

HONORS CONVOCAATION

Friday, March 26, 2021



UNIVERSITY *of* WEST FLORIDA

LETTER FROM THE PROVOST



I am always impressed by the excellence of our students and faculty at the University of West Florida. Just as last year, it was our hope that by Spring 2021, we would be able to come together in person to recognize and celebrate our students and faculty on March 26, 2021, for their remarkable contributions and achievements. Honors Convocation is a highlight of the academic year and one over which I feel privileged to preside. While we regret that we were unable to hold Honors Convocation in person this year because of the COVID-19

pandemic, it is clear that our commitment to excel has not waned even in a very challenging environment.

The following pages highlight students and faculty who were identified as UWF's accomplished award recipients this year. The fact that we cannot recognize them in the traditional way does not in any way diminish their accomplishments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. B. Ellenberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

George B. Ellenberg
Provost and Senior Vice President

PROGRAM

PRESIDING George Ellenberg, *Provost and Senior Vice President*

AWARDS

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award

Outstanding Graduate Student and

Graduate Assistant/Teaching Assistant Award

College of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities

Steven Brown, *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

Steven Brown, *Interim Dean*

Kugelman Honors

Kim LeDuff, *Vice President, Academic Engagement
and Student Affairs*

Richard and Sandra Berg Scholar Athlete Award

Kim LeDuff, *Vice President, Academic Engagement
and Student Affairs*

Hal Crosby Leadership Award

George Ellenberg, *Provost and Senior Vice President*

President's Award for Leadership in Diversity

George Ellenberg, *Provost and Senior Vice President*

Distinction in Faculty Research and Scholarly Activities Award

Matthew Schwartz, *Assistant Vice President, Research Administration
and Engagement*

Million Dollar Research Hall of Fame

Matthew Schwartz, *Assistant Vice President, Research Administration
and Engagement*

Student Government Association Distinguished Teaching Award

Sydney Grant, *SGA Senate Pro Tempore*

Faculty Excellence in Undergraduate Research Mentoring Award

George Ellenberg, *Provost and Senior Vice President*

Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award

George Ellenberg, *Provost and Senior Vice President*

Faculty Excellence in Teaching or Advising Award

George Ellenberg, *Provost and Senior Vice President*

Distinguished Faculty Service Award

George Ellenberg, *Provost and Senior Vice President*

STUDENT AWARDS

OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

College of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities

Sumner N. Baumgardner, Maritime Studies, B.A.
Ethan W. Bembry, Art History, B.A.
Shane R. Durepo, English Liberal Arts, B.A.
Brooke L. Hull, Graphic Design, B.F.A.
Jackson T. Ingram, Biological Anthropology, B.A.
Harry S. Larimer, Music Education, B.M.E.
Maximilian H. Levesque, Music, B.M.
Mariana Negreiros Mariano, International Studies, B.A.
Sarah E. McQuiggan, Arts Administration, B.A. & Musical Theatre, B.F.A.
Nicki Morgan, Communication, B.A.
Melissa E. Parchment, History, B.A.
Ester Rizzetto, Political Science, B.A.
Mitchell G. Roberts, Philosophy, B.A.
Anastasiia P. Sennikova, Design and Technology, B.F.A.

College of Business

Jennifer M. Bessler, Human Resources Management, B.S.B.A.
Camila A. Carvajal, Global Economics, B.S.B.A.
Angelica M. Cope, Comprehensive Marketing, B.S.B.A.
Lisa M. Cottage-Ramnack, Management, B.S.B.A.
Samuel Hullenbaugh, Supply Chain Logistics Management, B.S.B.A.
Nathan M. Keeton, Management Information Systems, B.S.B.A.
Alireza Taghi, Finance, B.S.B.A.
Nathan A. Thrower, Professional Accountancy, B.S.B.A. & Finance, B.S.B.A.
Thanh Tran, Global Hospitality and Tourism Management, B.S.B.A.
Rachel M. Wood, General Business, B.S.B.A.

College of Education and Professional Studies

Babajide Balogun Agbaje, Construction Management, B.S.
Elizabeth J. Akin, Informal Education and Learning, B.A.
Tamara R. Felton, Exceptional Student Education, B.A.
Christian Henry, Army ROTC
Rhiannon G. Kelly, Criminal Justice, B.A.

Tiffany L. Lewis, Elementary Education, B.A.
Benjamin J. Lindquist, Legal Studies, B.A.
Jesus Nava-Pina, Social Work, B.S.W.
Hollie R. Weathersbee, Instructional Design and Technology, B.S.
Kileigh E. Whited, Sport Management, B.S.

