2015 Spring Convocation Award Winners

LEADERSHIP/SERVICE/GENERAL AWARDS

DAVIDSON BLACK ALUMNI NETWORK AWARD — Dara Jolene Ferguson ‘17
Mahlek Antonio Pothemont ‘16
Morgan Maria Spivey ‘18

The Davidson Black Alumni Network (DBAN) was formed in 1988 to enrich the communication and involvement of black alumni with current students and the College. Much of DBAN’s work is focused on enhancing the quality of life of African American students at Davidson.

DBAN annually honors African American students in good academic standing who have demonstrated distinguished service to the community in the form of the Davidson Black Alumni Network Scholarship Award.

The first recipient, a freshman from Trenton, New Jersey, is a member of the Student Initiative for Academic Diversity Task Force and a member of the Black Student Coalition Executive Board. She is also a newly initiated member of the Sigma Psi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and will be a member of the Residence Life Staff next year. The first recipient of the Davidson Black Alumni Network Award is Morgan Maria Spivey.

The second recipient, a sophomore from Cambria Heights, New York, is a Presidential Scholar. She is also the SGA Elections Council Chair, and a Resident Advisor. She extends herself to the community by volunteering at the Ada Jenkins center as a Literacy Leader. The second recipient of the Davidson Black Alumni Network Award is Dara Jolene Ferguson.

The third and final recipient, a junior from Charlotte, North Carolina, is an Anthropology major. He is the immediate past Director of Public Relations for the SGA and a Chidsey Leadership Fellow. This student is also a mentor for the S.T.R.I.D.E. program and the President of the Tau Omicron chapter of alpha Phi alpha Fraternity Inc. The third recipient of the Davidson Black Alumni Network Award is Mahlek Antonio Pothemont.
RAWLEY P. TURNER DRAMA AWARD — Haley Elizabeth DeLuca ’15
Ian Walker Thomson ’15

The Rawley P. Turner Drama Award recognizes outstanding performances given by a male and female performer in the Theatre Department’s productions during the current academic year.

Haley’s memorable performance was alternately fiery and tender. Her acting, singing and dancing, full of humor and conviction, were mesmerizing as she kept five daughters and her dairyman husband in line. Congratulations to Haley DeLuca for her warm-hearted, feisty Golde in Fiddler on the Roof.

We are proud to recognize Ian Thomson for his mature and emotionally complex performance as Tevye in Fiddler on the Roof. Ian skillfully captured the joy and wrenching confusion of the gentle milkman, husband, and father as the world he knew changes beyond recognition.

JAMES BAKER WOODS III AWARD — Cadet David Michael Carter ’16

James Baker Woods III Memorial Award – For a rising senior military science cadet who has displayed outstanding qualities of leadership, moral character, academic achievement, and aptitude for military service; established by Dr. James B. Woods, Jr., Class of 1918, and his wife, in memory of their son, a member of the Class of 1962, who gave his life in defense of his country.

Cadet David Carter is this year’s recipient of the James Baker Woods, III Memorial Award, due to distinguishing himself by displaying outstanding qualities of leadership, moral character, academic achievement, and a high degree of aptitude for military service.

DEAN RUSK INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM AWARD — Zara Riaz ’15

The Dean Rusk Program Award recognizes the student or students who have made the most significant contributions to international education on Davidson’s campus.

This year’s recipient has demonstrated a passionate commitment to global education since she arrived at Davidson four years ago. As a long-time member of Global Corps, and as its chair this year, she has helped the Dean Rusk program organize countless speaker events, discussions sessions, and other activities. She also played a key role in the establishment of The Davidson International, a new student-led source of news and commentary on global issues. For her dedicated commitment to making Davidson and more globally-engaged place, we proudly present the 2015 Dean Rusk Program Award to Zara Riaz.
C. SHAW SMITH AWARD — Caitlin Shaw Connor ’17

