

Inspirational Teaching Award nomination and congratulations



Lazenby, Kim

31 July 2024 at 11:02

Congratulations on your Nomination



To: Tilahun MEKONNEN

**** Sent on behalf of Conor Moss and Joel Gray ****

Dear Tilahun,

We are pleased to be able to congratulate you on being nominated by one or more of your students for an Inspirational Teaching Award.

Earlier this year students were asked to nominate staff who have made an inspirational or transformative impact on their student experience through their teaching or the support that they have provided.

The fact that your students nominated you for an Inspirational Teaching Award demonstrates that students appreciate the way you have inspired, motivated, encouraged and supported them in their studies.

Students were asked to provide some words in support of their nomination; these anonymised comments are provided below:

"Always taking time to explain things in detail, he has the students' interests in mind"

"Having the support from the module leader to get through the semester as an international student has been a game changer for me. The thinking cap and the curiosity that the lecturer invoked in me will keep me moving forward in all aspects of my life."

"HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO MAKE THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL ENTERPRISE AN EASY COURSE. VERY OUTSPOKEN AND ALWAYS READY TO HELP"

"He has helped me to identify another business for my future which I've started working on it already in my home country"

Please note that you will receive an email for each nomination you have received.

After an anonymised shortlisting process, our college panel selected 18 nominees (12 Inspirational Teaching and 6 Outstanding Academic Adviser Awards) to receive a College Award and to be put forward for the annual University Inspirational Teaching Awards. The University Award winners have been notified separately by Neil McKay, Dean of Students, and a University announcement can be found [Inspirational Teaching Awards 2024 - winners are announced \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

On this occasion, your nomination has not been shortlisted for the College Award. We are hugely proud of your achievement and contributions and hope that you will continue to inspire members of our community.

Thank you very much for your contribution to our students' experience.

Congratulations and best wishes,

Professor Conor Moss
Dean of College
&
Joel Gray
Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning

College of Business, Technology & Engineering
Sheffield Hallam University



Husbands, Chris

Inbox - Exchange 5 September 2022 at 11:58

Inspirational Teaching, Outstanding Student Support, Outstanding Academic
Advising and Inspirational Research Supervisor Awards 2022

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To: + All Staff (Vice Chancellor's messages)

Dear all,

All universities exist, more than anything else, for their students. The hard work of a university is the consistent effort, day-in, day-out to secure student success through exceptional teaching and student support. Sheffield Hallam has understood this for some time, and the teaching, student support and research supervision awards have now run successfully for twelve years, becoming a highlight of the university calendar and a part of the fabric of the institution. It is an enormous pleasure to be able to publish the names of this year's award winners.

The central element of our scheme is student involvement in nomination and assessment. Earlier this year, students were asked to nominate academic or student support staff who had inspired them or had a transformative impact on their student experience, inside or outside the curriculum. 2662 nominations were received and 1113 individual staff and teams, academics and student support staff were named.

This was the first stage of the selection process. The second stage took place in Colleges and Directorates. Each nomination was put before a selection panel, which included student representatives. The panels used a standard set of criteria to assess the nominations.

62 members of academic and support staff were awarded College and Directorate Awards. All of these went forward to a University panel from which fifteen University Inspirational Teaching Awards, nine awards for Outstanding Academic Advising, and five awards for Outstanding Student Support were made.

A similar process took place for research supervisors, where students were asked through the Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (PRES) to nominate research staff who had inspired them and provided exceptional research supervision and/or support. A total of 150 staff nominations were considered by a University panel, where four Inspirational Research Supervisor Awards were made.

Inspirational Teaching Awards are also made to recognise the valuable contribution of teaching staff at overseas partner institutions, including university staff who teach on overseas partner courses. A total of 296 nominations were received, nominating 98 individual staff across five overseas partners (Botswana Accountancy College, INTI College of Art & Design in Malaysia, SCOPE and SHAPE in Hong Kong and Sino-British College in China). These were considered by a University panel with five Inspirational Teaching Awards and nine commendations made.

