

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES
AND FINE ARTS

2021
GRADUATION AND
AWARDS BOOKLET





On behalf of the faculty and staff in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, I offer a hearty congratulations to the Class of 2021.

I want to begin by thanking the Mechoopda, on whose traditional lands we have labored over the course of your academic careers here at Chico State. Without their support and continued positive presence in our community, we would be unable to propel the cultural and educational work that is at the heart of our mission.

We are so very proud of all that you have accomplished during your time at Chico State. Your academic contributions, your dedication to our college's organizations and groups, and your desire to learn, create, and inspire have been invaluable to our college. Despite a year fraught with chaos, loss, and uncertainty, you continued to find ways to share your gifts and talents with others. In doing so, you managed to transcend time, space, differences, cultures, and borders and, ultimately, you found ways to stay connected and feel yourselves a part of a larger community. I want to thank you all for staying the course, for inspiring us with your work and, at the risk of sounding totally dramatic, for saving us. You renewed our sense of purpose, reaffirmed our commitment to issues of access and equity, and reminded us of the importance of being able to adapt and innovate. We are exceedingly proud of the work you have produced this year and we understand that it has come at a cost for many of you. We thank you for your perseverance and tenacity; we are truly grateful.

Although you're graduating, you will always be a member of the Chico State community. We hope you stay connected with our college and keep us apprised of all of the wonderful things you will, undoubtedly, go on to do. And, if you are thinking of graduate studies, I encourage you to consider one of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts' many excellent programs.

Best wishes for an exciting and fulfilling future,
Dr. Tracy Butts, Dean
College of Humanities and Fine Arts

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

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

DEPARTMENT OF ART AND ART HISTORY

MA in Art History

Dana Moot

BA in Art Education

Bianka de la Rosa

BFA in Art Studio

Marie Swanson

BA in Art History

Toni Ball

BA in Art Studio

Jackson Keen

BFA in Interior Architecture

Catrina Ottman

Nikki Thor

DEPARTMENT OF COMPARATIVE RELIGION AND HUMANITIES

Humanities

Nicholas Katz

Religious Studies

Spencer McNairn

Religious Studies Online

Jason Bystrom

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

BA in English

Miguel Manzano Bishop

MA in English

Alondra Adame

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

BA in History

Emma Kirchhoff

BA in History

Nicholas Katz

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES

Asian Studies

Olivia Dion

German

Oscar Saucedo

Latin American Studies

Jessica Penney

Spanish

Melinda Jackson

Spanish Pre-Credential

Hope Lindsey

Teaching in International Languages

Xinru Ni

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC AND THEATRE

General Music

Natsumi Fry

Music Education

Patrick Manning

Music Industry

Page Whittle

Musical Theatre

Emily Beets

Recording Arts

Kailo Castilla

Theatre Arts

Thalia Pearce

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Brenden Short



BACCALAUREATE GRADUATION WITH HONORS

Honors medallions are presented to bachelor's degree candidates whose overall rank places them in the top 5% of the graduating class.

Summa Cum Laude —No more than the top 1%

Royee Avitzur Sr.	Music Industry, Recording Arts
Chloe Heather Dawn Freeland	English Education
Colton Woelbing	Recording Arts
Elena Cuadros-Gonzalez	History (Pre-Credential)
Brenden Garrett Short	Philosophy
Marie Olson Swanson	Art Education, Art Studio

Magna Cum Laude —No more than the top 3%

Simone Rosalie Bates	English Studies
Melinda Gay Jackson	Spanish
Kendall Elaine Anderson	Spanish
Jason Eric Bystrom	Religious Studies
Olivia E. Dion	Asian Studies, Art History
Brianna Laura Gorman	English Education
Julye Yang	English Studies

Cum Laude —No more than the top 5%

Christina M. Cahill	French
Jayna Renee Feldman	Music Industry
Jillian Avery Willis	History
Natsumi Fry	General Music, Recording Arts
Rosario Lozano	English Education
Timothy Lowell Motter	Recording Arts
April C. Wright	English Studies
Alina Zulfiqar	Religious Studies

The University Honors Program

Qualified students are invited to apply for Honors in General Education as first-semester freshmen, continuing, transfer, or re-entry students. Students earning Honors in General Education have completed a challenging curriculum within the program and have maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or above.

HONORS IN GENERAL EDUCATION

Sidney Corkery

SPECIAL AWARDS

College of Humanities and Fine Arts

Brooks Thorlaksson HFA Student Leader Award

Leif K. Bramer

This award recognizes a graduating student who is uniquely committed to the arts and humanities, has an understanding of how individuals can make a difference, and 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.

Elizabeth Randolph HFA Study Abroad Award

Seth Martin

Believing strongly in the 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. Ms. Randolph, 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.

