

Faculty Awards

This evening is a time to honor those among our
faculty who have achieved true distinction in teaching,
research, and service.

It is a time of congratulations on a job well done...
and a time to take great pride in your accomplishments.

But, at this dinner I would like to stress a second
important theme...a theme of gratitude

Thank You #1

Some universal theorems for the University:

1. The distinction of the University is
determined by the achievements of its
faculty.
2. The key to the achievement of excellence is to
attract the best people to the institution...
give them the resources, the encouragement...
to push to the limits of their abilities...
and then get the hell out of their way...

Well, we must be doing something right, since your
achievements have been truly spectacular!

And I would like to take this opportunity to thank you
on behalf of the University for your efforts and
achievements.

A toast to those we honor this evening...

Thank You #2

The University is a meritocracy...

We place enormous stress on the achievements of
our faculty in teaching, research, and service...

Yet, we must never forget that few of us can
achieve excellence alone...

Red Dare:

"If you're driving down the road, and you
see a turtle on a fence post...
then you can be sure that bugger had to
have some help to get up there..."

Hence, I would like to thank
all of those who provided the help, support,
and encouragement to make your achievements
possible...as spouses, families, friends...
parents and mentors.

I have no doubt that your efforts and sacrifices
were equal to those we honor this evening...
and you deserve both our deep gratitude and
congratulations as well.

And hence a second toast to those who really made
this evening possible.