

**UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES**  
**2016 CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

**Welcome .....****Dr. Carol Vukelich**  
Interim Dean, College of Education and Human Development

**Undergraduate Student Awards.....****Dr. Lynn Worden**  
Undergraduate Coordinator

**Alice P. Eyman Professional Development Award**

Recipient: Lauren Stegeman

**Amy Rextrew Rising Senior Award**

Recipient: Taylor Ryan

**Amy Rextrew Rising Junior Award**

Recipient: Jennifer Hadley

**Catherine Bieber Scholarship for Academic Achievements and  
Leadership in Human Development and Family Studies**

Recipient: Katja Hamler

**DAEYC Student Leadership Award**

Recipient: Dana Copeland

**Jane Davidson Laboratory Preschool Award**

Recipient: Louise Bukowski

**Julie Mapes Wilgen Award in Human Sexuality and Gender  
Studies**

Recipients: Kristen Hefner

**Lila C. Murphy Award for Community and Family Services**

Recipient: Margaret McCaughey

**Lila C. Murphy Award for Women's Equity and Leadership**

Recipient: Olivia Blythe

**Outstanding Student Teachers Awards**

Recipients: Deirdre Donovan  
Erin Fay  
Lillian Mento

**Phi Delta Kappa Award for Excellence in Educational Research**

Recipient: Virginia Mayhew

**Van Camp/Remage Teacher Education Merit Award**

Recipient: Taylor Henson

**Graduate Student Awards .....Dr. Jason Hustedt**  
Graduate Coordinator

**Amy Rextrew Graduate Student Award**

Recipient: Juana Gaviria-Loaiza

**Strattner-Gregory Child Advocacy Award**

Recipient: Garnett Booker

**Closing Remarks.....Dr. Lynn Worden**  
Undergraduate Coordinator

*Following the awards ceremony, we invite you to  
join us for a reception in the lobby.*

## AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

### **Alice P. Eyman Professional Development Award**

This award is presented to a recipient who demonstrates a strong commitment and passion for building effective partnerships with children and their families and exemplifies, through his/her work with children and families, the philosophy of the Laboratory Preschool. Exceptional qualities of professionalism including advocating for the needs of children and families, participating in professional growth experiences and ability to use reflection as a learning tool are also considered.

### **Amy Rextrew Rising Junior and Senior Awards**

This award is presented to a rising junior and senior in Human Development and Family Studies who possess outstanding qualities of scholarship, leadership and character, plus an appreciation of the values that are basic to success in their chosen fields.

### **Amy Rextrew Graduate Student Award**

This award is presented to master's and/or Ph.D. candidate(s) who are working towards graduate degrees in human development and family studies who have outstanding scholarship and have demonstrated potential leadership to the profession.

### **Catherine Bieber Scholarship for Academic Achievements and Leadership in HDFS**

This award recognizes a student who has demonstrated academic achievement and provided leadership in Human Development and Family Studies. The award is made possible by Catherine Bieber, M.S., a former University of Delaware faculty member, Associate Dean and Acting Dean of the College of Human Services.

**Delaware Association for the Education of Young Children  
(DAEYC) Student Leadership Award**

A two-year membership in a selected chapter of the Association for the Education of Young Children is awarded to the student who has shown leadership skills and contributed to the advancement of the goals of DAEYC.

**Jane Davidson Laboratory Preschool Award**

This award is presented to a student in Early Childhood Education to honor the memory of Jane I. Davidson for her extraordinary ability to teach young children and families. The recipient exemplifies the philosophy of the Laboratory Preschool and has demonstrated unusual desire and skill in teaching children with special needs and/or extraordinary ability to create and implement curriculum through play.

**Julie Mapes Wilgen Award in Human Sexuality and Gender Studies**

This award recognizes outstanding achievement by an undergraduate or graduate student who has demonstrated a commitment to the field of human sexuality and gender studies and who has shown an appreciation for diversity and for the betterment of society. This award honors Dr. Wilgen's lifelong work and dedication to the field of sexuality education and family studies.

**Lila C. Murphy Award for Community and Family Services**

This award is presented to a Human Services major who has demonstrated outstanding service to the local community through voluntary involvement in programs benefitting children, youth, elderly and/or their families.

**Lila C. Murphy Award for Women's Equity and Leadership**

This award is presented to a female student in Human Development and Family Studies in acknowledgment of her student leadership activities and/or contributions to women's equity issues.

**Outstanding Student Teachers**

This award is presented to outstanding undergraduate student teachers who demonstrate leadership, exceptional dispositions, and a vested interest in the school community. They initiate extensions and enrichments of the curriculum, infuse current applications of technology into instruction, and provide opportunities for students to celebrate each other's diversity to enhance student learning. They also articulate the complex rationale behind decision making and link it to theory, leverage their understanding of cognitive, social and emotional theories to design learning environments that support students' development, and seek opportunities to develop professionally.

**Phi Delta Kappa Award**

An award presented by the Delaware Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa to an undergraduate teacher education senior who shows evidence and promise of excellence in educational research.

**Strattner-Gregory Child Advocacy Award**

This award is presented to a graduate student with advanced standing in Human Development and Family Studies who, by reason of scholarship ability, professional orientation, communication skills, and personal commitment shows promise of becoming a strong advocate for children.

**Van Camp/Remage Teacher Education Merit Award**

This award is presented to an Elementary Teacher Education or Early Childhood Education major who demonstrates academic ability, exhibits an ability to overcome special problems and demonstrates potential for future contributions to the field of education and the community.