The Bix Whitcomb Study Abroad Award

Erica Baker

This award was created by Chico State alum Bix Whitcomb '69 to recognize outstanding students within the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, by creating an opportunity for them to study abroad.

Department of Art and Art History

Hopper MFA Award

Chang-Au Tu

Ani Ushikishvili

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.

The Jennifer Tancreto Memorial Award

Misty Findley

Jennifer Tancreto was an accomplished artist, earning her MA at Chico State where she taught two-dimensional design and printmaking. She 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 producer of new work. The Tancreto award was established to recognize and celebrate students majoring in the Department of Art and Art History who reflect Jennifer's values, interests, and passion for learning, creating art, and connecting with others.

The Jack Windsor Ceramics Award

Rosa Garcia

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.

Department of English

English Department Diversity Award

Tim Hayes

Larisa Perkins-Orta

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.

Ellen Walker Prize in Literary Editing and Publishing

Tim Hayes

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.

Department of History

The Department of History Writing Award

Elana Cuadros-Gonzales

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.

The Phi Alpha Theta Award

Vivian Hernandez

This award recognizes the Phi Alpha Theta member with a distinguished record of service to the History Club/Phi Alpha Theta and/or a distinguished performance at the Northern California Regional Conference of Phi Alpha Theta, held every spring.

Department of International Languages, Literatures and Cultures
Boyle Outstanding Asian Language Student Award (Japanese)

Kana Sumiyoshi

This award was established by John Boyle to recognize and award 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.

Bix Whitcomb Phi Sigma Iota Study Abroad Award

Mark Arey

Chico State alum Bix Whitcomb '69, established this award to recognize an outstanding member of Phi Sigma Iota and assist with their planned study abroad program expenses. Bix's study abroad trip to Spain is one of the defining experiences of his college career, and he hopes this award will allow similarly committed students to enjoy the enriching experience of studying in a foreign land.

Department of Music and Theatre

The Edith Gould Award

Kian (Jaya) Betts

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.

Nick Ellena Aspiring Music Educator Award

Hanna Buck

Regina Ellena established this award to honor the memory of her beloved husband Nick, by assisting a graduating music education student who will be taking his or her next steps. Nick Ellena was a Renaissance man, a writer, journalist (a full-time reporter for 44 years at the Chico Enterprise-Record), photographer, adventurer, and a wonderful musician who played the piano.

BRAVO Award

Brooklyn Becker

The generous and visionary founders of BRAVO established this resource for classical vocal music and opera, and it has been supported by countless patrons of classical music and operatic performance who attended many concerts and events since 1982.

UNIVERSITY AWARDS

Outstanding Project Award

Joanna Hooste

Chris Hilbert Outstanding Chico State Friend Award

Daniel Crispino



Graduate Class of 2021

Art (Master of Fine Arts)

Jory Neufeld Harms

Art (Master of Arts)

Fiona Chin

Dana Gordon Moot

English (Master of Arts)

Alondra Adame

Isaiah Craig Hamilton

Joanna M Hooste

Shane Howard LaVigne

Kaitlynn Nicole Price

History (Master of Arts)

Brandon Lyle Finn

Benjamin Mount

Juan E. Vega Ramirez

Teaching International Languages (Master of Arts)

