HONORS DAY

April 3, 2009

The Murchison Performing Arts Center
Winspear Hall
PRE-CEREMONY MUSIC
Carillon de Westminster
Naiades

Dr. Jesse Eschbach
Professor of Music

PROCESSIONAL*
Trumpet Tune

Dr. Jesse Eschbach
Professor of Music

PRESENTATION OF COLORS*
AFROTC Color Guard

NATIONAL ANTHEM*
Kimberly Dowda
Outstanding Graduate Student in Vocal Studies

WELCOME
Dr. Gloria Cox
Dean, Honors College
Co-chair, Honors Day

OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS
Dr. Gretchen M. Bataille
President

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Darnyelle Jones

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL MUSIC
Love Songs for Soprano and Two Marimbas (2006)
1. When Angels will be free
4. I’ll always be waiting for you

Kristen Bigham, soprano
Hiromi Kamiya and Brian Mueller, marimba

INTRODUCTION TO AWARDS
Dr. Elizabeth With
Associate Vice President for Student Development
Co-chair, Honors Day

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND HONORS

ACADEMIC AWARDS
Meghan Vittrup
Student Speaker

RECOGNITION AWARDS
Jonathan Gallegos
Student Speaker

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETIES AND NATIONAL AWARDS
Dr. Wendy K. Wilkins
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

FACULTY AWARDS
Jeff Kline
President, Student Government Association
THE ‘FESSION Graham Award

Dr. Gretchen M. Bataille
President

COMMUNITY Award

Dr. Gretchen M. Bataille
President

ANNOUNCER

Dr. David Schwarz

ALMA MATER

Melissa Wright-Patterson

Outstanding Undergraduate Student
in Vocal Studies

Glory to the Green and White
by Julia Smith

Singing Glory to the Green, Singing Glory to the White,
For we know our University is striving for the right.
Down the corridor of years, we’ll forget the joys and tears,
But North Texas, North Texas we love.

RECESSIONAL*

Toccata from Organ Symphony 5

Dr. Jesse Eschbach
Professor of Music

Charles-Marie Widor

*Audience will please stand.
Guests are invited to attend the reception in the Grand Lobby immediately following the Convocation.

Awards Presented by Academic Departments

College of Arts and Sciences

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
David R. Redden Pre-Professional Award
Kelsey Hudson
Gladys Crawford Award for Medical Technology/Cytotechnology
Olivia Saavedra
Outstanding Senior in Biological Sciences Award
Joseph Ifokwe
Outstanding Senior in Biological Sciences Award
Po-Fu Lin
Outstanding Senior in Biological Sciences Award
Alissa Nguyen

CHEMISTRY
George Vaugh Memorial Award
Glenn Morello
James L. Carrico Award
Charles Peterson III
Robert Wade Brown Award
Marie Eastlund

COMMUNICATION STUDIES
Outstanding Student in Debate Award
Kuntal Cholera
Outstanding Graduate Student in Communication Studies Award
Keturi Delong-Beatty
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication Studies Award
Hannah Novak
Graduate Service Award in Communication Studies
Ashley Thomas-Seltzer
Undergraduate Service Award in Communication Studies
Brittany Riggs
Outstanding Graduate Student in Performance Studies Award
Raquel Polanco
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Performance Studies Award
Kevin Wayland
Ted Colson Award for Excellence in Performance Studies
Christal Higgins

DANCE AND THEATRE
Dance Recognition Award
Jenna Fisher
Dance Recognition Award
McKenzie Krempa
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Theatre Award
Andrew Bourgeois
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Theatre Award
Kenneth Farnsworth
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Theatre Award
Blake Hametner
ECONOMICS
Jack Johnson Award for Top BA/BS Graduate in Economics  Cailin Haynes
Jack Johnson Award for Top BA/BS Graduate in Economics  Anna Ruth
The Top BBA in Economics Award  Jessica Bostic

ENGLISH
Outstanding Graduate Student in English Award  Christian Worlow
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in English Award  Katherine Wilson

FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES
Faculty Award for Excellence in French  Omar Al-Rashdan
Faculty Award for Excellence in French  Forrest Williamson
Faculty Award for Excellence in German  Ian Moore
Faculty Award for Excellence in Spanish  Margaret Arant
Faculty Award for Excellence in Spanish  Maria Schafer

GEOGRAPHY
Outstanding Graduate Geography Award  Nick Enwright
Outstanding Undergraduate Geography Award  Daniel Hatley

HISTORY
Outstanding Doctoral Student in History Award  Jessica Brannon-Wranosky
Outstanding Doctoral Student in History Award  Chase Machen
Outstanding Master’s Student in History Award  Ali Ghafoori
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in History Award  Ashley Dowd
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in History Award  Jennifer Seman
Gil Samples Award for Best Undergraduate Paper/Department of History  Chelsea Faxon

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
International Studies Outstanding Student Award  Marcelo Ostria

JOURNALISM
Outstanding Strategic Communication Graduate Student Award  Sarah Schram
Outstanding Strategic Communication Graduate Student Award  Barbara Seljak
Outstanding Strategic Communication Student Award  Adrienne Scruggs
Outstanding Strategic Communication Student Award  Rachel Wilhelm
Outstanding News Graduate Student Award  Michael Mooney
Outstanding News Student Award  Christena Dowsett
Outstanding News Student Award  Matthew Goodman
Outstanding News Student Award  Katrina Gutierrez

MATHEMATICS
Outstanding Graduate Student in Mathematics Award  Stephen Muir
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Mathematics Award  Zachary Barnhart
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Actuarial Science Award  Tonya March
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Secondary Mathematics Teaching Award  Fallon Fletcher
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Secondary Mathematics Teaching Award  Jose Cordero

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION STUDIES
John Kimmey Memorial Scholarship Award  Ian Moore

PHYSICS
L.F. Connell Award in Physics  Christopher Barthold
Outstanding Senior Physics Major Award  Sushil Shrestha

POLITICAL SCIENCE
Clovis C. Morrison Award for Best Pre-Law Student  Rebekah Kopsky
E.C. Buell Award for the Outstanding Student in Comparative Politics  Mark Shadden
Fred Gantt Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Political Science Award  Ian Moore
Pender Award for Best Graduate Paper in Political Science  Jason Quinn
Sam B. McAlister Outstanding Graduate Student in Political Science Award  Natalie Elliot
Yarbrough Award for Best Undergraduate Paper in Political Science  Ian Moore
Yarbrough Award for Best Undergraduate Paper in Political Science  Sorrel McCarthy
PSYCHOLOGY
Merl E. Bonney Award for Outstanding Student in Psychology  Will Hua
Ladenberger Honor Student in Psychology Award  Darnell Schuettler
Outstanding Graduate Student in Psychology Award  Michael McFarland
Dr. Frank G. Lawlis Scholarship Award  Dustin Johnson
Anna Wright Memorial Scholarship Award  Jill Rogstad
Psychology Teaching Fellow Award  Karen O'Brien

RADIO/TV/FILM
Outstanding Graduate Student Award in Radio/Television/Film  Ashley Conroy
Outstanding Graduate Student Award in Radio/Television/Film  Marek Dojs
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award in Radio/Television/Film  David Hamilton, Jr.
Graduate Student Academic Excellence Award in Radio/Television/Film  Ryan Ferguson
Graduate Student Academic Excellence Award in Radio/Television/Film  Samuel Jay
Undergraduate Student Academic Excellence Award in Radio/Television/Film  Misti Fields

SPEECH AND HEARING SCIENCES
Outstanding Doctoral Student Award in Audiology  Brandy McIntyre
Outstanding Graduate Student in Speech and Language Pathology Award  Mary Pat Kleineck
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award in Speech and Hearing Sciences  Katie Gebbert

