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# HONORS CONVOCATION

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*Friday, March 13, 2026*

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# PROGRAM

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**HOST** Jaromy Kuhl, *Senior Vice President and Provost*

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES** Christian Garman, *Assistant Professor of Clinical Practice, Communication*

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

**PRESENTATION OF COLORS** UWF Air Force ROTC, *Captain Maribelle Hernandez*

**NATIONAL ANTHEM** Corey McKern, *Director, The Dr. Grier Williams School of Music*

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## AWARDS

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### STUDENT AWARDS

**Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award**  
**Outstanding Graduate Student Award**  
**Outstanding Graduate Assistant/Teaching Assistant/Research Assistant Award**  
**Outstanding Graduate Assistant in a Non-Academic Department Award**

College of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities  
**David Earle**, *Dean*

Hal Marcus College of Science and Engineering  
**Mohamed Khabou**, *Dean*

Lewis Bear Jr. College of Business  
**Scott Keller**, *Dean*

School of Education  
**Denise Soares**, *Dean*

Usha Kundu, MD College of Health  
**Shelley Diviney**, *Interim Dean*

Kugelman Honors  
**Dallas Snider**, *Vice Provost*

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## PRESIDENT'S AWARDS

### **Richard and Sandra Berg Scholar Athlete Award**

**Manny Diaz Jr.**, *President*

### **Hal Crosby Leadership Award**

**Manny Diaz Jr.**, *President*

## STUDENT AWARDS

### OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS

#### **College of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities**

##### ***Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards***

**Jason K. Aydelotte**, Maritime Studies, B.A.

**Mea Brahier**, Communication, B.A.

**Isabella T. Braniff**, Art, B.A.

**Noah Cuoco**, Theatre, Musical Theatre, B.F.A.

**Shauna Curtis**, Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, Children and Society, B.A.

**Joel Ellis**, Japanese Language

**Gavin G. Fisher**, Music, Music Performance, B.M.

**Harley A. Furlong**, Theatre, Acting, B.F.A.

**Quinn Gibson**, English, B.A.

**Declan Hinton**, International Studies, B.A.

**Ambrea Hobbs**, History, B.A.

**Jack Jacobson**, Anthropology, B.A.

**Serenity Johnson**, Italian Language

**Ichelle Jones**, Legal Studies Pre-Law, B.A.

**Mick Kaliski**, Political Science, Pre-Law, B.A.

**Rayna Lowery**, Theatre, Design and Technology, B.F.A.

**David Lyon**, Music and an Outside Field, B.A.

**Mercedes L. Murphy**, General Studies, B.G.S.

**Kayla Neely**, Music Education, B.M.E.

**Natalie G. Pfeiffer**, Criminal Justice, B.A.

**Serena Sharar**, Fine Arts, B.F.A.

**Isaac M. Smith**, Philosophy, B.A.

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## STUDENT AWARDS CONTINUED

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**Chara Stevenson**, French Language

