

Faculty e-Newsletter

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Winners of Provost Awards

Provost and Executive Vice President Douglas Wartzok presented awards on March 29 at the culmination of the Graduate Student Appreciation Week. These four students and two professors represent the excellence that can be found throughout the University Graduate School.

Rupak Dua: *Provost Award for Graduate Student Engagement*



Rupak Dua, a local and national leader pursuing his doctorate in Biomedical Engineering, received the Provost Award for Graduate Student Engagement because of his efforts to promote greater participation in the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Nationally he serves as President of Alpha Eta Mu Beta, the National Biomedical Engineering Honor Society.

Provost Award for Outstanding Creative Product: Ana Benatuil

Competing against dozens of her peers, School of Architecture masters student Ana Benatuil won the Provost Award for Outstanding Creative Product for the project "Designing for Sea Level Rise." The project investigates how to manage a rising ocean that threatens the future of South Florida, and it is featured as a traveling exhibit of the American Institute of Architects.



Shah Najiba: *Provost Award for Outstanding Paper or Manuscript*



A Ph.D. candidate in Mechanical and Materials Engineering, Shah Najiba's publication won the Provost Award for Outstanding Paper or Manuscript. Published in 2012 in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, the paper investigates lithium storage of hydrogen-based energy. She collaborates in FIU's interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Matter at Extreme Conditions.

Provost Award for Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant: Bryan Dewsbury

Bryan Dewsbury won the Provost Award for Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant because he inspires undergraduate students in the Department of Biology. He teaches in the rigorous program of Quantifying Biology in the Classroom. A Ph.D. candidate and part of the Seagrass Ecosystem Research Lab at FIU, in 2012 he was one of 20 American Society for Microbiology Biology Scholars.



Paul Kowert: *Provost Award for Mentorship of Graduate Students*



The author of four books and winner of a Fulbright Visiting Lectureship in Japan, Dr. Kowert won the Provost Award for Mentorship of Graduate Students. This award honors his commitment to providing guidance to graduate students in the Department of Politics and International Relations, where he is an Associate Professor.

Provost Award for Outstanding Graduate Program Director: Les Standiford

Director of FIU's Creative Writing Program, Les Standiford is the winner of the Provost Award for Outstanding Graduate Program Director. Under his leadership since 1985, the program that awards MFA degrees has been repeatedly honored as one of the best in the nation. With more than 20 books to his name, Les Standiford is one of the program's many best-selling authors.



Scholarly Forum Winners

Congratulations are also due to the winners of the GSAW Scholarly Forums. The first place winners will present their research at the statewide research symposium hosted by the University of South Florida on April 19th. For a complete list of the winners in each category, please visit <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/gsaw/downloads/2013-GSAW-Scholarly-Forum-Winners.pdf>.

Graduate Events

Spring 2013 Commencement

Monday, April 29, 2013 to
Wednesday, May 1, 2013

Find details at:

<http://commencement.fiu.edu>

Summer 2013 Graduate Orientation

Friday, May 10, 2013

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

DM 100, MMC

http://gradschool.fiu.edu/Summer2013_orientation.html

First Day of Summer Classes

Monday, May 13, 2013

Important Deadlines

Final ETD Approval Form

Friday, April 19, 2013

For more Thesis and Dissertation

Deadlines visit: <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/DeadlinesForThesesAndDissertations.html>

Last day to issue I-20 for International Students currently in the U.S for summer semester:

Monday, April 22, 2013

For more Graduate Admissions deadlines

visit: http://gradschool.fiu.edu/downloads/Grad_Admissions_Deadlines.pdf

Annual Student Evaluation and Mentoring Plan

Thursday, May 30, 2013

The online form is at http://gradschool.fiu.edu/PDF_forms/Annual_Evaluation_Form.pdf.



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