ACCOUNTING
Outstanding Doctoral Student in Accounting Award  Byron Pike
Outstanding Graduate Student in Accounting Award  Katherine Lange
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Accounting Award  Krishna Morawala
Federation of Schools of Accountancy Award  Philip Miller
Outstanding Tax Student Award  Rebecca Roberts
Texas Society of CPA's Accounting Excellence Award  Walter Suksta

FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND LAW
Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award  James Spoonts
Outstanding Master’s Student in Finance Award  George Mougridis
Outstanding Student in Finance Award  David Weber
Outstanding Student in Financial Services Award  Alan Hoffman
Joe D. Hefner Award in Insurance  Rachel Alexander-Lindsey
Outstanding Student in Risk Management and Insurance Award  Rachel Somerford
Outstanding Master’s Student in Real Estate Award  Olanrewaju Abiodun
Outstanding Student in Real Estate Award  Lane Joseph

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DECISION SCIENCES
Business Computer Systems Ph.D. Scholar Award  Joseph Schuessler
Business Computer Systems Master’s Scholar Award  Nicasio Anderson
Business Computer Systems Undergraduate Scholar Award  Tracey West
Management Science Ph.D. Scholar Award  Muhammad Hossain
Management Science Master’s Scholar Award  Ali Rizvi
Master’s Decision Technology Scholar Award  Keegan Farrell
Information Technology Master’s Scholar Award  Adam Robbins
Outstanding Management Information Systems Major Award  Koukouni Kone
Undergraduate BS/BCIS Scholar Award  Karmin Scassera
Undergraduate Decision Sciences Scholar Award  Austin Tidmore

MANAGEMENT
Outstanding Graduate Student in Health Services Management Award  Jennifer Gist
Outstanding Graduate Student in Strategic Management Award  Joel Brown
Outstanding Graduate Student in Operations and Supply Chain Management Award  Terry Morris
Outstanding Graduate Student in Organizational Behavior and Human Resource Management Award  Fallon Lockett
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Entrepreneurship Award  Jason Hills
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Organizational Behavior and Human Resource Management Award  Enzo Ochoa
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Operations and Supply Chain Management Award  Sarah Chincarini
College of Education

KINESIOLOGY, HEALTH PROMOTION AND RECREATION
Emmett F. Cambron Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Health Promotion  Alicia Landin
Rita Pilkey Undergraduate Award in Recreation and Leisure Studies  Eric Anderson
Jess E. Cearley Award in Kinesiology  Alison Ede

TEACHER EDUCATION AND ADMINISTRATION
Ben E. Coody Outstanding Student Teacher in Secondary Education Award  Christina Donovan
Betty O. Mason Outstanding Student Teacher in Elementary Education Award  Kellyye Gayden
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Elementary Education (Grades 4-8) Award  Patricia Beck
Outstanding Post Baccalaureate Secondary Education Student Award  Melissa Dunning
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Early Childhood Education (Grades EC-4) Award  Amy Labrosse
Outstanding Doctoral Student in Curriculum and Instruction Award  Janette Boazman
Outstanding Doctorate Student in Educational Administration Award  Michael Valdrip
Outstanding Master’s Student in Educational Administration Award – UNT Denton  Rebecca Stephens
Outstanding Master’s Student in Educational Administration Award – UNT Dallas  Melanie Schulte
Outstanding Doctoral Student in Reading Education Award  Tami Morton
Outstanding Master’s Student in Reading Education Award  Donalyn Miller
Outstanding Post Baccalaureate Student in Bilingual Education Award  Maria Claudia Prada
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Bilingual Education Award  José Robles
Outstanding Post Baccalaureate ESL Education Student Award  Rachel Sales
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in ESL Education Award  Michael Novotny
Outstanding Student Superintendent Certification Award  Delinda Dudley

College of Engineering

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
Outstanding Ph.D. Student in Computer Science and Engineering Award  Santi Phithakkitnukoon
Outstanding Master’s Student in Computer Engineering Award  Sahasan Naraharisetti
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Computer Engineering Award  Elena Lassandro
Outstanding Master’s Student in Computer Science Award  Paul Stroufe
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Computer Science Award  Peter Curry

