

University of New Hampshire at Manchester

# 2020 Honors Convocation

**Tuesday, May 12**



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## 2020 Honors Convocation Program

This year's Honors Convocation ceremony is a digital event. Remarks by the following participants have been pre-recorded with time stamps so the audience may choose to view individual speeches.

**Welcoming Remarks** Mr. Mike Decelle, Dean  
Dr. Wayne Jones, Jr., Provost  
& Vice President for Academic Affairs

**Faculty Address** Dr. Nicholas Mian, *2020 Excellence in Teaching Award Recipient*

**Student Address** Ms. Rachel Avery

### UNH Manchester Program Awards

**ASL/English Interpreting** Professor Laurie Shaffer

**Analytics and Data Science** Dr. Jeremiah Johnson

**Biology** Dr. Kyle MacLea

**Biology Program Book Award** Dr. Samantha Reynolds

**Biotechnology** Dr. Kristen Johnson

**Biotechnology Program Book Award** Dr. Kyle MacLea

**Business** Dr. Kelly Kilcrease

**Communication Arts** Dr. Barbara Jago

**Computing Technology** Dr. Michael Jonas

**Engineering Technology** Professor Christopher LeBlanc

**History/Program Book Awards** Professor Kristen Woytonik

**Homeland Security/Program Book Award** Dr. James Ramsay

**Humanities** Dr. Susanne Paterson

**Literary Arts & Studies/Program Book Award** Dr. Susanne Paterson

**Neuropsychology** Dr. John Sparrow

**Public Service & Nonprofit Leadership/** Dr. Stephen Pimpare

**Politics & Society**

**Psychology** Dr. Daniel Seichepine

**Master Tutor Awards** Ms. Kimberly Donovan

**Recognition of Phi Beta Kappa Inductees** Associate Professor Carolyn Gamtso

**Recognition of Alpha Epsilon Delta,  
Beta Beta Beta (TriBeta), and SALUTE Inductees** Mr. Mike Decelle

**Closing Remarks** Mr. Mike Decelle

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## Presidential Scholars

Rachel Avery	Chantal Jennings	Colleen O'Connor	Kaitlyn Squibb
Kevin Booth	Danielle Johnson	Brandon Peterson	Connor Tess
Logan Frye	Christine LaPierre	Naina Khadgi Prasai	Ashley Velazco
Sabra George	Timothy McDaniel	Anup Prasai	Katrina Wells
Angelina Gillispie	Meriah Metzger	Milto Simoes Junior	Ryan Zukowski

## University Scholars

Madison Allen	Abigail Dolan	Justin Kroh	Robert Patnaude
Glenn Bach	Jonathan Dolan	Jocelyn Kundzicz	Sarah Picard
Jacob Blomquist	Joshua Ebert	Kate Lu	Mackenzie Pierce
Tina Byrd	Heather Finnigan	Monica Lukitsch	Nicole Reed
Vanessa Cleary	Gregory Haefe	Victoria Lunetta	Annmarie Sanantonio
Donald Combs	Elizabeth Hall	Mekalia Mason-Rollins	Cecilia Stariknok
Dillion Cote	Michael Hazen	Spencer Mears	Sarah Starry
Christopher Croze	John Heimann	Tina Minard	Alexander Tenczar
Alexander Desmarais	Selma Hodzic	Michael Murray	Hannah Tower
Kristyna DiBona	Kaylie Knowlton	Sabrina Oliveira	Cyan Vazquez-Cordero
Jacob DiGiovanni	Durga Koirala	Ava Parr	Ting-Yi Yang

## Honors Convocation Criteria

*University Scholars and Presidential Scholars must be currently enrolled and matriculated. They must also meet the following requirements:*

### Presidential Scholars

1. Must have earned 100 credits by February 15, 2020, of which at least 64 are UNH graded credits. These 64 credits may include credits for which the student is currently enrolled.
2. A cumulative UNH GPA of 3.85-4.0.

### University Scholars Baccalaureate Degree Candidates

1. Must have earned 100 credits by February 15, 2020, of which at least 64 are UNH graded credits.

These 64 credits may include credits for which the student is currently enrolled.

2. A cumulative UNH GPA of 3.5-3.84.

### University Scholars Associate Degree Candidates

1. Must have earned 32 credits by February 15, 2020, of which at least 12 are UNH graded credits. These 12 credits may include credits for which the student is currently enrolled.
2. A cumulative UNH GPA of 3.5-4.0.

## Program Awards

ASL/English Interpreting	Jocelyn Kundzicz
Analytics and Data Science	Michael Murray
Biology	Kate Lu
Biotechnology	Ethan Ferraiuolo
Business	Noor-Aldean Deek
Communication Arts	Daniel Maas
Computer Information Systems	Kevin Booth
Computer Science	Nicholas Noaba
Engineering Technology	Thomas Kelly
History	Danielle Johnson
Homeland Security	Ethan Faxon
Humanities	Doreen Ford
Literary Arts & Studies	Ashley Velazco
Neuropsychology	Ava Parr
Politics & Society	Meriah Metzger
Psychology	Vanessa Cleary

