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2011 Jack Miller Faculty Awards Presented

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COE Faculty members, Dr. Yasar Bodur, Dr. Brenda Marina, Dr. Dan Rea and Dr. Elizabeth Edwards were presented with the Jack Miller Faculty Award for demonstrating excellence in the areas of teaching, service and scholarship.

Dr. Yasar Bodur, associate professor in the Department of Teaching and Learning, received the Jack Miller Educator of the Year Award for 2011. The award recognizes and rewards a faculty member for exceptional overall achievement based on demonstrated excellence in the areas of teaching, service, and scholarship over the three-year period of review. Dr. Bodur recognizes, encourages, and honors his juniors, peers, and seniors who have made an accomplishment in teaching, service, or research/scholarly activities. Dr. Bodur's sincere demeanor serves to encourage junior faculty members to respect and challenge institutional traditions and to strive to be innovative in and committed to excellence in service, teaching, and research and/or creative scholarly activities.

Dr. Brenda Marina, assistant professor in the Department of Leadership, Technology, and Human Development, received the Jack Miller Award for Scholarship & Creative Activity. This award is to recognize and reward a faculty member for exceptional overall achievement in scholarship and creative activities. Dr. Marina's work on race, gender, class, politics of higher education policy, equity, and diversity contributes to the advancement of the field of educational leadership and higher education administration. Her scholarship and creative activities also engenders positive social and educational change in schools, neighborhoods, and communities in local, regional, national, and international contexts.

Dr. Dan Rea, professor in the Department of Curriculum, Foundations, and Reading, received the Jack Miller Award for Service which is to recognize and reward a faculty member for exceptional overall achievement in service. Dr. Rea has a record of excellence in service at the department, college, university, state, regional, national, and international levels. He has played a leading role and has made invaluable contributions to the advancement of cultural engagement and trans-cultural activities across and beyond the campus through his service. One of Dr. Rea's most noteworthy service activities is his unfaltering commitment to excellence in co-chairing the National Youth-At-Risk Conference for the past 15 years.

Dr. Elizabeth Edwards, associate professor in the Department of Curriculum, Foundations, and Reading, received the Jack Miller Award for Teaching which is to recognize and reward a faculty member for exceptional overall achievement in teaching. To meet the pressing needs of the students in the College of Education, Dr. Edwards has taught different courses at different levels in different formats (e.g., face-to-face and fully online courses). Dr. Edwards challenges her students with compassion and integrity and

maintains high standards and expectations for all. She strives to be knowledgeable and innovative in using technology in teaching while maintaining integrity of on-line learning.