Honors Day
Honors Day Convocation

PRE-CEREMONY MUSIC

Carillon de Westminster, Op.54. No.6
Naiades, Op.55, No.4
Prelude and Fugue on the Name of Alain. Op 7

Louis Vierne (1870 – 1937)
Vierne
Maurice Durufle (1902 – 1986)

PROCESSIONAL*

Trumpet Tune
Purcell

PRESENTATION OF COLORS*

Army ROTC Honor Guard

NATIONAL ANTHEM*

Mr. Christopher Oglesby
Outstanding Graduate Student in Vocal Studies

WELCOME

Dr. Finley Graves
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS

Dr. Elizabeth With
Vice President of Student Affairs and Co-Chair, Honors Day

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Wisteria Wells
Ke’Yonna Hall

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL MUSIC

Transcendental Etude #10 in F minor

Franz Liszt (1811 – 1886)
Mr. Jacob Nydegger, Piano

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND HONORS

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Colleges and Departments

Dr. Finley Graves
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

RECOGNITION AWARDS

Athletic Awards
International Awards
Student Organizational Awards

Dr. Elizabeth With
Vice President for Student Affairs and Co-chair, Honors Day

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Recognition of Faculty and Staff
Honor Societies
University Writing Awards
Outstanding Teaching Fellows
Nationally Competitive Awards
Nicholas D. and Anna Ricco Ethics Awards

Dr. Glênisson de Oliveira
Dean, TAMS and Honors College and Co-Chair, Honors Day

Dr. Finley Graves
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
PRESIDENTIAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS
UNT Community Award
Special Recognition Award

Dr. Finley Graves
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AWARDS
Alton Thibodeaux Award
SGA Honor Professors

Mr. Adam Alattr
President, Student Government Association

THE 'FESSOR GRAHAM AWARD

Dr. Finley Graves
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

ALMA MATER

Ms. Claire Choquette
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*

Prelude in B Major, Op 7, No. 1
Marcel Dupre (1886 – 1971)

*Audience will please stand.

Guests are invited to celebrate with awardees at the outdoor reception tent immediately following the convocation.

**Rain location: Brock Grand Lobby
Awards Presented by Academic Colleges and Departments

College of Arts and Sciences

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Outstanding Achievement in Debate Award
Garrett Hammonds
Outstanding Graduate Student in Communication Studies
Matea Ivanovic
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication Studies
Breanna Mapston
Outstanding Graduate Student Service Award in Communication Studies
Ashley Trudeau
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Service Award in Communication Studies
Taylor Bell
Ted Colson Award for Excellence in Performance Studies
Emily McCormick

DANCE AND THEATRE

Outstanding Student in Dance
Whitley Green
Jazmine Taylor-Hughlett
Amy Syper
Jocelyn Schimpf
Christopher Laffuente
Outstanding Theatre Student in Performance & Design Tech
Kafarra Burden
Hadyn Evans
Robert Clark
Shayleigh Ward
Christopher Taylor

ECONOMICS

Aaron Wuensch Memorial Graduate Scholarship
Christopher Carlyle
Department of Economics Chair’s Award
Joe Ibanez
Jack Johnson Award for Top BA/BS Undergraduate Student in Economics
Mollie Ramsey
Samuel Hatch
The Economics Graduate Scholarship in Memory of Karla Lynch
Andreas Parides
Jared Chalson

ENGLISH

Mary E. Whitten Outstanding Undergraduate in English
Kelsey Chippeaux
Ariel Bailey
Outstanding Graduate Student in Creative Writing
Mark Wagenaar
Chelsea Wagenaar
Outstanding Graduate Student in Literature
Heidi Cephuss

GEOGRAPHY

F. Andrew Schoolmaster Award to Outstanding Graduate
Andrew Brown
F. Andrew Schoolmaster Awards to Outstanding Undergraduate
Joshua Bova

HISTORY

Outstanding Doctoral Student, Department of History
Jordan Hayworth
Outstanding Master’s Student, Department of History
Moises Gurrola

MATHEMATICS

Outstanding Math Lab Tutor
Cody Olsen
Outstanding Student in Actuarial Science
Lindsey Whiting
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Mathematics
Thomas Calkin
MEDIA ARTS

MA Graduate Student Academic Excellence Award in Media Arts
Brent Cowley
MFA Graduate Student Academic Excellence Award in Media Arts
Garrett Graham
Outstanding MA Graduate Student Award in Media Arts
Shaylynn Lynch
Outstanding MFA Graduate Student Award in Media Arts
Tuaean Hodge
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award in Media Arts
Katherine M. Hancock
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award in Media Arts
Jordan Wright
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award in Media Arts
Priscilla P. Presley
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award in Media Arts
Maria Delagado
Undergraduate Student Academic Excellence Award in Media Arts
Evan M. Neme
Undergraduate Student Academic Excellence Award in Media Arts
Paloma Hernandez
Undergraduate Student Academic Excellence Award in Media Arts
Rachel L. Brown
Undergraduate Student Academic Excellence Award in Media Arts
Christine A. Williams

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION STUDIES

John Kimmey Memorial Scholarship
Nathan Herzog
Samuel and Mabel Danford Scholarship in Religious Studies
Stefanni Fausone

