

FALL 2023

# 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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## Raznin Joly

Master of Science  
Biological Sciences

*Nominated by Yuyan Han  
and Andrea James*

## Lena Kisner

Doctor of Philosophy  
Special Education

*Nominated by Nancy Sileo, Hasan  
Zaghlawan, Amy Graefe and Robyn Hess*

## Yessica Villanueva

Master of Arts  
Speech Language Pathology

*Nominated by Caitlin Raaz and Don Finan*

## Patrick Wilson

Doctor of Philosophy  
Chemical Education

*Nominated by Melissa Weinrich  
and Aaron Apawu*

# 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

## Raznin Joly

Master of Science  
Biological Sciences

*Nominated by Yuyan Han  
and Andrea James*

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## OUTSTANDING SCHOLARLY PROJECT

## Robyn Heiser

Doctor of Nursing Practice  
Nursing

*Nominated by Kathleen Dunemn  
and Carolyn Bottone-Post*

## Tegan Jones

Doctor of Nursing Practice  
Nursing

*Nominated by Natalie Pool  
and Melissa Henry*

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## OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION

## Lena Kisner

Doctor of Philosophy  
Special Education

*Nominated by Nancy Sileo, Hasan  
Zaghlawan, Amy Graefe and Robyn Hess*

## James Oberlander

Doctor of Philosophy  
Nursing Education

*Nominated by Kathleen Dunemn  
and Melissa Henry*

## Anitha Muthukumaran

Doctor of Philosophy  
Special Education

*Nominated by Silvia Correa-Torres,  
Tracy Gershwin, Paula Conroy  
and Randy Larkins*

## Patrick Wilson

Doctor of Philosophy  
Chemical Education

*Nominated by Melissa Weinrich  
and Aaron Apawu*

## FACULTY AWARDEES

Beginning in fall 2023, the Graduate School is recognizing 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.

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### DEAN'S CITATION FOR OUTSTANDING MENTORING

#### **Nancy Sileo, Ed.D.**

Professor of Early Childhood Education

*School of Special Education*

*College of Education and Behavioral Sciences*

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### DEAN'S CITATION FOR CAREER ACHIEVEMENT IN GRADUATE STUDENT MENTORING

#### **Kathleen Dunemn, Ph.D.**

Faculty Emeritus

*School of Nursing*

*College of Natural and Health Sciences*

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### 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