



honoring state
and national
award winners
and finalists and
their mentors

STATE & NATIONAL
Awards
RECEPTION 2026

Monday, April 20, 2026 | 3:00 PM
Jim & Joyce Faulkner Performing Arts Center

Welcome to the 2026 Annual State and National Awards Reception. At the University of Arkansas, our students have had a tremendously successful year. More than 300 graduate and undergraduate students received over \$4 million in competitive scholarships, fellowships, grants, and internships during the 2025-2026 academic year. These awards at both the state and national levels were earned on the basis of academic achievement, research, and community involvement. Many students will use this funding to help pay for undergraduate studies, graduate school, or further graduate work. Recipients, however, win far more than recognition and funding. These awards help them realize important goals as they move toward careers in business, STEM fields, medicine, international studies, architecture, social sciences, and the arts and humanities.



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Many of the students here today have competed nationally as a member of a team, bringing credit to themselves, to their colleges, and to the University. Wherever their careers take them, these students want to make real contributions to their disciplines and to their communities.

To achieve such success, these excellent students work collaboratively with talented, well-known faculty members who are generous with their time and support, year after year. It is a winning combination.

The Office of the Provost and the Office of Nationally Competitive Awards are pleased to celebrate these accomplishments. Thank you for joining us today.

WELCOME

Suzanne McCray, *Vice Provost for Enrollment and Dean of Admissions and Nationally Competitive Awards*

UNDERGRADUATE ENGAGEMENT & FACULTY SUPPORT

Indrajeet Chaubey, *Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs*

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Amie Donathan, *Goldwater Scholar*

2026 STAFF GOLD MEDALS

Kelly Carter, *Fellowship Financial Manager, Honors College*
Huda Sharaf, *Medical Director, Student Affairs and Well-Being*

2026 FACULTY GOLD MEDALS

Gerson Drescher, *Assistant Professor, Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences*
Gabriel Diaz Montemayor, *Associate Professor, Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design*
Erin Hickey, *Associate Professor, College of Education and Health Professions*
William Richardson, *Associate Professor, College of Engineering*
Younghye Song, *Associate Professor, College of Engineering*
Erica Westerman, *Associate Professor, Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences*

2026 DEPARTMENTAL GOLD MEDAL

Department of Health, Human Performance, and Recreation

2026 COMMUNITY PARTNER GOLD MEDAL

Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Northwest Arkansas - Frankie Rankin, Shannon Campbell

STUDENT AND MENTOR AWARDS

Faculty Awards Presenter
Indrajeet Chaubey, *Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs*

Undergraduate Awards Presenter
Coleman Warren '22, *Rhodes and Truman Scholar*

Graduate Awards Presenter
Ed Pohl, *Dean of the Graduate School and International Education*

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

ALPHA GAMMA RHO

Ted A. Priebe Excellence in Agricultural Marketing Award

Nathaniel Hulsizer - Agricultural Business

ANGELO DONGHIA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Caitlin Swanson - Interior Architecture and Design

Kimberley Furlong, Jennifer Webb

BENJAMIN A. GILMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Keegan Atkins - Mechanical Engineering

Zoe Baucum - Horticulture, Landscape and Turf Sciences

Emma Baumann - Architecture

Avery Binuya - Political Science

Savannah Burnett - Finance

Michelle Calderon - Public Health

Claudia Calderon Cruz - Criminology

Isabelle Cenobio - International Business

Gisela Cubero Perez - Civil Engineering

Jonah Droddy - Architecture

Sebastian Gaona - Supply Chain Management

Cooper Hampton - Finance, Computer Science

Tanner Holden - Mechanical Engineering, Nursing

Mandy Hong - International Business

Tori Hudson - Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Mali Ilhuicamina - Food Science

Chris Incao - Information Systems, Accounting

Sophie Isham - Journalism

Ava King - Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Nate Kingsbury - Data Science

Neal Kinney - Chemical Engineering

Emma Kolker - Social Studies Education

Jake Le - Mechanical Engineering

Austin Lee - Journalism

Ella Lehman - Graphic Design, Studio Art

Katie Sabo, Miranda Behrends, Ava Buchanan, Brooks Marmon

**Mentors are indicated in the program by italics.*

Juan Lemus - Public Health, Biology
Maggie Leonard - Marketing
Osvaldo Leonardo - Public Health
Daniel Martinez - Computer Engineering
Anna Mason - English
Nicole McIlvain - Animal Science
Pedro Najera - Mechanical Engineering
Jesse Pham - Mechanical Engineering
Bella Pierce - Communication
Luis Ramos Herrera - Civil Engineering
Ella Rowen - Biology, Psychology
Thomas Serrano - International Business
Tessa Sluyter - Biology
Olivia Smith - Interior Architecture and Design
Laci Stephens - Marketing
Mark Trejo - Psychology, Latin American and Latino Studies
Mya Wardwell - Nursing
Sonora Weeden - Horticulture, Landscape and Turf Sciences
Peyton West - Biological Engineering
Addison White - Social Work
Railey Whitten - Elementary Education
Jacinda Wiley - Social Work, World Languages, Literature and Cultures
Keiko Yoshiki - International and Global Studies
Carlos Zamora - Computer Science

CHEROKEE PHOENIX CONTINUING THE LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

Delanie O'Dell - Criminology, Journalism

CHURCHILL SCHOLARSHIP

Sam Sooter - Physics, Mathematics

Woodrow Shew

CONGRESS BUNDESTAG YOUTH EXCHANGE FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Maddie Gwinner - Political Science, International and Global Studies

Kathleen Condray

Finalist

Simon Todd - Horticulture, Landscape and Turf Sciences

CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP

Abdullah Asif - Biochemistry, Middle East Studies, Arabic
Anna Fielder - Advertising and Public Relations

