Graduate College Awards
Spring 2015

Department of Spanish graduate students Leticia Espinoza, Karina Ortiz-Pacheco, Giovanni Salazar and Benjamin Wozniak were honored by the Graduate College for their excellence in teaching and for their academic excellence.

In 1986, the Graduate Studies Council established the Graduate Research and Creative Scholar Award to acknowledge graduate students’ contributions to the scholarly and artistic productivity of Western Michigan University. Likewise, in 1998, the GSC established the Graduate Teaching Effectiveness Award to honor graduate students that are involved in WMU’s instructional mission in a substantial way. These two awards are the highest honors bestowed by WMU on its graduate students to recognize excellence and achievement in research, creative activity and teaching.

In a special ceremony presided by the dean of the Graduate College Sue Stapleton on Thursday, April 30, Leticia Espinoza, Karina Ortiz-Pacheco, Giovanni Salazar and Benjamin Wozniak, along with other WMU graduate students, were recognized for their accomplishments and the quality of their work. At the master’s level, Ben Wozniak received the Department-level Graduate Teaching Effectiveness Award and Giovanni Salazar received the Department-level Graduate Research and Creative Scholar Award. At the doctoral level, Leticia Espinoza received the Department-level Graduate Teaching Effectiveness Award and Karina Ortiz-Pacheco received the Department-level Graduate Research and Creative Scholar Award.

Congratulations, students, for your dedication, passion and enthusiasm to your teaching and academic work to the excellence of the Department of Spanish!

From left to right: Karina Ortiz-Pacheco, Benjamin Wozniak, Leticia Espinoza and Giovanni Salazar.