



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**SOUTHERN**  
**MISSISSIPPI**



# AWARDS DAY CEREMONY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022

NORTH ACADEMIC BUILDING LAWN  
LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI

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## AWARDS DAY CEREMONY

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### WELCOME

Rodney D. Bennett, *President of the University*

### PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Shannon Campbell, *Senior Associate Vice President for Coastal Operations*

Jacob Breland, *Interim Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs  
for Coastal Operations*

### FACULTY AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

2021-22 Gulf Coast Faculty Council President  
Butch Oustalet Distinguished Professorship Awards

### STAFF AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Staff Excellence Awards

### STUDENTS' CHOICE AWARD

### COMMUNITY PARTNER RECOGNITION

Friendship Oak Award

### STUDENT AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Student Excellence Awards  
Student Employee of the Year  
Graduate Assistant of the Year  
Outstanding Student Organization  
Student Government Association Recognition  
Southern Connections Leadership Team Recognition

### COLLEGE AWARDS

### CLOSING

Jacob Breland

*Please join us for a reception following the ceremony.*

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## FACULTY AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

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### 2021-22 GULF COAST FACULTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dr. David Holt

### BUTCH OUSTALET DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP SERVICE AWARD

Dr. Kristina Mojica

### BUTCH OUSTALET DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP TEACHING AWARD

Dr. Mary Funk

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## STAFF AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

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### STAFF EXCELLENCE AWARD

Heather Richey

Beth Robertson

Amanda Seymour

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## STUDENTS' CHOICE AWARD

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Jessica Langston

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## COMMUNITY PARTNER RECOGNITION

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### FRIENDSHIP OAK AWARD

Tom King

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## STUDENT AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

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### STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP

Hannah McDuffie

### STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR SERVICE

Abigayle LaBorde

### BLACK AND GOLD STUDENT AWARD

Veronica Sigcho

### STUDENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Ka'Lon Duncanson

### GRADUATE ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR

Anna Millender

### OUTSTANDING STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Fins and Flippers

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION RECOGNITION

*Outgoing Executive Members*

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Daniella Ramirez Alvarado | Devan Hildebrand |
| Ka'Lon Duncanson          | Hannah McDuffie  |
| Jayce Pearcey             |                  |

### SOUTHERN CONNECTIONS LEADERSHIP TEAM RECOGNITION

*Outgoing Members*

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| Demetria Askew    | Abigayle LaBorde  |
| Queliah Conway    | Trinity Lewis     |
| Ka'Lon Duncanson  | Charlene Nathan   |
| Jamille Hartfield | Tiffany Rancatore |
| Kimberly Richmond |                   |

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## COLLEGE AWARDS

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### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, COASTAL OPERATIONS

#### SCHOOL OF COASTAL RESILIENCE

#### SCHOOL OF OCEAN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

##### OUTSTANDING JUNIOR

Devan Hildebrand

##### OUTSTANDING SENIORS

Robyn Cuthbert

Ashley Vanderkooy

##### OUTSTANDING POLITICAL SCIENCE

##### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

Abbey Matthews

##### OUTSTANDING POLITICAL SCIENCE MASTER'S STUDENT

Kedra Brown

##### OUTSTANDING MASTER OF SCIENCE STUDENTS

April Hugl

Olaoluwa Oderinde

##### OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL STUDENT

Sara Marriott

##### OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

##### DOCTORAL STUDENT

April Broome

##### THE JOHN E. WALLACE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING HISTORY MAJOR

Katelyn Taylor

**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COASTAL OPERATIONS**

**SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP**

**OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTING STUDENT**

Charles Bryant

**OUTSTANDING APPLIED TECHNOLOGY STUDENT**

Jefferson Reid

**OUTSTANDING BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION STUDENT**

Jadelynn Yocum

**OUTSTANDING INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY STUDENT**

Jessica Clasper

**OUTSTANDING MANAGEMENT STUDENT**

William Gieger

**OUTSTANDING MARKETING STUDENT**

Elizabeth Stieffel

**OUTSTANDING LOGISTICS, TRADE AND  
TRANSPORTATION MASTER'S STUDENT**

Jimmy Ballinger

**OUTSTANDING HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT MASTER'S STUDENT**

Steven Winters

**OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL STUDENT**

David Akanbi

**DRS. JACK AND PATTI PHILLIPS  
HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT ANALYTICS AWARD**

Elnora Lewis

**DR. CYNDI GAUDET WORK HARD, HAVE FUN,  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARD**

Brian Sajdak

**DR. POWE LEARNING LEADER AWARD**

Greg Sansone



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