THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

April 18, 2022
5:00 P.M.

Lakeside Village Auditorium
SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

BOUCHET GRADUATE HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES 2022
Named for Edward Alexander Bouchet, the first African American doctoral recipient in the United States, the Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society recognizes outstanding scholarly achievement and promotes diversity and excellence in doctoral education and the professoriate.

Oshea D. Johnson, Ph.D. in Sociology & Criminology
Ruth St. Fleur, Ph.D. in Prevention Science & Community Health
Olga Tserej Vazquez, Ph.D. in Biology
Ayanna Faith Young, Ph.D. in Teaching & Learning

TEACHING ACADEMY FELLOWS 2021-2022
The Graduate School's Teaching Academy prepares participants for academic careers through training in best practices and tools that promote teaching excellence.

Madelen Diaz, Postdoctoral Fellow in Neurological Surgery
    Mentored by Jae Lee
Livia Helena De Moraes, Ph.D. Student in Music Education
    Mentored by Don Coffman
Nancy Lewis, Ph.D. Student in Civil Engineering
    Mentored by Derin Ural
Jessica Medina, Ph.D. Student in Human Genetics & Genomics
    Mentored by Susan Blanton
Marisol Meyer, Ph.D. Student in Counseling Psychology
    Mentored by Guerda Nicolas
Saliha Nelson, Ed.D. Student in Applied Learning Sciences
    Mentored by Nam Ju Kim
Elena Shersher, Postdoctoral Fellow in Surgery
    Mentored by Alexander Zaika
Silvia Torices del Val, Postdoctoral Fellow in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
    Mentored by Arun Malhotra
OUTSTANDING GRADUATE RESEARCH OR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

This award recognizes a graduate student distinguished in scholarly or research pursuits in a graduate program at the University. The award winner would have made a distinctive and discernible contribution to the field of study to which the student belongs.

Yaa Abu, Ph.D. in Microbiology and Immunology/M.D.
Ayham Alkhachroum, M.S. in Clinical and Translational Investigation
Pardis Ghamasaee, M.P.H.
Evelyn Iriarte, Ph.D. in Nursing Science
Nafiseh Kiani, Ph.D. in Civil Engineering
Emel Kirbas Cilingir, Ph.D. in Chemistry
Samantha Mitsven, Ph.D. in Psychology
Skye Montoya, Ph.D. in Cancer Biology
Blanca Noriega Esquives, Ph.D. in Prevention Science & Community Health
Giulia Ripani, Ph.D. in Music Education
Jacob Rowe, Ph.D. in Molecular & Cellular Pharmacology
Sameena Sheikh-Wu, Ph.D. in Nursing Science
Robert Suter, Ph.D. in Molecular Cell & Developmental Biology
Ileana Tolibia, M.F.A. in Studio Art
Ying Wang, Ph.D. in Civil Engineering
Zufen Wang, Ph.D. in Civil Engineering
Tuana Yazici, M.A. in International Administration
This award recognizes a graduate student for enhancing education at the University. The award winner would have demonstrated superior effectiveness or innovation in teaching while serving as an instructor or teaching assistant in a classroom, laboratory, studio or another setting, as well as demonstrated interest in professional development as a teacher.

Scott AuCoin, D.M.A. in Choral Conducting
Hannah Broos, Ph.D. in Psychology
Richard Carrillo, D.M.A. in Choral Conducting
Liz Casline, Ph.D. in Psychology
Mars Fernandez-Burgos, Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology
Victoria Nieto Betancourt, D.M.A. in Choral Conducting
Sergio Papa Ruark, M.A. in Anthropology
Debasish Sarker, Ph.D. in Physics
GRADUATE STUDENT EXEMPLAR AWARD

This award recognizes a graduating student who excelled academically and has either overcome tremendous odds to be successful or has consistently made contributions that benefit others. This student’s service, leadership or other distinctive efforts may have been to the campus, local, national or international community.

Carlos Angarita Betancourt, M.S.C.E.
Danielle Bass, M.P.H.
Kim Bauldree, M.F.A. in Studio Art
Charles Davis, M.B.A.
Joba Odediran, M.A. in International Administration/M.P.H.
Ruth St. Fleur, Ph.D. in Prevention Science & Community Health

GRADUATE STUDENT DIVERSITY ADVOCATE AWARD

This award recognizes a graduate student who has demonstrated a strong commitment and made outstanding contributions to the advancement of diversity, equity, and inclusion at the University of Miami.

Jamie Bunce, D.M.A. in Choral Conducting
Ryan Johnson, D.P.T.
Eric Randolph, Ph.D. in Marine Biology & Ecology
Olga Tserej Vazquez, Ph.D. in Biology
Elliott Weinstein, Ph.D. in Psychology
OUTSTANDING GRADUATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

This award recognizes a Graduate Program Director (GPD) who has made a significant impact on graduate education, and/or in support of graduate students in their program during the academic year. The outstanding GPD may have made innovations and/or contributions to enhance curriculum, programming, recruitment, retention, or placement.

Michael Bernath, History
Annette La Greca, Psychology
Ashmeet Oberoi, Educational & Psychological Studies
FACULTY MENTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award recognizes a faculty member who has shown tremendous commitment to mentoring, advising, and supporting graduate student advisees during the academic year. A faculty member who has made distinctive efforts in mentoring and advising graduate students to 1) become professionals in their field, 2) shape the graduate work of a graduate student, or 3) provide exceptional personal support and development to a graduate student.

Rosina Cianelli, Nursing & Health Studies
Sannisha Dale, Psychology
Matt Deroo, Teaching & Learning
Fabrizio Ferri, Accounting
Lynne Fieber, Marine Biology & Ecology
Roger Leblanc, Chemistry
Liz Losin, Psychology
Daniel McGibney, Management Science
Irena Pastar, Dermatology & Cutaneous Surgery
Ji Shen, Teaching & Learning
Justin Taylor, Medicine
Michal Toborek, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
Nikki Traylor-Knowles, Marine Biology & Ecology
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