Paula Haydar

DAAD RISE FELLOWSHIP

Nicole McKellar - Biological Engineering, German

Kathleen Condray, Matthew McVey

DUKE UNIVERSITY - AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

Ralph Bunche Summer Institute
MJ Ferguson - Political Science

Najja Baptist, Dara Gaines, Alejandra Campos

ERASMUS MUNDUS JOINT MASTER'S SCHOLARSHIP

Satchel Flammang - Biology

Kathleen Condray, Adam Pare

FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT PROGRAM

Finalist - English Teaching Assistantship

Daisy Rehbock - International and Global Studies
Maddie Gwinner - Political Science, International and Global Studies

Kathleen Condray

Alternate - English Teaching Assistantship

Eliza Staton - Spanish, Sociology

Christianne Corbett

Semi-Finalist - English Teaching Assistantship

Jenna Allemand - Modern Languages M.A.
Devon Coward - German
Piper Duke - Business Administration and International Business M.B.A.
Anna Fielder - Advertising and Public Relations
Janna Morse - Spanish, International and Global Studies
Shawn Sproles - Electrical Engineering, Arabic

Kathy Comfort, Annie Doucet, Nancy Arenberg, Maria Comsa

Hawraa Alzouwain

Semi-Finalist - Study/Research Award

Rowan Offutt - Biology

Jennifer Ogle

FLORIDA SEMICONDUCTOR INSTITUTE FELLOWSHIP

Chase Golden - Chemical Engineering

Bob Beitle

GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP

Amie Donathan - Biomedical Engineering and German

Christopher Nelson

HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Finalist

Jessica Doss - Anthropology, Chemistry

Muskan Taori - Chemistry

*Suresh Thallapuram, Tatsuya Fukushima
Nakell Baker*

ITALIAN LANGUAGE FOUNDATION

Claire Gaudiani Memorial Fellowship

Elyse Cano - Journalism, Political Science, Italian

Ryan Calabretta-Sajder

Fred Kuwornu Fellowship

Lily Crawford - Psychology

Ryan Calabretta-Sajder

Enrico Fermi Fellowship

Mac Principe - Chemistry, World Languages, Literature and Cultures

Ryan Calabretta-Sajder, Daniela D'Eugenio

NATIONAL ITALIAN AMERICAN FOUNDATION

On-Campus Program Representative

Alessandro Palazzuoli-Bevilacqua - Italian

Ryan Calabretta-Sajder, Daniela D'Eugenio

JAPANESE EXCHANGE AND TEACHING PROGRAM

Maya Lester - Apparel Merchandising

Roman Padilla - International Business

*Tatsuya Fukushima
Motoko Miura, Tatsuya Fukushima*

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

Ernest F. Hollings Scholarship

Sophia Mahmoud - Earth Science, Philosophy

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Graduate Research Fellowship Program

Liley Bozard - Anthropology
Aidan Donoho - Electrical Engineering
Lillian Hutchinson - Chemical Engineering
Abhinav Komanduri - Electrical Engineering, Physics
Noshin Nawar - Mechanical Engineering
Jared Noel - Chemical Engineering, Mathematics
Ian Popp - Chemical Engineering, Business Economics
Andrew Ruegsegger - Biology Ph.D.
Sam Sooter - Physics, Mathematics

*Alan Mantooth
Younghye Song
Alexander Nelson*

*William Richardson
Christopher Nelson
Caleb Roberts, Maribeth Latvis
Woodrow Shew*

Honorable Mention

Elizabeth Cobb - Earth Science

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Research Experience for Undergraduates

Felipe Andrade - Chemical Engineering
Lainie Crouch - Human Environmental Sciences
Dylan Derewonko - Biology
Haden Fowler - Computer Science
Kaija Frierson - Computer Science
Taija Frierson - Computer Science
Drew Hoeldtke - Biomedical Engineering
Diamond Jones - Food Science
Abhinav Komanduri - Electrical Engineering, Physics
Christian Machen - Environmental, Soil, and Water Science
Jacob McNutt - Biomedical Engineering
Adrian Munoz - Data Science
Fatima Nazif - Biomedical Engineering
Morgan Walkenhorst - Chemistry
Ash Wood - Chemical Engineering
Grace Harding - Mathematics, Computer Engineering

*Ranil Wickramasinghe
Kristen Gibson
Rebecca Samsonraj, Timothy Muldoon
Kevin Jin
Susan Gauch*

*Timothy Muldoon
Kristen Gibson
Alexander Nelson
Michelle Evans-White
Alan Mantooth
Jeremy Beaulieu
Rushita Bagchi
Kristen Gibson
Ranil Wickramasinghe
Kevin Jin*

PRINCETON IN ASIA FELLOWSHIP

Anna Fielder - Advertising and Public Relations

PROJECT HORSESHOE FARM

Community Health Fellowship

Elliott Ruegsegger - Biology

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE ENGINEERING DEANS' GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

Chase Golden - Chemical Engineering

Bob Beitle

STUDENT UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Kaitlyn Acklin - Biology

