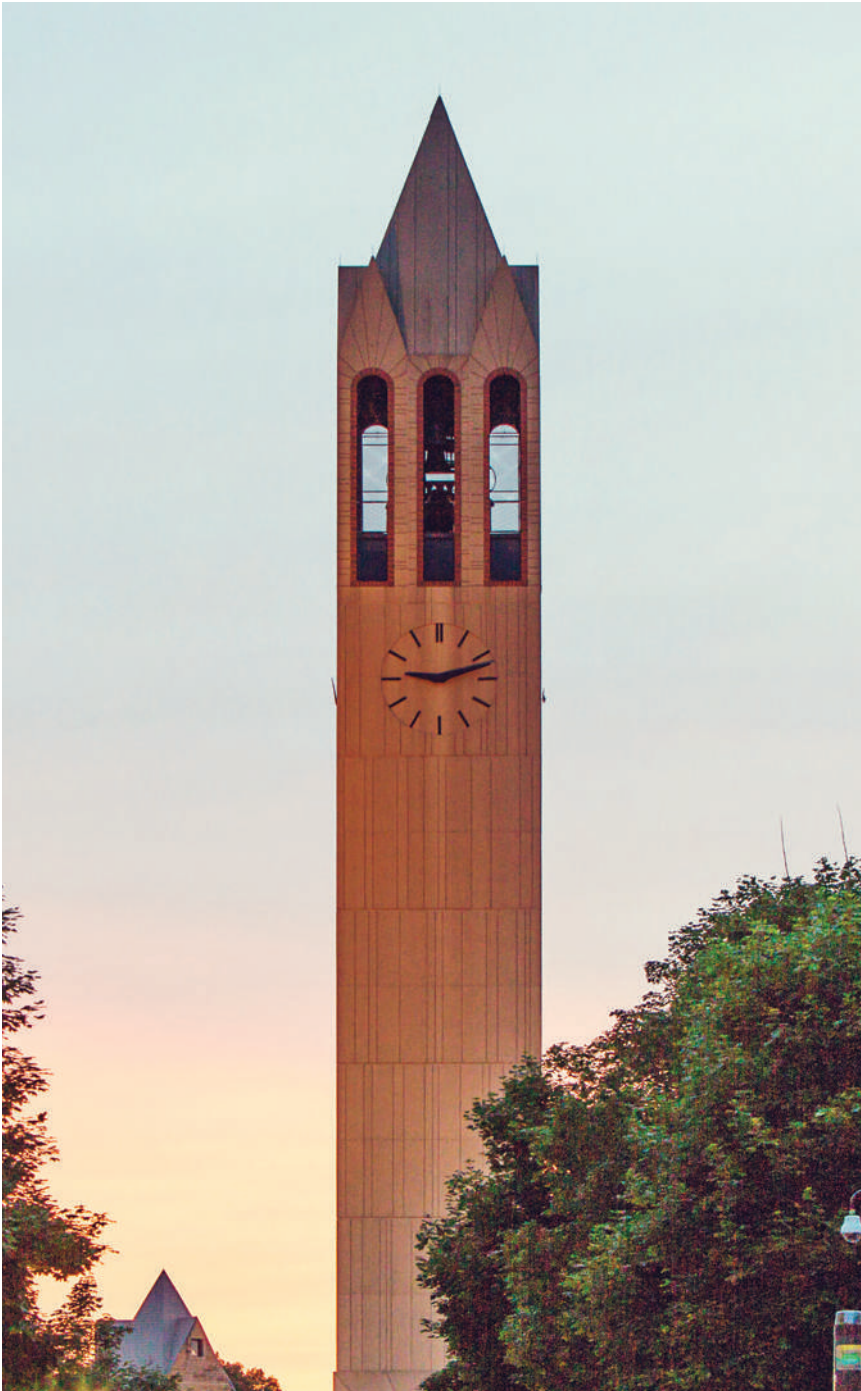




STUDENT HONORS CONVOCATION

APRIL 29, 2020

CHANCELLOR'S WELCOME



Dear Honorees and Attendees,

Today we gather to recognize the accomplishments of outstanding students. Honors Convocation is one of our most valued traditions because it provides us an opportunity to celebrate not just students' academic achievements, but also their contributions to our university and community. The students we are honoring are Mavericks; independent thinkers demonstrating excellence in scholarship and service.

