

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS

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– PROGRAM –

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Adrienne Glatz, Development Coordinator

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dr. Tracy Butts, Dean

PRESENTATION OF OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

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Outstanding Students

The following students are honored for their academic achievement, leadership, and contributions to their departments and the University.

ART AND ART HISTORY DEPARTMENT

BA in Art History

Maria Barker

Maria Barker has been an engaged learner even through the most difficult periods of isolation during the pandemic. She finds research topics in art history that connect with contemporary issues and her own interests. In class, she helps create a community that is both conscientious and supportive. Maria shows a passion for learning that will continue beyond college and enrich her life and career.

BA in Art Studio

Natasha Martin

Natasha Martin is an exemplary student who sets an example to her peers through extensive research, idea development, and a commitment to becoming a skilled artist. This dedication continued during the pandemic, where she sought out new creative challenges and learned advanced techniques fueled by her curiosity.

BA in Art Education

Abigail Schicht

Abigail Schicht is a responsible, prompt, and well-organized student. Due to her leadership, she was selected as president of the Art Education student club in 2020, and has been organizing art education activities and events for the club with other members. In fall 2022, she will be enrolled in the single subject art credential program. We know she will be a great teacher.

BFA in Art Studio

Sabrina Chavez

Sabrina Chavez provided support for her peers in advanced painting, and when COVID closed the campus, she also supported the painting and drawing area by handing out supplies to students. Faculty recognize that her generous spirit is woven into the entire fabric of her being, as is her courage, compassion, and creativity.

BFA in Interior Architecture

Ashlyn Matulis

Ashlyn Matulis is artistic, engaging, curious, and explorative in her endeavors. She is enthusiastic and always willing to explore and try various approaches to design. She has a deep commitment to her work and has been an active participant in the program. Ashlyn participated in the "Rebuild Paradise Internship," providing her an opportunity to test and enhance her skills as a young designer.

Master in Fine Arts

Chang-An Tu

Despite significant challenges, Chang-An Tu persevered to develop a significant catalogue of paintings and drawings enabling him to present an extremely successful MFA culminating exhibition. His dedication to his studio practice, not to mention cultural immersion into Californian life, was unwavering. Chang-An drilled down deep to secure himself a well-deserved terminal degree in painting and drawing.

COMPARATIVE RELIGION AND HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT

Religious Studies Online

Alisha Attella

Alisha Attella arrived at Chico State in Fall of 2020 with a pile of miscellaneous college credits and a head full of dreams about dusty books and heroic mythologies. She has treasured her time in the Religious Studies program, and her life has been forever changed thanks to her whip-smart peers and outstanding instructors. This fall she will be pursuing a Master of Arts degree in Christian Spirituality at Fordham University in New York City.

Religious Studies

Sophie Williams

Sophie Williams came to Chico State as a freshman from her hometown of San Diego. She holds a deep passion for medicine with a special interest in primary care. Religious Studies has opened her up to a world of rich, deep learning and experiences that have given her a different perspective. Over the past four years, Sophie has served as president of the Comparative Religion and Humanities Student Society, Phi Eta Sigma Honors Society, and as the chair of the Pre-Medical Association at Chico State.

Humanities

Benito Gutierrez

Benny Gutierrez transferred to Chico State in 2020 from Butte College with an ADT in Journalism. Since then, he has consistently made the Dean's List and was a 2022 recipient of the prestigious Lieutenant Robert Merton Rawlins Merit Award. He serves as a student ambassador for the College of Humanities and Fine Arts and founded Rebound Scholars, a student-led advocacy organization for formerly incarcerated and justice impacted students on campus. He plans to continue his advocacy through art in the community as curator of Greenhouse Studio and is exploring options for graduate studies in the future.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

BA in English

Travis Cowley

Travis Cowley is graduating as a double major with degrees in both English Studies and English Literature and will continue to the MA program in English in the fall. An incredible student, he has been a true ambassador for the department and the campus community, as both a writing tutor and mentor, and also serving as the HFA Student Ambassador and advising intern for the college.

