

# UW System: Honors Outstanding Women of Color in Education Award recipients for 2021

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MADISON, Wis. – The University of Wisconsin System has announced the 14 recipients of the 2021 Outstanding Women of Color in Education Award, an annual honor given to faculty, staff, students, or community members to recognize their achievements in advancing equity and inclusion for people of color within the UW System as well as communities across the state.

This year is the 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the award through which more than 400 women of color have been recognized for their transformational work.

“The UW System is proud to recognize the tremendous achievements of this year’s award recipients,” said UW System Senior Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Officer Warren R. Anderson. “They are enhancing opportunities for our students and benefiting our communities through their leadership, scholarship, and outreach.”

Recipients will be formally recognized on November 4, 2021, in Madison at an awards ceremony and reception hosted by Anderson. The ceremony and reception will be held in conjunction with UW System’s presentation of the Dr. P.B. Poorman Awards for Outstanding Achievement on Behalf of LGBTQ+ People.

The 2021 Outstanding Women of Color in Education honorees are:

- **Winnifred Bryant**, Professor of Biology, Department Chair, UW-Eau Claire
- **Renita Robinson**, Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion, Prevea Health,

selected by UW-Green Bay

- **Monica Yang**, Outreach Program Manager I, Multicultural Student Services, UW-La Crosse
- **Sami Schalk**, Associate Professor, Department of Gender & Women's Studies, UW-Madison
- **Brittany Ochoa-Nordstrum**, Graduate Teaching Assistant, UW-Milwaukee
- **Doris Johnson Browne**, Counselor/Therapist, UW-Milwaukee
- **Elisabeth Arguello**, PreCollege Programs Coordinator, UW Oshkosh
- **Giovanna Gutierrez**, Outreach Program Manager and Assistant to the Dean, UW-Parkside
- **Angela Yang**, Interim Assistant Director, TRIO Student Support Services, UW-Platteville
- **Natasha Rayne**, Assistant Professor, Plant and Earth Science, UW-River Falls
- **Kaia Fitzgerald**, Student, UW-Stevens Point
- **Wei Zheng**, Professor and Program Director, Plastics Engineering Program, UW-Stout
- **Salisa Hochstetler**, Assistant Director for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, UW-Superior
- **Ana Caballero Mengibar**, Associate Director, Undergraduate Research Program, UW-Whitewater

UW institutions submit nominations for the award, which highlight each recipient's contributions to improving the status and climate for women and people of color and to advancing the work of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Download [high-resolution photos of the 2021 recipients](#).

For more information about the award and past recipients, see [wisconsin.edu/grants-awards/women-of-color/](https://wisconsin.edu/grants-awards/women-of-color/).