

Scholar Ballers Honor Faculty and Staff

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It's time to celebrate your Bronco Spirit! Select faculty and staff members will be the center of attention during halftime at the upcoming Bronco basketball games on **Friday, Jan. 30**, in the Kellogg Gym. On Faculty/Staff Appreciation Night presented by Scholar Baller, 26 people will be recognized for their dedication to education and for enthusiastically supporting Bronco Athletics.

Each year, student athletes from every sport who have a GPA of 3.4 or higher receive the "Scholar Baller" distinction. They each nominate an inspiring faculty member, and the athletics department also chooses several staff members who promote Bronco Spirit and partnership.

Track and Field athlete Derek Wong says he nominated David Mylander, a lecturer in the Physics Department, because of his willingness to help students and give advice on preparing for graduate exams, such as the MCAT. "He makes physics fun and challenging at the same time," says Wong, a biology major. "He's a great teacher. He really inspires you to learn the subject very well."

The faculty and staff members will be honored during halftime of the men's and women's games against Cal State Los Angeles. They will receive a Bronco Athletics T-Shirt and a framed certificate. The women's game begins at 5:30 p.m., and the men compete at 7:30 p.m.

The honorees are:

Dr. Kevin Farmer, Management & Human Resources
Nominated by Unique Anderson, Women's Basketball

Dr. Ashok Natarajan, Accounting
Nominated by Reyana Colson, Women's Basketball

Dr. Glenn Stewart, Biological Sciences
Nominated by Ally Smith, Women's Basketball

Dr. Linda Mollno, History
Nominated by Stephisha Walton, Women's Basketball

Dr. Sandra Kapoor, Collins College of Hospitality Management
Nominated by Kaitlin Wooldridge, Women's Tennis

William Foley, Accounting
Nominated by Fallon Blattner, Women's Tennis

Dr. Michael Page, Chemistry
Nominated by Kailah Martin, Women's Soccer

Jaime Martinez Jr., Economics
Nominated by Elise Frontino, Women's Soccer

Dr. Lisa Riggin-Walden, History
Nominated by Elizabeth Soria, Women's Track & Field

Marcia Starcher, Financial Aid & Scholarships
Nominated by Bronco Athletics

Maria Martinez, Registrar's Office
Nominated by Bronco Athletics

Daiken Fiore, Graphic Communications Services
Nominated by Bronco Athletics

Vivian Hartsock, Payroll Services
Nominated by Bronco Athletics

Greg Cook, Mechanical Engineering
Nominated by Kyle Krause, Men's Basketball

Dr. Robert Talmadge, Biological Sciences
Nominated by Jimmy Miyasaka, Men's Basketball

Dr. Leopoldo Lovelace, Political Science
Nominated by Casey Yokubaitis, Baseball

Dr. John Lloyd, History
Nominated by Jake Magnant, Men's Tennis

Dr. Michael Smith, History
Nominated by Connor Duckworth, Men's Track

David Mylander, Physics
Nominated by Derek Wong, Men's Track & Field

Dr. Perky Vetter, Kinesiology & Health Promotion
Nominated by Stephanie Sandino, Women's Soccer

Dr. Hyunjoo Im, Apparel Merchandising & Management
Nominated by Carolyn Rubendall, Women's Soccer

Melissa Stiltz, Animal & Veterinary Science
Nominated by Codylynn McClure, Women's Soccer

Traci Lew, Orientation Services
Nominated by Bronco Athletics

Edwin Romero, Office of Student Life
Nominated by Bronco Athletics

Debbie Bravo, Faculty Affairs
Nominated by Bronco Athletics

Robert Hutchinson, Office of Events & Special Projects
Nominated by Bronco Athletics

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