PROGRAM

WELCOME
Dr. Gesine Gerhard, Dean

HONORS ADDRESS
Dr. Mark Vitha, Professor of Chemistry
2019-2020 Outstanding Teacher of the Year

E.A. SHESLOW ADDRESS
Kathleen McCracken
2019-2020 E.A. Sheslow Prize Recipient

DEPARTMENTAL STUDENT AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE
Presented by department representatives

EDWARD C. TRUMAN HUMANITIES AWARD
Announced by Dr. Leah Kalmanson, Associate Professor of Religion
Director, Humanities Center

SUE AND DEAN WRIGHT ARTS & SCIENCES TEACHER OF THE YEAR
Announced by Dr. Mark Vitha, Professor of Chemistry

DEPARTMENTAL STUDENT AWARDS

ART & DESIGN
The department of art and design presented their awards at the opening of the 49th Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition in Anderson Gallery.

PROVOST PURCHASE AWARD
Kaili Miller, 3 Piece Letterpress Series

BEST IN SHOW
First Prize: Lasha Stewart, Black Out Portrait
Second Prize: Hedera Belmond, THistory of Shapes

HONORABLE MENTIONS
Sculpture: Chloe Laizure, Lump Hollow
Drawing: Alanna Wuensch, Breathing Through
Graphic Design: Amelia Sims, Cooper Hewitt Postcard
Interactive Media: Alison Kuttler, Amazon
Printmaking: Kate Segler, Untitled
Painting: Hannan Cohen, Melting Pot

BIOCHEMISTRY, CELL and MOLECULAR BIOLOGY
OUTSTANDING BIOCHEMISTRY, CELL, & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY FRESHMAN AWARD is presented to the first-year biochemistry, cell and molecular biology student with the highest academic performance in the introductory BCMB courses. Kacie Rewerts

OUTSTANDING SOPHOMORE BIOCHEMISTRY, CELL, & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AWARD is presented to the second-year biochemistry, cell and molecular biology student who demonstrates promise for success in the field through mentoring, research and academic achievement. Kayla Markuson

LARHEE HENDERSON OUTSTANDING BIOCHEMISTRY, CELL AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY JUNIOR AWARD is presented to the third-year biochemistry, cell and molecular biology student who demonstrates noteworthy research, leadership skills, and academic excellence. Amanda Gregory

OUTSTANDING SENIOR BIOCHEMISTRY, CELL AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AWARD is given to the graduating biochemistry, cell and molecular biology student who serves as an outstanding pre-professional role model with a record that includes excellence in mentoring, productive research, and academic achievement. JaNiese Jensen

BIOLOGY

GEORGE C. HUFF FRESHMAN BIOLOGY AWARD is presented to the first-year biology major with the highest scholastic achievement in the Biology I class, in recognition of academic excellence and promise of success in biology. Caleb Griffith

FAE M. SHAWHAN PRE-MEDICAL AWARD is presented to a senior pre-medical student in recognition of academic excellence and promise of success in the practice of medicine. Mikayla Soelter
LUTHER SHERMAN ROSS BIOLOGY AWARD recognizes a senior biology major for academic excellence, outstanding performance in undergraduate research, and promise of success in biological research. **Katelyn Maddox**

**CHEMISTRY**

CRC PRESS FIRST YEAR CHEMISTRY MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD is awarded to an outstanding first-year chemistry student. **Anastasia Kirillov, Rebecca Park, Tiffany White**

AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY POLYED ORGANIC CHEMISTRY AWARD is presented to students for outstanding performance in both lecture and laboratory components of organic chemistry. **Kayla Markuson and Laila Kamhawy**

AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY AWARD is awarded to a student with excellent performance in the analytical chemistry laboratory and lecture courses. **Kathryn Reiman**

DR. WILLIAM HOMER AND FLORENCE COPPOCK CHEMISTRY RESEARCH AWARD is awarded annually to a junior student demonstrating enthusiasm for and productivity in chemistry research. Dr. Coppock began his tenure at Drake as head of the chemistry department and remained in that position for over 25 years until his death in 1976. **Olivia Kannas**

WARD H. WILSON AND MARGUERITE M. WILSON ENDOWMENT AWARD is awarded annually to a chemistry major (SO or JR) with a strong interest in participation and productivity in chemistry research. **Abbygail Ayala**

