Nominations of 200-500 words may be submitted via the link below. Any LGS faculty, staff, or student may submit nominations in most categories. Winners will be recognized at the 2024 Laney Graduate School Dean's Address and Awards Reception in April. You can view a full list of our past winners by clicking here.

Submit Nominations Here!

Self-nominations will not be accepted, though potential nominees are encouraged to solicit nominations for an award. Past winners are listed at the end of this document and may not be nominated in the same category, though they may be nominated for different awards. Questions about the Nomination Process? Contact Katy Leonard

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Nominee must be an LGS master’s student.

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### Faculty Awards

#### Inclusive Excellence Award
The Laney Award for Inclusive Excellence in Graduate Education acknowledges extraordinary achievements by faculty who help create an environment of inclusive excellence in graduate education. Examples include recruiting, retaining, and successfully matriculating students with graduate degrees who are historically or currently underrepresented in their field (individuals whose gender and/or racial and/or ethnic identities are underrepresented in their field, members of the LGBTQ+ community, and students and faculty with disabilities). The ideal nominee employs teaching and/or research strategies that advance inclusive excellence, engages in service activities that build a more inclusive graduate community, and/or produces effective strategies to address barriers that have prevented full participation of graduate students from historically or currently underrepresented groups in graduate fields and the profession.

- **Eligibility**: Nominee must be a current LGS faculty member

### Outstanding Director of Graduate Studies/Program Director Award
This award recognizes a Director of Graduate Studies or Program Director who provides outstanding support for graduate programs and their students. Criteria for the award include **Program Leadership**: leading critical and thoughtful discussions regarding program innovation, excellence in recruitment, and student advocacy; cultivating and contributing to a climate of inclusion and support for faculty, students, and staff from diverse backgrounds with varied experiences. **Student Development**: providing students with constructive feedback and thoughtful guidance in dealing with academic challenges, defining professional goals, and accessing relevant resources; helping students develop a sense of voice, agency, and community within their academic program and their disciplinary field. **Faculty/Staff Engagement**: working with program faculty and staff to ensure clear and consistent communication, interpretation, and application of policies and procedures; promoting faculty input and discussion of graduate student concerns and ideas as related to program expectations and needs.

- **Eligibility**: Nominee must be an LGS master’s or doctoral DGS/PD who has served in the role during the 2023-2024 academic year.
Eleanor Main Graduate Faculty Mentor Award

The Eleanor Main Graduate Faculty Mentor Award annually honors a current LGS graduate faculty member for providing exemplary mentorship to graduate students over the course of their entire graduate career. This award has a separate nomination process. For more information about this award, please visit this page.

- **Eligibility:** Nominee must be a current LGS faculty member

Provost’s Distinguished Teaching Award for Excellence in Graduate and Professional Education

The Provost’s Distinguished Teaching Award for Excellence in Graduate and Professional Education honors outstanding scholars who excel as teachers within formal and informal educational settings. The Graduate and Professional School Teaching Award will be presented to one faculty member in each of the seven graduate and professional schools in acknowledgement of the important role of exceptional teaching in graduate and professional education. This award has a separate nomination process. For more information about this award, please visit this page.

- **Eligibility:** Nominee must be a full-time, non-visiting LGS faculty member

Vulcan Teaching Excellence Award

Vulcan Materials Company sponsors the Vulcan Teaching Excellence Award, which recognizes an outstanding faculty member who demonstrates strong academic skills in the classroom and provides leadership and support in other areas of campus life. The recipients are faculty who assist institutions in nurturing an academic climate that fosters teaching and who provide leadership to enhance the campus community. This recognition comes with a monetary award in the amount of $1,000. This award has a separate nomination process. For more information about this award, please visit this page.

- **Eligibility:** Nominee must be a full-time LGS faculty member

Student Awards

Inclusive Excellence Award

The Laney Award for Inclusive Excellence in Graduate Education acknowledges extraordinary achievements by students who help create an environment of inclusive excellence in graduate education. Examples include recruiting, retaining, and successfully matriculating students with graduate degrees who are historically or currently underrepresented in their field (individuals whose gender and/or racial and/or ethnic identities are underrepresented in their field, members of the LGBTQ+ community, and students and faculty with disabilities). The ideal nominee employs teaching and/or research strategies that advance inclusive excellence, engages in service activities that build a more inclusive graduate community, and/or produces effective strategies to address barriers that have prevented full participation of graduate students from historically or currently underrepresented groups in graduate fields and the profession.

