

Students & faculty turn out for annual spring awards

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Students and faculty flooded the Carnegie Room, immediately embraced by a calming, yet energetic musical prelude. Sounds from the guitar, trumpets and drums rang throughout the room. Everyone listened intently to first-year Johnnie Yeskie, junior Jennifer Riddle, junior Benjamin Matlack and junior Devon Rohe kick off the annual spring awards ceremony.

The ceremony, held on April 16, recognized the time and work staff and students put into teaching, studying and working at Guilford College.

The awards were given to students who met the GPA requirement in their respective field and to those who showed their leadership skills in both academics and athletics.

"I enjoyed being a part of this ceremony," said senior Evan Sylvia, who won the Outstanding Senior in Business Administration Award. "It's always great to see friends and faculty together as a collective whole. I felt a great sense of community."

The faculty awards were decided based on staff, faculty and student opinions.

The ceremony started with a moment of silence from Max Carter, director of the Friends Center and campus ministry coordinator, followed by a welcome and recognition speech by President and Professor of Political Science Kent Chabotar.

Later, Don Cline '78 presented the Board of Visitors' Award for Excellence in Academic Advising. Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology Julia Jacks finished off the list of recipients with the recognition of honors and presentation of awards.

"I received the Fred I. Courtney Award, which recognizes business majors for their leadership around campus and their demonstration of applying their knowledge to the betterment of the school," said junior Nicholas Huckins.

The Dorothy Lloyd Gilbert Awards for English were given out to students pursuing post-graduate study or other vocational activities. They also gave recipients a financial stipend.

"I feel privileged to have the ability to apply for monetary awards because finances have been my biggest stressor while at Guilford," said senior Malika French. "Knowing that Guilford understands that stress makes the future seem less intimidating."

This year's Bruce B. Stewart Awards were presented to Associate Professor of Biology Melanie Lee-Brown, Assistant



A crowd for the annual spring awards filled the Carnegie Room in Hege Library on April 16, showing support for family and friends.

Professor of English Mylene Dressler and Assistant Academic Dean for Academic Support Barb Boyette.

Lee-Brown was awarded the Teaching Excellence Award for a tenured faculty member. According to Chabotar's speech, she earned her reputation amongst the students in her department as being the "hardest teacher ever."

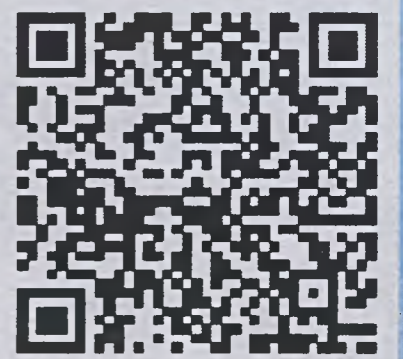
Dressler received the non-tenured Teaching Excellence Award. A CCE student who had previously struggled with the English discipline concepts found Dressler's class to be a moving experience.

"Mylene's way of teaching ENG 200 completely changed the way I looked at literature and the world," said Cline, quoting the student, who remained anonymous.

Director of the Honors Program and Associate Professor of English Heather Hayton received the Board of Visitors' Award for Excellence in Academic Advising. During his remarks about Hayton, Cline quoted an anonymous colleague who found her to be particularly deserving of the award.

"All advisors here at Guilford are very good with their students, but Heather goes above and beyond," said Cline.

A complete list of the Spring Awards can be found here:



"Students come to Heather to talk about their coursework, but so, so much more as well. They come to her for encouragement, for support and for advice."

Boyette won the Community Service Award. According to a faculty member's nomination, Boyette is "a dynamo of energy and efficiency, and encourages new ideas and new approaches."

SENATE UPDATE

this week's developments

Next year's Senate leaders were introduced to the community. After approving the Celtic Club as Guilford's newest student organization the community turned its attention to a discussion about the judicial affairs department's trial run of a the new "points" system.

Students agreed that the intent of the "points" system was admirable in attempting to increase transparency but that it has as a whole failed to address that concern. Students suggested an option to reduce the severity of sanctions in return for becoming a judicial advocate.

next week's plans

Members of Meriwether Godsey will be visiting Senate to have a conversation about anything and everything to do with the Caf. Come make your voice heard on all things food!

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NIGHT

'Take Back the Night' creates safe space for witnesses and survivors to speak out

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female issue, and it's not," said senior and SAASA member Rachel Trontz.

A large male presence in the Community Center thrilled SAASA.

"I've long been very passionate about this," said junior Chris Roe. "It happens to men too, a lot more than people would think."

Discussions centered around survivors, both male and female.

"We forget about the male survivors," said first-year Molly Anne Marcotte. "We make the entire male population the

enemy, but there are ... men who believe in consent and have their consent taken away from them."

After Mueller and Winterich spoke, attendees went outside to a candlelit vigil and transitioned into the speak out portion of the event.

The speak-out is a safe space for survivors and witnesses to share experiences and supporters to voice their solidarity.

"Being able to say these things out loud is a huge part of people's healing process," said first-year and SAASA member Olivia Chalkley. "The people who did share their stories are

extremely brave."

SAASA hopes to encourage discussion of sexual assault.

"We need to increase communication and acceptance that this is a problem that needs to be talked about," said Marcotte. "Until it's talked about, it isn't going to get solved."

For a lot of students who have not had as much experience, Take Back the Night brought issues of sexual assault to light.

"It was good for people who ... haven't experienced sexual abuse to be able to see the impact on our school or how much of it happens, whether it's ... whether it's the first day of someone's freshman year or at a huge party like Serendipity," said sophomore Leah Meservey.

The event also educated attendees on how to deal with dangerous situations.

"I feel better equipped to have conversations about consent," said senior Emily Morazan. "I also feel entitled to intervene on someone else's behalf if I recognize that they are impaired and may be in a dangerous sexual situation."

The next step: deliver the message to the rest of Guilford.

"The challenge is how to get the message to the people who aren't there," said Mueller.

Hopefully, the rest of Guilford is up to the challenge. Sexual assault is all too common on college campuses — Guilford included — and we can not successfully heal, support each other or prevent instances without community-wide dialogue.