The biographies on the following pages highlight individuals, and we recognize their accomplishments are shared with family, friends, faculty, and staff who help make that excellence possible. Thank you to all who provide such valuable support to our students.

Let me also congratulate the students we are recognizing today. Your accomplishments speak to your determination, intelligence, curiosity, and passion. Your work — today and in the future — reflects on UNO, helping us build on our reputation as a leading force in higher education, research, and community engagement.

My sincerest congratulations to all.

Jeffrey P. Gold, M.D.

Chancellor

CEREMONY

INTRODUCTION

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Outgoing President of Student Body and Regent

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

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Senior Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs

WELCOME

Jeffrey P. Gold, M.D.
Chancellor

AWARDS

Helen Hansen Outstanding Graduate Students

Presented by Deborah Smith-Howell, Ph.D.
Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs
Dean, Graduate Studies

Undergraduate Major Honorees

Presented by Jonathon C. Benjamin Alvarado, Ph.D.
Assistant Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs

Deans' Awards

Presented by college deans

CHANCELLOR AWARDS

Academic Excellence

Presented by Jeffery P. Gold, M.D.
Chancellor

Outstanding Student Leadership

Presented by Jeffery P. Gold, M.D.
Chancellor

Outstanding Service Learning

Presented by Jeffery P. Gold, M.D.
Chancellor

Excellence in Research or Creative Activity

Presented by Jeffery P. Gold, M.D.
Chancellor

Outstanding Student Athletes

Presented by Trev Alberts
Vice Chancellor, Athletic Leadership and Management
Director, Intercollegiate Affairs

CLOSING REMARKS

Sacha E. Kopp, Ph.D.
Senior Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs

HELEN HANSEN OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

Scholarships are awarded to graduate students who have completed at least 18 hours of graduate work, demonstrated excellence in performance, and have been admitted for candidacy with a grade point average of 3.75 and above.



MING XIE

Public Administration

Ming Xie is a student in the Doctoral Program of Public Administration with a concentration in Nonprofit Management. She will graduate in August 2020. In addition to her schoolwork, Ming has been an active member in academic organizations such as Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action, National Communication Association, and International Society for Third-Sector Research. Her research interests focus on nonprofit and public management, organizational communication, civil society, intercultural communication, information technology, and emergency management.



CHELLE MCINTYRE-BREWER

Critical and Creative Thinking

Chelle McIntyre-Brewer is a graduate student in the Critical and Creative Thinking program. She has received the Presidential Citizens Medal Recipient, 2008 DoD Military Spouse of the Year, American Red Cross Military Hero, and is an international health and human services advocate. Her work is featured in AUC Geographica, White House Archives, the Irish Heritage Trust, ABC, Marvel, and Disney+. She will attend Oilthigh na Gàidhealtachd agus nan Eilean in the fall to continue her graduate work.

UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR HONOREES

Honorees selected by departments in which they are majoring must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.33. They are chosen on the basis of academic achievement in addition to their contributions to the university and the community.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Alana Alexander	Neuroscience
Caelyn Armshaw*	Biotechnology (Molecular and Biomedical Biology)
Hanna Barnes	Environmental Studies (Life Sciences)
Jack Beal	History
Whitney Beets	Geography
David Cavanaugh	Economics
Tyler Degener*	Chemistry (Medicinal Chemistry)
Ana Diaz-Orozco	Latino/Latin American Studies
Alejandra Escobar-Serrano*	Political Science
William Kirk Gasper	Bioinformatics
Katie Haynes	Sociology
Sarah Jaksich	Biology
Lindsey Mayer	Women's and Gender Studies
Alexia Mickles	International Studies
Grant Moles	Mathematics
Tate Neilsen	Foreign Languages and Literature
Sara Parcher	Geology
Jacob Phillips*	Philosophy
Michaela VanOeveren *	English (Secondary Education)
Brianna Welna	Psychology

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Adam Byers	Early Childhood Inclusive
Micaela Fox	Elementary Education
Darío Gudino	Secondary Education
Morgan Harms	Secondary Education
Sara Kneifl	Speech-Language Pathology
Jodi Masters	Library Science
Morgan Miller*	Special Education (Sign Language Interpreter)
Maggie Rasmussen	Public Health
Alyssa Smith	Special Education
Jaclyn Taylor	Biomechanics
Erin Violi	Elementary Education
Colleen Vogel	Athletic Training
Alexy Woodward	Kinesiology

