

Faculty and staff accomplishments (Aug. 1-Dec. 31)

Accomplishment kudos

Vera Bannerman, MBA, academic advisor, ATSU-CGHS, graduated from the Teaching & Learning Center's 2023 Course Design Institute.

Lindsey Blake, executive assistant, president's office, ATSU, received the Employee Excellence Award for the Missouri campus for the third quarter of 2023.

Courtney Bonnell, MBA, controller, finance, ATSU, was selected for the 2023-24 National Association of College and University Business Officers Emerging Leaders Program, which helps participants enhance leadership skills, expand cross-campus relationships, and build a professional network.

Briana Bonner, OTD, MS, assistant professor, occupational therapy, ATSU-ASHS, graduated from the Teaching & Learning Center's 2023 Course Design Institute.

Erin Breitenbach, PhD, MA, professor and chair, health professions education, ATSU-CGHS, authored a chapter in a new education textbook, *Factors Influencing Doctoral Program Completion*.

Anna Campbell, PhD, associate professor and chair, anatomy, and **John Olson, PhD**, professor, anatomy, ATSU-SOMA, received the ATSU Innovation in Teaching for Learning second runner-up award for their innovation "The HoloCompanion App."

María A. Centeno-Vázquez, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-S, associate professor and director, speech-language pathology, ATSU-ASHS, was elected as a fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association for her remarkable contributions to graduate education and service, along with her superior strengths in leadership.

Bethany Clatt, academic advisor, public health, ATSU-CGHS, completed her master of science in education degree from Purdue Global.

Randy Danielsen, PhD, PA-C emeritus, DFAAPA, professor and director, medical science, ATSU-ASHS, graduated from the Teaching & Learning Center's 2023 Course Design Institute.

Michelle DiBaise, DHSc, PA-C, DFAAPA, '14, professor and chair, physician assistant studies, ATSU-ASHS, was recognized at the 2023 National Association of Community Health Centers Community Health Institute for her efforts in engaging community

health centers to prepare healthcare professionals to deliver quality care for underserved communities.

Ann Eshenaur Spolarich, PhD, RDH, FSCDH, assistant dean for research, professor, ATSU-ASDOH, was honored with the Esther Wilkins Lifetime Achievement Award at the American Dental Hygienists' Association Annual Meeting in Chicago. This award recognizes the distinguished careers of individuals who have consistently and effectively contributed to the enrichment of the dental hygiene profession.

John Fick, EdD, FACHE, associate professor, health administration, ATSU-CGHS, was appointed to the 2024 Annual Meeting Planning Committee of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration.

Alan Freeman, DMgt, MBA, FACHE, senior director, patient care centers, ATSU, received the 2023 John Gilbert Award presented during the National Association of Community Health Centers Community Health Awards of Excellence at the 54th Annual Convention & Community Health Institute in San Diego. The award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated a level of excellence in the community healthcare field.

Abbey Glenn, OTD, MS, OTR/L, CBIS, assistant professor, occupational therapy, ATSU-ASHS, graduated from the Teaching & Learning Center's 2023 Course Design Institute.

Jessica Hayes, PT, DPT, assistant professor, physical therapy, ATSU-ASHS, received the ATSU Innovation in Teaching for Learning award for her innovation "Canvas Learning Pathways."

Gabe Hettinger, supervisor, boiler room, ATSU, earned an undergraduate degree from Northwest Missouri State University.

MaKay Hettinger, assistant director, alumni relations, ATSU, received her master of business administration degree in healthcare management from William Woods University.

Stephanie Hettinger, assistant controller, finance, ATSU, earned a master of business administration degree from Northwest Missouri State University.

Nick Higginson, multimedia specialist, academic technologies, ATSU, received the Employee Excellence Award for the Arizona and California campuses for the third quarter of 2023.

