

FALL 2025

DEAN'S CITATION

FOR
EXCELLENCE



OUTSTANDING
THESIS/DISSERTATION/
SCHOLARLY PROJECT

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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.

Mary Hall

Master of Science
Chemistry

Nominated by Bonnie Buss, Melissa Weinrich and Murielle Watzky

Edwin Rodriguez

Doctor of Philosophy
Sport and Exercise Science —
Exercise Physiology Concentration
Nominated by Laura Stewart and Nicholas Pullen

Isaac Subuloye

Master of Science
Chemistry

Nominated by Murielle Watzky 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.

OUTSTANDING THESIS

Ahmad Al Mousa

Master of Science
Chemistry

Exploring Efficient Neuropeptide Extraction Methods for Quantitative Peptidomics and Application in a Principal Central Auditory Nucleus
Nominated by Aaron Apawu (Research Advisor) and Murielle Watzky

OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION

Diana L. Cruz

Doctor of Philosophy
Special Education

"The goal is to help the community": Motivations and Experiences of Diverse Families in a Special Education Parent Advocacy Program.
Nominated by Tracy Gershwin (Research Advisor) and Silvia Correa-Torres

CITATION FOR EXCELLENCE AND OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION

Lyndsay McCabe

Doctor of Philosophy
Special Education

LGBTQ+ Adolescents with Disabilities' Experiences of School Connectedness and Identity Navigation
Nominated by Nancy Sileo (Research Advisor), Sandy Bowen, Tracy Gershwin and Maria Lahman

Schedule of Events

1. Refreshments
2. Dean's Remarks
3. Presentation of Awards
4. Closing Remarks

Cindy Wesley, Ph.D.

Associate Dean of the Graduate School