CSU Honors Faculty and Students of the Year at Academic Awards Ceremony

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*COLUMBUS, Ga.* — Columbus State University handed out its highest annual academic awards Friday afternoon at its Scholastic Honors Convocation, where Assistant Professor of Finance Alan Tidwell was named CSU’s Educator of the Year.

Tidwell’s past and current teaching responsibilities at CSU include principles of real estate, investments, managerial finance, risk management and insurance, financial reporting and analysis, and quantitative analysis. He has also taught courses in real estate finance, real estate development, quantitative real estate analysis and real estate investment analysis. He has published in the areas of mixed-use development, “green” commercial real estate, real estate mutual funds, credit ratings and housing, and he has research interests in mixed-asset portfolio construction, real estate valuation and corporate transparency.

At the convocation, Tidwell also received the USG Regents Teaching Excellence Award. **Professor of Economics Frank Mixon, a Turner College of Business colleague, won the award for faculty research and scholarship.** Shamim Khan, professor in the TSYS School of Computer Science, was honored for his service to the university.

**The Faculty Cup Award (nominated by the faculty to honor an extremely high-achieving student) went to** Angelin Shajan, a senior majoring in biology and minoring in chemistry with aspirations of becoming a physician. Shajan is a member of Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honor Society and the current president of the American Medical Student Association. She is also a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, and she recently had the opportunity to participate in a biology study abroad program in Belize. Shajan chose Columbus State University because of her love for science.

Below is the complete list of faculty and student honorees:

**FACULTY AWARDS:**

* FACULTY SERVICE: Dr. Shamim Khan, professor of computer science
* FACULTY RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP: Dr. Frank Mixon, **visiting professor of economics**
* EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR: Dr. Alan Tidwell, assistant professor of finance
* USG REGENTS TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD: Dr. Alan Tidwell, assistant professor of finance
* USG REGENTS SCHOLARSHIP OF TEACHING AND LEARNING AWARD: Dr. Eliot Rendleman, associate professor of English and director of the CSU Writing Center
* USG REGENTS TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD (ONLINE FACULTY): Dr. Angkul Kongmunvattana, associate professor of computer science
* WILLIAM CHAPPELL GRADUATE AWARD: Dr. Troy Keller, associate professor and environmental science program coordinator
* FACULTY EMERITI STATUS: Dr. Rhonda Hollis, professor of nursing

**STUDENT AWARDS:**

* ACADEMIC RECOGNITION AWARD: Angelin Shajan
* FACULTY CUP: Angelin Shajan
* PHI KAPPA PHI SENIOR AWARD: Katherine Hinzman

**CSU HONORS PROGRAM, HONOR STOLES:**

FALL 2014

* Emily Burdett
* Laurie Dishman
* Shannon Wilson
* Thomas Adams

SPRING 2015

* Lindsey Baker
* Marlena Cameron
* Cherie Corning
* Lindsey Davies
* Telea Davis
* Michael Hamm
* Katherine Hinzman
* Leslie Mcintyre
* Mary Moody
* Angelin Shajan
* Justin Skariah
* Jonathan Smith
* Timothy Summers
* Rubicelys Torres

SUMMER 2015

* Rebecca Moody

**DEPARTMENT AWARDS:**

HONORS COLLEGE:

* Interdisciplinary Studies Award: Catrina Dygert
* Scholarly Activities in Fine & Performing Arts Award: Amy Melton
* Scholarly Activities in Humanities Award: Katherine Hinzman
* Scholarly Activities in Professional Students Award: Laurie Dishman
* Scholarly Activities in Science Award: Lauren Whitehurst
* Scholarly Activities in Social Science Award: Louisa Tovar-Forero

COLLEGE OF THE ARTS:

DEPARTMENT OF ART

* Studio Art Award: Marina Savashynskaya
* Art Education, Undergraduate Award: Wynter Kaye Smith
* Art History Award: Katherine Hinzman

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

* Communication Student of the Year Award: Devin Taylor

SCHWOB SCHOOL OF MUSIC

* Music Award: Likai He
* Music-Presser Scholar Award: Jordan Walsh

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE

* Theatre Arts Award: Carly McMinn
* Theatre Arts Design & Technical Award: Bradley Thompson
* Theatre Arts Performance Award: Amelia Maxfield
* Theatre Arts Education Award: Chandler Clark

D. ABBOTT TURNER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS:

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING & FINANCE

* Accounting Award: Kayla Annette Edwards
* Finance Award: Zachary Jones

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT & MARKETING

* Management Award: Shelby Nelson
* Marketing Award: Trevor Gilliland
* Management Information Systems Award: Brandon Tuitasi
* General Business Award: Veronica Hutchinson

GRADUATE BUSINESS PROGRAM

* Master of Business Administration Award: Charles Greer
* Master of Science in Organizational Leadership Award: Cedricia Thomas
* Web MBA Award: Carina Marzari

TSYS SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

* Software Systems Computer Science Award: Sharon Zeng
* Applied Computer Science Award: Devan Williams
* Games Programming Computer Science Award: Nate Gibson
* Applied Computer Science, M.S. Award: Trang Nguyen
* Information Technology Award: Gary Frey

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS:

DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING, FOUNDATIONS & LEADERSHIP

* School Counseling Graduate Award: Kathryn Joseph
* Community Counseling Graduate Award: Rebecca Greene
* Leadership Masters Graduate Award: Christina McCully
* Leadership Specialist Graduate Award: James English
* Leadership Specialist Doctoral Student Award: Kimberly Lester

DEPARTMENT OF TEACHER EDUCATION

* Early Childhood Education Undergraduate Award: Christen Adkins
* Early Childhood Education Graduate Award: Hailey Hinson
* Middle Grades Education Undergraduate Award: Hannah Schuerman
* Middle Grades Education Graduate Award: Cole Downey
* English Education Undergraduate Award: Rebecca Fourhman
* Spanish Education Undergraduate Award: Alice-Roxana Barna
* Mathematics Education Undergraduate Award: Andrea Nelson
* UTeach Mathematics Education Graduate Award: Amy Batista
* UTeach Science Education Undergraduate Award: Jessica Pritchett
* UTeach Science Education Graduate Award: Carlos Baron
* Social Science Education Undergraduate Award: Jessica O’Keeffe
* Social Science Education Graduate Award: Anthony Shelton
* Special Education Undergraduate Award: Casey Googe Dial
* Curriculum & Instruction in Accomplished Teaching Graduate Award: Mikel Anna Hill
* Teacher Leadership Graduate Award (TIE): Amanda Wilson and Trixy Slaughter
* School Library Media: Ivy Jackson

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION & EXERCISE SCIENCE

* Health Science Award: Morgan-Danielle Barnes
* Exercise Science Undergraduate Award: Kelsey Pelletier
* Exercise Science Graduate Award: Ashley Shayla Hewitt

SCHOOL OF NURSING

* Outstanding Nursing BSN Award: Kaitly Given
* Outstanding Nursing RN-BSN Award: Jack Gutkin
* Outstanding Nursing Graduate Award: Jewel Scott

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCES:

DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE & SOCIOLOGY

* Criminal Justice Award: Matthew Sitler
* Sociology Award: Kimberly Ballard

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

* English Literature Award: Flora Hall
* English Creative Writing Award: Alyssa Hudson
* English Professional Writing Award: Paola Cigui

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

* History Award: Katherine Hinzman

DEPARTMENT OF MODERN & CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

* Spanish Award: Justin Brown

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

* Political Science Award: Brittany Allen
* Mario Mion Scholarship Award: Victoria Hurse
* Master of Public Administration Award: Beverly Boehm

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

* Cellular & Molecular Biology Award: Jennifer Joann Prophitt
* Organismic Biology Award: Rebecca Danielle Moody
* Ecological & Evolutionary Biology Award: Katie Elaine Winkles
* George Stanton Biology Award: Angelin Sara Shajan

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

* Outstanding Freshman Chemistry Major Award: Rachel Spencer
* American Chemical Society Undergraduate Award in Organic Chemistry: Timothy Summers
* Excellence in Chemistry Research Award: Brittany Griffin
* Outstanding Chemistry Major Award: Rubicelys Torres Guzman

DEPARTMENT OF EARTH & SPACE SCIENCES

* Geology Award: Kenneth Roop-Eckart
* Physics Award: Johnny Brown
* Engineering Award: Ajith Shajan

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS & PHILOSOPHY

* Mathematics Award: Heather Hauck
* Philosophy Award: Kevin Stanford

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

* Psychology Award: Julia Weatherford

**WHO’S WHO AWARDS:**

* Alison Algarin
* Morgan-Danielle Barnes
* Caprisha Battle
* Madison Beavers
* Ashanti Bell
* Victor Boyda
* Millicent Brooks-Millender
* Nelsondria Brown
* Ashraff Buari
* Gary Byars, Jr.
* Victoria Cantrell
* Tracey Carruthers
* Noel Cascalheira
* Sarah Clay
* Pablo Colon
* Rachel Cotterell
* Rachelle Cross
* Riyotta Cutliff
* Lucy Davis
* Heather Dittman
* Micheala Dixon
* Kayla Edwards
* James Fielding
* Carra Floyd
* Brandi Ford
* Gary Frey
* Mary Garcia
* Skye Geeslin
* Christian Gordon
* Rachel Green
* LaZavia Grier
* Rubicelys Guzman
* Shamonique Hassell
* Kelly Howard
* Yumei Huang
* Sherry Huckleberry
* Victoria Hurse
* Jeanie Johnson
* Michael Kamar
* Sharen Kelly
* Olivia Kipp
* Juli Knisley
* Aina Kumar
* Amber Lanier
* Ravhen Maddox
* Andre McFarland
* Carly McMinn
* Crystal Mercado
* Emily Murray
* Marisa Naciuk
* Lacey Noel
* Kassandra Ormsby
* Parker Parker
* Chikilia Parks
* Mansi Patel
* Ansley Phillips
* Tiffany Rivers
* Brian Romano
* Ayana Rome
* Nathan Rozea
* Brittany Sanders
* Devin Shaw
* Brandon Soloff
* Leon Spence
* Abbee Stallone
* Jacob Strickland
* Sydney Walters
* Sydney Yeomans

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