



*The School of Graduate Studies*  
congratulates the following 2023 Graduate Awards Ceremony awardees:



*School of Medicine*

**Herbert S. Steuer Memorial Award for Academic Excellence in Anatomy**

Alexander Borovik - *Anatomy*

Jeffrey Steltzner - *Anatomy*

**Herbert S. Steuer Memorial Outstanding Anatomy Educator Award**

Sara Bokhari - *Anatomy*

Ashley Onabiyi - *Anatomy*

Zeyna Samba - *Anatomy*

Katharine Workman - *Anatomy*

**Charlotte E. Smith Award in Public Health Nutrition**

Allison Fallon - *Public Health Nutrition*

**Academic Excellence for the Master's**

Sofia Lemberg - *Bioethics and Medical Humanities*

Natali Semerad - *Genetic Counseling Training Program*

Vishal Senthilkumar - *Bioethics and Medical Humanities*

**Department of Bioethics and Medical Humanities Student Educator of Excellence**

McKenna Horstmann - *Bioethics and Medical Humanities*

**Arthur F.W. Hughes Award in Developmental Biology**

Alicia Nicole Vagnozzi - *Neurosciences*

**Lester O. Krampitz Award for Best Predoctoral Research**

Stephanie Swedik - *Molecular Biology and Microbiology*

Emma Kundracik - *Molecular Biology and Microbiology*





**Paul Berg and Harland Wood Distinguished Graduate Fellowship**

Xi (Chelsea) Chen - *Physiology and Biophysics*

**Doctoral Excellence**

Mohammed Rubayyi Alzahrani - *Biochemistry*

Wyatt P. Bensken - *Epidemiology & Biostatistics*

Filipa Blasco Tavares Pereira Lopes - *Systems Biology & Bioinformatics*

Solomiia Boyko - *Physiology & Biophysics*

Jessica Adriana Castrillon - *Molecular Medicine*

Michaela Briana Cooley - *Biomedical Engineering*

Carli J. Lehr - *Clinical Translational Science*

Jean Moon - *Pharmacology*

Stephanie Swedik - *Molecular Biology & Microbiology*

Alicia Nicole Vagnozzi - *Neurosciences*

Derek Perseus Wong - *Pathology*

Shanshan Zhang - *Genetics & Genome Sciences*

***College of Arts and Sciences***

**Friends of Art Best Paper by an MA Student**

Luke Hester - *Art History and Art*

**Friends of Art Best Paper by a PhD Student**

Cecily Hughes - *Art History and Art*

**Friends of Art Best Overall Performance by a PhD Student (Art History and Art)**

Angelica Verduci - *Art History and Art*

**Outstanding Paper Award**

Jin Li - *Biology*

Russell Engelman - *Biology* (Honorable Mention)

Grant (Yu) Liu - *Biology* (Honorable Mention)

**Joanne Westin Distinguished Graduate Student Teaching Award**

Shivansh Dave - *Biology*

Troy Neptune - *Biology* (Runner Up)

Eric Prileson - *Biology* (Runner Up)

**Adel Heinrich Award**

James Aldridge - *Musicology*

**Diversity, Culture, and Community Award**

Daniella Levine - *Psychological Sciences*





**Donald K. Freedheim Award for an Outstanding Contribution to Clinical Service**  
Christopher McGovern - *Psychological Sciences*

**Ethan Schafer Assessment Award**  
Elisabeth Cowin - *Psychological Sciences*

**Jane Kessler Award for Commitment to Scholarship in the Field of Disabilities**  
Kathleen Pait - *Psychological Sciences*

**Joseph F. Fagan III Award for Research Excellence**  
Jill Laquidara - *Psychological Sciences*

**Kim Diemert Award**  
Rana Damra - *Communication Sciences*

**Marian Gallagher Award**  
Leah Frank - *Communication Sciences*

**Masters Research Excellence**  
Jill Laquidara - *Psychological Sciences*

**Sarah Cain Spannagel Graduate Student Award**  
Kathleen Pait - *Psychological Sciences*

**Graduate Teaching Award**  
Heather Everson - *Chemistry*  
David Raufman - *Chemistry*  
Vivek Saraswat - *Chemistry*

**Charles F. Mabery Award for Best Thesis in Chemistry**  
Ibrahim Alfurayj - *Chemistry*

**Dumitru and Gheorghe D. Mateescu Graduate Student Citizenship Award**  
Zoey Lockwood - *Chemistry*  
Lucia Yuan - *Chemistry*

**Eva L. Pancoast Memorial Fellowship**  
Katelyn Jones - *Art History and Art*  
Amber Kidd - *English*  
Jess Xiao Long - *Art History and Art*  
Susana Montanes-Lleras - *Art History and Art*  
Clara Pinchbeck - *Art History and Art*  
Arielle Suskin - *Art History and Art*  
Rebekah Utian - *Art History and Art*  
Hayley Verdi - *English*  
Bethany Westphal - *Musicology*





***Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences***

**Arol Shack Dissertation Award**

Emily Miller - *Social Welfare*

***Weatherhead School of Management***

**Sherman Grinnell Scholarship**

Melissa Cooper - *Organizational Behavior*

Pooja Khatija - *Organizational Behavior*

***Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing***

**Marie Haug Student Award**

Abolade Oladimeji - *Sociology*

Piper Sereno - *Social Work*

***Center for International Affairs***

**Elise Lindsay International Graduate Student Award**

Reema Sen - *Sociology*

**Spirit of Service International Student Award**

Pradeep Shashidharankumar - *Business Administration*

**Unsung Champion International Student Award**

Mai Rashwan - *Chemistry*

***Case School of Engineering***

**Excellence in Departmental/External Service**

Brennan Flannery - *Biomedical Engineering*

Rachel Jakes - *Biomedical Engineering*

Victoria Laney - *Biomedical Engineering*

**Excellence in Graduate Teaching Assistantship**

Ed Carson - *Biomedical Engineering*

**Excellence in Mentorship Award**

Thomas DeSilvio - *Biomedical Engineering*





**Outstanding Biomedical Engineering Student**

Michael Sun - *Biomedical Engineering*  
Yuran Zhu - *Biomedical Engineering*  
Prathyush Chirra - *Biomedical Engineering*

