



University of Houston
DOWNTOWN

Academic Awards **2017**

Reception & Program

Tuesday, May 2

Davies College of Business - (Shea St. Building), B113

College of Public Service - A300

University College - Robertson Auditorium

Wednesday, May 3

College of Humanities

& Social Sciences - Robertson Auditorium

College of Sciences & Technology - A300

Receptions: 5 p.m.

Awards Ceremonies: 6 p.m.

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Toward the end of each academic year, the faculty members of each department and college recognize the students who have achieved distinction through their outstanding academic performance. These students have excelled in their academic courses, have exhibited leadership in course-related and extracurricular activities, and have generally epitomized the outstanding student body of the University. The University is proud to present these awards in recognition of the effort, dedication, determination and success of each recipient. Please join the administration, faculty, and staff of the University of Houston-Downtown in congratulating each honoree.



—Edward T. Hugetz, Interim Provost

Tuesday Evening, May 2, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Marilyn Davies College of Business

OUTSTANDING GRADUATES FOR SPRING 2017

General Business: **Jorge Majano**

Insurance and Risk Management: **Ayla Benavides**

Management: **Robert Ford**

Marketing: **Brandon Palmer**

Supply Chain Management: **Chase Davis**

American Marketing Association (AMA) Outstanding Members 2016-2017:

Jeanette Aquirre

Candice Zepeda

Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Outstanding Member 2016-2017:

Erica Long

Student Supply Chain Management Association (SSCMA) Outstanding Member 2016-2017:

Gregory J. Wu

UHD Student Research Poster Session —MGT 3332

Elma Suskic

Jacqueline Paulino

Margaret Stagg

Melinda Strahan

Mona Shamsulhaq

FINANCE, ACCOUNTING & MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

ACCOUNTING

TSCPA Accounting Excellence Award 2016-2017: **Vi Nguyen**

Houston Society of CPA's Scholarships 2016-2017: **Kevin Ly**

Outstanding Accounting Graduates: **Vi Nguyen & Nghy Nguyen**

Deloitte Larry G. Jones Scholarships 2016-2017: **Michaelerallien Bolden &**

Tuyet Quyen Luong

Petroleum Accounting Society of Houston (PASH) Scholarships 2016-2017:

Damaris Febus & Doan Thuc Pham

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Outstanding MIS/EIS Major: **Christian Bradley & Justin Warnasch**

Stafford Award 2016-2017: **Christian Bradley**

FINANCE

Financial Executives International Scholarship 2016-2017: **Adriana Marie Majeski**

Outstanding Finance Major: **Karen Sandoval, William McDermott & J Johns**

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Outstanding International Business Student 2016-2017: **Odette Perez Carrillo**

College of Public Service

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Outstanding Graduate Student: **Victor Bedolla**

Outstanding Undergraduate Student: **Bianca Serna**

Frank P. (Trey) Williams Criminal Justice Book Scholarship: **Anna Fougerousse**

URBAN EDUCATION

Outstanding Master of Arts in Teaching Student: **Thomas Ashford**

Outstanding Student in Core EC- 6 Subjects with ESL Supplemental Program: **Ashley Ericson**

Outstanding Student in Core EC- 6 Subjects with Bilingual Education Supplemental Program:

Ignacio Gamez

Outstanding Student in Core 4-8 Subjects with ESL Supplemental Program: **Daisy Velasco**

Outstanding Student Teacher: **Mayra Santos Rodriguez**

William Joseph "Dr. Joe" Kortz Memorial Scholarship

TBA

SOCIAL WORK

Academic Excellence Award: **Cora Davis**

Spirit of Social Work Award: **Johnisha Wilson**

Excellence in Social Work Field Practica: **Kristin Holt**

Carolyn Sue Smith & Ann Parham Memorial Scholarship: **Sandra Perez**

ROBERT S. BROWNE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Criminal Justice: **William Stegall**

