



**For Immediate Release**

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- Congrats to our Course Award Winners!
- Congrats to Research Award Recipient Aisha Haynes!
- Congrats to Support Service Award Recipient Martin McAuliffe!

ADEIL 2020: 28th Annual ADEIL Conference –  
Congratulations to the following recipients of 2020 ADEIL Course Awards

**Distinguished Course Awards**

Hayden Smith, Lydia Frass  
Criminal Justice and Mental Health (CRJU 426)  
For excellence in accessibility and innovative use of technology.

Kiel Nikolakakis, Bryan Bortz, Eric Peloza  
Ethics, Safety, and Regulatory Environments in Biotechnology (ABT 705)  
For excellence in alignment of learning outcomes and use of online learning tools to build community.

Avisha Sadeghinejad  
Principles of Marketing (BUS 330)  
For excellence in course layout and authentic assessments.

Charles A. Schumpert  
General Principles II Lab (BIOL 102L)  
For excellence in accessibility and use of open educational resources.

**Conference Choice Award**

Nathan Pritts, James Meetze, Sarah Sonognini  
Introduction to Film (ENG 225)

These courses, along with the courses listed below, were also accepted into the juried 2020 Course Showcase

Rob Shah, Bill Davis

Professional and Business Communications (BUS 202)

Katie Thiry, Charlie Minnick, William Wood, Bill Davis and Michelle Lekkerkerk  
Business & Academic Success (BUS 105)

Thanks to our 2020 ADEIL Course Award Judges: J. Richard Freese, Morgan Johnson, Allyson Neas, Erin Paul-Schuetter, Michael Schulz, Gloria Washington

Congratulations to Aisha Haynes, this year's recipient of the ADEIL Research Award. Dr. Haynes, nominated by Cindy Merrow, is the Assistant Director at the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE): University of South Carolina – Columbia. She wrote the chapter "Establishing Considerations for Universal Design for Learning and Accessibility in Online Courses" in 2019's *Handbook of Research on Challenges and Opportunities in Launching a Technology-Driven International University*. Her research interests include: instructional design in online learning environments, online course accessibility, Universal Design for Learning (UDL), learning styles, and collaboration and engagement in online learning environments.

Congratulations to Martin McAuliffe, this year's recipient of the Support Service Award. Dr. McAuliffe, nominated by Bill Davis and Dr. Shari Schwartz, is Associate Professor at Ashford University, teaching Social and Criminal Justice. He possesses a commitment to bring the best to everyone he meets whether student, faculty, staff, or administration. In addition to teaching excellence, Dr. McAuliffe serves Ashford University on various committees and is currently assisting with the MSCJ program review process.

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