



honoring state  
and national  
award winners  
and finalists and  
their mentors

STATE & NATIONAL  
*Awards*  
RECEPTION 2025

Monday, April 21, 2025 | 3:00 PM  
Jim & Joyce Faulkner Performing Arts Center

# STATE & NATIONAL *Awards* RECEPTION 2025

Welcome to the 2025 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 \$3 million in competitive scholarships, fellowships, grants, and internships during the 2024-2025 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.

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.

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## PRELUDE

VOICES, directed by Lauren Clare, *Vocal Area Coordinator*

## WELCOME

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

## UNDERGRADUATE ENGAGEMENT & FACULTY SUPPORT

Terry Martin, *Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs*

## SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Sam Sooter, *Goldwater Scholar*

## 2025 STAFF GOLD MEDALS

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

## 2025 FACULTY GOLD MEDALS

Adnan Alrubaye, *Assistant Professor, Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and*  
*Life Sciences*

Emily Baker, *Assistant Professor, Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design*  
Sarah DuRant, *Associate Professor, Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences*  
Angela Elsass, *Clinical Associate Professor, College of Education and Health Professions*  
Ellen Leen-Feldner, *Professor, Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences*  
Charles Leflar, *Clinical Professor Emeritus, Walton College of Business*  
Alexander Nelson, *Associate Professor, College of Engineering*

## 2025 DEPARTMENTAL GOLD MEDAL

Department of Psychological Science

## 2025 COMMUNITY PARTNER GOLD MEDAL

Zero Hour Arkansas

## STUDENT AND MENTOR AWARDS

Faculty Awards Presenter  
Terry Martin, *Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs*  
Undergraduate Awards Presenter  
Suresh Thallapuram, *Director of the Office of Undergraduate Research*  
Graduate Awards Presenter  
Ed Pohl, *Dean of the Graduate School and International Education*

**UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

**ACHIEVING WOMEN'S EXCELLENCE IN SUPPLY CHAIN OPERATION, MANAGEMENT, AND EDUCATION**

**Excellence in Education Scholarship**

Tessa Freberg - Supply Chain Management and Organizational Leadership

Katherine Thomas - Data Science

*Stephanie Thomas*

**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL AND BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERS**

**National Foundation Scholarship 2024**

Ayden Nyhus - Biological Engineering

**ANGELO DONGHIA FOUNDATION**

**Senior Student Scholarship Award**

Olivia Everett - Architecture and Design

Cassie Roberts - Interior Architecture and Design

*Laurence McMahon*

*Charles Sharpless*

**ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Summer Undergraduate Research Initiative**

Chase Golden - Chemical Engineering

*Ed Clausen*

**ARKANSAS ACADEMY OF SCIENCE**

**Undergraduate Research Award**

Chinmaya Joshi - Mechanical Engineering, Mathematics

Cade Marcinkovich - Mechanical Engineering

Joshua Mora Sanchez - Mechanical Engineering

*Han Hu*

**ARKANSAS WATER RESOURCES CENTER**

**2024 Water Fellows**

Brynnen Beck - Environmental, Soil and Water Science

Lyndall Chapman - Earth Science

Katie McKay - Biological Engineering

Calyn Wisdom - Chemical Engineering

*Shannon Speir*

*Kevin Befus*

*Brian Haggard*

*Chidambaram Thamaraiselvan, Ranil Wickramasinghe*

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

**2025 Water Fellows**

Dario Cano - Environmental, Soil and Water Science  
Auldyn Faulk - Environmental, Soil and Water Science  
Rachel Haley - Environmental, Soil and Water Science

*Helen Amorim  
Shannon Speir  
Shannon Speir*

**ARKANSAS SPACE GRANT CONSORTIUM**

**Workforce Development Program Award**

Clancy Milam - Mechanical Engineering

*Han Hu*

**AYDELOTT RESEARCH GRANT**

Casey Hanauer - Architecture

*Tahar Massadi, Jessica Colangelo*

**BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE**

**SMART Summer Undergraduate Research Program**

Caroline Dina - Psychology

*Jennifer Veilleux*

**BENJAMIN A. GILMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Lynley Bowen - Communication Sciences and Disorders  
William Donnell-Lonon - Data Science  
Jacob Edmiston - Mechanical Engineering  
Luke Herynk - Chemistry  
Libby Holden - Anthropology  
Arlene Loaeza - International Business  
Casey Mann - Journalism, Political Science  
Mark Mbekanya - Computer Science  
Alyson McWilliams - Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Marketing  
Bethany Mueller - History, International and Global Studies  
Courtland Patton - Landscape Architecture  
Nico Rivaplata - Marketing  
Mattie Sandage - Biology  
Christian Smith - International Business  
Keona Sparkman - International Business  
Dalton Wood - Civil Engineering

*Katie Sabo, Madison Barnes, Miranda Behrends,  
Ava Buchanan, Brooks Marmon, Kat Stoddard*

**BERNARD S. AND SOPHIE G. GOULD MIT SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAM IN BIOLOGY**

Sam Sooter - Mathematics, Physics

*Woodrow Shew*

**BROWER YOUTH AWARD**

Amelia Southern Uribe - Political Science, Journalism

*Sarah Draine, Trisha Blau*

**CLEVELAND PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIP**

**Finalist**

Amelia Southern Uribe - Political Science, Journalism

*Sarah Draine, Trisha Blau*

**COBELL SCHOLARSHIP**

Julianna Ferguson - Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Marketing

**CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP**

Abdullah Asif - Chemistry, Arabic

Nina Thomas - International and Global Studies, Latin American and Latino Studies, Spanish