Ghadah Salaman Alghadir

Vannessa Giselle Avelar

Chen Chen

Shelley Gaye Fairchild

Florencia Gabriela McDowell

Xinru Ni

Mineko Onishi

Tami L. Peña

Jose Robert Solis

Ji Yang

UNDERGRADUATE CLASS OF 2021

Taylor Donald Adkison	Tiffany Sonya Biro	Madison Claire Couto
Vanessa Lizette Aguirre	Valdis Arvids Birznieks	Elena Cuadros-Gonzalez
Sean Robert Aitken	Miguel Serafin Manzano Bishop	Angelica Maria Cuevas
Aimee Sierra Allenegui	Brenda Blanco-Mullennix	Jeremy Edwin Cursi
Shari Lynn Allison	Madeleine Marie Bliss	Rafaela Aurora Dade
Jacqueline Florencia Alvarez	Blake Michael Boman	Rogelio Tadeo Davila
Vicki Amaral	Jerri Aisling Bonnel	Joshua Seth De La Cruz
Alejandro Amaya	Griffin Wayne Boyd	Jessica Katherine De La Cuadra
Kendall Elaine Anderson	Shane Fintan Boyle	Bianka De La Rosa
Kevin Michael Anderson	Leif Keeley Bramer	Gipsy Zamora Delgado
Lily Anne Anderson	Christopher George Brandt	Marcelo Delgado
Nardeen Andrawes Iskander Mitias	Alani Marie Brown	Eric Gomez Diaz
Nicole Aplustill	Curtiss Willoughby Brown	Sophia Mari Diaz
Claudia Ashton-Night	Hanna Buck	Taylor Dimas
Peter Jon Asselanis	Brad Jacob Bullock	Maija Catherine Dinzans
Shant Avakian	Roberto Jair Burgos	Olivia E. Dion
Royee Avitzur	Jalen RoseAnn Burns	Kelly Iovanny Dominguez
Erin Nicole Baber	Christopher Busch	Patricia Elizabeth Dougherty
Moa Karolina Back	Derek William Byam	Laurel Ann Doyle
Mark Edward Baker	Jason Eric Bystrom	Tabitha Holland Dubois
Toni Emerson Ball	Christina M. Cahill	Robert MacRae Dudman
Ivan Barbontin	Cora Michele Cahill	Dylan Davidson Dutro
Sarahy Barcenas-Silva	Jose Calderon	Brandon Earley
Geoffrey Steven Bark	Mariah Teresia Callahan	Alyssa Lynn Emenheiser
Kyla Ariana Barriga Ashurst	Matthew Lane Calvin	Crystal Belle Enos
Simone Rosalie Bates	Sara Alejandra Camarena Linarez	Kailyn Renne Erb
Gabriel Paul Baumgartner	Dwight Mitchell Cariker	Drew Esmay
William Rudolph Bays	Chase Leslie Carr	Isaac Efraim Espinoza
Hana Julia Beaty	Richard J. Carreon	Jozzel Alderslyk Esqueda
Nicole Becerra	Wilbert Alvarado Carrillo	Marisabel Estrada
Genna Rosalie Becker	Orlando Jesus Castaneda	Sydnee Nicole Evans
Marysa Danielle Becker	Gilsa Arianda Castellon De La Rosa	Andrew William Everett
Emily Ann Beets	Kailo Giovanni Castilla	Cristina Farhang
Preston Scott Begbie	Khervy Tijones Cerezo	Jayna Renee Feldman
Austin Robert Begotka	Daniel Alejandro Cevallos	Elliott Hunter Fennell
Jessica Mariela Bejar	Sabrina Marie Chavez	Elan Rafael Filous
Evan Douglas Bennett	Collin Ray Clark	Misty Ocean Sky Findley
Zachary Paul Bennett	Patrick Gregory Cole	Christina Katharine Flanery
Neal Bentley	William Maldonado Contreras	Valeria Flores-Simon
Ericka Michelle Berry	Blake A. Coppock	Chloe Heather Dawn Freeland
Kailyn Nicole Berry	Sidney Lynd Corkery	Brady Freitas
Sven Jack Biorck	Bryce Larocque Creighton	Natsumi Fry

Leanne Funke	Anahi Tiffany Heredia Santos	Benjamin Fate Longmire
Trey Evan Gaither	Arik Hern	Rocio Lopez
Jeffrey Refuerzo Garcia	Daniel Hernandez	Pachee Lor
Manuel Anthony Garcia	Colleen Holihan	Lacey Lee Lorenzen
Rosa Angelica Garcia	Krystle Jade Holzhauser	Tyson Matthew Loreque
Sol Estefania Garcia	Hannah Howell	Heather Marie Lowe
Julien Stone Gemmeli	Patricia Scarlet Huerta	Mitchell Arthur Lowery
Travis Siri Gentry	Brandon Wayne Hulsey	Melinda Anne Lowry
Gabriella Rose Geoia	Elizabeth Marie Hyder	Rosario Lozano
Carlos A. Gomez	Joshua Noe Interiano	Rosemary Mariah Lucio
Olivia Marie Gomez	Melinda Gay Jackson	Miguel Maceda
Carlos Alberto Gonzalez	Rodaisha Marie James	Katonya Madison
Jose Angel Gonzalez-Ayala	Hildeberto Jarquin	Gurjot K. Mann
Brianna Laura Gorman	Kris Lawrence Johnson	Victoria Marie Taabenanicka Mannah
John Cary Graziano	Tashia Rene Jones	Patrick Leray Manning
Kimberly Marie Green	Riley Tichon Kaeding	Kyle Alexander Marden
Nathan J. Greterman	Sierra Quinn Kaloustian	Natasha Zelia Martin
Melissa Guevara	Nicholas Richard Katz	Philip Isaac Martin
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Sofia Valeria Gutierrez	Ryan George Kee	Samantha Martinez
Aaron Inez Guzman	Jackson Myles Keen	Jose Luis Martinez-Leon
Grace Hagbom	Elizabeth Kirby	Hannah Elizabeth Edyce May
Patric Hale	Emma Nicole Kirchoff	Mario Antonio Mazzeo
Carson Hamblin	John Jacob Klezmer	Alexis McCormick
Roy Earl Hankins	Lindsay M. Kremer	Reed Carlson McCoy
Arthur Adam Hanusek	Alexandra D. Kriz	Mariah Jane McDonald
Eder Alexis Haro	Nicholas C. Kurfirst	Conner Harris McFarland
Lukas M. Harrison	Dominic Charles La Frantz	Kirsten Coral McFaul
Jillian Louise Harris-Rivera	Iliannah Camila Laguna	Kevin Scotty Mckay
Kiara Harry	Ellianna Nicholle Lamberth	Anthony Kristian McKinney
Jocelyn Sharon Hart	Kalynn Serqet Larson	Davon Garlin McMillian
Thomas Christopher Hart	Joseph Hsien Ing Lau	Joseph Scott McMurchie
Rebecca Harvey	Doug Earl Lawrence	Spencer M. McNairn
Kyana Taylor Hatch	Samantha Marie Lawson	Ivy Rose Means
Miranda Lauren Hatch	Devin Lee	Mayte Medina
Diana Pajzoo Hawy	Megan Lee	Jacob Mae Medrano
Tim Hayes	Orion Liggett	Abram J. Melendez
Scott Warren Hearn	Tavona Blessing Lindo	Hannah Louise Melton
Angelea Heartsong	Hope Lindsey	Mario Joaquin Mena Zavala
Alice Stella Heck	Joe Linker	Mary G. Mendoza
Timothy Robert Heffernan	John William Livoni	Sergio Pablo Mendoza
Jack Tanner Hempel	Connor Locher	Fredy Oswaldo Menendez
Alondra Juarez Heredia	Oliver William Loll	Mark Eugene Middleton