PHYSICS

L.F. Connell Award in Physics
Nicolas Baczewski
Outstanding Senior Physics Major
Erin Thornton

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Best Undergraduate Paper in Political Science
Sonia Lopez
Clovis C. Morrison Award for the Best Pre-Law Student
Demi Allen
Department of Political Science Outstanding RA
Christopher Pace
Department of Political Science Outstanding TA
Melissa Martinez
Department of Political Science Outstanding TF
Benjamin Gross
Outstanding Student in American Politics
Desiree Hunter-Reay
Outstanding Student in Comparative Politics
William Batson
Outstanding Student in International Relations
Kyle Allen
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Political Science
Rachel Torres
Pender Award for the Best Graduate Paper in Political Science
Mustafa Kirisci
Sam B. McAllister Outstanding Graduate Student in Political Science
Samantha Petrey

PSYCHOLOGY

Anna Wright Memorial Scholarship
Allyson Sharf
Bonney Honor Student in Psychology Award
Daniel Steinberg
Charlotte Friedersdorff-Boyd Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Graduate Student
Renee Cloutier
Dr. G. Frank Lawlis Scholarship
Stacy Bonds
Ernest H. Harrell Memorial Scholarship
Kekia Liu
Frank Collins Memorial Scholarship
Melissa Edwards
Ladenberger Honor Student in Psychology Award
Anne Carlew
Louis C. Weber Scholarship for Outstanding Undergraduate Student
Kelly Martin
Louis C. Weber Scholarship for Psi Chi Award
Dylan Johnson
Outstanding Dissertation in Psychology Award
Pamela Holtz
Outstanding Scholarly Publication Award
Eric Schuler
Outstanding Teaching Fellow in Psychology Award
Justin Litvin
Outstanding Thesis in Psychology Award
Monica Gerber

SOCIOLOGY

Hiram J. Friedsam Award for the Outstanding Doctoral Student in Sociology
Nichola Driver
Leonard G. Benson Award for the Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Sociology
Allison E. Bradley
Rudy Ray Seward Award for the Outstanding Masters Student in Sociology
Alexandra V. Bush

TEACH NORTH TEXAS

Outstanding Undergraduate in Secondary Mathematics Teaching
Tracy Leeper
Outstanding Undergraduate in Secondary Science Teaching
Dayton Ryden
ACCOUNTING
Federation of Schools of Accountancy Excellence Award Bryan Holdegraver
Outstanding Audit Student Boris Duric
Outstanding Tax Student Stephen Verhovshek
Outstanding Tax Student Jose Luna
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Yanxia Jiang
Texas Society of CPA’s Accounting Excellence Award Christopher Mitchell

FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND LAW
Joe D. Hefner Award in Insurance Saummer Alshaikh
Outstanding Master’s Student in Finance Kshitiz Shrestha
Outstanding Student in Financial Services Carol Van Der Dys
Outstanding Student in Real Estate Jeffry Jackson
Outstanding Student in Risk Management and Insurance Brittany McClure
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Finance Dylan Barnard

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DECISION SCIENCES
Business Computer Information Systems Ph.D. Scholar Award Natalie Gerhart
ITDS Master’s Scholar Award Diman Shu
Management Science Ph.D. Scholar Award Mohammed Alkhars
Outstanding Graduate ITDS Major David Donnell
Outstanding Undergraduate BCIS Major Mark Podborschi
Outstanding Undergraduate Decision Sciences Major Jeffree Beckwith
Undergraduate BCIS Scholar Award Angel Nuno
Undergraduate Decision Sciences Scholar Award Juan Castaneda Dollagaray

MANAGEMENT
Outstanding Graduate Student in Health Services Management Jason Wren
Outstanding Graduate Student in Operations and Supply Chain Management James Lowery
Outstanding Graduate Student in Organizational Behavior and Human Resource Management Anibal Soto
Outstanding Graduate Student in Strategic Management Christopher Ryan Gores
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Entrepreneurship Jaime Larriviere
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Operations and Supply Chain Management Amy Horton
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Organizational Behavior and Human Resource Management Bianca Perez

COUNSELING AND HIGHER EDUCATION
Higher Education Program Outstanding Doctoral Student Award Jose Lineros
Higher Education Program Outstanding Master’s Student Award Precious Femi-Ogunyemi
Outstanding Doctoral Student Brittany Wilson
Outstanding Master Student Katherine Gorman
Outstanding Service Award Cynthia Bevly

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY
Emerging Leader in Educational Psychology Mary Mitchell
Excellence in Academic Achievement in Development and Family Studies Matt Giles
Excellence in Academic Achievement in Development and Family Studies Amanda Bell
Excellence in Graduate Academic Achievement in Special Education Carin Shearer
Excellence in Graduate Leadership in Special Education Reena Bhargava
Excellence in Graduate Professionalism in Special Education Nicole Park
Excellence in Graduate Scholarship in Special Education Keven Pugh
Excellence in Graduate Student Engagement in Special Education Barbara Hobbs
Excellence in Leadership in Development and Family Studies Michelle Larva
EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY-cont.

