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Founders' Day 2023 Honorees include More Than 30 Office of Research Employees

The honorees were recognized for their excellence and years of service.

ORLANDO, April 24, 2023 – UCF Office of Research was well represented at UCF's Founders' Day 2023 celebration.

The event, held recently at the Pegasus Ballroom of the Student Union, celebrated the outstanding accomplishments and contributions of UCF's staff, faculty and students.

Two Office of Research employees were honored for their exceptional contributions to the campus community, and 31 received special recognition for their years of service. More than 350 employees from across UCF were honored at the event.

"The continued excellence and dedication these colleagues provide are an inspiration to us all as we advance research at UCF," says Winston Schoenfeld, Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation. "These honors recognize just how important these individuals are to our researchers and the significant work being done at UCF."

The Office of Research honorees were:

Employee Excellence Awards for Discovery and Innovation

- Josh Roney, director of Research Development, Office of Research

- Sandra Hick, chemical safety officer, Office of Environmental Health and Safety

Service

- Diana Kerrison, Environmental Health and Safety —5 years

- Ashley Guritza, Office of Research—5 years

- Jennifer McKay, Office of Research —5 years

- John Sparkman, Office of Research —5 years

- Amber Thorne, Office of Research —5 years

- Diana Negron Reyes, Office of Research —5 years

- Elena Kovkin Chidester, Office of Research —5 years

- Gillian Bernal, Office of Research —5 years

- Joel Kennedy, Office of Research —5 years

- Kathleen Herring, Office of Research —5 years

- Nagy Ibrahim, Office of Research —5 years

- Tameria Mace, Office of Research —5 years

- Tamiko Fukuda, Office of Research —5 years

- Ashley Ittersagen, Office of Research —10 years

- Joshua Roney, Office of Research —10 years

- Shafaq Chaudhry, Office of Research —10 years

- Ricardo Scuotto, Office of Research —10 years

- April Torre, Office of Research —10 years

- Daniel Sierra, Office of Research —10 years

- Felecia Sookhoo, Office of Research —10 years

- Nita Patel, Office of Research —10 years

- Ariasari Lair, Office of Research and Research Centers & Institutes Finance and HR Business Center —10 years

- Gian-Karlo Alvarez, Office of Research and Research Centers & Institutes Finance and HR Business Center —10 years

- Maribel Villanueva, Office of Research —15 years

- Jason Kuhns, Office of Research —15 years

- John Miner, Office of Research —20 years

- Matthew Cronan, Office of Research —20 years

- Sandra Jaggernauth, Office of Research—25 years

Retirees

- Gerri Leviston

- Jennifer Shambrock

- Ami Zuclich

Photos from the Event

UCF Office of Research staff and colleagues pictured at Founders Day 2023 are (L-R), Winston Schoenfeld, John Miner, April Torre, Kelli Marini, Francine Pollaci, Jennifer McKay, Kelley Santalla, Ashley Guritza, Tamara Gabrus, Felecia Sookhoo, Tameria Mace, and Gian-Karlo Alvarez.

UCF Office of Research staff and colleagues at Founders' Day 2023. Pictured from left: Kelley Santalla, John Miner, Bernice Lugo, Gian-Karlo Alvarez, Jennifer McKay, Tameria Mace, Felecia Sookhoo, April Torre, Ashley Guritza, Tamara Gabrus, Jason Kuhns, Josh Roney, Shafaq Chaudhry, and Sandra Jaggernauth.

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