



**UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS**

FALL CLASS OF 2024

GRADUATE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE  
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY  
DECEMBER 17, 2024



# UNLV

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This is the official program for the December 2024 Commencement at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. It includes the names of students who have applied to graduate. Please note that participation in a commencement ceremony does not guarantee degree conferral. Degrees are conferred (granted) only when all requirements have been met and the final grades for a student's final semester have been computed. Degrees are conferred and diplomas mailed during a 10-week period following the end of each semester.

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

4:00 PM

*Student and Dignitary Processional*..... UNLV Jazz Ensemble  
with Master of Ceremony Adam Paul

*Opening Remarks*..... Executive Vice President and Provost Chris L. Heavey

*Presentation of Colors*..... UNLV Air Force & Army ROTC Honor Guards  
Field Drummer Xavier Mejia

*National Anthem*..... Pauline Tamale, Mezzo-Soprano  
The Star-Spangled Banner, accompanied by David Loeb, piano

*UNLV Alma Mater*..... UNLV Choral Ensemble, UNLV Symphony Orchestra  
Joseph Svendsen, Thomas G. Leslie, Musical Directors

*President's Message*..... President Keith E. Whitfield

*Greetings*..... Nevada System of Higher Education

*Recognition of Outstanding Graduates*..... President Whitfield

*Student Commencement Speaker*..... Hui Ching Chan, Siddharth Raich

*Alumni Association President*..... David R. Navarro

*Class Profile*..... Provost Heavey

*Conferring of Degrees*..... President Whitfield

*Readers*..... UNLV Faculty  
Joe Ervin, Elizabeth Jost, Jeff Orgera, Nathan M. Slife, Jacob Thompson

*Concluding Remarks*..... President Whitfield

*Recessional*..... UNLV Fight Song

*Grand Marshal*..... Brach Poston

# *Academic Traditions and Special Honors*

## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS**

Since its first classes were held in the 1950s, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) has undergone an amazing transformation, from a dusty outpost on the south edge of town to a thriving urban research institution. Along the way, thanks to its innovative frontier spirit, UNLV has kept pace with one of the country's fastest-growing and most enterprising cities.

The university's origins were humble. In 1951, when the post-war boom had swollen the Las Vegas valley's population to more than 50,000, the University of Nevada, Reno established an extension program here. Twenty-eight students began meeting for classes in the dressing rooms of Las Vegas High School's auditorium.

In 1954, the Nevada Board of Regents founded the Southern Regional Division of the University of Nevada, popularly known as Nevada Southern. Twenty-nine students accepted degrees at the university's first commencement in 1964.

The UNLV Graduate School was founded in 1965, and we graduated our first 11 master's students in 1967. In 1969, with the Board of Regents' approval, the university adopted its current name, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. By the following year, as Las Vegas' metropolitan population reached 275,000, UNLV enrolled more than 5,500 students. Our first doctoral student, an Ed.D., graduated in 1977, and we granted our first Ph.D.s in 1991.

Over the next several decades, UNLV continued this heady rate of development — erecting more than 100 buildings, developing dozens of graduate programs, creating partnerships with the community, fielding nationally ranked sports teams, founding an alumni association, promoting scholarship, establishing a fundraising foundation, and recruiting diverse and talented students from across the country. UNLV has come a long way from the high school dressing rooms that once served as its classrooms. It is fair to say that the first 57 years of graduate education at UNLV have been characterized by growth and maturation. Thanks to the dedication of faculty and staff members, students, generous donors, and Las Vegas residents, the university has much to celebrate, especially at commencement.

## **ACADEMIC DRESS**

The academic caps, gowns, and hoods that make the procession so colorful are part of an 800-year tradition. Academic clothing was first worn in medieval universities like Cambridge, Oxford, Paris, and Bologna.

The European custom was carried to America with the establishment of our own colleges and universities. In 1895 an academic code of dress was adopted, and the standards of a robe, hood, and cap were accepted by most of the colleges and universities in the United States.

Different types of gowns may be distinguished in the academic procession. The bachelor's gowns have long, pointed sleeves. The master's gowns have oblong sleeves with an arc cut away in the front. The doctoral gowns are faced with velvet and have bell-shaped sleeves with three bars of velvet. The hood, draped from the shoulder, denotes by its length and colors the field of study and the institution that conferred the doctoral degree.

Doctoral regalia was standardized in the U.S. by the Intercollegiate Commission that created the Intercollegiate Code in 1985. It is periodically updated, and the last update was in 1986 when it was recognized that dark blue is the official color for Ph.D.s. UNLV is unique. Gray with scarlet doctoral robes are absolutely distinct, and there is no other university that has a robe like ours. We adopted the unique scarlet and gray in 2012 when Neal Smatresk was the president of UNLV.

The doctoral hood harkens back to ancient Greece when students would give donations to teachers by placing coins in their hood, because it was not appropriate to pay teachers outright. We can still carry on this tradition today. Graduates, please let family members and friends know that they can continue the tradition of dropping money into hoods.

UNLV commencements have historically been held with both undergraduate and graduate students combined. However, in May 2022, the university hosted its inaugural graduate commencement that gathers the graduate community together. At that time, we also began a new tradition of utilizing the doctoral hoods and a new UNLV lucky coin. Our "Vegas twist" is that after a graduate is hooded, the advisor will drop a UNLV lucky coin in the graduate's hood, symbolically saying farewell, good luck, and best wishes as they embark on their next journey. This is uniquely UNLV and Las Vegas.

## **UNIVERSITY MACE**

The university mace, which has its traditions deeply rooted in history, is carried on ceremonial occasions at the head of the academic procession by the Grand Marshal, whose symbolic duty is the protection of the university, its persons, and its processes.

The mace, a long club with a ball of iron, steel, or brass at one end, was used in warfare as late as the 16th century. The use of the mace as an instrument of ceremony, however, began about the year 1250 in England and France. The mace is still used widely today in university ceremonies like commencements and inaugurations.

The UNLV mace, cast by UNLV art professor emeritus Michael McCollum in 1970, was created using the lost wax process. Erik Gronborg's design for the cubical head of the mace included facets depicting the university seal, a rendering of the Statue of Liberty, a likeness of Renaissance scholar Leonardo da Vinci, and a shelf of books flanked by artists' brushes. The mace bearer for the December 17 ceremony is Brach Poston, associate professor in the Kinesiology and Nutrition Sciences department.

## **OUTSTANDING GRADUATES**

UNLV has a long-standing tradition of honoring graduating students who have made a special mark during their time at the university. Undergraduate and graduate students are selected for the honor after a semester-long nomination process. Those students highlighted during commencement are chosen based on such factors as academic achievement, community outreach, research and creative work, and their ability to overcome adversity.

## **HONOR SOCIETY MEDALLIONS**

Students who have been initiated into UNLV's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society may wear a bronze medallion hung on a blue ribbon to be worn at commencement. Each year Chapter 100 at UNLV invites to membership the top 10 percent of graduate students and undergraduate seniors in their college class and the top 7.5 percent of the junior class in all academic disciplines.

Many disciplines have honor societies specific to their fields. Members wear their cords, pins, or medallions at commencement.