Avery Binuya - Political Science

Emma Bracken - English

Mary Mead Buchanan - Psychology

Megan Callahan - Exercise Science

Claire Callaway - Interior Architecture and Design

Caleb Carpenter - Computer Science

Victoria Castillo - Animal Science

Tori Fernandez - English

Alexander Garcia - Psychology, Music

Zane Garner - Biology, Psychology

Paola Gutierrez - Social Work

Sydney Hammond - Biomedical Engineering

Jenna Harper - Public Health

Olivia Hotstream - Biology

Chet Hudgens - Agricultural Business

Brianna Ifland - Studio Art

Barrett Johnson - Civil Engineering

Mason Lucas - Biology

Breanna McCall - Psychology

Kaelyn Moran - Psychology

Anna Morgan - Psychology

Eli Nason - Biomedical Engineering, Physics

Clara Nikkel - Chemistry

Briya Patel - Psychology, Biology

Anna Phillips - Anthropology

Amy Poe

A. Burcu Bayram

Lisa Hinrichsen

Grant Shields

Erin Hickey

Jinoh Park

Alejandro Martin Gomez

Derico Setyabrata

Jenna Donohue

Ana Bridges

Brendon McDermott

LaShawnda Fields

Younghye Song

Page Dobbs

Christian Tipsmark

Nathan Kemper

Adam Hogan

Julian Fairey

Josiah Leong

Grant Shields

Matt Judah

Matt Judah

Jian Zhang

Suresh Thallapuram

Douglas Behrend

Amelia Villasenor

Cameron Rackley - Political Science, International and Global Studies
Lydia Rainwater - Biology
Chloe Smith - Biomedical Engineering
Samantha Stark - Chemistry, Biology
Addison Steiner - Biology
Grace Whitaker - Exercise Science
Elise Wilkin - Classical Studies, Anthropology
Amelie Wise - Biomedical Engineering
Summer Wolfe - Communication
Anna Grace Wright - Earth Science
Ally Zimmerman - Political Science, International and Global Studies

*A. Burcu Bayram
Kristian Forbes
Kartik Balachandran
Grant Shields
Peter Ungar
Anqi Deng
Peter Ungar
Morten Jensen
Lisa Corrigan
Vincent Chevrier
Allen Spencer*

TEXAS TRIBUNE ENGAGEMENT FELLOWSHIP

Sophia Nabours - Journalism

Gina Shelton

THE HAGAN SCHOLARSHIP

Juan Cubero - Electrical Engineering
Eregly Gaspar-Guinac - Data Science
Natalie Guerra - Mechanical Engineering
Adasyn Hayes - Poultry Science
Jaden Hood - Communication Sciences and Disorders
Aamori Johnson - Biomedical Engineering
Evalynne Lawson - Psychology, Criminology
Estrella Lezama - Data Science
Andrea Lopez - Innovation and Entrepreneurship
Karla Lopez - Economics, History
Caden Morse - Civil Engineering
Henry Orellana - Music Education

*Melinda Schroeder
Sarah Bramall, Josh Gilstrap, Amanda Bromley, Chris Estep*

*Melinda Schroeder
Molly Jensen*

TRI-STATE SOYBEAN FORUM SCHOLARSHIP

Hannah Jenkins - Crop Science, Food Technology

Kelsey Greub

UDALL SCHOLARSHIP

Claire Walker - Biology, Chemistry

Stefan Kilyanek, Micah Maulding

UNIVERSITY STUDIES ABROAD CONSORTIUM SCHOLARSHIP

Christian Freyaldenhoven - International and Global Studies, Political Science

Tatsuya Fukushima

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Ashby Ph.D. Scholarship in Mechanics and Materials

Shae Threlfall - Mechanical Engineering

Min Zhou

UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS AND INTERNSHIPS

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS

2nd Place - Food, Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology Division Poster Competition

Lillian Hutchinson - Chemical Engineering

Younghye Song

2nd Place - Computing and Process Control Division Poster Competition

Jared Noel - Chemical Engineering

William Richardson

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ENGINEERING EDUCATION

Intern Student of the Year - Cooperative and Experiential Education Division

Julie Jansen - Civil Engineering

ARDENT MILLS FOOD QUALITY AND ASSURANCE INTERNSHIP

Hannah Jenkins - Crop Science, Food Technology

Kelsey Greub

ASSOCIATED COLLEGE PRESS

2nd Place - Advertising Graphic Designer and Digital Advertisement

Brooke McKay - Advertising and Public Relations

Joyce Tao, Teresa Tackett

2nd Place - Video Advertisement

Avery Branscum - Journalism

Joyce Tao, Teresa Tackett

Best of Show - Reporting

Miceala Morano - Journalism

Tiffany King

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Youth of the Year Award - Fort Smith, Arkansas

Joseph Kincannon - Advertising and Public Relations

BROADCAST EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

2nd Place - Television Hard News Reporting
Harper Buck - Journalism

Tiffany King

DOW JONES NEWS FUND INTERNSHIP

Keelin Fisher - Journalism, Political Science
Cooper Gant - Journalism, Political Science
Casey Mann - Journalism, Political Science

Gina Shelton

FARM CREDIT OF WESTERN ARKANSAS INTERNSHIP

Emma Blankenship - Agricultural Business

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA COLLEGIATE

1st Place - Arkansas Foundations of Marketing
Melany Velazquez - Marketing

INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS PACKAGING SOCIETY

Undergraduate Hands-On Experience Program

Mia Conley - Mechanical Engineering
McKenna Johnson - Mechanical Engineering
Andy Mims - Computer Engineering, Information Systems
Jay Parrish - Mechanical Engineering
Xavier Taylor Rouse - Mechanical Engineering

*Xiaoqing Song, Yuxiang Chen
Han Hu
Alan Mantooth
Zhong Chen
David Huitink*

INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL AND SYSTEMS ENGINEERS

2nd Place - South-Central Regional Paper Competition
Lauren Jones - Industrial Engineering

Shengfan Zhang

METROPOLIS MAGAZINE

Future100 Interior Design Undergraduate
Daria Hall - Interior Architecture and Design
Emilie Lucie - Interior Architecture and Design
Sydney Slaughter - Interior Architecture and Design

MICROSOFT UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH INTERNSHIP

Kaija Frierson - Computer Science

Susan Gauch

MUSIC TEACHERS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

1st Place - Young Artist Piano Competition - Arkansas

Calista Maurer - Music, Piano Performance

Xiting Yan

NASA

Office of STEM Engagement Internship - Ames Research Center

Chase Golden - Chemical Engineering

Bob Beitle

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS AND SCIENCES

Student Emmy Award - Best Sports Talent Reel

Jax Crall - Journalism

Tiffany King

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HISPANIC JOURNALISTS

2026 Student Project Team

Vivian Hernandez Mejia - Journalism

Ninette Sosa

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF SINGING COMPETITION

1st Place - Upper Musical Theatre Tenor/Baritone/Bass Voices

Garrett Cash - Music Education

Sarah Cain

1st Place - Upper Classical Tenor/Baritone/Bass Voices

Nathan Edwards - Music Education

Jonathan Stinson

1st Place - Lower Classical Tenor/Baritone/Bass Voices

Christian Mathews - Music Education

Jonathan Stinson

NBC UNIVERSAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Today Show Internship

Jax Crall - Journalism

Gina Shelton

SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS REGION 12

Winner - Mark of Excellence Award

Emma Bracken - English
Mo Strother - Studio Art

Bret Schulte

Finalist - Mark of Excellence Award

Harper Buck - Journalism
Emerson Burris - Journalism
Gigi Kraemer - Journalism
Aidan Loney - Journalism
Emma Manhire - Journalism
Emma Rasmussen - Journalism M.A.