Excellence in Professional Service in Educational Psychology
Excellence in Professionalism in Development and Family Studies
Excellence in Scholarship in Educational Psychology
Excellence in Scholarship in Educational Psychology
Excellence in Student Engagement in Development and Family Studies
Excellence in Undergraduate Academic Achievement in Special Education
Excellence in Undergraduate Leadership in Special Education
Excellence in Undergraduate Professionalism in Special Education
Excellence in Undergraduate Research in Development and Family Studies
Excellence in Undergraduate Scholarship in Special Education
Excellence in Undergraduate Scholarship in Special Education
Excellence in Undergraduate Student Engagement in Special Education
Outstanding Community Service in Development and Family Studies
Outstanding Graduate Student in Educational Psychology
Outstanding Student Volunteer in Development and Family Studies
Outstanding Teaching Fellow in Educational Psychology
The Leaders in Family Education Promise Award

KINESIOLOGY, HEALTH PROMOTION, AND RECREATION

Emmett F. Cambron Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Health Promotion
Jess E. Cearley Award in Kinesiology
Outstanding Graduate Student in Recreation, Event, and Sport Management
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Recreation, Event, and Sport Management
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Recreation, Event, and Sport Management

TEACHER EDUCATION AND ADMINISTRATION

Ben E. Coody Outstanding Student Teacher in Secondary Education Award
Betty O. Mason Outstanding Student Teacher in Elementary Award
Outstanding Doctoral Student in Curriculum Studies Award
Outstanding Doctoral Student in Early Childhood Award
Outstanding Doctoral Student in Literacy Education Award
Outstanding Ed.D. Student in Educational Leadership Award
Outstanding Graduate Assistant in Teacher Education and Administration Award
Outstanding Master of Education in Teaching Student Award
Outstanding Master's Student in Curriculum and Instruction Award
Outstanding Master's Student in Early Childhood Award
Outstanding Master's Student in Educational Leadership Award
Outstanding Ph.D. Student in Educational Leadership Award
Outstanding Post Baccalaureate Student in Bilingual/ESL Education Award
Outstanding Post Baccalaureate Student in Secondary Education Award
Outstanding Principal Certification Award
Outstanding Superintendent Certification Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Bilingual/ESL Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Early Childhood Education Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Elementary Education Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Secondary Education Award

Ryan Glaman
Elizabeth Hernandez
Kelly Margot
Joseph Russell
Mercedes Parker
Allison McCarthy
Kaitlin Cruise
Anesha Chisholm
Kaye-Lin Doty
Brook Hollier
Adrienne Downey
Sydney Sanchez
Myles Alexander
Kaylee Seddio
Faith Black
Sarah Ferguson
Katelynn Blasavage

Michael Blake Hall
Danielle Blankenship
Franziska Sprinkmeyer
Courtney Duplechin
David Disabella

Ronald Frankland
Cassandra Felix
Amy Willerson
Darla Taylor
Jessica Edwards
Laurie Tinsley
Inna Dolzhenko
Jose Berrios
Vanessa Silvas
Danielle Hughes
Tramy Tran
Macy King
Cristina Campbell
Veronica Law
Jacob Perry
Jessica Loza
Gabrielle Estringel
Chelsea Dean
Nathan Rodriguez
BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

Outstanding Student in Biomedical Engineering
Vincenzo Kennedy

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Outstanding Doctoral Student in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering
Garima Bajwa

Outstanding Freshman in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering
Katie Ouellette

Outstanding Junior in Computer Engineering
Zachary Simpson

Outstanding Junior in Computer Science
Jacob White

Outstanding Junior in Information Technology
Matthew Holladay

Outstanding Master’s Student in Computer Engineering
Nagaraju Mukka

Outstanding Master’s Student in Computer Science
Rajendar Mudam

Outstanding Senior in Computer Engineering
Thomas Kanabay

Outstanding Senior in Computer Science
Daniel Jarvis

Outstanding Senior in Information Technology
Michele Hindman

Outstanding Sophomore in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering
Jonathan Roosa

Outstanding Teaching Assistant in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering
Jagannadh Vempati

Outstanding Teaching Fellow in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering
Joseph Helsing

MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Outstanding Sophomore in Materials Science and Engineering
Samantha Zellner

Outstanding Junior in Materials Science and Engineering
Tyler Torgerson

Outstanding Senior in Materials Science and Engineering
Adanma Akoma

Outstanding Master’s Student in Materials Science and Engineering
Aditya Ayyagari

Outstanding Master’s Student in Materials Science and Engineering
Calvin Mikler

Outstanding Student Intern in Materials Science and Engineering
Keirsten Tafoya

Outstanding Teaching Assistant in Materials Science and Engineering
Christopher Yannetta

Outstanding Senior in Involvement in Materials Science
Bria Miles

Outstanding Graduate in Involvement in Materials Science and Engineering
Jonova Thomas

MECHANICAL AND ENERGY ENGINEERING

Outstanding Doctoral Student
Changlei Xia

Outstanding Master’s Student
Karthik Alagarsamy

Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher
Sarah Forester

Outstanding Undergraduate Student
Adil Dadabhoy

COLLEGE OF INFORMATION

Linda Schamber Doctoral Writing Award
Deborah Cockerham

LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES

Innovative Leadership Award
Deborah Cockerham

Jerry and Michelle Wirenski Scholarship
Jose Mata

Outstanding Collaboration Award
Michael Schellen

Outstanding Peer Mentorship Award
Gloria Natividad Beltran Del Rio

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCES

Outstanding Master’s Student in Houston Program Award
John Martin

Outstanding Master’s Student in Information Sciences Award
LeAnn Boyce

Outstanding Master’s Student in Library Science Award
Ann Duarte

Outstanding Master’s Student in Los Angeles Cohort Award
Marlon Hernandez

Outstanding Master’s Student in Nevada/Utah Cohort Award
Adrea Lund

Outstanding Master’s Student in ELMS Cohort Award
Kristy Floyd
LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCES-cont.