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
Outstanding Student for Master of Science in Engineering Systems Award  George Silva
Outstanding Construction Engineering Technology Student Award  John Branch
Outstanding Electrical Engineering Technology Student Award  Cameron McCord
Outstanding Manufacturing Engineering Technology Student Award  John Rinehart
Outstanding Mechanical Engineering Technology Student Award  John Price
Outstanding Nuclear Engineering Technology Student Award  Randall Thompson

College of Information, Library Science & Technologies

Learning Technologies Outstanding Technologies Ph.D. Student Award  Tip Robertson
Learning Technologies Outstanding Technologies M.S. Student Award  Jenny Sonja Helena Wakefield
Learning Technologies Outstanding Ph.D. Student Award  Joanna Shaw
Learning Technologies Outstanding M.S. Student Award  Tony Fuller
Learning Technologies Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award  Christa Jones
Library & Information Sciences Houston Faculty Recognition Award  Julia Mergele
Library & Information Sciences Nevada Faculty Recognition Award  Lisa Force Keefeler
Library & Information Sciences Texas Faculty Recognition Award  Arta Kabashi
Library & Information Sciences Outstanding Student in Library Science Award  Mary “Hannah” Guthrie
Library & Information Sciences Outstanding Student in Information Science Award  Melody McCotter
Library & Information Sciences Lis and Phil Turner Paper Award  Alane Whaley-Dehotels

College of Music

COMPOSITION
Outstanding Music Composition Graduate Student Award  Jason Fick
Outstanding Music Composition Undergraduate Student Award  Ryan Taycher
CONDUCTING AND ENSEMBLES
Outstanding Graduate Student in Conducting and Ensembles Award Duane Cottrell

INSTRUMENTAL STUDIES
Outstanding Graduate Student in Brass Award James Martin Bishop
Outstanding Graduate Student in Percussion Award Daniel Wyn Darrah
Outstanding Graduate Student in Strings Award Szemoke Jobbagy
Outstanding Graduate Student in Woodwinds Award Rachel Brough
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Brass Award Elizabeth Peroutka
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Percussion Award Michael D’Angelo
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Strings Award Maria Romero
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Woodwinds Award Christopher Reza

JAZZ STUDIES
Outstanding Graduate Student in Jazz Studies Award Dave Richards
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Jazz Studies Award Tatiana Mayfield

KEYBOARD STUDIES
Outstanding Graduate Student in Piano Award Sara Doan
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Piano Award Lizhen Wu

MUSIC EDUCATION
Outstanding Music Education Graduate Student Award Chris Hauser
Outstanding Music Education Undergraduate Student Award Alicia Rogers

MUSIC HISTORY, THEORY, AND ETHNOMUSICOLOGY
Outstanding Graduate Student in Ethnomusicology Award Jeff Hodges
Outstanding Graduate Student in Ethnomusicology Award Carl Vermilyea
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award in Music History Justin Stoker
Outstanding Graduate Student in Musicology Award Jennifer Carpenter
Outstanding Graduate Student in Musicology Award Masataka Yoshioka
Outstanding Graduate Music Theory Student Award Rene Perez
Outstanding Undergraduate Music Theory Student Award Cara Stroud

VOCAL STUDIES
Outstanding Graduate Student in Vocal Studies Award Kimberly Dowda
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Vocal Studies Award Melissa Wright-Patterson

College of Public Affairs and Community Service

ANTHROPOLOGY
Larry L. Naylor Outstanding Student in Anthropology Award Taylor Jones
Larry L. Naylor Outstanding Student in Anthropology Award Suzanne Townsdin
Academic Achievement Award in Anthropology Mathew Amend
Academic Achievement Award in Anthropology Ryan Beaudin
Academic Achievement Award in Anthropology Margaret Briggs
Academic Achievement Award in Anthropology Ashley Harris
Academic Achievement Award in Anthropology Mary Lamb
Academic Achievement Award in Anthropology Rebecca McCarty
Academic Achievement Award in Anthropology Stephen Roberts
Academic Achievement Award in Anthropology Brian Simpson
Academic Achievement Award in Anthropology Vanessa Wills

