The Faculty Excellence Award in Teaching recognizes a teacher who embodies a commitment to excellence in their ability to communicate and inspire. This award is presented to

**Amy Siegesmund**
Associate Professor of Biology

Dr. Siegesmund’s teaching is informed by her scholarship of pedagogy which has served to advance her department’s curricular initiatives. But it is how she combines both “challenge” and “support” for her students that brings this honor today. Among the many students and alumni who wrote in support of Amy’s nomination, nearly all spoke of those “Eureka moments” in her classes, or the inspiration she provided for learning things they never thought possible – all trademarks of being in the presence of an excellent teacher. There’s the transfer student who writes of how she took Amy’s class primarily because it fit nicely into her schedule. “Little did I know” (the student writes) “this class would awaken in me a drive to be actively involved in research.” Another student writes of how were it not for Dr. Siegesmund’s “guidance and support as a teacher,” she would not be in an accelerated Nursing program today. And her colleagues speak of how her very presence in the Biology department has made them better educators as well.

For her excellence in practicing the craft of teaching, we offer our congratulations to Amy Siegesmund.

The university is privileged to have teachers of Dr. Siegesmund’s caliber, and on behalf of the Faculty of Pacific Lutheran University, we offer our congratulations to Amy Siegesmund on being the 2014-2015 recipient of the Faculty Excellence Award for Teaching.