Six faculty members at Wayne State University received top grades for their efforts in the classroom with the 2002 President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The award winners come from diverse disciplines, ranging from English and philosophy to biological sciences, engineering and pediatric medicine.

The annual President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching program recognizes six faculty members who have made outstanding contributions to teaching. This year’s winners were honored April 17 at the Alumni House.

The winners include:

- Ashok P. Sarnaik, professor of pediatrics in the School of Medicine, who is noted for having taught generations of physicians the science.
- Sarnaik’s teaching excellence knows no bounds, be it the lecture hall, case conference, hallway or the bedside of a patient. The enduring lesson he has left with many of his students: “Always have compassion and dedication, and treat our patients as if they were our own children.” Sarnaik has been with Wayne State since 1973.
- Janet L. Langlois, associate professor of English, specializes in folklore and literature and teaches the subject from introductory courses to graduate seminars. She has a deep passion for teaching and has created a beautiful synthesis between the subject matter and the best methods for interesting students while conveying the information in a memorable, often entertaining manner. Langlois has been a member of the faculty at Wayne State University since 1977.
- Bruce Russell, professor of philosophy and department chair, teaches the demanding and complex subjects of ethics, epistemology and religion. Russell describes his approach to teaching in two injunctions: “Teach subject matter that you are interested in and enthusiastic about and talk to your students the way you would talk to a friend who is interested in learning about what you do.” Russell has been with Wayne State since 1978.
- R. Anton Hough, professor of biological sciences, has teaching in his genes, with his father and grandfather having been distinguished professors. He specializes in aquatic biology but also teaches a course for non-biologists that is the most popular course in the department. Hough has been with Wayne State since 1973.
- Syed Masud Mahmud, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering, specializes in mini and microcomputers. Known as an innovative and creative teacher, Mahmud developed Wayne State’s first distance-learning class taught simultaneously to students on campus and to engineers at Ford Motor Co. Mahmud has been with Wayne State since 1988.
- Ljiljana Progovac, associate professor of English, specializes in teaching theoretical linguistics. Progovac goes the extra mile for her students in her classroom manner. For example she provides her students with weekly study guides that list key points on complex material. She has also been an advocate for her students as a linguistic student advisor, helping place a number of graduates into prestigious Ph.D. programs. Progovac has been with Wayne State since 1991.

Hanging out with fish in NW Amazonia

by Milly Bruer

Ever wonder how those colorful aquarium fish find their way to little Billy’s fish tank? Greg Prang, lecturer in anthropology, will solve this mystery Friday, April 26, at 3 p.m., in the Greek Room (171) Manoogian Hall with a technicolor slide show—also entitled “Nature and Peasant Society in Northwest Amazonia: ‘Deep Hanging out’ with Aquarium Fish Collectors.”

The presentation is free and open to the public.

Prang grew up in Warren, but as a scholar of global consumer trends and influences, he began to wonder where the fish in the aquarium harbored by his former girlfriend came from. How did they get here? What did it take? So Prang took off for Brazil and the Amazon, the epicenter of the wild-caught, ornamental fish industry, and a much-misunderstood place. The Amazon is not one big happy “rain forest,” he said. “Most discussions about the Amazon are written large; it’s actually many different ecosystems and peoples.”

Prang left the U.S. in 1994 to assume a post as a visiting lecturer at the University of Amazonas, in Manaus, the capital of the Brazilian state of Amazonas.

He lived there for five years, became fluent in Portuguese, met and wooed his bride and had a son while working on the research that would become the heart of his doctoral dissertation.

While on the Rio Negro, Prang made a study of the little fish that wind up in aquariums in dentist’s offices in Southfield and pool halls in Royal Oak. He studied the peasant fishermen who make their living gathering aquarium fish.

The fishermen are called “Piabeiros” which literally means ornamental fish collectors. Prang began as a student of global, consumer-economic currents and decided on a journalistic formula for his doctoral dissertation. He decided to follow a small, neon red and blue fish called the cardinal tetra (paracheirodon axelrodi) from its source of origin and to trace its progress to its final retail destinations.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY
Monday, April 22: Winter classes end.

TUESDAY
Tuesday, April 23: Dopamine Function and Cognitive Aging.