Stephanie Peña-Mendoza

Stephanie Peña-Mendoza moved to the United States from Mexico when she was five and immediately developed a passion for studying languages and cultures. An exceptional student and an outstanding writing mentor,

Stephanie will be graduating this semester with a degree in English Education, a minor in Linguistics, and certification in TESOL. She plans to pursue a career working with other English Language Learners.

MA in English

Katherine Wasche

Katherine Wasche is an MA student in English in the Creative Writing Pattern. She stands out as a skillful writer, a thoughtful teacher, and an outstanding departmental leader, particularly in her role as the president of the English Graduate Student Council. Katherine is keenly devoted to respecting and promoting diversity and inclusion in all that she does and is well on her way to a strong professional career.

HISTORY DEPARTMENT

History

Vivian Hernandez

Vivian Hernandez has left a lasting imprint on the History Department through her impressive academic achievements and long-term role as president of the History Club and Phi Alpha Theta. Vivian is driven and dedicated to her writing, research, and involvement in departmental and campus activities, and we are excited to see her embark on the next stage of her academic career as she begins a PhD program at UCLA in the Fall.

Mario Mazzeo

One history faculty member described Mario Mazzeo as “one of the best students I have taught during my years at Chico State.” Mario is known for his active participation in class discussions, his firm knowledge of historical events, and his ability to critically analyze information. Mario’s analytical and writing skills are akin to those of excellent graduate students. We wish Mario, a truly outstanding student, the very best as he moves on to a new chapter of life.

Pre-Credential

Trevor Holycross

Since joining the History Department as a transfer student from Yuba College, Trevor Holycross has compiled an exemplary academic record in the department. While working many hours per week for his family business, Trevor has managed a more than full course load while doing an excellent job in all of his classes. His questions and comments in class enrich discussions, and his writing is first-rate. Whatever path Trevor may take from here, we know he will be a success and an inspiration to others.

LANGUAGES AND CULTURES DEPARTMENT

French

Delaney Love

Delaney Love is graduating this semester with majors in French and Sociology and a minor in European Studies. Delaney has been a solid and enthusiastic contributor in all of her French courses and wrote an impressive study on Basque culture in France in her French major capstone course. Her passion and leadership have served her well in many of the roles she has played on campus, including that of French Club treasurer.

German

Megan Schwartz

Megan Schwartz is graduating this semester with majors in German and Music Education. She has been an enthusiastic and positive presence in the German program both in and outside of the classroom. She consistently enriched and added intellectual depth to discussion in courses and has been an engaged participant in countless extracurricular activities, often taking less experienced students under her wing. Megan immersed herself in coursework for both majors during her time abroad at the University of Mainz in Germany in 2019–2020. She plans to enter the credential program and become a music teacher.

Spanish

Iris Orozco

Iris Orozco has an outstanding work ethic and self-discipline that sets her apart from her peers. A Spanish major, she has demonstrated a keen interest not only in the language, literature, history, and socio-political problems of the Hispanic world, but also in research. Always ready to help others, she has worked as a Mini-Corps tutor, making a difference for the academic progress of migrant students in the region. She has been equally generous with classmates, taking the time to listen to people's needs and sharing resources.

Asian Studies

Tyler Leger

Tyler Leger is a senior finishing his dual majors in Asian Studies and Business Information Systems. In 2019–2020, he studied abroad at Waseda University in Tokyo. He has shown himself to be thoughtful and eloquent in class discussions and is an excellent writer. His capstone paper on otaku culture in Japan, and its manifestations in the urban space of Tokyo, was well grounded in important theoretical discussions as well as his study abroad experiences in Japan.

Latin American Studies

Vivian Hernandez

Vivian Hernandez is graduating this semester with an impressive GPA in her majors in Latin American Studies and History, and a minor in Spanish. She has distinguished herself in all of her Latin American Studies classes. Interested in the contemporary history of Mexican women, her papers on feminism, birth control, and declining fertility rates in the 1970s and 1980s won her accolades at campus-wide and regional student research competitions. This fall, she will enter the Latin American history doctoral program at UCLA.