APPLIED GERONTOLOGY
Applied Gerontology Faculty Award for Doctoral Academic Excellence Charles Ewing
Applied Gerontology Faculty Award for Master’s Academic Excellence Janet Mills
Applied Gerontology Faculty Award for Academic Excellence for Undergraduate Student in Applied Gerontology Kay Van

BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS
Outstanding Graduate Student in Behavior Analysis Award Erica Nan Feuerbacher
Outstanding Graduate Student in Behavior Analysis Award Caleb Deneb Hudson
Outstanding Graduate Student in Behavior Analysis Award Carla Michelle Smith
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Applied Behavior Analysis Award Kimberely James-Kelly
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Applied Behavior Analysis Award Victoria “Tori” Rachel Rosalez
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Outstanding Criminal Justice Student Award
Elisabeth Cardona

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
E. Ray Griffin Outstanding Master of Public Administration Student Award
Nathan Edgerton
E. Ray Griffin Outstanding Master of Public Administration Student Award
Shane Pettit
John Maxwell Award for Outstanding Student in Emergency Administration and Planning
Phillip Stachelski

REHABILITATION, SOCIAL WORK AND ADDICTIONS
Fannie Belle Gaupp Award for the Outstanding Student in Social Work
Traci Woods
Outstanding Graduate Student in Rehabilitation Award
Michael Duke
Outstanding Graduate Student in Rehabilitation Award *This award is being made Posthumously
Jennifer Wells
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Rehabilitation Award
Melanie Little

SOCIOLOGY
Hiram J. Friedsam Award for the Outstanding Sociology Doctoral Student
Alison Herring
The Outstanding Sociology Master’s Student Award
Chaya Markovitz
The Leonard G. Benson Award for Outstanding Sociology Undergraduate Student
Josh McNutt

College of Visual Arts and Design
ART EDUCATION AND ART HISTORY
Outstanding Graduate Student in Art Education and Art History Award
Heather White
Outstanding Graduate Student in Art Education Award
Lori Santos
Outstanding Graduate Student in Art History Award
Sarah Feit
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art History Award
Lauren Hirsch
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Visual Arts Studies Award
Lacy Blue

DESIGN
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication Design Award
Alyssa Ferrer
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Fashion Design Award
Inbal Ronen
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Interior Design Award
Julee Owens

STUDIO ART
Outstanding Graduate Student in Studio Art Award
Sarah Williams
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Studio Art Award
Erick Maybury

Honors College
David B. Kesterson Award for Outstanding Student in the Honors College
Dakota Carter
David B. Kesterson Award for Outstanding Student in the Honors College
Stacey Kniatt
David B. Kesterson Award for Outstanding Student in the Honors College
Peace Nwegbo
Frank B. Feigert Award for Outstanding First Year Student in the Honors College
Cameron Jean

School of Merchandising and Hospitality Management
Highest Academic Achievement in Hospitality Management Award
Melanie Kosarek
Outstanding Graduate Student in Hospitality Management Award
Romesh Abeyratne
Outstanding Senior in Hospitality Management Award
Eric Norman
Highest Academic Achievement in Merchandising Award
Jamie Wright
Outstanding Graduate Student in Merchandising Award
Thao-Vi Dotter
Outstanding Senior in Merchandising Award
Leah Jones
Recognition Awards
Presented by Organizations/Committees
Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Graduate Students
Santi Phithakkitnukoon
Yulia Pronchenko

Undergraduate Students
Taylor Kamin
Jeff Kline
Meredith Landry
Tiffany Limmanjing
Mario Martinez
Travis Mayberry
Magan McCarter
Meredith McCauley
Cameron McCord
Sarah Miller
Lisa Moore
Rita Nix
Kristen O’Leary
Marcelo Ostriya
Courtney Pardue
Mary Pharris
Michael Reynolds
Carmela Sanchez-Morales
Scottie Smith II
Kayla Spears
Christiana Tetede
Sarah Valliere
Karlyn Vatthauer
Angela Whiteman
Tyler Wright

