

# President's Distinguished Faculty Award

2020-2021

# Dr. Janet Mattern

Dr. Janet Mattern, a professor in the Department of Educational Professions, is highly valued and respected in her instructional role in Early Childhood Education, enriching her teaching with extensive real-world experience. Adapting to challenges posed by COVID, she has transitioned the foundation special education course to a blended format, advised a record number of transfer students remotely, and kept active FAEYC (Frostburg Association for the Education of Young Children), the student organization she advises. She also is a key participant in our regional partnership with Coppin University in the Teacher Quality Partnership Grant, which expands our students' experience with diverse populations, and coordinator in our accreditation process for the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), creating, guiding faculty, organizing and interpreting data analyses, and seeking areas within programs in which continuous improvement is needed.



# President's Distinguished Staff Award

2020-2021

# Tim Pelesky

Tim Pelesky, who at the time of his nomination was director of IT's Applications and Development, is now the interim Chief Information Officer for FSU. As a member of the COVID-19 Reopening and Recovery Committee, he spent many off hours creating a one-of-a-kind IT application – adding and adapting it on a constant basis – that has allowed the University to monitor the COVID-19 status on campus throughout the pandemic. The FSU check-in portal started with individual symptom monitoring and collection of test results in collaboration with three different vendors, and increased its capability to vaccination status and interfacing with rapid antigen tests to allow members of the campus community to learn their test results in minutes. His technical expertise gave the University the ability to track and report data in a secure fashion and make decisions that kept the University operating based on the most current information possible.

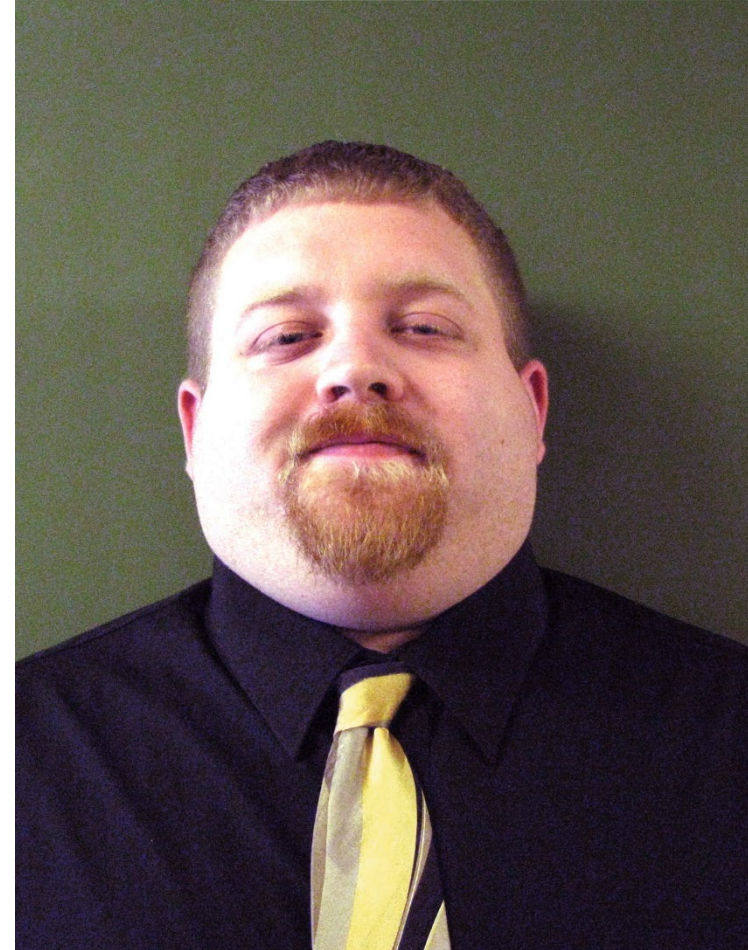


# Staff Awards for Excellence

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# Exempt: Patrick O'Brien

Patrick O'Brien, director of the Office of Civic Engagement, has worked at FSU since 2008. A 2007 FSU grad, he has grown in his position to become a regional and national leader in volunteerism, national service, service learning, civic learning and democratic engagement. His "footprint" over the years has included millions of dollars of grant funding and relationships with dozens of nonprofit, governmental and educational institutions in connection with ASTAR in Western Maryland, along with playing a key role in events like Beautify the Burg, Relay For Life and the Maryland Special Olympic Games.





# Non-exempt: Crystal Miller

Crystal Miller is an administrative assistant for Student Affairs. After serving in Athletics and the office of the President, she was hired in Student Affairs and immediately began making an impact in the physical, technological and communications environment in the office. She greets everyone with a smile while managing multiple projects and responding to students in need. She also co-chairs FSU's Maryland Charities Campaign and volunteers to support the Washington Children's Hospital.



# Non-exempt, Facilities/Maintenance: Bill Patterson

Bill Patterson is the temperature control in the HVAC shop for Facilities and Maintenance who has worked at FSU since 1980. Over his tenure, his role has changed because of his willingness to take on new tasks and learn new systems, such as the new HVAC mechanical systems and the energy management system. Always willing to help, his historical knowledge of FSU's HVAC systems and his natural leadership qualities have proved very valuable.

