

DEPARTMENT OF ASL & DEAF STUDIES GARNERED HONORS, 2019 GRADUATION WEEK

Promotions went to Raychelle Harris (Professor) and Ricky Cornish & Lizzy Martinez (Lecturer II). Congratulations!!



Tuesday, May 14th: Recognized at the Faculty of Color Coalition Wrap-Up celebration were Lizzy Martinez's promotion, and Franklin Jones, Jr's & Niesha Washington-Shepard's completion of their first year! In addition, Carolyn McCaskill regaled the audience with her Douglas Craig & BLACK/BLACK research projects.



Wednesday, May 15th: Lavender Graduation's Most Distinguished Ally Award went to Lindsay Dunn. Congratulations!



Thursday, May 16th: Tawny Holmes Hlibok led the Faculty procession at Hooding! Topher Gonzalez, MASLED '18 was honored with the Outstanding Graduate Student Award for his Lenguaje de Signos Mexicano work!



Also honored were:

MASLED Academic Achievement Award (exemplary academic work): Lisa Collis & Marvin Miller



MASLED Award (innovative creative pedagogic approaches): Garrett Bose & Brian Peet!



The Dr. Nathie L. Marbury Award (contributing to systemic changes for marginalized communities):
Idy Fass & Niesha Washington-Shepard!



Big kudos to MJ Bienvenu, honored several times, going out with a BIG BANG!

**** Wednesday:** At Lavender Graduation, she was named by several students as an Advocate (so were Raychelle Harris & Arlene B. Kelly). After this ceremony, MJ learned that the 2019 Tower Clock was dedicated to her!

**** Thursday:** At Hooding, MJ was named the Outstanding Graduate Faculty Member!

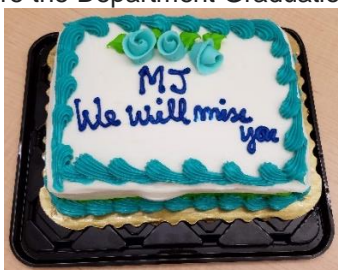


**** Friday:** At Commencement, MJ was given the Distinguished Faculty Award! Second year in a row that this Department has been honored by this prestigious award! And fourth member of the Department so honored!



Happy Big Bang Retirement!

BTW, some of us assembled just before the Department Graduation Party to surprise her with a cake!



CONGRATULATIONS to all the honorees!

And to **ALL OF US** for completing the AY 2018-19 on a great note!



Franklin Jones, Jr., Ricky Cornish

Gene Mirus, Wanda Riddle, Tawny Holmes Hlibok, Robin Massey, MJ Bienvenu, Raychelle Harris, Felicia Williams, Carolyn McCaskill, Lizzy Martinez, Arlene B. Kelly

Matthew Malzkuhn, Ben Bahan, Niesha Washington-Shephard, Dirksen Bauman, Lindsay Dunn