



**UCI BioSci**

**A message from Frank LaFerla, PhD**  
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Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to announce the winner of the 2020 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching is **Nancy M. Aguilar-Roca, Associate Professor of Teaching** in the Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology. The award has been presented annually since 2004 to BioSci faculty who inspire students and create innovative curricula in the life sciences.



Nancy has been with UCI 20 years. She teaches very large lecture courses using the newest digital media tools to engage and inspire her students. Every fall, in her popular Bio E115, "Physiology of Extreme Environments," she leads 60 students in virtually scaling the highest mountains, exploring the deepest parts of oceans, and visiting the hottest and coldest places on earth.

In 2018, Nancy was named a UCI Provost Fellow for Teaching. Last year, she received the UCI Excellence in Digital Learning Award, which recognizes a faculty member who demonstrates innovative and effective use of instructional technology.

Nancy is a member of the American Physiological Society and is a Ford Foundation Senior Fellow. She is also a member of the BioSci Undergraduate Cabinet and The UC Irvine OCEANS Initiative.

Please join me in congratulating Professor Nancy Aguilar-Roca on this wonderful accomplishment.

Sincerely,



**Frank LaFerla, PhD**

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