Tiffany King

SUMMER HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION PROGRAM INTERNSHIP

Penelope Atkins - Public Health

UNIVERSITY OF PÉCS RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF VITICULTURE AND OENOLOGY

Summer Research Internship

Alyssa Foley - Crop Science, Agricultural Communications

Jefferson Miller

UNDERGRADUATE TEAM AWARDS

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS REGIONAL COMPETITION

Tammy Lutz-Rechtin, Bob Beitle

1st Place - Chem-E-Car Presentation

Ashlyn Bullington - Chemical Engineering
Steve Chen - Chemical Engineering
Raul Diaz - Chemical Engineering
Weston Edwards - Chemical Engineering
Luke Knight - Chemical Engineering
Paige Miller - Chemical Engineering
Blake Newell - Chemical Engineering

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR HORTICULTURAL SCIENCE SOUTHERN REGION

Curt Rom

1st Place - Team Activities Oral Report Competition

Brianna Bailey - Horticulture, Landscape and Turf Sciences
Cooper Bull - Horticulture, Landscape and Turf Sciences
Nathan Gray - Horticulture, Landscape and Turf Sciences
Emma Hatcher - Horticulture, Landscape and Turf Sciences

1st Place - Vegetable Commodity Judging Competition

Jackson Ball - Horticulture, Landscape and Turf Sciences
Ann Bell - Horticulture, Landscape and Turf Sciences, Landscape Architecture
Aaryanna Grundmeier - Horticulture, Landscape and Turf Sciences
Ava Kamm - Horticulture, Landscape and Turf Sciences

COLLEGE MEDIA ASSOCIATION

Mike Brown

Honorable Mention - Apple Award for Yearbook Design

Elizabeth Bunnell - Journalism
Madalyn Meneke - Childhood Education
Grayce Vinicky - Architecture

INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC DEBATE ASSOCIATION

Hannah Morris

National Champion Speaker Season-Long

Austin Keefe - Political Science

Champion - Individual Competitions

Percy Blaich - Studio Art
Will Crews - Political Science, Criminology
Dylan Hall - Criminology, Philosophy, Sociology
Hayden Mittlestat - Biology
Emma Powell - Criminology, Political Science
Austin Keefe - Political Science
Izzy Swafford - Philosophy, Political Science
Josh Tompkins - History, Political Science

2nd Place - Team Season-Long

Percy Blaich - Studio Art
Will Crews - Political Science, Criminology
Jace Godfrey - Political Science
Ella Grannon - English
Dylan Hall - Criminology, Philosophy, Sociology
Hayden Jescheling - Business
Austin Keefe - Political Science
Lydia Lim - Accounting, Political Science
Hayden Mittlestat - Biology
Luke Paulus - Political Science
Emma Powell - Criminology, Political Science
Izzy Swafford - Philosophy, Political Science
Josh Tompkins - History, Political Science
Aubree Watkins - Communication

2nd Place - Arkansas Tech Individual Competition

Luke Paulus - Political Science

NATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Outstanding Delegation Award

Anna Abston - Business Economics, Political Science
Jenna Bray - Business Economics, Marketing
Hailey Bryant - Business Economics
Jessica Doss - Anthropology, Chemistry

Robert Stapp

Maddie Gwinner - Political Science, International and Global Studies
Amanda Hux - Political Science
Nathan Jung - Economics
Yullyana Laguna - International and Global Studies
Alexandria May - International Business
Vivian Pettigrew - International and Global Studies
Yousif Radhi - International Business
Leen Samman - Psychology
Halle Scoby - Accounting
Sydney Stewart - Psychology, French
Bella Thompson - Political Science
Isabel Wilcox - Finance
Anna Wood - Political Science
Ally Zimmerman - Political Science

Outstanding Delegate Award

Anna Abston - Business Economics, Political Science
Maddie Gwinner - Political Science
Nathan Jung - Economics
Leen Samman - Psychology
Halle Scoby - Accounting
Isabel Wilcox - Finance
Anna Wood - Political Science
Ally Zimmerman - Political Science

Outstanding Position Paper Award

Nathan Jung - Economics
Yullyana Laguna - International and Global Studies
Leen Samman - Psychology
Halle Scoby - Accounting
Sydney Stewart - Psychology, French
Isabel Wilcox - Finance

76TH US POULTRY TED CAMERON NATIONAL POULTRY JUDGING CONTEST

2nd Place

Bryce Bradley - Poultry Science
Andy Cornell - Poultry Science
Logan Sanders - Poultry Science
Maria Torres - Poultry Science

Amanda Bromley

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

1000 DREAMS FUND

New Face of Tech Award

Monisola Ayankoya - Operations Management M.S.

AGRONOMIC SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Jeffery L. Smith Graduate Student Travel Award

Will Dockery - Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences M.S.

Kristofor Brye

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

International Fellowship

Maria Lopez Rojas - Environmental Dynamics Ph.D.

Cay Mathis, Benjamin Vining

AMERICAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION

Thriving Earth Exchange Community Science Fellowship

Danna Villareal - Biological and Agricultural Engineering Ph.D.

Rebecca Muenich

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL AND BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERS

1st Runner-Up - Arkansas Section Graduate Student Poster Competition

Josiah Ojeniran - Biological and Agricultural Engineering M.S.

