seeing a need, she completed her master's degree at USU in counseling and was the first female counselor in Cache Valley. She worked as a school counselor at North Cache Jr. High and then as a counselor at Sky View High School. She retired after 37 years in public education.

This scholarship, established by her family, will stand and serve as a lasting tribute to the life's work of Mrs. Smith. The scholarship will be awarded to a KHS student pursuing an undergraduate degree in Health Education & Promotion with a GPA of 3.0 or greater. Applicants will address how they have been involved in community, school and/or professional associations. In addition, they will describe how they demonstrate leadership, initiative, thoughtfulness, and personal integrity.

2021-2022	Ashley Moncada
2022-2023	Taylor Larson Brooklyn Palmer

Scholarship through the Dean's office, that was moved to another area. No longer awarded

Dance Tuition Waivers

Full tuition waivers covering 8 credits for three consecutive quarters are available to dance majors and minors. Applicants must demonstrate commitment to the dance program and have attained high scholarship standards. Applicants will demonstrate talent in the area of performance, choreography, or teaching and commit to performing with **DanceWorks** for the academic school year. This scholarship is renewable upon reapplication every year, providing student maintains a 3.7 GPA.

1984-1985	Cally Orr Ann Hollist Denise Gray
1985-1986	Jodi Adams Cally Orr Shannon Thompson Diane Keller
1986-1987	JeQuita Burch Tami Myrick Trisha Parker Susan Thompson
1987-1988	Laura Kae Ek Jolynn Bolton Teri Oyler Heidi Sue Taylor
1988-1989	Paige Hunsaker Natalie Kern Pamela Zillner
1989-1990	Diana Duston Leann Jeffery Jacqueline pierce Leslie Slack

1990-1991	Shelly Evans Becky Goen Kami Hendrickson Leslie Slack
1991-1992	Susan Lloyd Morry Angell Amy Price Jennifer Rogers Diana Dutson
1992-1993	Morry Angell Diana Dutson Jeanette Page Natalie Bennett Dawn Misenhimer Jennifer Rogers
1993-1994	Morry Angell Stacy Chadwick Diana Dutson Margo Mollan Joanna Schow
1994-1995	Amy Gines Heather Payne Danielle Rasmussen Stacy Chadwick Heather March Joanna Schow
1995-1996	Stacy Chadwick Amy Gines Danielle Rasmussen Heather Payne Amy Mecham Kara Wilhelmesen
1996-1997	Deja Mitchell Ann Burfitt Brandi Griffith Amy Mecham
1997-1998	Ann Burfitt Angela Miller Camille McDonald Jennifer Webb

No longer awarded

[Elizabeth Bullock Haderlie Scholarship](#)

Student recipients of the Elizabeth Bullock Haderlie Scholarship may be female students in either their freshman, sophomore, junior or senior year, majoring in the Physical Education program within the College of Education who plan to become a Physical Education teacher. Candidates must demonstrate

academic achievement, financial need, and personal integrity. Recipients of the award shall be chosen by the Scholarship Selection Committee of the HPER Department.

2000-2001	Sandy Wayman
2001-2002	Kimberly Christensen
2002-2003	McCall Corry
2003-2004	Shukria King
2004-2005	Elise Rowley
2005-2006	Ashley Hunt Emily Kunz
2006-2007	Melinda Allred Karri Skewes
2007-2008	Kelsey Bushman Renee Frisby
2008-2009	Jill Hicken Sara Sorenson
2009-2010	Jill Hicken
2010-2011	Amber Rasmussen Heather Mikkola
2011-2012	None
2012-2013	Aubrienne Squire
2013-2014	Morgan Lynch Randi Robinson

No longer awarded

HEAU-Shelley Fuller Scholarship

2005-2006	Kaylynn Shakespeare
2006-2007	None
2007-2008	None
2008-2009	None
2009-2010	None
2010-2011	Marie Elegante
2011-2012	Jakki Hansen

No longer awarded

HPER Tuition Waivers

1996-1997	Kathy Anderson Michael Callahan Craig Crookston Kimberly DeWitt Kindra Dopp David Hansen Ladell Merritt Joe Messick Andrew Smith Michael Stephens
1997-1998	Craig Crookston