Lucas Richard Milar
Shane Patrick Milburn
Kyle Matthew Mingham
Sage Jeffrey Mitchell
Keira L. Molter
Rudy Steven Monteon
Erin Anderson Moore
Michelle Nicole Moore
Melinda Eduvije Morales
Clarissa Arlene Moran
Kristy Moreno
Valeria Moreno
Mia Verlene Morse
Landon Alexander Mote
Timothy Lowell Motter
Ashley Nicole Napper-Vaquera
Brittany Nicole Navarro
James Ross Neiswonger
Kelly Ann Nelson
Jacob Nesci
Brian Thong Nguyen
Ethan Denning Nicholl
Mary Elizabeth Osborn
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Cody Page
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Adianna Delise Paul
Thalia Lara Pearce
Zachary Hazen Pearse
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Danielle Dela Cruz Rosecrans
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Audrianna Loren Rozzo
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Diana Sanchez
Jewel Eugenia Sanchez
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Alejandra Santos
Keyla De Los Santos
Cienna Sarah Saucedo
Oscar Saucedo
Peter Richard Schatz
Nicholas Orion Schenken
Kimberly Jean Schmidt
Casey S. Schneider
Megan Renae Schwartz
Shelby Nicole Self-Dunning
Jesus Serrano
Brenden Garrett Short
Denver Thomas Silverlake

Deborah West Singh
Noah Ulysses Tokien Skaiepz
Alexander Muir Smith
Wesley Kent Smith
Anthony Smolich
Kelsi Nicole Snyder
Claire Elizabeth Somersett-Timpano
Elle Spears
Zoe Alexandra Stamos
LaTisha P. Stephens
Matthew Robert Stone
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Brianna Carolyn Stovall
Ceaira Stuart
Cassandra Laura Sturdevant
Roanne Yeh Su
Lorna Rosemary Such
Marie Olson Swanson
Ashley Shizuko Tamori-Riggs
Benjamin Louis Tarran
Allison Victoria Taylor
Shannon Michelle Taylor
Allison Che Thao
Linda Thao
Liam Bradley Thomson
Nikki Thor
Lorenzo Stephen Thruston
Ivan Tinoco
Riley Tippin
Pablo Saul Tiznado
Reagan Tran
Savannah Tristan
Jocelyn Valadez
Maria Alejandra Valencia Santos
Christian Vancil
Steven Michael Vanderoeff
Stone Tong Vang
Kyndall Nicole Vargas
Carmen Isabel Venegas
Mary Wagner
Corey Walden
Timothy Jordan Wall
Casey May Wallen

Emory Allen Weingart
Brian Robert Whaler
Corey Wheeler
Page Karras Whittle
Brianna Rose Wilburn
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Jillian Avery Willis
Jeremy Craig Wilson
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Congratulations! If you would like to know how to stay in touch and give back to your alma mater, please contact Daria Booth, Advancement Director, at (530) 898-4054 or dbooth3@csuchico.edu.

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