

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 Landaeta  
Bradley Landwehr  
Julie Nguyen  
Quoc-Bao Nguyen  
Swornim Shrestha  
Nicholas Usner  
Jonathan Walther  
Saeed Yazdianpour

### **Doris G. Holmquist Memorial Award**

Sanjeev Dahal  
Stephen Lambert

### **Peter Mayeux Memorial Award**

Sanjeev Dahal

### **Biology Faculty Award in Systematics/Evolution/Ecology**

Gabriel Fiorini

### **Louisiana Environmental Professional Association Award**

James Connick

### **Jack and Marie Macgregor Award**

W. David Weber

### **Amarinys Liriano Contreras Memorial Award**

Leanora Hernandez

### **Dee Saunders Dundee Memorial Graduate Student Scholarship Award**

Ann Cespedes

### **Sara E. Bryan Memorial Graduate Student Scholarship Award**

Tammy Pracheil

**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..... Dr. Mahdi Abdelguerfi, Chair

**Performance and Accountability Doctoral Scholarship**

Aaron Maus  
Jonathan Redmann

**Graduate School Doctoral Scholarship**

Lance Lacoste  
Avdesh Mishra  
Md Rahman

**Doctoral Diversity Fellowship**

Manuel Zubieta

**Howard E. Evans Memorial Award**

Jonathan Redmann

**Graduate School Master's Scholarship**

Elyse Bond  
Devin Frey  
David Gallegos  
Dustin Peabody

**Computer Science Faculty Award**

Dustin Peabody



DEPARTMENT OF EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES .....Dr. William Simmons, Chair

**New Orleans Geological Society Graduate Scholarship**

Andrew Boudreaux

**Exxon Earth Science Minority Scholarship**

Lewis Jones  
Nigel Long  
Jamin Lopez  
Matthew Santiago  
Carlos Stich

**New Orleans Geological Society Undergraduate Scholarship**

Andrew Adams  
Christopher Mark Johnson  
Dominik Kardell

**Shell Minority and Women in Science Scholarship**

Patricia Borges  
Kathryn Langley  
Leah Grassi  
Susanna Kreinik  
Rachel Von Bodungen

**Olga Braunstein Undergraduate Scholarship**

Rachel Carter  
Raechel Fisher  
Jon Guidry  
Ryan Jones  
Elizabeth Thompson

**Geology and Geophysics Research Fund Scholarship**

Myles Felch  
Prabhat Neupane

**Olga and Jules Braunstein Undergraduate Service Award**

Jeremy Henley

**William W. Craig Memorial Scholarship**

Karen Marchal

**Chevron Geology Scholarship**

Robert Clark  
Emily Harper  
Hiranya Sahoo  
Christina Varuso

**Jennifer R. Miller Memorial Environmental Geology Award**

Kimberly Clark

**Glenn Hebert Petroleum and Geology Scholarship**

Kevin Trosclair



DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS.....Dr. Tumulesh Solanky, Chair

**A. J. Hulin Mathematics Award**

Amber Goodman

**Helen Claire Kelly Freshman Mathematics Award**

Camera Whicker

**James W. Ellis Mathematics Award**

Benjamin Gorman

**Mathematics Faculty Award – Graduate**

Nairita Ghosal  
Ronald Giardina

**Mathematics Faculty Award – Undergraduate**

Alex Nisbet  
Aaron Rider



DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS .....Dr. Kevin Stokes, Chair

**Physics Faculty Award**

Isaac Meisenheimer  
Joshua Paszamant

**Bill J. Good Award**

Sanshrut Sapkota  
Ganesh Tiwari

**Psi Star Psi Award**

Isaac Meisenheimer

**Southeastern Geophysical Society Geophysics Scholarship**

Charles Crawford

**Max Herzberger Award**

Nicholas Studer

**Distinguished Undergraduate Student  
Certificate of Commendation**

Florencia Iturri

**Andrew S. Wensel Distinguished Graduate Student Award**  
Rachel Kahn

**Distinguished Undergraduate Student Award**  
Maria Kireeva

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

**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  
Sanshrut Sapkota  
Swornim Shrestha  
Jodi Spencer  
Elizabeth Thompson  
Ganesh Tiwari  
Nicholas Usner  
Jonathan Walther  
Saeed Yazdianpour

**UNO INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS  
AMBASSADOR AWARDS**

Semaj Crumpton – *John E. Altazan Award, UNO-Innsbruck*  
Alex Figueroa – *Latin American Studies Graduate  
Research Grant*  
Florencia 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  
Anuja Bhatta  
Cecilia Carbo  
James Connick  
Angela Denniston  
Masa Falah  
Muhammad Farooq  
Gabriel Fiorini  
Erica Golay  
Susy Green  
Linda Hall  
Florencia Iturri  
Lewis Jones  
Tammy Kelly  
Jena Michel  
Mary Munoz  
Amanda Piglia  
Rebecca Rice  
Valarie Salinas  
Ashlyn Schaefer  
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*