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Adrienne Cavill	International Business
Nathaniel Ewart	Investment Science & Portfolio Management
Jacob Franzen*	Real Estate and Land Use Economics
Jorden Hansen	Economics
Megan Henderson	Supply Chain Management
Patrick Hodson*	Accounting
Anisha Jones	Entrepreneurship
Casey Jones	Human Resource Management
John Kanel	Commercial Banking
Alison Raszler*	Supply Chain Management, Marketing
Miranda Swift	Business Finance

*Denotes Honors Student

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Aaron Bertini	Aviation (Air Transport Administration)
Anaise D'Aquila	Social Work
Makinzie DeHaan	Criminology and Criminal Justice
Jennifer Dsouza	Gerontology (Healthy Aging)
Bailey Hoffer*	Criminology and Criminal Justice
Sara Kneifl	Goodrich Scholarship Program Speech Language Pathology
Nicole Lund	Aviation (Professional Flight)
Andrew Ramsell	Aviation (Unmanned Aircraft Systems)
Alyssa Spartz*	Emergency Management

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE
DIVISION OF CONTINUING STUDIES

Justine Barton	Multidisciplinary Studies (Gerontology)
Tamba Benjamin	Multidisciplinary Studies (General Administration)
Judge Hiciano	Multidisciplinary Studies (Computer Science)
Lisa Lentz	Multidisciplinary Studies (Psychology)
April Shaw	Multidisciplinary Studies (Library Science)

COLLEGE OF INFORMATION SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Josef Cremeens	Management Information Systems
Jacob Martens	Bioinformatics
Sarah McCarty	Computer Science
Kevin Sefcovic	Cybersecurity
Eisuke Tamatani	IT Innovation

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION, FINE ARTS AND MEDIA

Keely Algya	Communication Studies
Alec Paul Johnsen	Studio Art (3D)
Simon Olivares	Music (Music Performance)
Jonathan Orozco	Art History
Eneris Santos	Creative Writing
Jake Senff	Music (Music Education)
Monica Sheridan	Studio Art (K-12 Certification)
Taelore Stearns	Theatre
Brianna Willams	Studio Art (Graphic Design)

UNL COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Fatimah Almokhareq	Construction Engineering
Gage Gibney*	Architectural Engineering
Antony Habib	Computer Engineering
Joseph Manning	Civil Engineering
Kate McChesney	Construction Management
Grant Moles	Electrical Engineering

*Denotes Honors Student

DEANS' AWARDS

Award recipients reflect a combination of outstanding scholastic achievement and leadership on campus and in the community. They are selected from the Undergraduate Major Honorees.



SARA PARCHER

College of Arts and Sciences

Sara Parcher graduated in December 2019 with a Bachelor of Science in Geology. In addition to schoolwork, Sara engaged in numerous research opportunities in Alaska, Norway and Australia and worked as a research assistant in the Geology department soil lab. She was awarded FUSE grants through The Office of Research and Creative Activity to pursue research in soil microbes and rare metamorphic features. Sara is currently employed as a Design Geologist at Griffin Dewatering.



DARÍO GUDINO

College of Education

Darío Gudino obtained his bachelor's in mathematics and Secondary Education in December 2019 and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Computer Science Education. As an undergraduate, Darío was a member of the Noyce Scholarship Program and is currently a mathematics teacher for Omaha Public Schools.



ALISON RASZLER

College of Business Administration

Alison Raszler is a student in the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration program with concentrations in Supply Chain Management, Marketing, and Management. She will graduate in May 2020. In addition to her schoolwork, she is the Senior Vice President of Delta Sigma Pi. Upon graduation, Alison will be working at Conagra Brands as a Business Services Analyst.



ALYSSA SPARTZ

College of Public Affairs and Community Service

Alyssa Spartz is a student in the Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management Program and the Bachelor of Science in Psychology Program with minors in sociology, public health, and nonprofit management. She will graduate in May 2020. She is also a student in the Honors Program. In addition to her schoolwork, she is a Student Intern at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in the Emergency Management Department.



JUSTINE BARTON

College of Public Affairs and Community Service
Division of Continuing Studies

Justine Barton is a student graduating in May of 2020 with a Bachelor's of Multidisciplinary Studies with a concentration in Gerontology, a Gerontology certificate with minors in Psychology and Human Services. In addition to her schooling, she is the Senior Memory Care Director of a 44-bed memory care community. She also facilitates a monthly support group and memory café, as well, as spearheading the initiative of being recognized by Dementia Friendly America as a dementia-friendly community.



