Awards & Honors

Distinguished Teaching Award

Valerie Curtis-Newton, 2011

"I think students should work hard," she said, "put in all the preparation they need to tackle an endeavor, be bold enough to have ideas and believe that their ideas should be given a voice, be courageous enough to speak them or to put them into action and mature enough to accept the consequences of whatever those choices were." -- Valerie Curtis-Newton

Alex Danilchik, 2009

"Being able to work with students, collaborate with them is satisfying. They bring their side of it and you bring your side. You put that together and see the result." -- Alex Danilchik

Shanga Parker (now teaching at NYU), 2006

"Shanga Parker is not only a superior teacher from an academic perspective, but he brings with him the grit and truth of the acting profession as he has experienced it." -- PATP student Jeremiah Davis

Jennifer Lavy, 2005

"In addition to the breadth and depth of knowledge and the interest she brings, is her ability to draw great new things out of her students." -- student Markus McVay

Barry Witham (now retired), 2002

"What's my satisfaction? Just that I get to see a whole lot of my students succeed." -- Barry Witham

Robyn Hunt, 2001

"Hunt is always creating new ways for students to learn, whether it's through dialogue after a dance concert, new techniques or performance ideas. When Hunt and her students begin their work, it's always a fresh creation." -- Julie Garner

Distinguished Staff Award

Alan Weldin, 2004

"His lessons and his legacy are carried on through the many that pass through our doors, spend a short time with us, and move on." -- staff of the Drama Scene Shop

Brotman Award for Instructional Excellence

School of Drama BA Program, 2003

"Whatever idea you have in your head, you can propose it. It's a really great way for people to experiment." -- Drama student Andy Kidd

Student Scholarships

The School of Drama awards numerous scholarships to our students. See Scholarship Recipients for a list of past recipients.