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## *Annual Recognition Program Included Excellence in Teaching Award*

Boiling Springs, N.C. – Gardner-Webb University recently recognized faculty and staff members for their tenures of service and presented retirement awards to eight employees during the annual “Apple and Accolades” ceremony. Honors were also presented for excellence in teaching, community engagement and staff members of the year.

The Gardner-Webb Excellence in Teaching Award recipient for 2013 was Dr. Ron Williams, professor of religion in the Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy.

“He has long been hailed among Gardner-Webb’s best,” said University President, Dr. Frank Bonner in speaking about Williams. “His colleagues have described him as an innovator, listener, and teacher, who steadies and sharpens his students.”

A part of the University since 1997, Williams teaching duties have included Introduction to the New Testament, Greek, Biblical Backgrounds, the Life and Letters of Paul, and New Testament Theology.

In addition to Williams, community engagement awards are given in keeping with the Gardner-Webb motto Pro Deo et Humanitate (for God and Humanity). Recipients are recognized for their civic responsibility through active participation and service to the community at large. This year's winners were Sherri Jackson, associate registrar (staff) and Dr. Jim Morgan, associate professor of psychology and counseling (faculty).

Staff Member of the Year Awards are presented to those who go beyond the call of duty for the University and its students, and are nominated by their colleagues. This year's female winner was Emily Robertson, educational technology coordinator. Greg Humphries, system analyst for technology services, was the male recipient.



Watch Video At: <https://youtu.be/3rXkMCw2uOk>

Retirement awards were presented to Nancy Borders (business office), Gene Carpenter (GOAL program professor), Jerry Toney (maintenance and grounds), Dr. Susie Beck-Little (Dean of the School of Nursing), Dr. Frieda Brown (professor of psychology and counseling), Margaret Christopher (AV media assistant), Judy Dover (maintenance and grounds), and Dr. Charles Tichenor (professor of business administration).

Employees were also recognized for 10, 25, and 30 years of service. Thirty-year awards went to Brown (who is also retiring) and Dr. Glenn Bottoms, professor of economics and management information systems in the Godbold School of Business.

Twenty-five-year awards were given to: Dr. Donna Ellington – professor of history, Dr. Earl Godfrey – professor of business administration, and Tony Setzer – men's soccer coach.

Ten-year awards were presented to:

Kathleen Ayotte

Ricky Beck

Joey Bridges

Ben Brooks

Wilson Brooks

Paula Casper

Kelly Collum

Travis Cunningham

Teresa Davis

Brad Harmon

Sherri Jackson

Laura Mode

Helen Pack

Laura W. Smith

Eddie Stepp

Robert Truesdale

Vickie Walker

Linda Wines

Deborah Knupp Wilkinson

*Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University offers a comprehensive academic experience that introduces students to the diverse world of ideas and to the people who think them, preparing them for career success and for engaged, responsible citizenship in their professional, civic, and spiritual communities.*