Criminal Justice: **Nitzia Berlanga-Reyes**

Urban Education: **Christina Leal**

Urban Education: **Bianca A. Montano**

University College

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM AWARDS:

Applied Administration:

Outstanding Junior, 2016-2017: **Mauricio Herrera**

Outstanding Senior, 2016-2017: **John Jordan**

Outstanding Graduate, Fall 2016: **Crysler Scales**

Outstanding Graduate, Spring 2017: **Xochitl De La Cruz**

General Scholarship Recipient 2016-17: **Michael Pounds**

General Scholarship Recipient 2016-17: **Tindy Sable**

IAAP Scholarship Recipient 2016-17: **Shantrise Charles**

Interdisciplinary Studies:

Award for Outstanding Field Experience: **Regina Coyle**

Academic Excellence Award: **Liliana Zamora**

Outstanding Graduate: **Joshua Franklin**

Interdisciplinary Studies Scholarship Fall 2016: **Nathaniel Colon**

Interdisciplinary Studies Scholarship Spring 2017: **Franique Wallace**

LATIN HONORS — SPRING 2017 GRADUATING CLASS

BAAS Applied Administration:

Xochitl De La Cruz, Magna Cum Laude

Cedrick Johnson, Cum Laude

Shureda Thomas, Magna Cum Laude

BS Interdisciplinary Studies:

Robin Brewer, Cum Laude

Jana Carter, Magna Cum Laude

Jessica Croft, Cum Laude

David Flores, Cum Laude

Glenn Kennedy, Cum Laude

Lynn Longoria, Cum Laude

Molly Milillo, Cum Laude

Jamie Nueneker, Cum Laude

Christopher Perez, Cum Laude

Vanessa Serrano, Cum Laude

Nuzhat Sheikh, Magna Cum Laude

Sonya Simon, Magna Cum Laude

Randi Tamez, Cum Laude

Katie Wedel, Cum Laude

Christopher Wilson, Magna Cum Laude

Chuxin Zeng, Magna Cum Laude

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Outstanding 1st Year Supplemental Instruction Leadership:

Alicia Garcia

Bryttanni Duncan

Chisomnazu Stephaine Ibe

Katy De La O

Excellence in Supplemental Instruction Leadership and Mentoring:

Francisco Delgado

Lily Mejia

Yazmin Trujillo

Supplemental Instruction Program Assistant Service Award:

Ashley Moreno-Gongora

Summer Fast Track Institute STAR Performers Academic Awards:

Rudolph Vargas

Esther Ombonwan

Alfonso Ortiz-Orta

Eduardo Ontiveros

LEARNING SUCCESS

Academic Surge Excellence:

Lariza Davila

Jacqueline Hernandez

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM AWARDS

Exceptional Academic Achievement

Katy De La O
Evelyn Garcia
Jasmine Major
Jocelyne Torres
Haleigh Folger
Alfred Grimaldo
Angel Lopez
Raven Robertson
Jordan Snow

Freshman Seminar

Alfred Grimaldo
Angel Lopez
Alondra Morillon
Cymone Caldwell
Miguel Sanchez
Archie Gayle

Honors Courses & Contracts

Susana Garcia, MATH 1301
Taylor Tumbleson, HIST 1312
Jocelyne Torres, ENG 3308
Elizabeth Gonzalez, COMM 2309
Jasmine Major, PSY 2302
Juan Leija, HIST 3313
Faryal Gul, POLS 2108
Jessica Plascenia-Delgado, POLS 2306

Honors Student of the Year

First Year: **Archie Gayle**
Second Year: **Jasmine Major**
Third Year: **Katy De La O**

Graduating Senior Award

Edith Aldaba, Spanish

Dean's Award

David Alvarado
Daral Moore-Washington

Wednesday Evening, May 3, 2017 at 6 p.m.

