

2016 PRTM
BANQUET AWARDS

Celebrating

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Years

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016

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MADREN CONFERENCE CENTER



HONORS AND AWARDS PROGRAM

Welcome.....	Fran McGuire
Special Recognition	Fran McGuire
Invocation	Dr. Jack Stevenson
Dinner	
Academic Excellence Recognition.....	Fran McGuire
Academic Achievement Awards.....	Betty Baldwin
Award for Excellence in Recreational Therapy.....	Marieke Van Puymbroeck
Parks and Conservation Area Management Founders and Leaders Award	Jeff Hallo
Award for Excellence in Community Recreation, Sport and Camp Management ...	Dart Schmalz
Award for Excellence in Professional Golf Management.....	Rick Lucas
Award for Excellence in Travel and Tourism	Lauren Duffy
Stevenson-Smith-Lovett Award.....	Brent Hawkins
Bert and Johnnie Brantley Outstanding Student Award	Denise Anderson
Greg Schoper Leadership Award	Jamie Cathey
Dr. Judith E. Voelkl Memorial Scholarship.....	Marieke Van Puymbroeck
L. Roy and Elizabeth Gay Blakeney Endowed Scholarship ...	Marieke Van Puymbroeck
Lawrence R. Allen Engaged Future Professional Award	Brent Hawkins
College of HEHD Emerging Leader Award	Teresa Tucker
Graduate Student Awards of Excellence	
Madeline Duda	Bob Powell
Brenna Goodwin.....	Marieke Van Puymbroeck
Samuel Keith.....	Lincoln Larson
Kirby Player.....	Dart Schmalz
Francis A. McGuire Graduate Student Teaching Award.....	Denise Anderson
Distinguished Service Award	Marieke Van Puymbroeck
Outstanding Alumnus Award – Academic	Barry Garst
Outstanding Alumnus Award – Practitioner	Ken Backman
Reflections.....	Dr. Bert Brantley
Closing Remarks	Fran McGuire

PRTM Recognition for Academic Excellence

This recognition is given to students with outstanding GPAs.

***Katherine Starr Capurso
Megan A. Cielo
Nate Paul Clark
Hannah Elizabeth Clements
Mary-Neel McClintock
Molly Elizabeth McCoy
Emily M. Mutschler***

***Hayley Rebecca Pearson
Erik Joseph Rzczycki
ee Brooks Salisbury
Gina M. Skrobola
Ashley Elizabeth Spiers
Raine Templeton-Bradley***

PRTM Academic Achievement Awards

This award is presented to the junior and senior with the highest GPA.

Juniors: ***Sara Moore McBride
Emily Hope Warren
Abigail K. Wiles***

Senior: ***Carly Lydia Miktuk***

Award for Excellence in Recreational Therapy

Danielle Brafford

This award is presented to a student who displays high academic standards while achieving excellence in Recreational Therapy through service to special populations and achievement in professional activities.

Park & Conservation Area Management Founders and Leaders Award

Chad Culler

This award is presented to a junior or senior in Park and Conservation Area Management who exemplifies the values, work, leadership and spirit of the founders and leaders of our public lands.

Award for Excellence in Community Recreation, Sport, and Camp Management

Carly Lydia Miktuk

This award is presented to an outstanding senior in CRSCM on the basis of academic achievement, leadership and professional involvement in a CRSCM related field.

Award for Excellence in Professional Golf Management

Nate Paul Clark

This award is presented to an outstanding senior in Professional Golf Management on the basis of academic achievement, leadership and professional involvement in golf management.

Award for Excellence in Travel and Tourism

Raine Templeton-Bradley

This award recognizes an outstanding student in Travel and Tourism. It is awarded based on academic achievement and demonstrated interest and dedication to the Travel and Tourism field.

Stevenson-Smith-Lovett Award

Emily C. Thompson

Established in memory of the families of the donors, this award is presented to a rising senior exemplifying personal qualities of integrity, love, compassion, service, and a positive attitude.

Bert & Johnnie Brantley Outstanding Student Award

Emily Marie Mutschler

This award is presented to a PRTM senior who has exhibited outstanding service to the PRTM department, the University and the community during the student's academic career at Clemson University while maintaining a 3.0 GPA.

Greg Schoper Leadership Award

Malory Sanders

Established to honor a graduate of the department who was killed in action in Vietnam, this award recognizes the department's most outstanding student leader of the year.

Dr. Judith E. Voelkl Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth A. Murphy

This award recognizes a student who plans to serve the public through a career in the PRTM field, has academic achievement of at least a 3.0 GPA, and who exhibits the qualities of caring, compassion, commitment and spirit.

L. Roy and Elizabeth Gay Blakeney Endowed Scholarship

Charity Hubbard

Natalie Montoya

Elizabeth A. Murphy

This award recognizes undergraduate students majoring in Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management in the recreational therapy concentration. Selection is based on academic achievement and standardized test scores.

Lawrence R. Allen Engaged Future Professional Award

Gina M. Skrobola

This award is given to an undergraduate PRTM student who has demonstrated a commitment to professional engagement in the PRTM field.

College of Health, Education and Human Development Undergraduate Emerging Leader Award

Alexandra Hart Vrampas

HEHD strives to educate emerging leaders who are prepared to create and administer integrated education, health, and human-service systems. These leaders will be capable of bringing the collective resources of the community together to address concerns and challenges facing many citizens.

