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PROGRAM

PRESIDING Gary Liguori, *Provost and Senior Vice President*

PRELUDE UWF Jazz Combo, Joseph T. Spaniola, *Director*

NATIONAL ANTHEM Charina Narciso, *2011 UWF Alum, Music-Music Performance, B.M.*

AWARDS

Outstanding Graduate Assistant in a Non-Academic Department Award

Division of Academic Affairs

Gary Liguori, *Provost and Senior Vice President*

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award

Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Outstanding Graduate Assistant/Teaching Assistant Award

College of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities

Amy Mitchell-Cook, *Interim Dean*

College of Business

Richard Fountain, *Dean*

College of Education and Professional Studies

William Crawley, *Dean*

Hal Marcus College of Science and Engineering

Jaromy Kuhl, *Dean*

Usha Kundu, MD College of Health

David Bellar, *Dean*

Kugelman Honors

Vannee Cao-Nguyen, *Associate Vice President, Division of Academic Engagement and Student Affairs*



Richard and Sandra Berg Scholar Athlete Award

Vanee Cao-Nguyen, *Associate Vice President, Division of Academic Engagement and Student Affairs*

Hal Crosby Leadership Award

Vanee Cao-Nguyen, *Associate Vice President, Division of Academic Engagement and Student Affairs*

President's Award for Inclusion and Belonging

Vanee Cao-Nguyen, *Associate Vice President, Division of Academic Engagement and Student Affairs*

Distinction in Faculty Scholarly, Creative, and Research Activities Award

Matthew Schwartz, *Associate Vice President, Research Administration*

Million Dollar Research Hall of Fame

Matthew Schwartz, *Associate Vice President, Research Administration*

Student Government Association Distinguished Teaching Award

Ly Fess, *Vice Chair, Student Government Association University Affairs Committee*

Faculty Excellence in Undergraduate Research Mentoring Award

Gary Liguori, *Provost and Senior Vice President*

Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award

Gary Liguori, *Provost and Senior Vice President*

President's Award for Exemplary Online Teaching

Gary Liguori, *Provost and Senior Vice President*

Faculty Excellence in Teaching or Advising Award

Gary Liguori, *Provost and Senior Vice President*

Distinguished Faculty Service Award

Gary Liguori, *Provost and Senior Vice President*

STUDENT AWARDS

OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS

Division of Academic Affairs

Outstanding Graduate Assistant in a Non-Academic Department

Kierra Potts, Strategic Communication and Leadership, M.A.

College of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards

Corey A. Baughn, Philosophy, B.A.

Hannah Bocz, English, B.A.

Madison G. Brabham, Interdisciplinary Humanities - Arts Administration, B.A.

Lane Brooks, History, B.A.

Maggie R. Brown, International Studies, B.A.

Liam M. Chau, Interdisciplinary Humanities - Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, B.A.

Ethan K. Middleton, Music and an Outside Field, B.A.

Hannah C. Mills, Music Education, B.M.E.

Chullain T. Norris, Fine Arts, B.F.A.

Daniel A. Perkins, Music-Music Performance, B.M.

Danielle N. Ramcald, Maritime Studies, B.A.

Elizabeth A. Royappa, Communication, B.A.

Brandon R. Sessions, Political Science, B.A.

Jennifer L. Smith, Theatre, B.F.A.

Elizabeth A. White, Anthropology, B.A.

Steven C. Wiktorski, Political Science - Pre-Law, B.A.

Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Joe Vinson, History, M.A.

Outstanding Graduate Assistant/Teaching Assistant Award

Meagan Pennington, Anthropology, M.A.

College of Business

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards

Rachel Bethea, Global Hospitality and Tourism Management - Julian and Kim MacQueen Guest Experience Management, B.S.

Charles Booth, Management Information Systems, B.S.B.A.

Matthew Chaddock, Management, B.S.B.A.

Rafael de Souza Filho, Marketing - Comprehensive Marketing, B.S.B.A.



Grace A. Giddens, Human Resource Management, B.S.B.A.

Josie Laing, Economics, B.A.

Collin M. Lentz, Accounting, B.S.B.A.

Steven Nguyen, Finance, B.S.B.A.

Sean Smith, Supply Chain Logistics Management, B.S.B.A.

Sage A. Spiess, General Business, B.S.B.A.

Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship Key

Oliver Watson, Economics, B.A.

Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Sadaf Salehi Qeshmi, Business Administration/Entrepreneurship, M.B.A.

Outstanding Graduate Assistant/Teaching Assistant Award

Asheena Pinder, Accountancy/Analytics, M.Acc. and Business Administration/
Business Analytics, M.B.A.

College of Education and Professional Studies

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards

Amirah Abdur-Rahman, Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, B.A.

Jonah Bidwell, Elementary Education, B.A.

Jean-Baptiste F. Cadeau, Construction Management, B.S.

Emily A. Childress, Community Education, B.A.

Demaris C. Darnell, Sport Management, B.S.

Jacob A. Kimmel, Instructional Design and Technology, B.S.

Lauren E. Linda, Exceptional Student and Elementary Education, B.A.

Jeanette M. Nolan, Social Work, B.S.W.

Brayden L. Tompkins, Legal Studies, B.A.

Jordyn M. Wilder, Criminal Justice, B.A.

Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Robin Brandenburg, Instructional Design and Technology, Ed.D.

Outstanding Graduate Assistant/Teaching Assistant Award

Jeannine Abadie, Instructional Design and Technology, Ed.D.

Lynne MacBain, Instructional and Performance Technology, Ed.D.

Hal Marcus College of Science and Engineering

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards

Kody Anderson, Software Design and Development, B.S.

Katelyn L. Balent, Electrical Engineering, B.S.E.E.

STUDENT AWARDS CONTINUED

Deserae Caldwell, Information Technology, B.S.

Natalia C. DeJesus, Mechanical Engineering, B.S.M.E.

Nathan A. Farmer, Computer Science, B.S.

Alexia C. Figueroa, Biology, B.S.

Kolby C. Harp, Environmental Science, B.S.

Nathan Harris, Computer Engineering, B.S.C.E.

Kelsi Marts, Mathematics, B.S.

Declan McGurk, Physics - Engineering Physics, B.S.

Jacob A. Miller, Cybersecurity, B.S.

Alexis B. Mitchem, Marine Biology, B.S.

Cassilyn G. Owens, Biomedical Sciences, B.S.

Joseph C. Peterson, Chemistry, B.S.

Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Tanya Linzy, Environmental Science, M.S.

Outstanding Graduate Assistant/Teaching Assistant Award

Natalie Simmons, Biology, M.S.

Usha Kundu, MD College of Health

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards

GraceyLynn Broscious, Nursing, B.S.N.

Olivia Cutshaw, Psychology, B.S.

Emily Delgado, Exercise Science, B.S.

Sammy Doughty, Health and Physical Education - Physical Education, B.S.

Carli Gomez, Health Sciences - Healthcare Administration, B.S.

Hanna Langley, Public Health, B.S.

Rachel Lathan, Health Promotion, B.S.

Lily-Anne Pham, Clinical Laboratory Sciences, B.S.

Lauren Plasencia, Clinical Laboratory Sciences - MLT to MLS, B.S.

Brooke Reed, Health and Physical Education - Physical Education/Teacher Education, B.S.

DJ Thompson, Health and Physical Education - Fitness and Sport Coaching, B.S.

Jessica Vaughn-Clark, Psychology, B.A.

Gudu Vishnu, Health Sciences, B.S.

Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Tim Talcott, Exercise Science, M.S.



STUDENT AWARDS CONTINUED

Kugelman Honors

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award

Maggie Brown, International Studies, B.A. and Art - Art History, B.A.

Richard and Sandra Berg Scholar Athlete Award

Josiah Fontenot, Computer Science, B.S. – Men's Soccer

Stefanie Markwardt, Exercise Science, B.S. – Women's Swimming

Hal Crosby Leadership Award

President's Award for Inclusion and Belonging

Student Award – **Julenny (Juju) Rodriguez**, College Student Affairs
Administration, M.Ed.

Faculty Award – **Adam Blood**, Communication

FACULTY AWARDS

Distinction in Faculty Scholarly, Creative, and Research Activities Award

Early Career

Ajay Lajmi, Chemistry

Mengying Xiao, Mathematics and Statistics

Tarek Youssef, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Senior Faculty

Joseph Spaniola, The Dr. Grier Williams School of Music

Ashok Srinivasan, Computer Science

Brandy Strahan, School of Nursing

Million Dollar Research Hall of Fame

\$1 Million

Keri Fogle, School of Education

Guillermo Francia, Center for Cybersecurity

\$5 Million

Nicole Gislason, Haas Center for Business Research and Economic Development

FACULTY AWARDS CONTINUED

Student Government Association Distinguished Teaching Award

Jenae Burkart, Psychology, Usha Kundu, MD College of Health

Marisa Cooper, Accounting and Finance, College of Business

Brandon Fultz, Chemistry, Hal Marcus College of Science and Engineering

Daisy Pua, School of Education, College of Education and Professional Studies

Kurt Wise, Communication, College of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities

Faculty Excellence in Undergraduate Research Mentoring Award

Early Career

Samantha Seals, Mathematics and Statistics

Senior Faculty

Tanay Kesharwani, Chemistry

Director's Choice

Frank Gilliam, Biology

Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award

Ronald Blue, Psychology

Joseph Haber, Reubin O'D. Askew Department of Government

Emily Harris, Earth and Environmental Sciences

President's Award for Exemplary Online Teaching

Faculty Excellence in Teaching or Advising Award

Yazan Alqudah, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Karen Barnes, Chemistry

Athena du Pré, Communication

Jamin Wells, History and Philosophy

Tarek Youssef, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Distinguished Faculty Service Award

Mamie Hixon, English

NOTE: Names of students with Privacy Holds are not printed in the Honors program but are announced at the ceremony.



ALMA MATER

*Where learning's light sends forth its beam
Through darkness of our youth,
There you, West Florida, home of dreams
Prepare the way of truth.
You guide us toward tomorrow's shore
With knowledge of our past;
Your power in us rests secure,
And evermore will last.
Your stately mansions were our home
Where minds and hearts are free
And though we may far from you roam,
We'll always honor thee.*

Composer Lynne Lauderdale, D.M.A.

Lyricist A. Michael Yots, Ph.D.





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