

# UW-Madison: Honors Outstanding Women of Color Award recipients on March 3

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**(Feb. 16, 2022) Madison, Wis.** — The fourteenth cohort of Outstanding Women of Color Award recipients will be honored at a reception on Thursday, March 3, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the AT&T Lounge of the Pyle Center, 702 Langdon Street. The event to celebrate this year's honorees is open to the campus and community. You are invited to register [here](#).

Each year, we recognize [honorees](#) whose advocacy, activism, and/or scholarship has positively transformed their organizations and/or community, and whose efforts advance equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging for people of color.

"These outstanding women are simply a representation of the countless women who have made excellence the standard within the academy and the community, while also humbly pouring into so many," said Deputy Vice Chancellor and Chief Diversity Officer LaVar J. Charleston. "Collectively, we want to make certain they know how valued they are by their villages, how respected and appreciated they are by their colleagues, and how loved they are by their family and friends."

This year's six [honorees](#) are:

- **Cat N. Burkat, M.D.**, Professor (CHS), Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences, School of Medicine & Public Health;
- **Jennifer Gauthier**, Senior Outreach Specialist, Extension Institute of Community Development - Menominee County/Nation, Division of Extension;

- **Sheryl Henderson, M.D.**, Associate Professor (CHS), Pediatrics, School of Medicine & Public Health;
- **Carola Peterson-Gaines**, Community Outreach Specialist, Pharmacy Practice Division, School of Pharmacy; BadgerCare Plus Community Liaison Manager, Quartz; and Community Research Associate, Community Academic Aging Resource Network;
- **Carolina Sarmiento**, Assistant Professor, Civil Society & Community Studies, School of Human Ecology; (*Recommended to receive UW System Outstanding Women of Color in Higher Education Award*); and
- **Danielle Yancey**, Director, Native American Center for Health Professions, School of Medicine & Public Health.

In 2007, UW-Madison launched this annual recognition for women of color who have demonstrated outstanding service in higher education and beyond. More than 80 faculty, staff, students and community members have been honored since the establishment of this award.

For a full list of past honorees, please go to: [Outstanding Women of Color Honorees.](#)