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USSU Celebrates Excellence at the University of Saskatchewan

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU) held their 16th annual "Experience in Excellence Awards" on Sunday, March 30, 2008. The USSU Experience in Excellence Awards commends individual academic and administrative excellence that enhances the student experience at the University.

"The Experience in Excellence Awards is the USSU's opportunity to extend a congratulations and thank you to students, teachers, professionals and volunteers who have gone above and beyond their call of duty to serve the students and our great University," said Caroline Cottrell, USSU General Manager.

"Every one of this year's recipients has clearly demonstrated that it's possible for one person to make a difference."

Teaching Excellence Award

Selected by students, the Teaching Excellence Award recognizes those who have demonstrated enthusiasm, organization and fairness in evaluation, providing exceptional commitment and support to their classrooms. The 2007-08 winners are:

- Professor Art Davis, *Department of Biology*;
- Dr. Pamela Downe, *Department of Women's and Gender Studies*;
- Dr. Mark Ebert, *Department of Religious Studies and Anthropology*;
- Assistant Professor Joel Lanovaz, *College of Kinesiology*;
- Dr. Richard J. Long, *Edwards School of Business*;
- Assistant Professor Brandy Mackintosh, *Edwards School of Business*;
- Dr. Scott Napper, *Department of Biochemistry*;
- Professor Roby Pywell, *Department of Physics*;
- Dr. Bonnie L. Stelmach, *Department of Educational Administration*; and,
- Assistant Professor Anne-Marie Wheeler, *Department of Languages and Linguistics*.

USSU Centre Awards

Recognizing those among the University of Saskatchewan faculty, staff, students and alumni who have demonstrated leadership and courage in advancing the quality of life in support of those experiencing outstanding struggles. The 2007-08 winners are:

- Nicole White: *Pride Centre Doug Wilson Award*;
- Jessie Buydens: *Help Centre Award*; and,
- Katie Scoular: *Women's Centre Award*.

Doug Favell Staff Spirit Award

Recognizing non-academic staff members who are responsible for enhancing the student experience. The 2007-08 winners are:

- Kelly Goyer – *U of S Staff Member*; and,
- Amanda Mitchell – *USSU Staff Member*.

Vera Pezer Award for Student Enhancement

Presented to U of S student volunteers who have given their time and energy to ensure that non-academic facets of the student experience are enhanced. The 2007-08 winners are:

- Tamra Knaus: *Member of Student Council*;
- Erin Ewing: *USSU Centres*;
- Derek Chesney: *Volunteerism*; and,
- University of Saskatchewan Biology Club: *Campus Group of the Year*.

Walter Murray Leadership Award

Presented to a student who has provided leadership beyond the call of duty in enhancing the student experience at the University of Saskatchewan. The 2007-08 winner is:

- Satoshi Shibata.

On behalf of the USSU Executive and Administration, congratulations to all of the award winners.

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