# Graduate College

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Joseph Abueg, Special Education

Internationally Trained Teachers: Filipinos Working with Children with Disabilities in the U.S.: A Multiple Case Study

Jessica Ain, Special Education

Effects of Parent-Implemented Video Self-Modeling on Conversational and Play Skills of Young Children with Developmental Delays

Rojin Aslani, Electrical Engineering

Resource Allocation for Vehicular Communication Systems

Casey A. Barber, Public Health

Analyzing SARS-CoV-2 Wastewater Surveillance Data for Public Health Impact in Southern Nevada

Jeremy Barnum, Criminology and Criminal Justice

Exploring the Interactive Effects of Officer, Subject, and Encounter Factors on Police Use of Force Outcomes

Victor Beck, Interdisciplinary Health Sciences

Oxygen Transport During Exercise in Individuals with Down Syndrome: The Role of Oxygen Uptake, Delivery and Utilization

Samuel Black, Computer Science

Addressing Inference Time in Embedded Systems with Machine Learning

Shadie Burke, Clinical Psychology

Trauma-Related Cognitions and Discrimination as Predictors of Maladaptive Coping Among Marginalized Maltreated Youth

Michela Daniela Carattini, Special Education

Early Childhood Teacher Knowledge: Distinguishing between Developmentally Appropriate Behavior and Maladaptive Behavior

Darrell James Carter, Political Science

Institutional Design of Intergovernmental Organizations: Cooperation, Vitality, and Evolution

Joel Castillo, Radiochemistry

Uranium (VI) & Thorium (IV) Speciation in Organic Media Containing Organophosphorus & Diglycolamide Extractants

W. A. Bhagya De Silva, Chemistry

Characterizing Gsk3 Interactions and Kinetics Via Isothermal Titration Calorimetry

Acacia Remoh Dorsey, Curriculum and Instruction

Cultured Coils: A Multiple Case Study Exploring Black Mothers' Hair Choices and the Impacts on their Black Daughters

Meena Ejjada, Civil and Environmental Engineering

Assessing Disinfection Byproducts in Diverse Water Sources: Factors Affecting Formation and Accuracy in Direct and Indirect Analysis

Mina Esmail Zadeh Nojoo Kamar, Computer Science

Harnessing NLP and Large Language Models for Pattern Discovery and Information Extraction in Electronic Health Reports

Kristine Jan Cruz Espinoza, Higher Education

Let's Get in (Racial) Formation: A Three-Paper Exploration of Dual- and Multiple-Designated Minority-Serving Institutions

Repaire E. Etuk, Clinical Psychology

Relationships between Psychopathology, Impulsivity and Disordered Eating

Alexandria Simone Evans, Public Health

Understanding Levels of Perceived Discrimination when Utilizing Perinatal Care Services

Paige Maleine Figanbaum, History

From Extraction to Attraction: Case Studies in Historic Preservation, Heritage Tourism and Interpretation, 1945-2010

Andrea Carolina Fink-Armold, Psychological and Brain Sciences

Gender Stereotyping in an Agricultural Sample

Devin Tyler Foschi, Educational Psychology

Effect of Epistemic Cognition and Self-Regulation on the Evaluation of Online Information

Debra Faith Fox, Nursing

The Assignment Despite Objection Construct: It's Efficacy and Utility in Measuring Nurse-Perceived Unsafe Staffing Events and Associated Outcomes

Amit Gajurel, Civil and Environmental Engineering  
Haloacetonitriles (HANs): Factors Affecting Their Formation and Mitigation

Valeria Andrea Gurr, Public Affairs  
Social Networking Analysis: How Social Media Groups Can Influence Policies among Hispanic Families

Jessica Habashy, Clinical Psychology  
The Influence of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Binge Eating in a Demographically Diverse US Community Sample

Mallory Rachael Harris-Constantine, Clinical Psychology  
The Impact of Placement Disruption on School Outcomes in Maltreated Youth

Jeannette Hernández, Sociology  
Leveling the Playing Field: An Ethnographic Study of Latinx Youth Soccer Leagues

Juana Karina Cornelio Hinojosa, Higher Education  
¿Dónde Está Mi Gente? Latinx/a/os in Rural Hispanic-Serving Institutions

Abid Hussain, Civil and Environmental Engineering  
Uptake of Contaminants of Emerging Concerns (CECs) by Plants Irrigated with Recycled Waters

Harry Junho Jang, Radiochemistry  
Development of Uranium Fluoride Microstructures

Anastasia Elizabeth Jerbic-Gonzalez, Teacher Education  
A Culturally Responsive Approach to Mindfulness and Mental Health Informal Education

Lei Jia, Civil and Environmental Engineering  
Non-Contact Acoustic Emission Detection of Rail Defects Using Air-Coupled Sensors

Margaret Catherine Johnston, Physics  
An Analysis of the Propagation of Gravitational Radiation under a Graviton of Nonzero Mass and its Implications for Cosmological Measurements

Mildred Joyner, Teacher Education  
Preparing Anti-Racist Teachers: A Case Study of Preservice Teachers' Perceptions of Racism and Program Coherence in Equity-Centered Teacher Preparation

Foster Chimpeni Kamanga, Sociology  
Corporate-Led Financialization on the Farmland, Land Crisis, and Farmers' Experiences in the Sugar Industry in Dwangwa, Malawi

Cody M. Kaneshiro, Clinical Psychology  
Exploring the Everyday Inner Experience of Grapheme-Color Synesthetes

Crystal C. Kitanovski, Chemistry  
Evaluation of Electrochemical Corrosion, Electrodeposition and other Electroanalytical Methods as Investigative Forensic Techniques for Advancing Metal Substrate Analysis

Amy Christine Klink, Biological Sciences  
Physiology and Genomics at the Bottom of the World: Genome to Phenome

Sai Kosaraju, Computer Science  
Interpretable Deep Learning for Medical Image Analysis

Dimitra Kourtesi, Clinical Psychology  
Psychopathy and Moral Decision Making

Dengxun Lai, Biological Sciences  
Probing the Ecological Functions of Thermophiles Using Cultivation-Dependent and Cultivation-Independent Techniques

Christina M. Lamoureux, History  
"Vice cannot afford to Have Virtue Dictate all the Terms of its Existence": The Viability and Visibility of Urban Prostitution in Nevada, 1859-1923

Larizza Limjuco Woodruff, Nursing  
Exploring Staff Nurses' Perceptions of Nursing Student Enculturation within Clinical Teaching: A Focused Ethnography

Leobardo Lopez-Cristobal, Criminology and Criminal Justice  
The Relationship between Police Stress and Officer Misconduct

Mary Kathleen Ludwig, History  
Incarcerated Nations: Confinement, Removal, and Policing on the Colorado River Indian Reservation

Anjan Mandal, Mathematical Sciences  
Using Neighborhood Information to Improve Fiber Direction Estimation from Neuroimaging Data

Mario Mata, Mechanical Engineering  
Decoding the Molar Concentration-Dependent Diffusion of Surfactants in Boiling Dynamics

Adjoa Mensah, Teacher Education  
Transformative Technology Integration: A Quantitative Study of the Effects of Observed Modeling of Mentor Teachers and Teacher Educators on Elementary Preservice Teacher Technology

Stephanie Meyer, Nursing  
Exploring the Experiences of Nursing Faculty Working with Standardized Patients in Simulation

Eduardo Montoya, Radiochemistry  
Nuclear Fuel Cycle Chemistry: A Density Functional Theory Study

Dwaipayan Mukhopadhyay, Mathematical Sciences  
An Application of Machine Learning Algorithms in Healthcare

Blake T. Naccarato, Mechanical Engineering  
Reproducible Research Data Pipelines – Case Study of Bubble Collapse in Subcooled Nucleate Pool Boiling

Liya Shakur Napollion, Mechanical Engineering  
Investigating Ionic Polymer Metal Composite Capacitors Through Fabrication, Experimentation, and Modeling

