

UNIVERSITY OF
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HONORS DAY

April 3, 2009

*The Murchison
Performing Arts Center
Winspear Hall*



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS™
2009 Honors Day Convocation

PRE-CEREMONY MUSIC

Carillon de Westminster
Naiades

Dr. Jesse Eschbach
Professor of Music

Louis Vierne
Louis Vierne

PROCESSIONAL*

Trumpet Tune

Dr. Jesse Eschbach
Professor of Music

Henry Purcell

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

Darnielle Jones

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL MUSIC

Dr. John Scott
Associate Dean, College of Music
John Thrower (b1951)

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 'FESSOR 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
Gladys Crawford Award for Medical Technology/Cytotechnology
Outstanding Senior in Biological Sciences Award
Outstanding Senior in Biological Sciences Award
Outstanding Senior in Biological Sciences Award

Kelsey Hudson
Olivia Saavedra
Joseph Ifokwe
Po-Fu Lin
Alissa Nguyen

CHEMISTRY

George Vaughn Memorial Award
James L. Carrico Award
Robert Wade Brown Award

Glenn Morello
Charles Peterson III
Marie Eastlund

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Outstanding Student in Debate Award
Outstanding Graduate Student in Communication Studies Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication Studies Award
Graduate Service Award in Communication Studies
Undergraduate Service Award in Communication Studies
Outstanding Graduate Student in Performance Studies Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Performance Studies Award
Ted Colson Award for Excellence in Performance Studies

Kuntal Cholera
Keturi Delong-Beatty
Hannah Novak
Ashley Thomas-Seltzer
Brittany Riggs
Raquel Polanco
Kevin Wayland
Christal Higgins

DANCE AND THEATRE

Dance Recognition Award
Dance Recognition Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Theatre Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Theatre Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Theatre Award

Jenna Fisher
McKenzie Krempa
Andrew Bourgeois
Kenneth Farnsworth
Blake Hametner

ECONOMICS

Jack Johnson Award for Top BA/BS Graduate in Economics
Jack Johnson Award for Top BA/BS Graduate in Economics
The Top BBA in Economics Award

Cailin Haynes
Anna Ruth
Jessica Bostic

ENGLISH

Outstanding Graduate Student in English Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in English Award

Christian Worlow
Katherine Wilson

FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Faculty Award for Excellence in French
Faculty Award for Excellence in French
Faculty Award for Excellence in German
Faculty Award for Excellence in Spanish
Faculty Award for Excellence in Spanish

Omar Al-Rashdan
Forrest Williamson
Ian Moore
Margaret Arant
Maria Schafler

GEOGRAPHY

Outstanding Graduate Geography Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Geography Award

Nick Enwright
Daniel Hatley

HISTORY

Outstanding Doctoral Student in History Award
Outstanding Doctoral Student in History Award
Outstanding Master's Student in History Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in History Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in History Award
Gil Samples Award for Best Undergraduate Paper/Department of History

Jessica Brannon-Wranosky
Chase Machen
Ali Ghafoori
Ashley Dowd
Jennifer Seman
Chelsea Faxon

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

International Studies Outstanding Student Award

Marcelo Ostria

JOURNALISM

Outstanding Strategic Communication Graduate Student Award
Outstanding Strategic Communication Graduate Student Award
Outstanding Strategic Communication Student Award
Outstanding Strategic Communication Student Award
Outstanding News Graduate Student Award
Outstanding News Student Award
Outstanding News Student Award
Outstanding News Student Award

Sarah Schram
Barbara Seljak
Adrienne Scruggs
Rachel Wilhelm
Michael Mooney
Christena Dowsett
Matthew Goodman
Katrina Gutierrez

MATHEMATICS

Outstanding Graduate Student in Mathematics Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Mathematics Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Actuarial Science Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Secondary Mathematics Teaching Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Secondary Mathematics Teaching Award

Stephen Muir
Zachary Barnhart
Tonya March
Fallon Fletcher
Jose Cordero

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION STUDIES

John Kimmey Memorial Scholarship Award

Ian Moore

PHYSICS

L.F. Connell Award in Physics
Outstanding Senior Physics Major Award

Christopher Barthold
Sushil Shrestha

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Clovis C. Morrisson Award for Best Pre-Law Student
E.C. Buell Award for the Outstanding Student in Comparative Politics
Fred Gantt Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Political Science Award
Pender Award for Best Graduate Paper in Political Science
Sam B. McAlister Outstanding Graduate Student in Political Science Award
Yarborough Award for Best Undergraduate Paper in Political Science
Yarborough Award for Best Undergraduate Paper in Political Science

Rebekah Kopsky
Mark Shadden
Ian Moore
Jason Quinn
Natalie Elliot
Ian Moore
Sorrel McCarthy

