

# HONORS CONVOCATION

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## 2024 RECIPIENTS

### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS

**August Stone**, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

**Mackenzie Chin**, College of Business

**Daylenis Mendez**, College of Education

**Shannon Egger**, College of Engineering and Computer Science

**Gavin Dunsby**, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

**Janai Llerena**, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing

**Gustavo Mundin**, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

**Alejandro Rodriguez**, College of Social Work and Criminal Justice

### DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD

**Makenna Simpson**, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing

### UNIVERSITY CLUB MERIT AWARD

**Emma Solorzano**, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

### STAN AND RENEE WIMBERLY SCHOLAR

**Katie Poquette**, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

### HERSKER, SHAW, GOSSER HONOR SOCIETY OF PHI KAPPA PHI SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

**Eden Adera**, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

### UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHERS OF THE YEAR

**August Stone**, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

**Emily Siegelman**, College of Business, Allen E. Smith Awardee

**Alexis Crowder**, College of Education

**Ayush Gowda**, College of Engineering and Computer Science

**Camila Rimoldi Ibanez**, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

**Adrianna Tran**, Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine

**Asia Starling**, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing

**Joseph Swaress**, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

**Colette Content**, College of Social Work and Criminal Justice

### FRATERNITY AND SORORITY SCHOLARS

**Srihith Narahari**, Pi Kappa Alpha

**Emma Solórzano**, Alpha Delta Pi

### STUDENT-ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

**Courtney Moon**, Beach Volleyball

**Federico Maranges**, Football

### ALUMNI DEGREE OF DIFFERENCE AWARD

**Allan Barsky**, College of Social Work and Criminal Justice

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### RESEARCHERS OF THE YEAR

**Xingquan (Hill) Zhu**, Professor, College of Engineering and Computer Science  
**Yufei Tang**, Associate Professor, College of Engineering and Computer Science  
**Siddhartha Verma**, Assistant Professor, College of Engineering and Computer Science

### SCHOLARS OF THE YEAR

**Brett Laursen**, Professor, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science  
**Myeongsub (Mike) Kim**, Associate Professor, College of Engineering and Computer Science  
**Neeraj Puro**, Assistant Professor, College of Business

### FAU ONLINE FACULTY AWARD

**Korey Sorge**, Scientist, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

### EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION IN UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

**Kristin Ann Shockley**, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters  
**Tito Sempertegui**, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science  
**Donna Marion**, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science  
**Terje Hill**, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

### EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION IN UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING

**Ana-Alicia Cappa**, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters  
**Joseph Jutan**, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters  
**Michaela Smolka**, College of Business

### UNIVERSITY FACULTY SERVICE AWARD

**Wendy Hinshaw**, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters  
*\*To be presented at the ANNUAL EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS CEREMONY on April 23*

### DISTINGUISHED MENTOR OF THE YEAR IN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

**Mahyar Nouri-Shirazi**, Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine

### FINALISTS FOR THE DISTINGUISHED MENTOR OF THE YEAR IN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

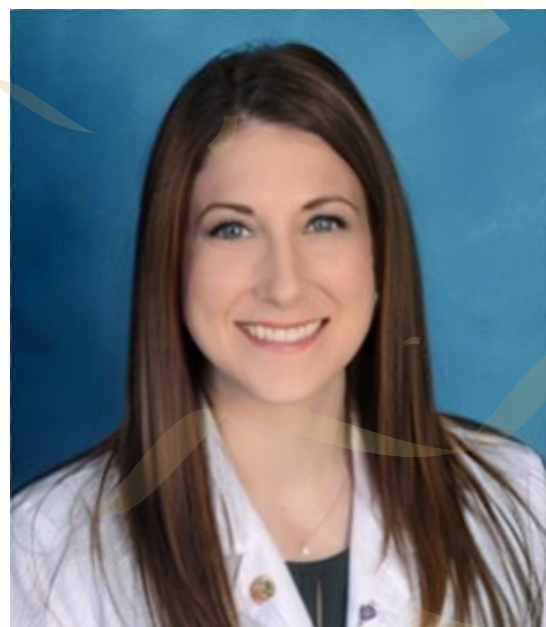
**Jean Martin Caldieron**, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters  
**Anna Agapova**, College of Business  
**Maria Vasquez-Colina**, College of Education  
**Mehrdad Nojournian**, College of Engineering and Computer Science  
**Lillian Onwuha-Expete**, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College  
**Michael R. Maniaci**, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science  
**Seth Fallik**, College of Social Work and Criminal Justice

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### 2024 DISTINGUISHED TEACHER OF THE YEAR



**Stacy Rubin, MD, FACP**  
Assistant Professor  
Schmidt College of Medicine

Stacy Rubin, MD, FACP, is the FAU College of Medicine's (FAUCOM) Director of the Foundations of Medicine Curriculum and an Associate Director of FAU's Office of Interprofessional Education and Practice. Dr. Rubin teaches primarily first- and second-year medical students, helping them translate what they learn in the classroom into patient care. Prior to coming to FAU, Dr. Rubin served as Associate Program Director for the University of Miami's Regional Internal Medicine Residency Program at Holy Cross Health (UM@HCH) for six years. At UM@HCH, Dr. Rubin also was the founding Program Director of the University of Miami's only Transitional Year Residency Program. Dr. Rubin has a passion for Academic General Internal Medicine and has special interests in women's health, teaching clinical and communication skills, simulation, promoting women in medicine, and advocating for persons identifying as underrepresented minorities, having lobbied with the American College of Physicians at the State and Federal levels. She is a graduate of the Society of General Internal Medicine's prestigious TEACH Scholars program and has served in various roles on the Florida Chapter of the American College of Physicians Governors' Advisory Board. Dr. Rubin was recently recognized as an FAUCOM Instructor of the Year for 2022-2023 and will be inducted into the Arnold P. Gold Humanism Honor Society in April. Dr. Rubin is also a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. Dr. Rubin is board-certified in Internal Medicine. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and her medical degree from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. She completed a residency and chief residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, where she received accolades for her education and teaching efforts.

### FINALISTS FOR THE DISTINGUISHED TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

**Karen Leader**, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

**Dennis Palkon**, College Business

**Kelly Emelianchik**, College of Education

**Fred Bloetscher**, College of Engineering and Computer Science

**Andia Chaves Fonnegra**, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

**Narcisco Quidley-Rodriguez**, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing

**Allan Barsky**, College of Social Work and Criminal Justice

**Nancy Jones**, Charles E. Schmidt College of Science