

# The Academic Bulletin

from the Office of the Provost of Calvin University

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## Thank You

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As we close the books on this academic year and move into our summer work, and as I close this chapter of my life, I will say, once again, how deeply grateful I am for all of you. You are what makes Calvin excellent. Day after day I see you living out your academic calling in faithful, steady, unassuming ways. You are wise, kind, persistent, and thoughtful. When you are praised for the success of your work, you point to God, who is faithful and present, and you point to each other as helpers and encouragers along the way. You are people who, channeling Bill Robinson's 2020 commencement talk, are known for generous eyes, for granting noble intentions, for making charitable assumptions, and for asking redemptive and grace-filled questions. I will miss you. It has been an honor to serve with you and best wishes to all of you.

Cheryl Brandsen, provost

## Promotions to Full Professor

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At its May 2021 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the PSC's recommendations to promote Emily Helder, Marilyn Stansbury, and Eric Washington to full professor. Congratulations and deep appreciation to each of them for their stellar work through the years.

## Faculty Awards

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This year, we recognize the many ways our faculty have contributed to education at Calvin University through outstanding teaching in a variety of categories. The 2021 Presidential Award for Exemplary Teaching was awarded to Kumar Sinniah, professor of chemistry and biochemistry. You can read more about Kumar and the other faculty award winners [here](#).

## Retirement Tributes

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The webpage is now live with a link to the tribute videos that were created to commemorate the [2021 faculty retirements](#). On that page you will also find written tributes submitted by colleagues.

## Senate Elections

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Elections to fill vacancies on the coming year's Faculty Senate have concluded:

- Administrators with Faculty Status: David Wunder (Office of the Provost)
- NSM division: Mark Muyskens (Chemistry and Biochemistry)
- SSCD division: Rachel Venema (Sociology and Social Work)
- At large: Neil Carlson (Center for Social Research), Jennifer Holberg (English), David Malone (Hekman Library)

The Committee on Governance extends its gratitude to all the nominees.