

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

**ANNUAL
AWARDS
CEREMONY**

April 17, 2024
5:00 P.M.

School of Nursing and Health Studies
5030 Brunson Drive
Coral Gables, FL 33146

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

BOUCHET GRADUATE HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES 2023-2024

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.

Khulud Khalid Almutairi, Ph.D. in Nursing Science

Shruti Choudhary, Ph.D. in Chemical, Environmental, and Materials Engineering

Kapiamba Kashala Fabrice, Ph.D. in Chemical, Environmental and Materials Engineering

Padideh Lovan, Post Doctoral Associate at Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center and School of Nursing Science and Health Studies

Rachelle A. Reid, Ph.D. in Psychology

Guerdiana Thelomar, Ph.D. in Community Well-Being

Elliot R. Weinstein, Ph.D. in Psychology

BOUCHET FACULTY HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES 2023-2024

The Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society recognizes outstanding scholarly achievement in faculty. Membership in the society is conferred upon faculty who have exemplified excellence in research, teaching, and service, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to advancing knowledge and fostering inclusive academic environments. Through their dedication and leadership, they have not only elevated their fields of study but have also served as mentors and advocates for underrepresented students.

Ronald L. Jackson II, Professor in Communication Studies

Yolanda Martinez-San Miguel, Professor in Modern Languages and Literature

Nikki Traylor-Knowles, Associate Professor in Marine Biology and Ecology

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

TEACHING ACADEMY FELLOWS 2023-2024

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

Rose Aviles, Ed.D. in Applied Learning & Sciences

Mentored by Luke Hobson

Farah Ballout, Post-doctoral Associate in Surgery

Mentored by Scott Welford

Alessia Golluscio, Post-doctoral Associate in Biophysics

Mentored by Hans Larsson

Sophia Hon, Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology

Mentored by Lydia Buki

Tashmay Jones, Ph.D. in Chemistry

Mentored by James Wilson

Nima Khodadadi, Ph.D. in Civil Engineering

Mentored by Hany Jawaheri Zadeh

Nona Kiknadze, Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology

Mentored by Blaine Fowers

Timothy Martin, Ph.D. in History

Mentored by Hugh Thomas

Samantha Nebylitsa, Ph.D. in Atmospheric Sciences

Mentored by Lisa Goes

Subhashree Panda, Ph.D. in Civil Engineering

Mentored by Luis Ruiz Pestana

Tate Pollock, Ph.D. in Neuroscience

Mentored by Luis Tuesta and Jae Lee

Leana Rohman, Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering

Mentored by Jorge Bohorquez

Emily Yeager, Ph.D. in Marine Biology & Ecology

Mentored by Catherine MacDonald

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.

Hannah Broos, Ph.D. in Psychology

Jamie Burgess, Ph.D. in Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology

Giulia Cerini, Ph.D. in Physics

Jiuyan Chen, Ph.D. in Chemistry

Seungju Choi, Ph.D. in Business

Shruti Choudhary, Ph.D. in Chemical, Environmental, and Material Engineering

Gabriel Das Chagas Alves Pereira Souza, Ph.D. in Literary, Cultural, and Linguistic Studies

Weixing Hao, Ph.D. in Chemical, Environmental, and Materials Engineering

Fairuziana Humam, Ph.D. in Community Well-Being

Nima Khodadadi, Ph.D. in Civil Engineering

Alyssa Kullberg, Ph.D. in Biology

Jiye Lee, Ph.D. in Nursing Science

Boshuo Li, Ph.D. in Business

Skye Montoya, Ph.D. in Cancer Biology

Alessandro Peca, Ph.D. in Physics

Anuradha Ramdas, Master of Public Health

Rachelle Reid, Ph.D. in Psychology

Yasamin Rezai Ph.D. in Literacy, Cultural, and Linguistic Studies

Mohammad Tale Masoule, Ph.D. in Civil Engineering

Elliot Weinstein, Ph.D. in Psychology

Grace Woodard, Ph.D. in Psychology

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.

Abdullah Alsaheal, Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering

Collin Connors, Ph.D. in Computer Science

Brianna De la Osa, Ph.D. in Business

Amelia Dev Ph.D. in Psychology

Stephanie Frosch Ph.D. in Community Well-Being

Kayla Larkin, Ph.D. in Teaching and Learning

Tiffany Leung, Ph.D. in Psychology

Nerissa Rebagay Ph.D. in Music Education

Faith Siem, M.A. in Communication Studies

Valeria Vendries, Ph.D. in Teaching and Learning

Stephanie Whitney, Ph.D. in Psychology

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.

Boshuo Li, Ph.D. in Business

Fernando Moradel, Master of Public Health

Netanel Pollak, D.M.A. in Instrumental Performance

Andrew Richardson, M.M. in Music Education

Rebe Silvey, Master of Public Health

Ricky Smith, Master of Business Administration

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.

Devina Baker, Master of Business Administration

Edward Ercilla, Ph.D. in Music Education

Stephanie Frosch, Ph.D. in Community Well-Being

Austin Perry, Ph.D. in Civil Engineering

Dominique Phillips, Ph.D. in Psychology

Guerdiana Thelomar, Ph.D. in Community Well-Being

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.

Edmund Abaka, History

Soyeon Ahn, Research, Measurement, and Evaluation

Michael Dupagne, Media Management

Doug Lehmann, Business Analytics

Dan Medina, Accountancy

Greta Mitzova-Vladinov, Nursing Practice

Deborah Salani, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Steven Ullmann, Health Management and Policy

Noah Williams, Economics

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.

Soyeon Ahn, Educational and Psychological Studies

Valeria Alterman, Management

Nico Cappelluti, Physics

Sannisha Dale, Psychology

Karina Gattamorta, Nursing & Health Studies

Mandy Jensen-Doss, Psychology

Patricia Larrieu-Jimenez, Nursing and Health Studies

Maria Stampino, Modern Languages and Literature

Kiara Timpano, Psychology

Michal Toborek, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Denise Vidot, Nursing & Health Studies

Noah Williams, Economics

PROGRAM

- 5:00 p.m. Award Ceremony Begins
- 5:15 p.m. Special Recognitions
Bouchet Graduate Honor Society Inductees
Teaching Academy Fellows and Mentors
- 5:30 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
- 6:30 p.m. Reception Begins
- 7:00 p.m. Reception Concludes