Outstanding Ph.D. Student Marwah Halwani
Outstanding Ph.D. Student Oluwadamilola Obamehinti

LINGUISTICS

Academic Recognition for Graduate Work in Linguistics
Academic Recognition for Undergraduate Work in Linguistics
Excellence at the Graduate Level in Linguistic Analysis
Excellence at the Undergraduate Level in Linguistic Analysis
Outstanding Achievement for Graduate Research
Outstanding Achievement for Undergraduate Research

Alex Sibley
Laura Braswell
Jack Steiner
Mallory Schier
Rebecca Gignac
Coleman Norville

College of Merchandising, Hospitality and Tourism

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT

Highest Academic Achievement in Bachelor’s in Hospitality Management
Highest Academic Achievement in Master’s in International Sustainable Tourism
Highest Academic Achievement in Master’s in International Sustainable Tourism
Highest Academic Achievement in Master’s in International Sustainable Tourism
Highest Academic Achievement in Master’s Hospitality Management
Highest Academic Achievement in Master’s Hospitality Management
Outstanding Graduate Student in Hospitality Management
Outstanding Graduate Student in International Sustainable Tourism
Outstanding Senior in Hospitality Management

Brooke Allen
Althea Johnson
Savannah Remmich
Mei Ling Liu
Bailey Moody
Stacey Wood
Stacey Wood
Althea Johnson
Paige De La Garza

MERCHANDISING AND DIGITAL RETAILING

Highest GPA in Digital Retailing
Highest GPA in Home Furnishings Merchandising
Highest GPA in Merchandising
Highest GPA in M.S. in Merchandising
Outstanding Digital Retailing Student
Outstanding Home Furnishings Merchandising Student
Outstanding Master Student
Outstanding Merchandising Student

Kaitlin Fairless
Lindsay Zabojnik
Jennifer Himes
Hwai Ping Cheng
Anakarin Peterson
Kirby Kitchens
Linda Mihalick
Kristian Murphy
College of Music

COLLEGE OF MUSIC
Outstanding Graduate Conductor Dwight Jilek

COMPOSITION STUDIES
Outstanding Graduate Student in Composition Ermir Bejo
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Composition Ryan Ayres

INSTRUMENTAL STUDIES
Outstanding Graduate Student in Brass Erik Lundquist
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Brass Andrew Lyster
Outstanding Graduate Student in Percussion Corey Robinson
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Percussion Eric Pers
Outstanding Graduate Student in Strings Hao Miao
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Strings Josip Kvetek
Outstanding Graduate Student in Woodwinds Jennifer Guzman
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Woodwinds Brendon Wilkins

JAZZ STUDIES
Outstanding Graduate Student in Jazz Studies Johnathan Horton
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Jazz Studies Aaron Holthus

KEYBOARD STUDIES
Outstanding Graduate Student in Organ Performance Yang Sun Yu
Outstanding Graduate Student in Piano Performance Marcin Parys
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Piano Performance Jacob Nydegger

MUSIC EDUCATION
Outstanding Graduate Music Education Student John Denis
Outstanding Undergraduate Music Education Student Elizabeth Speltz

MUSIC HISTORY, THEORY, AND ETHNOMUSICOLOGY
Outstanding Graduate Student in Ethnomusicology Sean Peters
Outstanding Graduate Student in Music Theory Jason Patterson
Outstanding Graduate Student in Musicology Andrea Recek
Outstanding Teaching Fellow in Music Theory Jayson Smith
Outstanding Teaching Fellow in Musicology Emily Hagen
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Music Theory Xiao Yun
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Musicology Hannah Grantham

VOCAL STUDIES
Outstanding Graduate Student in Vocal Studies Christopher Oglesby
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Vocal Studies Claire Choquette

College of Public Affairs and Community Service

ANTHROPOLOGY
Larry Naylor Memorial Scholarship Award Meghan Kajihara
Outstanding Achievement in Anthropology Lauren Mcgregor
Outstanding Achievement in Anthropology Valeria Martinez-Napoles
Outstanding Achievement in Anthropology Meghan Kajihara
Outstanding Achievement in Anthropology Laura Salinas
Outstanding Achievement in Anthropology Alexandria Brock
BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS
Outstanding Graduate Student in Behavior Analysis
Julia Louise Ferguson
Outstanding Graduate Student in Behavior Analysis
Skyler Nicole Rueb
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Behavior Analysis
Roger Kyle Caldwell
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Behavior Analysis
Landon Cowan
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Behavior Analysis
Nicole Ashley Coleman

COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS
Fannie Belle Gaupp Award for Outstanding Social Work Student
Megan Freed
Outstanding BAAS Student
Katrina Watson

CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Outstanding Criminal Justice Graduate Student Award
Jordan Winkler
Outstanding Criminal Justice Student Award
Caitlin Seavers

DISABILITY AND ADDICTION REHABILITATION
Outstanding Graduate Student in Rehabilitation Counseling
Romania Roberts
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Rehabilitation Studies
Flavia Carr

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
John Maxwell Award for the Outstanding Student in EADP
Raelyn Darnell

SPEECH AND HEARING SCIENCES
Outstanding Graduate Student in Audiology
Kevin Hamilton
Outstanding Undergraduate in Audiology and Speech Language Pathology
Sarah Watts Hayes
Outstanding Speech Language Pathology Graduate Student
Chelsea Barsamian

College of Visual Arts and Design

ART EDUCATION AND ART HISTORY
Best Interdisciplinary Arts and Design Student
Diana Vargas

ART + SCIENCE RESEARCH
Graduate Art + Science Research Award
Julie Libersat
Undergraduate Art + Science Research Award
Aaron Davis

DESIGN
Communication Design Award
Aaron Bagley
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Fashion Design
Jenna Elsik
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Interior Design
Christina Wilson

STUDIO ART
Outstanding Graduate Student in Studio Art Award
Jessie Barnes
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Studio Art Award
Nickolai Lanier
Honors College

C.J. Davidson Scholar
Leslie H. Palmer Scholar
Walter and Mary Prichard Scholar
Robert Cox Memorial Award
Frank B. Feigert Award
Outstanding Honors Research Student in the Physical Sciences or Engineering
Outstanding Honors Research Student in the Social Sciences
Outstanding Honors Student in the Arts or Humanities
The David B. Kesterson Award for Outstanding Honors Student

Kennedy Cortez
Dressel Cruz
Molly Riddell
Rachel Torres
Amanda Ekery
Robert Nance
Jessica Lanza
Rachel Martinez
Tara Gardner
Elizabeth Fetherman

Frank W. and Sue Mayborn School of Journalism

Frank W. and Sue Mayborn Graduate Institute of Journalism Outstanding Academic Student
Frank W. and Sue Mayborn School of Journalism Outstanding Academic Student in Advertising
Frank W. and Sue Mayborn School of Journalism Outstanding Academic Student in Journalism
Frank W. and Sue Mayborn School of Journalism Outstanding Academic Student in Public Relations

Clinton Carter
Candace Allison
Jennyfer Rodriguez
Evgenia Sinopidou

Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science

President's TAMS Research Award
Dean's TAMS Research Award
James R. Miller Scholarship
Jimmie Franklin Dean II Scholarship
Patel Foundation Biological Research Award
Julian C. Stanley Award
Scott and Myra Stoll Scholar
Steve and Kathy Weiner Research Scholarship
Tom Weiner Scholarship
Tom Weiner Student Life Award

Anagha Krishnan
Emily Hu
Benjamin Lunday
Courtney Novak
Sachit Menon
Anabel Potts
Noelle Davis
Tony Liu
Leon Jacob
Helena Wu
Recognition Awards

Athletic Awards

Outstanding Female Varsity Athlete Award  Carnae Dillard  
Outstanding Male Varsity Athlete Award  Deckie Johnson

UNT-International

Outstanding International Student Global Citizen Award  Urooj Raza

Student Activities Center Awards

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award  Jenna Dibble

National Honor Societies at UNT

Alpha Chi  Delta Alpha Pi  Lambda Pi Eta  Pi Delta Phi
Alpha Chi Sigma  Delta Epsilon Iota  Mor-tar Board  Pi Sigma Alpha
Alpha Epsilon Delta  Delta Phi Alpha  Mu Kappa Tau  Psi Chi
Alpha Epsilon Lambda  Eta Kappa Nu  Mu Phi Epsilon  Rho Lambda
Alpha Kappa Delta  Eta Sigma Delta  National Society of Collegiate Scholars
Alpha Lambda Delta  Eta Sigma Gamma  Omicron Delta Epsilon
Alpha Psi Omega  Eta Sigma Phi  Order of Omega
Alpha Sigma Lambda  Gamma Theta Upsilon  Pi Alpha Alpha
Beta Alpha Psi  Golden Key International  Pi Kappa Lambda
Beta Beta Beta  Iota Iota Iota  Phi Alpha
Beta Gamma Sigma  Japanese National Honor Society  Phi Alpha Theta
Beta Phi Mu  Kappa Delta Pi  Phi Kappa Phi
Chi Sigma Iota  Kappa Pi Sigma  Phi Sigma Pi
Chi Tau Epsilon  Kappa Tau Alpha  Phi Upsilon Omicron

University Writing Awards

Faculty Senate Graduate Creative Writing: Fiction  Spencer Hyde
Faculty Senate Graduate Creative Writing: Nonfiction  Chelsea Marie Wagenaar
Faculty Senate Graduate Creative Writing: Poetry  Molly S. Tucker
Faculty Senate Graduate Scholarly Writing: Argumentative or Expository  Sam Elliot Tjahjono
Faculty Senate Graduate Undergraduate Creative Writing: Fiction  Courtney Maddox
Faculty Senate Graduate Undergraduate Creative Writing: Nonfiction  Katherine Marie Meyer
Faculty Senate Graduate Undergraduate Creative Writing: Poetry  Kelsey Chippeaux