Spanish Pre-Credential

Mireya Ocampo

A double major in Spanish and Latin American Studies, Mireya Ocampo has thoroughly distinguished herself as a promising future teacher. She has not only excelled academically, but has also been a strong leader and role model to other students and has been actively involved both on campus and in the community in multiple roles. Among these is her service as the inaugural president of the new Chico State Spanish Club. She plans to enter the credential program in the fall.

MA in Language Teaching

Neesa Sonoquie

Neesa Sonoquie graduated in the fall with an MA in Language Teaching. Her dedication, motivation, and intellectual and academic abilities impressed her faculty and earned her one of the competitive Equity Research Fellowships on campus, which she completed with an outstanding presentation at Chico State's Student Research Competition. Neesa's genuine enthusiasm for learning and teaching is matched by an open-mindedness and humble attitude that made working with Neesa thoroughly enjoyable for her peers and faculty alike.

MUSIC AND THEATRE DEPARTMENT

General Music

Anthony Paneno

Anthony Paneno will be graduating in Fall 2022 with a degree in Music and options in both General Music and Music Industry, and is working on an honors thesis titled, "Composition With Electronic Music Practices." He has been a longtime member of, and leader in Wind Ensemble and Jazz X-Press and has participated in Acappella Choir as well. Anthony is well-liked by his peers and professors and is always a cheerful presence in the Performing Arts Center.

Music Education

Julia Daijogo

Julia Daijogo is a senior majoring in music with an option in Music Education. She has been a leader for the Band Staff and the National Association for Music Educators for several years, organizing events, fighting for equity and inclusion, and advocating for music in the schools. Julia is loved by her peers and colleagues and will be a wonderful role model for her future students as she embarks on her career as a music educator.

Music Industry

Roanne Su

Roanne Su is a senior who graduated in Fall 2021 with a degree in Music and an option in Music Industry. Roanne demonstrated a unique ability to bridge the gaps between music performers, production management and video marketing during a time of quarantine and academic disruptions. She has an unassuming team spirit that brings people together with trust, class, and flawless execution.

Recording Arts

Grant Bolstad

Grant Bolstad is a senior graduating with a degree in Music with an option in Recording Arts. Throughout his time at Chico State, he has proven himself to be a student that is engaged, selfless, curious, and hard-working. Even through the tribulations of COVID-learning Grant demonstrated a positive attitude and continued success. His positive and congenial nature is appreciated by his teachers and peers, well as the time and energy he gave to his peers' creative projects.

Musical Theatre

Sydney Baichtal

Sydney Baichtal is a senior Musical Theatre BFA student, graduating this spring. She is a positive and spirited human who brightens every room that she enters. Sydney has made a wonderful impact both on and offstage, playing leading roles in *She Kills Monsters*, *The Wolves* and *Legally Blonde*, and stage managing *A Whole New Story*.

Theatre Arts

Laura Johnson

Laura Johnson is a senior Theatre Arts major, graduating this spring. One of Chico State's hardest workers, Laura goes above and beyond in everything she does. She has performed in *Breathe* and *The Wolves*, and her article "Disability in Theatre: Strategies for Combating Ableism by Meeting Actors' Access Needs," was recently published in *onstageblog.com*.

PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

Philosophy

Faith Chalk

Faith Chalk is a senior, graduating in December with a double major in Philosophy and Business Information Systems, and a minor in Managing for Sustainability. She is the president of the Chico State chapter of Phi Sigma Tau, the philosophy honors society, and she is a founder of the local chapter of Minorities and Philosophy. After graduation she plans to work in data analytics while continuing to develop a philosophical framework for life.

Congratulations Outstanding Students!

Happy graduation! Never stop growing, exploring, learning, and challenging yourself. Best wishes for your next great adventure, new opportunities, and future success!

If you would like to know how to stay in touch and give back to your alma mater, please contact: Daria Booth, Senior Development Officer | 530-898-4054 or dbooth3@csuchico.edu.

Special Awards

The following students have been selected by their departments and are honored for their academic achievement, leadership, and contributions to the college and University. We would like to thank our donors for partnering with us in the success of our students.