### **Biology Program Book Award**

Kristina Shalygina

### **Biotechnology Program Book Award**

Anya Kurtenbach

### **History Program Book Awards**

Rachel Avery

Brian Lundgren

### **Homeland Security Book Award**

Marie Rouleau

### **Literary Arts & Studies Robert Michael Pugh Book Award**

Angelina Gillispie

### **Master Tutor Awards**

Angelina Gillispie

Jocelyn Kundzicz

Sarah Picard

Kristina Shalygina

Vishnu Soni

### **Phi Beta Kappa Inductees**

Dagny Hedberg

Selma Hodzic

Christine LaPierre

Melissa Mullen

Sydney Rollins

### **Alpha Epsilon Delta Inductee**

Natalie Parker

### **Beta Beta Beta (TriBeta) Inductees**

Simren Kaur Bhogal

Katelyn Blue

Desiree Faria

Ethan Ferraiuolo

Makayla Lembo

D. Raymond Miller

Brianna Turner

Sadie Vezina

Heather Wienzek

Alysse Winkelmann

### **SALUTE Inductees**

Jeremy Clague

Andrew Greeley

Cayla PerkinsGoodrie

### **Undergraduate Research Conference Awards**

#### **Communication Arts**

Elizabeth Langfeld

Robby Skaff

*Honorable Mentions*

Cameron Schuyler

Michael Hession and Logan Frye

### **Winter Symposium Awards**

Armina Cikaric

Jeremy Clague

# UNH Manchester Awards

**The ASL/English Interpreting Program Award** is presented to an ASL/English Interpreting student with at least junior standing and a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 for outstanding achievement within the major and service to UNH Manchester, the Deaf community, and/or the interpreting profession.

**The Analytics and Data Science Program Award** is presented to a qualifying junior or senior majoring in Analytics and Data Science who is an active participant in the learning process and consistently demonstrates overall academic excellence.

**The Biology Program Award** is presented to a Biology student to recognize academic achievement and the potential for making significant contributions in Biology.

**The Biology Program Book Award** is presented to a Biology major for outstanding achievements in Biology.

**The Biotechnology Program Award** is presented to a Biotechnology student to recognize overall academic achievement with a focus on practical skills, and the potential for making significant contributions to one of the newest and fastest-growing scientific fields. Usually awarded to seniors.

**The Biotechnology Program Book Award** is presented to a Biotechnology major for outstanding achievements in Biotechnology.

**The Michael S. Brennan Award for Character, Perseverance, and Academic Excellence in Business** is granted to UNH Manchester Business students who achieve outstanding performance and demonstrate academic excellence while exhibiting the highest levels of character, perseverance, and dedication in striving toward their goals. This award is presented in the memory and honor of Michael S. Brennan, whose spirit, determination, and attitude serve to inspire us all.

**The Communication Arts Award** is presented to a senior Communication Arts major who has achieved a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 and who intends to pursue graduate study.

**The Karla Vogel Award for Excellence in Computing** is presented to the student who has demonstrated consistent achievement in a computing major and overall academic excellence.

**The Engineering Technology Outstanding**

**Achievement Award** is presented to the graduating senior with the highest cumulative grade point average in the Engineering Technology major.

**The Excellence in History Award** is presented to the graduating senior with the highest record of academic achievement within the UNH Manchester History program.

**The History Program Book Awards** are presented to two junior/senior History majors for outstanding achievement in History.

**The Excellence in Homeland Security Program Award** is given to qualified juniors or seniors majoring in Homeland Security who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, professionalism, integrity and character and who demonstrate potential to make significant contributions to homeland or national security.

**The Homeland Security Program Book Award** is presented to a Homeland Security major for outstanding achievements in Homeland Security.

**The Terry Savage Award for Excellence in Humanities** is presented to the senior Humanities major who has demonstrated the highest level of overall academic excellence.

**The Literary Arts and Studies Program Award** is presented by the LAS faculty to the student who has demonstrated consistent excellence in his or her Literary Arts and Studies course work at the College.

**The Robert Michael Pugh Book Award** is named in honor of Dr. R. Michael Pugh and presented to a Literary Arts and Studies student for outstanding achievement in the major.

**The Neuropsychology Award** is given to a junior or senior who demonstrates passion for the neurosciences through either creative or scholarly accomplishments and has achieved outstanding grades within the major.

**The Public Service and Nonprofit Leadership/Politics and Society Award** is presented to a student who has demonstrated academic excellence in the major.

**The Gary S. Goldstein Psychology Award** is named in honor of Dr. Gary Goldstein (Professor of Psychology, 1987–2015) and is presented to a senior who exhibits active engagement in the classroom, exemplary

performance in Psychology courses, as well as superior overall academic achievement.

**The Master Tutor Award** is presented to those peer tutors who, as members of the Association of the Tutoring Profession, have completed thirty hours of general and discipline-specific tutor training and seventy-five hours of tutoring. These peer tutors demonstrate a high level of expertise in the areas in which they tutor and as facilitators of learning.

**Phi Beta Kappa** has celebrated excellence in the liberal arts and sciences and championed freedom of thought since its founding in 1776. As America's most prestigious academic honor society, it is uniquely equipped to advocate for the value and benefits of liberal arts and sciences education.

**Alpha Epsilon Delta** is the National Health Professional Honor Society dedicated to the encouragement and recognition of excellence in pre-professional health scholarship, including medicine, dentistry, veterinary, and others. AED offers opportunities for intellectual and professional development, provides a forum for students with common interests, and extends a program of service to benefit the college/university community.

**Beta Beta Beta (TriBeta)** is an honor society founded in 1922 for students, particularly undergraduates, dedicated to improving the understanding and appreciation of biological study and extending boundaries of human knowledge through scientific research.

**SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society** is the first national academic honor society established for student veterans, and active military, in 2-year and 4-year institutions of higher education. Another unique element of SALUTE includes a 4-tier system, which is designed to encourage undergraduate student veterans to strive to improve their GPAs and advance to higher tier levels (and scholarship brackets) in the honor society during their academic careers.

**The Undergraduate Research Conference (URC) Awards** and the **Winter Symposium Awards** are presented to students with outstanding undergraduate research, scholarship, civic engagement, creative expression, or applied projects presented during the University's annual conferences.