University Teaching Fellow Awards

Faculty Senate Outstanding Teaching Fellowship Award  Cheng Chang
Faculty Senate Outstanding Teaching Fellowship Award  Timothy Brian Garth
Faculty Senate Outstanding Teaching Fellowship Award  Danielle Eve Levitt
Faculty Senate Outstanding Teaching Fellowship Award  Timothy Matthew Ponce
Anushree Agrawal  
United States Presidential Scholars Program Semifinalist

Hector Amaya  
Teach for America

Garima Bajwa  
Three-Minute Thesis Competition (North Carolina) Runner-up  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Ram Dantu, Computer Science and Engineering

Niranjan Balachandar  
United States Presidential Scholars Program Semifinalist

Amit Banerjee  
Texas Junior Academy of Science  
First Place Engineering – Energy  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Rudresh Ghosh  
Post-doctorate fellow, University of Texas, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Sarah Brown  
Benjamin Gillman International Scholarship Awardee

Sarah Cheeran  
Fort Worth Science and Engineering Fair  
Mathematics, First Place

Kathleen Chen  
Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist

Victoria Chen  
Fort Worth Science and Engineering Fair  
Engineering: Material Science and Bioengineering, Second Place  
USA Biology Olympiad, Semifinalist  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Nicoladie Tam, Biology

Ashish Chowdary  
Texas Junior Academy of Science  
First Place Microbiology  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Brian Ayre, Biology

Eric Clinch  
Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist  
Chemistry  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Thushani Herath, Chemistry

Kara Conn  
Jack and Judy Bajanowski Scholarship  
Buda Lions Club  
American Legion Post 326

Colleen Dai  
Siemens Competition Regional Finalist  
Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. William Acree, Chemistry

Dian Davis  
Teach for America

Liam Ferreira  
USA Biology Olympiad, Semifinalist

Li Galo  
Benjamin Gillman International Scholarship Awardee  
Faculty Mentor: Professor Sonja Hightower, Accounting

Melissa Gonzalez  
Joint Admission Medical Program  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Debra Beck, UNT Health Professions

Yesenia Gonzalez  
Joint Admission Medical Program  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Debra Beck, UNT Health Professions

Carolyn Guan  
Intel Science Talent Search, Semifinalist  
Siemens Competition Regional, Semifinalist  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Thomas Cundari, Chemistry

Eva Guelogullari  
Rotary Global Grant  
Texas Bluebonnet Society

Faith Harvey  
Benjamin Gillman International Scholarship Awardee

David Hashe  
Fort Worth Science and Engineering Fair  
Computer Science, Second Place  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Krishna Kavi, Computer Science and Engineering

Xavier Henderson  
Teach for America

Leiha Hill  
Teach for America

Alberto Him  
Bill and Melinda Gates Millennium Scholar Program, 2015

Floyd Horng  
Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Thomas Cundari, Chemistry

Emily Hu  
Intel Science Talent Search  
Chemistry, Semifinalist  
Fort Worth Science and Engineering Fair  
Chemistry, Second Place  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Angela Wilson, Michigan State University, Chemistry

Ashley Huang  
Texas Junior Academy of Science  
Biochemistry, Third Place  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Douglas Root, Biology

Zehra Hussain  
Parkland Auxiliary Collegiate Fellows Program  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. James Duban, Professor of English, Associate Dean Honors College  
Dr. Dzialowski, Biology

Carolyn Huynh  
Fort Worth Science and Engineering Fair  
Biochemistry and Cellular & Molecular Biology, Second Place

Sidney Johnson  
Benjamin Gillman International Scholarship Awardee

Raul Juarez  
Fulbright Semifinalist
Bihan Jiang  
*Fort Worth Science and Engineering Fair*
**Mathematics, First Place**

Shinhyung Kang  
*Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist*
*Fort Worth Science and Engineering Fair*
**Physics and Astronomy, Second Place**
**Faculty Mentor: Dr. Martin Schwartz, Chemistry**

Wendy Kendera  
*Joint Admission Medical Program Awardee*
**Faculty Mentor: Dr. Debrah Beck, UNT Health Professions**

Sameer Khoja  
*Texas Junior Academy of Science*

Anagha Krishnan  
*Intel Science Talent Search Semifinalist*
*MIT THINK Scholar Awardee*
*Fort Worth Science and Engineering Fair*
**Physics and Astronomy, First Place**
*Texas Junior Academy of Science*
**Physics, First Place**
**USA Biology Olympiad, Semifinalist**
**Faculty Mentor: Dr. Arup Neogi, Physics**

Bridget Lamm  
*Benjamin Gillman International Scholarship*

Matthew Law  
*Fort Worth Science and Engineering Fair*
**Grand Prize/Best of Fair Awards (qualified for ISEF), Third Place**
**Environmental Science and Engineering, First Place**
**Faculty Mentor: Dr. Teresa Golden, Chemistry**

Kiyeon Lee  
*Bill and Melinda Gates Millennium Scholarship Program, Finalist*
**Faculty Mentor: Wendy Boyd-Brown**

Michael Li  
*USA Biology Olympiad, Semifinalist*

Julie Libersat  
*Contemporary Art Dealers of Dallas Annual CADD Fund Grant*
**Mentor: Ruth West**