As a result of these University-wide assessment processes, I am delighted to announce the names of staff who have received University awards:

Inspirational Teaching Award Winners 2022

Sue Beckingham, Computing
Jonathan Bridge, Natural & Built Environment
Samuel Burton, Law & Criminology
Richard Clark, Nursing & Midwifery
Stephen Connolly, Sheffield Institute of Education
James Deakin, Allied Health Professions
Kayleigh Evans, Nursing & Midwifery
Melvin Palmer, Sheffield Institute of Education (**Posthumous award**)
Frances Robertson, Natural & Built Environment
Alex Robinson, Allied Health Professions
Antonio Vesuvio, Nursing & Midwifery
Steven Walker, Allied Health Professions
Paul Wyton, Service Sector Management

Outstanding Student Support Award Winners 2022

Jordan Crawford, Technical Operations, Resources and Services
Sally Everitt, Business Engagement & Growth
Jozef Sen, Student Support Services
Lee Wallace, Technical Operations, Resources and Services
Steve Wilson, Student Support Services

Outstanding Academic Advising Award Winners 2022

John Freeman, Nursing & Midwifery
Catherine Hammond, Natural & Built Environment
Sarah Hughes, Psychology, Sociology and Politics
Daniel Kelly, Biosciences & Chemistry
Sarah May, Natural & Built Environment
Samantha McCabe Hogan, Allied Health Professions
Karen Quine, Management
Anna Rudkin, Law & Criminology
Karen Stevens, Allied Health Professions

Inspirational Research Supervisor Award Winners 2022

James Fenwick, Culture and Creativity Research Institute
Jenny Paxman, Social and Economic Research Centre
Mayur Ranchordas, Health Research Institute
Xu Xu, Industry and Innovation Research Institute

Inspirational Teaching Award (Overseas Partner) Winners 2022

Natalie Loong, SCOPE, Hong Kong
Wilbert Mutoko, Botswana Accountancy College, Gaborone
Lewis Phiri, Botswana Accountancy College, Gaborone
Agnes Szerencsi, Sino-British College, Shanghai
Lee Lai Yung Ada, SHAPE, Hong Kong

Inspirational Teaching Award (Overseas Partner) Commendations 2022

Bayang Modo, Botswana Accountancy College, Gaborone
Cynthia Chakahwata, Botswana Accountancy College, Gaborone
Tapiwa Gande, Botswana Accountancy College, Gaborone
John Mukuna, Botswana Accountancy College, Gaborone
Annika Vatanen, Sino-British College, Shanghai
Shana Lewis, Sino-British College, Shanghai
Sue-Jane Yeo, PJ College of Art & Design, INTI, Malaysia
Otto Condcliffe, Sino-British College, Shanghai
Kwan Wai Hong Roger, SCOPE, Hong Kong

Vice-Chancellor's Award Winners 2022

The following members of staff have received awards on three different occasions and are the recipients of a Vice-Chancellor's Award:

Samuel Burton, Law & Criminology
Wilbert Mutoko, Botswana Accountancy College, Gaborone
Alex Robinson, Allied Health Professions
Anna Rudkin, Law & Criminology
Jozef Sen, Student Support Services
Xu Xu, Industry and Innovation Institute

I'd like to congratulate all the nominees, all the award winners and all the staff who were successfully nominated for a University award. I think this is a fantastic scheme and I'm full of admiration for all the nominees. It's a tribute to the University that we have so many students who identify so many staff as being inspiring, transformational and supportive.

Best wishes

Chris

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Inspirational Teaching Awards 2022
To: Tilahun Mekonnen

Inbox...Exchange 12 September 2022 at 09:33

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Professor Conor Moss

Interim Dean, College of Business, Technology & Engineering

Interim Dean, Sheffield Business School

&

Dr Sam Giove

Associate Dean, Teaching and Learning

Business, Technology and Engineering & Sheffield Business School



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Nomination Details

Tilahun Mekonnen

How have they inspired you and made a difference to your learning experience?

They have made learning (subject discipline) incredibly fun as they make sure to engage with us. They make us feel very comfortable and this helps us ask questions freely without feeling scared. If we are confused about a subject they are willing to go over it numerous times.



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How have they inspired you and made a difference to your learning experience?

Telling us their short stories during lecture, sometimes they told us about how they [specific project], and they also told us about their [specific project], how thick it was, that was quite an encouraging story. Though all the teachers are very good, I have no space to choose all of them, so I decided to choose XXX for their short stories during lectures.