The Mu Iota Chapter of the Tri-Beta Biological Sciences Honorary presented NKU Professor Jon Hastings with its 2013-14 Outstanding Professor of the Year award during the spring initiation ceremonies. The award honors a faculty member who has been an exceptional biology professor. The nomination letter included the following passage:

“He is known for his caring nature and genuine passion to see students succeed. He is one who is always available for help and encourages his students to come see him at any time. He gives great feedback on all assignments we turn in and seeks to help us. The way he greets his students by their names is just another way he expresses his interest in the well-being of his students.”

The other nominees for this year’s award were: Dr. Bethany Bowling, Dr. Miriam Kannan, Dr. Erin Strome, and Dr. Lindsey Walters. Each received a red rose in recognition of their excellent teaching and dedication to NKU biology students.

Dr. Jon Hastings is shown helping students in Biology 426, Mammalian Anatomy and Physiology II course understand kidney structure and function.

New officers were also sworn in during the spring initiation ceremonies. They are (left to right) Amy Brown (Event Coordinator), Michelle Kelley (Treasurer), Alexus Rice (President), Sean Shumate (Vice President), Lindsey Snider (Historian), Sarah Howard (Secretary).

Not pictured: Web Master Rachael Barnett