

FALL 2020

# DEAN'S CITATION

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OUTSTANDING  
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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.*

### **Megan Bissell**

Master of Arts  
Sociology  
*Nominated by Josh Packard,  
Harmony Newman and Cliff Leek*

### **Capt. Deon Hall**

Doctor of Philosophy  
Counseling Psychology  
*Nominated by Jeffrey Rings  
and Brian Johnson*

### **Jay Martyn**

Doctor of Philosophy  
Sport and Exercise Science:  
Sport Administration  
*Nominated by Alan Morse, Brent Oja  
and Milan Larson*

## 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 DISSERTATION

### **Alexandra Aguirre-Berman**

Doctor of Arts  
Music: Performance  
*Finding Messiaen's Blackbird: An  
Investigative Analysis of Birdsong and  
Other Techniques used in Le Merle Noire*  
*Nominated by James Hall, Andrew Dablke and  
Paul Elwood*

### **Jeremy Davis**

Doctor of Philosophy  
Higher Education and Student Affairs  
Leadership  
*Confluences of Student Leadership and  
White Privilege: Exploring Consciousness-  
of-Self with White Student Leaders*  
*Nominated by Matt Birnbaum*

### **Jacob Garritson**

Doctor of Philosophy  
Sport and Exercise Science:  
Exercise Physiology  
*Effects of Exercise on Myeloid-Derived  
Suppressor Cell Related Tumor Progression  
and Metastasis*  
*Nominated by Reid Hayward*

### **Capt. Deon Hall**

Doctor of Philosophy  
Counseling Psychology  
*Military Life Narratives and Identity  
Development Among Black Post-9/11  
Veterans*  
*Nominated by Jeffrey Rings and Brian Johnson*

### **Jay Martyn**

Doctor of Philosophy  
Sport and Exercise Science:  
Sport Administration  
*Forming Institutional Values: An  
Exploratory Investigation of the  
Interinstitutional Logics System and  
National Collegiate Athletic Association  
Embedded Agents*  
*Nominated by Alan Morse, Brent Oja  
and Milan Larson*

### **Kaitlin Ohde**

Doctor of Philosophy  
Counseling Psychology  
*Perceptions of Challenges and Reliencies  
of Post 9/11 Combat Veterans' Caucasian  
Wives*  
*Nominated by Lia Softas-Nall and Lu Tian*

### **E. Elaine Osborne**

Doctor of Philosophy  
Special Education  
*Parent Perceptions of the Transition  
Planning Process for Children with  
Significant Support Needs*  
*Nominated by Sandra Bowen, Kristin Melloy,  
Lori Peterson and Erin Moser*