

VaughnCollege
of aeronautics and technology

Honors Convocation Ceremony

May 8, 2020



AWARDS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AWARD

This award is presented to the baccalaureate graduate with the highest overall cumulative grade point average who also has demonstrated a high level of service to the Vaughn community. Minimum grade point average for this award is 3.50.

FOUNDERS AWARDS

These awards are presented to graduates from each associate degree program who have attained the highest cumulative grade point average in their programs while demonstrating the professional and civic values that exemplify the mission of Vaughn College. Minimum grade point average for this award is 3.50.

CASEY S. JONES AWARDS

These awards are presented to graduates from each baccalaureate degree program who have attained the highest cumulative grade point average in their programs while demonstrating the professional and civic values that exemplify the mission of Vaughn College. Minimum grade point average for this award is 3.50.

PRESIDENTIAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award honors and recognizes students who have represented the College and enhanced external relationships with college partners while maintaining a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.5.

FIORIELLO LAGUARDIA AWARD

This award is presented to a graduate or graduates from the master of science degree program who have attained the highest cumulative grade point averages while demonstrating the professional and civic values that exemplify the mission of Vaughn College. Minimum grade point average for this award is 3.50.

ENGINEERING INNOVATION AWARD

This award is presented to a graduate who was an active participant in professional development or competition while at Vaughn College and who published or presented a paper on a new and innovative idea at a technical conference. This award seeks to honor students who have investigated innovative research projects in engineering.

ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

This award is presented to members of Vaughn's engineering-related clubs and teams for their activity in professional endeavors, community service, workshop development, and attending competitions.

BESSIE COLEMAN AWARD

This award is presented to an outstanding female graduate who has attained the highest cumulative grade point average while demonstrating the professional and civic values that exemplify the mission of Vaughn College. Minimum grade point average for this award is 3.50.

YEAGER AWARD

This award is presented to those students in the fast-track Air Traffic-Collegiate Training Initiative (AT-CTI) program who have attained outstanding academic achievement. It is named in honor of General Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager, who in 1947 became the first pilot to break the speed of sound.

MANAGEMENT EXCELLENCE AWARDS

This award is presented to students in the management program who are active in professional associations and have demonstrated competence in networking, facility tours, and the recruitment of guest speakers in the aviation field.

SERVICE AWARD

Certificates are presented to graduates, selected by the office of student affairs, for outstanding work in club activities and other special service to Vaughn College.

SENIOR ATHLETE AWARDS

These awards are given to Vaughn College senior student-athletes who have either completed their competitive eligibility, or will be graduating in 2020, and have contributed significantly to the success of their teams.

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD

Presented to the graduating student-athlete with the highest cumulative GPA (minimum of a 3.5 GPA) amongst all student-athletes while attending Vaughn College. Recipients must have played at least two years of varsity athletics.

HONOR CORDS

Graduates who have completed their degrees with academic honors are attired with gold cords. Students who have completed the Leadership Academy are recognized with burgundy cords.

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CORDS

Presented to graduates who have completed the ADC Leadership Academy program have had the opportunity to supplement their curricular knowledge with experiential teamwork and leadership initiatives.

VETERAN CORDS

Graduates who served our country in the military service will receive red, white, and blue cords to honor their service.

HONORS CONVOCATION CEREMONY

Welcome

Dr. Paul LaVergne
Vice President, Academic Affairs

Greetings from the President

Dr. Sharon B. DeVivo
President

Student Speaker

Ms. Sagufta Kapadia

MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Airport Management Program

Fiorello LaGuardia Award presented to Salvatore Pitino

Founders Award presented to Ndeye Fatou Ndao

Casey S. Jones Awards presented to Christian Pereda, Rosa Rega
and Michael Zaruma

