Faculty Convocation Week celebrates the achievements of FIU educators. The individuals highlighted here have earned recognition for their impactful teaching, outstanding research and exemplary service. They will be honored at a dinner and awards ceremony on Thursday, October 12 in the GC Ballrooms.

President's Council
Wolfskehl Award for Public Service

Alvin Rosenbaum Professor Public Administration Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs

Rosewax is the Director of the Institute for Public Management and Community Service. He has worked at various levels of government and has served as an international expert for the United Nations and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Rosewax has worked for the U.S. Peace Corps and the U.N. Development Agency. He is a past President of the American Society of Public Administration and of the International Association of Sciences and Institutions of Administration. He currently serves as Chair of the United States Commission of Experts on Public Administration.

Excellence in Teaching

Tovah Bender Instructor History Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs

Bender is an accomplished educator who has taught students in 38 countries and across all six continents. She frequently integrates academic experiences into her teaching, and encourages her students to be active and critical thinkers. She is a member of the Global Institute of Human Rights Education and of the American Academy of Diplomacy. She has received numerous teaching awards, including during the past year, the Dean’s Excellence in Teaching Award and the Faculty of the Year Award.

Miri Tichenor Professor Computer Science FIU

Tichenor is an expert in software engineering and has over 30 years of teaching experience. Her courses are designed to enhance students’ understanding of the fundamental concepts in computer science.

Maria V. Ahrens Tuitlin Senior Instructor College of Arts, Sciences & Education

Ahrens Tuitlin teaches English language courses and has taught for over 20 years at FIU. She has received numerous awards for her teaching excellence and innovative approach to instruction.

Excellence in Gateway Teaching

Rachel A. Ritchie Instructor College of Arts, Sciences & Education

Ritchie is an associate professor of geography and director of the Center for Caribbean Studies. Her research focuses on the social and environmental impacts of oil and gas extraction in the Caribbean.

Excellence in Research & Creative Activities

Bruce R. McNeil Professor College of Arts, Sciences & Education

McNeil is a professor in the Department of Psychology and serves as the director of the Center for Aging and Brain Health. His research focuses on the effects of exercise and physical activity on cognitive function and brain health.

Barry J. Rosen Professor School of Medicine

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