The C. Shaw Smith Award annually recognizes an individual for their contributions and ability to build community through volunteer service with the College Union. As the Cats Excursions Committee Chair, this year’s C. Shaw Smith Award recipient has grown as a student leader in enormous ways and contributed greatly to the programming of the Union Board. As a chair of a committee whose purpose is to connect students with great events outside of the “Davidson bubble,” this recipient handled each hurdle and hiccup in the event planning process with grace and proactivity. As the leader of a committee that is only in its second year in existence, she approached her position with endless creativity and has impressed the campus with her wide array of events that encourage students to explore the Charlotte area and step outside of their comfort zone. As a result of her efforts, participation in these excursions skyrocketed this academic year and funding available for these trips has more than doubled due to her proven success. The pure and unparalleled enthusiasm she exhibits for other committee chairs events is also remarkable. Her positivity motivates the rest of the Board and, while the tireless hours of work she completes may not be widely known, her efforts and spirit have contributed greatly to the social atmosphere for students. For her constant stream of ideas, her efforts to build something new and lasting, and her undying commitment to the Union Board and student body as a whole, it is a great privilege to award this year’s C. Shaw Smith award to Caitlin Shaw Connor.

CHARLES MALONE RICHARDS AWARD — Elizabeth Leigh Welliver ’16

The Charles Malone Richards Award, established in memory of a longtime Davidson pastor and professor, is presented to a rising senior, ordinarily one preparing for the ministry.

Our 2015 recipient of the Charles Malone Richards Award is a junior majoring in Religion from Westminster, Maryland. Would Elizabeth Welliver please come forward?

Elizabeth is engaged our community in ways characterized by inclusiveness, respect for difference, commitment to her own faith, and eagerness to help people learn about one another’s religious and spiritual practices.

She has served as a Co-President of the Better Together Interfaith group, a leader of the Wednesday afternoon Weekly College Worship, a convener of the Mindfulness Club, an intern in the Stapleton/Davidson Program serving chronically homeless adults in Charlotte, and a co-editor of Availing, the college’s religious and spiritual literary/arts magazine.

Because of her involvement in a wide range of religiously and spiritually-oriented organizations, as well as the personal care and compassion she shows for many students, faculty and staff, Elizabeth has built webs of connection, understanding, and common
purpose across campus, thereby contributing broadly and meaningfully to religious and spiritual life at Davidson. In the words of a fellow student,

“Elizabeth causes people to want more from life. She moves conversation in ways that open one’s eyes to other dimensions of the world not always apparent.”

For all you have done for so many, today we honor Elizabeth Leigh Welliver as the 2015 Charles Malone Richards Award recipient.

AGNES SENTELLE BROWN AWARD — Robert Chapman Hagerty ’15

The Agnes Sentelle Brown Award is awarded annually to a Sophomore, Junior or Senior who shows outstanding promise as indicated by character, personality and academic ability.

The 2015 Agnes Sentelle Brown award recipient is a senior Chemistry major with a minor in Religion from Chevy Chase, Maryland. Would Robert Hagerty please come forward?

As a fellow student said, “I have watched Rob grow into a powerful leader over the course of our time at Davidson. I consider him a close friend and sidekick as we wrestle with questions about ourselves and the pain in the world.”

Another student said, “Rob is a beacon of resilience and loyalty. He is a powerful figure on and off campus, relentlessly working for transformation in the lives of people struggling through a spectrum of incredibly complex and tough issues. He is transparent and thoughtful which allows others to approach him without hesitancy and always leave a conversation with him offering a practical and life-giving bit of hope or advice.”

Let’s just simply say that you embody all that this award recognizes and thus we honor you as the 2015 recipient of the Agnes Sentelle Brown Award.

GEORGE GLADSTONE MEMORIAL AWARD — Emily Rose Rapport ’16

Margaret Haley Rhodes ’16

Would Emily Rapport and Haley Rhodes please come forward?

Established in memory of George L. Gladstone, Jr. Class of 1960, this award is presented to two rising seniors exhibiting high potential for service to mankind as demonstrated through leadership, service, and academic record.