*Adnan Haydar, Paula Haydar  
Heather Offerman*

**Alternate**

Sophie Collins - History

Kile Harvey - Computer Engineering

**EMMA BOWEN FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP**

Wisdom Harlan - Journalism

*Gina Shelton*

**GENSLER BRINKMAN SCHOLARSHIP**

Annie Carter - Interior Architecture and Design

**GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP**

Abhinav Komanduri - Electrical Engineering

Jared Noel - Chemical Engineering, Mathematics

Ian Popp - Chemical Engineering, Business Economics

*Alexander Nelson  
Jin-Woo Kim, William Richardson  
Christopher Nelson*

**FAO SCHWARZ FELLOWSHIP**

**Finalist**

Amelia Southern Uribe - Political Science, Journalism

*Sarah Draine, Trisha Blau*

**FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT PROGRAM**

**English Teaching Assistantship, Semi-Finalist**

Mia Bingaman - Psychology

Abigail Bordelon - Public Health, Spanish

Elizabeth Burnside - Elementary Education

Eleanor Nations - English

Mariana Spotorno da Silva - International Business

Nina Thomas - International and Global Studies, Latin American and Latino Studies, Spanish

*Heather Offerman*

Reina Watanabe - Environmental, Soil and Water Science, Spanish

**Study/Research Award, Semi-Finalist**

Isabella Sotlar - English

*Ryan Calabretta-Sajder, Danielle D'Eugenio*

**HAGAN SCHOLARSHIP**

Rayleigh Bevelot - Exercise Science

Megan Bull - Biology

Caroline Campbell - Exercise Science

Angela Cervantes - Psychology

Chloe Dennis - Public Health

Lily Holmes - Biology

Kelsie Myers - Poultry Science

Rosemary Ochoa - Marketing

Jordyn Paine - Biology

Emmy Vo - Computer Engineering

Zoe Voirin - Engineering

Cameron Woolery - Criminology, Sociology

*David Luis Glisch-Sanchez  
Bryan Hill*

*Rafael Arciga Garcia*

*Sam Qiu*

**INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL AND SYSTEMS ENGINEERS**

Marvin Mundel Scholarship

Riley Eck - Industrial Engineering

**President's Scholarship**

Sarah Nesmith - Industrial Engineering

**JAPANESE EXCHANGE AND TEACHING PROGRAM**

Brian Hobby - English

Alex Wiehage - International Business

*Tatsuya Fukushima  
Tatsuya Fukushima, Mafumi Omura*

**MANRRS**

Farm Credit VIP Scholar

Kelvin Rivera Sanchez - Animal Science

**NACME CORPORATE SCHOLARSHIP**

Courtney Wilmoth - Chemical Engineering

*Heather Walker*

**NAGASAKI UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN STUDIES**

USAC Scholarship

Maleigha Carney - Philosophy

*Tatsuya Fukushima*

**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

Ethan Batey - Chemistry, Physics

Nicholas Rovito - Mechanical Engineering

*Bin Dong*

**Honorable Mention**

Jonathan Brye - Crop, Soil and Environmental Science M.S.

Ashlyn DesCarpentrie - Chemistry Ph.D.

Elizabeth Hays - Biology M.S.

Isaac Lord - Biology M.S.

Stephen Pierson - Mechanical Engineering Ph.D.

*J.D. Wilson*

*Han Hu*

Sakura Rieck - Biology  
Andrew Ruegsegger - Philosophy, Anthropology  
Rachel Savage - Biology Ph.D.

### **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION RESEARCH EXPERIENCES FOR UNDERGRADUATES**

Salvador Barazza Delbarco - Biology  
Evan Bonar - Computer Science  
Lillian Hutchinson - Chemical Engineering  
Christian Machen - Environmental, Soil and Water Science  
Jared Noel - Chemical Engineering, Mathematics  
Ian Popp - Chemical Engineering, Business Economics  
Andrew Ruegsegger - Philosophy, Anthropology  
Vansh Singhal - Biology

*Sarah DuRant  
Kevin Jin  
Younghye Song  
Michelle Evans-White  
Jin-Woo Kim  
Christopher Nelson*

*Sarah DuRant*

### **PAYNE FELLOWSHIP**

#### **Finalist**

Breanna Kilgore - Biomedical Engineering

### **RHODES SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Finalist**

Hank Herzfeld - History, Political Science

### **STUDENT UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**

Eliana Adamos - Biomedical Engineering  
Esther Beller - Accounting, Business Economics  
Mattie Berry - Psychology  
Anna Bolding - Anthropology, Biology  
Anna Buie - Advertising and Public Relations  
Rachel Carter - Biology, Psychology  
Ethan Coffman - Computer Science  
Eli Contorno - Biomedical Engineering  
Katelyn Dahl - International Business

*Christopher Nelson  
Charles Leflar  
Ana Bridges  
Kristian Forbes  
Jee Young Chung  
Ellen Leen-Feldner  
Ngan Le  
Morten Jensen  
Ann Bordelon*

Andrew Files - Mechanical Engineering, Physics  
Averi Foster - Political Science  
William Graef - Computer Science  
Benjamin Harp - Mechanical Engineering, Physics  
Madison Harper - Architecture  
Lillian Hutchinson - Chemical Engineering  
Lauren Jones - Industrial Engineering  
Emily Kloostra - Architecture  
Juan Lemus - Public Health, Exercise Science  
Grace Li - Chemical Engineering, German  
Hannah Lockhart - Childhood Education  
Mason Lucas - Biology  
Shaylee Luedders - International and Global Studies, History  
Gisell Maldonado - Anthropology  
Brock Manasseri - History  
Thomas McGehee - Biomedical Engineering  
Jacie Medford - History, Social Studies Education  
Jared Noel - Chemical Engineering, Mathematics  
Ian Popp - Chemical Engineering, Business Economics  
Ezri Rathbun - Psychology  
Aspen Regan - Architecture  
Connor Robinson - Biomedical Engineering  
Bailey Scoggins - Chemistry  
Sam Sooter - Mathematics, Physics  
Kaeleigh Stroud - Apparel Merchandising and Product Development  
Naomi Stein - Psychology  
Isabella Thompson - International and Global Studies, Political Science  
Brylan Tindel - Advertising and Public Relations, Studio Art  
Anh Tran - Data Science, Mathematics  
Zoe Turner - Animal Science  
Emilee Walden - Mathematics, Biology