Kaushik Luthra, Terry Howell

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

Graduate Fellowship - Division of Terrorism and Bias Crimes

Sophia Glick - Sociology and Criminology M.A.

Jeffrey Gruenewald

ARKANSAS ARTS COUNCIL

Individual Artist Fellowship - Multisensory Art

Serena Caffrey - Studio Art M.F.A.

Calista Lyon, Henry Gepfer

ARKANSAS BEEF COUNCIL

Research Grant

Cameron Catrett - Animal Science Ph.D.

Derico Setyabrata, Morgan Denzer

ARKANSAS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

David and Carolyn Watts Endowed Fund Scholarship

Milad Sangsefidi - Mechanical Engineering Ph.D.

Paul Millett

ARKANSAS SPACE GRANT CONSORTIUM

STEAM Award, Workforce Development Grant

Shelby Osborne - Environmental Dynamics Ph.D.

Vincent Chevrier

ARKANSAS STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION

Garland Tynes Memorial Scholarship

Sharandeep Singh Chahal - Horticulture Ph.D.

Wendell Hutchens

ASSOCIATION OF COMPUTING MACHINERY

International Conference Travel Grant

Reuben Samson Raj - Computer Science Ph.D.

Kevin Jin

CENTRAL STATES AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SPORTS MEDICINE

Research Grant

Xiujing Zhao - Exercise Science Ph.D.

Brendon McDermott

CRAFT EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

CERF+ Get Ready Grant

Serena Caffrey - Studio Art M.F.A.

Calista Lyon, Henry Gepfer

CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP

Semi-Finalist

Jayakumari Nair - Comparative Literature M.A.

CROP SCIENCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Chris Steigler Turfgrass Science Travel Award

Sharandeep Singh Chahal - Horticulture Ph.D.

Wendell Hutchens

ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND

Climate Corps Fellowship

Lucia Escalante Ortiz - Environmental Dynamics Ph.D.

Kristofor Brye

FOUNDATION FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Rocky FFAR Fellowship

Harrison Smith - Environmental Dynamics Ph.D.

Lanier Nalley, Amanda Ashworth

FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM

Stefan Bonchis - Agricultural Economics M.S.

Jahin Kaiissar - Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies M.A.

Jos Rizal - Social Work M.S.W.

Jada Thompson

Erika Almenara

Alishia Ferguson

HAGAN GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Daniel Curl - Mechanical Engineering M.S.

Han Hu

INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS

Design Methodologies for Power Electronics International Conference Travel Grant

Max Thursby - Computer Science M.S.

Kevin Zheng - Computer Science M.S.

Kevin Jin

Power Electronics Society Travel Grant

David Agogo-Mawuli - Electrical Engineering Ph.D.

Alan Mantooth, Xinze Li

INSTITUTE OF FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS

Dr. Elwood F. Caldwell Graduate Fellowship, Feeding Tomorrow Fund Scholarship

Fnu Rahul - Food Science Ph.D.

Jeyam Subbiah

Chapter Leader Travel Award

Chetanjot Kaur Romana - Food Science Ph.D.

Jamie Baum

MENSA FOUNDATION

Dissertation Mini-Grant

Al Mansor Helal - Education Policy Ph.D.

Jonathan Wai

MINORITIES IN AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES AND RELATED SCIENCES

AGCO Foundation Graduate Scholarship and Gold Scholarship

Josiah Ojeniran - Biological and Agricultural Engineering M.S.

Kaushik Luthra, Terry Howell

Gold Scholarship

Uchechukwu Uzoetoh - Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences M.S.
Elizabeth Amoako - Human Development and Family Sciences M.S.

*Christian De Guzman, Isabel Whitehead-Adams
Timothy Killian*

NASA LIFELINES FELLOWSHIP

Barira Rashid - Geosciences, Biological and Agricultural Engineering Ph.D.

Rebecca Muenich

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PLANT BREEDERS

Borlaug Scholarship

Rafael Goncalves Marmo - Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences M.S.

Caio Canella Vieira, Trenton Roberts

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Pre-Doctoral Fellowship

Harrison Smith - Environmental Dynamics Ph.D.

Lanier Nalley, Amanda Ashworth

NORTH AMERICAN BIKESHARE AND SCOOTERSHARE ASSOCIATION

Meddin Emerging Researcher Scholarship

Anindya Debnath - Civil Engineering Ph.D.

Suman Mitra

OAK RIDGE INSTITUTE FOR SCIENCE AND EDUCATION FELLOWSHIP

David Agogo-Mawuli - Electrical Engineering Ph.D.

Alan Mantooth, Xinze Li

P.E.O. INTERNATIONAL PEACE SCHOLARSHIP

Eva Stephani Caroline - Public Policy Ph.D.

Meutia Hanafiah - Anthropology Ph.D.

Danna Villareal - Biological and Agricultural Engineering Ph.D.

*Qiuqiong Huang
Kathleen Paul
Rebecca Muenich*

PHILOSOPHY OF MEMORY CONFERENCE

Early Career Travel Award

Zackary Kralik - Philosophy Ph.D.

Thomas Senior

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE FELLOWSHIP

Joshua Chavana - Entomology Ph.D.

Neelendra Joshi

SOCIETY OF ECONOMIC GEOLOGISTS

Student Presenter Travel Award

Hashindra Herath - Geosciences Ph.D.

Adriana Potra

SOCIETY OF ETHNOBIOLOGY

Grants-in-Aid of Field Research Award

Maria Lopez Rojas - Environmental Dynamics Ph.D.

Cay Mathis, Benjamin Vining

THE POULTRY FEDERATION SCHOLARSHIP

Tanmaie Kalapala - Poultry Science Ph.D.

Palmy Jesudhasan, Tomi Obe

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science Graduate Student Research Grant

Steven Akwabli - Electrical Engineering Ph.D.