Our first recipient is a junior English major from Bexley, Ohio. As one nominator says, “As an education scholar and main driver behind the Dinner at Davidson initiative, Emily Rapport is
truly the “game changer” that Davidson seeks to build. She is wise, mature, selfless, and sharp as a knife. Her heart for service, well-respected leadership ability and impeccable academic record indicate that she will continue to make Davidson proud for years to come.”

Emily’s leadership & service work has focused on access and success in education. As part of the inaugural class of Education Scholars, she interned with the Arts & Science Council. Throughout the summer she worked with a youth development program that used digital photography and multimedia arts to educate and inspire students to stay in school and pursue goals beyond high school.

Though Emily is recognized broadly for her leadership in many areas and the contributions she has made through her extensive involvements, her most recent and equally important example of leadership has been modeling the important practice of discernment and reflection, which has led her to focus her time, her energy, and her gifts on those things that matter to her the most. Emily is demonstrating for all of us what it means to live an intentional and meaningful life by prioritizing meaning-making over the limelight.

For being a constant source of inspiration to your peers, help wherever needed and impact you have on countless others, we honor you as the 2015 George L. Gladstone Award Emily Rose Rapport.

Our second recipient is a junior double major in Public Health (CIS) and Hispanic Studies from Bedford, Massachusetts.

Haley is truly special for the all ways she has cared for and invested in so many people in the Davidson community. As a Terry Scholar, McGaw Scholar and a Chidsey Fellow, Haley is well-known for her leadership in starting a nutrition education program and healthy cooking classes for both children and adults at the Ada Jenkins Center. Haley saw a need in the community and has the initiative to take action.

She was also involved in a study abroad experience in Guatemala that allowed her to pursue her interests in public health and nutrition further. She worked with researchers from Harvard Medical School and then with Save the Children Guatemala to explore mothers’ perceptions of purpose in life on their children’s nutritional status.

For character unsurpassed, a love and care for serving and teaching others and leadership by example, we recognize you as the 2015 recipient of the George L. Gladstone Award Margaret Haley Rhodes.
ATHLETIC AWARDS

TOMMY PETERS AWARD — Donald Scott Patrick ’15

The Tommy Peters Award commemorates a true American hero. Sixty years have passed since Tommy’s one bright varsity season in which he lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track. Few athletic careers began with more promise; none have ended in greater sacrifice. Tommy Peters was called to serve in World War II and did so heroically, giving his life to save the lives of the men under his command.

Today’s Tommy Peters Award winner exhibits the leadership and spirit that have become the trademark of this award. An intense athlete in a very physical sport with a knack for coming up big under pressure, this student’s enthusiasm and energy set the tempo for our wrestling program.

In his junior year, he went 22-5, won his first Southern Conference Championship at 184 pounds and a trip to the NCAA Championship. Entering his senior season, the Maryland native was already one of the most successful and decorated wrestlers in Davidson history and yet, he saved his best for last. It had been almost 50 years since a Wildcat wrestler recorded a victory at the NCAA National Championship Tournament. Today’s winner did it twice in consecutive days to become the first wrestler in the program’s 95 years to win multiple matches at the NCAA Championship. Though his run ended just 4 points shy of becoming the program’s first All-American, he will be remembered as Davidson’s most successful wrestler on collegiate wrestling’s biggest stage.

Our winner, who has accepted a position with Wells Fargo as a High Yield Trading Analyst, finished his career with a 78-34 record.

Please join me in celebrating the 2015 Tommy Peters award winner – Scott Patrick.

REBECCA STIMSON AWARD — Meredith Jordan Nakano ’15

The Rebecca Stimson Award commemorates a true pioneer. When she arrived on campus in the fall of 1973, there were no athletic teams for women and Stimson had to recruit teammates and coaches in order to earn letters in tennis, field hockey and basketball. This year's Stimson Award winner personifies the dedication associated with this award’s namesake. Her commitment to her sport has yielded significant individual accomplishment while leading the women’s swimming team into the Atlantic 10 Conference and throughout her career.

As a freshman, she swam the Wildcats’ fastest times in the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle. The following year, she added to her resume by setting a program record in the 200 butterfly. In
her junior season, she swam a career-best in the 100 freestyle.