Hiro Nakamura  
Karen Sebold  
Chris Farnell  
Adam Huang  
Jessica Colangelo  
Younghye Zhang  
Shengfan Zhang  
Emily Baker  
Erin Hickey  
Jacob Monroe  
Angela Elsass  
Josiah Leong  
Shawn Austin  
Amelia Villasenor  
Ruby Daily  
Mostafa Elsaadany  
Jared Phillips  
William Richardson  
Christopher Nelson  
Ellen Leen-Feldner  
Kim Sexton  
Kartik Balachandran  
Julie Stenzen  
Woodrow Shew  
Eunjoo Cho  
Lin Tan  
A. Burcu Bayram  
Bethany Springer  
Ngan Le  
Brittni Littlejohn  
Jianhiu Chen

**SUMMER ARABIC LANGUAGE AND MEDIA SCHOLARSHIP**

Shawn Sproles – Electrical Engineering, Arabic

*Paula Haydar*

**SUMMER HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION PROGRAM SCHOLAR**

Taylor Nelson – Public Health

**T.J. MAXX YOU PROJECT GRANT**

Dress for Success Ambassador

Angelita Rodriguez Dobbs - Childhood Education

*Vinson Carter*

**THE JACKSON LABORATORY**

Summer Student Program

Sydney Hammond - Biomedical Engineering

**THOMAS R. PICKERING FELLOWSHIP**

Finalist

Nina Thomas - International and Global Studies, Spanish

*Heather Offerman*

**TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP**

Finalist

Cassie Riddick - Communication

*Scott Hendry, Laurie Brady*

**UDALL UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

Honorable Mention

Amelia Southern Uribe - Political Science and Journalism

*Sarah Draine, Trisha Blau*

**UNITED STATES AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION**

Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship

Aiden Nyhus - Biological Engineering

**UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA PRECISION AGRICULTURE PROGRAM**

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship

Emma Parette - Biomedical Engineering, Mathematics

**UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS AND INTERNSHIPS**

**AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS**

Top Ten for Students Competition

Matthew Schroeder - Architecture and Design

Israel Zamorano - Architecture and Design

*Pedro Veloso*

**ARKANSAS INBRE CONFERENCE**

Oral Research Presentation, 2nd Place

Avery Carter - Biology

*Daniel Lessner*

**ASSOCIATED COLLEGIATE PRESS**

Best of Show for Yearbook

Elizabeth Bunnell - Journalism

*Mike Brown*

Story of the Year

Dustin Staggs - Journalism

*Bret Schulte*

**CLAUDIO BELLINI STUDIO - MILAN**

International Internship

Julianna Ferguson - Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Marketing

**COMPUTING RESEARCH ASSOCIATION**

Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award

Jonathan Ivey - Data Science, Mathematics

*Susan Gauch*

**DAAD RESEARCH INTERNSHIP IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING**

Shelby Jones - Chemical Engineering

*Kathleen Condray*

**DOW JONES FUND INTERNSHIP**

Cooper Gant - Journalism, Political Science  
Sophia Nabours - Criminology, Journalism

*Gina Shelton*

**ETA SIGMA PHI CLASSICAL STUDIES HONOR SOCIETY**

1st Place - National Latin Declamation Contest; National Treasurer 2024-25  
Charis Morasch - Political Science, Classical Studies

*Daniel Levine*

**National Treasurer 2025-26**

Kailee Rowe - Classical Studies, History

*Daniel Levine*

**HEARST JOURNALISM AWARD**

National Finalist - Feature Writing  
Stella Hufhines - Journalism

*Bret Schulte*

**HERITAGE FOUNDATION**

Summer Internship 2025  
Charis Morasch - Political Science, Classical Studies

**NATIONAL ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS AND SCIENCES MID-AMERICA EMMYS**

Feature Reporting  
Maddi Phipps - Journalism

*Tiffany King*

**Best Newscast**

Emma Rasmussen - Journalism

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF SINGING**

1st Place, Commercial 7 and Classical 7A  
Kalista Brown - Music, Music Education

*Moon-Sook Park, Samantha Stinson*

**1st Place, Classical - 8A**

Nathan Edwards - Music Education

*Jonathan Stinson*

**1st Place, Classical - 8B**  
Jeffrey Kerst - Music Education

*Jonathan Stinson*

**1st Place, Classical - 5A**  
Emma Massengale - Music

*Jonathan Stinson*

**1st Place, Classical - 6A**  
Christian Mathews - Music Education

*Jonathan Stinson*

**1st Place, Classical - 8A**  
Kevin Willis - Music

*Jonathan Stinson, Moon-Sook Park*

**2nd Place, Classical - 8A**  
Garrett Cash - Music Education

*Lauren Clare*

**2nd Place, Commercial - 5**  
Hope People - Music

*Lauren Clare*

**2nd Place, Classical - 13B**  
Talina Woods - Music

*Lenora Green-Turner, Moon-Sook Park*

### **NATIONAL COLLEGE MEDIA CONFERENCE**

Graphic Design Award  
Jules Yeary - Advertising and Public Relations  
Sarah Wittenburg - Physics

### **NATIONAL COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION**

Stephen A. Smith Award, Runner-up  
Alessandra Holsted - Communication, Sociology, Criminology