Michelle Liu  
*Fort Worth Science and Engineering Fair*
**Environmental Science and Engineering, Second Place**

Tony Liu  
*Intel Science Talent Search Semifinalist*
*USA Biology Olympiad, Semifinalist*
**Faculty Mentor: Dr. Zhenhai Xia Materials Science and Engineering**

Vincent Liu  
*Fort Worth Science and Engineering Fair*
**Biochemistry and Cellular & Molecular Biology, Third Place**
**Faculty Mentor: Dr. Joshua Singer, UMD Biology**

William Liu  
*Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist*
**Faculty Mentor: Dr. Ed Early, St. Edward's University, Mathematics**

Amber Lu  
*Siemens Competition Regional Finalist*
*Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist*
**Faculty Mentor: Dr. Lucas Rusnak, Mathematics, Texas State University**
*Fort Worth Science and Engineering Fair*
**Mathematics, First Place**
**Faculty Mentor: Dr. William Acree, Chemistry**

Andrew Lyster  
*Fulbright Grant*
**Faculty Mentor: Brian Bowman, Music**

Millicent Melinia Macena  
*Benjamin Gillman International Scholarship*

Vineel Mallepalli  
*USA Biology Olympiad, Semifinalist*
**Faculty Mentor: Dr. Witold Brostow, Materials Science & Engineering**

Yashas Manjunatha  
*Texas Junior Academy of Science*
**Chemistry, Second Place**
**Faculty Mentor: Dr. Srinivasan Srivilliputhur**

Michelle Mao  
*Fort Worth Science and Engineering Fair*
**Physics and Astronomy, Third Place**
**Faculty Mentor: Dr. Yuakun Lin, Mr. David George, Physics**

Portia Z. Martin  
*Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship, Alternate*
**Faculty Mentor: Dr. Christina Wasson, Anthropology*
*Dr. James Duban, English, Associate Dean, Honors College*

Sachit Menon  
*Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist*
*Fort Worth Science and Engineering Fair*
**Biochemistry and Cellular & Molecular Biology, Second Place**
**USA Biology Olympiad, Semifinalist**

Marcus Mercy  
*Teach for America*

Mindy Nguyen  
*Benjamin Gillman International Scholarship*

Hannah Nino  
*Teach for America*
**Faculty mentor: Jerry Austin, Ceramics**

Marisa Nowicki  
*Carnegie Mellon University*
**Junior Summer Institute in Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) Waitlist**
**Junior Summer Institute (JSI)**
**Faculty Mentor: Dr. Victor Prybutok, Business, Associate Dean for Graduate Programs and Research**

Emmanuela Opoku  
*P.E.O. Award*
**Faculty Mentor: Dr. Patricia Glazebrook**
*Dr. George James, Philosophy*

Dev Patel  
*Joint Admission Medical Program Awardee*
**Faculty Mentor: Dr. Debrah Beck, UNT Health Professions**

Yajaira Prado  
*Benjamin Gillman International Scholarship*

Uma Ramesh  
*Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist*
**Faculty Mentor: Dr. Shalini Prasad, UT Dallas**

Ashlea Ramirez  
*Multicultural Advertising Internship Program (MAIP), American Association of Advertising Agencies*
**Most Promising Multicultural Student, American Advertising Federation (AAF)**
**Faculty Mentor: Dr. Sheri Broyles**
Rohit Reddy  
*Fort Worth Science and Engineering Fair*  
*Environmental Science and Engineering, Second Place*

Christen Richardson  
*Benjamin Gillman International Scholarship*  
*Faculty Mentor: Ms. Orie Varner*

Krystin Rodriguez  
*Benjamin Gillman International Scholarship*

Joshua Sanchez  
*Benjamin Gillman International Scholarship*

Shaun Sanders  
*Joint Admission Medical Program*  
*Faculty Mentor: Dr. Debrah Beck, UNT Health Professions*  
*Dr. Ed Dzialowski, Biology*

Sarah Sarder  
*Critical Language Scholarship – Hindi, Alternate*  
*Faculty Mentor: Ms. Sara Blankenship, Journalism*

Nivedina Sarma  
*MIT INSPIRE, First Place*  
*Faculty Mentor: Mr. Chris Duncan, Frisco School of Music*  
*Mr. Gabriel Bautista, Music Theory Instructor, Frisco School of Music*

Alexander Schalla  
*Teach for America*

Kalon Smith  
*Benjamin Gillman International Scholarship*

Ernest Smith  
*Benjamin Gillman International Scholarship*

Whitney Smith  
*Teach for America*

Jewon Sohn  
*Fort Worth Science and Engineering Fair*  
*Medicine and Health, Second Place*  
*Tarrant County Veterinary Medical Association Division S-I*  
*Best in Category, First Place*  
*Faculty Mentor: Dr. Narendra Dahotre, Materials Science and Engineering*

Hannah Song  
*Teach for America*

Chandrasekhar Sundarraj  
*Texas Junior Academy of Science*  
*First Place Medicine and Health*  
*Faculty Mentor: Dr. Kimmo J. Hatanpaa, UT Southwestern Medical Center*  
*Pathology*