- **Eligibility:** Nominee must be an LGS master’s or doctoral student

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant/Associate Award

The Laney Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant/Associate Award recognizes the efforts and accomplishments of student instructors who demonstrate extraordinary dedication and excellence as teachers. Nominees should demonstrate the highest levels of commitment, creativity, and skill in the classroom; exceptional ability in foundational skills of pedagogy; commitment to continuous growth and creativity in their teaching; service as outstanding mentors to their students and peers; and scholarly growth during their graduate training.

- **Eligibility:** Nominee must be an LGS doctoral student who has served as a Teaching Assistant, Teaching Associate, or Graduate Instructor at Emory
Outstanding Master’s Student Award
The Laney Outstanding Master’s Student Award recognizes exceptional achievement in master’s studies. Nominees must demonstrate excellence in scholarship through contributions and other accomplishments that are appropriate for their academic field. Nominees may be students in the master’s year of their 4+1 program.

- **Eligibility:** Nominee must be an LGS master’s student

Outstanding Scholarly Research Award
The Laney Outstanding Scholarly Research Award recognizes the superior scholarly research of Laney graduate students. Nominees should demonstrate an elevated level of impact in their research, creativity and/or innovation in the research design or execution, and/or public outreach efforts related to the research.

- **Eligibility:** Nominee must be an LGS doctoral student

Eleanor Main Graduate Student Mentor Award
The Eleanor Main Graduate Student Mentor Award annually honors a current LGS graduate student for providing exemplary mentorship to others, including peer graduate students and students they teach and supervise over the course of their graduate career. This award has a separate nomination process. For more information about this award, please visit this page

- **Eligibility:** Nominee must be an LGS graduate (master’s or doctoral) student graduating between August 2023 and May 2024

Staff Awards

Outstanding Program Administrator Award
The Laney Outstanding Program Administrator Award recognizes a Graduate Program Administrator who consistently provides exceptional support for graduate programs, students, faculty, and other key constituents. Criteria for the award include **Innovation:** proven track record of being forward-thinking, creative, and solution oriented; **Support Services:** displays a positive attitude and genuine interest in the program community, is professional and handles all matters with tact and appropriate sense of urgency, and a willingness to go above and beyond to ensure a student-focused program; **Positive Influence:** contributes to a positive workplace environment by interacting with colleagues and students in a friendly and responsive manner, exhibits a high level of enthusiasm and commitment to graduate education in the Laney Graduate School, and successfully works alongside others to promote a culture of teamwork and collaboration.

- **Eligibility:** Nominee must be a Program Administrator of an LGS master’s or doctoral program who has served in the role during the 2023-2024 academic year

Outstanding Staff Award
The Laney Outstanding Staff Award recognizes and celebrates a high performing LGS Staff Member who consistently provides exceptional administrative support, demonstrates outstanding work performance in their respective positions, and contributes to the overall success of the Laney Graduate School. Criteria for the award include: **Innovation:** proven track record of being forward-thinking, creative, and solution oriented when confronted with work challenges or a need for improvement; **Collaboration:** contributes to a positive workplace environment by interacting with colleagues and/or students in a friendly and responsive manner and successfully works alongside others to promote a culture of teamwork while displaying a genuine interest in working with others to produce positive work results; **Commitment:** Deeply committed staff member that displays a willingness to go above and beyond demonstrates dedication to their work and exhibits a high level of enthusiasm and commitment to serve Laney Graduate School, the general public, and university colleagues.
• **Eligibility:** Nominee must be an LGS staff member who has served in the role during the 2023-2024 academic year. Program Administrators are not eligible for this award.

**Alumni Awards**

**Early Career Alumni Award**
The Laney Early Career Alumni Award recognizes a recent graduate of a Laney Graduate School program who has distinguished themselves in service to their fields of endeavor, to Emory, and to society in general. Nominees must have received a degree from Laney Graduate School within the past 5 years and have demonstrated significant strides (broadly defined) within their field, community, and/or society at large. There should be some discernible connection between the nominees’ contributions and their graduate program at Laney.

• **Eligibility:** Nominee must be an LGS alum (master’s or doctoral) whose degree was conferred between 2018 and 2023

**Distinguished Alumni Award**
The Laney Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes a graduate of a Laney Graduate School program who has distinguished themselves in service to their fields of endeavor, to Emory, and to society in general. Nominees must have received a degree from Laney Graduate School at least 6 years ago and have made a distinctive contribution (broadly defined) to their field, community, and/or society at large. There should be some discernible connection between the nominees’ contributions and their graduate program at Laney.

• **Eligibility:** Nominee must be an LGS alum (master’s or doctoral) whose degree was conferred in 2017 or earlier.