

Faculty and staff accomplishments (April 1-July 31)

Accomplishment kudos

Mariam Alshukri, MS, manager, medical education accreditation, assessment & integration, undergraduate medical education, ATSU-SOMA, earned a doctor of education in health professions degree from ATSU-CGHS.

June Altig, education specialist, ATSU-ASDOH, completed the 2023 Introduction to Educational Technology for Educators course offered through the Teaching & Learning Center.

Candace Ayars, PhD, associate professor, health education, ATSU-CGHS, received the 2023 Professor of the Year award during the annual ATSU-CGHS Awards Banquet.

Beatriz Barragan, PhD, associate professor, speech-language pathology, ATSU-ASHS, completed the 2023 Introduction to Educational Technology for Educators course offered through the Teaching & Learning Center.

Kellie Bliven, PhD, ATC, professor and chair, interdisciplinary health sciences, ATSU-ASHS, completed the 2023 Introduction to Educational Technology for Educators course offered through the Teaching & Learning Center.

María A. Centeno-Vázquez, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-S, associate professor and program director for ATSU-ASHS speech-language pathology program, has been elected a fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Nick Cross, assessment coordinator, physician assistant studies, ATSU-ASHS, received the Employee Excellence Award for Arizona and California campuses for the first quarter of 2023.

Randy Danielsen, PhD, PA-C emeritus, DFAAPA, professor and director, medical science, ATSU-ASHS, received the Peer Corps Mighty Mentor award from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) for his continued dedication to HLC's mission to develop the next generation of peer corps leaders and advance the quality of higher learning.

Laura Gray, PhD, EdS, MEd, adjunct professor, health education, ATSU-CGHS, received the 2023 Adjunct of the Year award for health professions education during the annual ATSU-CGHS Awards Banquet.

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Lori Haxton, MA, vice president, student affairs, just completed her terms of vice chair (2021-22) and chair (2022-23) of the Council for Student Affairs within the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine.

Alfredo Hernandez, DDS, associate professor, predoctoral education, ATSU-ASDOH, completed the 2023 Introduction to Educational Technology for Educators course offered through the Teaching & Learning Center.

David Koenecke, DC, assistant vice president, admissions, just completed his terms of secretary (2021-22) and chair (2022-23) of the Council for Admissions Officers within the American Dental Education Association.

Joan Leafman, PhD, adjunct professor, public health, ATSU-CGHS, received the 2023 Michael Samuels Impact Award during the annual ATSU-CGHS Awards Banquet.

Debra Leners, PhD, RN, adjunct professor, nursing, ATSU-CGHS, received the 2023 Adjunct of the Year award for nursing during the annual ATSU-CGHS Awards Banquet.

Corey Luebbering, practice-based research network coordinator, A.T. Still Research Institute, ATSU, earned a master of public health degree from ATSU-CGHS.

Ivonne Maldonado De la Rosa, PhD, MS, CCC-SLP, instructor, speech-language pathology, ATSU-ASHS, received the 2023 Junior Faculty of the Year award during the annual ATSU-ASHS faculty assembly. She also has been named treasurer of the Arizona Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Shanu Markand, PhD, assistant professor, anatomy, ATSU-KCOM, completed the 2023 Introduction to Educational Technology for Educators course offered through the Teaching & Learning Center.

Tracy Matthews, PhD, MA, adjunct professor, health sciences, ATSU-CGHS, received the 2023 Adjunct of the Year award for health sciences during the annual ATSU-CGHS Awards Banquet.

Erin Messer, PharmD, MBA, assistant professor, basic medical science education, ATSU-SOMA, earned a doctor of education in health professions degree from ATSU-CGHS.

Dan Mikeska, DHSc, MS, adjunct professor, kinesiology, ATSU-CGHS, received the 2023 Adjunct of the Year award for kinesiology during the annual ATSU-CGHS Awards Banquet.

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Heather Moore, DHA, MBA, adjunct professor, health administration, ATSU-CGHS, received the 2023 Adjunct of the Year award for health administration during the annual ATSU-CGHS Awards Banquet.