*Terrell Jake Dionne*

**NEXTILE: SOY IN TEXTILE DESIGN CHALLENGE**

1st Place

Jasmine Williams - Apparel Merchandising and Product Development

*Lance Cheramie*

2nd Place

Annalise Robins - Apparel Merchandising and Product Development

**OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

Medical Research Internship

Pixie Hickerson - Chemistry

*Josh Sakon*

**SOCIETY FOR AFFECTIVE SCIENCES**

Poster Spotlight Award

Caroline Dina - Psychology

*Jennifer Veilleux*

**SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS**

Best All-Around Television News Magazine National Mark of Excellence

Jax Crall - Journalism

*Tiffany King*

Best All-Around Newscast National Mark of Excellence

Emma Rasmussen - Journalism

*Tiffany King*

**SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS, REGION 12**

Best All-Around College Newspaper Mark of Excellence

Alyssa Crutcher - Journalism

*Rusty Turner*

Sports Photography Mark of Excellence Finalist

Alfonso Jaubert - Advertising and Public Relations

*Ninette Sosa*

General Column Writing and Editorial/Opinion Writing Marks of Excellence

Isabella LaRue - Journalism

*Bret Schulte*

TV In-Depth Reporting Mark of Excellence

Adam Lorio - Journalism

*Larry Foley*

**Best Newscast Mark of Excellence**

Emma Rasmussen - Journalism

*Tiffany King*

**Best Use of Multimedia, Mark of Excellence Award**

Alexander Chrisco - Journalism

**SOUTHEASTERN NANOTECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE CORRIDOR**

Undergraduate Internship in Nanotechnology

Pierre Simonian - Biomedical Engineering

*Jin-Woo Kim*

**TEACH THAILAND CORPS**

Bryn Deer - Psychology, Sociology

**UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES**

Summer Research Internship

Allison Purvis - Biology

*Tremaine Williams, Antino Allen*

**UNITED NATIONS U.S. YOUTH DELEGATE 2024**

Amelia Southern Uribe - Political Science, Journalism

*Sarah Draine, Trisha Blau*

**UNITED STATES SENATE INTERNSHIP**

Office of Senator John Boozman

Lexi Dilbeck - Agricultural Education, Communications and Technology

Julianna Ferguson - Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Marketing

Reese Mitchell - Agricultural Education, Communications and Technology

*Jill Rucker*

**WERC ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN CONTEST**

1st Place Fast Pitch Award

Hope Nehmelman - Chemical Engineering

*Michael Ackerson*

## UNDERGRADUATE TEAM AWARDS

### AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS CONFERENCE

#### ChemE Car Team - 1st Place Poster Award

Jace Beckwith - Chemical Engineering

Graham Burks - Chemical Engineering

Savanah Godwin - Chemical Engineering

Justin Massara - Chemical Engineering

Nghi Ngo - Information Systems, Chemical Engineering

Trevor Sonnen - Chemical Engineering

*Tammy Lutz-Rechtin, Bob Beitle*

### ARKANSAS NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION EPSCOR DART PROGRAM

#### 1st Place Poster Award

Amy Hoang - Data Science

Samuel Trout - Data Science

*Karl Schubert*

### AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR ENGINEERING EDUCATION MIDWEST SECTION CONFERENCE

#### 2nd Place Poster Award

Chinmaya Joshi - Mechanical Engineering, Mathematics

Clancy Milam - Mechanical Engineering

*Han Hu*

### NATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS

#### Outstanding Delegation Award

Isabelle Artnak - Supply Chain Management

Aidan Bhargava - Business Management

Hadley Burke - Economics, Political Science

Sam Butler - Business Economics, Finance

Katherine Ford - Accounting

Sydney Foster - Accounting, Business Economics

Konoka Hattori - International and Global Studies, Political Science

Hank Herzfeld - History, Political Science

Isabella Thompson - International and Global Studies, Political Science

Aaryan Phadnis - Business Economics, Information Systems

*Robert Stapp*

**Outstanding Delegate Award**

Isabelle Artnak - Supply Chain Management  
Hadley Burke - Economics, Political Science  
Sam Butler - Business Economics, Finance  
Katherine Ford - Accounting  
Sydney Foster - Accounting, Business Economics

**Outstanding Position Paper Award**

Sydney Foster - Accounting, Business Economics

**STOCK HORSE OF TEXAS AGGIELAND CLASSIC**

**Division II Collegiate Team Championship, 1st Place**

Justine Barb - Animal Science  
Carson Howle - Advertising and Public Relations  
Katee Johnson - Animal Science  
Alex Loftin - Agricultural Business  
Jordan Shortt - Data Science  
Morgan Taylor - Animal Science

*Amanda Baxter*

**WERC ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN CONTEST**

**Task 6 Bench and Overall, 1st Place**

Alfredo Carillo - Chemical Engineering  
Karina De Gracia Rodriguez - Chemical Engineering  
Hope Nehmelman - Chemical Engineering  
Nghi Ngo - Information Systems, Chemical Engineering  
Elizabeth Schuler - Chemical Engineering  
Jean Yallou - Chemical Engineering

*Michael Ackerson*

## GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

### AGU BIOGEOSCIENCES

Travel Grant Award

Maria Nabuwembo - Environmental Dynamics M.S.

*Brad G. Peter*

### AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Anelisse Claros - Chemical Engineering Ph.D.

*Jamie Hestekin, Jeff Wolchok*

### AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

Gustavo Vaca Diez - Biomedical Engineering Ph.D.

*Kartik Balachandran*

### AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PLANT BIOLOGISTS

Ambassador of the Year, Henry Daniell International Scholar Award, Travel Award

Maria Faria Chaves - Crop, Soil, and Environmental Science Ph.D.