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN CHEMISTRY is awarded to an outstanding chemistry student in both classroom and research with valuable contribution to the chemistry department and the university. **Elizabeth Weyer**

**ENGLISH**

THE OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD is granted to a senior English major on the basis of academic achievement and related accomplishments. **Alexus Kreft and Andrew Reitman**

THE THOMAS DUNN ENGLISH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD is granted to a junior English major on the basis of demonstrated promise and superior record of achievement. **Ally Bedwell and Nathan Flaherty**

THE THOMAS DUNN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is granted to an English or Writing Major with senior status enrolled in a J-term 2021 travel seminar or another 2020-2021 study abroad experience who demonstrates an understanding of the ways that the study of English connects to one’s ability to positively contribute to society. **Ros Carey**

THE ETHEL R. TAYLOR SCHOLARSHIP is granted to a sophomore or junior English or secondary education/English major with interests in a career in teaching or creative writing. **Kayla Hruska**

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & SUSTAINABILITY

AWARD FOR PROMISE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY is given to a first-year student majoring in either environmental science or environmental sustainability and resilience who demonstrates academic success and service in environmental studies. **Katie Das**

THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY OUTSTANDING RESEARCH AWARD is given to a student majoring in either environmental science or environmental sustainability and resilience who demonstrates success and promise in research through presentation and/or publication of work, significant depth and level of critical thinking, and notable self-motivation. **Aimsley Kadlec**

THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY SCHOLAR/CITIZEN AWARD is presented for academic excellence in the study of environmental sustainability, community service, and a commitment to environmental awareness. **Marlee Rutledge**

DENNIS O’BRIEN ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARD is given for excellence in the environmental science and environmental sustainability and resilience majors. This award is made in honor of Professor Emeritus Dennis O’Brien, who developed and taught most of the geology and earth sciences courses offered at Drake after 1968. He was one of the movers behind the development of the environmental science and policy interdisciplinary program. **Paige Penningroth**

HISTORY

CHARLES NELSON AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE recognizes outstanding academic accomplishment and intellectual curiosity among first-year students in the subject of History. **Anastasia Kirillov**

FRANCES ROGERS AWARD FOR BEST OVERALL WORK IN WOMEN’S HISTORY recognizes outstanding academic accomplishments and intellectual curiosity in the subject of Women’s History. **Alexandra Shambaugh-Miller**

THE ENGAGED STUDENT AWARD recognizes outstanding leadership and department engagement among students majoring in History. **Andrew Shade**

CHARLES RITCHEY AWARD FOR BEST RESEARCH PAPER recognizes outstanding research and composition in History research papers. **Samantha Byrnes**

KEACH JOHNSON AWARD recognizes outstanding academic accomplishment and intellectual curiosity among senior students majoring in History. **Elijah Jost**

LAW, POLITICS & SOCIETY

LPS STUDENT PAPER AWARD, LOWER DIVISION recognizes an outstanding essay written by a student in a lower-level LPS course. Papers are nominated and evaluated based on content, analysis, and style. **Teresa Otanez-Ortiz**

LPS STUDENT PAPER AWARD, UPPER DIVISION recognizes an outstanding essay written by a student in an upper-level LPS course. Papers are nominated and evaluated based on content, argument, and style. **Hayden Wittrock**
MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE

OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN COMPUTER SCIENCE is awarded to a student for superior work in computer science and related work and activities. Bryce Valley

OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN MATHEMATICS is awarded to a student for superior work in mathematics and related activities. Daniel Madison and Emma Nixon

OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN MATHEMATICS EDUCATION is awarded to a student for superior work in mathematics education and related activities. Page Hauble

MUSIC

JAMES COX MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is presented to a junior music education major who has achieved a minimum 3.0 grade point average and demonstrates great promise as a future music teacher. Alysa Goethe

PHI MU ALPHA SCHOLASTIC AWARD is awarded to the graduating senior Sinfonian with the highest grade point average. Kevin Lawrence

PHI MU ALPHA FRANCIS J. PYLE AWARD is presented to a music major Sinfonian of junior or senior standing who demonstrates musical competence, musicianship, and chapter involvement. Ben Koeppen

ALLAN LEHL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is presented to a second semester music student majoring in voice, organ, church music or choral music. The scholarship honors Dr. Allan Lehl, former member of the music department. Ryan Orme

