



THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

April 10, 2019
5:00 P.M.

The Tower Room
Newman Alumni Center

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

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 Emparanza, 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 Emparanza, 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

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

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

GRADUATE STUDENT EXEMPLAR

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

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 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

PROGRAM

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| 5:00 p.m. | Reception Begins |
| 6:00 p.m. | Special Recognitions Bouchet Graduate Honor Society Inductees Teaching Academy |
| 6:10 p.m. | Presentation of Awards Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Graduate Student Exemplar Faculty Mentor of the Year Outstanding Graduate Program Director |
| 6:40 p.m. | Presentation of Certificates |
| 7:00 p.m. | Reception Concludes |