



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 Esquivas, 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

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD

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

PROGRAM

5:00 p.m.	Reception Begins
6:00 p.m.	Special Recognitions Bouchet Graduate Honor Society Inductees Teaching Academy Fellows and Mentors
6:15 p.m.	Presentation of Awards Outstanding Graduate Research or Scholarship Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Graduate Student Exemplar Graduate Student Diversity Advocate Outstanding Graduate Program Director Faculty Mentor of the Year
6:45 p.m.	Presentation of Certificates
7:00 p.m.	Reception Concludes