Wei Du, Fisher Yu

WOMEN IN TRANSPORTATION SEMINAR

Arkansas Chapter Scholarship

Karla Diaz-Corro - Civil Engineering Ph.D.

Sarah Hernandez

GRADUATE AWARDS AND INTERNSHIPS

AI IN AGRICULTURE SYMPOSIUM

2nd Place - Hackathon

Prince Anagbonu - Physics Ph.D.

Jin Hu

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF GEOGRAPHERS

2nd Place - Southwest Division Poster Competition

Sahar Rezaei - Geosciences Ph.D.

Brad Peter

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SPORTS MEDICINE CENTRAL STATES REGION

Outstanding Doctoral Research Award

Shawn Wierick - Health, Sport and Exercise Science Ph.D.

Brendon McDermott

AMERICAN COLOR PRINT SOCIETY

Honorable Mention - Annual Member's Show

Serena Caffrey - Studio Art M.F.A.

Calista Lyon, Henry Gepfer

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

American Indian Youth Literature Award for Best Picture Book

Andrea L. Rogers - English Ph.D.

Toni Jensen

AMERICAN OIL CHEMISTS' SOCIETY

Honored Student Award

Sumanjot Kaur - Food Science Ph.D.

Ali Ubeyitogullari

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY / CROP SCIENCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Gerald O. Mott Most Meritorious Graduate Student in Crop Science Award

Rafael Goncalves Marmo - Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences M.S.

Caio Canella Vieira, Trenton Roberts

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE

1st Place - Southern Section 3-Minute Thesis Competition

Isabella Becerra - Animal Science M.S.

Kirsten Midkiff

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY DIVISION ON TERRORISM

2nd Place - Graduate Student Paper

Ethan Mitchell - Sociology M.A.

Jeff Gruenewald

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS AND EXPOSITION

People's Choice Poster Award

Daniel Curl - Mechanical Engineering M.S.

Han Hu

Outstanding Student Presentation - Machine Learning for Thermal Transport

Mohammad Ishraq Hossain - Mechanical Engineering M.S.

Han Hu

ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION FOR FOOD PROTECTION

1st Place - Poster Presentation

Sahaana Chandran - Food Science Ph.D.

Tanmaie Kalapala - Poultry Science Ph.D.

*Kristen Gibson
Palmy Jesudhasan, Tomi Obe*

ARKANSAS CROP MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

2nd Place - Oral Presentation

Gabriela Andrade Leite Mengez - Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences M.S.

Gerson Drescher

ARKANSAS PRESS WOMEN

Communicator of Achievement Award

Kristen Netterstrom Higgins - Public Policy Ph.D.

ARKANSAS SOIL AND WATER EDUCATION CONFERENCE

1st Place - Student Poster Competition

Joao Silva - Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences M.S.

Gerson Drescher

BUILDINGS INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL

Editor's Choice Article Award

Mahboobeh Hemmati - Environmental Dynamics Ph.D.

Tahar Messadi

CANVAS CONFERENCE

1st Place - Oral Presentation, 1st Place - 5-Minute Presentation + Poster Competition

Gabriela Andrade Leite Mengez - Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences M.S.

Gerson Drescher

2nd Place - Oral Presentation

Will Dockery - Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences M.S.

Kristofor Brye

1st Place - Bayer AgTech Hackathon

Rafael Goncalves Marmo - Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences M.S.

Caio Canella Vieira, Trenton Roberts

2nd Place - Master's Student Competition

Joao Silva - Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences M.S.

Gerson Drescher

COMMUNICATION ARTS TYPOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Award of Excellence

Sousan Samanifar - Multimedia and Communication Design M.Des.

Gaby Hernandez, Ryan Slone

CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Finalist - Three-Minute Thesis Competition

Ruvindu Perera - Cell and Molecular Biology Ph.D.

Adnan Alrubaye, Palmy Jesudhasan

DART CONFERENCE

Best Poster Award

Uttamasha Anjally Oyshi - Computer Science Ph.D.

Susan Gauch

ENERLITE CONSULTING, LLC. INTERNSHIP

Moein Hemmati Gourabi - Environmental Dynamics Ph.D.

Tahar Messadi

ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

1st Place - Graduate 10-Minute Presentation

Manish Gautam - Entomology Ph.D.

Rupesh Kariyat

2nd Place - Southwestern Branch Outstanding Ph.D. Student Oral Presentation

Insha Shafi - Entomology Ph.D.

Rupesh Kariyat, Ioannis Tzanetakis

2nd Place - Graduate 10-Minute Presentation

Insha Shafi - Entomology Ph.D.

Rupesh Kariyat, Ioannis Tzanetakis

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD

Postgraduate Technical Assistantship

Grace Helmers - Master of Professional Accounting

FORBES 30 UNDER 30 SCIENCE LIST

Lexi Applequist - Biomedical Engineering Ph.D.

Kartik Balachandran

GEORGIA TECH RESEARCH INSTITUTE SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Siavash Mahmoudi - Biological and Agricultural Engineering Ph.D.

Dongyi Wang

GRAPHIS AWARDS

Gold & Silver Poster Competition Awards

Sousan Samanifar - Multimedia and Communication Design M.Des.

Gaby Hernandez, Ryan Slone

INSTITUTE FOR OPERATIONS RESEARCH AND THE MANAGEMENT SCIENCES

Magna Cum Laude Award

Amit Kumar Saha - Industrial Engineering Ph.D.

Haoming Shen

INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS WEB INTELLIGENCE CONSORTIUM

Best Paper Award

Uttamasha Anjally Oyshi - Computer Science Ph.D.

Gibson Nkhata - Computer Science Ph.D.

Susan Gauch

INSTITUTE OF FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS

2nd Place - Ozark Section 3-Minute Thesis Competition

Sahaana Chandran - Food Science Ph.D.

Kristen Gibson

2nd Place - Nonthermal Processing Division Think Tank Hackathon

Sumanjot Kaur - Food Science Ph.D.