At the 2015 A-10 Championships, she earned three top-five finishes in her individual swims. This Alpharetta, Ga., native medaled in four events, including first-place finishes in the 400 freestyle relay that set an A-10 Championship record and the 800 freestyle that broke the Championship and pool records. She leaves Davidson with her name in the record book currently holding four relay records in addition to two Atlantic 10 Championship records.

She has been also been honored for her outstanding performance in the classroom with A-10 Academic All-Conference honors as well as CCSA All-Academic team honors for three-straight seasons.

Please join me in congratulating the 2015 Stimson Award winner – **Meredith Nakano**.
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ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP-IN-COURSE

30 March 2015

Katrina Marie Ashlin
James Hugh Atkins III
Erich James Baker
Rachel Gail Barkley
Catherine Weston Bennett
Hillary Marie Bernhardt
Taylor Leigh Bradford
Gabriel Enrique Cambronero
Elliott William Carter
Lauren Elizabeth Carter
Samuel Thomas Castle
Yeeva Cheng
James Fielding Cobb
Erol Luis Deustua Cromwell
Brooke McNay Curtin
Salvatore Giovanni Del Giudice
Zachary Richard Dionise
Emma Kathryn Domingoes
Sarah Victoria Durbin
Elizabeth Marie Engle
Sarah Elizabeth Friedensen
Alexandra Mossman Gregory
Renato Alessandro Guerrieri
James Henry Helzberg
Kirsten Kennedy Huffer
Tomás Francisco Husted
Thomas Stephens James III
Elizabeth Mason Jeffries
John Benjamin Jernigan
Emily Tyler Knebel
Benjamin Greig Krauss

Kieran Joseph Lenahan
Jessie Li
Adrienne Claire Mathis
Hannah Mary McMillan
Margaret Elizabeth Mendenhall
William Harris Mogen
Karen Anne Monuszko
Linnea Clare Ng
Minh-Vi Ariane Nguyenduy
Constantin Friedrich Richard Nuernberger
Brian Lee Parker
Presley Sutherland Parkes
Christopher Thomas Peek
Charles Singleton Pennell
Audra Nicole Reagan
Michael Honda Reiland
Thomas Paul Reith
Aric Daniel Reviere
Madeleine Rose Saidenberg
Stephanie Anne Schauder
Jacob Benjamin Simmonds
Grace Lee Simmons
Julia Bass Singley
Catherine Margaret Stephan
Rebecca Anne Surratt
Gregory Allen Thorn
Wilson James Turner
India Moore Watkins
William Jordan Williamson IV
Karl James Wold
GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS
AND OTHER RECOGNITION

The college recognizes seniors receiving graduate fellowships and other students and recent alumni entering graduate programs with distinction.

National and International Fellowships and Scholarships:

Catherine (Kaki) Bennett ’15 has received a Fulbright research grant in medical sciences to Luxembourg.

Rashaun Bennett ’16 has been named a 2015 Truman Scholar. He also received a Public Policy and International Affairs fellowship (PPIA) in public policy, public administration and international affairs.

Lauren Carter ’15 has received a teaching assistantship in the académie de Grenoble, sponsored by the French Ministry of Education and the Centre international d’études pédagogiques (declined).

Yeeva Cheng ’15 has been awarded a Watson Fellowship to study marriage practices among the Hakka people.

Mohammed El (Jake) Sarhan ’18 has received a Critical Language Scholarship to study Arabic.

Jessica Gumucio ’16 has received a Critical Language Scholarship to study Russian.

Claire Gutermuth ’15 has received a Fulbright research grant in medical sciences to India.

Jenni S. Isaac ’16 has been named a Goldwater Scholar.

William Mogen ’15 has been awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Germany.

Macy Parker ’15 has received a teaching assistantship in the académie de Strasbourg, sponsored by the French Ministry of Education and the Centre international d’études pédagogiques (declined).

Mikeie Reiland ’15 has received a teaching assistantship in the académie de Nantes, sponsored by the French Ministry of Education and the Centre international d’études pédagogiques (declined).

