

## Macalester ITS Associate Director Wins National Award

**St. Paul, Minn. - Barron Koralesky**, the associate director for information technology services at Macalester College, has won the EDUCAUSE Rising Star Award. The EDUCAUSE Rising Star award recognizes an information technology professional who, while early in his or her career, demonstrates exceptional achievement in the area of information technology in higher education. Koralesky shares this year's award with Jennifer Sparrow, senior director of networked knowledge ventures and emerging technologies at Virginia Tech.

[EDUCAUSE \(http://www.educause.edu/careers/awards-program\)](http://www.educause.edu/careers/awards-program) is the association for information technology in higher education.

"I am both humbled and honored by this award, and I want to thank to the entire EDUCAUSE community," said Koralesky.

"I would particularly like to thank Macalester. I am incredibly fortunate to be at this institution, with excellent leadership, a terrific IT staff and amazing colleagues across the campus, with whom I share this award."

### **2013 EDUCAUSE RISING STAR AWARD:** Barron

Koralesky has been dedicated to collaboration as a foundation of his service at Macalester and beyond. His partnership with the library is strong, encompassing everything from providing information fluency courses for every first year student to data management plans for faculty scholarship. Another strong campus collaboration Koralesky has nurtured is with the Jan Serie Center for Scholarship and Teaching, which elevates technology to a core part of faculty professional development at the college.

Koralesky helped create two biannual professional development conferences for Macalester to increase the technical fluency of faculty and staff. He also brought the first learning management system to Macalester and was one of the leaders in bringing Google Apps to campus for all students, faculty, and staff. Due to their success, Koralesky helped many other institutions do the same for their campuses.

To best serve Macalester and to provide professional development for his staff and colleagues across the nation, Koralesky participates in many networks and believes the only way to move forward in higher education, particularly with respect to information technology, is together. Early in this field, Koralesky became an active organizer for regional networks, like the Midwest Instructional Technology Center (now NITLE), where he helped build a community among 27 colleges and planned three innovative, peer-based professional development conferences for technologists at small liberal arts colleges. This successful project led him to co-found Information Services Instruction Support (ISIS), currently consisting of about 270 people from 66 colleges, dedicated to collaborative professional development, networking, and peer mentoring for academic technologists and reference librarians at small liberal arts colleges. Koralesky also founded the



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Collaborative Liberal Arts Moodle Project (CLAMP), a group of 42 colleges that work together to provide better support for Moodle on their campuses and that makes significant contributions to the core open-source Moodle project. Koralesky's national projects are complemented by work within the state. He and a colleague gathered all the small college helpdesk staff and the instructional technology staff into two groups that share successes and challenges and regularly meet to learn from each other.

Koralesky has been active in EDUCAUSE, having presented five times at the EDUCAUSE Annual Conference and once as a featured speaker at the ELI Annual Meeting. His writing has been published in *EDUCAUSE Review*, and he has served on a number of program and advisory committees.

Koralesky's accomplishments support and parallel achievements at Macalester, such as helping to transform the IT department into a trusted partner on campus. Client satisfaction is well over 90 percent—a feat that is rare, given how challenging it is to support the diverse needs of a college in the demanding areas of technology. He continually works to evolve his department from just reactive support into one that can be a more proactive and consultative partner to the community.

The EDUCAUSE Awards Program, under the guidance of the EDUCAUSE Recognition Committee, strives to recognize exceptional leadership in both individual and community accomplishments. The 2013 award recipients will be honored at the association's annual conference (<http://www.educause.edu/e13>), October 15–18, in Anaheim, Calif.

EDUCAUSE is a nonprofit association and the foremost community of IT leaders and professionals committed to advancing higher education. EDUCAUSE programs and services are focused on analysis, advocacy, community building, professional development, and knowledge creation because IT plays a transformative role in higher education. EDUCAUSE supports those who lead, manage, and use information technology through a comprehensive range of resources and activities. The EDUCAUSE Awards program is sponsored by *Moran Technology Consulting, Silver Partner*. For more information, visit [www.educause.edu](http://www.educause.edu) (<http://www.educause.edu/>).

Macalester College, founded in 1874, is a national liberal arts college with a full-time enrollment of 2,011 students. Macalester is nationally recognized for its long-standing commitment to academic excellence, internationalism, multiculturalism, and civic engagement. Learn more at [macalester.edu](http://www.macalester.edu) (<http://www.macalester.edu/>).

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