	<p>Alecia Gilbert Anna Hansen Ladell Merritt Jeanalyn Rich</p>
1998-1999	<p>Erick Bell Camilla McArthur Teresa Johnson Melissa Fuller Craig Crookston Anna Hansen James Burt Erin Van Langeveld Kelli Matthews April Deane</p>
1999-2000	<p>Kelly Small Angie Christensen Travis Tullis Kami Smity Heidi Liggett Kellie Fish Natalie Neff Ann Springer</p>
2000-2001	<p>Kevin Francom Jeffrey Baugh Lisa Willeitner Kelli Newswander KaDawn Smith Kimberly Christensen Karee Kohler April Deane David Seria Kami Smith Travis Tullis</p>
2001-2002	<p>Rachelle Burgener Kevin Francom April Page Jenice Beck Amy Hansen Kendi Ostermiller Jeffrey Rawlins Kimberly Clawson Toni Liechty Silas Rappe Heidi Shebrud</p>
2002-2003	<p>Amanda Butler Jana Jeffs Jennifer Bangarter</p>

	Jenice Beck Michelle Bodily Katie Clark Alicia Exeter Tedi Searle Shukria King Darci Burke Craig Giles
2003-2004	Alicia Beck Amanda Butler Jana Jeffs Georganne Done Daniel Preece Ruth Westover Miranda Force Staci Kling
2004-2005	Andrea Turley Camille Clark Emily Kunz Meredith Howell Ashley Hunt Kevin Isakson Tracey Reeve Megan Miles Celia Hansen

No longer awarded

Lois Downs Scholarship

All HPER majors are eligible for this award. The recipient(s) of the Lois Downs Scholarship should have attained a high scholarship standard; maintain a high ethical standard, be involved in department sponsored activities, and have financial need. Selection of the recipient(s) is made by the department faculty upon recommendation by the Scholarship and Awards Committee.\

1989-1990	Wallace Crandall	Health Education
1990-1991	Stacey Wolf	Physical Education
1991-1992	Theo LaMar Alexander	Physical Education
1992-1993	Leanna R. Risenmay	Physical Education
1993-1994	Cynthia Davis	Health Education
1994-1995	Heidi B. Galbraith	Physical Education
1995-1996	Isa Breinhold	Community Health
2002-2003	Diana B. Horner	Physical Education
2003-2004	Ms. Downs Passed Away	

No longer awarded

Marie Eccles Cain Foundation in Dance

Awards are made annually to Dance majors and minors. Scholarship awards are \$500-\$1,000. Recipients of the Marie Eccles Caine Scholarship in Dance should have attained a high scholarship standard, be a

current major or minor in the dance program, demonstrate talent in dance performance, choreography, or teaching and perform with **DanceWorks** for the academic school year. In addition, to the following may be considered by the committee when making selection: (1) financial need, and (2) volunteer work for any dance program project.

1986-1987	Lori Davis Monika Cheney
1987-1988	
1988-1989	Jolynn Bolton Patrice Tuttle
1989-1990	Laura Greene Paige Hunsaker
1990-1991	Amy Price Pam Gealta Dawn Misenhimer Susan Jacobsen
1991-1992	Dawn Misenhimer Amy Milton Amy Markgraf Paige White
1992-1993	Amy Markgraf Paige Hunsaker White
1993-1994	Jeanette Edwards Shannon Mason Feliciano Gonzales
1994-1995	Izuru Atsumi Juan Carlos Claudio Darcy Fowers Feliciano Gonzales Jennifer Jenkins
1995-1996	Izuru Atsumi Samantha Hoellein Lisa Wuthrich Brandi Beard Scott Freeland Ann Burfitt
1996-1997	Izuru Atsumi Camille McDonald Amber Tanner Lisa Wuthrich Neesha Zollinger
1997-1998	Amy Mecham Deja Mitchell Teresa Niderhousern Megan Schoppe

No longer awarded

Melvin Park Scholarship

This scholarship is for students majoring in Health Education and Promotion.