*Vibha Srivastava*

### AMERICAN SPACE GRANT CONSORTIUM

STEM Award

Christy Dunlap - Mechanical Engineering Ph.D.

*Han Hu*

### ARKANSAS WATER RESOURCES CENTER

2024 Water Fellow

Danna Villarreal - Biological and Agricultural Engineering Ph.D.

*Erin Grantz, Brian Haggard*

### BRITISH ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Small Research Grant

Shantanu Joshi - Biology Ph.D.

*Adam Siepielski*

### DIGADATSELI'I CHEROKEE CITIZEN SCHOLARS

Academic Project Development Workshop

Christina Shaw - Higher Education Administration Ed.D.

*John Murry*

**FEDERATION OF AMERICAN SOCIETIES FOR EXPERIMENTAL BIOLOGY**

**Howard Garrison Advocacy Fellowship**

Julio Molina Pineda - Cell and Molecular Biology Ph.D.

*Jeffrey Lewis*

**FOUNDATION FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**

Harrison Smith - Environmental Dynamics Ph.D.

*Amanda Ashworth, Lanier Nalley*

**FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM**

Taskin Afrina - Agricultural Economics M.S.

*Alvaro Durand-Morat*

Tony Feliz Carela - Public Administration and Nonprofit Studies M.P.A.

Annette Nyoni - Public Administration and Nonprofit Studies M.P.A.

Noorlaksmita Yonas Ramadhanty - Curriculum and Instruction Ph.D.

Claudia Ramos - Communication M.A.

Maykol Hernan Rojas - Cell and Molecular Biology Ph.D.

Hoang Tran - Agricultural Economics M.S.

Yanis Anetha Vasquez Valdes - Cell and Molecular Biology M.S.

*Jason Endacott  
Rebecca Leach  
Christopher Nelson*

**FUND FOR TEACHERS FELLOWSHIP**

Jessica Culver - Adult and Lifelong Learning Ed.D.

**GENETICS SOCIETY OF AMERICA**

**DeLill Nasser Award**

Selom Ametepe - Cell and Molecular Biology Ph.D.

Julio Molina Pineda - Cell and Molecular Biology Ph.D.

*Jeffrey Lewis*

**GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

**Albert H. Small Normandy Institute**

Jessica Culver - Adult and Lifelong Learning Ed.D.

**GEOSCIENCE WORLD**

**Grad Scholar Award**

Barira Rashid - Geosciences Ph.D.

*Rebecca Muenich*

**INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL AND SYSTEMS ENGINEERS**

**EJ Sierleja Scholarship**

Seyyed Farid Hashemian - Industrial Engineering Ph.D.

*Haitao Liao*

**John S.W. Fargher Scholarship**

Nick Uhorchak - Industrial Engineering Ph.D.

**JOINT UNDERTAKING FOR AN AFRICAN MATERIALS INITIATIVE PROGRAM**

**Travel Grant Award**

Eugene Gyasi Agyemang - Materials Science M.S.

*Martin Edwards*

**MANRRS**

**Gold Scholarship**

Agnes Amfo-Adu - Human Environmental Sciences M.S.

*Jacquelyn Mosley, Betsy Garrison*

**2024 Icon Award; American Farm Bureau Fellowship; John Deere Scholarship**

Paul Dahunsi - Animal Science M.S.

*Derico Setyabrata, Jacquelyn Mosley*

**National Grain and Feed Foundation Scholarship**

Akwasi Tagoe - Agriculture, Food and Life Sciences Ph.D.

*Cengiz Koparan*

**MID-AMERICA ARTS ALLIANCE**

**Artist 360 Graduate Student Artist Grant**

Mayssa Hashaad - Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies Ph.D.

Shannon Smith - Studio Art M.F.A.

*Geoffrey Brock*

**MIT RESEARCH LABORATORY OF ELECTRONICS**

**Moire Quantum Workshop**

Janet Obaemo - Materials Science and Engineering Ph.D.

*Uche Wejinya, Hugh Churchill*

**NASA**

Future Investigators in NASA Earth & Space Science Technology Fellowship  
Troy Williams - Space and Planetary Science Ph.D.

*Vince Chevrier*

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR PLANT BREEDERS**

Borlaug Scholars Fellowship  
Rafael Goncalves Marmo - Crop, Soil and Environmental Science M.S.

*Caio Canella Veira*

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE**

Agricultural Policy Fellowship  
Paul Dahunsi - Animal Science M.S.

*Derico Setyabrata, Jacquelyn Mosley*

**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION / AMERICAN ACADEMY OF SANITARIANS**

Graduate Scholarship Award  
Mara Kuzmich - Food Safety M.S.

*Lona Robertson*

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**

Grosvenor Teacher Fellowship  
Jessica Culver - Adult and Lifelong Learning Ed.D.

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

Predoctoral Fellowship  
Harrison Smith - Environmental Dynamics Ph.D.

*Amanda Ashworth, Lanier Nalley*

**NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH**

Clinical and Translational Research Summer Course  
Ehsan Khodadadi - Materials Science and Engineering Ph.D.

*Mahmoud Moradi*

**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION I-GUIDE**

Summer School Scholarship  
Maria Gorret Nabuwembo - Environmental Dynamics M.S.

*Brad G. Peter*

**NORTH AMERICAN CATALYSIS SOCIETY MEETING**

**Kokes Award**

Vashanti Storr - Chemical Engineering Ph.D.

**NORTH AMERICAN MEMBRANE SOCIETY**

**Elias Klein Travel Award**

Anelisse Claros - Chemical Engineering Ph.D.

Josh Goodrich - Chemical Engineering Ph.D.

Juliana Marcal - Chemical Engineering Ph.D.

