

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

**HONORS
& AWARDS
CEREMONY**



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 ENDOWED 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 Cerveney**

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**

LEWIS J. 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, Juhiana Boeye, Robyn Michalec, Anely Jimenez

SIGMA TAU DELTA (English Honor Society)

Bardha Ahmedi, Abigail Bethke, Allyn Benkovich, Madeline Bonnallie, Millie Brewer, Julia Dambekaln, Nathan Flaherty, Kate Franke, Caleb Kinseth Peterson, Alexis 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 Stalaker, 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 Houf	2003-04	Eric Saylor
1987-88	Alexander Kleiner	2004-05	Robert Meunier
1988-89	Robert Hariman	2005-06	Brian Sanders
1989-90	Donald Stratton	2006-07	Beth Younger
1990-91	Ronald Troyer	2007-08	Darcie Vandegrift
1991-92	Susan Kashubeck	2008-09	Karen Leroux
1992-93	Fred Adams	2009-10	Timothy Urness
1993-94	Arthur Sanders	2010-11	Deb DeLaet
1994-95	Steven Faux	2011-12	Dan Alexander
1995-96	Colin Cairns	2012-13	Gholam Mirafzal
1996-97	Nancy Reincke	2013-14	Rachel Paine Caufield
1997-98	Daniel Spencer	2014-15	Eric Manley
1998-99	Jennifer McCrickerd	2015-16	Lawrence Naylor
1999-00	Judith Allen	2016-17	Megan Brown
2000-01	Jody Swilky	2017-18	Deborah Kent
2001-02	Maria Clapham	2018-19	Chinatsu Sazawa Bachmann
2002-03	Bruce Martin		

STALNAKER LECTURER

1985	Frederick Adams	2004	Arthur Sanders
1986	Barbara Hodgdon	2005	Steven Faux
1987	Jules Kirschenbaum	2006	Phillip Chen
1988	Joseph Schneider	2007	Luz DeAlba
1989	Richard Abel	2008	Dennis Goldford
1990	Ronald Troyer	2009	Maria Clapham
1991	Robert Hariman	2010	Aimee Beckman-Collier
1992	Klaus Bartschat	2011	Jody Swilky
1993	Donald Stratton	2012	Deb DeLaet
1994	David Harris	2013	William Dougherty
1995	Gaylord Torrence	2014	Thomas Rosburg
1996	Myron Marty	2015	Nancy Berns
1997	Bruce Campbell	2016	Dan Alexander
1999	Bruce Martin	2017	Jennifer Harvey
2000	Deb Symonds	2018	Robert Craig
2001	R. Dean Wright	2019	Timothy Knepper
2002	David Skidmore	2020	Sandra Patton-Imani

2003 Chiu-Ling Lin

CENTENNIAL SCHOLAR

1985-86	Richard Abel and Milan Randic	2017-18	Jennifer Harvey
1987-88	Joseph Schneider	2018-20	Debra DeLaet
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		

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 Holtey
2019	Charlie Nelson