ART AND ART HISTORY DEPARTMENT

The Shari and David Hopper MFA Award

The Hopper MFA Award recognizes and celebrates graduate students who have created a significant body of work during their graduate studies and who demonstrate great artistic ability and potential for success.

Shari and David Hopper, artists, collectors, and leaders in the Chico art community, co-founded Orient and Flume Glass Studio in 1973. They have provided tremendous support to students, faculty, and programs in the Department of Art and Art History at Chico State.

Donors: Shari Maxon Hopper and David Hopper

Recipient: Joe Taylor

While a graduate student's productivity is important, of equal value is a student's receptivity to criticism and their ability to actively listen to and reflect on the feedback they are offered. Joe Taylor is such a student. He has been eager to hear alternate perspectives on his work and will spend time digesting comments before navigating a fresh response through his next pieces. Joe has shown a genuine interest in understanding more about what it means to make work that is contemporary. He evolved as a leader in discussions and has enriched the learning experience for both students and faculty.

The Jack Windsor Ceramics Award

This award recognizes and celebrates student excellence in ceramics in memory of emeritus faculty Jack Windsor. During his 39 years as an art professor at Chico State, Jack mentored hundreds of students in ceramics, advertising in art, and elementary school art. He was a master ceramicist, known as the "wizard" of glazes. He retired from teaching in 1986, and was

an active emeritus professor until he passed away in 2014 at 98 years of age. Recipients must be majoring in Studio Art or Art, pursuing a BFA or MFA degree, and demonstrate a high level of expertise in and dedication to the art of ceramics.

Donors: Carol Windsor and Jim Wells
Recipient: Joe Taylor

Joe Taylor is industrious. In the short eight months he has been on our campus he has already produced an incredible amount of ceramic artwork. He has repeatedly shown an openness to experimentation and a willingness to fail. Joe has quickly become an integral member of our student community. When it comes to helping others in the studio he has given his time regularly and unreservedly, pausing his own work to problem solve or offer his more experienced guidance on technical processes to our many undergrads.

The Jennifer Tancreto Memorial Award

Jennifer Tancreto was an accomplished artist, who earned MFA and BFA studio art degrees, and a BA degree in Art History, all of which had significant influence on her practice. As a dedicated Chico State student and instructor, she inspired students throughout the art department. Tancreto aspired to continue her art practice, exhibit her work internationally, and establish a career as a university art professor. She participated in countless exhibitions, presented her research at symposia, and was a prolific artist. The Tancreto Award was established to recognize and celebrate students majoring in the Department of Art and Art History who excel in both studio and art history, and reflect Jennifer's values, interests, passion for learning, creating art, and connecting with others.

Donors: Mim Roeder, and Jen's Friends, Family and Colleagues
Recipient: Rae Helms

Rae Helms is an Art Studio BFA and Art History double major who's upcoming BFA exhibition, *Intersect*, speaks to the ever-present injustices we face in contemporary society, depicting common scenes of urban spaces to present often ignored locations and wealth inequality in the US. They have contributed to the campus community and expanded their educational experience beyond classes during their time in Chico. As

president of the printmaking club, Rae led the annual miniprint exhibition and fundraising sale to provide support to Chico's 6th Street Center for Youth.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The English Department Diversity Award

Thanks to the generous support of Professors Thia Wolf, Sara Trechter, and Robert Burton, the Diversity Award was established to recognize and encourage student engagement with and commitment to diversity and inclusion. The recipient is selected based on an essay describing their commitment to diversity and inclusion through coursework, personal experience, volunteerism, activities in the department or field, and/or teaching.

Donors: Robert Burton, Thia Wolf

Recipients: **Agustin Cardenas** and **Jasmine Corona**

Agustin Cardenas is a Mexican American who was born and raised in Gridley, where he spent considerable time working in agriculture. However, because of his passion for writing, Agustin came to Chico State to earn his BA in English Studies. He eventually wants to return to the Chicano community as a teacher to foster this same passion for writing in his own students.

Jasmine Corona is an Adelante Scholar who is obtaining her MA in English in the Language and Literacy pattern. Interested in language, literacy, and cultural rhetoric, Jasmine wants to offer future students a Latine perspective along with a queer lens that resists the teacher-student power dichotomy in order to foster a community of learners in the classroom.

