President's Award

Joe Bennett, Administrative Programmer/Analyst
Joe has been a critical force in the University’s fight against COVID-19. Joe worked very hard, under tight time constraints, and with a fair amount of stress to develop systems to aggregate statistics of employee and student populations so as to identify patterns of COVID-19 and its impact on campus for quick follow-up and mitigation. The tools he developed were critical for effectively managing the University’s pre-arrival clearance program, the surveillance testing program, and the management of over 15,000 COVID testing results.

Betsey Miller, CRNP, Medical Director
Betsey led the University’s public health campaign and medical response, working closely with various teams to make sure the University was doing everything possible to protect our community, help those who were sick, and control the spread of COVID-19 on campus. She leaned in to every difficult health situation whether it was treating students with COVID or designing a system for quarantine those who were sick or exposed. Betsey worked tirelessly to manage the needs of students, athletes, and employees, identifying gaps in the University’s public health practices and designing solutions.

Road to Reconciliation Award

The Human Library Team
- Lauren Allen
- Inger Lindquist Blount
- Cindi Kerns
- Liz Kielley
- Kimberly Steiner
- Kevin Villegas
Pride-in-Performance Awards

Jonathan Bert
Director of Conference Services

Sommer Keller
Honors Program Assistant

Kim Levengood
Student Success & Engagement Coordinator/
Executive Assistant

Karen Blair
Data, Recruitment and On-boarding Coordinator

Lin Taylor
Administrative Programmer/Analyst

JR Harris
Director of Student Financial Services

Kristin Thomas
Director of Admissions Hospitality
Due to the unusual circumstances and demand placed on our employees while navigating the COVID-19 pandemic, more recognition awards were granted than usual.

Team Falcon Award

The Engle Center

Over the course of the year, the nurses and counselors of the Engle Center attended to over 5,500 individual appointments. They also supported 1,000 cases of students in isolation or quarantine. Not only did the employees of the Engle Center care for our students’ mental and physical health during the year of COVID, they led the charge in developing and navigating the University’s public health program by launching, monitoring and delivering the University’s contact tracing program, guiding the surveillance testing program, establishing 24/7 physical and mental health care access through FalconCare Telehealth Services and relentlessly pursuing a vaccine clinic. The hours, endurance, resilience, fortitude, innovation, and creativity that the employees of the Engle Center poured into making sure that our community had access to the care, guidance, and intervention needed has been an indispensable gift to the University community.

- Sharon Armstrong
- Nicole Barca
- Sally Baum
- Nicole Benner
- Mike Blount
- Kathy Castonguay
- Cathy Coleman
- Andrea Curtis
- Debbie Danielson
- Amanda Eilers
- Deb Fleming
- Theresa Gaffney
- Erin Holmgren
- Colleen Jones
- Sharon Kessler
- Aubrey Kleinfeld
- Betsey Miller
- Erik Moyer
- Ellie Muir
- Alexandra Nixon
- Kristin Quesenberry
- Davin Rowe
- Linda Weaver
- Teri Witter

The Multicultural Scholarship Planning and Implementation Team

Thanks to the commitment and collaboration of the Multi-Cultural Scholarship Planning & Implementation Team, we continue to grow in representation of students of color at Messiah University in spite of the challenges of the pandemic. This team worked creatively and tirelessly to reach students and their families in new ways, resulting in the biggest year yet for multicultural recruitment. The University has benefited significantly from the leadership, structure, productivity, and innovation that this team implemented in order to engage prospective students during a time when outreach was challenging.

- Cherisse Daniels
- Andrew Hart
- Sierra Kinslow
- Marianne Ramirez Gomez

Curricular Technology and Educational Innovation Team

This team drove the preparation for the Canvas course, pedagogy development, classroom technology, and curriculum design and options necessary to prepare faculty to teach in the various classroom structures (F2F, hybrid, high flex, etc.) required during the year of COVID. They designed, prototyped, and tested the classroom technology used to make learning accessible to both F2F students as well as those who were remote for quarantine, rotations, or fully remote learning. In addition, they developed an extensive Canvas support site for faculty, including templates, resources, and training materials. Prior to the start of the semester, they offered in-person training and workshops to the over 300 teaching faculty and continued to support faculty throughout the year.

- Rocky Allinger
- Cindi Kerns
- Alison Noble
- Susan Shannon
- Brian Swartz
- Neil Weaver
- Cynthia Wells