WEDNESDAY
Wednesday, April 24: Final exams for winter term begin.

THURSDAY
Thursday, April 25: Bioconference/students with disabilities.

FRIDAY
Friday, April 26: Academic Staff Annual Awards Ceremony.

THE WEEKEND
Saturday, April 27: Baseball at Grand Valley State, 1 p.m.

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Wayne State professor uses dance to teach students math and science


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by David Renas

Eva Powers is on a mission. The former dancer and choreographer conducts workshops statewide and nationally to help teachers integrate dance into their curriculum.

“Children naturally want to move,” says Powers, chair and associate professor in the Maggie Allesee Department of Dance, College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts. “Why not channel that energy in a positive way?”

The concept of using dance to enhance learning is not new. Powers herself learned about it when she first came to Wayne State almost 30 years ago. She learned the techniques from Ann Zirulnik, former dance department chair and her mentor.

Excited about the opportunity to combine her two loves – dancing and working with children – Powers began traveling to schools throughout Michigan, meeting with preschool through seventh-grade teachers. Her techniques have been used successfully in schools throughout the state, including Bloomfield Hills, Pontiac, Detroit Country Day and Hamtramck.

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After the winter break, the sprouts had grown so rapidly that they filled up the jars. “The teacher said to the class, ‘Look at how the bean sprouts have filled up the jars. There’s no more space in the jars.’ One student responded ‘That’s not true. Look at all the negative space between the roots,’” she says. The term negative space is one that Powers uses in her workshops.

“Dance brings out the magic in some children that other classroom activities don’t,” she says. “If we don’t give children the opportunity to get in touch with feelings and emotions – flowing the arms freely with soft, gentle movements, jabbing them with hard strong movements and then back to soft, gentle movements – especially the boys, where will they experience it?”

When given the opportunity, Powers has found boys are also interested in dance: “It gives boys a safe opportunity to be expressive and not get laughed at. They lost in the movement and the music.”

Powers is looking forward to new opportunities to bring dance into schools. The Bush administration has added art to the core curriculum. This means the arts will now get funding on equal footing with other core subjects. In the past, the arts competed against science and math for funding.

“Schools are scrambling to integrate art into their curriculum. It’s finally legitimate to have dance teachers in the school,” Powers says. “I’m really passionate about working with children. I love working with them. They’re so uninhibited, fresh, and daring.”

The College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts is educating the next generation of visual artists, musicians, communication professionals and professional actors and dancers. The college offers 16 undergraduate and 12 graduate programs in art and art history, communication, dance, music and theatre, with students benefitting from expert faculty and excellent resources such as the nationally recognized Hilberry Theatre.

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by Tom Skily

Joan Mahoney, dean of the Wayne State University Law School, and Mildred Jeffrey, governor emerita of the university’s Board of Governors, are among Detroit’s 100 “Most Influential Women,” as named by Crain’s Detroit Business. The selection was announced in the publication’s March 18 issue.

Mahoney was selected in the education category and Jeffrey in the civic nonprofit category. In an advertisement in this week’s Crain’s Detroit Business, the university honors Mahoney and Jeffrey as well as 23 of the 100 “most influential” women who have ties to Wayne State. Their connections range from earning degrees here to serving on advisory boards. The advertisement, titled “Women of Honor,” carries the photo and title of each of the 25 women.

Mahoney became the first woman to head a law school in Michigan when she was appointed dean here in 1998. A 1975 magna cum laude graduate of the WSU Law School, she holds a doctorate in history of the WSU Law School, and the Advancement Division, raised more than $19 million for construction and endowment.

Prior to joining Wayne State, Mahoney was a law professor at Western New England College School of Law, where she also served as dean for two years.

Jeffrey, a widely known activist for social and economic justice and a staunch advocate for higher education, served on the university’s Board of Governors for two terms (16 years), beginning in 1975. Her keen interest in Wayne State has continued throughout the years and Milkie, as friends and acquaintances call her, is a familiar face at numerous university functions.

She is a recipient of the nation’s highest civilian award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, presented in 2000 by President Bill Clinton. In presenting the medal, the president had these words of praise for Jeffrey: “For countless women around the world, she remains an inspiration. Her impact will be felt for generations, and her example never forgotten.”

