



Limestone University

Dr. Virginia Rackley Scates

The 2022 SCICU Excellence In Teaching award recipient for Limestone University is **Dr. Virginia Rackley Scates**. Serving Limestone as assistant professor of elementary education, Dr. Scates holds an Ed.D. in curriculum and instruction from Gardner-Webb University, an M.Ed. in early childhood education from Converse University, and a B.S. in elementary education, early childhood education, and special education from Lander University.

A member of Limestone University's faculty since 2018, Dr. Scates' leadership positions include chair of the Education and Kinesiology department, coordinator of the elementary education program, and director of the Teacher Leadership M.Ed. Program. She is involved on campus as part of the Global Experiences, Teacher Education Program, and Graduate Studies Committees.

A 20-year National Board-certified teacher, Dr. Scates continues to be active in Cherokee County schools, the S.C. State Department of Education, and on the national level as she collaborates with National Board-certified teachers, practicing teachers, and various education stakeholders.

Limestone recognized Dr. Scates' contributions with the 2021 Fullerton Foundation Excellence in Teaching Award. Prior to joining the Limestone faculty, Dr. Scates' recognitions include Cherokee County District Teacher of the Year, Reading Association Teacher of the Year, and she is a five-time recipient of the Donor's Choose grant.

"Dr. Scates is the type of faculty member who is willing to go to the ends of the earth to help and guide our students," said Limestone University President Dr. Darrell Parker. "She is the perfect role model for future educators. She exemplifies qualities that every educator should strive to have. We are truly fortunate to have her as a part of the Limestone family."