

The College of Fine Arts

Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, April 30th, 2025 at 7 p.m.
UTRGV Performing Arts Complex
1201 West University Drive, Edinburg, TX 78504

Program

The UTRGV College of Fine Arts Awards Ceremony

Welcome – Jeffrey Ward, Dean, College of Fine Arts

Global Citizen Scholarship and Dr. Donald E. Fritz Study Abroad Memorial Scholarship

Krista Jobson, Associate Dean for Student Success, College of Fine Arts

**Caravaggio and Optics and Introduction to Art Restoration
Study Abroad in Florence Santa Maria Tiberina, and Vatican City, Italy
(Elena Macias, Faculty Sponsor)**

Angela Martinez

Valeria Solis

**Writing in Paris: A Movable Feast - Study Abroad in France, Paris
(Britt Haraway, Faculty Sponsor)**

Caroline De La Garza

**International Lyric Academy in Venice and Vicenza in Italy
(Wendell Davis, Faculty Sponsor)**

Elijah Adame

**Music Across the Pond in Oxford, England
(David Sadlier, Faculty Sponsor)**

Michael Banda

Gabriel Banda

**International Trombone Festival in London, Ontario, Canada
(Pedro Martinez, Faculty Sponsor)**

Jhon Escobar
Nathan Limas
Daniel Lozano

Barnabe Martinez
Julian Montalvo
Alejandro Salinas

Jesua Tejeda
Ryan Vogel
Efren Zapata

**2025 International Tuba/Euphonium Conference in Valencia, Spain
(Scott Roeder, Faculty Sponsor)**

Jorge Ayala
Jose Castillo
Jose Coronado
Victor Cruz
Sam de Leon
Diego Garcia

Alejandro Garza
Raphael Gonzalez
Jordi Guerra
Albert Gutierrez
Noah Jaramillo
Azdruball Montemayor

Gilbert Moya
Alessandro Pena
Pablo Salinas
Steven Vallejo
Jaime Zamarripa

**2025 National Festival of Arts, Antigua, Guatemala
(Norman Gamboa, Faculty Sponsor)**

Melanie Cantu
Cristian Contreras
Isaac Escalon
Sebastian Garcia-Loredo
Jairo Garza
Astrid Herrera
Angela Llanes

Leah Loera
Maximiliano Lopez
Katia Luna
Alvaro Martinez
Clarissa Martinez
Jacob Martinez

Marisol Mejia
Ramiro Raya
Judith Recio
Valeria Ruiz
Jose Salinas
Daniel Santiago
Isaac Vargas

**Design Thinking in Sustainable Science—Study Abroad in
Seoul, South Korea
(Clara Choir, Faculty Sponsor)**

Miguel Medina

Nathaly Rodriguez

**Vivez le français! Beginner and Advanced French—Study Abroad in
Paris France
(Irina Armianu, Faculty Sponsor)**

Anayancy Salinas

Student Research Travel Scholarship

Dan Hunter-Holly, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, College of Fine Arts

**Texas Art Education Association Conference in Galveston, Texas
(Lilia Cabrera, Faculty Sponsor)**

Asayne Maltos

**Society for Photographic Education Annual Conference in
Reno, Nevada
(DM Witman, Faculty Sponsor)**

Dulce Perez

**Association of Writers and Writing Programs (AWP)
2025 Conference in Los Angeles, California
(Britt Haraway and Emmy Perez, Faculty Sponsor)**

Jessi Farfan

Nathan Phillip

**3rd Annual Midwest Poetry Mash-Up Competition in
Minneapolis, Minnesota
(Emmy Perez, Faculty Sponsor)**

Krista Olivarez

**2025 Palette Project Workshop in Scottsdale, Arizona
(Gina Palacios, Faculty Sponsor)**

Erika Lino

April Prado

Jonathan Ramirez

**National Council on Education for the Ceramics Arts (NCECA) in
Salt Lake City, Utah
(Japheth Asiedu-Kwarteng, Faculty Sponsor)**