Jeffrey, who earned degrees from the University of Minnesota and Bryn Mawr College, began her union career as an organizer in Philadelphia for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America in the 1940s. Later, she became the first woman to direct a department of the United Auto Workers under Walter P. Reuther. She was an advisor to President John F. Kennedy on youth employment and to President Jimmy Carter on women’s issues.

She has marched for civil rights with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., is a past president and board member for the Michigan Women’s Foundation and is a recipient of the National Women’s Hall of Fame Award, among other honors.

Dean Mahoney, Gov. Emerita Jeffrey, among Detroit’s ‘Most Influential Women’

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Conference to explore careers and volunteerism in youth sports

by Tom Reynold

The Wayne State University Sports Administration Program, a part of the College of Education and Volunteers, Administrators and Coaches (VAC) Training Program, will host the “Careers in Sports Youth Sports” conference March 3-4 at the university’s Oakland Center in Farmington Hills, Mich.

The two-day conference, which runs from 2:45 to 10 p.m. on May 3, and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 4, will feature guest speakers, breakout sessions and a reception.

Three high-profile speakers will include former NFL player Ron Simpson; Dan Loosbroek, formerly affiliated with the XFL football league; sports broadcaster and University of Michigan football play-by-play announcer, Jim Brandstatter; Charles Turner, Mid-Night Basketball and former Harlem Globetrotters player; and LaVerne Henderson, director of event operations, Phillips Center, Atlanta, Georgia.

Participants from Pistons, Reggie McKenzie Foundations, Detroit Tigers and other organizations are also scheduled.

The three-fold purpose of the Sports Administration and Youth Sports Conference is to give its students and physical education-related majors an opportunity to obtain information regarding careers in sports and youth sport activities; to offer young adults the opportunity to find out about local youth sports programs and the different career opportunities associated within them and to address the importance of volunteerism in youth sports.

Reservations are required and may be confirmed by calling (313) 577-5945. The registration fee is $25 and group discounts are available. Refreshments and a complimentary t-shirt for all conference participants are included in the registration fee.

For information, send e-mail to vac@wayne.edu or visit VAC’s Web site at www.coe.wayne.edu/Grants/VAC.

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An article in the April 4 issue of Campus News about type fonts should have noted that the Office of the university approved typefaces to be offered to those who require them.

OPUS CUATRO on Campus

by Milly Braun

Wayne State will host a workshop today given by the Argentine vocal group OPUS CUATRO. The four singers are Alberto Hassan (tenor I), Marcelo Balsells (tenor II), Hernando Ishahola (baritone) and Federico Galiana (bass).

This workshop is free and open to the public. It will be held at 226 Manoogian, at 4:15 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts, the departments of music and romance languages and La Vida Hispana programming series.

The four-member group has become one of the most important vocal groups in Argentina and Latin America. They have received world recognition in the Americas, Europe and Asia. Since its creation in 1968, OPUS CUATRO has concentrated its repertoire on the performance of popular music and music rooted in the folk traditions of Argentina and Latin America.

The quartet specializes in spirituals, jazz and musicals.

OPUS CUATRO is on tour from Argentina; they will also give a concert at Oakland Community College on Saturday, April 20, at 8 p.m.

Open House planned for Integrated Systems Project employee training facility

The Integrated Systems Project, also known as the Banner Project, has established a training facility to better serve Wayne State staff who need training on the university’s new administrative systems.

An open house will be held at this new training facility on Friday, April 19, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Several staff members will be present to offer tours and answer questions about the Banner System conversion. Refreshments will be served.

The Integrated Systems Project Training Facility is located in the northeast corner of main campus, behind the Computing Center Building at 5925 Woodward Avenue. This facility includes comfortable training rooms, training labs with computers, for 15 and 25 people. Training sessions on the new Banner Human Resource Management System and Student System are scheduled there later this month.