Aric Reviere ’15 has been awarded Davidson College’s W. Thomas Smith Scholarship to study the history of western fashion from 1920 to 1960 at the Courtauld Institute of Art in London.

Zara Riaz ’15 received a Princeton in Africa fellowship.
Hartman Saylor ’15 has been awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Germany.

Rebecca Surratt ’15 received a Princeton in Latin America fellowship (declined).

Andrew (Drew) Tucker ’15 has been awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Spain.

Annalee Tutterow ’17 has been named a Goldwater Scholar.

India Watkins ’15 has been awarded a Fulbright research grant in classical languages and literature to Germany. She also received a grant from DAAD, the German Academic Exchange Service (declined).

Vann Center for Ethics Fellowships

Akanksha Das ’16 and Max Feinstein ’16 received Vann Fellowships in Biomedical Ethics Research at the Mayo Clinic. Each will receive a $5,000 stipend, provided by Jim ’50 and Lee Vann.

Mackenzie Sumwalt ’16 and Sarah Taylor ’16 received Ethics Internships at Human Rights Watch in New York. Each will receive a $5,000 stipend, provided by the Vann Center for Ethics.

Jeong-Hwan Bae ’16 received the Donchian Research Fellowship in Ethics. He will receive a $5,000 scholarship from the Vann Center for Ethics, funded by the Richard Davoud Donchian Foundation. (His faculty mentor Dr. Brian Shaw will also receive a $1,000 stipend.)
PHI BETA DELTA INDUCTEES, SPRING 2015

The Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars recognizes exceptional achievement in international studies. Qualifications include international study or service or a curricular commitment to international studies, a Davidson grade point average of at least 3.15, and promotion of international awareness and education on campus and in the community.

Kweku Kobiah Appiah ‘16
Naomi Coffman ‘16
Jessica Gronniger ‘16
Jessica Gumucio ‘16
Brianne Lazevnick ‘15
Catherine Lowenthal ‘15
Edith Nicolaou-Griffin ‘15
Bjorn Ordoubadian ‘16
Shea Parikh ‘16
Daniel Reitten ‘15
Zara Riaz ‘15
Bolton Smith ‘16
Joseph St. James Lopez ‘15
Liz Stevens ‘16
Sarah Taylor ‘16
Elizabeth Welliver ‘16
Erin Wheeler ‘15
Haven Yang ‘16
Asa Zuberman-Leibman ‘15

ACADEMIC AWARDS

ARAB STUDIES AWARD — Mustafa Al-Hassan Abid ‘15

The Arab Studies Award honors a senior who has used his or her deep understanding of the Arabic language and culture to serve less privileged communities in the Arab world with kindness, humility, and empathy. The department is honored to name Mustafa Abid winner of the 2015 Arab Studies Award.

SANDY BLACK MEMORIAL AWARD — Rebecca McClure Garner ‘16
Olivia Christine Menden ‘16

This Award goes to a junior Physics major from New Albany, Indiana, and a junior Biology major from Upper Arlington, Ohio, because of excellence in scholarship and deep commitment to service through medicine. Their high GPAs are a testament to their keen intellect, drive, curiosity and exceptional work ethic.

FRANZ BOAS AWARD — Yeeva Cheng ‘15

While conducting original research in China and the US and delivering the results at a national Asian Studies conference, Yeeva is a leader on campus issues of diversity and first-generation students. After graduation, she will travel as a Watson Fellow.
BREMER GERMAN LANGUAGE AWARD — Ben Jernigan ‘15

In elegant German, your innovative study of madness in Peter Weiss’s play Marat/Sade wove together Foucault’s theories of discipline, a thorough knowledge of German and English scholarship, and your own passionate close readings to bring us new insights into literature.

CHINESE STUDIES AWARD — Asa Zuberman-Leibman ‘15

We honor Asa Zuberman-Leibman for his mastery of the Chinese language, which, in combination with his easy manner, positive outlook, and openness to new experience, has enabled him to encounter, understand, and engage Chinese speakers with sincerity and empathy.

