The 2nd Annual Presidential Awards for Outstanding Faculty-Led Engaged Teaching, Engaged Research/Scholarship and Engaged Service were presented to three distinguished faculty members by President Kelly at the 2018 Honors Convocation Ceremony. Our heartiest congratulations to these engaged faculty members.

The recipient of the **2018 Presidential Award for Outstanding Engaged Teaching** is Dr. Fred Bloetscher, Professor in the Department of Civil, Environmental and Geomatics Engineering, in the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

Dr. Bloetscher’s efforts include involving students in real projects in the Department’s senior design capstone class, helping them interact with professionals, providing teaching guidance and real-world experience, and involving them in both research and external design project internships.

Two City of Dania Beach projects – the library and the Nano filtration plants – were built by the City using the information from student projects. Dr. Bloetscher also guided students in research projects such as the storm water modeling in the City of Davie, and the Brightline station in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The recipient of the **2018 Presidential Award for Outstanding Engaged Research/Scholarship** is Dr. Cassandra Atkin-Plunk, Assistant Professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, in the College for Design and Social Inquiry.

Dr. Atkin-Plunk is the principal investigator on four different grant-funded projects totaling $337,000 with four different community partners. One of the grants is on a Florida Department of Corrections re-entry center that was implemented in Miami-Dade County. The re-entry center provides intensive programming to four-hundred thirty-two incarcerated males who are within three years of their release, and who are returning to South Florida communities.

Dr. Atkin-Plunk has evaluated the processes, outcomes, and efficacy of these programs. Her findings have critical implications for our community’s pre-and post-release services for incarcerated individuals.

The recipient of the **2018 Presidential Award for Outstanding Engaged Service** is Dr. Sameer Hinduja, Professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, in the College for Design and Social Inquiry.
Dr. Hinduja is recognized internationally for his groundbreaking work on the subjects of cyberbullying and safe social media, which have paralleled the exponential growth in online communication by young people. He works with the U.S. Department of Education to improve their policies and programming related to teen technology misuse.

He has worked to connect and dialogue with tech giants like Facebook and Microsoft, to determine how technological solutions can integrate with social solutions to make the Internet a kinder, safer place. His Cyberbullying Research Center public service website – cyberbullying.org – received more than two-point-three million unique visitors in the last year.