*Jamie Hestekin, Jeff Wolchok  
Christa Hestekin, Jamie Hestekin  
Christa Hestekin, Jamie Hestekin*

**P.E.O. INTERNATIONAL PEACE SCHOLARSHIP**

Lexi Applequist - Biomedical Engineering Ph.D.

Eva Caroline - Public Policy Ph.D.

Meutia Hanafiah - Biological Anthropology Ph.D.

Danna Villarreal - Biological and Agricultural Engineering Ph.D.

*Kartik Balachandran  
Qiuqiong Huang  
Kathleen Paul  
Erin Grantz*

**SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY**

**Lim Kim San Fellowship**

Maira Ezerins - Management Ph.D.

*Christopher Rosen*

**SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD**

**Doctoral Scholar Award**

Xi Lan - Special Education Ph.D.

*Elizabeth Lorah*

**SOUTHERN WEED SOCIETY**

**Travel Enrichment Experience Scholarship**

Pamela Carvalho-Moore - Crop, Soil and Environmental Science Ph.D.

*Jason Norsworthy*

**SOUTHWEST CENTER FOR OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

**Pilot Project Research Training Program Grant Award**

Xiujing Zhao - Exercise Science Ph.D.

*Brendon McDermott*

**TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Wittliff Collections Research Award

Abel Fenwick - English M.A.

*Robert Cochran*

**THE POULTRY FEDERATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Tanmaie Kalapala - Poultry Science Ph.D.

*Tomi Obe, Palmy Jesudhasan*

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

Office of Science Graduate Student Research Award

John Davis - Physics Ph.D.

*Salvador Barraza-Lopez*

**WOMEN'S TRANSPORTATION SEMINAR INTERNATIONAL - KANSAS CHAPTER**

Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship

Arna Nishita Nithila - Civil Engineering Ph.D.

*Suman Mitra*

**GRADUATE AWARDS AND INTERNSHIPS**

**AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATORS NETWORK**

1st Place - National Marketing Contest

Natasha Hightower - Agricultural and Extension Education M.S.

*Cassandra Cox*

**AMERICAN OIL CHEMISTS SOCIETY**

Honored Student Award

Sumanjot Kaur - Food Science Ph.D.

*Ali Ubeyitogullari*

**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS INTERPACK CONFERENCE**

2nd Place Nasser Grayeli Poster Competition

Whit Vinson - Mechanical Engineering Ph.D.

*David Huitink*

**ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION FOR FOOD PROTECTION CONFERENCE**

1st Place Poster Competition

Ruvindu Perera - Cell and Molecular Biology Ph.D.

*Adnan Alrubaye, Palmy Jesudhasan*

**3rd Place Poster Competition**

Amanda Anthney - Poultry Science M.S.

*Adnan Alrubaye*

**ARKANSAS CROP PROTECTION ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE**

**1st Place M.S. Oral Presentation**

Michael Dodde - Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences M.S.

*Jason Norsworthy*

**2nd Place M.S. Oral Presentation**

Hannah Vickmark - Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences M.S.

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Summer Internship**

Michaelmary Chukwu - Geography M.S.

**ARKANSAS NSF EPSCOR DART PROGRAM**

**1st Place Graduate Poster Competition**

Vasavi Surisetty - Applied Business Analytics M.A.

*Karl Schubert*

**ARKANSAS SOIL AND WATER EDUCATION CONFERENCE AND IRRIGATION EXPO**

**2nd Place M.S. Poster Competition**

Hannah Vickmark - Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences M.S.

**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY, CROP SCIENCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA, AND SOIL SCIENCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA  
INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING**

**1st Place Graduate Oral Competition and 1st Place - Graduate Poster Competition**

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

*Caio Canella Veira*

**2nd Place Soil Health Oral Competition**

Katie French - Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences M.S.

*Gerson Drescher*

**ASSOCIATION FOR TROPICAL BIOLOGY AND CONSERVATION CONFERENCE**

1st Runner Up New Phytologist Best Oral Presentation Award

Emmanuel Chukwuma - Biology Ph.D.

*Maribeth Latvis*

**BELTWISE COTTON CONFERENCE**

1st Place M.S. Oral Presentation

Michael Dodde - Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences M.S.

*Jason Norsworthy*

1st Place M.S. Poster Presentation

Maria Paula Ramos do Prado - Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences M.S.

*Gerson Drescher*

**BROADCAST EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

2nd Place Graduate Sports Competition

Katie Parker - Journalism M.A.

*Larry Foley*

**CROP SCIENCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA**

Gerald O. Mott Meritorious Graduate Student Award

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

Harrison Smith - Environmental Dynamics Ph.D.

*Caio Canella Veira  
Amanda Ashworth, Lanier Nalley*

**DYNAMIC DATA DRIVEN APPLICATIONS SYSTEMS CONFERENCE 2024**

2nd Place Student Paper Award

Reuben Samson Raj - Computer Science Ph.D.

*Kevin Jin*

**ENGINEER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

NSF Internship

Geoffery Agorku - Civil Engineering Ph.D.

*Sarah Hernandez*

**EUREKA SPRINGS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS**

Mentored Woodworking Residency

Shannon Smith - Studio Art M.F.A.

**GILDER LEHRMAN ARKANSAS HISTORY TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

Jessica Culver - Adult and Lifelong Learning Ed.D.

**HAZEN AND SAWYER**

Geospatial Data Science Internship

Sahar Rezaei - Biology Ph.D.

*Michelle Evans-White*

**HERO X**

Silicon Carbide Packaging Prize - Phase 1

Matthew Norris - Mechanical Engineering Ph.D.