**Outstanding Master's Work**

Hoa Le - *Biomedical Engineering*

**Outstanding Publication Award**

Junqi Zhuo - *Biomedical Engineering*

**Kouros Azar Neural Engineering Research Award**

Prajakta Joshi - *Biomedical Engineering*

**Outstanding Journal Article Award**

KangJin Lee - *Chemical Engineering*

**Outstanding Presentation Award**

Hairou Yu - *Chemical Engineering*

**Outstanding Researcher Award**

William Dean - *Chemical Engineering*  
Bethany Kersten - *Chemical Engineering*

**Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award**

Maura Sepesy - *Chemical Engineering*

**Service and Leadership Award**

Aidan Klemm - *Chemical Engineering*

**Civil Engineering Student Leadership Award**

Yusheng Jiang - *Civil and Environmental Engineering*

**Craig J. Miller Memorial Award**

Haiping Ai - *Civil and Environmental Engineering*  
Rodrigo Teixeira Schossler - *Civil and Environmental Engineering*

**Kenneth M. Haber Award**

Zaid Alajlan - *Civil and Environmental Engineering*  
Yidan Gao - *Civil and Environmental Engineering*  
Tyler Richard McFarren - *Civil and Environmental Engineering*  
Jiachun Sun - *Civil and Environmental Engineering*





**Roy Harley Prize**

Yushu Cheng - *Civil and Environmental Engineering*

Samuel Ojo - *Civil and Environmental Engineering*

Bo Xu - *Civil and Environmental Engineering*

**Outstanding Graduate Research Award in Computer and Data Sciences**

Dylan Plummer - *Computer and Data Sciences*

**Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant in Computer and Data Sciences**

Zuquan Chen - *Computer and Data Sciences*

Qingzhe Guo - *Computer and Data Sciences*

**Best Graduate Thesis Award**

Ke (Tom) Wang - *Materials Science and Engineering*

**Excellent Graduate Research Award in memory of Xiaoyang Zhao**

Yifeng Gong - *Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*

Utku Goreke - *Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*

Nicholas Mejia - *Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*

Boman Su - *Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*

***School of Graduate Studies***

**Graduate Student Appreciation Award**

Sara Bokhari - *Anatomy*

Amber Byrd - *Sociology*

Elisabeth Cowin - *Psychological science*

Stephanie Egler - *Mathematics*

Vanessa Guzylak - *Anatomy*

Quiana Howard - *Nursing*

Katelyn Jones - *Art History and Art*

Pooja Khatija - *Organizational Behavior*

Makaela Mews - *Nutrition*

Valerie Truong - *Anatomy*

**Cleveland Arts Prize: Kathryn Karipides Scholarship in Modern Dance**

Joel Linebach - *Dance*





**Graduate Dean's Instructional Excellence Award**

Golnoush Asaeikheybari - *Computer Engineering*  
Clayton Coonrod - *Mathematics*  
Charlie Ericson - *English*  
Polina Ermoshkina - *Sociology*  
Ray Garner - *Astronomy*  
Amber Kidd - *English*  
Aidan Klemm - *Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering*  
Samuel Nemeth - *Music*  
Pip Samuel Petersen - *Physics*  
Zeyna Samba - *Anatomy*  
Katharine Young - *Art History and Art*

**Three Minute Thesis Competition Award**

**Case-Coulter Translational Research Partnership People's Choice Award**

George Hoferlin - *Biomedical Engineering*  
Rachel Hohe - *Molecular Medicine*  
Samuel Ojo - *Civil Engineering*

**Three Minute Thesis Competition Award**

**Veale Institute for Entrepreneurship Translational Fellows Postdoc**

Ila Mishra - *Medicine*

**Three Minute Thesis Competition Award**

**Veale Institute for Entrepreneurship Third Place Prize**

Tshiya Subayi - *Management*

**Three Minute Thesis Competition Award**

**Science & Human Rights Coalition Second Place Prize**

Razaq Durodoye - *Epidemiology and Biostatistics*

**Three Minute Thesis Competition Award**

**Office of Interprofessional and Interdisciplinary Education & Research First Place Prize**

George Hoferlin - *Biomedical Engineering*

**Lenore A Kola Graduate Student Community Service Award**

Ray Garner - *Astronomy*  
Vivek Saraswat - *Chemistry*





**Ruth Barber Moon Award**

Poshan Dahal - *Sociology*  
Megan Foradori - *Nursing*  
Emily Miller - *Social Welfare*  
Unique Stanfield - *Music*

**Richard A. Zdanis Research Fellowship Award**

Colette Ngana - *Sociology*  
Kari O'Donnell - *Social Welfare*

***John S. Diekhoff Award for Faculty***

**John S. Diekhoff Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching**

Karla Coburn, DDS, PhD - *Anatomy*

**John S. Diekhoff Award for Excellence in Graduate Mentoring**

Jason Mears, PhD - *Pharmacology*  
Andrew Pieper, MD, PhD - *Psychiatry*  
Xiong (Bill) Yu, PhD - *Civil and Environmental Engineering*



***Congratulations to  
all of our  
Award Winners!***

