



Wittenberg University Honors Convocation

April 5, 2024, Weaver Chapel

The Lillian C. Franklin Diversity Awards
The Broadwell Chinn Award
The Martin Luther King Jr. Awards

Casey L. Gill, *Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Students.*

The Heimtraut Dietrich Award

The Rev. Tracy L. Paschke-Johannes, *The Rev. David P. G. T/T1 Tj Tc 0*

Presidential Scholars

Named for each of Wittenberg's 14 former presidents, the Presidential Scholars are the members of the junior class who have maintained the highest academic standing in their class through the preceding five semesters at Wittenberg.

J. Ezra Keller Scholarship

Kendall A. Black

Samuel P. Sprecher Scholarship

Harper A. Crews

John B. Helwig Scholarship

Mackenzie E. Hessick

Samuel Alfred Ort Scholarship

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DEPARTMENTAL AND PROGRAM AWARDS

A Depa men

The Ralston C. Thompson Awards were established in honor of the late Ralston Thompson, professor of art (1941-1970). These awards are granted by the art department to students who demonstrate exceptional promise in art.

Sydney A. Striker, Francesca K. Heidinger

The Wittenberg Guild Awards are given annually from a fund established by The Wittenberg Guild. These awards are granted by the art department to students who demonstrate exceptional promise in art.

Noelle E. Underwood, Gabby M. Conaway

The S. Paul & Clara M. Weaver Endowed Scholarship was funded through a generous gift in loving memory of S. Paul Weaver by his wife Clara M. Weaver, Columbus, Ohio, to provide financial assistance to sophomores, juniors, or seniors who are either art majors or education majors with a desire to teach art.

Maddy E. Rose, Hanna J. Haddix

Biological and Environmental Science Depa men

The Faculty Award for Outstanding Achievement in Biology is given by the faculty of the department in recognition of seniors who have had outstanding achievement and demonstrate strong potential in biology.

Zoe E. Chirumbolo McKee, Tanner E. Leach, Hannah L. Marcin

The Emmett Bodenberg Award for Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Biology, named to honor the late professor of biology (1931-1968), is given to the junior or senior students who have excelled in and demonstrated commitment to this field of study.

Audrey L. Heiser, Michael K. Vrbanac

The Rachel Ianni Award for Excellence in Peer Mentoring was established in memory of 2008 graduate Rachel Ianni (1986-2013). A biology major and marine science minor, Rachel served as a peer mentor for three years in the biology department, where she inspired fellow students with her knowledge of the field, passion for research, love of "good science," and joie de vivre.

Maria F. Rodriguez

Biology and Environmental Science Senior Fellows recognizes outstanding junior biology and environmental science majors who are model representatives of both the department and the University.

Kendall A. Black, Dimitri A. Gonzalez, Shayne K. Harris, Grace Koperna

Biochemistry /Molecular Biology Program

The Faculty Award for Outstanding Achievement in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology is given in recognition of seniors with exceptional achievement and strong potential in biochemistry

American Chemical Society Award for Undergraduate Achievement in Biochemistry or Chemical Biology recognizes a graduating senior who displays a significant aptitude for biochemistry or chemical biology. The individual will have demonstrated excellence in a combination of coursework, research, service to the program, and a desire to pursue a career in biochemistry or chemical biology.

Branden B. Nicholas

Business & Economic Departments

The Tau Pi Phi Award is given to the graduating business major who combines the high

The William I. and Carol J. Goettman Pre-Medical Student Award is given to an outstanding scholar athlete who has successfully completed a pre-medical course of study at Wittenberg with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, who has been accepted to and/or is enrolled in medical school, and who, while an undergraduate, has participated in intercollegiate athletics.

Katie G. Wisniewski

Hi o Depa men

The ATO - Paul F. Bloomhardt Award, established in honor of the late Paul F. Bloomhardt, professor of history and biography (1925-1956), is awarded to outstanding junior history majors.

Bailey L. Drews, Allie J. Miller, Sarah E. Tagg

The Margaret S. Ermarth Award, established in honor of the late Margaret Sittler Ermarth, professor of history (1953-1974), is awarded to outstanding senior history majors.

Racheal A. Vargo, Emma M. Wilson

In e collegia e A hle ic P og am

The North Coast Athletic Conference Student-Athlete Award recognizes a student who has performed with distinction both in the classroom and on the playing field.

Meghan P. Frazier, Conor P. O'Malley

Ma hema ic and Compr e Science Depa men

The Paul Hessler Award, established in memory of Paul Hessler, a member of the mathematics faculty at Wittenberg (1969-1978), is awarded to a junior or senior major for outstanding achievement with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Nursing Department

The David and Mary Benfer Scholarship for Excellence in Nursing was established in 2018 in honor of David and Mary's siblings whose careers and lives have been dedicated to serving and caring for others. The scholarship recognizes an outstanding junior nursing student based on academic merit, leadership, and potential in the field of nursing.

Jenna R. Hallett, Mazie K. Reece

The Mary J. Dwyer Memorial Scholarship for Merit was established in 2018 in honor of Mary J. Dwyer, a nursing student who was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. The scholarship recognizes an outstanding nursing student based on academic merit, leadership, and potential in the field of nursing.

Psychology Department

The Bethlehem Steel Award has been established to honor outstanding senior students in psychology.

M.K. Smith

Meagan Toothman Scholarship is named for Meagan because she represented the best of Wittenberg as a scholar-athlete, a beloved sister in her sorority, and a friend to many. Meagan was a member of the Wittenberg Honor Society.

Students are normally elected as seniors or, in special cases, as juniors. They must be majoring in one of the liberal arts or sciences, have a high grade point average, have taken a variety of courses across the liberal arts spectrum, and have demonstrated a knowledge of mathematics and a foreign language appropriate to a liberal arts education.

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THE COPELAND COMMUNITY SERVICE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD

The Copeland Community Service and Social Justice Award recognizes a student who demonstrates engaged citizenship in the Greater Springfield community. It is not merely the student's hours of service, but the ability to think critically about difficult societal issues and the willingness to work to confront these issues with compassion and commitment that is most important.

THE ROSE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The Rose Award for Excellence in Community Partnership recognizes a member of the Greater Springfield community who serves as an exceptional co-educator for students. They help students bloom into well-informed, engaged, and productive citizens, and they make a significant difference in the community. The recipient is selected based on their level of investment in the development of students as well as their sustained commitment and innovative approach of connecting with the University.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide a high-quality, comprehensive, and accessible education to all students, regardless of their background, ability, or financial resources. We are committed to fostering a culture of academic excellence, critical thinking, and lifelong learning. Our goal is to equip our students with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to succeed in a global, interconnected world. We strive to create a supportive and inclusive learning environment where every student can thrive and reach their full potential. Our commitment to excellence is reflected in our rigorous academic standards, innovative teaching methods, and strong emphasis on research and scholarship. We are dedicated to serving our community and making a positive impact on the world through our educational endeavors.

Learning is a lifelong journey, and we are committed to providing our students with the resources and support they need to succeed. We believe in the power of education to transform lives and create a better future for all. Our mission is to be a catalyst for positive change and to inspire our students to make a difference in the world. We are proud to be part of a community that values education and is committed to the pursuit of knowledge and excellence. Together, we can create a brighter future for all.