Ellen Walker Prize in Editing

The Ellen Walker Prize in Editing is awarded to a student who has performed outstanding editing work and who has made a significant contribution to the literary community. The prize honors Professor Emeritus Ellen L. Walker, who founded the literary editing certificate program.

Donors: Friends, Alumni, Faculty, Staff

Recipient: **Morgan Konefal**

Morgan Konefal is graduating with degrees in both English and History as well as a minor in Creative Writing and certification in Literary Editing & Publishing. She served as selection editor for the Flume Press Chapbook Contest. With an eye for design and an ear for wordsmithing, Morgan has a promising future in the publishing industry.

HISTORY DEPARTMENT

The Department of History Writing Award

The Department of History established this award to recognize and encourage excellence in writing in the history discipline. Award selection is based on essays written for any course offered by the History Department, as recommended by faculty.

Donors: Alumni, Friends

Recipients: **Simon Acosta** and **Kathleen Valdes**

Simon Acosta: Historians have written much about the Marshall Plan, but Simon, in a beautifully written paper adds a new interpretive twist to understanding this United States plan for funding the post-World War II European economic recovery. He argues convincingly that contrary to prior claims that the Marshall Plan undermined the independence of France, it instead promoted the revival and strengthening of French sovereignty. Simon's exemplary paper boasts thorough research in primary and secondary sources and original analysis, making it most worthy of this recognition.

Kathleen Valdes provides a new perspective on US-Iranian relations in her lucidly written paper examining President Richard Nixon's policy toward

Iran. She describes in riveting fashion how Shah Reza Pahlavi manipulated Nixon into giving US economic, diplomatic, and military assistance to make Iran the dominant nation in the Mideast, telling a classic tale of the “tail wagging the dog.” Validating her powerful interpretive conclusions with references to many primary and secondary sources, Kathleen Valdes has written a splendid paper entirely deserving receipt of this award.

The Clarence McIntosh-William Hutchinson Memorial Research Award in California and Western History

This award was established by the history department to honor the memory of faculty members Clarence McIntosh and William Hutchinson. Clarence McIntosh, a Chico State member from 1956–1985, later served as vice-president of the Butte County Historical Society. William “Hutch” Hutchinson was a well-known local historian, author, and lecturer. This award provides financial support to graduate students who are conducting research on the history of California or the American West. The award is intended to support research and travel related to off-campus research, as well as professional conferences.

Donors: Friends, Alumni, Faculty, Staff, Students
Recipient: **Kyle Nakagawa**

Kyle Nakagawa received this award to assist in completing an MA thesis that explores the early twentieth century legal and social histories of two important Asian immigrant communities in Yuba and Sutter counties: Japanese and Sikh immigrants. The thesis focuses on how these immigrants grappled with racial prejudice and discrimination in California’s agricultural sector from 1900 to 1940, a period when state law barred them from owning farmland. Based on Kyle’s research in government records and case files from Yuba and Sutter courts as well as special collections at Stanford University, Kyle’s thesis promises to make original contributions to the historical literature. History faculty members are looking forward to Kyle’s findings.

Phi Alpha Theta Award

This award honors an exceptional student who is a current member of the Phi Alpha Theta, the local chapter of a national history honor society. Phi Alpha Theta members edit and produce *The Chico Historian*, a journal that publishes students' historical research papers written in conjunction with coursework.

Donors: Friends, Alumni, Faculty, Staff, Students
Recipient: **Riley Rosenberg**

In his first year as an MA student at Chico State, Riley Rosenberg has proven himself as an enthusiastic and active participant in Phi Alpha Theta and the History Club. Riley has embraced a leadership role in the History Department, serving as a club officer and co-editor for *The Chico Historian*, and in the wider campus community as an Adelante Graduate Outreach Coordinator—all while remaining committed to his academic success. History faculty are very grateful for Riley's many contributions to the department and his fellow students.

LANGUAGES AND CULTURES DEPARTMENT

Bix Whitcomb Study Abroad Award

Established by Chico State alum Bix Whitcomb '69, this award recognizes a student who has made significant contributions to the Languages and Cultures Department.

