

**2023 CONVOCATION  
AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**SUNY Distinguished Professorships**

Jeffrey A. Bogart, MD, Distinguished Professor  
Wanda P. Fremont, Distinguished Service Professor  
Stephen J. Knohl, MD, Distinguished Teaching Professor  
Wei-Dong Yao, PhD, Distinguished Professor

**Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities**

Peter D. Calvert, PhD

**Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service**

Steven M. Taffet, PhD

**Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service**

Kaelyn Bersani, RN  
Wilford Smith  
Dawn Thomas

**President's Award for Excellence and Leadership in Research**

Frank A. Middleton, PhD

**President's Award for Excellence in Clinical or Translational Research by a Young Investigator**

Kathryn B. Anderson, MD, PhD  
Jonathan L. Hess, PhD

**President's Award for Advancement of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

Rachel E. Fabi, PhD

**President's Award for Excellence in Professional Service**

Lisa Oliver

**President's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service**

Sriram S. Narsipur, MD, FASN, FACP, MRCP

**President's Award for Excellence in Teaching**

Peter D. Sadowitz, MD  
Robert T. Swan, MD

**President's Award for Excellence in Voluntary Faculty**

**College of Medicine**

Onceb Ahmad, MD  
Gary Freeman, MD

**College of Nursing**

Melissa Fincher-Mergi, MS, ARNP-BC, FNP, SANE

**College of Health Professions**

Robert C. Groom, MS, CCP, FPP

**President's Award for Distinguished Service**

Richard Uhlig, CEO, Quadrant Biosciences

**President's Award for Excellence in Philanthropic Service, Corporate**

Carrols Restaurant Group

**President's Award for Excellence in Philanthropic Service, Individual**

The Legacy of Debbie Gregg

**Academy of Upstate Educators Membership**

Florence Mandebvu, DNP, RN, GCNS-BC  
Christopher P. Morley, PhD, MA, CAS  
Justin M. Waryold, DNP, RN, ANP-C, ACNP-BC, GS-C, CNE, FAANP