

2022 Hanner Teaching Excellence Award

Dr. Kathleen O'Rourke, Professor in the Department of Human Services, was the recipient of the 2022 CHHS Hanner Teaching Excellence Award. Dr. O'Rourke has been a faculty member at EIU since 2001. Her subject matter expertise is in the areas of intergenerational programming between older adults with dementia and preschool-aged children. Her nominators praised Dr. O'Rourke's teaching practices and dedication to students, stating:



“Each class has been beautifully structured, engaging, and manageable, all due to Dr. O’Rourke’s knowledge and never-ending support...She encourages her students to strive for excellence and rise up to meet any challenges presented... her passion and commitment to her students is extraordinary...I am a better version of myself because of her and I truly do not know if there are enough words to express my gratitude”

We sincerely thank Dr. O'Rourke for setting a great example of instructional excellence.

We are grateful to Dr. Mary Anne and Dale Hanner for their continuing support of the mission of CHHS, and the members of the CHHS Research and Scholarship Committee for their excellent selection.