Donor: Bix Whitcomb
Recipient: **Daniel Salgado**

Daniel Salgado, a first-generation Mexican American majoring in Spanish has plans to be a Spanish language teacher and would like to work in a bilingual program that helps young people who come to the United States to learn English while not forgetting their native language and culture. Daniel will be studying abroad in Santiago, Chile where he is excited to expand his knowledge, discover new places, meet new people, and get to know traditions and cultures in South America.

Boyle Outstanding Asian Language Student Award

This award was established by John Boyle to recognize student excellence in the study of Asian languages. Professor Boyle taught East Asian History at Chico State from 1968 until his retirement in 1997. He received an MA in East Asian Studies from Harvard University in 1956 and a PhD in History from Stanford University in 1968.

Donors: John and Barbara Boyle

Recipient: **Alejandro Amaya**

Alejandro Amaya graduated in the fall with majors in Asian Studies and Journalism and minors in Japanese and Health and Wellness. During his time in the Japanese program, Alejandro not only immersed himself in learning Japanese, he also showed a genuine curiosity about the intricacies of the language and a strong desire to understand Japanese culture. His inquisitive nature, his passion for all things Japanese, and his determination to soak up knowledge made him a stand-out student in the program.

MUSIC AND THEATRE DEPARTMENT

BRAVO Award

BRAVO, founded in 1982, was a group of opera enthusiasts and supporters who promoted and supported opera performance and study at Chico State. The award was revised to continue BRAVO's original mission to provide cultural entertainment for the community and to create excitement and festive support for vocal musical events. The generous and visionary founders of BRAVO established this endowment as a permanent resource for classical vocal music and opera. The fund was supported by countless patrons of classical music over the years.

Donors: Donors to the BRAVO Endowment

Recipient: **Tessa Kelly**

Tessa Kelly is a senior majoring in Music with an option in Music Education. She is a gifted musician and teacher. Tessa has a beautiful voice and has participated in both choirs since her transfer to Chico State. She has a compassion for fellow students, a drive to succeed, is well-liked by her

peers, and demonstrates strong leadership qualities. Tessa will be entering the credential program in the Fall.

Edith Gould Award

This award honors the memory of Edith Gould, who served as secretary in the Department of Music for twenty-five years. Inspired by Mrs. Gould's kind and supportive attitude, students and faculty considered her to be the "heart of the Music Department." The award is given to students who demonstrate Mrs. Gould's workplace spirit and who bring a sense of "family" to the department.

Donor: Richard Gould
Recipient: **Jasmine Saechao**

Jasmine Saechao is a senior graduating with a degree in Music and an option in Music Industry. She has been a member of the Wind Ensemble and Jazz X-Press throughout her tenure at Chico State, and has dedicated her time beyond this to Band Staff and as a tutor in the HFA Success Studio. She has been a selfless leader who has always been there in support of others.

Nick Ellena Aspiring Music Educator Award

Regina Ellena established this award to honor the memory of her beloved husband, Nick. Her wish is to provide an award that will assist a graduating music education student who will be taking their next steps. Recognizing that this is often a difficult transition, Regina wishes to help with both financial support and encouragement.

Donor: Regina Ellena
Recipient: **Brooklyn Becker**

Brooklyn Becker is a senior majoring in Music with an option in Music Education. She enjoys teaching and helping others learn, and has worked as a tutor for the music students in the college success studio for the 2021–2022 academic year. She has been a leader in both Acappella Choir and Chamber Singers during her tenure at Chico State and is greatly appreciated by her classmates and professors. Brooklyn will be entering the credential program in the fall.

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John Boyle East Asian Culture and Language Endowment

This fund was established by John Boyle to promote interest in, and understanding of the cultures and languages of East Asia by offering funding for a study abroad opportunity to a student who demonstrates a desire to increase their understanding of these unique cultures and languages.

Donors: John and Barbara Boyle

Recipient: **Mairead McCauley**

Mairead McCauley is an Asian Studies major. Academically-driven, she looks forward to studying abroad in Taipei, Taiwan, where she can expand her global perspectives and scope of her major from the Taiwanese perspective. While abroad she hopes to expand her knowledge of Mandarin while immersing herself in the Taiwanese culture.