Smit R. Patel, Electrical Engineering  
Mechanically Cost-Effective Approach for Bipedal Walking in Robots using Instantaneous Collision Angle

Jennifer L. Peltier, Nursing  
The Effects of a Healthcare Simulation Escape Room on Clinical Judgment: A Randomized Controlled Trial

Dereck Davy Phrathep, Clinical Psychology  
Case Trial Evaluations of an Optimization Approach to Mental Health and Sport Performance for Adolescent Athletes

Skylar Larson Polek, Mechanical Engineering  
Development of a Passive Drag Reduction Modification for the 25° Ahmed Body Using Large Eddy Simulation

Piyush Aniruddha Puranik, Computer Science  
Mining Gambling Data for Modeling Gambling Behavior Patterns

Siddharth Raich, Public Health  
Development and Testing the Predictability of an Instrument Based on the Multi-Theory Model (MTM) of Health Behavior Change for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PREP) Uptake Among People of Color

William Ridgway, Psychological and Brain Sciences  
Under the Neon Lights: Examining the Memories of Las Vegas' Route 91 Harvest Music Festival

Matthew Schurr, Clinical Psychology  
The Role of Cognitive Dysfunction in Late-Life Depression

Marissa Shahani, Interdisciplinary Health Sciences  
Exercising Metabolism in Female Athletes with Low Energy Availability

Rabin Shrestha, Civil and Environmental Engineering  
Prediction of Cost and Schedule Changes in Transportation Projects Through Historical Bid and Change Order Document Analysis—Using Oklahoma DOT Project Cases

Michelle Natalie Strong, Clinical Psychology  
Understanding the Role of Discrimination in the Experience of Traumatic Stress in Latine

Wai Chat Sunny Sun, Hospitality Administration  
Internationalization Strategies of Asian Hotel Companies – A Knowledge-Integration Perspective`

Sherrie Tennessee, Hospitality Administration  
The Impact of Self-Service User Interaction Experience (SSUIE) on Subjective Wellbeing

Shopha Tserotas, Nursing  
Cultivating Nursing Student Competency through Serious Gaming Simulation-Enhanced Prebriefing

Daniel Jesus Valdes, Electrical Engineering  
Fast Neutron & Gamma-Ray Scintillation and Broadband Photoluminescence from Gallium Nitride & Gallium Oxide: Developing Radiation-Hard Diagnostic Platforms

Charlotte Anthonia Willemina van der Nagel, Geoscience  
Effects of Climate Change on (Semi)-Arid Ecosystems in the Southwestern United States

Victoria Lynn Weaver, Curriculum and Instruction  
LMS Acceptance by Higher Education Faculty Post-Ert due to the Covid-19 Pandemic



Melanie A. White, Physics  
Density-Driven Investigations of Ruthenium Binary  
Compounds RuX<sub>2</sub> (X = O, S, N)

Erik Woodruff Wilkins, Neuroscience  
The Effects of Non-Invasive Brain Stimulation on Excitability  
of the Primary Motor Cortices and Complex Motor Task  
Learning

Hannah Williams, Educational Psychology  
Methodologies for Studying NIH Funded Laboratory Output:  
A Mixed Methods Approach

Zhengshi Yang, Neuroscience  
Alteration of Peripheral Cytokines in Alzheimer's Disease

Xiaowei Zhuang, Neuroscience  
Delineating Genetic Influences on Neurodegenerative  
Disorders and Infectious Diseases Through Advanced  
Computational Methods

#### **DOCTOR OF EDUCATION**

Tamra Lynn Brooks, Executive Educational Leadership  
Implicit Bias: Principal Leadership and Social Justice

#### **DOCTOR OF MEDICAL PHYSICS**

Devin J. Peart, Doctor of Medical Physics  
Implementing Radformation at Personalized Radiation  
Oncology: Enhancing Efficiency and Precision

#### **DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS**

Haylee Jacoi Glenn, Performance  
The Transformative Power of Traditional Spirituals: Damien  
Sneed's "Spiritual Sketches"

Cho Hee Hwang, Performance  
A Performance Guide to Élisabeth-Claude Jacquet de La  
Guerre's Cantate François: Semelé

Christopher Massa, Performance  
Implementing Radformation at Personalized Radiation  
Oncology: Enhancing Efficiency and Precision

Andrew Michael Naughton, Performance  
Psychological Pitfalls of the Modern Percussionist: Coping  
Mechanisms for Downward Spirals in Mental Health

#### **EXECUTIVE MASTER OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION**

Kristin Berg, Executive Master of Healthcare Administration  
Jennifer Camarena, Executive Master of Healthcare  
Administration

Jessica Ann Lyon, Executive Master of Healthcare  
Administration  
Anna Ogechukwu Opara, Executive Master of Healthcare  
Administration  
Farzana Siddiqui, Executive Master of Healthcare  
Administration

#### **MASTER OF ARTS**

David L. Armour, Urban Leadership  
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Raven Monet Brown, Urban Leadership  
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Yolys Diane Carrera, Urban Leadership  
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Christine Salva, Clinical Psychology  
Antonio Marcel Scott, Urban Leadership  
Kajol Rachelle Shankar, Urban Leadership  
Alyzza-Minelly Tarrobago, English  
Jeehan A. Williams, Urban Leadership  
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Maria Guadalupe Avalos, Elementary Education  
Syeda Shehr Bano, Elementary Education  
Cristal Channel Boisseau, Elementary Education  
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Bianca Campbell, Elementary Education  
Grecia Chavez-Farias, Elementary Education  
Kristen D. Clemente, Elementary Education  
Taylor Madison Cresanto, Elementary Education  
Tabitha Davis, Elementary Education  
Heather DeGroot, Elementary Education  
Barbara Deverse, Elementary Education  
Jennifer Lauren Dobson, Elementary Education  
Michelle Dominguez, Elementary Education

Tierney Eden, Elementary Education  
Jennifer Ferre, Secondary Education  
Andrew Alexander Garcia, Elementary Education  
Shannon Marie Gates, Secondary Education  
Samantha Jo George, Secondary Education  
Darci Gresock, Elementary Education  
Jennifer Gullixson, Elementary Education  
Mya Jasmine Haney, Elementary Education  
Kristen Leigh Hunsaker, Elementary Education  
Justice Jackson, Elementary Education  
Sabrina RONALDA Jaynes, Secondary Education  
Quinn Kendall, Secondary Education  
Lisa Klosowski, Elementary Education  
Lauralyn Lamb, Elementary Education  
Amanda K. Larrinaga, Elementary Education  
Monet Lawton, Elementary Education  
Kimberly Stephanie Lopez, Secondary Education  
Marlene Markos, Elementary Education  
Jasmyne Chane' McCovery, Elementary Education  
Paris Meeky, Secondary Education  
Dominic Antonio Moretto, Secondary Education  
Chandler Morrison, Secondary Education  
Alicia Nunez, Elementary Education  
Jennifer Lynn Oliver, Elementary Education  
Mojgan Pakdel, Secondary Education  
Susan E. Palm, Elementary Education  
Bobbi Lynn Pearce, Elementary Education  
Barbara Walker Peterson, Elementary Education  
Tyler Pleasant, Elementary Education  
John Joseph Rauch, Secondary Education  
Jolee Rowland, Elementary Education  
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Sylvia Latrell Young, Secondary Education  
Christopher Zayas, Elementary Education