Kellie Huxel Bliven, PhD, ATC, professor and chair, interdisciplinary health sciences, ATSU-ASHS, received the Tony A. Mobley International Distinguished Alumni award from her alma mater, Indiana University School of Public Health-Bloomington. This award honors graduates who have demonstrated outstanding personal and professional achievements in fostering the broad missions of public health.

Jason Karstens, PT, DPT, assistant professor, physical therapy, ATSU-ASHS, graduated from the Teaching & Learning Center's 2023 Course Design Institute.

Satish Kumar, DMD, MDS, MS, professor and director, periodontics, ATSU-ASDOH, was nominated and inducted as a fellow of the American College of Dentists.

Emily Magruder, director, budget & planning, finance, ATSU, earned a master of business administration degree from Northwest Missouri State University.

Ivonne Maldonado De la Rosa, PhD, MS, CCC-SLP, instructor, speech-language pathology, ATSU-ASHS, was named treasurer of the Arizona Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Rochelle Mascarenhas, BDS, MPH, adjunct faculty, public health, ATSU-CGHS, graduated from the Teaching & Learning Center's 2023 Course Design Institute.

Erin McFadden, MD, assistant professor and co-regional director of medical education, ATSU-SOMA, received the Dr. Ann Preston Women in Medicine Award from the Pennsylvania Eastern Region Chapter of the American College of Physicians. Dr. McFadden serves as deputy chief medical officer of The Wright Center for Community Health and the medical director of The Wright Center's Scranton Practice.

Mary-Katherine McNatt, DrPH, MPH, MCHES, CPH, COI, professor and chair, public health, ATSU-CGHS, was appointed by the National Board of Public Health Examiners to be a Certified in Public Health exam question writer. In addition, Dr. McNatt and ATSU-CGHS' **Marsha Presley, PhD, MPH**, research associate, public health; **Louise Smith, MA**, instructional designer; **Susan Thomas, MEd**, instructional designer; and **Sue McDaniel, MS**, instructional designer, received the ATSU Innovation in Teaching for Learning first runner-up award for their innovation "Outbreak Odyssey."

Melinda Moore Gottschalk, DMSc, PA-C, DFAAPA, adjunct assistant professor, medical science, ATSU-ASHS, graduated from the Teaching & Learning Center's 2023 Course Design Institute.

Clinton Normore, MBA, vice president, diversity & inclusion, ATSU, was named a recipient of the 2024 Diamond Awards on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Not Alone Foundation Inc. and Academy of the Diamond Awards. He was honored in the category of Excellence in Higher Education Leadership [VP | Diversity & Inclusion], Philanthropy, Humanitarian & Community Engagement. The awards program honors faces and images of excellence in the entertainment, corporate, and creative industries for professional accomplishments and contributions to society on a local, state, or international level.

Rebecca Nugent, administrative support, residential admissions, ATSU, received the Employee Excellence Award for the Missouri campus for the second quarter of 2023.

Monica Queen, PT, DPT, assistant professor, physical therapy, ATSU-ASHS, graduated from the Teaching & Learning Center's 2023 Course Design Institute.

Tania Shearon, DHSc, OTR/L, CHT, C-IAYT, assistant professor and director, curriculum, occupational therapy, ATSU-ASHS, graduated from the Teaching & Learning Center's 2023 Course Design Institute.

Vineet Singh, PhD, professor, microbiology, ATSU-KCOM, was invited by Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University in Ludhiana, Punjab, India, for a two-week visiting professorship in the Department of Veterinary Physiology & Biochemistry.

Julie Speer, PhD, MS, instructional designer, Teaching & Learning Center, ATSU, received the Employee Excellence Award for the Arizona and California campuses for the second quarter of 2023.

Maggie Sudimack, MA, CCC-SLP, instructor, director of clinical education, speech-language pathology, ATSU-ASHS, was named recording secretary for the Arizona Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Kathleen Thomas, DHA, adjunct faculty, health administration, ATSU-CGHS, was promoted to national director of registry research, analytics & measurement for the American Heart Association.