2016-2017	Kate Coombs Katie Jensen Natalie Berrett Mariah Smith Coreen Cogsell Spencer Perry Marissa Kelley	Community Health Community Health Community Health School Health Health Science Health Science Health Science
2017-2018	Lecy Skousen Charity Wayman Amy Monsen Melanie Athens Braiden Simmons	Community Health Health Science Health Science
2018-2019	Charity Vincent Kristy White Dallin Christensen Mallory McKnight McKinley McMullin	Community Health Community Health Health Science Community Health Health Science
2019-2020	Brianna Johns Madison Budge Katie Barrow Justin Sacco Nichole Bishop	Community Health Health Science Health Science Health Science Health Science
2020-2021	Jaclyn Atencio Sarah Sweet Murga Jennifer Call Rachel Melton	Community Health Health Science Health Science Health Science
2021-2022	Anne Patton Brandon Bryner Tristan Houser Jefawn Eskeets	Community Health Health Science Health Science Health Science

No longer awarded

Nelson Challenge Scholarship

Students majoring in Parks and Recreation and having not completed their internship are eligible for this scholarship. The Dean of the College of Education and Human Services is charged with the selection of the receiving student of this gift in accord with the provisions of this agreement and Utah State University policy.

2008-2009	Stacey Godwin Chase Ellis Bryce King
2009-2010	Felicia Funk
2010-2011	None
2011-2012	None
2012-2013	None

2013-2014	None
2014-2015	None
2015-2016	Kelsey Parker Tera Tibbitts

No longer awarded

Olympic Scholarship

As a part of the historic 2002 Winter Olympic Games, the HPER department arranged for students to work as event specialists in several venues around Salt Lake City. Commemorating this experience, participating students agreed to make contributions to establish a perpetual Olympic endowment for future students. The names of student, faculty, and staff who contributed to the endowment are listed on a plaque in the HPER lobby.

Applicants must be majoring in one of the following fields:

Community Health with a minimum 3.5 GPA.

Exercise Science with a minimum 3.5 GPA

Parks and Recreation with a minimum 3.0 GPA

Pre-Physical Therapy with a minimum 3.5 GPA

The minimum GPA should be a cumulative average between all transcripts, including transfer schools, and first and second bachelors degrees. Applicants should also demonstrate financial need.

2005-2006	Nick Monson Kaylynn Shakespeare	
2006-2007	Chad Coombs Paul Bingham	
2007-2008	Bryce Jensen Emily Nelson	
2008-2009	Janalee Longhurst Natisha Miles	
2009-2010	Collin Bateman	Exercise Science
2010-2011	None	
2011-2012	None	
2012-2013	Dailee Gardner Sarah Gudmundson	Parks and Recreation Exercise Science
2013-2014	Kristi Christensen	
2014-2015	None	
2015-2016	Haley Norman Mitchell Stevens	Pre-Physical Therapy Exercise Science
2016-2017	Brooke Lofthouse	Parks and Recreation
2017-2018	McKenzie Hoggan	Exercise Science
2018-2019	Rilee Scoresby Jenna Swainston	Parks and Recreation Parks and Recreation
2019-2020	Maren Symons	Pre-Physical Therapy
2020-2021	Samantha Corbridge	Exercise Science

No longer awarded

Orpha Faylor Scholarship in Dance

All Dance majors are eligible for this award. The recipient(s) of the Orpha Faylor Scholarship in Dance should have attained a high scholarship standard, be a current major in the dance program demonstrate talent in dance performance, choreography, or teaching, and agree to perform with **DanceWorks** for the academic year. In addition, the following may be considered by the committee when making selection:

(1) financial need, (2) volunteer production, and (3) volunteer work for any dance program project.

1989-1990	Jolynn Bolton
1990-1991	Paige White
1991-1992	Becky Behunin
1992-1993	Shannon Mason
1993-1994	Joanna Schow
1994-1995	Jennifer Jenkins
1995-1996	Amy Gines
1996-1997	Amber Tanner
1997-1998	Lori Halverson

No longer awarded

Peggy Bates Christensen Dance Scholarship

Recipients of the Peggy Bates Christensen Scholarship should be junior or senior students majoring in Dance Education. Candidates shall be chosen by the scholarship selection committee of the Dance Program.