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### Academic Calendar

**Monday, April 22**  
**WINTER CLASSES END**

**Tuesday, April 23**  
**STUDY DAY**

**Wednesday, April 24**  
**FINAL EXAMINATIONS FOR WINTER TERM** through Tuesday, April 30

**Wednesday, May 1**  
**SPRING/SUMMER TERM BEGINS**

### Meetings

**Wednesday, May 1**  
**WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
STANDING COMMITTEES – NOON.  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS – 4 P.M.  
McGregor Memorial Conference Center  
Alumni House Complex  
WSU Board of Governors, 577-2034

### Special Events

**Thursday, April 18**  
**2002 URBAN FORUM**  
Phyllis D. Nyden, Loyola University  
9 A.M.-3 P.M., Bernhard Auditorium,  
Undergraduate Library & Student Center  
CULMA, email: ad1121@wayne.edu  
R.S.V.P. required

**Friday, April 19**  
**OPUS QUATRO**  
Argentine vocal group  
4:15 P.M., 259 Manoogian Bldg.

**College of Science Reception for Graduating Students**  
5:30 P.M., Undergraduate Library,  
Community Room  
Alumni Association, 577-4626

### Lectures/Discussions

**Thursday, April 18**  
**WOMEN IN LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
Sgt. Sherrill Stanley,  
Detroit Police Department  
NOON-1 P.M., Hilberry B Hall  
Student Center Building  
Status of Women – Outreach Committee,  
577-9003  
R.S.V.P. required

**Tuesday, April 23**  
**OB/GYN COMBINED GRAD ROUND “PELVIC INF LAMMATORY DISEASE: IMPACT ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH OF WOMEN”**  
Richard Sweet, Gynecology  
8 A.M., Huron/KEI Auditorium  
Detroit Medical Center, 745-7859  
Also on April 23 “CHALMYDIA INFECTIONS” (at 9 A.M.) &  
April 30 “WHAT’S A NORMAL LABOR PROGRAM? REDESIGNED CONTemporARY LABOR CURVES” (at 8 A.M.)

**Institute of Gerontology:**  
**THE ROLE OF DOPAMINE FUNCTION IN COGNITIVE AGING: EVIDENCE FROM BRAIN IMAGING RESEARCH**  
Laura Beckman,  
Uppsala University of Sweden  

**Wednesday, April 24**  
**TOBACCO DEPENDENCE: EVOLVING RESEARCH STRATEGIES**  
John Hopper, Internal Medicine  
1 P.M.-2:30 P.M.  
Harper University Hospital, 2 Murphy Auditorium  
Psychiatry, 577-5283

**Friday, April 26**  
**INTERACTION & THE PSYCHOTHERAPY PROCESS**  
Warren Poland, Washington

### Arts

**Thursday, April 18**  
**OPERA WORKSHOP**  
7 P.M., Community Arts Auditorium  
Department of Music, 577-1795

**Friday, April 19**  
**GUEST RECITAL, VICTOR GHIANNN**  
11-45 A.M.  
Schuster Music Recital Hall  
Department of Music, 577-1795

**Monday, April 22**  
**WSU ORCHESTRA & WOMEN’S CHORALE**  
7 P.M., Community Arts Auditorium  
Department of Music, 577-1795

**Tuesday, April 23**  
**EXHIBITION: POETRY BY THE YARD**  
Throughout April  
Exhibit display in central atrium,  
Undergraduate Library  
UNDERGRADUATE EXHIBITION continues through May  
Community Arts Gallery  
Art & Art History, 577-2983

**Wednesday, April 24**  
**COLLEGE OF FINE PERFORMING & COMMUNICATION ARTS APPLEx AWARDS**  
Time: TBA, Fisher Theatre  
Alumni Association, 577-2300

**Thursday, April 25**  
**COMPUTER TRAINING FOR BANNER, HOW TO USE THE WORLD WIDE WEB**  
9:30 A.M., 3700 Academic/Administrative Bldg.  
Training & Development, 577-2111  
Computer training for Banner, How to Use the World Wide Web  
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Training & Development, 577-2111

### Athletics

**Saturday, April 20**  
**BASEBALL HOSTS SAGINAW VALLEY**  
1 P.M., WSU Baseball Field  
Athletics, (866) WSU-TIKS  
Also on April 21 (at 12 P.M.)

**Tuesday, April 23**  
**SOFTBALL HOSTS FERRIS STATE**  
4 P.M., WSU Softball Field  
Athletics, (866) WSU-TIKS

**Friday, April 26**  
**SOFTBALL HOSTS LAKE SUPERIOR**  
3:30 P.M., WSU Softball Field  
Athletics, (866) WSU-TIKS