On behalf of the faculty and staff in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, I wish to extend a hearty congratulations to the Class of 2020.

Although we are celebrating you from all over, it is imperative I 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 forward the cultural and educational work that is at the heart of our mission.

To the Class of 2020, I wish to thank you for allowing us to accompany you on this phase of your academic journey. It's been a pleasure. I also wish to commend you for keeping your eyes on the prize. We all know that your class has been beset by a number of challenges and yet, you all have persisted and accomplished what, in the most ordinary of times, remains quite an extraordinary feat. Congratulations on staying the course.

We are so very proud of all that you have accomplished during your time at Chico State. Please know that we appreciated your willingness to join us, your professors and colleagues, as we pursued our scholarly and creative curiosities, but most importantly, we are truly grateful and better people, teachers, and scholars because you allowed us to accompany you in the exploration of yours. Your academic contributions, your dedication to our college’s organizations and groups, and your desire to learn, create, and inspire, even under the most undesirable of circumstances, have been invaluable to the college.

Although you’re graduating, you will always be a member of the Chico State community. We hope you stay connected with our college, join the Alumni Association, and give back by supporting future students through our programs and scholarships. And, if you are thinking of graduate studies, I encourage you to consider the many excellent programs in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

I want to leave you with these words by the incomparable Toni Morrison: “The function of freedom is to free someone else.”

Best wishes for an exciting and fulfilling future. Please stay in touch and keep us apprised of all of the wonderful things I am certain you will go on to do.

Dr. Tracy Butts, Interim 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
  MFA in Art Studio
  Jory Harms

  BA in Art Education
  Shai Porath

  BA in Art Studio
  Yolanda Ochoa

  BA in Art History
  Chantal Kiffe

  BFA in Art Studio
  Will Mobley
  Martin Townsend

  BFA in Interior Architecture
  Tara Schjeldahl

DEPARTMENT OF COMPARATIVE RELIGION AND HUMANITIES
  Outstanding CORH Leadership Award
  Angela Stieber

  Humanities
  Yuliana Calvillo Solis

  Religious Studies
  Michael “Mikey” Riser

  Religious Studies Online
  Terrence Bell
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
BA in English
Tanner Hansen

BA in English
Sylvia Pape

MA in English
Ian Allen

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
BA in History
Katherine Curless

BA in History
Justin Jodaitis

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES
Asian Studies
Michael "Mikey" Riser

French
Wesley Smith

German
Katharine Worcester

Latin American Studies
Kelsi Snyder

Spanish
Michelle Pusich
Spanish Pre-Credential
Gilsa Castellón de la Rosa

Teaching in International Languages
Monica Lopez Acosta

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC AND THEATRE
General Music
Gabriel Samaro

Music Education
Rebecca Solis

Music Industry
Royee Avitzur

Musical Theatre
Kelsey Campbell

Recording Arts
Edson Cruz Martinez

Theatre Arts
Tristin Knox

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
Harmony Ordaz
**HONORS AT GRADUATION**

The University recognizes superior academic performance at three levels for each graduating class. These students receive a medallion to wear during commencement signifying their exemplary academic achievement.

**Summa Cum Laude**

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HONORS IN GENERAL EDUCATION
Sophia Beck  English Education
Gabriel Samaro  Recording Arts
Parker Staples  English

HONORS IN THE MAJOR
Haley Adams  Philosophy
Sarah Burger  Art Studio
Tanner Morgan Hansen  English
Regan Miller Lechner  English
Brittany Navarro  Art History
Yuliana Calvillo Solis  Humanities
Parker Staples  English

Honors students collaborate with faculty on a topic, prepare a thesis, and present their research. These students are acknowledged for their excellence and ability to meet this rigorous academic challenge. Each honors student receives a medallion to wear during commencement.

SPECIAL AWARDS

College of Humanities and Fine Arts
The Brooks Thorlaksson HFA Outstanding Student Leader Award
Angela Stieber
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
Victoria Villasenor
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.
Department of Art and Art History
The Shari and David Hopper MFA Award
Jory Harms
Chang-An Tu
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 Jen Tancreto Memorial Award
Shai Porath
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
Kristy Moreno
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**

Theodore S. Haynes IV
Melissa Cisneros-Meza

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 for Excellence in Editing**

William Pfaff

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**

Samantha Ezratty

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

Juan Vega Ramírez

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.
The Phi Alpha Theta Award
Juan Vega Ramírez
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)
Alexander Lopez
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.

Department of Music and Theatre
The Edith Gould Award
Julia Daijogo
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.

North State Symphony Award
Evan Goodson
The Chico Guild of the North State Symphony, a dedicated group of volunteers, has supported the North State Symphony since 1959. Guild members help the orchestra, symphony staff, musicians, and community by assisting and awarding young musicians, giving donations, providing nourishment and housing for musicians, and promoting music appreciation. The Guild contributes annually to the North State Symphony Student Musician Award Endowment and the Symphony operations, in addition to providing flowers for soloists during concerts.

Nick Ellena Aspiring Music Educator Award
Kevin Anderson
Graduate Class of 2020

Art (Master of Fine Arts)
Hope M. Blackwell
Jory Neufeld Harms

English (Master of Arts)
Ian Taylor Allen
Carissa Johanna D'Augelli
Jesse Elena De Mercurio
Hannah Camille Ellett
Andrew Edward Gates
Haley Marshelle LaPlant
Shane Howard LaVigne
Megan Leigh Mann
Zeth Marcus Martinez
Melanie F. McLaughlin
James Louis Melton
Jennifer Luann Smith

History (Master of Arts)
Jason Patrick Bohnert
Jordan Alexandra Cottrell
Maria Lynn Kogler
Alison Muang Pou Saechao

Teaching International Languages (Master of Arts)
Robert P. Genaro
Lorena Ibarra Heredia
Jin Lavender Huntsinger
Nancy Iliana Larios Pelayo
Monica Lopez Acosta
Florencia Gabriela McDowell
Shannon Shaughnessy Miller
Dori Eileen Moura
Vickie Miyoshi Nailing
Mineko Onishi
Tami L. Peña
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Haley Elizabeth Adams
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Ruben Anthony Amador
Kathryn Elizabeth Anderson
Lily Anderson
Melissa Andrade
Katie Ann Applebaum
Kevin Arbaugh
RaTrail Dazjon Armstead
James Michael Arnold
Elizabeth Mary Aschenbrenner
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Hana Julia Beaty
Sophia Michele Beck
Marysa Danielle Becker
Preston Scott Begbie
Terrence Julian Bell
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Carter William Berry
Patrice Lynn Berry
Zachary Burr Bianchi
Muriel Irma Ayala Birdwell
Valdis Arvids Birznieks
Isabel Blanco
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Juan Carlos Bolanos
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James Bruce Briner
Kloe Marie Brooks
Foster Dean Brovan
Brandon Taylor Burchard
Sarah Elizabeth Burger
Ryan Patrick Cady
Yuliana Calvillo Solis
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