Elizabeth Randolph HFA Study Abroad Award

Believing strongly in great value of a study abroad experience, Betsy Randolph established this award to help a deserving student in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts with their study abroad program. Betsy, who graduated in 1968 with a BA in Spanish, said her year studying abroad in Spain was one of the most enriching experiences of her college career, and it changed her life.

Donors: Elizabeth “Betsy” and Richard Randolph

Recipient: **Paulina Lupian**

Paulina Lupian is a junior, double majoring in Latin American Studies and Spanish, and has served on the HFA Student Learning Fee committee. She is excited to have the opportunity to study abroad in Uruguay where she will be able to immerse herself in the country’s language and rich cultural traditions, while also learning more about Latin America.

Bix Whitcomb HFA Study Abroad Award

This award provides an opportunity for an outstanding student in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts to benefit from the culminating experience of foreign study. Bix Whitcomb '69, who lived and studied for one year in Spain while enrolled at Chico State, is pleased to provide this life-changing experience to deserving students.

Donor: Bix Whitcomb

Recipient: **Molly Odell**

Molly Odell is a junior in the Humanities program after having initially majored in Theatre. She will be studying abroad in Florence, Italy, where she will have the opportunity to advance her skills and knowledge of Italian, as well as dive deeper into the texts, art, and history that made her fall in love with her major. She is excited about further exploring her interests in sociological and philosophical ideas and has plans to work on short films, while getting experience and practice interviewing people in different languages and environments. Her goal is to have a career in documentary and film creation.

The Brooks Thorlaksson HFA Outstanding Student Leader Award

This award recognizes a graduating student who is uniquely committed to the arts and humanities, who has an understanding of how individuals can make a difference, and who demonstrates leadership in all activities. The award is named in honor of Brooks Thorlaksson for her many contributions as Associate Dean in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

Donors: Brooks Thorlaksson, Friends, Alumni,
Faculty, Staff, Students

Recipient: **Mireya Ocampo**

Mireya Ocampo has proven to be a strong role model and leader to other students within the college and the community, and served as the inaugural president of the new Chico State Spanish Club. As a double major in Spanish and Latin American Studies, she has distinguished herself as a promising future teacher and plans to enter the credential program in the fall.

BACCALAUREATE GRADUATION WITH HONORS

Honor medallions are presented to bachelor's degree candidates whose overall rank places them in the top 1% (Summa Cum Laude), 3% (Magna Cum Laude), and 5% (Cum Laude) of their graduating class.

Summa Cum Laude

Shari Allison	Religious Studies Online
Brooklyn Becker	General Music
Claire Hall	English Studies
Kevin Ripperger	Recording Arts
Abigail Schicht	Art Education / Art Studio
Dylan Townsend	English Studies
Page Whittle	Music Industry / Recording Arts

Magna Cum Laude

Rebekkah Conklin	Literature
Maija Dindzans	Music Education
Tabitha Dubois	English Education
Laura Johnson	English Education / Theatre Arts
Orion Liggett	English Education

Cum Laude

Alaina Gillett	English Studies
Theodore Haynes IV	Literature
Isabel Henson	English Studies
Vivian Hernandez	General History / Latin American Studies
Jennifer Jones	Religious Studies Online
Stephanie Peña-Mendoza	English Education
Roanne Su	Music Industry
Sophie Williams	Religious Studies

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– Department Chairs –

Cameron Crawford	Robert Tinkler
Christine Goulding	Daniel Veidlinger
Peter Kittle	Zanja Yudell
David Scholz	

– Special Guests –

Theatre Performance	Instrumental Performance
John Crosthwaite	Kayla Holland
Olivia Loupe	Deone Jubilo
Alex Tanner	Chris Navarrete
Andrew Zollinger	Nico Vives

Chamber Singers
Dara Scholz

College and Department Staff
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La Flor de Michoacán

*Go into the world and do well.
But more importantly,
go into the world and do good.*

– Minor Myers Jr. –



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