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Bardia Eivazi, Business Administration  
Gabriel Adam Green, Business Administration  
Angela Elizabeth Johnson, Business Administration  
Rafat Ashraf Khalaf, Business Administration  
Samantha Nicole Loi Hing Tham Lai, Business Administration  
Jack Anthony Vasconi Leavitt, Business Administration  
Alexa Levin, Business Administration  
Delayne J. Martin, Business Administration  
Ryan Patrick MCGAHAN, Business Administration  
Kelly C. Miller, Business Administration  
Courtney Moore, Business Administration  
Kimberly Murphy, Business Administration  
Divya Narala, Business Administration  
Ishtar Cassandra Noguera, Business Administration  
Jose F. Orozco, Business Administration  
Raphael Adan Lowery Ray, Business Administration  
Cameron Robert Ross, Business Administration  
Cristian Sanabria, Business Administration  
Alexis Sanchez, Business Administration  
Erik Vaughn Swanson, Business Administration  
Chelynn Jessika Thalgott, Business Administration  
David Thompson, Business Administration  
Austin A. Thummel, Business Administration  
Lihuan Wang, Business Administration  
Abyn Yacob, Business Administration  
John Junhan Yim, Business Administration

#### **MASTER OF EDUCATION**

Adela Kamilla Abdelaziz, Special Education  
Fatuma Abdulkadir Abdullahi, Special Education  
Rebecca Acosta, Special Education  
Jennifer Akina, Special Education  
Syd Charrise Almendralo-Leon, English Language Learning  
Adriana Alvarez, Early Childhood Education  
Christian Alvarez, English Language Learning  
Maria Lourdes Alvarez, English Language Learning  
Brandi Leigh Anderson, Special Education  
Kayla Marie Anderson-Patron, Special Education  
Vanessa Aranda Rodriguez, English Language Learning  
Adriana V. Arce, English Language Learning  
Norma Arellano, English Language Learning  
Erica Arias, English Language Learning  
Cindy Arizaga Serrano, English Language Learning  
Omar Ricardo Arteaga, English Language Learning  
Mayra Arzola-Cazares, English Language Learning  
Fernanda Lima Avila, English Language Learning  
Sherryl Leigh Baca, Special Education  
Anissa R. Bachelier, Special Education  
Jelani Askari Baker, Intercollegiate and Professional Sport  
Management  
Stephanie Barajas, Curriculum and Instruction

Carli Renee Barnum, Counselor Education-School Counseling  
 Vanessa Barrios, English Language Learning  
 Taylor Annalynn Beaman, Special Education  
 Jeremy S. Bein, Special Education  
 Shasta La Jean Marie Bennett, English Language Learning  
 Kenneth Lee Benson Jr., Special Education  
 Lisa Joy Beresid, English Language Learning  
 Anna Bernauer, Special Education  
 Tamara Berrian, English Language Learning  
 Derrick Francis Leo Beyenka, Early Childhood Education  
 Jasmine Alexis Bishop, English Language Learning  
 Alexis Bisplinghoff, Early Childhood Education  
 Tracie Bolin, English Language Learning  
 Jennifer Bond, Special Education  
 Alyxandria Danyelle Bowers, English Language Learning  
 Bradley Andrew Bowers, English Language Learning  
 Jennie Bowers, Special Education  
 Jessica Brooks, Special Education  
 Rachel Abigail Brown, Early Childhood Education  
 Stacy Lynn Broyles, English Language Learning  
 Quinn Busch, Special Education  
 Michelle Cabral, Educational Policy and Leadership  
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 Kassandra Guadalupe Campos, English Language Learning  
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 Calise Anne Cardin, Curriculum and Instruction  
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 Erica Cazett, English Language Learning  
 Christian Xavier Chavarria, Early Childhood Education  
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 Fiona Chow, Special Education  
 Valerie Close, Special Education  
 Jennifer L. Collier, English Language Learning  
 Sarah Leah Comroe, Special Education  
 Maria Magdalena Conchos-Jelani, English Language Learning  
 Johana Corona, English Language Learning  
 Carlos Corrales, English Language Learning  
 Enly Georgina Cruz, Special Education  
 Ellis Deon Culberson-Hampton, Curriculum and Instruction  
 Sandra Davila, English Language Learning  
 Matthew William Davis, Curriculum and Instruction  
 Veronica M. De Villa Dannaker, English Language Learning  
 Becke Jo Denis Smith, Special Education  
 Breanna K. Derflinger, English Language Learning  
 Courtney M. Devries, English Language Learning  
 Mark Robert Dickel, Special Education  
 Mitchell Dolinar, Intercollegiate and Professional Sport  
 Management  
 Juan Samuel Dorantes, English Language Learning  
 Debra Earnist, English Language Learning  
 Leslie Rene Ebaugh, Special Education  
 Sabrina Elefantis, English Language Learning  
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 Teresa Danielle Guzzetta, English Language Learning  
 Gabrielle Mauiloaike'alahikeaonalani Cob Hackbarth,  
 Intercollegiate and Professional Sport Management  
 Brianne Kaye Hage, English Language Learning  
 Carla Hajjar, Early Childhood Education  
 Mina Nicole Harvey, Early Childhood Education  
 Andrea Hastings, Special Education  
 Milton B. Hawthorne, Curriculum and Instruction  
 Erica G. Henriquez, Curriculum and Instruction  
 Deja Henson-Moore, Special Education  
 Dylan Higa, Special Education  
 Shaquelle D. Holland, Special Education  
 Kristian Hurtado, Curriculum and Instruction  
 Antoinette Marie Iardella, Special Education  
 Robert Andrew Jacobsen, Curriculum and Instruction  
 Brooke Ashley Jacobs-Harlan, Curriculum and Instruction  
 Alexandra Cecelia James, English Language Learning  
 Deshawn Jewel Johnson, Curriculum and Instruction  
 Jake Robert Johnson, Curriculum and Instruction  
 Skylar Jones Speaber, English Language Learning  
 Iman Joseph, Special Education  
 Alyssa Eileen Kantzabedian, English Language Learning  
 Brittany Keeler, Curriculum and Instruction  
 Katherine Keith, English Language Learning  
 Jodi Susan Kelley-Mehr, Special Education

Kayla Leslie Keys, English Language Learning  
Jenifer King, English Language Learning  
Bret Justin Kinkead, English Language Learning  
Garrett Victor Kohler, Special Education  
Karen E. Lakins, Early Childhood Education  
Jessica Landeros, Special Education  
Sierra Ryan Lawrence, English Language Learning  
Lacey Anita LeBaron, English Language Learning  
Susana Leos, Curriculum and Instruction  
Zhi Li, English Language Learning  
Alejandra Linares Sierra, English Language Learning  
Lecretia Lockett, Special Education  
Jamie Marie Lohmeyer, Special Education  
Sarah Lonise Lopez, Early Childhood Education  
Cathy Lozano, Special Education  
Maybelle F. Manalo, English Language Learning  
Aylin Manriquez, Early Childhood Education  
Jennifer L. Martinez, Higher Education  
Martha Janet Martinez, English Language Learning  
Mia Shay McCarthy, Intercollegiate and Professional Sport  
Management  
Trevor McFann, Special Education  
Whitney Lee Mcgee, English Language Learning  
Kyliandra Jean McGillivray, Early Childhood Education  
Hannah Katherine McGough, English Language Learning  
Alicia Meier, English Language Learning  
Arlynes Mejia-Amaya, Special Education  
Rodrigo Mendoza, English Language Learning  
Jennifer Mendoza Avalos, English Language Learning  
Schyler Merrills, Special Education  
Darby Mims, English Language Learning  
Marchelle R. Mitchell, Special Education  
Gina Morgan, Special Education  
Larry Brandon Mowles, Curriculum and Instruction  
Jason Muller, English Language Learning  
Zulma Araceli Munoz, Special Education  
Alexander William Najarro, English Language Learning  
Judith Navarro, English Language Learning  
Craig Erin Nicholaisen, English Language Learning  
Bonnie Nicolai, English Language Learning  
Holli Nikolov, English Language Learning  
Richard E. Novak, Curriculum and Instruction  
Gladys Nunez, Curriculum and Instruction  
Mara Ono, English Language Learning  
Jocelyn Adriana Osuna-Arcinada, English Language Learning  
Sarah Elizabeth Overland, English Language Learning  
Hae Ri Pak, Special Education  
Azucena Guadalupe Parra, English Language Learning  
Ramon Peralta Del Rosario, Intercollegiate and Professional  
Sport Management  
Flor Guadalupe Perez, Special Education