PSYCHOLOGY

Merl E. Bonney Award for Outstanding Student in Psychology
Ladenberger Honor Student in Psychology Award
Outstanding Graduate Student in Psychology Award
Dr. Frank G. Lawlis Scholarship Award
Anna Wright Memorial Scholarship Award
Psychology Teaching Fellow Award

Will Hua
Darnell Schuettler
Michael McFarland
Dustin Johnson
Jill Rogstad
Karen O'Brien

RADIO/TV/FILM

Outstanding Graduate Student Award in Radio/Television/Film
Outstanding Graduate Student Award in Radio/Television/Film
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award in Radio/Television/Film
Graduate Student Academic Excellence Award in Radio/Television/Film
Graduate Student Academic Excellence Award in Radio/Television/Film
Undergraduate Student Academic Excellence Award in Radio/Television/Film

Ashley Conroy
Marek Dojs
David Hamilton, Jr.
Ryan Ferguson
Samuel Jay
Misti Fields

SPEECH AND HEARING SCIENCES

Outstanding Doctoral Student Award in Audiology
Outstanding Graduate Student in Speech and Language Pathology Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award in Speech and Hearing Sciences

Brandy McIntyre
Mary Pat Kleineck
Katie Gebbert

College of Business

ACCOUNTING

Outstanding Doctoral Student in Accounting Award
Outstanding Graduate Student in Accounting Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Accounting Award
Federation of Schools of Accountancy Award
Outstanding Tax Student Award
Texas Society of CPA's Accounting Excellence Award

Byron Pike
Katherine Lange
Krishna Morawala
Philip Miller
Rebecca Roberts
Walter Suksta

FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND LAW

Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award
Outstanding Master's Student in Finance Award
Outstanding Student in Finance Award
Outstanding Student in Financial Services Award
Joe D. Hefner Award in Insurance
Outstanding Student in Risk Management and Insurance Award
Outstanding Master's Student in Real Estate Award
Outstanding Student in Real Estate Award

James Spoons
George Mougridis
David Weber
Alan Hoffman
Rachel Alexander-Lindsey
Rachel Somerford
Olanrewaju Abiodun
Lane Joseph

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DECISION SCIENCES

Business Computer Systems Ph.D. Scholar Award
Business Computer Systems Master's Scholar Award
Business Computer Systems Undergraduate Scholar Award
Management Science Ph.D. Scholar Award
Management Science Master's Scholar Award
Master's Decision Technology Scholar Award
Information Technology Master's Scholar Award
Outstanding Management Information Systems Major Award
Undergraduate BS/BCIS Scholar Award
Undergraduate Decision Sciences Scholar Award

Joseph Schuessler
Nicasio Anderson
Tracey West
Muhammad Hossain
Ali Rizvi
Keegan Farrell
Adam Robbins
Koukouni Kone
Karmin Scassera
Austin Tidmore

MANAGEMENT

Outstanding Graduate Student in Health Services Management Award
Outstanding Graduate Student in Strategic Management Award
Outstanding Graduate Student in Operations and Supply Chain Management Award
Outstanding Graduate Student in Organizational Behavior and Human
Resource Management Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Entrepreneurship Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Organizational Behavior and Human
Resource Management Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Operations and Supply Chain Management Award

Jennifer Gist
Joel Brown
Terry Morris
Fallon Lockett
Jason Hills
Enzo Ochoa
Sarah Chincarini

College of Education

KINESIOLOGY, HEALTH PROMOTION AND RECREATION

Emmett F. Cambron Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Health Promotion
Rita Pilkey Undergraduate Award in Recreation and Leisure Studies
Jess E. Cearley Award in Kinesiology

Alicia Landin
Eric Anderson
Alison Ede

TEACHER EDUCATION AND ADMINISTRATION

Ben E. Coody Outstanding Student Teacher in Secondary Education Award
Betty O. Mason Outstanding Student Teacher in Elementary Education Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Elementary Education (Grades 4-8) Award
Outstanding Post Baccalaureate Secondary Education Student Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Early Childhood Education (Grades EC-4) Award
Outstanding Doctoral Student in Curriculum and Instruction Award
Outstanding Doctorate Student in Educational Administration Award
Outstanding Master's Student in Educational Administration Award – UNT Denton
Outstanding Master's Student in Educational Administration Award – UNT Dallas
Outstanding Doctoral Student in Reading Education Award
Outstanding Master's Student in Reading Education Award
Outstanding Post Baccalaureate Student in Bilingual Education Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Bilingual Education Award
Outstanding Post Baccalaureate ESL Education Student Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in ESL Education Award
Outstanding Student Superintendent Certification Award
Outstanding Student Principal Certification Award