Ali Ubeyitogullari

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INFORMATION, PROCESS, AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

Best Paper Award

Uttamasha Anjally Oyshi - Computer Science Ph.D.

Susan Gauch

INTERNATIONAL POULTRY SCIENTIFIC FORUM

1st Place - Oral Presentation - Southern Conference for Avian Diseases

Ruvindu Perera - Cell and Molecular Biology Ph.D.

Adnan Alrubaye, Palmy Jesudhasan

MINORITIES IN AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND RELATED SCIENCES

1st Place - 3-Minute Thesis Competition

Eniola Ola - Food Science M.S.

Han-Seok Seo

Honorable Mention - 3-Minute Thesis Competition

Chetanjot Kaur Romana - Food Science Ph.D.

Jamie Baum

40 Under 40 Award

Wendell Scales, Jr. - Agricultural Leadership Ph.D.

Jill Rucker

2nd Place - Student Poster Competition

Damilola Oni - Agricultural Economics M.S.

Qiuqiong Huang, Jacquelyn Mosley

Finalist - Student Poster, Oral Presentation, and 3-Minute Thesis

Surbhit Jangra - Information Systems M.S.

EmmaLe Davis

MISSOURI VALLEY DISTRICT INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS

1st Place - Traffic Bowl and Student Poster Competitions

Geoffery Agorku - Civil Engineering Ph.D.

Sarah Hernandez

NASA INTERNSHIP

Chelsea Stephens - Chemistry Ph.D.

Stefan Kilyanek, Martin Edwards

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS AND SCIENCES STUDENT EMMYS

Best Newscast Award

Emma Rasmussen - Journalism M.A.

Tiffany King

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF SINGING COMPETITION

1st Place - Lower Advanced Classical Treble Voices

Katheryn Cooper - Music M.M.

Lenora Green-Turner

NATIONAL COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION

Social Justice Division Graduate Student Activist Award

Samuel Ajala - Communication M.A.

Jake Dionne

James L. Golden Outstanding Student Essay in Rhetoric Award

Trinity Barnes - Communication M.A.

Ryan Neville-Shepard

Top Master's Thesis in Qualitative Methods

Breck Gillespie - Communication M.A.

Ryan Neville-Shepard, Rebecca Leach

Top Master's Thesis in Rhetorical Methods

Madison Rose McBride - Communication M.A.

Meredith Neville-Shepard

Top Master's Thesis in Argumentative and Forensics Division

Amy Whiteside - Communication M.A.

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NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Clinical and Translational Research Summer Course

Olivia Enietan - Chemistry Ph.D.

Julie Stenken

NEBRASKA PLANT SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM

1st Place - Graduate Student Oral and Poster Presentations

Emanuel Ferrari do Nascimento - Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences M.S.

Caio Canella Vieira

OZARK INSTITUTE OF FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS RESEARCH COMPETITION

People's Choice Award

Chetanjot Kaur Romana - Food Science Ph.D.

Jamie Baum

OZARKSGO

GIS/GPS Mapping Internship

Rasool Vahid - Environmental Dynamics Ph.D.

Mohamed Aly

PERKINS & WILL

Living Design Team Internship

Saghar Mohsenian - Environmental Dynamics Ph.D.

Tahar Messadi

PHI TAU SIGMA - UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CHAPTER

1st Place - Speedy Science Competition

Sumanjot Kaur - Food Science Ph.D.

Ali Ubeyitogullari

POULTRY SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

Certificate of Excellence

Eniola Betiku - Poultry Science M.S.

Tomi Obe

1st Place - Oral Presentation - Poultry Processing Section

Certificate of Excellence in Presentation - Processing and Products

Seth Adesope - Poultry Science Ph.D.

Tomi Obe

PROBIOTA AMERICAS CONFERENCE

Student Led Research Winner

Le Que Anh Truong - Food Science Ph.D.

Ali Ubeyitogullari

RELIABILITY AND MAINTAINABILITY SYMPOSIUM

Doug Ogden Best Paper Award

Nikesh Kumar - Industrial Engineering Ph.D.

Miao Tan - Industrial Engineering Ph.D.

Haitao Liao

RICE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING

2nd Place - Student Oral Presentation

Samuel Olaoni - Food Science Ph.D.

Griffiths Atungulu

S-1075 MULTISTATE PROJECT ANNUAL MEETING AND SYMPOSIUM

2nd Place - Poster Competition

Olumide Olubiyo - Food Science M.S.

Sun Ferreira

SERVIN' THE SOUTH BUSINESS MODEL COMPETITION

1st Place

Joseph Hobbs - Biomedical Engineering M.S.

Lance Lockwood - Executive M.B.A.

*David Hinton
David Hinton, Phil Shellhammer*

SOCIETY OF ELECTROANALYTIC CHEMISTRY STUDENT AWARD

Mostafa Mahmoudi - Chemistry Ph.D.

Martin Edwards

SOCIETY OF INTEGRATIVE AND ORGANISMAL BIOLOGY

Best Student Poster Award - Endocrinology Division

Sarah Heissenberger - Biology Ph.D.

Sarah DuRant

SOIL AND WATER EDUCATION CONFERENCE

2nd Place - Poster Competition

Gabriela Andrade Leite Mengez - Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences M.S.

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SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE STUDENT PITCH COMPETITION

1st Place

Joseph Hobbs - Biomedical Engineering M.S.

Lance Lockwood - Executive M.B.A.

David Hinton

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SOUTHERN PLAINS TRANSPORTATION CENTER RESEARCH DAY

Honorable Mention

Aashish Ghimire - Civil Engineering M.S.

Ernie Heymsfield

SOUTHERN SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Graduate Student Grant

Tanmaia Kalapala - Poultry Science Ph.D.

Palmy Jesudhasan, Tomi Obe

SOYBEAN BREEDERS WORKSHOP

1st Place - Poster Competition

Rafael Goncalves Marmo - Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences M.S.