Carrie Phillips, Early Childhood Education  
Heather Pikula, English Language Learning  
Alexandra Shea Pontillas, Curriculum and Instruction  
Lindsey Pratus, English Language Learning  
Galina Vilhemova Proykov, Special Education  
Nicole Marie Ramundo-Batt, English Language Learning  
Belia A. Rasmussen, Special Education  
James Leonard Reamer II, Curriculum and Instruction  
Barry Reid, English Language Learning  
Jennifer Lee Rich, Curriculum and Instruction  
Cameron Rickerson, Curriculum and Instruction  
Paris Roberts, Special Education  
Samantha Elaine Roberts, Special Education  
Kimberly Ann Robinson, Curriculum and Instruction  
Abigail Rocha, English Language Learning  
Jesica Rocha, English Language Learning  
Demi Marie Rodriguez, English Language Learning  
Genesis Jade Rodriguez, English Language Learning  
Kattie Rodriguez, English Language Learning  
Selena C. Rodriguez, Curriculum and Instruction  
Karen Yhali Rosel, Special Education  
Chrystal Bahian Rupert, Special Education  
Kerry Wynette Ruth-Kennedy, Special Education  
Burak Sahin, Curriculum and Instruction  
Laisha Sanchez Espitia, Special Education  
Jeanette Sanjurjo, Curriculum and Instruction  
Lisa Diane Schmitz, English Language Learning  
Samantha Jane Schopen, English Language Learning  
Kaitlyn Marie Schwab, Special Education  
Cole Seal, English Language Learning  
Ruben Enrique Serna Larios, English Language Learning  
Jessica Sharma, Special Education  
Marina Diane Sisneros, Special Education  
Holly Margaret Slear, Special Education  
Ann Elvira Power Smith, Special Education  
Simone Smith, English Language Learning  
Andreas O. Sparkuhl, English Language Learning  
Benjamin Fleetwood Stanigar, Curriculum and Instruction  
Adam Daniel Starr, Special Education  
Melissa Steidler, English Language Learning  
Arielle Christine Cabiltes Stevens, English Language Learning  
Taylor L. Stonebarger, English Language Learning  
Traci Surette, English Language Learning  
Lucila Tafolla, Special Education  
Shaina Rose Tamashiro, Curriculum and Instruction  
Tre'shawn Marqus Terry, English Language Learning  
LeAndra Thompson, English Language Learning  
Lushawn Threats, Special Education  
Jacqueline Trejo, English Language Learning  
Jaxson Ellis Turk, Early Childhood Education  
Ruby Emely Valenzuela, Special Education

Marielos Valenzuela-Parra, English Language Learning  
Heather LeAnn Vallejos, English Language Learning  
Amber Vargas, Special Education  
Kaisii Varner, Special Education  
Liliana Vega, English Language Learning  
Maria Ventura, English Language Learning  
Melani Villalobos, Counselor Education-School Counseling  
Guadalupe Villanueva, English Language Learning  
Tony Washington, Special Education  
Cynthia Watson, English Language Learning  
Randy James Weatherholt, English Language Learning  
Evan Forrest Werner, English Language Learning  
Emma Wilding, Special Education  
Hazina Marie Williams, Counselor Education-School Counseling  
Mark A. Wilson, Special Education  
Liudmyla Wolfe, Special Education  
Craig Jason Wolsey, English Language Learning  
Marsha Katrina Wright, English Language Learning  
Weiwei Xu, Curriculum and Instruction  
Stacey Lee Ybarra, English Language Learning  
Judith Anne Yousif, Special Education

#### **MASTER OF FINE ARTS**

Jordan Nicole Forest, Creative Writing  
Abby Musgrove, Creative Writing  
Nicolle Elizabeth Peterson, Writing for Dramatic Media  
Oona Walbridge Robertson, Creative Writing  
James Ryan Ruckman, Theatre Arts

#### **MASTER OF HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**

Ugochukwu Martin Amadi, Healthcare Administration  
Ernest Rene Cornejo, Healthcare Administration  
Casey Lyn Domingo, Healthcare Administration  
Deborah Elaine Escobedo, Healthcare Administration  
Morgan Haynes, Healthcare Administration  
Mira Vlaisavljevic, Healthcare Administration  
Zandra Fernandez Voss, Healthcare Administration

#### **MASTER OF HOSPITALITY ADMINISTRATION**

Michael Crescitelli, Hospitality Administration  
Andrew Lloyd Davey, Hospitality Administration  
Rosezella Harris, Hospitality Administration  
Mallory Lucille Hayes, Hospitality Administration  
John Olson, Hospitality Administration  
Marvin Leo Latigar Pagayonan, Hospitality Administration

#### **MASTER OF MUSIC**

Joshua Loyd Hager, Music  
Kevin DeWayne Johnson, Music  
Naomi Rodriguez Mauro, Music  
Anastasios Peltekis, Music

Jena Tracey, Music  
Alonna Marie Younger, Music

#### **MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

Melissa Jeanne Arias, Public Administration  
Tina H. Balint, Public Administration  
Alexis Lorraine Contreras Higgins, Public Administration  
Ollie Vonzell Hernandez, Public Administration  
Lina Lovisa Lakoczky-Torres, Public Administration  
Genevieve A. Orris, Public Administration  
Elba Vanessa Palacios, Public Administration  
Luz Marlene Palacios, Public Administration  
Iviana Kia Ridgeway, Public Administration  
Katherine M. Schreiber, Public Administration

#### **MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

Divine Saghar Abbasszadeh, Public Health  
Miklo Azrael Abueg Alcala, Public Health  
Shannel T. Andrews, Public Health  
Gabriela Bran, Public Health  
Kathleen Estabillo Del Rosario, Public Health  
Jocelyne Garcia-Cruz, Public Health  
Priyambda Kumra, Public Health  
Katharine Brooke Major, Public Health  
Eric Matesen, Public Health  
Stephanie P. Mendizabal, Public Health  
Chianna Nicole Rodriguez, Public Health  
Kira P. Tran, Public Health  
Jalal Uddin, Public Health  
Pashtana Usufzy, Public Health