College of Humanities & Social Sciences

EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES AWARD

Benita Cynthia Gonzalez
Luis Lugo-Velez
Dionnica Porter

ENGLISH

ENG 1300

- 1st. **Tatyana Tucker**, "What Is a Good Education?" Nominated by Dr. JoAnn Pavletich
- 2nd. **Laura Conde-Puello**, "Essay 2" Nominated by Dr. JoAnn Pavletich
- 3rd. **Kerstan Fisher**, "Argumentative Essay" Nominated by Dr. JoAnn Pavletich

ENG 1301

- 1st. **Desiree Gonzalez**, "#AnimalLivesMatter" Nominated by Jessie Casteel
- 2nd. **Alfred Grimaldo**, "Youth Violence, Learned Behavior, and Ruined Potential: A Causal Argument" Nominated by Dr. Chuck Jackson
- 3rd. **Chloe Burke**, "Me, Myself, and I" Nominated by Jessie Casteel

ENG 1302

- 1st. **Clare MacDonald**, "Why I'm Tired of Writing about Frogs" Nominated by Dr. Joan Wedes
- 2nd. **Stacie Leigh Harris**, "Prison Reform: A History of Today's Needed Change" Nominated by Dr. Cynthia Williams
- 3rd. **Sarah Leach**, "Medical Conversations: Doctors Take No Consideration of the Human in Discussion with a Human Being" Nominated by Dr. Malcolm Williams

Sophomore Level English

- 1st. **Sahra Harvin**, "Ethical Suicide in Cormac McCarthy's The Road" Nominated by Dr. Nell Sullivan
- 2nd. **Darrell Jones**, "The Monstrous Feminine" Nominated by Dr. Giuliana Lund
- 3rd. **Jasmine Major**, "Count Dracula: The Monster Within" Nominated by Dr. Giuliana Lund

Upper Division English

- 1st. **Sara Whittemore**, "The Story of Language in Blood Meridian"
Nominated by Dr. Nell Sullivan
- 2nd. **Galleryy Martinez Reyna**, "Towards an End of Transgender Untouchability: Modern Masculinity's construct of the Hijra Countertype in Post-Colonial India" Nominated by Dr. Sucheta Choudhuri
- 3rd. **Sadie Salazar**, "Post-World War II Film Noir: Gender Roles in Charles Vidor's Gilda" Nominated by Dr. Chuck Jackson

Upper Division Professional Writing

- 1st. **Charles Livermore**, Laura Palacios, Graham Wilson: "Recommendation Report for the Houston Beekeepers Association Based upon a Usability Study of their Website" Nominated by Dr. Olin Bjork
- 2nd. **Jennifer Mathews**, "A Warranty Rewritten and Redesigned in Plain Language" Nominated by Dr. Natalya Matveeva
- 3rd. **Sandra Merino**, "Virtual Dating, Dating or a Guessing Game?" Nominated by Dr. Tony Chiaviello

Graduate Writing in Rhetoric and Composition

- 1st. **Mark Parker**, "Never Being Boring—A Look at Symbols, Authenticity, and the Haitian Revolution" Nominated by Dr. Giuliana Lund
- 2nd. **Francisco Betancourt**, "Internet Memes and Their Use of Classical Rhetorical Concepts in Political Discourse" Nominated by Dr. Adam Ellwanger

Graduate Writing in Technical Communication

- 1st. **Morgan McAllister**, "Analyzing Wordpress.Org's Achievements, Pitfalls, and Arguments through the Lens of Human Computer Interaction Best Practices and Rhetorical Analysis" Nominated by Dr. Olin Bjork
- 2nd. **Loretta Towne**, "Graphical User Interface Analysis: WordPress and User Experience" Nominated by Dr. Olin Bjork
- 3rd. **Rebecca Mogollón**, "Analysis of Articulate Storyline 2 from a Human-Computer Interaction Viewpoint" Nominated by Dr. Olin Bjork

Susan Kiernan Ahern Portfolio Prize for English: **Amanda Herrick** - Nominated by the BA in English Committee

