ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

April 14, 2023
5:00 P.M.

Lakeside Village Expo Center
SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

BOUCHET GRADUATE HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES 2023

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.

Lamis Amer, Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering
Caroline Velez, Ph.D. in Chemistry
Roberto Roman Laporte, Ph.D. in Nursing Science
Christian McDonald, Ph.D. in Microbiology and Immunology
BreAnne Young, Ph.D. in Prevention Science and Community Health

TEACHING ACADEMY FELLOWS 2022-2023

The Graduate School’s Teaching Academy prepares participants for academic careers through training in best practices and tools that promote teaching excellence.

Lamis Amer, Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering
   Mentored by Vincent Omachonu
Mahbub Buyan, Ph.D. in Sociology and Criminology
   Mentored by Amie Nielsen
Francisco Cardozo, Ph.D. in Prevention Science and Community Health
   Mentored by Eric Brown
Kevin Peter Cunningham, Postdoctoral Associate in Physiology and Biophysics
   Mentored by Peter Larsson
Samir Elmir, Postdoctoral Associate in Civil and Environmental Engineering
   Mentored by Helena Solo-Gabriele
Kesha Grayson, Ed.D. in Higher Education Leadership
   Mentored by Willis Jones
Zahid Hussain, Ph.D. in Civil Engineering
   Mentored by James Giancaspro
Rafael Leite, Ph.D. in Psychology
   Mentored by Elizabeth Simpson
Tiffany Leung, Ph.D. in Psychology
   Mentored by Elizabeth Simpson
Kenji Lota, Ph.D. in Philosophy
   Mentored by Simon Evnine
Nina Jean-Louis, Ph.D. in Civil Engineering
   Mentored by Derin Ural
Austin Perry, Ph.D. in Civil Engineering
   Mentored by Esber Andiroglu
Savannah Saavedra, Ph.D. in Literary, Cultural, and Linguistic Studies
   Mentored by Andrew Lynch
Lei Sun, Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology
   Mentored by Debbiesiu Lee
Katherine Villa, Ph.D. in Philosophy
   Mentored by Maria Aleksandra Hernandez
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.

Anna Bianchi, Ph.D. in Cancer Biology
Sana Chaudhry, Ph.D. in Cancer Biology
Wendy Chen Gunther, Ph.D. in Music Education
Kevin Day, D.M.A. in Composition
Zach Goodman, Ph.D. in Psychology
Oswaldo Guio, Ph.D. in Chemistry
Nima Khodadadi, Ph.D. in Civil Engineering
Alyssa Kullberg, Ph.D. in Biology
Chang Li, M.P.S. Urban Sustainability and Resilience
Skye Montoya, Ph.D. in Cancer Biology
Conor Moran, M.D./Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Olivia Osborne, Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Molly Ream, Ph.D. in Psychology
Giulia Ripani, Ph.D. in Music Education
Feiran Xu, Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering
Yihang Xu, Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering
Abdurrahman Yavuz, Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering
Chenguang Zhao, Ph.D. in Computer Science
OUSTANDING 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 other settings, as well as demonstrated interest in professional development as a teacher.

Amanda Belanger, Ph.D. in Psychology
Francisco Cardozo, Ph.D. in Prevention Science and Community Health
Casey Dickey, D.M.A. in Jazz Composition
Sam Johnson, Ph.D. in Literary, Cultural, and Linguistic Studies
Sergio Lemus Orellana, Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering
David Vess, D.M.A. in Composition
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.

Daniela Galofre, M.S. in Health Management and Policy
Hunter Howell, Ph.D. in Biology
Jillian Murphy, M.A. in Public Relations
Daniel Samano Martin del Campo, M.S. in Climate and Health
Ryne Siesky, D.M.A. in Music Composition
Yasukiyo Sugimoto, Ph.D. in Sociology
Jordan Wright, Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering

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.

Salman Ahmad, Ph.D. in Psychology
Livia de Moraes, Ph.D. in Music Education
Stephanie Frosch, Ph.D. in Community Well-Being
Nima Khodadadi, Ph.D. in Civil Engineering
Yasamin Rezaei, Ph.D. in Literary, Cultural, and Linguistic Studies
Temitope Runsewe, Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering
Ryne Siesky, D.M.A. in Music Composition
Guerdiana Thelomar, Ph.D. in Community Well-Being
Olga Tserej Vazquez, Ph.D. in Biology
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.

**Beth Babcock**, Marine Biology and Ecology

**Zhibin Chen**, Microbiology and Immunology

**Nam Ju Kim**, Applied Learning Sciences

**Doug Lehmann**, Business Analytics

**Greta Mitzova-Vladinov**, Nursing Practice

**Stephen Zdzinski**, Music Education
This award recognizes a graduate 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.

Carlos Abril, Music Education and Music Therapy
Tyler Bartholomew, Public Health Sciences
Marcia Beck, Political Science
Melvin Butler, Musicology
Don Coffman, Music Education and Music Therapy
Sannisha Dale, Psychology
Matt Deroo, Teaching and Learning
Nikki Gonzaga Gomez, Nursing and Health Studies
Lenny Gravier, Accounting
Stephen Guerra, Studio Music and Jazz
Josh Hare, Medicine
Mariano Kanamori, Public Health Sciences
Yui Matsuda, Nursing and Health Studies
Hudson Santos, Nursing and Health Studies
Meryl Shriver-Rice, Anthropology
Bobby Starke, Neurological Surgery
Justin Taylor, Medicine
Michal Toborek, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Nikki Traylor-Knowles, Marine Biology and Ecology
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