#### **MASTER OF SCIENCE**

Laine Adame, Water Resources  
Aavash Adhikari, Biological Sciences  
Valeria Cristina Aguaiza, Data Analytics  
Prachi Ahlawat, Master of Science - Construction and  
Infrastructure Management  
Mouad Ahmada, Accounting  
Ghada Al Fadhel, Hotel Administration  
Arham Alam, Accounting  
Hollie Annabelle Allen, Couple and Family Therapy  
Gabriel Alvarez, Cybersecurity  
Justin Michael Alvarez, Physics  
Jorge Obial Anderson, Cybersecurity  
Robert Michael Andrews, Applied Economics and Data  
Intelligence  
Jalyn Asberry, Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
Eyakem Asefaw Asmelash, Cybersecurity  
Oscar Nicholas Autelli III, Management Information Systems  
Nicholas J. Azua, Cybersecurity  
RuiBo Bai, Hotel Administration

Irwin Bryan Barcenes, Hotel Administration  
 Jonathan Nazario Barraza, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Teri Becchetti Raven, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Shewarega Bayou Belachew, Accounting  
 Kealy Brown, Accounting  
 Nancy Alejandra Carman, Geoscience  
 Bryan Carmenate, Accounting  
 Micaela Carrillo, Accounting  
 Hui Ching Chan, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Xinhui Chen, Accounting  
 Rawon Choi, Hotel Administration  
 JoJuan Claiborne, Cybersecurity  
 Bailey Rin Coleman, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Ashley Comandatore, Accounting  
 Devin Hansen Cook, Accounting  
 JuQuavis Dabbs, Cybersecurity  
 Omgema Mabior Dut Ayai, Accounting  
 Carlos Dye II, Cybersecurity  
 Bryanna Jacqueline Egan, Cybersecurity  
 Amber C. Ellis, Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
 Gabriel Federico Gonzalez, Quantitative Finance  
 Liam Fitzgerald, Accounting  
 Zachary Michael Flannery, Accounting  
 Nicholas M. Foresta, Geoscience  
 Lois Fortez, Applied Economics and Data Intelligence  
 Alejandro Garcia, Accounting  
 Estefania Gil Carabajal, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Jordan Gillis, Management Information Systems  
 Nathali Giraldo Lemos, Hotel Administration  
 Jocelyne Noemie Giron, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Irvin Shuhei Granstrom, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Yani Vilianov Hadzhiev, Management Information Systems  
 Hannah Christian-Joy Harris, Educational Psychology  
 Shayan Hekmat, Hotel Administration  
 Judyana Hernandez, Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
 Robert Thomas Heron, Biological Sciences  
 Hsiao-Fan Hsia, Hotel Administration  
 Eric Chih Hung, Accounting  
 Cooper James Isaacs, Hotel Administration  
 Tariq Kevaun James, Emergency and Crisis Management  
 Denali Aurora Jivanjee Medina, Geoscience  
 Germaine Kang, Accounting  
 Hyeji Kang, Hotel Administration  
 Shepard Jay Killion, Hotel Administration  
 Bumjin Kim, Hotel Administration  
 Jihyun Kim, Management Information Systems  
 Jihyun Kim, Hotel Administration  
 Seungho Kim, Hotel Administration  
 Briana Nicole Koback-White, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Allen Lai, Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
 Jocelyn Law, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Justin Jong-Woo Lee, Hotel Administration  
 Neeah Alexondra Lofton, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Emma Justine Lounsbury, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Raymond Luong, Accounting  
 Thi My Ly, Cybersecurity  
 Darlyn Magana, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Oana Mandrutiu-Iancu, Educational Psychology  
 Edgar Manzanarez, Data Analytics  
 Alana Danielle McCall, Curriculum and Instruction  
 Ryan Patrick Mcgahan, Hotel Administration  
 Mohammad Megharbil, Hotel Administration  
 Ryan Andrew Meier, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Philip Mensah, Applied Economics and Data Intelligence  
 Kelly C. Miller, Management Information Systems  
 Zachary Scott Morris, Hotel Administration  
 Michelle Fostanes Nakaula, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Sri Sowmya Nemani, Management Information Systems  
 Andrew Joseph Ballesteros Ocampo, Cybersecurity  
 Alissa Odom, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Anthony Okeani, Materials and Nuclear Engineering  
 Kimberly Genesis Osorio-Espinoza, Clinical Mental Health  
 Counseling  
 Trista F. M. Otto, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Lokanath Chaitanya Yadav Palla, Management Information  
 Systems  
 Pauline M. Parco, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Alec Peña, Mathematical Sciences  
 Rakitha G. Perera, Cybersecurity  
 Prestley Marie Quintana, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Raeanna Isabella Ruffy Radomes, Accounting  
 Cindy Ramirez Navarro, Accounting  
 Elise Ramos, Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
 Robin Rayo, Accounting  
 Eric Russel Remolador, Accounting  
 Alyssa Victoria Reyes, Hotel Administration  
 Kumar Rishav, Management Information Systems  
 Ronnie Terry Robinson, Cybersecurity  
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 Karin Saham, Hotel Administration  
 Christopher Yasutaro Saito, Mathematical Sciences  
 Eric Sieghard Samuelsson, Educational Psychology  
 Cristian Sanabria, Quantitative Finance  
 Edward Sarabia, Hotel Administration  
 Haven Christopher Searcy, Health Physics  
 Kaila Lee Seidler, Hotel Administration  
 Leila Shahrezaee, Accounting  
 Tejinder Singh, Biological Sciences  
 Bradford Solomon, Nutrition Sciences  
 Gaspar Leonardo Sosa, Accounting  
 Frank Summers, Couple and Family Therapy  
 Jack Sun, Hotel Administration

Yu Sun, Hotel Administration  
Kassidy L. Taylor, Accounting  
Alexander R. Tejada, Accounting  
Eden Kristine Thiess, Couple and Family Therapy  
Jason M. Thomson, Hotel Administration  
Desia Najia Thrower, Couple and Family Therapy  
Derek Daniel Anucha Timput, Hotel Administration  
Raniel Torrenueva, Quantitative Finance  
Colette Renee Towles, Materials and Nuclear Engineering  
Guadalupe Jaquelin Tun-Diaz, Clinical Mental Health  
Counseling  
Bill Ung, Hotel Administration  
Balaji Varthala, Data Analytics  
Diego Trinidad Vasquez, Accounting  
Gianna Olivia Viterna, Accounting  
Curtis W. Wa, Management Information Systems  
Lihuan Wang, Management Information Systems  
Ryan Wang, Hotel Administration  
Vi Dell Weber, Hotel Administration  
Renton Scott Wilson, Couple and Family Therapy  
Wanjie Wu, Accounting  
Yu-Tsung Wu, Hotel Administration  
Abyn Yacob, Management Information Systems  
Brian J. Yu, Accounting  
Chunyan Zhang, Accounting  
Anita L. Zhao, Hotel Administration  
Jikai Zheng, Quantitative Finance  
Cassidy Jo Zins, Accounting

#### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Matthew Lewis Broadway, Computer Science  
Michael A. Halopoff, Computer Science  
Eunyoung Jang, Computer Science  
Austin Zackery Janushan, Computer Science

#### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING**

Gabson Baguma, Civil and Environmental Engineering  
Ayemon Baraka, Electrical Engineering  
John-Paul Caputo, Mechanical Engineering  
Katherine Jane Earp, Civil and Environmental Engineering  
Youssef Fahmy, Mechanical Engineering  
Sibgat Mehedi Hasan, Civil and Environmental Engineering  
Sai Balaji Jai Kumar, Electrical Engineering  
Emma R. Letourneau, Mechanical Engineering  
Isabella Paperno, Electrical Engineering  
Leonard Ruesga, Mechanical Engineering  
Md Arshad Rashid Shaon, Electrical Engineering  
Prathibha Sobha, Electrical Engineering  
Danxu Wang, Electrical Engineering  
Ceonie Maikwe Mokugin Washington, Civil and Environmental  
Engineering