1997-1998	Jennifer Webb
1998-1999	Ann Burfitt

No longer awarded

Wess Greene/Logan Regional Hospital Scholarship

1997-1998	Scott Randall Adamson Kirk W. Hansen Melissa Jensen Lisa K. Naegle Andrew Mark Smith
1998-1999	Bulent Bulut Karie Gibbons
1999-2000	Melissa Ballard
2000-2001	Matt Sealy
2001-2002	Michael Burggraf
2002-2003	Michael Burggraf

No longer awarded

College Awards

2006-2007	Sandra Serguson	Seeley-Hinkley Scholarship
2007-2008	None	
2008-2009	None	
2009-2010	None	
2010-2011	None	

2011-2012	Cynde Bodrero	Gary and Mildred Watts
2012-2013	None	
2013-2014	Ana Castillo Shanna Dalby Robert Garrett Kyle Niedrich Cameron Olsen Adam Raikes Sophia Sellers Christopher Stewart	Seeley-Hinkley Scholarship Rick Q. Lawson Scholarship Rick Q. Lawson Scholarship Rick Q. Lawson Scholarship Rick Q. Lawson Scholarship Rick Q. Lawson Scholarship Simmons Family Scholarship Linda Gurr Stuart Memorial

The department no longer tracks the college scholarship awards.

Other Awards

1983-1984	Aaron Clayton Smith – HEP	College Media Representative
1984-1985	Darrell Gardner – PE	College Media Representative
1985-1986	Arthur W. Johnson – PE	College Media Representative
1986-1987	Shelley Baddley – PRP	College Media Representative
1987-1988	Art Mendini Peggy Bates Christensen-Dance Peggy Bates Christensen	HPER Service Award College Media Representative Robbins Award Nominee-Talent
1988-1989	Les Dunn Todd Manuel Jamie Carey - PE	HPER Service Award Commendation for Service to Community College Media Representative
1989-1990	Takeshi Sekiya Logan Regional Hospital Jeff Reiley – HEP Leslie Slack	HPER Service Award Community Recognition Award College Media Representative Robbins Award Nominee-Talent
1990-1991	Sara V. Sinclair Chad W. Millward – PRP Susan J. Miller	HPER Service Award College Media Representative Robbins Award Nominee-Talent
1991-1992	Dale P. Mildenberger Clint Robinson – PRP Amy Price	HPER Service Award College Media Representative Robbins Award Nominee-Talent
1992-1993	Janice Pearce James Parmer – HEP Amy Markgraf	HPER Service Award College Media Representative Robbins Award Nominee-Talent
1993-1994	Richard Smith Morry Angell – Dance Dianna Dutson Gallego	HPER Service Award College Media Representative Robbins Award Nominee-Talent
1994-1995	Bob Tate Feliciano Gonzales – Dance Feliciano Gonzales	HPER Service Award College Media Representative Robbins Award Nominee-Talent
1995-1996	Todd Barson Jerry Jardine, Dept. Head, PE Mt. Logan Middle School Terrel Baldwin - PE	HPER Service Award Community Recognition Award College Media Representative

1996-1997	Wess Greene Harry Rogers Jerry McIntosh - PRP	HPER Service Award HPER Service Award College Media Representative
1997-1998	Jennifer Webb	Robbins Award Nominee-Talent
1998-1999	Carol Fellows Annie Burfitt	Robbins Award Nominee-Talent Robbins Award Nominee-Talent
1999-2000	Emily Whitney Dr. Richard Gordin	Robbins Award Nominee-Talent TrusteeProfessorship(University)
2000-2001	Natalie Hunt Dr. Richard Gordin	Robbins Award Nominee-Talent TrusteeProfessorship(University)
2001-2002	Dr. Rudy Castruita	College Outstanding Alumni Achievement
2002-2003	None	
2003-2004	None	
2004-2005	Stephen Sutherland	College Outstanding Young Professional
2005-2006	Matt Lorz	URPA Outstanding Undergrad
2006-2007	Celia Hansen Delores Rimington – Health Education Delores Remington Jenny Johnson Farrin Wiese	URPA Outstanding Undergrad Grad Assistance Enhancement Robbins Award Nominee-Talent College Outstanding Recent graduate College Outstanding Young Professional
2007-2008	Mary Lou Reynolds Jason Thomas Loa Kay Bowthorpe Matt Seeley Reid Newey L. Jay Silvester	Robbins Award Nominee-Talent Robbins Award Nominee-Talent College Outstanding Alumni K- 12 Teacher College Outstanding Recent Graduate College Outstanding Alumni Administrator College Outstanding Alumni Achievement & Hall of Fame
2008-2009	Bryce King	URPA Outstanding Program Award 2009 Intercollegiate Service Project
2009-2010	None	
2010-2011	None	
2011-2012	None	
2012-2013	Mike Rees – HMS	Graduate Student Senate Outstanding

The department no longer tracks the additional awards that students, faculty, staff, and alumni receive outside of the department awards.

