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The College honors outstanding academic achievement with 2020 Dean's Medals

Congrats to Ashton Marks for receiving the Dean's Medal for the School of Politics and Global Studies for spring 2020!

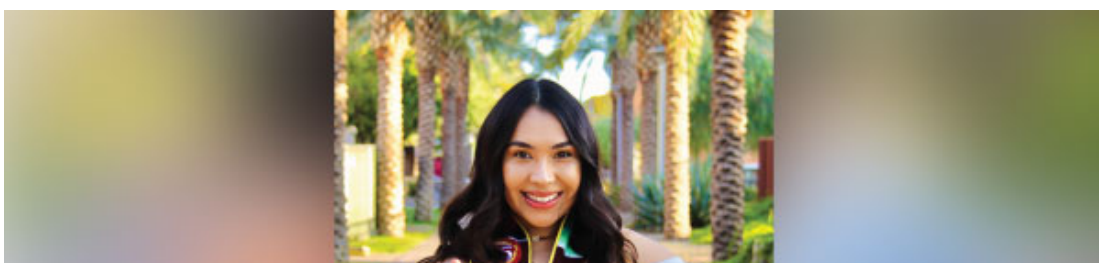
Faculty say Marks is "a joy" to have in class, recognizing him for always engaging in class and being eager to answer questions. "Ashton is an ideal student, combining intelligence, hard work and an eternally positive attitude," said Kim Fridkin, Foundation Professor at SPGS.

Three other political science majors also received Dean's Medals from other academic units! Congrats to:

- Cormac Doebbeling, Dean's Medalist for the School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership.
- Nicole Hinshaw Dean's Medalist for the Hugh Downs School of Human Communication.
- Micah McCreary Dean's Medalist for the Department of English.

Learn more about Marks, Doebbeling, Hinshaw, McCreary, and the other Dean's Medalists from The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences:

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Driven by passion for Latino community, first-gen grad reflects on experiences

As a dual major studying in the School of Transborder Studies and School of Politics and Global Studies, Angélica César participated in a variety of experiences including serving as a Democratic staff intern at the Arizona Legislature, interning with U.S. Representative Mike Levin through the Hispanic Caucus Institute and serving as president of ASU's Aliento.

"I was able to see the broad concepts that I was learning in class specifically for my civic education and political theory classes and how it actually functioned in the real world," César said.

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Master's degree student reflects on online learning experience

Marvin Leal, who is graduating this May with a Master of Arts in Global Security (Cybersecurity) from the School of Politics and Global Studies, started his degree as a way make advancements in his life-long career in the military as well as in his education.

"I realized that I wanted to learn more about why we fight wars, how strategies are developed, and how the international system works. I found out that the courseware in ASU Online's MA in

global security filled many of the areas that I wanted to study and as a bonus, many of the courses were taught by authors whose work I had been following over the last 10 years,” Leal said.

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ASU grad pursues passions in language and culture

Tatum James, who is graduating with degrees in global studies and Spanish from ASU, had a global mindset while pursuing passions in language and culture during her time in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

“I think I gravitate towards this international lifestyle because I see it as a way to challenge myself,” James said. “And so far, throughout each of these challenging experiences, I have come away so much more aware, open-minded, and grateful.”

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Triple major shares importance of an education grounded in language, culture

Micah McCreary transferred to Arizona State University after his freshman year looking for a personal and academic reset.

McCreary found the reset as well as the motivating environment he sought, and this spring will graduate with not one, but three degrees, in English (literature), French and political science.

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Dual grad seeks to provide education to girls, women in conflict zones

Rachel Fletcher, a recent dual graduate studying political science and anthropology in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said that she has always known she wanted to help children and that in high school she was naturally drawn to social sciences.

“For a long time, though, I was unsure of how to combine my interests,” she said. “I started to realize my passion for international education when I began working at ASU International Development.”

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Graduate develops a passion for politics and civil discourse

Like many first-year college students, Justin Heywood wasn't sure what he wanted to major in. After scrolling through the hundreds of majors offered on Arizona State University's website, he chose the first one that really drew him in: political science.

"As a kid, I was always involved in politics," said Heywood. "It wasn't until probably my freshman year, second semester that I realized, 'Wow, I chose right. This is exactly where I need to be.'"

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Graduate 'found another family in ASU'

Juan Laguna wants to make his family proud.

"I always wanted to find a way to help them," said Laguna, a political science and history double major and soon-to-be graduate from The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Arizona State University. "The only real way to do that is to study hard and get good grades and a good job. I think I might have accomplished that goal for now, but I'm still looking for ways to help them."

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Faculty News

- The School of Politics and Global is pleased to announced our teaching awards of the year for 2020:
 - Michael Mitchell Outstanding Teaching Award: Dr. Henry Thomson
 - Instructional Faculty Member Teaching Award: Dr. Daniel Pout
- Assistant Professor Margaret Hanson released an article in *Problems of Post-Communism* titled "[Higher Education as an Authoritarian Tool for Regime Survival: Evidence from Kazakhstan and around the World](#)".
- Professors of Practice Peter Bergen and Daniel Rothenberg co-authored the opinion article "[How the 'hinge event' of Covid will change everything](#)" on CNN.
- On April 23rd 2020, Professor Craig Calhoun participated in an online dialog entitled *My facts are better than your facts! Science and politics in the post-truth era*. This was the first of a series organized by the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College and the University Design Institute at ASU.

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