

Dear colleagues,

I am pleased to announce **Dr. Lauri DeRuiter-Willems**, Professor in the Department of Public Health and Nutrition, as the recipient of the 2022 CHHS Wolf Outstanding Service Award. Dr. DeRuiter-Willems is an Assistant Professor and Honors Program Coordinator. Her nominators praised Dr. DeRuiter-Willems' dedication to service to her students, department, college, university, profession, and community, stating:



*“Lauri truly exemplifies the spirit of service Deb and Dale Wolf embodied during their time at EIU...her service spans all levels of the university, and extends into the community at large as well as state and region...she has shown great dedication to service not only over the past year, but throughout her entire career at EIU.”*

While an in-person celebration and recognition of this outstanding achievement in the College will take place at the beginning of the Fall 2022 semester, please join me in congratulating Dr. Lauri DeRuiter-Willems as the recipient of the 2022 CHHS Wolf Outstanding Service Award, and thanking her for setting such a high standard of service excellence during her remarkable career.

We are grateful to Deb and Dale Wolf for their continuing support of the mission of CHHS, and the members of the CHHS Research and Scholarship Committee for their excellent selection.

Once again, congratulations on receiving this recognition from your peers.

Sincerely,

Ryan C. Hendrickson  
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Acting Dean - College of Health and Human Services  
Eastern Illinois University

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#### **About the Wolf Outstanding Service Award**

*The Wolf Outstanding Service Award was established during the 2021-2022 academic year to honor and celebrate an annual recipient committed to applied learning through service to the department, college, community, and/or profession. The award will be annually presented to a CHHS faculty member who has enthusiastically contributed superior service while consistently promoting personal, community, and global health. The award is made possible through the generous support of **Dale and Deb Wolf**, who dedicated the majority of their professional careers to the success of Eastern Illinois University: Dale as Director of Admissions for over 20 years and Deb as a tenured faculty member in the Department of Physical Education (now KSR). They share a continuing passion for service to university, community, and profession.*