PROFESSOR PAUL STOYE ENDOVED SCHOLARSHIP is intended to provide financial support to a student or students majoring in piano study. Elizabeth Kirsner

PAUL STOYE PRIZE FOR OUTSTANDING PIANO PERFORMANCE is intended to provide a cash award to student or students studying piano who exhibit outstanding ability in public performance. First prize: Taylor Glomb
Second prize: Jenny Mahl

SIGMA ALPHA IOTA COLLEGIATE HONOR AWARD is presented by the national president of Sigma Alpha Iota to one chapter member each year who possesses exemplary attributes of musicianship, scholarship and leadership. Emma Nixon

SIGMA ALPHA IOTA SCHOLASTIC AWARD is given to the senior chapter member of Sigma Alpha Iota with the highest grade point average. Emma Nixon

KATHLEEN DAVISON AWARD is given to a Sigma Alpha Iota chapter member for excellence in music, scholarship and community life. Annie Wadsworth

ELIZABETH OPINHAM SMITH & DR. HERMAN SMITH SCHOLARSHIP is given to a senior music major that shows potential for a promising career in music. Lauren Carroll

PRESSER UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLAR AWARD is presented at the end of an outstanding music major’s junior year in recognition of excellence. The award is considered a prestigious one and the student, in the student’s senior year, is to be known as “A Presser Scholar.” Casey Cerveny

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES is presented to a student with overall excellence in religion coursework. Ben Schultz

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN PHILOSOPHY is presented to a student with overall excellence in philosophy coursework. Kathleen McCracken

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

DRAKE PHYSICS PRIZE is awarded to the winner of the Drake Physics Contest, which is open to high school students in the states of Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. The award consists of a four-year tuition scholarship at Drake University. Joshua Qin, CA

HELMICK SCHOLAR is awarded annually to an outstanding graduating student in physics or astronomy based on academic performance, research, and outreach. Gavin Menning

BEST JUNIOR AWARD is awarded annually to an outstanding junior student(s) in physics or astronomy based on academic performance and research. Justin Brutger

MICHAEL MEYERS AWARD is award to a physics or astronomy student who has shown great promise in research. The award was established in memory of the late physics student Michael Meyers. Keegan Finger

HOLMES-COWPER AWARD is awarded to an outstanding junior or senior astronomy student. Julie LaFranzo

PROMISING FIRST-YEAR STUDENT AWARD is awarded to first-year student in physics or astronomy exhibiting the most positive derivative in performance. Mateo Viscarra

POLITICS & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

C. WALTER CLARK AWARD is presented to a graduating senior majoring in politics who has demonstrated outstanding academic accomplishment, intellectual curiosity, and an exceptional willingness to engage with new and complex political issues and ideas. Winston Taylor

ELSWORTH P. WOODS PRIZE is given annually to an outstanding senior majoring in international relations. Kathleen McCracken and Robyn Michalec

PSYCHOLOGY & NEUROSCIENCE

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR IN NEUROSCIENCE is presented annually to an outstanding junior neuroscience major showing exceptional promise for a career in neuroscience or other closely allied fields. Laura Guck

NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH AWARD is presented to an outstanding junior or senior neuroscience major showing distinguished overall academic performance in a rigorous program of studies in both classroom and research (either experimental or applied). Megan Vorhies and Bailey Pohl

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN NEUROSCIENCE is presented annually to an outstanding
senior neuroscience major showing distinguished overall academic performance in a rigorous program of studies in both classroom and research. **Danielle Dircks**

**EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY AWARD** is presented annually to an outstanding junior or senior psychology major whose studies have emphasized experimental psychology. **Marisela Aguilar**

**JUDITH L. ALLEN AWARD** is presented to a junior or senior Psychology major or minor who has demonstrated outstanding engagement in service activities for the benefit of others. This award honors Dr. Judith L. Allen, Associate Professor of Psychology, who directed her expertise in social psychology toward advancing social justice. **Marguerite Wildermuth**

**ANTHONY C. WESTERHOF AWARD** is presented annually to the outstanding senior psychology major with the highest overall academic performance in a rigorous program of studies, in honor of Dr. Anthony C. Westerhof, Professor Emeritus, who taught at Drake for 27 years, 15 of those years as psychology department chair. **Addison Malinski**

