2007 – John “Chris” Kroeger
The 2007 recipient of the Gloria W. White Distinguished Service Award has been a fixture in the School of Engineering and Applied Science for over sixteen years.

He is considered a leader in the Department and as someone who has a willingness to listen, to see what is possible, and to try new things. He not only understands how to bring out the best in people, but how to help people address their own weaknesses and work past them.

He is always upbeat and positive, and his entire office staff, which is the face of the University for both our undergraduate and graduate students, takes on his spirit, creating a truly positive working environment for staff and a great environment for students. One nominator wrote, “When I think about what makes [Chris] truly special as a professional in the student service area, it is his dedication to the University and to the mission of educating students, his genuine love of working with students, [and] his knowledge of every aspect of student life and services”.

Finally, in addition to volunteering his time serving on several committees within the School of Engineering, the University’s most recent honoree also assists with campus activities outside of his department including Parents Council and Parents Weekend events, RA training sessions, and high school visits for admissions; he takes on countless University tasks and is always willing to give of his time to help parents, students, faculty and staff.