Hwa-Shen Tan  
*Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist*

Raashi Thakkar  
*Fort Worth Science and Engineering Fair*  
*Environmental Science and Engineering, Third Place*

Aditya Vaidya  
*Texas Junior Academy of Science*  
*First Place Computer Science*  
*Third Place Grand Prize in Physical Science*  
*Fort Worth Science and Engineering Fair*  
*Computer Science, Third Place*

Jesus Valero  
*Emerging Scholars Award*  
*Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)*  
*Faculty Mentor: Dr. Hee Soun Jang, Public Administration*

Adil Virani  
*Bill and Melinda Gates Millennium Scholarship Program Finalist*  
*Mentor: Russ Stükel*

Jagath Vytheeswaran  
*Fort Worth Regional Science and Engineering Fair*  
*Biochemistry and Cellular & Molecular Biology, First Place*  
*Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jannon Fuchs, Biological Sciences*

Hannah Joan Wilson  
*National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame Internship*  
*Faculty Mentor: Dr. Thomas Miles, Honors College*

Alex Wu  
*Fort Worth Science and Engineering Fair*  
*Engineering: Electrical and Mechanical, Second Place*  
*Faculty Mentor: Dr. Wonbong Choi, Materials Science and Engineering*

Arjun Yagamurthy  
*Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist*

Fort Worth Science and Engineering Fair  
*Plant Sciences, First Place*  
*Grand Prize/Best of Fair Awards (qualified for ISEF), Honorable Mention*  
*Texas Junior Academy of Science*  
*Second Place, Botany*

Allan Yu  
*Intel Science Talent Search Semifinalist*

David Yuan  
*Fort Worth Science and Engineering Fair*  
*Computer Science, First Place*  
*Faculty Mentor: Dr. Lei Chen, Georgia Southern University*

Michael Yuan  
*Intel Science Talent Search Semifinalist*  
*Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist*

Fort Worth Regional Science and Engineering Fair  
*Biochemistry and Cellular &Molecular Biology, Second Place*

Joshua Yue  
*Intel Science Talent Search Semifinalist*  
*Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist*

*Fort Worth Regional Science and Engineering Fair*  
*Grand Prize/Best of Fair Awards (qualified for ISEF), First Place*  
*Chemistry, First Place*

Shoshana Zhang  
*Siemens Competition Regional Finalist*  
*Siemens Competition Regional Semifinalist*  
*Faculty Mentor: Dr. William Acree, Chemistry*

Andrew Zeng  
*Intel Science Talent Search Semifinalist*

Daniel Zhong  
*Fort Worth Science and Engineering Fair*  
*Engineering: Material Science and Bioengineering, First Place*  
*Grand Prize/Best of Fair Awards (qualified for ISEF), Second Place*  
*USA Biology Olympiad, Semifinalist*  
*Faculty Mentor: William Cherry, Mathematics*
Nicholas D. and Anna Ricco Ethics Awards

College of Arts and Sciences
Monika Patel

College of Engineering
J. Curran

College of Information
Hillary Stark

College of Merchandising, Hospitality and Tourism
Billy O’Dell

College of Music
Brian Benavidez

College of Visual Arts and Design
Nickolai Lanier

Frank W. and Sue Mayborn School of Journalism and Graduate Institute
Linda Kessler

Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science (TAMS)
Kiyeon Lee

Presidential Excellence Awards

UNT COMMUNITY AWARD
Lisa Deer

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD
Gary Livingston

Student Government Association Awards

ALTON THIBODEAUX AWARD
Olivia Henderson

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION HONOR PROFESSORS
Dr. Doryce Judd
Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion
Dr. Richard Tas
Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management

THE "FESSOR GRAHAM AWARD"
Dr. Michael Thompson
Department of Philosophy

Wisteria Wells
Honors Day Keynote Speaker

Wisteria Wells is a senior graduating May 2016 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Decision Science. Wisteria is thankful for her time spent at UNT, and her involvement with the North Texas Forty Student Foundation as the President, Professional Leadership Program, Green Jackets, and Housing as a Resident Assistant. Miss Wells has plans to spend the summer after graduation in Portland, OR serving with Generation Send and then returning to the Dallas area to begin work as a full time employee.

Ke’Yonna Hall
Honors Day Keynote Speaker

Ke’Yonna Hall is a Senior, double majoring in Criminal Justice and Sociology. She is a graduate of the LeaderShape Institute, a member of the University Program Council and Education is Freedom, a mentor for the Brewer Foundation Future Leaders Program, and an avid community volunteer in her hometown, Dallas. Ke’Yonna has worked on campus in the Office of The Registrar and in several internships, including selection in the NTDC program which allowed her to intern in the U.S. House of Representatives. This semester she is preparing to present research on Educational Equity and Re-Examinations of Cultivation Theories, under the direction of faculty mentors, Mr. Michael Thompson and Mr. Zachary Powell.
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 Honors Day in 1972, via proclamation of the University president and the student government president. Arrangements since that date have been handled by the University Honors and Recognition Committee which is broadly representative of UNT. Honors Day is sponsored jointly by the Division of Student Affairs and the Honors College. The purpose of the Honors Day Convocation is to recognize students who exemplify excellence in academic and leadership pursuits, and to give the University Community an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of these individuals and the wonderful institution of which we are a part.

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