Hal Marcus College of Science and Engineering

Lavender Allen, Engineering Physics, B.S.
Alexander D. Bachmann, Software Design and Development, B.S.
Bailey L. Burgess, Biology, B.S.
Amanda Dewitt, Information Technology, B.S.
Ryan Gonzalez, Computer Science, B.S.
Megan E. Hinrichsen, Biochemistry, B.S.
Joseph Lupton, Mechanical Engineering, B.S.M.E.
Michael A. Mitchell, Cybersecurity, B.S.
Kristopher Rasch, Electrical Engineering, B.S.E.E.
Kristina L. Samborski, Biomedical Sciences, B.S.
Alyssa Selvey, Mathematics, B.S.
Thati Vang, Computer Engineering, B.S.C.E.
Darrel Williams, Environmental Science, B.S.
Cara Helena Womacks, Marine Biology, B.S.

Usha Kundu, MD College of Health

Carly Louisa Baumann, Nursing, B.S.N.
Sam Borowski, Athletic Training, B.S.
Charise Cooley, Health Promotion, B.S.
Julia A. Cornish, Psychology, B.A.
Andrew Diggs, Fitness and Conditioning, B.S.
Matthew Futch, Exercise Science, B.S.
Eric L. Green, Public Health, B.S.
Casey James, Physical Education/Teacher Education, B.S.
Ericka Kelley, Health Sciences, B.S.
Claney Outzen, Psychology, B.S.
Sophia N. Railing, Healthcare Administration, B.S.
Parisa Taghi, Clinical Laboratory Sciences, B.S.

Kugelman Honors

Cara Helena Womacks, Marine Biology, B.S.

Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship Key

Brandon DeVries, Finance, B.S.B.A.

Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Jenni Baggett, Anthropology, M.A.

Aditi Garg, Professional Accountancy, M.Acc.

Chad Eyer, Instructional Design and Technology, M.Ed.

Michael Hopko, Environmental Science, M.S.

Hannah Dutrieux, Physical Education and Human Performance, M.S.

Outstanding Graduate Assistant/Teaching Assistant Award

Ariana Strasheim, Anthropology, M.A.

Tyler Fezzey, Business Analytics, M.B.A.

Tadlee Welty, Instructional Design and Technology, Ed.D.

Ronda Easley, Engineering, M.S.

Katherine Greene, Health Promotion, Education and Behavior, M.P.H.

Richard and Sandra Berg Scholar Athlete Award

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

Ester Rizzetto, Political Science, B.A. – Women's Swimming

Ronja Taipale, Legal Studies, B.A. – Women's Golf

President's Award for Leadership in Diversity

Student Award – **Stefica Milor**, Human Resources Management, B.S.B.A.

Faculty Award – **Scott Satterwhite**, English

Faculty Excellence in Undergraduate Research Mentoring Award**Early Career**

Susan Piacenza – Biology

Faculty Excellence in Undergraduate Research Mentoring Award**Senior Faculty**

Timothy Royappa – Chemistry

Faculty Excellence in Undergraduate Research Mentoring Award**Director's Choice**

Willie Tubbs – Communication

Distinction in Faculty Research and Scholarly Activities Award**Early Career**

Christopher Atkinson – Administration and Law

Katherine Miller Wolf – Anthropology

Allysha Winburn – Anthropology

Distinction in Faculty Research and Scholarly Activities Award**Senior Faculty**

Phil Darby – Biology

Jocelyn Evans – Government

Debra Vinci – Movement Sciences and Health

Million Dollar Research Hall of Fame

Eman El-Sheikh – Computer Science

Steven Kass – Psychology

Student Government Association Distinguished Teaching Award

Adam Blood – Communication, College of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities

Kevin Krieger – Accounting and Finance, College of Business

Matthew Crow – Criminology and Criminal Justice, College of Education and Professional Studies

Chasidy Hobbs – Earth and Environmental Sciences, Hal Marcus College of Science and Engineering

Jill Van Der Like – Nursing, Usha Kundu, MD College of Health

Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award

David Langham – Accounting and Finance
Ron Turk – Criminology and Criminal Justice
Aaron Mena – Chemistry
Greg Neimeyer – Psychology

Faculty Excellence in Teaching or Advising Award

Pamela Benz – Chemistry
Alexis Janosik – Biology
Kwame Owusu-Daaku – Earth and Environmental Sciences
Timothy Royappa – Chemistry
Allysha Winburn – Anthropology
Aletheia Zambesi – Mathematics and Statistics

Distinguished Faculty Service Award

Susan James – Teacher Education and Educational Leadership

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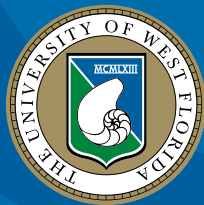
*Where learning's light sends forth its beam
Through darkness of our youth,
There you, West Florida, home of dreams
Prepare the way of truth.
You guide us toward tomorrow's shore
With knowledge of our past;
Your power in us rests secure,
And evermore will last.
Your stately mansions were our home
Where 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.



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



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