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BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.— Gardner-Webb University recently honored faculty and staff members for outstanding service at the annual "Apples and Accolades" awards ceremony.

The Gardner-Webb Excellence in Teaching Award was presented to Dr. Jim Morgan, professor of psychology, for his generous spirit and his willingness to sacrifice time and energy to help students succeed. Morgan was especially praised for his work as an undergraduate research advisor. Recently, one of his students earned a prestigious national scholarship for work on postpartum depression, and another worked alongside Morgan in a project on children's bereavement counseling, and has since written a children's book about coping with loss.

Two Community Engagement Awards were also given to recognize faculty and staff members who have furthered Gardner-Webb's motto "Pro Deo et Humanitate" (For God and Humanity) through extensive service in the community. The staff recipient was Registrar Lou Ann Scates, selected for her leadership in several recent initiatives to benefit disadvantaged children in Cleveland County. She also helped coordinate the "Sports Star Spectacular," a fundraiser that raised over \$20,000 to support local middle school student Seth Strickland's fight against cancer.

The faculty recipient of the Community Engagement Award was Dr. Don Caudill, professor of marketing in the Godbold School of Business. Caudill is known for extensive civic service and leadership, and for translating that passion into innovative service-learning projects. In a recent semester, Caudill's students contributed over 1,000 service hours to 23 area non-profits.

The University also recognizes one male and one female staff member who consistently excel in their duties and who stand out for their commitment to the University and its students. This year's Outstanding Female Staff Member is Karissa Weir, director of student activities, campus recreation and new student orientation. Weir was praised for setting the tone for students' Gardner-Webb experience from their very first days on campus, and for her diligence in mentoring first-year students.

The 2012 Outstanding Male Staff Member is Noel T. Manning, II, director of University relations. In presenting the award, GWU President Dr. Frank Bonner said, "Noel has, for years, stood on the front lines as the University's mouthpiece and spokesperson, giving voice

to our institutional uniqueness and sharing the news of our University's various accomplishments with the greater community."