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Dear Colleagues,

Please join me in congratulating Professor Dianne Luning-Pak, ... our 2017 recipient of the “Class of 1951 Civilian Faculty Excellence in Research Award.”

As a member of the Department of Chemistry, Professor Dianne Luning-Pak’s research efforts have helped to design pollutant remediation strategies for soils contaminated with fuel components or munitions constituents, to assess the environmental impact of unexploded ordnance on coastal ranges and dumping sites, and to model the physical properties of alternative fuels and their combustion in diesel engines. She has obtained over a million dollars in external grant funding over the last five years from the Office of Naval Research, the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, and Naval Air Systems Command, and she has been the recipient of a Kinnear Fellowship as well as several NARC Recognition grants. She is a collaborator with researchers from various DOD labs, Biotechnology Research Institute of the National Research Council of Canada, University of North Carolina, University of Hawaii, Purdue University, and with many other researchers as part of multi-university Bioenergy Research Center proposal to the Department of Energy. Her research helps to develop the critical thinking skills of midshipmen. Nineteen midshipmen have conducted experiments with Professor Luning-Pak, and they have presented their work at national conferences, and thirteen of them have been co-authors on peer-reviewed journal articles.

Please join me in congratulating Professor Dianne Luning-Pak for her accomplishments and for all that she does in support of the Naval Academy and the education of the midshipmen!

Best regards,

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