

California State University, Fresno Women's Association is pleased to announce the following faculty and staff members as recipients of its 2014 Outstanding Leadership Awards Program. There were three nominations for the faculty award and five nominations for the staff award. The quality of the nominees was outstanding and the choices were not easy.

The faculty award winner is Dr. Ida Jones from the Department of Finance & Business Law. Dr. Jones was nominated by Dr. Monique Bell, Assistant Professor of Marketing in the Craig School of Business. In the area of academic achievements Dr. Jones has made numerous significant contributions, both papers and conference presentations, to advance pedagogy within her discipline of Business Law. She was named Verna Mae and Wayne D. Brooks Professor of Business Law (2011 -2013) in the Craig School of Business. In working for academic improvement she has been active in integrating technology into the classroom as a Technology Innovations for Learning and Teaching Fellow and as Director of the Center for Scholarly Advancement of Learning and Teaching. She serves as a mentor for tenure-track faculty members, recently guiding a group of mostly new faculty through an exercise entitled "Publishing a Journal Article in 12 Weeks" at the end of which Dr. Bell was able to submit a full manuscript to a top peer-reviewed journal.

The staff award winner is Tosha Giuffrida from the Learning Center. Ms. Giuffrida was nominated by seven members of the Learning Center staff, a testament to their widespread admiration and respect for her. She is currently Interim Director of the Learning Center overseeing tutoring, Supplemental Instruction, and SupportNet activities to assist students who are risk of failing their courses. She has been recognized as an outstanding advisor receiving the Campus Advisor Network Outstanding Advisor Award in 2012 even though she is not technically an advisor. She has made many presentations at academic conferences and on campus on facilitating student learning, especially for those at-risk students. She serves on President Castro's DiscoverE committee to facilitate the use of tablets in the classroom. She is a mentor for both the staff and students in the Learning Center and has developed initiatives to enhance the functioning of the Learning Center such as housing student records in a user friendly interface and increasing faculty engagement in student advising.

We congratulate Dr. Jones and Ms. Giuffrida. We thank everyone who participated in the process. It opened our eyes to the wealth of talent and dedication that is found on this campus.