Caio Canella Vieira, Trenton Roberts

2nd Place - Poster Competition

Emanuel Ferrari do Nascimento - Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences M.S.

Caio Canella Vieira

THE EDU LEDGER

Rising Graduate Scholar

Wendell Scales, Jr. - Agricultural Leadership Ph.D.

Jill Rucker

U.S. GRAIN QUALITY RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

1st Place - Poster Award

Josiah Ojeniran - Biological Engineering Ph.D.

Kaushik Luthra, Terry Howell

UNIVERSITY OF SAN CARLOS - GUATEMALA

Honoric Researcher

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Amanda Ashworth, Gerson Drescher

FACULTY, STAFF, DEPARTMENTAL, AND COMMUNITY PARTNER GOLD MEDALS

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FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2021

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FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2020

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Richard Cassady
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FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2018

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College of Engineering
Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences
Jones School of Architecture and Design

FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2017

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FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2016

Vikas Anand
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FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2015

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FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2014

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Noah Billig
Steve Boss
Matthew Ganio
J. Laurence Hare
Andy Proctor
Matthew Waller

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FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2013

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Gerald Jordan
Jeff Miller
Janine Parry
Jeff Wolchok
Tim Yeager

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Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences
Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences
College of Engineering
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FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2012

Bob Beitle
Freddie Bowles
Hope Christiansen
Lanier Nalley
Molly Rapert
Curt Rom
David Zaharoff

College of Engineering
College of Education and Health Professions
Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences
Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences
Walton College of Business
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College of Engineering

FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2011

Marcia Imbeau
William A. Quinn
D. Keith Roper
Jeff Ryan
Mary Savin
Kim Sexton
Robert Stapp

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Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences
College of Engineering
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Jones School of Architecture and Design
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FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2010

Gisela Erf
David Gay
T.K.S. Kumar
Hoyt Purvis
Shannon Servoss
Janice Yoes

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Walton College of Business
Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences
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College of Engineering
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FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2009

Kameri Christy-McMullin
Jamie Hestekin
Scott Mason
Jennie Popp
Carol Reeves
Charles Riggs
Richard Rulli

Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences
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FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2008

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Javier Reyes
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Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences
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FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2007

Nan Smith-Blair
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Stephen Luoni
Marty Matlock
Steve Striffler

College of Education and Health Professions
Walton College of Business
Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences
Jones School of Architecture and Design
College of Engineering
Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences

FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2006

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Fiona Davidson
Alan Mantooth
Greg Salamo
Deborah Thomas

Walton College of Business
Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences
College of Engineering
Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences
Walton College of Business

FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2005

Susan Burkett
Kathleen Condray
Navam Hettiarachchy
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Craig Thompson
Reeta Vyas
Doyle Z. Williams

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Walton College of Business
College of Engineering
Fulbright College of Art and Sciences
Walton College of Business

FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2004

Neil Allison
Lynda Coon
Carol Gattis
Ajay Malshe
Lin Oliver
Judith Ricker
Steve Sheppard

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Fulbright College of Art and Sciences
College of Engineering
College of Engineering
Fulbright College of Art and Sciences
Fulbright College of Art and Sciences
School of Law

STAFF GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2025

Sarah Draine - Director of College Access Initiative, Multicultural Center
Jonathan Langley - Director of Graduate and Professional School Planning, Honors College

STAFF GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2024

Louise Hancox - Senior Director of Career Innovation, Honors College
Mary Skinner - Director of Student Activities, Office of Student Activities

STAFF GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2023

John Treat - Director of Interdisciplinary and Curricular Learning, Honors College
Summer Rae Wilkie - Youth Coordinator, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative

STAFF GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2022

Xochitl Delgado Solorzano - Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Honors College
Katie Sabo - Senior Study Abroad Coordinator, Office of Study Abroad and International Exchange

STAFF GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2021

Vicky Hartwell, Director of Graduate Fellowships and Student Support, Graduate School and International Education
Monica Moore, Director of Premedical and Healthcare Planning, Honors College

STAFF GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2020

Anne Raines, Senior Director for Academic Initiatives, Student Success Center
Judy Schwab, Associate Vice Chancellor for Administration, Emeritus

STAFF GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2019

Chelsea Hodge, Associate Director of Recruitment and Grants Management, Honors College
Sarah Malloy, Associate Director, Office of Study Abroad and International Exchange

STAFF GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2018

Thomas Carter III, Assistant Dean for Academics and Student Affairs, College of Engineering
Leslie Yingling, Director of the Center for Multicultural and Diversity Education

STAFF GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2017

Jason Blankenship, Director of Retention and Student Advising, Honors College
Barbara Lofton, Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Sam M. Walton College of Business

STAFF GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2016

Noah Pittman, Assistant Dean of Recruitment and Retention, Honors College
Kathy Scheibel, Assistant Director, Research Support and Sponsored Programs

STAFF GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2015

DeDe Long, Director of the Office of Study Abroad and International Exchange
Angela Oxford, Director of the Center for Community Engagement

DEPARTMENTAL GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS

2025 - Department of Psychological Science
2024 - Department of Mathematical Sciences
2023 - Department of Computer Science and Computer Engineering
2022 - Department of Industrial Engineering
2021 - Program in Communication Sciences and Disorders
2020 - Agricultural Education, Communications and Technology
2019 - Biomedical Engineering
2018 - Architecture
2017 - Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness
2016 - Civil Engineering
2015 - Walter J. Lemke Department of Journalism
2014 - Electrical Engineering
2013 - Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences
2012 - Marketing
2011 - International Relations
2010 - Biological Sciences
2009 - Chemical Engineering
2008 - History
2007 - Political Science
2006 - Chemistry
2005 - Economics
2004 - World Languages, Literatures and Cultures
2003 - Physics

COMMUNITY PARTNER GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS

2025 - Zero Hour Arkansas
2024 - Volunteer Action Center
2023 - Canopy Northwest Arkansas

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