SARAH MCCARTY

College of Information Science & Technology

Sarah McCarty is completing a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. She will graduate in May 2020. She is a Walter Scott Jr. Scholarship recipient and a Nebraska NASA Space Grant research fellow. Additionally, she is a member of the Association for Computing Machinery - Women.



ALEC PAUL JOHNSEN

College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media

Alec Paul was born in 1991 in Las Vegas, NV. He has most recently received a bachelor's in fine arts, with a concentration in sculpture. Alec works on many projects at once. Ceramics, Sculpture, Painting, Drawing, and Photography are all part of his daily curriculum. He is employed at Artifact Bag Company. Alec is also currently creating and selling "POP-HANDS", a patented invention in the shape of a hand that holds electronic devices. Alec currently lives in Omaha, NE.



JOSEPH MANNING

UNL College of Engineering

Joe Manning is a student in the Civil Engineering Program with an emphasis in Water Resources and Environmental Engineering. He will graduate in May 2020. Since starting college, he has been an active member of professional engineering organizations, such as the American Society of Civil Engineers. He also has been very involved with the Nebraska Engineering Student Council at Omaha (NESCO).

CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

This Award is given based on a combination of outstanding scholastic achievement and demonstrated leadership on campus and in the community. The recipient is selected from the Deans' Award recipients.



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CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENT LEADERSHIP

This award recognizes an undergraduate student who has demonstrated exemplary leadership through influential participation in campus organizations and community volunteer work, in addition to scholarly achievement.



CADE WOLCOTT

College of Information Science & Technology

Cade Wolcott is a student in the Computer Science program with a minor in IT innovation. He will graduate in May 2020. In addition to his academic work, Cade is involved in UNO Student Government, the University Innovation Fellowship program, and the Walter Scott Jr. Scholarship program.

CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH OR CREATIVE ACTIVITY

Selection of recipient is based on a combination of outstanding research or creative activity as demonstrated through scholastic endeavors and achievements. The recipient is selected from the Dean's Award recipients.



SARA PARCHER

College of Arts and Sciences

Sara Parcher graduated in December 2019 with a Bachelor of Science in Geology. In addition to schoolwork, Sara engaged in numerous research opportunities in Alaska, Norway and Australia and worked as a research assistant in the Geology department soil lab. She was awarded FUSE grants through The Office of Research and Creative Activity to pursue research in soil microbes and rare metamorphic features. Sara is currently employed as a Design Geologist at Griffin Dewatering.

CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE LEARNING

This award recognizes a student enrolled in service learning courses who demonstrates reflective practice techniques in coursework, provides outstanding service and maintains an excellent relationship with a community agency, and embraces the philosophy of service learning and community service.



JABIN MOORE

College of Business Administration

Jabin Moore is a Junior studying Business with a concentration in Entrepreneurship. He serves as the Student Body Vice-President, and chair of the Freshman Leadership Council 2019-2020 cohort. Beyond his involvement on campus, Jabin is an intern at Seventy Five North Revitalization Corp. where he assists in the everyday operations of actively finding ways to provide access to enriching opportunities within North Omaha, and uplift the Highlander community.



TANNER CHILSON

College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media

Tanner Chilson is a Master of Music in Double Bass Performance candidate. He holds a Bachelor of Music Education from Northern State University. Along with his studies, Tanner has worked with UNO's Sound Health and Partners in Performance programs as a performer, student mentor, performance manager, and survey distributor. He is the current president of the UNO American String Teachers Association student chapter. He will graduate in 2020.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ATHLETE AWARDS

The Outstanding Student Athlete Award is presented to one male and one female student athlete. Honorees are also selected on the basis of academic and athletic achievement, in addition to their contributions to the university and the community.



EMMA DARGY

College of Information Science & Technology

Emma Dargy is a student in the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science program with an additional major in Mathematics. She will graduate in May 2020. In addition to her schoolwork, she is a member of the UNO softball team and serves as a mentor for Girls Inc. of Omaha. In her spare time, she works part time as both a tutor and a member of the Student Athletic Operations Team.



NATHAN REEKIE

College of Business Administration

Nathan Reekie is a student in the Bachelor of Business Administration program with a triple concentration in Business Finance, Banking and Financial Markets, and Investment Science/Portfolio Management. He is also a member of the Omaha Men's Tennis Team.



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