The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Service to Students encourages, supports and recognizes superior teaching and service to students at the university. The center serves as an important vehicle in helping the university achieve its educational mission, consistent with its three core values: high-quality academic programs, a student-oriented environment and a sense of community. The annual Excellence in Service to Students Award and Excellence in Teaching Award reflect the highest recognition of excellence at Quinnipiac University.

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