W. SCOTT WOOD AWARD is presented to an outstanding junior or senior Psychology major or minor whose studies have emphasized applied psychology. This award is presented to an outstanding junior or senior Psychology major or minor whose studies have emphasized applied psychology. **Layana Sariah**

**STUDY OF CULTURE & SOCIETY**

**SHRECK RHETORIC SENIOR AWARD** is presented to a graduating student who has made outstanding contributions to the Rhetoric, Media, and Social Change department. **Brandon Shreve, Em Miles, and Emily Hann**

McNURLEN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SOCIOLOGY SENIOR is named in honor of Dr. Lewis J. McNurlen, Professor of sociology at Drake from 1957 to 1985. This award is given annually to a student judged to be the most outstanding senior sociology major, demonstrating distinctive performance in both academic and extra-curricular work at Drake. **Marisela Aguilar**

McNURLEN SCHOLARSHIP FOR OUTSTANDING SOCIOLOGY MAJOR is named in honor of Dr. Lewis J. McNurlen, Professor of sociology at Drake from 1957 to 1985. This award recognizes an outstanding junior in sociology for both academic and extra-curricular performance. **Allie Shambaugh-Miller**

**WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES**

**PERSONAL IS POLITICAL AWARD** is awarded to a student with a Women’s and Gender Studies concentration for outstanding work in academics and/or activism. **Darby Holdroyd**

**NOTABLE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS**

**GOLDWATER SCHOLARS:** Olivia Kannas and Taylor Vroman

**DEPARTMENTAL HONOR SOCIETIES**

**ALPHA KAPPA DELTA (Sociology Honor Society)**
Brittany Freeman, Emma Williams, Sidney Kreuziger, Marisela Aguilar

**LAMBDA ALPHA (Anthropology Honor Society)**
Meghan Leto, Jiunianna Boeye, Robyn Michalec, Anely Jimenez

**SIGMA TAU DELTA (English Honor Society)**
Bardha Ahmedi, Abigail Bethke, Allyn Benkowich, Madeline Bonnallie, Millie Brewer, Julia Dambeckal, Nathan Flaherty, Kate Franke, Caleb Kinseh Peterson, Alexus Kreft, Brynne Lassiter, Emma Nutter, Ashley Peldiak, James Simmons, Megan Taggart, Elizabeth Weyers

**PHI ALPHA THETA (History Honor Society)**
Mallory McQueen, Gwen Soliz, Andy Shade, Clara Rush, Allie Shambaugh-Miller, Raeann Van Drongelen

**PHI BETA KAPPA (Arts and Sciences Honor Society)**
Abigail Bethke, Brittany Ann Freeman, Carmen Reina Houck, Dailia Plath, David Atri Schuller, Emily Hanna, Emilyn Crabbe, Evan Johnson, Haley Dietz, Hannah Horowitz, Holly Santman, Ian Klein, Jackie Sayers, JaNiese Jensen, Kathleen McCracken, Marisa Morris, Megan Vorhies, Mikayla Soelter, Paige Titak, Quynh Diem Pham, Robyn Violet Michalec, Taylor Fisher

**PI SIGMA ALPHA (Political Science Honor Society)**
Taylor Fisher, Rachel James, John Jenson, Ian Klein, Kathleen McCracken, Winston Taylor, Elijah Rockhold, Teagan Thune

**PSI CHI (Psychology Honor Society)**
Reilly Atkins, Evyn Fickau, Addison Malinski, Marguerite Wildermuth
ARTS & SCIENCES COLLEGE AWARDS

STUDENT

EDWARD C. TRUMAN HUMANITIES AWARD This award, established by Mr. Truman of Los Angeles, CA, in 1990, is given to a Drake student in his or her junior year in recognition of exceptional understanding and achievement in the humanities.

JON TORGERSON SCHOLARSHIP This scholarship was established in 2008 by the family of Professor Emeritus Jon Torgerson. Jon’s Drake career spanned 37 years and was the Professor of Philosophy, and Chair of the department for 19 years as well as Director of the Humanities Center. Jon took the first Drake class abroad which was also the first American class to study in Cuba. This award is presented to a humanities major who will participate in a Drake-sponsored international study seminar.

E.A. SHESLOW PRIZE FOR DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP This award is named for and funded through the generosity of alumnus E.A. (Rett) Sheslow. The prize is awarded to a junior pursuing a degree in the College of Arts & Sciences and is given in recognition of academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, and performance in student life activities or on- and off-campus employment.

