

What's New in the DFCLC?

College of Arts and Sciences Recognition Award Recipients



Associate Professor of Spanish and Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Glob Education Ana María Rodríguez-Vivaldi was awarded the 2017 College of Arts Sciences Outstanding Achievement in International Activities Award.



Russian Instructor Elena Smith was awarded the 2017 College of Arts and Sciences Excellence in Teaching by an Instructor Award.



Academic Program Manager and Advisor Laurie Heustis was awarded the 2017 College of Arts and Sciences Excellence in Undergraduate Advising Award.

"I am so honored to receive this award! It is my joy to assist students in their academic progress, and we have so many amazing degree options in the



Department of Foreign Languages and Cultures.” – [Laurie Heustis](#)



[Erika Gallegos](#) was awarded the 2017 College of Arts and Sciences [Master's Student Achievement Award in the Humanities](#).

“When I first came to the United States my heart was brimming with a sense of adventure and excitement. Not long after that I decided this was the country I wanted to build a future in.

“The process of completing a masters degree for me has been a great experier and I believe that having highly educated and passionate professors has a lot to do with it. I can't tha them enough!

“Receiving this award is an honor for me and my family. I will always see it as a result of hard work but also as symbol of my passion and desire for giving back to society.” –[Erika Gallegos](#)

Congratulations, Ana Maria, Elena, Laurie, and Erika!

2017–2018 Outstanding Seniors

Chinese: Trudy Boothman

French: Kayla Schwoch

German: Connor McCaw

Japanese: Samuel Borom

Spanish: Elizabeth Medina

Overall Outstanding Senior: [Elizabeth Medina](#)

2018–2018 Graduates with Honors

Alexis Alman

Samuel Borom

Kiera Burnett

Anna Cole

Sydney Elliot

Travis Fish

Ashley Huynh

Connor McCaw

Emily Page

Maddie Roberts

Consuelo Vega

Kristen Westmoreland

2017–2018 Bachelor of Arts Degree Recipients

Celia Baldera
Jennifer Barajas
Miranda Bukantz
Nohely Campos
Eduardo Castaneda
David Castellanos
Jenwick Chiu
Savannah Compton
Bryce Deveaux
Keishin Ebata
Dani Gonzalez
Zach Johnson
Bernice Klise
Jennifer Lopez
Elizabeth Medina
Brieseida Mendoza
Gabriela Olivas

Miguel Ortiz
Laura Peder
Mariano Perez
Karla Rabadan
Abbi Robocker
Gamaliel Rodriguez
Raul Rodriguez
Leslie Roman
Allison Ruster
Christina Sagrelius
Emma Schneider
Kayla Schwoch
Kevin Simeon
Andrew Stephenson
Alexandra Synodis–Butler
Rebeca Sainz
Daniel Vossler

Master of Arts in Spanish Degree Recipients

Erika Gallegos
John Ibanez
Kayley Mavridis

Congratulations, Grads!

It gives me great pleasure to be able to extend congratulations to each and every one of you as you close this chapter of your lives. From everyone here in the Department of Foreign Languages and Cultures at WSU, we wish you the best. Good luck and continued success in your coming adventures!

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Chair, Department of Foreign Languages and Cultures