Christina Donovan
Kellye Gayden
Patricia Beck
Melissa Dunning
Amy Labrosse
Janette Boazman
Michael Valdrisp
Melanie Schulte
Rebecca Stephens
Tami Morton
Donalyn Miller
Maria Claudia Prada
José Robles
Amber O'Dell
Rachel Sales
Michael Novotny
Delinda Dudley

College of Engineering

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Outstanding Ph.D. Student in Computer Science and Engineering Award
Outstanding Master's Student in Computer Engineering Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Computer Engineering Award
Outstanding Master's Student in Computer Science Award
Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Computer Science Award

Santi Phithakkitnukoon
Sahasana Narahariseti
Elena Lassandro
Paul Sroufe
Peter Curry

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Outstanding Student for Master of Science in Engineering Systems Award
Outstanding Construction Engineering Technology Student Award
Outstanding Electrical Engineering Technology Student Award
Outstanding Manufacturing Engineering Technology Student Award
Outstanding Mechanical Engineering Technology Student Award
Outstanding Nuclear Engineering Technology Student Award

George Silva
John Branch
Cameron McCord
John Rinehart
John Price
Randall Thompson

College of Information, Library Science & Technologies

Learning Technologies Outstanding Technologies Ph.D. Student Award
Learning Technologies Outstanding Technologies M.S. Student Award
Learning Technologies Outstanding Ph.D. Student Award
Learning Technologies Outstanding M.S. Student Award
Learning Technologies Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award
Library & Information Sciences Houston Faculty Recognition Award
Library & Information Sciences Nevada Faculty Recognition Award
Library & Information Sciences Texas Faculty Recognition Award
Library & Information Sciences Outstanding Student in Library Science Award
Library & Information Sciences Outstanding Student in Information Science Award
Library & Information Sciences Lis and Phil Turner Paper Award

Tip Robertson
Jenny Sonja Helena Wakefield
Joanna Shaw
Tony Fuller
Christa Jones
Julia Mergele
Lisa Force Keffeler
Arta Kabashi
Mary "Hannah" Guthrie
Melody McCotter
Alane Whaley-Dehotels

College of Music

COMPOSITION

Outstanding Music Composition Graduate Student Award
Outstanding Music Composition Undergraduate Student Award

Jason Fick
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 Townsden

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 Hudgins

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

Davette Angelo
Te'Ira Dorsey

Santi Phithakkitnukoon
Yulia Pronchenko

Undergraduate Students

Kristyn Admire
Andrew Amerson
Ashley Baylor
Robert Boccaccio
Tracy Booker
Dana Cardone
Xavier Cinque
Sarah DiNucci
Jillian France
Codi Guthrie
William Hightower
Brenna Johnson
Wilson Juarez

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 Ostria
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
Outstanding Male Varsity Athlete Award
Outstanding Female Recreational Sports Athlete Award
Outstanding Male Recreational Sports Athlete Award

Amber Jackson
Andrew Turner
Kelley Howard
Trevor Riegelman

International Studies and Programs Awards

Outstanding International Graduate Student Award
Outstanding International Graduate Student Award

Siddik Ekici
Sampath Pamidimukkala

Student Activities and Organization Awards

Outstanding Student Leader Award
Student Organization Distinguished Service Award

Toby Nelson
Alpha Kappa Psi

National Honor Societies at UNT

Alpha Chi
Alpha Chi Sigma
Alpha Epsilon Delta
Alpha Epsilon Lambda
Alpha Kappa Delta
Alpha Lambda Delta
Alpha Psi Omega
Alpha Phi Sigma
Beta Alpha Psi
Beta Beta Beta

Beta Gamma Sigma
Beta Phi Mu
Chi Sigma Iota
Chi Tau Epsilon
Delta Phi Alpha
Eta Sigma Delta International
Hospitality Management
Eta Sigma Gamma
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
Chase Machen
Jessica Brannon
Byron Pike

Department of English
Department of History
Department of History
Department of Accounting

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION HONOR PROFESSORS

Dr. Kimi King
Dr. Pinliang Dong
Dr. Tracy Everbach
Dr. Mark Vosvick

Department of Political Science
Department of Geography
Department of Journalism
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
Elizabeth With, Co-Chair
Rhonda Acker
Vicki Alexander
Ben Dearman
Rebecca Finberg
Hope Garcia
Chris Passafume
Rebecca Poalinelli
Connie Smith
Debbie Stevens
Margie Tieslau

Honors College
Division of Student Development
Office of the President
Honors College
Office of the Registrar
Student Government Association
Division of Student Development
Student Government Association
Murchison Performing Arts Center
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Division of Student Development
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 Saucedo

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 Vathauer

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