*David Huitink*

**INSTITUTE OF FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS**

1st Place Oral Competition & Volunteer Student Award - Nutrition Division

Chetanjot Kaur Romana - Food Science Ph.D.

2nd Place Nutrition Division Oral Competition

Honorable Mention - Hacking Food Waste Student Hackathon

Sumanjot Kaur - Food Science Ph.D.

*Ali Ubeyitogullari*

2nd Place Food Engineering Oral Competition

Arda Tuhanioglu - Food Science Ph.D.

*Ali Ubeyitogullari*

**INTERNATIONAL LITERACY ASSOCIATION**

30 Under 30 Honoree

Lexi Woodward - Curriculum and Instruction Ph.D.

*Alissa Blair*

**INTERNATIONAL POULTRY SCIENCE FORUM**

Outstanding Graduate Student Poster Award

Tanmaie Kalapala - Poultry Science Ph.D.

*Tomi Obe, Palmy Jesudhasan*

1st Place Oral Presentation - Southern Conference on Avian Diseases

Ruvindu Perera - Cell and Molecular Biology Ph.D.

*Adnan Alrubaye, Palmy Jesudhasan*

**INTERNATIONAL TEMPERATE RICE CONFERENCE**

1st Place Oral Presentation - Culture and Soil Science Panel

Katie French - Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences M.S.

*Gerson Drescher*

2nd Place Oral Presentation - Agronomy and Rice Culture Panel

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

*Gerson Drescher*

2nd Place Student Poster Competition

Hannah Vickmark - Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences M.S.

**KANSAS UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR GENOMICS SYMPOSIUM**

2nd Place Poster Competition

Sonali Lenaduwe - Cell and Molecular Biology Ph.D.

*Jeffrey Lewis*

**MACK-BLACKWELL/MARTREC ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

Jack Buffington Outstanding Student Poster Session

1st Place - Mohammad Tahir Ansari - Civil Engineering Ph.D.

2nd Place - Toluwanimi Ogundipe - Civil Engineering Ph.D.

*Andrew Braham*

**MEDIEVAL ACADEMY OF AMERICA**

Centennial Award

Lizzie Fox - Literary Translation M.F.A.

*Joshua Byron Smith*

**MISSOURI VALLEY DISTRICT INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS 2024 SPRING MEETING**

2nd Place Poster Competition

2nd Place Thomas J. Seburn Student Paper Award

Geoffery Agorku - Civil Engineering Ph.D.

*Sarah Hernandez*

**NASA SUMMER SCHOOL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2024**

Sahar Rezaei - Biology Ph.D.

*Michelle Evans-White*

**NATIONAL COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION**

James L. Golden Award Laureate; Top Four Paper Award  
Aubrey Studebaker - Communication M.A.

*Ryan Neville-Shepard*

James L. Golden Award Laureate

Amy Whiteside - Communication M.A.

*Ryan Neville-Shepard*

**NETWORK: ENGINEERING WITH NATURE SYMPOSIUM**

Best Science Communication Poster Award

Danna Villarreal - Biological and Agricultural Engineering Ph.D.

*Rebecca Muenich*

**PHI ALPHA THETA NATIONAL HISTORY HONOR SOCIETY**

The Nels Andrew Cleven Founder's Award

Katlyn Rozovics - History Ph.D.

*Laurence Hare*

**POULTRY SCIENCE ASSOCIATION**

1st Place Graduate Student Oral Presentation

Tanmaie Kalapala - Poultry Science Ph.D.

*Tomi Obe, Palmy Jesudhasan*

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY**

Surgical Robotics and Imitation Learning Summer Research Internship

Amirreza Davar - Mechanical Engineering M.S.

*Dongyi Wang*

**RICE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP**

1st Place Oral Paper Presentation; 2nd Place Poster Presentation

Gabriela Mengez - Crop, Soil and Environmental Science M.S.

*Gerson Drescher*

1st Place Oral Paper Presentation

Pamela Carvalho-Moore - Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences Ph.D.

*Jason Norsworthy*

**ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY**

Outstanding Early Career Researcher Award in Sustainable Food Technology

Sumanjot Kaur - Food Science Ph.D.

*Ali Ubeyitogullari***SIXTH INTERNATIONAL MACHINE LEARNING FOR CYBER-AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS WORKSHOP**

1st Place International Corn Yield Prediction Contest

Igor Fernandes - Statistics and Analytics M.S.

*Sam Fernandes***SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS**

Best All-Around Television News Magazine - Mark of Excellence

Katie Parker - Journalism M.A.

Collin Anderson - Journalism M.A.

*Tiffany King**Tiffany King*

1st Place Best Ongoing Student Magazine, Region 12

Victoria Hernandez - Journalism M.A.

*Bret Schulte***SOCIETY OF RELIABLE ENGINEERS RELIABILITY AND MAINTAINABILITY SYMPOSIUM**

1st Place Student Paper Award

Seyyed Farid Hashemian - Industrial Engineering Ph.D.

*Haitao Liao*

Doug Ogden Award for Best Paper

Nikesh Kumar - Industrial Engineering Ph.D.

*Haitao Liao***SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURE EDUCATION**

Top Research Manuscript Award

Marcus Martin - Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences Ph.D.

*Cassandra Cox***SOUTHERN WEED SOCIETY**

1st Place Oral Presentation

Michael Dodde - Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences M.S.

*Jason Norsworthy*

**SOYBEAN BREEDERS WORKSHOP**

1st Place Graduate Student Poster Award

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

*Caio Canella Veira*

**TECHCONNECT WORLD INNOVATION CONFERENCE AND EXPO**

Best Student Abstract Award

Kevin Velasquez Carballo - Mechanical Engineering Ph.D.

*Xianbo Meng*

**THE RANDOLPH CALDECOTT MEDAL**

Author of *Chooch Helped*

Andrea L. Rogers - English Ph.D.

