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# DEAN'S CITATION

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OUTSTANDING  
THESIS/DISSERTATION/  
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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.*

**Esther Hsueh**  
Master of Science  
Dietetics with Internship  
*Nominated by Nikki Withrow and Katie Kage*

**Viva Rase**  
Master of Science  
Biological Sciences  
*Nominated by James Haughian and Nicholas Pullen*

**Ashley Heim**  
Doctor of Philosophy  
Biological Education  
*Nominated by Emily Holt and Lauryn Benedict*

**Megan Martinez**  
Doctor of Philosophy  
Counseling Psychology  
*Nominated by Basilia Softas-Nall and Stephen Wright*

**Laura Schauer**  
Doctor of Audiology  
Audiology  
*Nominated by Tina Stoodly, Jennifer Weber and Julie Hanks*

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## 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

**Samantha Qualkenbush**  
Master of Arts  
Criminology and Criminal Justice  
*Adverse Childhood Experiences: The Influence of Poly-Victimization on Adolescent Delinquency and Adult Criminality*  
*Nominated by Victoria Terranova*

**Viva Rase**  
Master of Science  
Biological Sciences  
*Type 3 Helper Cell and Myeloid Deprived Suppressor Cell Population Dynamics in a Mammary Carcinoma Model*  
*Nominated by James Haughian*

### OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION

**Ashley Heim**  
Doctor of Philosophy  
Biological Education  
*Understanding Learner-Centeredness and Student Engagement in Undergraduate Biology Education*  
*Nominated by Emily Holt and Lauryn Benedict*

**Michael Murphy**  
Doctor of Philosophy  
Nursing Education  
*Implicit and Explicit Sexual Attitude Among United States Baccalaureate Nursing Students*  
*Nominated by Faye Hummel, Alison Merrill, Darcy Copeland and Michael Kimball*

**Sachin Nedungadi**  
Doctor of Philosophy  
Chemical Education  
*Design, Development, and Psychometric Assessment of an Inventory on Concepts Pertinent to Developing Proficiency in Organic Reaction Mechanisms*  
*Nominated by Richard Hyslop and Corina Brown*

**Tyler Sherman**  
Doctor of Philosophy  
Biological Education  
*Comparative Host Response and Gene Regulation in Deer Mice and Syrian Golden Hamsters During Acute Infection with Modoc Virus*  
*Nominated by Ann Hawkinson, Patrick Burns and Mitchell McGlaughlin*