



Oklahoma State University administrators, faculty and staff were recognized for their service, work and loyalty during the University Awards Convocation Tuesday at the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center in Stillwater.

The Eminent Faculty Award, which recognizes the highest level of scholarly achievement at OSU, was presented to Girish Agarwal, Regents Professor of Physics, College of Arts and Sciences. His accomplishments span a broad area of scholarship in quantum optics. He is recognized as one of the top physicists in the world and played a major role in building a strong quantum optics program at OSU.

“His work has been recognized at the highest level, as witnessed by his election as a fellow of the Royal Society, where he joins the ranks of Sir Isaac Newton and Benjamin Franklin, among other luminaries,” said OSU Provost Robert Sternberg during his introduction of Agarwal.

In comments following the presentation of the award, Agarwal announced he was donating the Eminent Faculty Award’s \$10,000 stipend to OSU.

Also announced were recipients of the University Service Awards. These awards are given to one member of the faculty, staff and administration to recognize work to advance the overall betterment of the university. This year’s winners were: Bob Kropp, professor in the Department of Animal Science, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources; David Porter, professor and department head of Plant and Soil Sciences and past interim associate dean of

the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources; and Barbie Teel, administrative assistant in the Department of Sociology, College of Arts and Sciences.

The University also presented for the first time the Karin and Robert Sternberg Award for Excellence in Advancement of the land-grant mission of OSU. The winners were Susan Willoughby, computer specialist in the Registrar's Office; Larry Sanders, professor and extension economist in Agricultural Economics, Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources; and the School of Architecture team of Seung Ra, assistant professor, and Jeffrey Williams, professor.



The full list of honorees:

### **Phoenix Award for Graduate Faculty**

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### **President's Cup traveling trophy for Creative Interdisciplinarity**

## **First Place - Nanotechnology Research and Signal Analysis – Integrated Diagnostics**

with Team Leader **Lionel Raff**, Regents Professor Department of Chemistry.

Team members include:

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## **Second place - Families and Schools for Health: □ Understanding Rural Childhood Obesity**

with Team Leader **Amanda Harrist**, Associate Professor of Human Development and Family Science.

Team members include:

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**Third place - Powerful New Technology for Electronic Diagnostic Nucleic Acid Analysis**

with Team Leader **Jacqueline Fletcher**, Regents Professor, Entomology and Plant Pathology.

Team members include:

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### **Regents Distinguished Research Award**

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College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

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Spears School of Business

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College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology

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Sciences

□□□□□□□□□□ **Pamela Lloyd** Associate Professor of Physiological Sciences, Center for Veterinary Health Sciences.

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**Regents Distinguished Teaching Award**

□□□□□□□□□□ **Lou Anella** Professor, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

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□□□□□□□□□□ **Jacqueline Vadjunec** Assistant Professor of Geography, College of Arts and Sciences

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**Merrick Foundation Teaching Award**

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**Outreach Faculty Excellence Award**

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**International Education Faculty Excellence Award**

**James Pappas**, Associate Professor in Management, Spears School of Business

**Sigma Xi Young Investigator Award**

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**Sigma Xi Lectureship award**

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## Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence

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## Regents Professors

**Kaladi Babu**, Physics, College of Arts and Sciences

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## Excellence in Advising Award

□□□□□□□□□□ **Joe Schatzer**, Professor of Agricultural Economics, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

**Leslie Baldwin**, Lecturer in Communication Sciences and Disorders, College of Arts and Sciences

**Karen Christian**, Senior Academic Counselor in the School of Media and Strategic Communication, College of Art and Sciences

**Marissa McIntyre**, Academic Counselor, Student Success Center, Spears School of Business



**Gary Duhon**, Associate Professor, School of Applied Health and Educational Psychology, College of Education

□□□□□□□□□□□□ **Suzanne Bilbeisi**, Professor of Architecture, School of Architecture, College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology

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**Staff Advisory Distinguished Service Awards**

□□□□□□□□□□□□ **Kathy Shelton**, Executive Assistant to the Vice President, Division of Student Affairs

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### **Sternberg Land Grant Awards**

**Staff award -- Susan Willoughby**, Computer Specialist in the Registrar's Office

□□□□□□□□□□ **Faculty award-- Larry Sanders**, Professor and Extension Economist in Agricultural Economics, Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

**Team award – Seung Ra**, Assistant Professor, and **Jeffrey Williams**, Professor, in the School of Architecture, College of Engineering, Architecture, and Technology

### **Leave the Ladder Down Awards**

□□□□□□□□□□ **Faculty -- Daniel Stein**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Animal Science, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

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### **University Service Awards**

□□□□□□□□□□ **Faculty-- Robert “Bob” Kropp**, Professor in the Department of Animal Science, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

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**Eminent Faculty Award**

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