2014 Employee Recognition Award Recipients

UIC Award of Merit, CAPE Award, INSPIRE Award, Woman of the Year Award, Janice Watkins Award, UI Hospital and Health Sciences System’s Class Act Award and Academy Award

**UIC Award of Merit**

Offices of the Chancellor, Public & Government Affairs, Vice Chancellor for Development, Vice Chancellor for Research, UIC Human Resources
Teresita D. Soto Plutz Office of the Chancellor

**University Administration**

Kelsey (McCoy) Kapolnek Institute of Government & Public Affairs (UA)

**Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost**

Lisa Junkin Lopez Jane Addams Hull House Museum
College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts

Yolanda Rodríguez Office of the Vice Provost for Academic and Enrollment Services

Emily M. Jordan Department of Kinesiology and Nutrition
College of Applied Health Sciences

Stephanie Ann Johnson Pediatric Resource Center
College of Medicine, Peoria

Jie Chen Survey Research Laboratory
College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs

Alejandra “Alex” Cantero Departments of Educational Policy Studies, Educational Psychology, Special Education
College of Education

Laura E. Knights Center for Literacy
College of Education

Elena Lathos Department of Computer Science
College of Engineering
Sharon Casillas  
Department of Criminology, Law and Justice  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Athanasia Papaioannou  
Women's Leadership and Resource Center  
Office of Diversity

Arnold S. Diaz  
Department of Pharmacy Practice  
College of Pharmacy

David Haschemeyer  
Institute for Health Research & Policy

**University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System**

Yesenia Alverio  
Department of Neurology and Rehabilitation

Susana De Leon Jinang  
5 East Surgical Specialties and Rehabilitation

Caroline Deskin  
Department of Speech Pathology

John J. Fino  
Department of Intraoperative Monitoring

Christina James  
Department of Psychiatry

Megan Kennedy  
Department of Physical Therapy

Kay McGee  
Department of Occupational Therapy

TaNisha Nicole Taylor  
4E NeuroScience Center

Kathleen J. Walrath  
Department of Clinical Practice and Professional Development

**Office of the Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services**

Kevin R. Cisner  
Environmental, Health, and Safety Office

Wanda Giles  
Office for Capital Programs

Armando Juarez  
University Police

Jeff Winter  
Facilities Management
Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
Paula M. Benton-Pierce  Student Learning Resources Center
African American Academic Network
Wayne Lowell Odle  Campus Auxiliary Services

2014 Chancellor’s Academic Professional Excellence Award (CAPE Award)

Gillian J. Coombs  Faculty Affairs
College of Medicine
Elizabeth Herrera  Office of Career Services
School of Public Health
Steven Kragan  Graduate College Administration
Karen Sholeen  College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Hugo Teruel  LARES (Latino American Recruitment and Educational Services)
Office of Diversity
Charu Thakral  Office of Diversity

2014 INSPIRE Award

Arnold S. Diaz  Department of Pharmacy Practice
College of Pharmacy
Irma Hernandez  Department of Disability and Human Development
College of Applied Health Sciences
Kathryn S. Kirrish  University Student Financial Services & Cashier Operations (USFSCO)
Office of Business & Financial Services
Michelle Parker-Katz  Department of Special Education
College of Education
Barbara Travis
Center for Literacy
College of Education

Priscilla Velarde Wilson
Campus Housing

Mary Wais
Department of Computer Science
College of Engineering

Brian Ward
Honors College
College of Liberal Arts & the Sciences

**UIC Luminary Award**
The annual UIC Luminary Award is given to the INSPIRE recipient who best represents the pinnacle of service to our campus and its constituents.

The Luminary Award recipient will be announced during the Employee Recognition Ceremony on November 4.

**Woman of the Year Award**
Sponsored by the Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of Women (CCSW)

Dr. Robin Mermelstein
Department of Psychology, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
Institute for Health Research and Policy, School of Public Health

**Janice Watkins Award for Distinguished Civil Service**
Sponsored by the Staff Advisory Committee

Tina Kavukattu
Office of Global Health Leadership
College of Nursing

Shelissa Rodriguez
UIC Human Resources

Jerome Sides
Environmental Health and Safety Office
University of Illinois Hospital and Health Science Systems
Class Act Award & Academy Award

Class Act Award
Ronald Aslan
Cara Bonwell
Alexander Davis
Maria Esperanza DeGuzman-DeVicais
Christina Evangelista
Yesenia Ovando
Andre Johnson
Jeanine Klaus
Hilario Lechuga
Linda Mars
Heather Moky
Senad Osmanovic, MD
Latonia White

Academy Award
Andre Johnson Department of Social Work