Tarek Bin Zahid, Electrical Engineering

#### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN KINESIOLOGY**

Devin M. Green, Kinesiology  
Matthew Douglas Heninger, Kinesiology  
Colin Robin, Kinesiology

#### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

Veronica D. Alfaro Tumialan, Nursing  
Cherie Allison, Nursing  
Jason Omar Amador, Nursing  
Mariela Amaro, Nursing  
Carolina Espinoza Anstey, Nursing  
Kidist A. Asaye, Nursing  
Ruth Stacy Bogos, Nursing  
Melissa Ann Santiago Bongcaron, Nursing  
Mariah Ruiz Boozer, Nursing  
Emma Rose Bowler, Nursing  
Alexandria N. Bragg, Nursing  
Madeline Miranda Bristol, Nursing  
Robert James Brofford, Nursing  
Christine Siervo Buenaflor, Nursing  
Joseph G. Cadiz, Nursing  
David G. Cameron, Nursing  
John Richard Chambers, Nursing  
Westin Kwan Chan, Nursing  
Jesslynn Chief, Nursing  
Young Sam Cho, Nursing  
Gaurav Chopra, Nursing  
Cara Dace, Nursing  
Amanda Y. Daylong, Nursing  
Sachi Marie de la Cruz, Nursing  
Leila Kealohi Dean, Nursing  
Adriana Delgado De La Cruz, Nursing  
Karla P. Del-moral, Nursing  
Bettina Kyra Bombasi Domingo, Nursing  
Deborah Ann Durtschi, Nursing  
Alexandra Dushmani, Nursing  
Ahmed Mohamed Elebiary, Nursing  
Donna Karla Evangelista, Nursing  
Nikko Guillermo Fermo, Nursing  
Juliana Marie Fernandez, Nursing  
Grace Foster, Nursing  
Hope Raye Freebourn, Nursing  
Jasmine Freeman, Nursing  
Jesus Maximiliano Gamino-Herrera, Nursing  
Vanessa Javellana Gepielago, Nursing  
Tanya Q. Gong, Nursing  
Emily Ann Lea Green, Nursing  
Aaliyah Haynes, Nursing  
Savanah Leigh Heinz, Nursing

Anna N. Hong, Nursing  
Stephanie Horick, Nursing  
Johnaea Shirlee Howard, Nursing  
Nevaeh Jalin Iglehart, Nursing  
Christopher Paul Jackson, Nursing  
Alanna Rayann Johnson, Nursing  
Rochell Denise Jones, Nursing  
Willaine Mae Kahano, Nursing  
Vaneet Kailey, Nursing  
Bindu Kannan, Nursing  
Melissa Anne Kington, Nursing  
Brandon Sean Knipp, Nursing  
Jasmine Amber Kropik, Nursing  
Jena Monique Lake, Nursing  
Stephanie Lang, Nursing  
Justin Dale Lemay, Nursing  
Janice Hang Le-Nguyen, Nursing  
Jeffrey Robert Amora Li, Nursing  
Megan Lingo, Nursing  
Anthony Kye Liu, Nursing  
Michelle Vistal Lobrin, Nursing  
Mariela Rachil Lopez, Nursing  
Natalie A. Luther, Nursing  
Jan Patricia C. Maala, Nursing  
Jennifer Marino, Nursing  
Alexander Thomas Martin, Nursing  
Gianna Katherine Carmassi Martin, Nursing  
Johanna Joy Maurer, Nursing  
Yazmin America Maya, Nursing  
Brittney Maze, Nursing  
Jade Hannah McCombs, Nursing  
Katarina McEssey, Nursing  
Semaria Bele Mechal, Nursing  
Courtney Rey Mejer, Nursing  
Anne Marielle De Jesus Mercado, Nursing  
Carlo Adriane Taguba Miciano, Nursing  
Karen H. Mills, Nursing  
Gabrielle H. Mirsky, Nursing  
Michael Molion, Nursing  
Emily Mussio Marquez, Nursing  
Andrew Odell Nash, Nursing  
Jenny Duyen Nguyen, Nursing  
Tyson Louise Ku'ulei Noquez-Epil, Nursing  
Kamryn Alyssa Nowak, Nursing  
Natasha Hyokyung Park, Nursing  
Justin Reyes Pedraza, Nursing  
Barrister A. Perez, Nursing  
Hanna Michelle Persin, Nursing  
Courtney Phyfer, Nursing  
Jaclyn Elizabeth Prell, Nursing  
Shatawn Lane' Price, Nursing

Lauren Victoria Rametta, Nursing  
Arianna Nichole Ramos, Nursing  
Shkendije Rexhepi, Nursing  
Joseph Rodriguez, Nursing  
David Anthony Sanetti, Nursing  
Lauren Skelly, Nursing  
Amy Jo Sorensen Williams, Nursing  
Tashfeen Tariq, Nursing  
Colton E. Townsley, Nursing  
Kelly Natalie Trigueros, Nursing  
Irene Tsang, Nursing  
Nikki Rose Lutero Ty-Albright, Nursing  
Madelyn Elizabeth Vargas, Nursing  
Amber Wieseckel, Nursing  
Ke'ila Danielle Williams, Nursing  
Miquela Raquel Williams, Nursing  
Elijah Zaito, Nursing  
Jazmyn Zepeda, Nursing  
Kevin Zhagui, Nursing  
Nicole Ann Zimmer, Nursing

#### **MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK**

Roxana Andrea Dela Cruz, Social Work  
Erin Claire Donohue, Social Work  
Joy Yvonne Hill, Social Work  
Keshia Nichole Westbrooks, Social Work

#### **GRADUATE CERTIFICATE**

Divine Saghar Abbasszadeh, Graduate Certificate in Infection Prevention  
Sophia Alexander, Graduate Certificate in College Sport Leadership  
Kimberly C. Alvarez-Vazquez, Graduate Certificate in Public Management  
Kristen M. Anders-Garcia, Graduate Certificate in Leadership for Teachers and Professionals  
Ashley Vanessa Bacab, Advanced Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner for FNP  
Catherine Ann Baker, Graduate Certificate in Public Management  
Carli Renee Barnum, Advanced Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Counseling  
Tamara Berrian, Graduate Certificate in English Language Acquisition and Development  
Adina Bloch, Graduate Certificate in Public Health  
Edrian Buenviaje, Graduate Certificate in Management Information Systems  
Aubrey S. Buhr, Graduate Certificate in Entrepreneurship and Innovation  
Mackenzie Leigh Butler, Advanced Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner for FNP



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Jensen Michael Cheney, Graduate Certificate in Business Administration

Angela Crane, Graduate Certificate in Leadership for Teachers and Professionals

Amy Ellen Crosley, Certificate in Teacher Licensure

Aaron Timothy Dahlgren, Graduate Certificate in English Language Acquisition and Development

Brittany Lynn Dawson, Graduate Certificate in English Language Acquisition and Development

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Becke Jo Denis Smith, Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Special Education-Preschool

Yasmine Gallardo, Graduate Certificate in English Language Acquisition and Development

Vicky Jess'ree Gonzalez, Graduate Certificate in Business Administration

Jazmine Harris, Graduate Certificate in Public Management

Kindy Insouvanh, Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Psychology

Jace Julian Jaramillo, Advanced Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner for FNP

Sidra Javaid, Graduate Certificate in Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Todd Lucas Jennings, Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Psychology

