UCF Environmental Engineer Honored with National Award

Debra Reinhart, a University of Central Florida Pegasus Professor and Associate Vice President for Research and Scholarship, was named the 2018 Gordon Maskew Fair Award recipient this week.

The national award (http://www.aaees.org/aaeesawards/fair.php) honors the very best professionals in the area of environmental engineering and environmental science. Criteria include academic achievements and significant contributions to the control of the quality of the world’s environment.

Reinhart, who holds multiple degrees in environmental engineering, is the first UCF recipient and the first woman to be honored since the awards began in 1971.

Reinhart joined UCF in 1986 and has been recognized for her excellent work by a variety of organizations including AEESP (Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors), AAEES (American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists) and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Among Reinhart’s many successes was contributing to an invention that earned NASA’s Invention of the Year Award in 2006. The team came up with a way to clean up water and soil contaminated by harsh chlorinated solvents.