TOM DAGGY BIOLOGY AWARD — Devon Elisabeth Harris ‘15

Devon Harris’s research experiences range from her genetics Honors project to conservation in Costa Rica. Her leadership role in the student Biology society helped sustain departmental community. Her contagious fascination with the natural world exemplifies the legacy of Tom Daggy.

ALBERTA SMITH DEVANE RELIGION AWARD — Lillian Claire McCabe ‘15

For her passionate grappling with disciplinary boundaries among religion, history and mythology, thoughtful textual analysis, and attentiveness to both the form and substance of intellectual discourse, the Religion Department names Lillian McCabe winner of the Alberta Smith De Vane award.

W. E. B. DU BOIS EXCELLENCE IN SOCIOLOGY AWARD — Gladys Cherese McLean ‘15

The WEB DuBois Award for Excellence in Sociology goes to the most outstanding Senior Sociology Major demonstrating true excellence in the understanding and application of sociological theory and empirical research methodology. This year, the award is given to Gladys McLean.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD — Audra Nicole Reagan ‘15

Her experience includes trips to Taiwan, Denmark, Greenland, Idaho, and Wyoming and an impressive capstone project examining climate through natural science and art. Her work to educate people in the outdoors and science led a community member to describe her as “confident enough to pursue excellence.”
LE PRIX DE FRANÇAIS (FRENCH AND FRANCOPONE STUDIES PRIZE) — Mikeie Reiland ’15

The 2015 Prix de Français is awarded to an outstanding major who began the study of French at Davidson and has since excelled in all course work. Warmest congratulations go to Tours program veteran and French Club officer, Mikeie Reiland.

WILLIAM B. HIGHT, JR. TEACHING AWARD — Emily Elizabeth Griffin ’15

This award recognizes a student pursuing the minor in Educational Studies who has an insatiable passion for teaching. To teach effectively, a person must demonstrate knowledge, patience, caring, skill, and commitment. This year’s recipient has these qualities and more.

MUNDO HISPÁNICO (THE HISPANIC STUDIES AWARD) — Madison Ward Yeutter ’15

The Hispanic Studies department recognizes a senior who exceptionally integrates passion, intellectual curiosity, and crosscultural awareness. Medical interpreter, public health volunteer in Nicaragua, research intern and co-founder of Half the Sky, Madison Yeutter brings together language, cultural knowledge, and global understanding.

DOUGLAS HOUCHENS STUDIO ART AWARD — Lucy Abigail Sexton ’16

Tiny babies float in a fish bowl and a tea party lurks upside-down under the table in this student’s videos and sculptures. For delicately walking on the fine line between silence and screaming, this year’s recipient of the Douglas C. Houchens Award in Studio Art goes to Lucy Sexton.

DAVID HALBERT HOWARD, JR. CHEMISTRY AWARD — Laura-Natalie Nordblom Jude ’16

This junior chemistry-biology double major is known for her excellence in class and her strong research in synthesizing biologically relevant carbohydrate-based systems, but equally known for her kind and generous nature. We are proud of you and inspired by you.

LUCILE AND MAX JACKSON AWARD IN ART HISTORY — Margaret Elisa Furlong ’16

Occasionally a student appears who grasps the subject as if they were born to know it. For your absorption in, and mastery of, art history we name you, Margaret Furlong, the 2015 recipient of the Lucile and Max Jackson Award in Art History.
THE KEISER PRIZE IN ENGLISH FOR CLASSICAL PERFORMANCE —
Madeleine Rose Saidenberg ‘15

Maddie Saidenberg has excelled in such theatrical productions as *The Little Foxes*, *She Stoops to Conquer*, and *Fiddler on the Roof*. She delights her classmates when she reads Shakespeare’s verse aloud and will continue her engagement with early modern drama next year.

