The University of New Orleans
College of Sciences

THE UNIVERSITY of NEW ORLEANS

40th Annual Honors Convocation

University Center Ballroom
Wednesday, April 24, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.
PROGRAM
Master of Ceremonies ................................................................. Dr. Wendy Schluchter, Interim Dean
College of Sciences

Welcome .......................................................................................... Dr. Peter Fos, President
University of New Orleans

College of Sciences Undergraduate Teaching Award ............................................... Dr. Kevin Stokes
Department of Physics

AWARDS

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES ................................................................. Dr. Jerome Howard, Interim Chair

Biological Sciences Achievement Award
Yazan Alqara
Je’Nae Bardell
Anuja Bhatta
James Connick
Sanjeev Dahal
Kaitlyn Ducote
Christina Exnicios
Muhammad Farooq
Leanora Hernandez
Stephen Lambert
Omar Landeta
Bradley Landwehr
Julie Nguyen
Quoc-Bao Nguyen
Swornim Shrestha
Nicholas Usner
Jonathan Walther
Saeed Yazdianpour

Doris G. Holmquist Memorial Award
Sanjeev Dahal
Stephen Lambert

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY ........................................................................... Dr. Matthew Tarr, Chair

American Chemical Society Outstanding Senior in Chemistry Award
Kaitlyn Ducote

American Institute of Chemists Student Award
Kimberly Keyes

Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award
Cinnamon Mitchell

Undergraduate Award in Inorganic Chemistry
Kimberly Keyes

Undergraduate Award in Analytical Chemistry
Shaniqua Hayes

Merck Index Organic Chemistry Achievement Award
Sharon Holleran
Grayson Pool
Paul Pumilia

CRC Press General Chemistry Achievement Award
Amanda Mooney

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award
Lea Gustin
Amber Thaxton

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant of the Year Award
Kaitlyn Ducote
Lauren LeBlanc

Department of Chemistry Poster Competition
Senior Graduate Student
1st Prize – Dariush Montasserasadi
2nd Prize – Tammy Pracheil
2nd Prize – Amber Thaxton
3rd Prize – Lea Gustin
3rd Prize – Sarah Wozny

Junior Graduate Student
1st Prize – Phoebe Ray
2nd Prize – Taha Rostamzadeh
3rd Prize – Rebecca Hron

Undergraduate Student
1st Prize – Alexander Lyons, Jr.
2nd Prize – Cecilia Carbo
3rd Prize – Sadia Akram
DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Performance and Accountability Doctoral Scholarship  
Aaron Maus  
Jonathan Redmann

Doctoral Diversity Fellowship  
Manuel Zubieta

Graduate School Master’s Scholarship  
Elyse Bond  
Devin Frey  
David Gallegos  
Dustin Peabody

Graduate School Doctoral Scholarship  
Lance Lacoste  
Avdesh Mishra  
Md Rahman

Howard E. Evans Memorial Award  
Jonathan Redmann

Computer Science Faculty Award  
Dustin Peabody

DEPARTMENT OF EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

New Orleans Geological Society Graduate Scholarship  
Andrew Boudreaux

New Orleans Geological Society Undergraduate Scholarship  
Andrew Adams  
Christopher Mark Johnson  
Dominik Kardell

Olga Braunstein Undergraduate Scholarship  
Rachel Carter  
Raechel Fisher  
Jon Guidry  
Ryan Jones  
Elizabeth Thompson

Olga and Jules Braunstein Undergraduate Service Award  
Jeremy Henley

Chevron Geology Scholarship  
Robert Clark  
Emily Harper  
Hiranya Sahoo  
Christina Varuso

Exxon Earth Science Minority Scholarship  
Lewis Jones  
Nigel Long  
Jamin Lopez  
Matthew Santiago  
Carlos Stich

Shell Minority and Women in Science Scholarship  
Patricia Borges  
Kathryn Langley  
Leah Grassi  
Susanna Kreinik  
Rachel Von Bodungen

Geology and Geophysics Research Fund Scholarship  
Myles Felch  
Prabhat Neupane

William W. Craig Memorial Scholarship  
Karen Marchal

Jennifer R. Miller Memorial Environmental Geology Award  
Kimberly Clark

Glenn Hebert Petroleum and Geology Scholarship  
Kevin Trosclair

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

A. J. Hulin Mathematics Award  
Amber Goodman

James W. Ellis Mathematics Award  
Benjamin Gorman

Mathematics Faculty Award – Undergraduate  
Alex Nisbet  
Aaron Rider

Helen Claire Kelly Freshman Mathematics Award  
Camera Whicker

Mathematics Faculty Award – Graduate  
Nairita Ghosal  
Ronald Giardina

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

Physics Faculty Award  
Isaac Meisenheimer  
Joshua Paszamant

Psi Star Psi Award  
Isaac Meisenheimer

Max Herzberger Award  
Nicholas Studer

Bill J. Good Award  
Sanshrut Sapkota  
Ganesh Tiwari

Southeastern Geophysical Society Geophysics Scholarship  
Charles Crawford
Distinguished Undergraduate Student Certificate of Commendation
Florence Iturri

Distinguished Undergraduate Student Award
Maria Kireeva

S. Thomas Elder Most Promising Undergraduate Research Award
Molly Miller
Miguel Velasquez

UNO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION STUDENTS4HIGHER SCHOLARSHIP
Class of 2014
Hattie Jo Coin

Class of 2015
Bryson Lloyd
Bethany McCurdy

Class of 2016
Austin Falgout
Joshua Medernach
Timothy Pela
Brandon Walker

UNO PHI BETA KAPPA CLUB AWARD IN SCIENCE
Yazan Alqara
Anuja Bhatta
Amanda Boudreaux
Janak Dahal
Sanjeev Dahal
Evan Davis
Kaitlyn Ducote
Celeste Faia
Muhammad Farooq
Sean Ford
Christopher Mark Johnson
Karmen Karraker
Maria Kireeva
Stephen Lambert
Tri Ngo
Jonathan Redmann
Sanskrit Sapkota
Swornim Shrestha
Jodi Spencer
Elizabeth Thompson
Ganesh Tiwari
Nicholas Usner
Jonathan Walther
Saeed Yazdianpour

Andrew S. Wensel Distinguished Graduate Student Award
Rachel Kahn

Richard D. Olson Award in Experimental Design and Methodology
Matthew Casey

UNO INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AMBASSADOR AWARDS
Semaj Crumpton – John E. Altazan Award, UNO-Innsbruck
Alex Figueroa – Latin American Studies Graduate Research Grant
Florence Iturri – UNO Rome
Arianna Thayer – UNO Innsbruck
Catherine Trahan – UNO Glories of France

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROGRAM
Sadia Akram
Nooraldeen Alkurd
Yazan Alqara
Aruna Bhatta
Cecilia Carbo
James Connick
Angela Denniston
Masa Falah
Muhammad Farooq
Gabriel Fiorini
Erica Golay
Susy Green
Linda Hall
Florence Iturri
Lewis Jones
Tammy Kelly
Jena Michel
Mary Munoz
Amanda Piglia
Rebecca Rice
Valarie Salinas
Ashlyn Schaefner
Swornim Shrestha
Jacqueline Smith
Preston Stock
Jeremy Stroud
Ganesh Tiwari
John Williamson

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES DEAN’S AWARD
Sanjeev Dahal
Department of Biological Sciences

Stephen Lambert
Department of Biological Sciences