



Mantosh Dewan, MD  
President  
SUNY Distinguished Service Professor  
cordially invites you to attend the

ANNUAL  
FALL FACULTY CONVOCATION  
AND  
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 4 p.m.  
Academic Building, fourth floor

To honor award winners from  
SUNY Upstate Medical University  
and our Community

# 2021 CONVOCATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

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

Xin Jie Chen, PhD, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

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

Lorraine Manzella, UUMAS

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

Frank Middleton, PhD, Neuroscience and Physiology

Stephen Thomas, MD, Institute for Global Health and Translational Sciences

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

Myron Martin, Environmental Services

**SUNY Distinguished Service Professor**

David Duggan, MD, MACP, Medicine, Hematology/Oncology

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

Audrey Bernstein, PhD, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences

**President's Awards for Excellence in Basic Research by a Young Investigator**

Bruce Knutson, PhD, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Sijun Zhu, MD, PhD, Neurology and Physiology

Thomas Sanford, MD, Urology

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

Annette Adams-Brown, Clinical Skills Center

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

Steven McClintic, MHHA, Hospital Administration

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

Scott Schurman, MD, Pediatric Nephrology

Telisa Stewart, DrPH, Public Health and Preventive Medicine

**President's Award for Excellence in Library Science**

Amy Slutzky, PhD, MLIS, AHIP, Health Sciences Library

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

Jennette Ball, DC, Cell and Developmental Biology

Jennifer Nead, MD, Pediatrics, Syracuse Campus

Paula Farrell, MD, Neonatology/Pediatrics, Binghamton Campus

**President's Award for Outstanding Voluntary Faculty**

Craig J. Byrum, MD, Pediatric Cardiology, Syracuse Campus

Jeanna Marraffa, PharmD, DABAT, FAACT

Philip Messina, RT(T), LRT(T)

Michael Federico, DO, Family Medicine, Binghamton Campus

**President's Award for Distinguished Service**

J. Ryan McMahon, II, Onondaga County Executive

Ben Walsh, MPA, Syracuse Mayor

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

Dialysis Clinic, Inc. (DCI)

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

Brendan Dunuwila, CFP

**Academy of Upstate Educators**

Amy DeBlois, PT, DPT, MPT, CLT-LANA, College of Health Professions

**Special Recognition: Pew Scholar in Biomedical Sciences**

Alaji Bah, PhD, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology