ASU Hugh Downs School of Human Communication
Arizona State University

2026

Awards & Recognition

Tuesday, April 14th
3-5 P.M.

Carson Ballroom
Old Main, Tempe Campus

Awards and Recognition Ceremony

Tuesday, April 14, 2026| 3:00-5:00 PM

Old Main, Carson Ballroom

The art of communication is the language of leadership." – James Humes

Welcome from Interim Director — Laura Guerrero

Undergraduate Student Awards — Joris Van Ouytsel

Hugh Downs School of Human Communication
Scholars Program Scholarship
Recipients: **Yeongju Hong & Chau-Giang Nguyen**

William and Teeny Drakos Endowed Scholarship
Recipient: **Natalie VanderWeele**

Alexander and Vivian Gentleman Endowed Scholarship
Recipient: **Alexa Plaza**

Louis and Louise Menk Endowed Scholarship
Recipient: **Carter J. Taylor**

Rusty and Rosie Lyon Endowed Scholarship
Recipient: **Alecea Loke Wen Qi**

House of Broadcasting, Inc. Endowed Scholarship
Recipient: **Susan Thomas**

Barnes Scholarship Endowment in Communication
Recipient: **Jenah Valin**

Belle A. Edson Study Abroad Scholarship
Recipient: **Rayne Duncan**

Jennifer G. Kaplan Endowment Scholarship — Bradley Adame
Recipient: **Marlene Casas Estrella**

Norman K. Perrill Scholarship Endowment for
The Hugh Downs School of Human Communication
Recipient: **Angelika Minoli**

Robert & Sue Karatz Forensics Endowed Scholarship — Adam Symonds
Recipient: **Jacob Graber Sadote**

Doctoral Student Awards — Jonathan Pettigrew

Daniel C. Brouwer Scholarship Award for Mentoring Excellence
Recipient: **Ebuka Okoli**

Linda Costigan Lederman Scholarship
Recipient: **Shelby Singh**

Christine Duff Muldoon Communication Scholarship
Recipient: **Faizat Oladunni Asifat**

Outstanding Doctoral Student Research & Creative Activities Award
Recipient: **Kaylee Mulholland**

Outstanding Doctoral Student Teaching Award
Recipient: **Paige Von Feldt**

Outstanding Doctoral Student Service Award
Recipient: **Liming Liu**

Herberger Fellowship in Communication — Alaina Zanin, Liesel Sharabi
Recipients: **Rezaul Karim & Shelby Singh**

Judith N. Martin Intercultural Communication Scholarship — Tomide Oloruntobi
Recipients: **Rezaul Karim & Henrietta Otoo**

Performance Studies Awards — Andrea Gunoe

Kristin Bervig Valentine Scholarship — Serap Erincin
Recipients: **Estelle Krause & Lesli Figueroa Sanchez**

Dessie E. Larsen Graduate Fellowship
Recipients: **Mary Joseph & Mehek Kaur Dhillon**

Instructor Excellence Awards — Raena Quinlivan

Outstanding Instructor Teaching & Service to Students
Recipient: **Maria Cordischi**

Outstanding Instructor Mentorship & Service to Colleagues
Recipient: **Brianna Avalos**

CGSA Awards — Sam Nguyen

CGSA Graduate Student Service Award
Recipients: **Stephany Rojas Hidalgo & Carissa Encinas**

CGSA Faculty Recognition Award
Recipient: **Jenna Hanchey**

Honoring our Distinguished Alumni — Bradley Adame

Kathleen Duffy, ’81, President/Founder, CEO Duffy Group Inc.
Lauren Fisher, '15, Vice President, Next Level Steel
Rick Hurley, '07, CEO Owner/Managing Partner, Heirloom Wealth Management
Jennifer Kaplan, ’96, CEO Founder, Evolve Public Relations & Marketing
Jamie LeVine, ’01, CCO, Steve LeVine Entertainment & Public Relations
Margaret Lloyd, '78, Senior Vice-President, Plaza Companies
Jodi Low, ’94, CEO/Founder, U & Improved
Colleen Neese, '97, Vice-President of Development, Duffy Group, Inc.
Mike Noble, '07, CEO/Founder, Noble Predictive Insights
Aimee Runyon, ’93, CEO, Delivering Dreams of Arizona
Emily Soccorsy, ’99, Owner, Root + River
Christina Spicer, '03, Co-CEO, Girl Scouts-Arizona Cactus-Pine Council
Bryan White, '97, COO, DMD Systems Recovery LLC
Jessica Whitney, ’04, Senior Vice President Development, Arizona Science Center
Teresa Ybarra, ’16, People Operations & Culture, Duffy Group, Inc

Outstanding Alum of the Year Award
Recipient: **Neil Giuliano**

ASU Service Awards — Laura Guerrero

5 Years: Randall Duren, Megan Towles, Liesel Sharabi, Darius Newhall, Joris Van Ouytsel
10 Years: Jonathan Pettigrew, Ashley Gimbal
15 Years: Alexis Valianos, Raena Quinlivan
25 Years: Sarah Tracy, Barbara DeDecker
35 Years: Debbie Daly