**Lillie-Belle Sztukowski**, Spanish Language

**Kelsey M. Valente**, Interdisciplinary Humanities, Arts  
Administration, B.A.

**Gracie Whitley**, Political Science, B.A.

### ***Outstanding Graduate Student Award***

**Nicolas Vargas**, English, M.A.

### ***Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award***

**Nicole K. Deslatte**, Strategic Communication and Leadership, M.A.

### ***Outstanding Graduate Assistant in a Non-Academic Department Award***

**Nicole D. Willis**, Strategic Communication and Leadership, M.A.

## **Hal Marcus College of Science and Engineering**

### ***Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards***

**Julia R. Allgeyer**, Marine Biology, B.S.

**Sunny Anderson**, Mathematics, B.S.

**Christian Bullock**, Civil Engineering, B.S.

**Rachel Burke**, Information Technology, B.S.

**Rúne Cameron**, Software Development, B.S.

**Allie R. Dalton**, Biomedical Sciences, B.S.

**Glenn R. Griffin IV**, Computer Engineering, B.S.C.E.

**Jacob L. Maguire**, Electrical Engineering, B.S.E.E.

**William Ngo**, Computer Science, B.S.

**Jade Palewicz**, Mechanical Engineering, B.S.M.E.

**Adriana Miseses Sanchez**, Biology, B.S.

**Elisabetta R. Savini**, Environmental Science, Natural Science, B.S.

**Madalyn H. Chavarria Service**, Physics, B.S.

**Bogdan Timofti**, Cybersecurity, B.S.

**Wendy G. Timothy**, Construction Management, B.S.

**Samantha P. Watkins**, Chemistry/Biochemistry, B.S.

### ***Outstanding Research Assistant Award***

**Valeria Martín Hernández**, Intelligent Systems and Robotics, Ph.D.

### ***Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award***

**Sassou Khabou**, Mathematical Sciences, M.S.

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### **Lewis Bear Jr. College of Business**

#### ***Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards***

**Joshua A. Cichon**, Marketing, Global Marketing, B.S.B.A.

**Rece A. Grant**, Business Economics, Comprehensive  
Economics, B.S.B.A.

**Savannah G. Guilford**, General Business, B.S.B.A.

**Jonathan Herman**, Human Resource Management, B.S.B.A.

**Giovanna Alves Costa Hespanha**, Management Information  
Systems, B.S.B.A.

**Thomas N. LoBasso**, Finance, B.S.B.A.

**Alyssa Nix**, Accounting, B.S.B.A.

**Adriana Serrano Guardado**, Global Hospitality and Tourism, B.S.

**Brie A. Smith**, Supply Chain Logistics Management, B.S.B.A.

**Leonardo Previato Souza**, Sport Management, B.S.

**Nina Vu**, Management, B.S.B.A.

#### ***Outstanding Graduate Student Award***

**Vitor Campiolo Manoel Pinto**, Business Administration, Business  
Analytics, M.B.A.

#### ***Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award***

**Jack Monger**, Business Administration, Business Analytics, M.B.A.

### **School of Education**

#### ***Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards***

**Kathy Amador**, Interdisciplinary Social Sciences,  
Community Education, B.A.

**Samara Bowen**, Elementary Education, B.A.

**Rachel Hepp**, Exceptional Student and Elementary Education, B.A.

**Sarah Savage**, Instructional Design and Technology, B.S.

#### ***Outstanding Graduate Student Award***

**Karl Schroth**, Instructional Design and Performance Technology, M.Ed.

#### ***Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award***

**Jenna Breland**, English, M.A.

### **Usha Kundu, MD College of Health**

#### ***Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards***

**Aly K. Bennett**, Clinical Laboratory Sciences, B.S.

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**Jamie Campbell**, Public Health, B.S.

**Jessica A. Corpuz**, Exercise Science, B.S.

**Makayla L. Faulkner**, Nursing, B.S.N.

**Megan Gettys**, Sports Coaching and Physical Education, B.S.

**Nicholas Goodwin**, Health Sciences, Behavior Analysis, B.S.

**Breann McGregor**, Psychology, B.A.

**Lamb Ngafeeson**, Psychology, B.S.

**Reagan Norman**, Social Work, B.S.W.

**Ryan Payne**, Health Sciences, Healthcare Administration, B.S.

**David Peabody**, Health Sciences, B.S.

**Ben Petkovic**, Physical Education Teacher Education, B.S.

**Shanekia R. Randle**, Nursing, R.N. to B.S.N.

**Rhonda Zona**, Clinical Laboratory Sciences, MLT to MLS, B.S.

### ***Outstanding Graduate Student Award***

**Katalina E. Pho**, Psychology, M.A.

### ***Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award***

**Isaiah Jones**, Movement Sciences and Health, Exercise Science, M.S.

### **Kugelman Honors**

#### ***Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards***

**Julia R. Allgeyer**, Kugelman Honors Program: Four-Year Pathway

**Emily Miller**, Kugelman Honors Program: Two-Year Pathway

### **President's Awards**

#### ***Richard and Sandra Berg Scholar Athlete Award***

**Andrey Melo Gentil**, Communication, Digital Storytelling and  
Journalism, B.A. – Men's Soccer

**Ambrea Hobbs**, History, B.A. – Women's Cross Country

#### ***Hal Crosby Leadership Award***

**Ichelle Jones**, Legal Studies Pre-Law, B.A.

*NOTE: Names of students with Privacy Holds are not printed in the Honors Convocation 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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