Airline Management Program

Casey S. Jones Awards presented to Sven Meissner and Kailand Novak

Airport/Airline Management Program

Casey S. Jones Awards presented to Thomas Pepe and Bowie Tam

Management Excellence Award

Presented to Sven Messier, Thomas Pepe and Michael Zaruma

AVIATION DEPARTMENT

Aircraft Operations Program

Founders Award presented to Pete Richards

Casey S. Jones Awards presented to Yahya Alrobaie and Xylene DeCouteau

AVIATION DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

Aeronautical Science Program

Casey S. Jones Awards presented to Debra Cassidy and Sumayah Rafi

Aviation Maintenance Program

Founders Award presented to Alan Cookson

Aviation Maintenance Management Program

Casey S. Jones Awards presented to Mario Biondo and Fabian Martin

AVIATION TRAINING INSTITUTE

Associate in Occupational Studies Program

Founders Award presented to Benjamin Kellwick

ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Electrical Engineering Program

Casey S. Jones Award presented to Paramvir Singh

Electronic Engineering Technology Avionics Program

Founders Award presented to Jenfhy Diaz

Casey S. Jones Award presented to Wei Zhao

Electronic Engineering Technology General Electronics Program

Casey S. Jones Award presented to Jarek Martinez

Mechanical Engineering Technology, Aeronautical Option Program

Casey S. Jones Award presented to Abdalmonem Anwar

Mechanical Engineering Technology, Dual Aeronautical and Computer-Aided Design Program

Casey S. Jones Award presented to Luis Rosario

ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

Mechanical Engineering Program

Casey S. Jones Awards presented to Ariel Ferrera and Aderet Pantierer

Mechatronic Engineering Program

Casey S. Jones Awards presented to Sagufta Kapadia, Syed Misbahuddin and Atif Saeed

Engineering Innovation Award

Presented to Sagufta Kapadia, Syed Misbahuddin, Aderet Pantierer, and Atif Saeed

Engineering Excellence Award

Engineering Without Borders Student Chapter: Anil Parbhudial and Fatin Saumik

National Society of Black Engineers Student Chapter: Grace Davis and Omomhene Eimunjeze

Robotics Club: Jason Becker, Juan Aguirre Rodrigues, and Atif Saeed

Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers Student Chapter: Angel Calderon

Society of Women Engineers Student Chapter: Sagufta Kapadia and Aderet Pantierer

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Club: Peter Kalaitzidis, Sagufta Kapadia, Syed Misbahuddin, Aderet Pantierer, Shmuel Pantierer

The Board of Trustees Award

Presented to Atif Saeed

Dr. LaVergne

Bessie Coleman Award

Presented to Sagufta Kapadia

Yeager Awards

Presented to Christopher Burgos, Debra Cassidy, Keng Ion Lam, Christian Pereda and Rosa Rega

Service Awards

Presented to Debra Cassidy, O. Chloe Eimunjeze and James Gargano

*Ms. Kelli Smith,
Vice President
Student Affairs*

Presidential Excellence Awards

Presented to Xylene DeCoteau, Aderet Pantierer, Thomas Pepe and Atif Saeed

Senior Athlete Awards

Presented to Ahkeem Bailey, Debra Cassidy, Raphael Cordina, Patrick Silva Da Cruz, Grace Davis, Xylene DeCoteau, O. Chloe Eimunjeze, Jazmin Garcia, Shawn-Dee Griffiths, Joseph Lozado, Darnell Olivere, Michael Panico, Azzeddine Sekkat, Hassan Shehoon, Bowie Tam, Sebastian Valencia and Angela Wright

Scholar-Athlete Award

Presented to Xylene DeCoteau

Presentation of Honor Cords

Presented to Students Graduating with Academic Honors

Summa Cum Laude: Hao Chen An, Edmir Bejko, Christopher Burgos, Capucine Cordina, Xylene Decoteau, Jenfhy Diaz, James Gargano, Basma Gad, Sagufta Kapadia, Benjamin Kellwick, Jarek Martinez, Syed Misbahuddin, Kailand Novak, Christian Pereda, Mazhar Pervaiz, Thomas Pepe, Salvatore Pitino, Sumayah Rafi, Rosa Rega, Luis Rosario, Atif Saeed, Mark Joseph Sarmiento, Feiyu Shao, Botros Samir Abd Elnor Shenouda, Paramvir Singh, Kodai Takahashi, Aderet Pantierer, Mark Zambrzycki, Hubert Zukowicz

Presentation of Honor Cords (Cont.)

