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## STAFF AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

Athabasca University annually recognizes the achievement of excellence among its staff through the presentation of the *Sue and Derrick Rowlandson Memorial Award for Service Excellence*, the *Craig Cunningham Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence*, and the *President's Award for Tutoring/Mentoring Excellence*.

### Sue and Derrick Rowlandson Memorial Award for Service Excellence (SDRMASE)

Previously known as the President's Award for Service Excellence, this award was renamed in 1999 in honour of Sue and Derrick Rowlandson who both worked for Athabasca University for 15 and 16 years respectively.

Derrick started at the University in 1982 as a telecommunications technician and over the next 15 years rose to become the University's Communications Systems Coordinator. Known as a tireless worker who continually went beyond the call of duty, his steadfast commitment to service excellence was rewarded with the President's Award for Service Excellence in 1997. He was a sports enthusiast who played with the AU Wolverines hockey club for over 10 years and was often seen on the local golf course. He was an ardent music lover who had an extensive collection of music from all styles and all eras.

Sue began her career at the University in 1983 when she joined the Office of the Registrar as a clerk. Her commitment to service to students and unwavering enthusiasm resulted in several promotions and she was finally appointed Supervisor of Academic Records and Exams. Sue loved playing golf with her husband and friends and was active in the community.

Sue and Derrick embodied the spirit of Athabasca University and enriched the fabric of the Athabasca community. Sue died of cancer in 1998 and Derrick died later that same year in a tragic car accident. They left a son and daughter, Freddy and Kimmy.

The Sue and Derrick Rowlandson Memorial Award for Service Excellence is given annually to up to two staff members or teams in recognition of their continual provision of exceptional service to AU and members of the AU community. Support and professional staff (AUPE, AUFA, excluded, permanent or temporary/term) that have continuous service of at least three years are eligible for nomination by AU staff and/or students. The recipients are recognized at the Staff Recognition Event in mid-September.

The award guidelines have a link to the nomination forms and procedures and have information about the nature of the award, eligibility, criteria, nominators/seconders, and the review committee. These guidelines are available at:

[http://www.athabascau.ca/policy/humanresources/160\\_001.htm](http://www.athabascau.ca/policy/humanresources/160_001.htm)

#### **Past Recipients:**

1995 Donna Boates, Pat Bergquist, Avis Nedza

1996 Dave Dasgupta, Lloydene Eherer

1997 Derrick Rowlandson, Elaine Goth-Birkigt

1998 David Otto, Janet Williams

1999 Duane Terrien

## INFORMATION FOR

## CURRENT STUDENTS

## ALUMNI &amp; FRIENDS

## FACULTY &amp; STAFF

|      |   |
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| 2000 | Bim Nichols, Pat Mansfield, Shelley Lynes   |
| 2001 | Colleen Miller, Alan Lee  |
| 2002 | Linda Bonneville  |
| 2003 | Herb Hetze, Denis Mathieu   |
| 2004 | Kerri Michalzcuk  |
| 2005 | Martin Reaney; Digital Media Technology Team (Deb Buchanan-Peterson, Lee-Ann Gordon, Karmell Jensen, Audrey Krawec, Nicole Nason, Gloria Zahara)  |
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### Craig Cunningham Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence (CCMATE)

Craig Cunningham was a valued AU faculty member in the school of business from 1979 to 1995 and was the first recipient of the President's Award for Teaching Excellence (PATE) in 1995.

During his sixteen years at Athabasca University, Craig continuously investigated new technologies to improve students' learning experiences at a distance. He was singularly influential in the subsequent adoption of many of these enhancements by the University. In addition to his untiring efforts as an innovator, he was loved for his humour, kindness, humility, and ability to bring consensus from diversity.

The Craig Cunningham Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence is given annually to one faculty member in recognition of excellence for past achievements in teaching at AU. Faculty members (regular/term, part/fulltime) who have continuous service of at least three years are eligible for nomination by AU staff and/or students. The recipient is recognized at the Staff Recognition Event in mid-September.

The award guidelines have a link to the nomination forms and procedures and have information about the nature of the award, eligibility, criteria, nominators/seconders, and the review committee. These guidelines are available at:

[http://www.athabascau.ca/policy/humanresources/160\\_002.htm](http://www.athabascau.ca/policy/humanresources/160_002.htm)

#### **Past Recipients:**

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| 1995 Craig Cunningham      | 1996 Dr. Lindsay Redpath | 1997 Dr. Peter Holt     |
| 1998 Dr. Dietmar Kennepohl | 1999 Dr. Alvin Finkel    | 2000 Dr. Anne Nothof    |
| 2001 Dr. Michael Gismondi  | 2002 Dr. Lisa Carter     | 2003 Dr. Anshuman Khare |
| 2004 Dr. Robert Holmberg   | 2005 Maureen McQueen     |                         |

### President's Award for Tutoring/Mentoring Excellence (PATME)

This award recognizes up to two individuals each year for excellence in instructional service to AU students. CUPE employees, graduate instructors, and academic coaches are eligible for nomination by AU staff and/or students. Graduate recipients are recognized in mid-September at the Staff Recognition Event and undergraduate recipients are recognized at the Learning Services Conference in late September.

The award guidelines have a link to the nomination forms and procedures and have information about the nature of the award, eligibility, criteria, nominators/seconders, and the review committee. These guidelines are available at:

[http://www.athabascau.ca/policy/humanresources/160\\_003.htm](http://www.athabascau.ca/policy/humanresources/160_003.htm)

#### **Past Recipients:**

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| 2002 Izak Paul and Carol MacKinnon | 2003 Lee Ann Keple |
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2004 Jim Robinson

2005 Judi Malone and Gord Sorli

2006 Sophie Ogle and Don Simpson

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