

FALL 2024

# DEAN'S CITATION

FOR  
EXCELLENCE



OUTSTANDING  
THESIS/DISSERTATION/  
SCHOLARLY PROJECT



FACULTY AWARDS

**UNC**

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO

Graduate School

# DEAN'S CITATION FOR EXCELLENCE

The Graduate Dean's Citation  
for Excellence is awarded to students  
nominated by their school in recognition  
of superior academic achievement  
in graduate studies.

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## **Anika Payne**

Master of Arts  
Theatre Education

*Nominated by Mary Schuttler  
and Gillian McNally*

## **Carlene Brown**

Doctor of Philosophy  
Applied Statistics and Research Methods

*Nominated by Randy Larkins  
and Maria Labman*

## **Veronica Becerra**

Doctor of Philosophy  
Sport and Exercise Science —  
Physical Education and Physical  
Activity Leadership Concentration

*Nominated by Jennifer Krause  
and Brian Dauenhauer*

## **Karen Schweih**

Doctor of Philosophy  
Counselor Education and Supervision

*Nominated by Heather Pendleton-Helm,  
Angela Weingartner and  
Jennifer Murdock-Bishop*

# OUTSTANDING THESIS/DISSERTATION/SCHOLARLY PROJECT

The Graduate Dean's Citation  
for Outstanding Thesis, Dissertation  
and Scholarly Project is awarded  
to students recognized for outstanding  
research in graduate studies.

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## OUTSTANDING THESIS

## **Teagan Fortune**

Master of Arts  
Sociology

*Nominated by Angie Schultz,  
Harmony Newman and Kyle Nelson*

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## OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION

## **Amelia Baldwin**

Educational Doctorate  
Educational Leadership

*Nominated by Amie Cieminski  
and Jonathan Cooney*

## **Athita Kuankachorn**

Doctor of Arts  
Music

*Nominated by Jonathan Bellman  
and Carissa Reddick*

## **Leslie Hillen**

Educational Doctorate  
Educational Leadership

*Nominated by Amie Cieminski  
and Michael Cohen*

## **Marina Rodriguez**

Doctor of Philosophy  
Higher Education and Student  
Affairs Leadership

*Nominated by Gardiner Tucker,  
Deborah Romero and Silvia Correa-Torres*

## FACULTY AWARDEES

Since fall 2023, the Graduate School has recognized faculty for outstanding mentoring of graduate students. Graduate students nominated faculty mentors. Nominations were reviewed by a panel of graduate students who, through their scoring of nominees, selected the winners.

### GRADUATE STUDENTS' AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING MENTOR

#### **William Merchant, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor of Applied Statistics and Research Methods

*Department of Applied Statistics and Research Methods*

*College of Education and Behavioral Sciences*

### CAREER ACHIEVEMENT IN GRADUATE STUDENT MENTORING

#### **Randy Larkins, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor of Applied Statistics and Research Methods

*Department of Applied Statistics and Research Methods*

*College of Education and Behavioral Sciences*

### Schedule of Events

1. Refreshments
2. Dean's Remarks  
*Jeri-Anne Lyons, Ph.D.*  
*Associate Vice-President of Research  
and Dean of the Graduate School*
3. Presentation of Awards
4. Closing Remarks