Mark Foster Johnson, Advanced Graduate Certificate in Addiction Studies

Maxwell Kayser, Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Psychology

Marie K. Langager, Graduate Certificate in English Language Acquisition and Development

Samantha C. Lee, Advanced Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner for FNP

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Yolanda D. Lowry, Graduate Certificate in English Language Acquisition and Development

Kiersten Felycia Dumo Madrid, Graduate Certificate in Social Justice Studies

Serena Marie Marlin, Graduate Certificate in English Language Acquisition and Development

Delayne J. Martin, Graduate Certificate in Business Administration

Martha Janet Martinez, Graduate Certificate in English Language Acquisition and Development

Selena Marguerite Martinez, Graduate Certificate in Public Management

Marchelle R. Mitchell, Graduate Certificate in Special Education

Gina Morgan, Graduate Certificate in Special Education

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Bonnie Nicolai, Graduate Certificate in English Language Acquisition and Development

Doris Chioma Njoku, Advanced Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Clarissa OConnor, Graduate Certificate in English Language Acquisition and Development

Anthony Okeani, Graduate Certificate in Nuclear Safeguards and Security

Anthony Okeani, Graduate Certificate in Nuclear Criticality Safety Engineering

Sandra L. Pierre-Louis, Advanced Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education

Justin H. Ponkow, Graduate Certificate in Social Science Methods

Lindsey Pratus, Graduate Certificate in English Language Acquisition and Development

Misty Michelle Robinson, Graduate Certificate in Public Health

Lisa Diane Schmitz, Graduate Certificate in English Language Acquisition and Development

Leeosmin Siguenza, Graduate Certificate in Business Administration

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Zakiya Sutton, Graduate Certificate in English Language Acquisition and Development

Shermeka Leandra Tubbs, Advanced Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner for FNP

Guadalupe Jaquelin Tun-Diaz, Advanced Graduate Certificate in Addiction Studies

Alice Velasquez-Leon, Advanced Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner for FNP

Isaac Eduardo Velazquez Ramirez, Graduate Certificate in Public Management

Greta Y. Velez, Graduate Certificate in English Language Acquisition and Development

Hidekazu Yasukochi, Graduate Certificate in Business Administration

Tyler Christian Yoder, Graduate Certificate in Business Administration

Mary Young, Graduate Certificate in Leadership for Teachers and Professionals

# UNLV JAZZ ENSEMBLE

*Conducted by Nathan Tanouye, Associate Professor of Jazz  
Studies, UNLV School of Music*

Gary Fowler, Shaddai Johnson – Vocals  
Kyte Mettke – Trumpet  
Chris Ellis – Tenor Saxophone  
Gio Lacala – Trombone  
Tristan Selzler – Piano  
Edoardo Lacala – Bass  
Andrés Montero – Drums

# ALMA MATER

*(Composed by Eric Whitacre, Lyrics by Thomas Leslie and  
Robyn Lemon Chapman)*

Alma Mater, we praise you  
For Spirit, the eternal flame.  
Strength which never falters,  
A tribute to your name.

Alma Mater, we thank you,  
Exalted Scarlet and Gray.  
Truth and wisdom from your  
Standard in our minds and  
hearts will stay.

Alma Mater, we cherish you.  
And in days that are yet to be,  
Our voices let us ever raise  
In honor, U-N-L-V.

*The University of Nevada, Las Vegas is proud to honor those who have served in the Armed Forces.  
Below is a list of veterans who are graduating.*



## **ARMY**

Carlos Dye II  
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Austin Zacker Janushan  
Justin Dale Lemay  
Ronnie Terry Robinson  
Gaspar Leonardo Sosa  
Amber Vargas  
Isaac Eduardo Velazquez Ramirez  
Ke'ila Danielle Williams  
John Junhan Yim



## **NAVY**

Jack Anthony Vasconi Leavitt  
Leosmin Siguenza  
Kesha Nichole Westbrooks



## **MARINE CORPS**

John A. Brislin V  
Deborah Elaine Escobedo



## **AIR FORCE**

Richard E. Novak  
Prestley Marie Quintana

# GRADUATE COLLEGE AWARDS

## OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT TEACHING AWARD

### 2014-2015

1st Place Jennifer Whitmer  
2nd Place Moinak Bhaduri  
3rd Place Ashok EM Sudhakar

### 2015-2016

1st Place Andrew Scott Murtishaw  
2nd Place Meysam Najimi  
3rd Place Caitlin Saladino

### 2016-2017

1st Place Sarah Murphy  
2nd Place Nicholas Baxter  
3rd Place Kazem Jadidirendi

### 2017-2018

1st Place Matthew Le Claire  
2nd Place Erdogan Kaya  
3rd Place Michael Isaacs

### 2018-2019

1st Place Joy Immak  
2nd Place Malayka Cornejo  
3rd Place Mirae Fornander

### 2019-2020

1st Place Weerakonda De Silva  
2nd Place Mark Toussaint  
3rd Place Elena Bejinariu

### 2020-2021

1st Place Dustin Davis  
2nd Place Christopher Wakefield  
3rd Place Nina Paul

### 2021-2022

1st Place Torisha Khonach  
2nd Place Joshua Donnelly  
3rd Place Ghazaleh Laleh

### 2022-2023

1st Place Nanette Rasband Hilton  
2nd Place Md N. Hasan

### 2023-2024

1st Place: Skylar Polek  
2nd Place: Maria Hermosillo  
3rd Place: Anna Colquitt

## OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD

### 2014

Jonathan William Plaue

### 2015

Jordan Watkins

### 2016

Seth Gainey

### 2017

Janelle Droessler  
Margaret Huettl

### 2018

Cheryl Anderson  
Tyler Stalbaum

### 2019

Leland Barker  
Scot Ewen

### 2020

Sarah McCarthy  
Joshua Sackett

### 2021

Ali Saber Sichani  
Shae Cox

### 2022

Jeremy Smallwood  
Yen-Ling Chen

### 2023

Suzanne Renae Mulligan  
Edward A. Smith

### 2024

Jacqueline Phan  
Christopher Wakefield

## OUTSTANDING THESIS AWARD

### 2014

Riley Berry

### 2015

Miliaikeala SJ Heen

### 2016

Catherine Wisnosky

**2017**

Jesse Cook  
Michael Steiner

**2018**

Sara Black  
Jeremy Smallwood

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Maribel Calderon

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**2024**

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**2020**

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**2023**

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**2024**

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### Land Acknowledgement Statement

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas wishes to acknowledge and honor the Indigenous communities of this region, and recognize that the university is situated on the traditional homelands of the Nuwuvi, Southern Paiute People. We offer gratitude for the land itself, for those who have stewarded it for generations, and for the opportunity to study, learn, work, and be in community with this land. We encourage everyone in this space to engage in continued learning about the Indigenous peoples who work and live on this land since time immemorial, including the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe and the Moapa Band of Paiutes, and about the historical and present realities of colonialism. As one of the most diverse universities in the United States, UNLV believes it is important to recognize and appreciate the use of Southern Paiute land as part of its mission to be a welcoming and inclusive place for working and learning.

### What is the purpose of a Land Acknowledgement?

A land acknowledgement recognizes and respects the relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their ancestral and contemporary territories. Additionally, land acknowledgements provide us with the opportunity to explore the impacts of colonization and systems of oppression on Indigenous Peoples. Land acknowledgements do not exist in a historical context or past tense. It is vital to understand the long-standing history that brought us to reside on the land, and to seek to understand our place within that history. Colonialism is a current, ongoing process, and we need to build our mindfulness and understanding of our present participation.

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