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## *Distinguished Awards Presented at Annual “Apples and Accolades” Ceremony*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Gardner-Webb University recently honored faculty and staff members for outstanding service to the University at its annual “Apples and Accolades” recognition program. This spring, a new award for excellence in adjunct teaching was added in addition to awards that recognize excellence in full-time teaching, outstanding community engagement, and staff dedication.

The Gardner-Webb Excellence in Teaching Award was presented to Dr. Janet Land, professor of English and director of Gardner-Webb’s Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. Land was praised for challenging students to think critically for themselves, for her faithful service as Faculty Chair, and for helping other Gardner-Webb teachers achieve their full potential through the Center’s resources for teaching development.

This year, the University also created an “Adjunct Faculty Award,” celebrating adjuncts’ vital role in helping achieve the University’s academic mission. This year’s winner was Nan Francis Gregg, who has taught classes in the Department of Music since 1975. The Adjunct Award will be named in her honor.

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. The staff winner of this award was Teresa Davis, secretary in the Office of Christian Life and Service. Davis was praised for her extensive church work, her leadership of Gardner-Webb mission teams, and her ministry to the Gardner-Webb family through prayer and encouragement email blasts. The faculty winner was Dr. Tom Jones, professor of Biology and Dean of the Honors Program. Jones’s leadership of honors student service projects and his volunteerism at state and national parks around the country were key factors in his selection.

Staff Member of the Year Awards are presented to those who stand out for their dedication to the university and its students. Annette Simmons, office manager for student activities, was named the female recipient, while Scot Hull, network technician, was the male recipient. Simmons was noted for her positive attitude, her generous volunteerism on and off campus, and her commitment to Gardner-Webb students. Hull, jokingly called “a magician with a mac,” was honored for his behind-the-scenes work to keep Gardner-Webb’s electronic networks running smoothly, as well as his sense of humor and committed work ethic.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University seeks a higher ground in higher education – one that embraces faith and intellectual freedom, balances conviction with compassion, and inspires in students a love of learning, service, and leadership.

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