*Toni Jensen*

**THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY - ARKANSAS CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING**

2nd Place Graduate Student Presentation

Paul Akpejeluh - Biology Ph.D.

*Caleb Roberts*

**WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA**

Finalist, Single Talk Slide Competition

Pamela Carvalho-Moore - Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences Ph.D.

*Jason Norsworthy*

## GRADUATE TEAM AWARDS

### AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECONOMICS NATIONAL CONFERENCE

#### 1st Place Case Study Competition

Walker Davis - Agricultural Economics M.S.

Andrew Dilley - Agricultural Economics M.S.

Makenzie McJunkins - Agricultural Economics M.S.

*Brandon McFadden, Jada Thompson, Lawson Connor*

### AI IN AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE

#### 1st Place Poster Competition

Siavash Mahmoudi - Biological Engineering Ph.D.

Pouya Sohrabipour - Biological Engineering M.S.

*Dongyi Wang*

### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION I-CORPS SUMMER PROGRAM

#### Team Mobility Apparel

Samuel Danquah - Theatre M.F.A.

Ronald Hetzler - Journalism M.A.

Alfredo Ramirez - Mechanical Engineering B.S.

*Helene Siebrits*

**FACULTY, STAFF, DEPARTMENTAL, COMMUNITY PARTNER GOLD MEDAL**

**FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2024**

Ed Clausen  
Casandra Cox  
Page Dobbs  
Rogelio Garcia Contreras  
Woodrow Shew  
Christian Tipsmark

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

**FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2023**

Laurent Bellaiche  
Han Hu  
Carl Matthews  
Christopher Nelson  
Jared Phillips  
Russell Rudzinski  
Stephanie Thomas  
George Wardlow

Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences  
College of Engineering  
Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design  
College of Engineering  
Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences  
Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design  
Walton College of Business  
Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences

**FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2022**

James Coffman  
Christian Goering  
Adriana Rossiter Hofer  
James Lampinen  
Ashlea Milburn  
Lisa Wood

Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design  
College of Education and Health Professions  
Walton College of Business  
Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences  
College of Engineering  
Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences

**FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2021**

Edvan Brito  
Kristofor Brye  
Kimberly Frazier

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

Arya Gaduh  
Jim Gigantino  
Kelly Sullivan

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

**FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2020**

Lisa Bowers  
Ken McCown  
Timothy Muldoon  
Jill Rucker  
Bret Schulte  
Julie Trivitt

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

**FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2019**

Richard Cassady  
Rachel Glade  
Mack Ivey  
Molly Jensen  
Garry McDonald  
Julie Stenken

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

**FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2018**

Dub Ashton  
Vinson Carter  
Lisa Corrigan  
Kevin Hall  
Lona Robertson  
Carl Smith

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

**FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2017**

Lucas Delezene  
Kaitlin Gallagher  
Lauren Greenlee

Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences  
College of Education and Health Professions  
College of Engineering

Micah Hale  
Greg Herman  
John Kent  
Angie Maxwell  
Clemencia Rojas

**FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2016**

Vikas Anand  
Judy Brittenum  
John Clark  
Michelle Gray  
Joseph Herzog  
Nathan Parks  
Greg Thoma

**FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2015**

Kartik Balachandran  
Mark Boyer  
Robert J. Elbin  
Raja Kali  
Doug Karcher  
Roger Koeppel  
Ines Pinto  
Stephanie Schulte

**FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2014**

Juan Balda  
Noah Billig  
Steve Boss  
Matthew Ganio  
Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences  
Andy Proctor  
Matthew Waller

College of Engineering  
Jones School of Architecture and Design  
Walton College of Business  
Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences  
Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences

Walton College of Business  
Jones School of Architecture and Design  
Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences  
College of Education and Health Professions  
Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences  
Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences  
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Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences  
College of Education and Health Professions  
J. Laurence Hare  
Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences  
Walton College of Business

**FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2013**

Salvador Barraza-Lopez  
 Gerald Jordan  
 Jeff Miller  
 Janine Parry  
 Jeff Wolchok  
 Tim Yeager

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

**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  
 Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences  
 College of Engineering

**FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2011**

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

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

**FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2010**

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

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

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

**FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2008**

Magda El-Shenawee  
Fran Hagstrom  
Lisa Margulis  
Xiaogang Pang  
Javier Reyes  
Charles Rosencranz

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

**FACULTY GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS, 2007**

Nan Smith-Blair  
Amy Farmer  
Denise Greathouse  
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**

Susan Bristow  
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

College of Engineering  
Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences

Navam Hettiarachchy  
Craig Rennie  
Craig Thompson  
Reeta Vyas  
Doyle Z. Williams

Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences  
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

Fulbright College of Art and Sciences  
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, 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**

Department of Mathematical Sciences	2024
Department of Computer Science and Computer Engineering	2023
Department of Industrial Engineering	2022
Program in Communication Sciences and Disorders	2021
Agricultural Education, Communications and Technology	2020
Biomedical Engineering	2019
Architecture	2018

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Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness	2017
Civil Engineering	2016
Walter J. Lemke Department of Journalism	2015
Electrical Engineering	2014
Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences	2013
Marketing	2012
International Relations	2011
Biological Sciences	2010
Chemical Engineering	2009
History	2008
Political Science	2007
Chemistry	2006
Economics	2005
World Languages, Literatures and Cultures	2004
Physics	2003

**COMMUNITY PARTNER GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS**

Volunteer Action Center	2024
Canopy Northwest Arkansas	2023

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College of Engineering • Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design • Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences  
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... and last but not least, our incredible students!

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

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*Assistant Director*

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*Graduate Assistant*

**Julia Hooper**

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