

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

STUDENT & FACULTY AWARD WINNERS SPRING 2026

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AWARDS

Outstanding Graduate Student

Em Bowen

Outstanding Senior

MacKenzie Frithsen

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Department of Disability and Psychoeducational Studies

Outstanding Senior, Rehabilitation Studies and Services

Ja'Von Watson

Outstanding Senior, Deaf Studies

Isabel Fechner

Outstanding Student Teacher, Mild to Moderate Disabilities

Gabriella Kostiew

Department of Disability and Psychoeducational Studies

Outstanding Senior, Leadership and Learning Innovation

Roarke Poggio

Outstanding Student Teacher, Elementary Education

Madeline Pabst

Outstanding Student Teacher, Elementary Education

Daniela Vasavilbaso

Outstanding Student Teacher, Elementary Education Co-Teaching Team

Lani Mayhew and Taylor Pacheco

Outstanding Student Teacher, Early Childhood Education

Jada Timmer

Outstanding Student Teacher, Teach Arizona

Brynn Tolzmann

Outstanding Student Teacher, Elementary Pathways to Teaching

Kendra Bray

Outstanding Student Teachers, Humanizing and Culturally Affirming Teaching

Allison Miller and Kris Piros

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LESTER & ROBERTA SMITH OUTSTANDING STUDENT TEACHER AWARDS

Kendra Bray
Taylor Pacheco
Gabriella Kostiew
Kris Piros
Lani Mayhew
Jada Timmer
Allison Miller
Brynn Tolzmann
Madeline Pabst
Daniela Vasavilbaso

FACULTY AWARDS

Maria Urquides Laureate

Maria Orozco, Assistant Professor of Practice
Department of Teaching, Learning and Sociocultural Studies

Outstanding Faculty in Teaching and Mentoring

Desirée Cueto, Associate Professor
Department of Teaching, Learning and Sociocultural Studies

Outstanding Faculty in Teaching and Mentoring

Desirée Vega, Professor
Department of Disability and Psychoeducational Studies