FACULTY

ARTS & SCIENCES DISTINGUISHED ENGAGEMENT AWARD The College of Arts & Sciences established this annual award in 2011 to recognize the outstanding service contributions of Drake faculty and staff to the college community. Recipients of this award demonstrate strong records of leadership, engagement, and citizenship that greatly enhance the quality of life at our institution.

CENTENNIAL SCHOLAR AWARD The Centennial Scholar Award was initiated by Dean Patsy Sampson during the University’s observance of its centennial in 1981. It is given in alternate years to a faculty member in the liberal arts for distinguished scholarly achievement.

STALNAKER LECTURE DESIGNEE The College of Arts & Sciences has established an annual lecture series honoring the memory of Luther Stalnaker, Dean of Liberal Arts from 1944-1955. The series is sponsored by the emeriti faculty of the College, and lecturers focus on the liberating aspects of the arts and sciences disciplines they represent.

HUMANITIES RESEARCH SCHOLAR AWARD This annual award confers a three-year distinction and offers research funding to an Associate or Full Professor. It was established by the College of Arts and Sciences Humanities Center to recognize successful scholarly and creative accomplishments and support the award recipient’s next major research or creative project in the humanities.

DEAN & SUE WRIGHT OUTSTANDING TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD This award is funded by the Dean and Sue Wright Arts & Sciences Faculty Development Fund, and as the College’s highest faculty honor for teaching, recognizes the achievements of faculty who employ effective teaching, innovative practices, and remarkable efforts to benefit student learning.

OUTSTANDING TEACHER OF THE YEAR

1986-87 Walter Houg
1987-88 Alexander Kleiner
1988-89 Robert Hariman
1989-90 Donald Stratton
1990-91 Ronald Troyer
1991-92 Susan Kashubeck
1992-93 Fred Adams
1993-94 Arthur Sanders
1994-95 Steven Faux
1995-96 Colin Cairns
1996-97 Nancy Reincke
1997-98 Daniel Spencer
1998-99 Jennifer McCrickerd
1999-00 Judith Allen
2000-01 Jody Swilky
2001-02 Maria Clapham
2002-03 Bruce Martin
2003-04 Eric Saylor
2004-05 Robert Meunier
2005-06 Brian Sanders
2006-07 Beth Younger
2007-08 Darcie Vandegrift
2008-09 Karen Leroux
2009-10 Timothy Urness
2010-11 Deb DeLaet
2011-12 Dan Alexander
2012-13 Gholam Mirafzal
2013-14 Rachel Paine Caufield
2014-15 Eric Manley
2015-15 Lawrence Naylor
2016-16 Megan Brown
2017-17 Deborah Kent
2018-18 Chiu-Ling Lin
2019-20 Liz Summerville

STALNAKER LECTURER

1985 Frederick Adams
1986 Barbara Hodgdon
1987 Jules Kirschenbaum
1988 Joseph Schneider
1989 Richard Abel
1990 Ronald Troyer
1991 Robert Hariman
1992 Klaus Bartschat
1993 Donald Stratton
1994 David Harris
1995 Gaylord Torrence
1996 Myron Marty
1997 Bruce Campbell
1999 Bruce Martin
2000 Deb Symonds
2001 R. Dean Wright
2002 David Skidmore
2003 Chiu-Ling Lin

CENTENNIAL SCHOLAR

1985-86 Richard Abel and Milan Randic
1987-88 Joseph Schneider
1989-90 Ronald Troyer
1991-92 Barbara Hodgdon
1993-94 Klaus Bartschat
1995-96 David Harris and Robert Hariman
1997-98 Thomas Swiss
1999-00 Anthony Marston
2001-02 Dale Patrick
2003-04 Allen Scult
2005-06 Arthur Sanders
2007-08 Jody Swilky
2011-12 Dennis Goldford
2013-14 Keith Summerville
2015-16 Maria Valdovinos
2017-18 Jennifer Harvey
2018-20 Debra DeLaet

DISTINGUISHED ENGAGEMENT

2012 Keith Summerville
2013 Rachel Paine Caufield
2014 Elizabeth Robertson
2015 Jennifer Harvey
2016 Joan Faber McAlister
2017 Timothy Knepper
2018 Mary Beth Holley
2019 Charlie Nelson