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Marissa Spurr, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

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Layann Abdallah, College of Education

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Valentina Campos, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

Sydney Gibbons, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing

Siena Botzer-Gunter, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Sarah G. Hamel, College of Social Work and Criminal Justice

DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD

Isabelle Solages, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

UNIVERSITY CLUB MERIT AWARD

Macy Butler, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

STAN AND RENEE WIMBERLY SCHOLAR

James Levi, College of Engineering and Computer Science

HERSKER, SHAW, GOSSER HONOR SOCIETY OF PHI KAPPA PHI SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Aaron Thon, College of Business

DISTINGUISHED FIRST-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Domenico Nomar Guadalupe, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHERS OF THE YEAR

Kezia Abraham, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

Taylor Smith, College of Business, Allen E. Smith Awardee

Isabelle Yi, College of Education

Mark Zagha, College of Engineering and Computer Science

Shyla Grant, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

Adina Silverstein, Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine

Sarah Lievano, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing

Kayla Mosteller, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

PRESTIGIOUS FELLOWSHIPS

GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Celeste Diaz, Recipient

GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP

Danylo Fedkiv, Awardee

Kyle Loh, Awardee

FRATERNITY AND SORORITY SCHOLARS

Melyssa Mitchell, Alpha Kappa Alpha

James Levi, Alpha Epsilon Pi

STUDENT-ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Autumn Courtney, Softball

Daniel Laureyssens, Swimming

ALUMNI DEGREE OF DIFFERENCE AWARD

Mary Ann Leavitt, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing

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RESEARCHERS OF THE YEAR

Borko Furht, Professor, College of Engineering & Computer Science

James VanZwieten, Associate Professor, College of Engineering & Computer Science

Lea Sacca, Assistant Professor, Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine

SCHOLARS OF THE YEAR

Waseem Asghar, Professor, College of Engineering and Computer Science

Kevin Wilt, Associate Professor, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

Diana Sun, Assistant Professor, College of Social Work & Criminal Justice

FAU ONLINE FACULTY AWARD

Donna Marion, University Instructor, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION IN UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

Heather Ligler, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

Armiel Suriaga, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing

Sareh Taebi, College of Engineering and Computer Science

William O'Brien, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION IN UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING

David Flanigan, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

Elizabeth Kennedy, Undergraduate Studies

Casey Thomas, College of Business

DISTINGUISHED MENTOR OF THE YEAR IN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Rindy Anderson, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

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Katharine Napora, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

Ceylan Isgor, Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine

Maria D. Vasquez, College of Education

Daniel Raviv, College of Engineering and Computer Science

Jacqueline Fewkes, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

FINALISTS FOR THE DISTINGUISHED TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Heather Ligler, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

Mark Mallon, College Business

Alex Fields, College of Education

Dolores De Groff, College of Engineering and Computer Science

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2026 DISTINGUISHED TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Dr. Parvathi Perumareddi
Associate Professor
Charles E. Schmidt College of
Medicine

Parvathi Perumareddi, DO, is a board-certified Family Medicine physician and Associate Professor at the Schmidt College of Medicine. She joined the faculty in 2015 after a brief stint post-residency practicing Emergency Medicine in Jackson, MS, and then nearly 14 years in Memphis, where she practiced Family Medicine at a county clinic and later Internal Medicine at the VA. Returning to her hometown of Boca Raton, she embraced a long-held dream of entering academic medicine.

Dr. Perumareddi teaches and mentors medical students across all four years of the curriculum, with a primary focus on first- and second-year learners. She serves as course director for the foundational Pathophysiology and Therapeutics course, encompassing the renal, reproductive, and endocrine systems and also teaches across a spectrum of small-group sessions ranging from cardiology to clinical documentation to diabetes. Nationally, she has contributed to the medical licensing exams taken by all U.S. medical students and interns by authoring exam items. She also enjoys presenting community lectures on health, wellbeing, and lifestyle medicine.

Some of her favorite things include spending time with family, entertaining friends in her home, music, dancing, walking, lifting weights, volunteering and hanging out with her German Shepherd, Kashi. One of her greatest blessings is once again living in the neighborhood where she grew up, just blocks from her parents' home.

Inspired by a childhood watching her father's example of kindness, patience, and altruistic service as an educator to his own students as well as to her brother and her, Dr. Perumareddi is passionate about creating an engaging learning environment, building confidence in her students, and modeling compassion for future patient care. She is known for her deep commitment to teaching and her thoughtful investment in each student's growth, a privilege she embraces humbly. Dr. Perumareddi feels profound gratitude for the opportunity to be back in her hometown close to family, doing what she loves alongside talented colleagues, and considers it a gift to spend her post-practice career encouraging medical students to reach their potential and grow into insightful, conscientious, and skilled physicians.