

# UMBrella

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## 2023 UMBrella Award Winners

### UMBrella Person of the Year — On the Rise

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**Jennifer Chapman, JD, MLIS, Research and Faculty Services Librarian, Francis King Carey School of Law**

Chapman has thrived and excelled in her role because she eagerly takes advantage of all opportunities that facilitate her professional growth and development, which in turn she pours back into supporting other members of our community. Her professional growth since starting at the law library as a research fellow has blossomed. Faculty praise her for the exceptional work she provides to support their scholarship and teaching. Not only does Chapman provide reference support to the law school community and members of the public, she also actively elevates the profile of UMB through her work as an active member of several library associations, authoring articles and presenting papers. Even through times of personal loss, Chapman has remained steadfastly conscientious and committed to excellence in her work.

### UMBrella Person of the Year — Leading the Way

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**Saifa Poole, Assistant to the Senior Vice President, Office of External Relations, UMB**

Poole consistently supports the advancement of women at UMB, and her work aligns with the principles of the mission of UMBrella. Utilizing the teachings of UMBrella to advocate for herself and her woman colleagues, Poole was instrumental in establishing UMBPACE (UMB Professional Administratives Committed to Excellence), a group that champions and supports UMB's administrative professionals. In connection with her leadership in UMBPACE, Poole also helped create and implement a mentoring program to support new and current administrative professionals at the University. By taking advantage of professional development opportunities like the Workplace Mediation Service and this year's UMB Emerging Leaders cohort, she shows her dedication to helping and supporting others at UMB. Her efforts provide many UMB staff with resources, encouragement, and professional development opportunities that may otherwise not exist.

## UMBrella Champion of the Year

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### **Deborah Prout, MAS, Special Assistant to the Dean, School of Nursing**

Prout champions women at all levels in her role as the special assistant to the dean in the School of Nursing. She is lauded for her unwavering devotion to her work, which has wide influence on many people at the School of Nursing. By supporting and showcasing the work of faculty, staff, and students, many of whom are women, Prout upholds the spirit of the mission of UMBrella. When tasked with preparing nominations for people at the School of Nursing being considered for awards and honors, she goes above and beyond to coach them through the process. Her work often helps highlight the accomplishments of others, encouraging their professional development and supporting their professional journey.