PRTM Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Madeline Duda

Brenna Goodwin

Samuel Keith

Kirby Player

This award recognizes graduate students who are distinguished through academic achievement, scholarship, community service, and perseverance.

Francis A. McGuire Graduate Student Teaching Award

Kellie Walters

This award is presented to a graduate student who has shown excellence in teaching exemplified by the qualities of caring, passion and engagement with students.

**Bert Brantley receives “Father of PRTM” Print
as a framed remembrance
for all he has done for RPA/PRTM**

**Clemson University Department of
Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management**

PRTM 50TH ANNIVERSARY - PG 24

APRIL 8, 2016

**Department Recognizes Brantley as
‘Father of PRTM’**

CLEMSON, S.C.—Herbert “Bert” Brantley was the founding father of Recreation and Parks Administration (RPA) now known as the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management (PRTM) where he served for 21 years beginning the fall of 1966.

As former Department Head for Clemson University’s RPA program, Dr. Brantley realized the need for student representation in the major developments of the growing program. In an excerpt from *The Tiger* published in November of 1969, Brantley expressed his view of students as “only a brief span away from being fellow professionals” and held that they “should be helped to grow not only professionally but also socially.” His ideas of student involvement and care are still part of the foundations of the PRTM department today.



‘Since RPA is basically a people-oriented service, the faculty has to reflect this same orientation... it has to be a student-concerned faculty’
- Dr. Brantley

Distinguished Service Award

Danielle Fitzmorris

This award is presented to a member of the PRTM community who has made outstanding contributions to the PRTM Department.



Danielle Fitzmorris has served in the recreational therapy field for over ten years. She currently serves as the supervisor of recreational therapy at the Roger C. Peace Rehabilitation Hospital in Greenville, South Carolina. Some of her duties include managing recreational therapists and activity coordinators for various agencies, planning all adaptive UCAN sporting events for the community, training community and staff volunteers, and managing grants.

Danielle graduated from Clemson University in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management with a concentration in Therapeutic Recreation with a minor in Psychology. She went on to receive her Master of Science in Management from Southern Wesleyan University in 2012. Danielle's career began at Inner Harbour Hospital in Douglasville, Georgia as a recreational therapist. She has also worked at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, Georgia and the Marshall I. Pickens Hospital in

Greenville, SC which has led her to her current position with the Roger C. Peace Rehabilitation Hospital in Greenville, SC.

Outstanding Alumnus Award – Academic

Ingrid Schneider

This award is presented to former PRTM students who have made outstanding contributions in the field of parks, recreation, and tourism.



Ingrid Schneider is a Professor in the Department of Forest Resources at the University of Minnesota & Editor of the Journal of Leisure Research. Prior to joining the University of Minnesota, Ingrid was an Associate Professor and Co-Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management at Arizona State University. She received her B.S. in Technical Communication & M.S. in Recreation Resource Management at the University of Minnesota prior to attending Clemson.

Schneider's research focuses on consumer behavior related to outdoor recreation and nature-based tourism, with an emphasis on visitor attitudes and behaviors. To support this work, Schneider has garnered more than \$2 million in research grants.

Schneider was recognized as a 'future scholar' in 1992 by the Academy of Leisure Sciences and then a 'scholar' when she was inducted into the Academy in 2012. She is excited to launch the 3rd edition of her co-edited book 'Diversity and Inclusion in the Recreation Profession: Organizational Perspectives' spring 2016 with Sagamore Publishing.

In 2015, Schneider stepped down from 12 years as the Director of the University of Minnesota's Tourism Center, a research and education Center for Minnesota's \$13 billion tourism industry and tourism-dependent communities. In that role, Schneider facilitated Center success through an engaging with a state-wide advisory committee, invigorating development efforts and launching innovative dissemination efforts of the Center's works. Those efforts lead to both individual and organizational accolades with the Center winning the 'Friend of Minnesota Tourism' award in 2009 and Schneider the same award in 2014. The Center's "Tourism at Play" video, detailing the importance of tourism and the Tourism Center's work, won a 2010 Midwestern Emmy.

Outstanding Alumnus Award – Practitioner

Karen Sunshine

This award is presented to a former PRTM student who has made outstanding contributions in the field of parks, recreation, and tourism.



Karen Sunshine has been employed in the meeting and events industry for over 25 years. Karen currently works part time at the Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, California in the Marketing Special Events Department. Additionally she owns her own event planning business, Plan It With Sunshine, with a focus on corporate event and meeting planning.

In her Disneyland role it is not uncommon for Sunshine to be part of the planning process for studio world premieres such as the Pirates of the Caribbean series or recently Tomorrowland. Other events include press and media events focusing on new offerings and attractions at the Resort such as the opening of Cars Land at Disney California Adventure.

As principal of Plan It With Sunshine, Karen produces events for the Rose Bowl Game, Toshiba America Medical Systems, United Capital Financial Advisors and Hoag Hospital of Newport Beach. These clients have allowed Sunshine the opportunity to end up on the sidelines of the Rose Bowl Game or zip trekking over the Costa Rican jungle on a Sales Incentive trip.

Her career began at Stone Mountain Park in the Special Events department after graduating with a Masters in PRTM from Clemson University in 1994. She also has a BA in Communications from Santa Clara University. Karen currently resides in Orange County, California with her husband Thom and three children. Her interests are college football, travelling, tennis and Instagram