Outstanding Students in Field Experience

This award is intended to recognize outstanding current undergraduate students who are providing exceptional contributions to their field through participation in an internship or field work. Nominees should have demonstrated their dedication to, creativity in, and excellence in their field of study.

1992-1993	Amy Field Karen Jensen Andrea Bartlett	Physical Education Health Education Parks and Recreation
1993-1994	Dena Wood Debbie Christensen	Health Education Parks and Recreation
1994-1995	Janice Poirot	Health Education
1995-1996	Brenda Charlton Chanda Howel Creta Petitit	Physical Education Health Education Parks and Recreation
1996-1997	Ferrin Wiese Blair Gardner Kelly Baumgart Harris	Health Education Physical Education Parks and Recreation
1997-1998	Emily Harris	Community Health
1998-1999	Sara Parslow	Parks and Recreation
1999-2000	Charlynn Hansen Ann Bingham	Community Health Parks and Recreation
2000-2001	Heather Hessenthaler	Community Health
2001-2002	Wayne Monroe Amber Tubb	Parks and Recreation Health Education
2002-2003	Heather Stevenson Christy Thain	Health Education Parks and Recreation
2003-2004	None	
2004-2005	Mindy Meacham	Health Education
2005-2006	Christopher Scott Sarah Cottle	Parks and Recreation Health Education
2006-2007	Amanda Crosby Mindy Hawkin	Parks and Recreation Health Education
2007-2008	Tiffany Adams	Health Education
2008-2009	LaNel Keller	Health Education
2009-2010	Terri Brown	Health Education
2010-2011	Michelle Swaner	Community Health
2011-2012	Melissa Allen	Community Health
2012-2013	Chelsey Hoyt Banks	Community Health
2013-2014	None	
2014-2015	Carly Havnes	Health Science
2015-2016	Bailey Visser	Health Science
2016-2017	Natalie Coombs	Health Science
2017-2018	Bethany Balady	Health Science
2018-2019	Justina Frodsham	Community Health
2019-2020	None – COVID 19	
2020-2021	Janica Gubler	Recreation Administration
2021-2022	None	

2022-2023	Lucy Haslam	Physical Education
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The department updated/created new criteria for the outstanding senior award and combined the recognition of field experience into this award and no longer awards this as a separate award for students.

Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher

In addition to being an excellent student, a notable undergraduate researcher is one who has consistently engaged in independent inquiry, through classes, student employment, and independent research grants. Students also typically seek to share their results at undergraduate research events or professional conferences.

2004-2005	Tracey Reeve	Biomechanics
2005-2006	None	
2006-2007	None	
2007-2008	None	
2008-2009	None	
2009-2010	None	
2010-2011	None	
2011-2012	None	
2012-2013	None	
2013-2014	None	
2014-2015	Kodey Myers	Exercise Science
2015-2016	Daisha Cummins	Exercise Science
2016-2017	Kyle Shegrud	Exercise Science
2017-2018	Megan Elwood Trenton Judd	Neuromechanics Exercise Physiology
2018-2019	Felipe Castaneda	Exercise Science
2019-2020	None – COVID-19	
2020-2021	None	
2021-2022	Molly Anderson-Rowley	Exercise Science
2022-2023	None	

The department updated/created new criteria for the outstanding senior award and combined the recognition of undergraduate researcher into this award and no longer awards this as a separate award for students.

Student Teaching Achievement Award

This award is intended to recognize outstanding current undergraduate students who are providing exceptional contributions to the field of physical education through their teaching. Nominees should have demonstrated their dedication to, creativity in, and excellence in teaching.

1984-1985	Gayle Mills	Physical Education
1985-1986	Michael J. Hansen	Physical Education
1986-1987	Carolee Streeper	Physical Education
1987-1988	Valerie Fisher Godfre	Health Education
1988-1989	Clayton J. Creer	Physical Education
1989-1990	Jana Huff Shaw	Dance Education
1990-1991	David Swenson	Physical Education

