

LAS STUDENT ENGAGEMENT EXCELLENCE AWARD
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Bradley University

In alignment with the mission, values, and goals of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the office of the Dean establishes the ***LAS Student Engagement Excellence Award***. This award recognizes truly exceptional educators who have a demonstrated and sustained record of student engagement and have made a significant impact on the Bradley community in the last academic year.

The following guidelines shall be followed for nominations:

1. The Office of the Dean will circulate a call for nominations each spring semester.
2. A committee composed of three tenured faculty members representative of the College's three academic divisions and a representative from the LAS Dean's Office shall review nominations and select a recipient. The Dean's Office representative shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the committee.
3. A nomination for the award may be made for a full-time faculty member in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences who meets the following requirements. The nominee must:
 - a. have completed seven years of full-time service;
 - b. hold tenure; and
 - c. not currently be dean of the College.
4. Candidates are not to nominate themselves. If a nominee is not selected in one year, the faculty member may be reconsidered the following year. However, a nomination must be resubmitted with updated nomination materials. Department chairs should be informed when a member of their academic unit is nominated.
5. Nomination materials must include five documents (attachments a, b, c, d, and e):
 - a. A detailed letter of nomination describing proven efforts and success in student engagement. The letter should be double-spaced and no longer than three pages. It has to encompass the following:
 - (1) a paragraph that includes a summary of the tremendous dedication in creating inclusive and innovative opportunities for students to construct community and foster engagement in their Bradley experience.
 - (2) a paragraph per implemented opportunity describing how these activities a) represent co-curricular learning, b) help students to build connections, c) experience meaningful involvement and personal development, that enhance students' Bradley experience

and contribute to the mission of Bradley University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

3) A description of how the opportunities or initiatives show service, commitment and contribution to the college, the university, and/or the Peoria community.

b. A current curriculum vitae with an emphasis on student engagement activities.

c. Appropriate supporting evidence (e.g. flyers, newspaper articles, number of attendees supported by Presence)

d. Qualitative teaching data (e.g., open-ended comments from students and community partners, assignments with course objectives and purpose) from the courses in which the opportunities were associated with or developed from.

e. A maximum of three letters of support from colleagues and peers and a maximum of three letters from students, current or former, who participated in the opportunities. Additional letters of support will not be accepted. Please submit all letters in a single electronic document.

Nominators should be specific in their illustrations and provide data when available. Avoid mere affirmation, generalization, and hyperbole. The strength of the nomination will rest on the clear illustration of the nominee's strength and commitment as well as the positive outcomes of the opportunities.

Materials that provide direct and significant information that support but are not available from or apparent in the nominating forms and supporting documents listed above may be submitted.

Applications for the award should be submitted electronically to the Associate Dean of Diversity and Innovation at atoxqui@fsmail.bradley.edu

Deadline for submissions: March 31 at 5:00 p.m.

The award will be announced and presented to the elected faculty member at the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Spring Faculty and Staff Celebration.

PAST WINNERS:

2024 – Aurea Toxqui

2023 – Amy Scott