Fabian Worsham Award in Creative Writing: **Christopher Miguel Flakus (Fiction) & Joshua Johnson (Poetry)** Nominated by Professors Robin Davidson, Daniel Peña & Claudia Smith

Professional Writing Portfolio Award: **Cindy Cicchetti** - Nominated by the Professional Writing BS Committee

STUDENT AWARDS FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES (2016-2017)

History

Outstanding Freshman of the Year in History: **Alondra Morillon**
Outstanding History Students of the Year: **David Hale**

Psychology

Outstanding Students in Psychology: **Jessika Powers, Krystle King & Nelson Iheonunekwu**

Philosophy

Outstanding Students in Philosophy: **Jasmine Huynh & Katy Guillen**

Sociology

Academic Excellence in Sociology: **Jennifer Lopez & Clara Wolf**

Political Science

Political Science Student of the Year as selected by the Political Science Faculty:
Paula Cano Clavijo, Katy De La O, Joy Jones, Eisha Khan, Jocelyne Torres & Keith Toussaint

Health and Behavioral Science

Health and Behavioral Science Student Achievement Award: **Sarah Leach**

Spanish

Excellence in Intermediate Spanish: **María Alvarado and Emily Christiansen**
Excellence in Upper-Level Spanish: **Edith Aldaba**
Best Spanish Portfolio of 2016-2017: **Efraín Zavala**
Excellence in Translation: **Nancy Villarreal**

DRAMA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Charles and Betti Saunders Theatre Scholarship: **Kellie Fondel, Chelsea Martinez**

The Maddocks Family Theatre Scholarship: **Chelsea Martinez, Vanessa Ramirez,**

Max Weimmer

The University Theatre Drama Scholarship: **Vanessa Ramirez, Ja'Net Rogers**

ART SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Trask Award: **Monica Carillo**

Seigler Award: **Alexis Centeno**

Shipnes Award: **Alexis Centeno**

SPRING STUDENT ART SHOW AWARDS

Best in Show in Theater, Costume Design: **Jennifer Mendoza**

Best in Show in Graphic Design: **Ashley Stahle**

Best in Show in Painting/Watercolor: **Margoth Ayala**

Best in Show in Drawing: **Yarian Garcia-Alayon**

Best in Show in Photography/Digital Media: **Huy Bui**

Best in Show in Independent Study: **Faith Pruneda**

College of Sciences & Technology

COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Computer Science

Outstanding Senior: **Yuntian Zhang**

Outstanding Student: **Israel Cervantes**

Control and Instrumentation Engineering Technology

Outstanding Graduate: **Jesse Gilmore**

Outstanding Student: **Jose Miguel Gonzalez**

Safety Management

Outstanding Graduate: **Diana Magaly Gomez**

Structural Analysis and Design Option in Engineering Technology

Outstanding Graduate: **Nhu L. Nguyen**

Outstanding Student: **Ramiro Mendoza**

Ongard Sirisaengtaksin Scholarship

Fall 2017 recipient: **Dorcas C. Mbaeri**

MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS

June P. Wood Scholarship: **TBA**

June P. Wood Award for Outstanding Senior in Mathematics: **Alisa Turchaninova**

Lena Chimanti-Alo Award for Outstanding Student in Statistics: **Xiaroui Zhang**

M. Elizabeth Steen Scholarship Spring 2017 recipient: **German Villalobos**

NATURAL SCIENCES

Excellence in Biology: **Ashlyn Holbert**

Excellence in Biotechnology: **Jacqueline Rocha**

Excellence in Chemistry: **Irvin Romero**

Excellence in Freshman Chemistry: **Anna Wheless**

Excellence in Inorganic Chemistry: **Ashley Moreno-Gongora**

Excellence in Geosciences: **Emilia Caylor**

Excellence in General Physics: **Michael Miller**

Outstanding Pre-Health Professional Student: **TBA**

The Joan S. Abramowitz Undergraduate Research Scholarship: **TBA**

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