1991-1992	Jeff Hanke	Physical Education
1992-1993	Wendy Condie April Roundy	Physical Education Health Education
1993-1994	Willis McCree Art Erickson Chris Astle Amy Markgraf	Health Education Physical Education Physical Education Dance Education
1994-1995	Brendan Pratt Amy D. Wellard	Physical Education Health Education
1995-1996	Todd Heggie Marlene Reeder	Physical Education Health Education
1996-1997	Rick B. Thorne	Physical Education
1997-1998	Brett Hanson Shannon Erickson	Health Major and PE minor Dance Major
1998-1999	Shelley Kennington Pamela Kirschman Nathan McClellan Stacee Flygare	School Health Dance Physical Education Major Physical Education Minor
1999-2000	Brandy Johnson Kyle Wright	School Health Physical Education
2000-2001	Holly Brimhall Brad Brimhall	School Health Physical Education
2001-2002	Marla Lowes Marnie Dimond Kelley Warner	Health Education Physical Education Physical Education
2002-2003	T.J. VcVey Shawn Roundy	Physical Education Health Education
2003-2004	Amanda Butler Jodie Zeyer Anthony Steward	Health Education Physical Education Physical Education
2004-2005	Mimi Gurrola Ryan Bradshaw Clark Funk	Health Education Physical Education - Fall Physical Education – Spring
2005-2006	Brandon Payne Benjamin Jones Jason Kerr	Health Education Physical Education Physical Education
2006-2007	Lindsey Paskins Emily Kunz	Health Education Physical Education
2007-2008	Holly Leamaster Jodi Hobbs	Health Education Physical Education
2008-2009	Melinda Hunt Stacey Moss	Health Education Physical Education
2009-2010	Bobbie Hadfield Jalayne Hatch	Health Education Physical Education Teaching
2010-2011	Sharrah Akina	Physical Education
2011-2012	Jacque Dana Brittany Picket Whittaker	Physical Education Teaching School Health

	Shamra Nielson	School Health
2012-2013	Jesse Parker	Physical Education Teaching
2013-2014		
2014-2015	Sierra Pope Keisha Lloyd Nikki Gardner	Physical Education Teaching Physical Education Teaching HEP/School Health
2015-2016	Alexis Bird Amber Louder	Physical Education Teaching HEP/School Health
2016-2017	Ricky Coles	Physical Education
2017-2018	None	
2018-2019	Nicolle Woodall	Physical Education
2019-2020	None – COVID-19	
2020-2021	Makady Hansen	Physical Education
2021-2022	Kielee Kinghorn	Physical Education
2022-2023	Sarah Wiscombe	Physical Education
2023-2024		

The department updated/created new criteria for the outstanding senior award and combined the recognition of student teaching achievement award into this award and no longer awards this as a separate award for students.

Advisor of the Year

The Advisor of the Year Award is given to recognize and emphasize excellence in undergraduate academic advising. Nominations will be based on the evidence of effective advising qualities and practices distinguishing the nominee as an outstanding academic advisor. Such evidence may include, but is not limited to, the following:

Strong interpersonal skills; Availability to advisees, faculty or staff; Use and dissemination of appropriate information sources; Advisee or unit evaluations (summary data); Meeting advisees in informal settings; Monitoring of student progress toward academic/career goals; Mastery of institutional regulations, policies and procedures; Ability to engage in, promote and support developmental advising; Frequency of contact with advisees; Appropriate referral activity; Evidence of student success rate by advisor or department; Caring, helpful attitude toward advisees, faculty and staff; Participation and support of intrusive advising to build strong relationships with advisees; Participation in and support of advisor development programs; Perception by colleagues of nominee's advising skills

1988-1989	Dr. Richard Gordin
1989-1990	Dr. Rolayne Wilson
1990-1991	Dr. Dennis A. Nelson
1991-1992	Dr. Arthur R. Jones
1992-1993	Dr. Steven R. Hawks
1993-1994	Mary Lou Reynolds
1994-1995	None
1995-1996	Donna L. Gordon
1996-1997	None
1997-1998	None
1998-1999	None
1999-2000	None

2000-2001	Suzie Stones
2001-2002	None
2002-2003	None
2003-2004	None
2004-2005	None
2005-2006	None
2006-2007	None
2007-2008	Dayna Barrett
2008-2009	Mary Lou Reynolds
2009-2010	None
2010-2011	None
2011-2012	None
2012-2013	None
2013-2014	None
2014-2015	None
2015-2016	None
2016-2017	None
2017-2018	None
2018-2019	Raquel Friddle
2019-2020	None – COVID-19
2020-2021	Jose Chavez
2021-2022	Jana Johnson
2022-2023	Alice Kenley
2023-2024	

The department no longer awards this award.