Magna Cum Laude: Isaac Almodovar, Abdalmonem Anwar, Mario Biondo, Timiko Campbell, Kai Chen, Tony Conte, Colin Dielmann, Ali Essa, Ariel Ferrera, Yuchao Gan, Andy Garcia, George Garcia Arreaga, Jonathan Gonzalez, Zheng Guan, Yesenia Hurtado, Raul Intriago, Inhwan Jung, Osama Kattan, Menaly Larrea, Erik Levine, Mingxuan Li, Pablo Lozano, Ali Macbahi, Johan Mantilla, Hazir Markisic, Fabian Martin, Sven Meissner, Moeed Minhas, Basim Naji, Anderson Navarrete, Anil Parbhudial, Nathan Persaud, Ernesto Salgado, Jagjeet Singh, Eion Surujbali, Tao Xu, Bowie Tam, Bruce Tenesaca, Sebastian Andres Valencia Chango, Mitchell Werner, Yichen Xu, Fan Xu, Shengyi Yang

Cum Laude: Desiree Aguilar, Essa Alharbi, Yahya Alrobaie, Joshua Andres, Gregory Artsukevich, Ivan Bernard, Brandon Campbell, Andre Carbelim, Kaustubh Chitnis, Shervon Chin Hing, Raphael Cordina, Miguel De La Cruz, Jonel Duran Martinez, Jorge Echeverria Gonzalez, O. Chloe Eimunjeze, Kemari Evans, Dereck Farias, Murad Ghabsheh, James Gray, Ahmed Hafez, Noorullah Hayderi, Willie Huancas, Hongwei Huang, Benjamin Kaufmann, Keng Ion Lam, Edwin Lee, Patrick Lelo, Alexander Lopera, Michael Marin, Tyrick McKenzie, Brenton Molina Garzon, Antonio Montemarano, Ndeye Fatou Ndao, Jacqueline Oricchio, Shmuel Pantierer, Dominick Paolantonio, Vianney Patino, Anthony Paccione, Christopher Perez, Eduardo Polanco, Daniel Purta, Jordan Raimondi, Aleksandr Rogalskiy, Juan Sandoval, Ali Saleh, Azzeddine Sekkat, Leslie Soto, Lawrence Szybkowski, Diego Villegas, Patryk Wala, Lawrence Weir, Ebaneeka Wilkins, Michael Zaruma, Wei Zhao

Leadership Academy Cords

Presented to Mario Biondo, Grace Davis, O. Chloe Eimunjeze, James Gargano, Sagufta Kapadia, Samantha Maddaloni, Alyssa Mitchell, D'Moi Rouse, Atif Saeed and Darien Slater

Presentation of Veteran Cords

Presented to Hao Chen An, Gregory Artsukevich, Edwin Bermeo, Mario Biondo, Judah Brooks, Kevin Buitrago, Elsie Ceilema, Shervon Chin Hing, Rickford Cozier, Marcello Freire, Robin Fung, Jonathan Gonzalez, Keisha Gustav, Raul Intriago, Malik Jordan,

Presentation of Veteran Cords (Cont.)

Craig Jones, Inhwon Jung, Benjamin Kaufmann, Jermaine Kerr, Jermaine Lloyd, Ramon Martin, Ruel Mohamed Bally, Anderson Navarrete, Darnell Olivere, Vianney Patino, Victor Polit, Kenny Rico, Arneil Seedarnee, Jagjeet Singh, Kelvin Tejada, Marco Torres Gonzalez, Wei Zhao

Congratulations to all of our graduates.