

*University of Denver
Pioneer Awards Ceremony
2009*



*May 14, 2009
Governor's Ballroom
William J. Driscoll Student Center*

A Special Thank You

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&

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Service Learning

(* denotes no presentation)

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

William T. Driscoll Master Educator Award

**This award commemorates the outstanding
teaching style of Dr. William T. Driscoll.
It is presented by the Driscoll Student
Center Staff in order to recognize a
superb educator at the
University of Denver.**

The 2009 William T. Driscoll Master Educator

Dr. Pallab Paul

Daniels College of Business

AHSS Scholars Awards

Arts & Humanities: Lauren J. Golder

Social Sciences: Britni L. Adams

Susie Ross Berry Scholarships

Elisabeth L. Booze (English)

Cortney J. Duritsa (Political Sci./International Studies)

Cameron D. Lewis (Journalism Studies)

Hannah E. Morris (Journalism Studies)

Lindner Scholarships

Robin D. Cassedy (Political Science)

Jenny F. Nelson (Spanish/International Studies)

Bryn Sara Linkow Scholarships

Ashley S. Dennis (English)

MaryKate L. DeGraw (English)

Brett L. Bakemeyer (Political Science)

Graduation Prizes

Fine & Performing Arts:

Sarah E. Johnson (Theatre/Anthropology)

Humanities:

William T. Reynolds (History/Math)

Social Sciences:

Elena M. Cabodevilla (Sociology/

Gender & Women's
Studies)

Anthropology

Thomas A. Bogard Scholarship Award

Leslie Roark

Chemistry & Biochemistry

**Chemical Rubber Company-Freshman Chemistry
Achievement Award**

Kirk D. Dressen

Emma Engle Scholarship

Rachel A. Burton
Meara A. Christian
Faven M. Habte
Cathy Lam
Suzanne Y. Ngo
Kathryn M. Palma
Kristina M. Puls
Jennifer R. Riggs
Caitlyn C. Tivy
Trine M. Vik
Kelly L. Wagner
Alyssa M. Yang

Essie White Cohn Award

Rashidat O. Sanni

James Balafas Award in Organic Chemistry

Kathryn M. Palma

James Evans Memorial Fund Scholarship

Holly C. Appleberry
Elizabeth N. Dressen
Whitney A. Hulick
Felicia A. McGuire

Lynn H. Miller Scholarship

Kevin W. Chavez
Dylan H. Fudge
Huy H. Huynh
Suh Hee Kim
Samuel R. Schroeder
Garth K. Summers

Michael Sherwood King Scholarship

Jeremy M. Barkoff
Katherine D. Engquist
Grant M. Ruehle

Outstanding Biochemistry Major Award

Emily L. Joachim

Outstanding Chemistry Major Award

Cherelle M. Bishop

Reuben C. Gustavson Scholarship

Kirk D. Dressen

Undergraduate Award in Analytical Chemistry

Samuel R. Schroeder

Community Engagement & Service Learning
Community Organizer of the Year

Charla Agnoletti

Faculty Public Good Award

Dr. Matthew Taylor

Student Public Good Award

William Seitz

Service Learning Professor of the Year

Geoffrey Bateman

Daniels College of Business
Management

Management Special Faculty Award

Nathan Bergeron

Managerial Leadership Award

Ryan Olsen

Sigma Iota Epsilon Award

Courtney Saario

Engineering

Electrical & Computer Engineering

Leonard G. Anderson Engineering Service Award

Tonia Osadebe

Mechanical & Materials Engineering
Colorado Engineering Council Silver Medal & Certificates of Merit

Nominees:

Ryan Jimenez

Tonia Osadebe

Carlos Solorzano

Winner to be announced

English

***Deatt Hudson Scholarship**

Elisabeth Booze

***Gavrillis Award**

Hanna R. Gonzales

***Mary Cass Award**

Daniel Catalano

Matthew R. Watson

***Olna Fant Cook Award**

Lindsay Levine

***Virginia Case Textual Studies Award**

Clinton Blair

Greek Life

***Chapter Award of Excellence**

Delta Delta Delta
Delta Zeta
Gamma Phi Beta

***Chapter Award of Achievement**

Delta Gamma
Lambda Chi Alpha
Sigma Chi

***Chapter Award of Merit**

Chi Phi
Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Zeta Beta Tau

***Most Improved Chapter**

Delta Zeta
Chi Phi

***Greek Man of the Year**

Alex Levensalor, Sigma Chi

***Greek Woman of the Year**

Hannah Katz, Delta Zeta

***Greek Chapter President of the Year**

Sam Smith, Sigma Chi
Ginny Petrovek, Delta Delta Delta

***Greek New Member of the Year**

Saul Huerta, Sigma Lambda Beta
Courtney Culpepper, Delta Delta Delta

***Chapter Pillar Awards**

Scholarship: Lambda Chi Alpha

Gamma Phi Beta

Leadership: Sigma Lambda Beta

Delta Zeta

Friendship: Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Delta Delta Delta

Service: Lambda Chi Alpha

Delta Zeta

External: Sigma Chi

Delta Zeta

Standards: Lambda Chi Alpha

Delta Delta Delta

Gender and Women's Studies

Rita Braitto Award

Elena Cabodevilla

Kasey Nielsen

Honors Program

Preisendanz-Schmid Scholarship

Jake Chabon

Catherine Pheasant

Laurel Janeen Smith

Laura Wiley

Institute for Public Policy Program

Outstanding Graduating Senior

Greg Hearing

International Student & Scholar Services

***International Community Award**

Joyce Sinclair

***International Student & Scholar Services Award**

Katrina Keichline

Lidia Zurek

Languages and Literatures

Excellence in Chinese

Kelly Loughlin

Amanda Pros

Madeline Rebol

Outstanding Student in German

Elizabeth L. Thomas

Excellence in Japanese Studies

Grant M. Garceau

Kelly A. Whitcombe

Excellence in Russian

John McMahan

Outstanding Graduating Senior in Spanish

Charla Agnoletti

Jordan Kober

Michelle Molinar-Dominguez

Jazmin Muro

Danielle Tirjer

Mathematics

Outstanding First Year Student in Mathematics

Kathryn Palma

Outstanding Third Year Student in Mathematics

Nathan McNew

Outstanding Fourth Year Student in Mathematics

Katie Lindenbaum

Eleanor Campbell Memorial Award n Mathematics

Abby Johnson

Herbert J. Greenberg Award

William Reynolds

Physics & Astronomy

***Edgar Everhart Scholarship**

Brian A. Ferguson

Jessica M. Starr

***Howard Russell Memorial Fund Scholarship**

Colin W. Griffith

Outstanding Senior in Physics & Astronomy

Aaron J. Bradley
Brian A. Ferguson
Christopher S. Smith

Vandergrift Scholar in Psychology

Lorena Hendrix
Jenna Lindsay-Brisbin
Deven Swanigan

Political Science

Dayton Devions Scholarship

Brett Bakemeyer

Hogan Award

Jonathan Kim
Christina Ward

Outstanding Senior in Political Science

Greg Hearing

Office of the Provost

Chuck Cortese Undergraduate Trophy

Dani Espinosa

Psychology

Bernard Spilka Scholarship

Catherine Pheasant

Shaklee-Trowill Research Award

Anna Kresse

Trowill Award for Meritorious Work in Psychology

Daniel Lumian

Religious Studies

Cecil Franklin Honor Award

Brandi Braun

Gregory A. Robbins Award

Raishel Wasserman

Wallace B. Clift Award

Patrick Bowen
Adam Westbrook
Hilary Watt
Jamie Williford

Study Abroad Office

Study Abroad Student of the Year

Bailey Kunkel

Division of Student Life

Student Life Faculty Adviser Awards

Dr. Jennifer Hoffman, *Physics & Astronomy*
Dr. Elizabeth Suter, *Human Communication*
Dr. Barbara Wilcots, *Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences*

Pioneer in Action Leadership Award

Elena Cabodevilla
Briana Cano
Mikayla Houser
Jemima Obeng

Up 'til Dawn

Outstanding Member

Robert Cambria

Outstanding Student Awards

Students, advisors and student organizations are nominated based on their contributions to academic excellence, the campus and university, and community involvement.

First Year Nominees:

Jennifer Armstrong
Milan Chatterjee
Merrick Hiton
Miyeko Inafuku
Lalo Pacheco
Kari Storslett

Sophomore Nominees:

Christopher Fetting
Hannah Goedert
Erin Hough
Cameron Lewis
Ericca McCutcheon
Aron Palma
Ella Peterson
Kacie Wikierak

Junior Nominees:

Lalu Abebe
Robert Cambria
Danielle Chandler
D.J. Close
Shelby Flora
Colleen Hall
Janeth Niebla
Antoine Perretta
Tyler Ruegsegger
David Simson
Christopher Turner
Ally Veneris

Senior Nominees:

Charla Agnoletti
Sara Castellanos
Rachel Coughlin
Douglas Finn
Allison Heller
Monica Kumar
Jason Lundberg
Mary Jean O'Malley
Kyle Reppert
Kim Roesch
Scott Schwartz
Daliah Singer

Student Organization Nominees:

National Residence Hall Honorary
Sustainability Committee of AUSA Senate

Student Organization Advisor Nominees:

Christy Cerrone, DU Environmental Team
Dr. Elizabeth Stapp, ZBT Academic Advisor

***The Award Winners for Outstanding and Distinguished Students,
Student Organizations and Student Organization Advisors will be
announced at the ceremony.***

Pioneer Awards

The year was 1926 and the Parsons of the Colorado Seminary became the Pioneers of the University of Denver.

That same year the Kynewisbok began one of the University's most lasting traditions- the naming of "The Pioneers" - individuals whose dedication to our University and its students is beyond measure.

This year's Pioneer Award nominations came from all over campus.

The 10 students, 1 staff member, and 1 student organization selected by the committee represent the University's finest. While their personal goals and ideals differ, they are bound by their visions of a better DU. Their work toward that goal does not make them unique, but rather the creativity, passion, and spirit with which they pursue this vision does. Each of these people and organizations have made a difference.

The 1930 Kynewisbok urged its winners, "Go forth: great battles are yet to be won." We urge the same.

The battles they have fought at DU may seem small in comparison to the battles of life.

The fight our Pioneers have given show us what is best in ourselves.

We salute their bold imagination, their fiery determination, their collective sense of compassion, and most of all, their Pioneer Spirit.

**Staff Pioneer Award
Student Organization Pioneer Award
Student Pioneer Awards**

Thank you for being here to help celebrate the extraordinary achievements of DU students, faculty, and staff. In addition, thank you to all of the family members who are here today to support our students.

We would also like to offer a special thank you to the Outstanding Student Selection Committee and all of the departments that have been a part of this ceremony. It is truly the work that you do that makes DU such a special community.