

Engagement Scholarship Consortium Announces Recipients of Excellence Awards

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The Engagement Scholarship Consortium (ESC) announces the recipients of its 2024 Excellence Awards Program. The awards program recognizes faculty, staff, students, and higher education institutions and their exemplary contributions to scholarship and the practice of community-engaged scholarship. First conferred in 2018, awards are presented in several categories. Nominations are sought annually from 2- and 4-year public and private higher education institutions and are evaluated by a distinguished panel of scholars.

2024 ESC Excellence Award recipients are:

- **Excellence in Community Partner Engagement Award**
Deb Denbeck, President (partner of University of Nebraska - Omaha)
Partnership 4 Kids
- **Excellence in Faculty Community Engagement Award**
Jota Samper, University of Colorado - Boulder
The Medellin Practicum/Studio
- **Excellence in Staff Community Engagement Award**
Tristyn Daughtry, East Carolina University
RISE29
- **Excellence in Student Community Engagement Award**
Sofia Espinoza, Lehigh University
Artificial Intelligence Strengthening Healthcare Access (AISHA)
- **Distinguished Dissertation Award**
Yidong Wang, University of Wisconsin - Madison
Digital Network, Power Dynamic, and Affective Space: A Multi-Site Case Study of Queer Media Ecology

- **Ryan Moser Reilly Award for Excellence in Community Engagement Institutional Leadership**
Local Climate Action Program, Pennsylvania State University
- **Hiram E. Fitzgerald Distinguished Engaged Scholar Award**
Barbara A. Holland

ESC President Laurie A. Van Egeren, vice provost for public engagement at the University of Minnesota, underscored the importance of the highly competitive awards programs. “These scholars and partners represent the very best in community-engaged work that makes a difference in the world. It is our delight to raise up these initiatives through the ESC Excellence Awards to show how community-university collaborations look when done right.” said Van Egeren.

In 2024, the ESC will hold its Awards and Recognition Ceremony during the ESC Annual Conference (October 9-10, 2024) For more information about the 2024 ESC Conference, including registration, visit the [ESC website](#).

The Engagement Scholarship Consortium is the premier resource for higher education institutions and their faculty, staff, students, and community partners focused on promoting excellence in the scholarship and practice of engaged scholarship locally and globally.

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