Athletic Awards
Outstanding Female Varsity Athlete Award  Amber Jackson
Outstanding Male Varsity Athlete Award  Andrew Turner
Outstanding Female Recreational Sports Athlete Award  Kelley Howard
Outstanding Male Recreational Sports Athlete Award  Trevor Riegelman

International Studies and Programs Awards
Outstanding International Graduate Student Award  Siddik Ekici
Outstanding International Graduate Student Award  Sampath Pamidimukkala

Student Activities and Organization Awards
Outstanding Student Leader Award  Tobye Nelson
Student Organization Distinguished Service Award  Alpha Kappa Psi

National Honor Societies at UNT
Alpha Chi  Beta Gamma Sigma
Alpha Chi Sigma  Beta Phi Mu
Alpha Epsilon Delta  Chi Sigma Iota
Alpha Epsilon Lambda  Chi Tau Epsilon
Alpha Kappa Delta  Delta Phi Alpha
Alpha Lambda Delta  Eta Sigma Delta
Alpha Psi Omega  Eta Sigma Delta International
Alpha Phi Sigma  Hospitality Management
Beta Alpha Psi  Eta Sigma Gamma
Beta Beta Beta  Gamma Sigma Alpha
Golden Key
Kappa Delta Pi  Lambda Alpha Beta
Lambda Pi Eta  Mu Phi Epsilon
National Society of Collegiate Scholars
Order of Omega  Phi Alpha Delta
Phi Alpha Theta  Phi Delta Phi
Phi Kappa Phi
Phi Mu Epsilon
Phi Sigma Pi
Phi Upsilon Omicron
Pi Delta Phi
Pi Sigma Alpha
Psi Chi
Sigma Alpha Iota
Sigma Phi Omega
Sigma Tau Delta
Tau Sigma
National Award Honorees
Recipients listed on insert page

Faculty Awards

OUTSTANDING TEACHING FELLOWS
- Kelly Clasen, Department of English
- Chase Machen, Department of History
- Jessica Brannon, Department of History
- Byron Pike, Department of Accounting

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION HONOR PROFESSORS
- Dr. Kimi King, Department of Political Science
- Dr. Pinliang Dong, Department of Geography
- Dr. Tracy Everbach, Department of Journalism
- Dr. Mark Vosvick, Department of Psychology

THE `FESSOR GRAHAM AWARD
- Dr. Lyndal Bullock, Department of Educational Psychology

COMMUNITY AWARD
- Michael Maher

COMMUNITY AWARD
Mr. Michael Maher is a senior, double-major in Radio/TV/Film and History. During his time here at UNT, Michael has done an incredible job serving his community by reinvigorating the Mean Green spirit among the student body as well as bringing various departments across campus together to reach common goals. Now in his fourth year in Talons, the official spirit and service organization of UNT, he has risen from an involved member, to an executive officer, and finally to the role of president for two years running. While in Talons, Michael has led his organization to create three new spirit flags, introduced Limber as the Ammo Box for Boomer, and spearheaded the restoration of the Model A, Mean Green Machine. Because of his hard work, Michael has been selected to sit on various committees as a student representative. While he is not going to class, studying, serving in Talons, or working his two part-time jobs, Michael enjoys watching a good movie and even attempts to make a few himself occasionally.

