

Engagement Scholarship Consortium Announces Recipients of Excellence Awards

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The Engagement Scholarship Consortium (ESC) announces the recipients of its 2025 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.

2025 ESC Excellence Award recipients are:

- **Excellence in Community Partner Engagement Award**
Tamela Compton, Principal, Central High School (partner of University of Louisville)
Central High School Partnership
- **Excellence in Faculty Community Engagement Award**
Henry Young, University of Georgia
Fishers of Men
- **Excellence in Outreach and Engagement Professional Engagement Award**
Terron Banner, Ohio State University
CARE | CULTURE | JUSTICE Cross-Disciplinary Research Exchange
- **Excellence in Student Community Engagement Award**
Destiny Kanning, Michigan State University
Rethinking Patient Education in the Overutilization of Pediatric Emergency Medicine
- **Distinguished Dissertation Award**
Greg Mellas, University of Minnesota
Senior Outreach and Engagement Officers: Constructing Knowledge of an Emerging Role
- **Hiram E. Fitzgerald Distinguished Engaged Scholar Award**
Lorilee Sandmann

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. “ESC is honored to recognize the critical work that scholars engage in with community partners. These awardees are model university-community partnerships that highlight the importance of research, teaching, and practice situated in the real world that makes meaningful impacts for society.” said Van Egeren.

In 2025, the ESC will hold its Awards and Recognition Ceremony during the ESC Annual Conference (October 8-9, 2025). For more information about the 2025 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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