THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

April 10, 2019
5:00 P.M.

The Tower Room
Newman Alumni Center
BOUCHET GRADUATE HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES 2019
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.

Catherine Bravo, Ph.D. in Biology
Vanesa Ringle, Ph.D. in Psychology
Alvaro Ruiz Empananza, Ph.D. in Civil Engineering
Shameka Thomas, Ph.D. in Sociology

TEACHING ACADEMY FELLOWS 2018-2019
The inaugural year of the Graduate School’s Teaching Academy included six fellows who participated in this six academy on learning and pedagogy.

Ignacio Barrenechea, Ph.D. in Community Well-being
Morgan Gianola, Ph.D. in Psychology
Alvaro Ruiz Empananza, Ph.D. in Civil Engineering
Maria Cartolano, Postdoctoral Fellow in Marine Biology and Ecology
Christina Cordero, Postdoctoral Fellow in Epidemiology
Huang Hsuan-Ting, Postdoctoral Fellow in Human Genetics
OUTSTANDING GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

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.

Belen Fadrique, Ph.D. in Biology
David James, Ph.D. in Biology
Rachel Lautenschlager, Ph.D. in Sociology
Eric Ling, Ph.D. in Mathematics
Brandon Martinez, Ph.D. in Sociology
Cagri Oztan, Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering
Mahamalage Perera, Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering
Sivakumar Ramanathan, Ph.D. in Civil Engineering
Marco Rossini, Ph.D. in Civil Engineering
Govindi Samaranayake, Ph.D. in Cancer Biology
Erotokritos Skordilis, Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering
Yiqun Zhou, Ph.D. in Chemistry
Yi Zhu, Ph.D. in Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology
This award recognizes a graduate student for enhancing undergraduate education at the University. The award winner would have demonstrated superior effectiveness or innovation in teaching undergraduates 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.

**Krysta Garcia**, M.A. in Communication Studies

**Ioannis Iliadis**, D.M.A. in Keyboard Performance

**David James**, Ph.D. in Biology

**Busra Keles**, Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering

**Stephanie Skenyon**, Ph.D. in History

**Babak Vafaei**, Ph.D. in Civil Engineering

**Hannah Weiss**, D.M.A in Flute Performance
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.

Nancy Acosta Benites, Master of Business Administration
Magno Formiga, Ph.D. in Physical Therapy
Reshav Mehtani, M.S. in Biomedical Sciences
Emily Rabinovich, M.S. in Clinical and Translational Investigation
Alvaro Ruiz Emparanza, Ph.D. in Civil Engineering
Daniel Samano Martin del Campo, Master of Public Health
Shameka Thomas, Ph.D. in Sociology
FACULTY MENTOR OF THE YEAR

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.

Michelle Afkhami, Biology
Steven Butterman, Modern Languages and Literature
Alberto Caban-Martinez, Epidemiology
Emrah Celik, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
Rosina Cianelli, Nursing and Health Studies
Lunthita Duthely, Obstetrics and Gynecology
Kenneth Feeley, Biology
Sallie Hughes, Journalism and Media Management
Amanda Jensen-Doss, Psychology
Uzma Khan, Marketing
Peter Minnett, Ocean Sciences
Raina Murnak, Contemporary Songwriting
Antonio Nanni, Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering
Meryl Shriver-Rice, Environment, Culture and Media
Lindsay Thomas, English
This award recognizes a Graduate Program Director (GPD) who has made a significant impact on graduate education, and/or in support of graduate students of the program during the academic year. The outstanding GPD may have made innovations and/or contributions to enhance curriculum, programming, recruitment, retention or placement.

Michael T. Bernath, History
Burjor Captain, Chemistry
Juan Manuel Gonzalez, Family Nurse Practitioner
Viviana Horigian, Public Health Sciences
David Lee, Public Health Sciences
Carol-Anne Phekoo, Higher Education Administration
Pedro Salas, Programs in Biomedical Sciences
Wesley Smith, Exercise Physiology
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