Romana Muller, MSDH, RDH, assistant professor, clinical education, ATSU-MOSDOH, earned a doctor of education in health professions degree from ATSU-CGHS.

Andrea O'Brien, MS, director, residential admissions, just completed her terms of vice chair (2021-22) and chair (2022-23) of the Council for Osteopathic Medical Admissions Officers within American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine.

Jae Hyun Park, DMD, PhD, MSD, MS, professor and chair, postgraduate orthodontics, ATSU-ASDOH, was announced president-elect of the American Board of Orthodontics. His one-year term began May 1.

Kim Perry, DDS, MSCS, associate vice president, university strategic partnerships, ATSU, was welcomed as a member of the Social Mission Alliance Advisory Board.

Kimberly Petre, administrative assistant, biochemistry, ATSU-KCOM, completed the 2023 Introduction to Educational Technology for Educators course offered through the Teaching & Learning Center.

Jennifer Radziak, OTD, OTR/L, CHT, assistant professor, occupational therapy, ATSU-ASHS, completed the 2023 Introduction to Educational Technology for Educators course offered through the Teaching & Learning Center.

Dalton Rolland, associate director of sustained giving, development, ATSU, earned a master of public health degree from ATSU-CGHS.

Tania Shearon, MOT, CHT, PYT-C, assistant professor, director of curriculum, occupational therapy, ATSU-ASHS, earned a doctor of health sciences degree from ATSU-CGHS. In addition, she received the 2023 Educator of the Year award during the annual ATSU-ASHS faculty assembly.

Kimberly Skinner, AuD, PhD, associate professor, audiology, ATSU-ASHS, completed the 2023 Introduction to Educational Technology for Educators course offered through the Teaching & Learning Center.

Ann Eshenaur Spolarich, RDH, PhD, FSCDH, professor and assistant dean for research, ATSU-ASDOH, was awarded the 2023 Esther Wilkins Lifetime Achievement award by *Dimensions of Dental Hygiene*, the Journal of Professional Excellence.

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Karen Snider, DO, assistant dean for osteopathic principles & practice integration, professor, ATSU-KCOM, received the 2023 Distinguished Service Award from the American Osteopathic Association Board of Trustees for her accomplishments toward advancing osteopathic medicine.

Jeri Speak, enrollment manager, ATSU-CGHS, received the 2023 Outstanding Employee award during the annual ATSU-CGHS Awards Banquet.

Adam Story, PT, DPT, OTR/L, OTD, MTC, assistant professor, occupational therapy, ATSU-ASHS, completed the 2023 Introduction to Educational Technology for Educators course offered through the Teaching & Learning Center. In addition, Dr. Story received the 2023 Service of the Year award during the annual ATSU-ASHS faculty assembly.

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

Robin Sutton, DDS, adjunct professor, predoctoral education, ATSU-ASDOH, completed the 2023 Introduction to Educational Technology for Educators course offered through the Teaching & Learning Center.

Dustin Usher, MSCIS, CEH, ECSA, CCISO, deputy chief information security officer, information security, ATSU, earned a master of science in kinesiology from ATSU-CGHS.

Marni Valenzuela, MPH, adjunct professor, public health, ATSU-CGHS, received the 2023 Adjunct of the Year award for public health during the annual ATSU-CGHS Awards Banquet.

Tamara Valovich McLeod, PhD, ATC, FNATA, FNAK, FNAP, professor and chair, athletic training, ATSU-ASHS, was inducted as a distinguished scholar fellow in the National Academies of Practice Athletic Training Academy.

Mitzi Wasden, DDS, MS, assistant professor, predoctoral education, ATSU-ASDOH, completed the 2023 Introduction to Educational Technology for Educators course offered through the Teaching & Learning Center.

Lisa Weichelt, service worker, environmental services, ATSU, received the Missouri campus Employee Excellence Award for the first quarter of 2023.

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