

# The Woods announces its 2026 faculty award recipients

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Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College recently recognized several Pomeroy Awards for Faculty Excellence Ceremony.

“Today is the day to honor faculty members who have chosen to aspire higher each day, either in the classroom with teaching, research and scholarly work within a professional discipline or serving others and our communities,” said Janet Clark, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs. “Your leadership and excellence inspire us all.”

Faculty members who were recognized this year



include:

■ Robert Vandermolen, assistant professor of mathematics, was the recipient of the 2026 Alumni Faculty Leadership and Service Award.

■ Keeley Cleghorn, assistant professor of science and math, was the recipient of both the 2026 Faculty Pomeroy Award in Teaching

and the 2026 Excellence in Assessment Award.

■ Kathleen Pickrell, adjunct faculty member in the nursing department, was the recipient of the 2026 Outstanding Adjunct Instructor Award.

■ Chris Delnat, associate professor and director of undergraduate nursing, was the recipient of the 2026 Pomeroy Award for Faculty Excellence in Scholarship.

A faculty showcase was held before the awards ceremony. Faculty presented or demonstrated their favorite and practical uses of AI in the classroom or for their work, and attendees cast

votes in three categories.

The winners, who received a certificate and a \$250 cash prize, included:

■ Most Creative: Krista Cole-Furstenberg, MS, MT-BC, lecturer of music therapy

■ Most Likely to Use in Class: Antonia Taylor, MA, Writing Center director and senior lecturer

■ Most Innovative for Administrative Use: Meredith Williams, MBA, associate professor of business and leadership

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