Outstanding Peer Advisor

Previously named Outstanding Undergraduate Student Advisor

The Peer Advisor of the Year Award is given to recognize and emphasize excellence in undergraduate academic advising. Nominations will be based on the evidence of effective advising qualities and practices distinguishing the nominee as an outstanding academic advisor. Such evidence may include, but is not limited to, the following:

Strong interpersonal skills; Assistance and support of the advisors; Use and dissemination of appropriate information sources; Meeting advisees in informal settings; Mastery of institutional regulations, policies and procedures; Ability to engage in, promote and support developmental advising; Appropriate referral activity; Caring, helpful attitude toward advisees, faculty and staff; Participation and support of intrusive advising to build strong relationships with advisees; Participation in and support of advisor development programs; Perception by colleagues of nominee's advising skills

2002-2003	Nathan Trauntvein
2003-2004	None
2004-2005	None
2005-2006	Dayna Barrett
2006-2007	Phil Blaney
2007-2008	Dayna Barrett

2008-2009	None
2009-2010	None
2010-2011	None
2011-2012	None
2012-2013	None
2013-2014	None
2014-2015	None
2015-2016	None
2016-2017	None
2017-2018	None
2018-2019	None
2019-2020	None – COVID-19
2020-2021	None
2021-2022	None
2022-2023	None
2023-2024	

The department no longer awards this award due to the structure and number of peer advisors within the department.

Lifetime Service Award

Intended to honor individuals that have made significant accomplishments and contributions to the Department, College, and University.

2012-2013	Dale Mildenerger	Exercise Science
2013-2014	None	
2014-2015	None	
2015-2016	None	
2016-2017	None	
2017-2018	None	
2018-2019	Vicky Larsen	KHS Advisor
2019-2020	None – COVID-19	
2020-2021	None	
2021-2022	None	
2022-2023	Peter Mathesius	Physical Education
2023-2024		

The department no longer awards this award.

Outstanding Alumni Administrator Award

Intended to honor alumni who have demonstrated excellence in their contributions in education, corporate, or government institutions. Nominees should have 5-20 years of experience and service in their field.

2001-2002	Dr. Rudy Castruita	Physical Education
2002-2003	None	
2003-2004	None	
2004-2005	Gary Stears	Physical Education
2005-2006	None	

2006-2007	Ruel Barker	
2007-2008	Dave Seria Reid Newey	Parks and Recreation Health Education
2008-2009	Eric Kleven Dave Swenson	
2009-2010	Jerry Nelson Dan Cox	
2010-2011	Austin Nunn Richard Droesbeke	
2011-2012	Stephanie Sorensen Gloria Richardson	
2012-2013	None	
2013-2014	None	
2014-2015	Robert Henke	
2015-2016	None	
2016-2017	None	
2017-2018	None	
2018-2019	Chase Ellis	Parks and Recreation
2019-2020	None – COVID-19	
2020-2021	Bronco Hunter	Recreation Administration
2021-2022	Kevin Schmidt	Recreation Administration
2022-2023	Reed Carpenter	Recreation Administration
2023-2024		

The department no longer awards this award.

Outstanding Alumni K-12 Teacher Award

Intended to recognize and emphasize alumni that have demonstrated excellence in teaching, through 5 or more years of service. Other scholarly activity such as research and publication records may be considered in the selection process, but the main emphasis will be on teaching excellence.

2001-2002	Debra Wilson	Physical Education
2002-2003	David Swenson	Physical Education
2003-2004	Van Park	Physical Education
2004-2005	Liz Wiscombe	Physical Education
2005-2006	Dan Cox	Physical Education
2006-2007	Terrell Baldwin	Physical Education
2007-2008	April Godderidge Loa Kay Bowthorpe	Health Education Physical Education
2008-2009	Clark Funk Lana Coombs	Physical Education
2009-2010	Barbara Ferris Andy Lund	
2010-2011	Ryan Young	
2011-2012	Wendy Parker Karen Tremayne	
2012-2013	None	
2013-2014	None	

2014-2015	Clark Funk	Physical Education
2015-2016	Desirae Daines	Physical Education
2016-2017	Stacee Flygare	Physical Education
2017-2018	Cameron Gardner	Physical Education
2018-2019	None	
2019-2020	None – COVID-19	
2020-2021	None	
2021-2022	None	
2022-2023	None	
2023-2024		

The department no longer awards this award.

Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award

Intended to honor alumni who have distinguished themselves through professional achievement, community service, and service within their field. These alumni must have 5-20 experience in their field.

2001-2002	Verne C. Larsen	Health Education Promotion
2002-2003	Nancy Day	
2003-2004	Emily Williams	Physical Education
2004-2005	None	
2005-2006	None	
2006-2007	Ruel Barker	Physical Education
2007-2008	L. Jay Silvester	Physical Education
2008-2009	Fern Gardner	Physical Education
2009-2010	Phil Johnson	
2010-2011	None	
2011-2012	None	
2012-2013	Nordell Brown	Physical Education
2013-2014	None	
2014-2015	None	
2015-2016	Mike Favero	Physical Education
2016-2017	None	
2017-2018	None	
2018-2019	None	
2019-2020	None – COVID-19	
2020-2021	None	
2021-2022	None	
2022-2023	None	
2023-2024		

The department no longer awards this award.

Outstanding Professional Achievement Award

Previously named Alumni Achievement Award and Outstanding Professional Alumni Award

Intended to honor and recognize alumni practitioners who have demonstrated excellence and made significant contributions to their field of study. Nominees should have 5-20 years of experience or service in their field.

1989-1990	Dr. Glenn E Richardson	M.S. '73
1990-1991	None	None
1991-1992	Dr. Ray W. Squires	M.S. '75
1992-1993	John Richard "Dick" Motta	B.S. '53, M.S. '60
1993-1994	Lois Downs	B.S. '45, M.S. '49
1994-1995	Rulon Jones	B.S. '87
1995-1996	Dr. Janice Pearce	Professor Emeritus
1996-1997	Art Mendini	B.S. '52, M.S. '59 Associate Professor Emeritus
1997-1998	Louise Murch	B.S. '73, M.S. '80
1998-1999	Nolan "Red" Burnett	B.S. '50, M.S. '58
1999-2000	None	None
2000-2001	Jackie Fullmer	Physical Education
2001-2002	None	
2002-2003	None	
2003-2004	None	
2004-2005	None	
2005-2006	None	
2006-2007	None	
2007-2008	None	
2008-2009	None	
2009-2010	None	
2010-2011	None	
2011-2012	None	
2012-2013	None	
2013-2014	None	
2014-2015	None	
2015-2016	None	
2016-2017	None	
2017-2018	None	
2018-2019	Dr. Toni Liechty	Parks and Recreation
2019-2020	None – COVID-19	
2020-2021	John Bradley	Recreation Administration
2021-2022	None	
2022-2023	Haley Turner	Recreation Administration
2023-2024		

The department no longer awards this award.

Outstanding Young Professional Award

Intended to honor graduates for outstanding achievement in his or her professional or volunteer life.

Nominees must be 38 years of age or younger in the year which the award is given.

2001-2002	Holly Budge	Health Education Promotion
2002-2003	Jon Wickizer	Physical Education
2003-2004	April Godderidge	Health Education Promotion
2004-2005	Raquel Fuller Stephen Sutherlan	Physical Education Parks and Recreation

2005-2006	Farrin Wiese	Health Education Promotion
2006-2007	Kaylynn Filion	Health Education
2007-2008	April Bennett Curtis Radford Eric Stucki	Health Education Physical Education Parks and Recreation
2008-2009	Rhett Ogden Emily Millard Matthews Jennifer Loeffler-Cobia	Exercise Science Health Education
2009-2010	Lori Olsen Wayne Monroe	Physical Education Parks and Recreation
2010-2011	Cami McArthur	Health Education
2011-2012	Jacob Pugsley Megan Leatham Dubois Nate Trauntvein Skip Williams	Pre-Physical Therapy Health Education Parks and Recreation School Health
2012-2013	None	
2013-2014	None	
2014-2015	Ryan Barfuss	Community Health
2015-2016	Phillip A. Blaney	
2016-2017	Rachel Snyder	
2017-2018	Jesse Joseph	Community Health
2018-2019	Shellie Lusk Heyrend Jordan Blanc	Health Science Physical Education
2019-2020	None – COVID-19	
2020-2021	None	
2021-2022	Michaela Maughan	Recreation Administration
2022-2023	Zach Baty	Recreation Administration
2023-2024		

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