Darnyelle Jones – Keynote Speaker
Ms. Darnyelle Jones graduated from Denton Ryan High School in 2005 and will be graduating with a Bachelor’s of Business Administration in Marketing with a minor in Spanish this upcoming May. Darnyelle is very passionate about building a foundation for the next generation and hopes to achieve this through her campus involvement. Ms. Jones currently serves as the president of the National Pan-Hellenic Council and Mortar Board Senior Honor Society and 2nd vice president and director of alumni affairs for her sorority, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Through her dedication and hard work, Darnyelle received the Women Breaking Barriers Award by the University Women’s Center, and most recently was awarded the highest accolade within the Greek community, the Standard of Fraternal Excellence. She also represented the State of Texas and the University of North Texas in the Southwestern Region’s Miss Black and Gold Pageant sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and received Miss Congeniality and first runner-up. Darnyelle hopes to one day own her very own consulting firm working with university Greek life divisions to improve processes and procedures.

Attending with her today are her parents, Reginald and Derbha Jones traveling from Bolivar, Texas.

Meghan Vittrup – Student Speaker
Ms. Meghan Vittrup is a senior from La Plata, Maryland. She is a double major in Journalism and Political Science. Meghan is currently the Student Regent for the UNT System Board of Regents, and serves as the Vice President for Eagle Angels, administrative ambassadors to the UNT football program. Meghan has also served as an executive member of the Student Government Association, and was involved in their Freshman Intern Program. After graduation, Meghan would like to pursue a career in governmental public affairs.
Jonathan Gallegos – Student Speaker

Mr. Jonathan Sterling Gallegos, a senior 5-year Accounting Major in the College of Business, is from San Angelo, Texas. While at UNT Jonathan has served in various community service and professional organizations. Jonathan was a Resident Assistant for two and a half years on campus in Traditions Hall where he received the Rookie of the Year Award in 2007. In his sophomore year, Jonathan was elected to serve as the COB Senator for the Student Government Association and went on to serve as Sergeant at Arms for the SGA. Jonathan has been a two time finalist in the Murphy Enterprise Center’s New Venture Creation Contest where he submitted a business plan which was reviewed by a panel of judges and selected among state-wide competitors. Currently, Jonathan works as an accounting intern for XTO Energy Company at their corporate headquarters in Fort Worth. He is an active member in the International Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI), and he enjoys chasing his entrepreneurial pursuits while operating his own Limited Liability Partnership under the name Spyre Marketing Group. Jonathan plans to graduate in 2011 with his BS and MS in Accounting and prepare for his CPA certification.

History of Honors Day

Honors Day began in 1950, when the Meritum Chapter of Mortar Board Honor Society held the first academic convocation. Blue Key Honor Society later added a banquet for honorees to accompany the convocation, which continued under the guidance of Mortar Board. The university formally assumed responsibility for all activities of the day in 1972, via proclamation of the president and the president of the student body. All arrangements since that date have been handled by the University Honors and Recognition Committee. The purpose of Honors Day is to recognize students who have excelled in the general and specific pursuit of their educational goals, to honor individuals and groups who have made outstanding contributions to UNT, and to provide an opportunity for the university community to pay tribute to its deserving members. The convocation serves to dramatize the achievements of exemplary individuals in both academic and non-academic endeavors.

University Honors and Recognition Committee

Gloria Cox, Co-Chair  Honors College
Elizabeth With, Co-Chair Division of Student Development
Rhonda Acker Office of the President
Vicki Alexander Honors College
Ben Dearman Office of the Registrar
Rebecca Finberg Student Government Association
Hope Garcia Division of Student Development
Chris Passafume Student Government Association
Rebecca Poalinelli Murchison Performing Arts Center
Connie Smith Office of the Registrar
Debbie Stevens Division of Student Development
Margie Tieslau College of Arts and Sciences

Acknowledgments

Many individuals and groups at UNT come together each year to make the Honors Day Convocation a special and memorable event. We gratefully acknowledge their contributions.
NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AND INTERNSHIP HONOREES

Firas Abuzaid  
*Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist*  
*Intel Science Talent Search Semifinalist*

Rosa Maria Fonseca Acosta  
*Hispanic Scholarship Fund Award*

Michael Aguilera  
*Lynn F. Anderson Government Finance Officers Association of Texas Fellowship*

Matthew Amme  
*Intel Science Talent Search Semifinalist*  
*Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist*