Mikaela Martinez

**Mid-South Horn Workshop 2025 at Arkansas State University,
Jonesboro, Arkansas
(Monica Martinez, Faculty Sponsor)**

Rodrigo Barrera
Roberto Bautista
Jonah Cantu

Alonzo Cavazos
Brittany Cruz
Johan Espinoza

Luis Flores
Josue Juarez
Isaac Salinas

**2025 National Trumpet Competition in Fort Worth, Texas
(Alexander Sanso, Faculty Sponsor)**

Fabiola Ahuja
Victor Fortuna Solis

Jacob Morales
Ryan Mowers

Christian Ramirez
Luis Sebastian Paz
Daniel Vela

**National Organization for Arts in Health in Houston, Texas
(Lilia Cabrera, Faculty Sponsor)**

Zachary Arellano

**Austin Zine Friends at The Future Front House
(Lilia Cabrera, Faculty Sponsor)**

Devin Garza

**American College Dance Association (ACDA) National Conference in
Washington, DC
(Miguel Peña, Faculty Sponsor)**

Ezra Alcocer
Jessica Desiderio
Itzel Garcia
Manuel Lopez
Beny Lopez

Angela Y. Marentes
Mellanie Olivarez
Joseph Padron
Emmanuel Peralez

Alexander Pesqueira
Cesar Rios
Carolina Rodriguez
Juan Jaiver Salinas
Ramiro Silva

Berkshire Choral International, Amherst, Massachusetts
(Sean Taylor, Faculty Sponsor)

Alejandro Garcia
Gael Sebastian Gonzalez

Ivan Melendez
Gael Ulyses Valdez

Undergraduate Graduate Research Grant

Mark Ramirez, Associate Dean for Research and Outreach, College of Fine Arts

A Microbial Requiem
(DM Witman, Faculty Mentor)

Eduardo Escamilla

Sustainability in Art: Exploring Ash Glazes through Waste Materials
(Japheth Asiedu-Kwarteng, Faculty Mentor)

Cinthya Delgado

Sustainable Structure: Transforming the Invasive:
Utilizing Carrizo
(Tim Gonchoroff, Faculty Mentor)

Emma Creps

Sustainable Sculpture and Research: Harvesting natural materials and
developing tools for weaving
(Marcus Farris, Faculty Mentor)

Kendra Dominique Delgado

Clay of the Rio Grande: Exploring Natural Material
(Japheth Asiedu-Kwarteng, Faculty Mentor)

Andres Rangel

Uncharted Territory
(Donald Lyles, Faculty Mentor)

Juan Jose Delgado

Presser Scholar Award

Mark Ramirez, Associate Dean for Research and Outreach, College of Fine Arts

Victor Cruz

Advancement of Research and Creative (ARC) Works
Collaborative Fellowship

Mark Ramirez, Associate Dean for Research and Outreach, College of Fine Arts

Adam Boggs
Rebecca Cole
Francis Favis
Rebeca Gamborino

Marco Guerra
Elizabeth McCormack-Whittemore
Jason Mitchell

Kriti Vashisht
Minzhi Ye
Alex Zuo

Excellence Awards

Mark Ramirez, Associate Dean for Research and Outreach, College of Fine Arts

Excellence in Teaching Award:

Brenton Hamilton, Lecturer II, School of Art and Design

Excellence in Research/Scholarship/Creative Work Award:

Scott Roeder, Professor, School of Music

Nominees

Timothy Gonchoroff, Assistant Professor, School of Art and Design

Norman Gamboa, Assistant Professor, School of Music

Emerging Scholar Award:

**Timothy Gonchoroff, Assistant Professor,
School of Art and Design**

Excellence in CFA Distinguished Career Award

Eric Wiley, Professor, Theatre Department

Nominee

Art Brownlow, Professor, School of Music

Alumnus Merit Award

Alumnus Merit Award: David Mesquitic (BM '15)

Dean's Partner Award

Jeffrey Ward, Dean, College of Fine Arts

Revival of Cultural Arts

Closing – Jeffrey Ward, Dean, College of Fine Arts

The students and faculty of the College of Fine Arts are strongly supported by a dedicated group of staff.

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