Irene Chu Cai  
*Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship*  
*Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist*

Clare Carrasco  
*Hispanic Scholarship Fund Award*

Helen Chen  
*Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist*  
*Intel Science Talent Search Semifinalist*

Wen Chyan  
*Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship*  
*Individual Grand Prize Winner, Siemens Competition*  
*Intel Science Talent Search Finalist*

Dr. Sherri Rae Colby  
*Outstanding Dissertation of the Year on Teaching, American Association of Teaching and Curriculum, 2007-2008*

Dana Conklin  
*Clarence Ridley Scholarship (Texas Municipal League, Texas City Managers Association)*

Jonathan Dau  
*Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship*  
*Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist*  
*Intel Science and Talent Search Semifinalist*
Seun Deleawe
NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates (Washington State University)

Sameer Deshpande
Siemens Competition Regional Finalist

Benjamin Michael Dobbs
Fulbright Grant, Finalist
DAAD Study Scholarship

Jack Geller
Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist

Garry “Smitty” Grubbs II
ORAU Graduate Student Award to attend the 59th Meeting of Nobel Laureates and Students in Lindau, Germany

Joshua Spicer Hardin
Hispanic Scholarship Fund Award

Christopher H. Heiden
Fulbright U.S.-Germany International Education Administrators Program, Semifinalist

Cynthia Henry
Clarence Ridley Scholarship (Texas Municipal League, City Managers Association)

Jeffery Hetherly
AFCI (Advanced Fuel Cycle Initiative) Graduate Fellowship

Kevin Matthew Holmes
Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist
Intel Science Talent Search Semifinalist

Christopher Hoyt
Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship

William Q. Hua
Phi Kappa Phi Love of Learning Award

L’areal Hudson
Excel Leadership Scholarship (Dallas Black MBA Association)

T. Lane Ingram
Hispanic Scholarship Fund Award
Lauren Beth Johnson  
NextGen American Humanics Scholarship

Afshan Kamrudin  
Pennsylvania State University International Health Research Training Program—Tanzania

Jeremy Duy Lai  
Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship  
Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist  
Intel Science Talent Search Semifinalist

Laura Michelle Lewis  
2009 Teach for America Corp

Ashley Mendeke  
Hispanic Scholarship Fund Award

Alexander Mentzelopoulos  
Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist

Brooke Moore  
NextGen American Humanics Scholarship

Cecilia Orta  
Hispanic Scholarship Fund Award

Marcelo Ostria  
2008 U.S. President’s Volunteer Service Award  
Hispanic Scholarship Fund Award  
NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates (Oklahoma State University)  
Hispanic College Fund, Finalist  
2009 Harry S. Truman Scholarship Finalist

Mark Pavlyukovskyy  
Intel Science Talent Search Semifinalist  
Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist

Valerie Gallardo Pettit  
NextGen American Humanics Scholarship

Ramya Raghavan  
Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist

Angelica Ramirez  
Hispanic Scholarship Fund Award
Clifford Sandlin
National Science Foundation REU (University of Arizona)

Jonathan Javier Saucedas
Hispanic Scholarship Fund Award

Katie Schniebs
NASA Aeronautics Scholarship Program Internship

Aman Sharma
Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist

Rachel A. Somerford
National J.H. Blades Scholar

Richard Song
Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist

Marsha Sowell
NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates (Oklahoma State University)

Monica Tamil
Siemens Regional Semifinalist

Dr. Jason Tibbels
German Marshall Memorial Fellowship, Alternate

Jennifer Valdez
Hispanic Scholarship Fund Award

Karlyn Elizabeth Vatthauer
NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates (Emory University)

Christopher D. Vera
Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship

Brian R. Weinberg
Clinton Global Initiative Outstanding Commitment Award

Vanessa Sampogna Western
Hispanic Scholarship Fund Award
Lauren Meryl Williamson
*Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship*

Charis Yen Wai Wong
*PEO International Peace Scholarship*