KENDRICK KELLEY AWARD IN HISTORY — Timothy Alexander Louthan ‘15

Tim Louthan travelled from cluttered archives in Beirut to a well-ordered intellectual biography of Jesuit Orientalist Henri Lammens that offers magisterial analysis of Arabic and French sources as well as contextualization within French colonialism, Orientalist networks, and emergent Syrian nationalism.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES PRIZE — Rebecca Ann Surratt ‘15

For a student who took annual research trips to Latin America; mastered Spanish and Portuguese; wrote an honor’s thesis on media & sex tourism in Brazil. For dedication, intellectual and personal, to Latin American Studies, we celebrate Rebecca Ann Surratt.

HENRY T. LILLY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH — Meg Mendenhall ‘15

This student has what one professor calls “an uncanny combination of humility and self-confidence,” traits rarely paired but creating a life-long learner when combined. For her rich creativity, deep intellectual curiosity, and generous commitment to supporting learning for fellow students, the English Department gives this year’s English Award to Meg Mendenhall.

WILLIAM G. MCGAVOCK MATHEMATICS AWARD — Samuel Thomas Castle ‘15

Sam’s infectious enthusiasm has been welcomed by his teachers in the classroom and his peers who have sought him out at the Math and Science tutoring center. The award is in recognition of his intense curiosity, commitment to excellence, and promise in mathematics and computer science.

SALLY G. MCMILLEN PRIZE IN GENDER & SEXUALITY STUDIES — Katie Layendecker ‘15

This award goes to Katie Layendecker for her senior honors thesis, “Gender, Age, and Rape Myth Usage in Online Articles and Comments.” Katie has demonstrated outstanding work ethic, analytical and writing skills, and passion for her subject. Her thesis makes a real
contribution to the critical discourse on media representations of rape.

**A. K. PHIFER AWARD IN ECONOMICS** — **Cooper Wade Karisch ‘16**  
**Harrison Barrett Manning ‘16**

This year’s winners have displayed exceptional analytical skills and the ability to ask meaningful research questions. Most importantly, both recipients have shown profound appreciation for the way that the study of economics can improve our understanding of the world.

**PHYSICS AWARD** — **Sarah Elizabeth Friedensen ‘15**

For cleverly knitting together exceptional scholarship and laser-sharp research in minerals, nanocrystals and glasses; for leadership in the Society of Physics Students; and for service to the Department, the 2015 Physics Award is presented to Sarah Friedensen.

**W. KENDRICK PRITCHETT AWARD IN CLASSICS** — **India Moore Watkins ‘15**

This award goes to India Moore Watkins for her personal integrity and distinguished work, both at Davidson in general, and especially in the field of Classics. We particularly celebrate her splendid honors thesis entitled “Cross Words: Insults in Roman Comedy.”

**J. HARRIS PROCTOR AWARD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE** — **Lincoln Edward Davidson ‘15**

As a student, major, departmental assistant, newsletter editor, event organizer, prize-winning writer, Chinese-language researcher, and honors candidate Lincoln Davidson has displayed extraordinary intelligence, motivation, efficiency, judgment and character. The department will miss his good cheer, brilliant insights, and mindboggling productivity.

**RICHARD ROSS MEMORIAL MUSIC AWARD** — **William Graham Bolton ‘15**

Talented and versatile, this music-economics double major contributed tirelessly to the Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combo, chamber music program and New Music Davidson, and capped his senior year with a brilliant senior recital. The award goes to Will Bolton.

**THEATRE AWARD** — **Gregory Allen Thorn ‘15**

Greg’s cheerfully generous work ethic, passion to excel, and involvement in every aspect of theatrical production are exemplary. An excellent student in all areas, he mentored fellow students in production protocols and design technology. His remarkable growth culminated in this year’s lighting design for “The Prophet.”
PORTER VINSON CHEMISTRY AWARD — Shirley Shijia Ge ‘17

This sophomore chemistry major is known for her extraordinary perseverance, curiosity, insightful questions and sharp wit, and has been a force in pchem, organic, and inorganic courses. She will begin her personal research projects synthesizing carbohydrate-based constructs this summer.

WILLIAM VINSON MATHEMATICS AWARD — Erica Nicole Shook ‘17

Erica has quickly integrated herself into every aspect of our department. Her unassuming demeanor and strong intellect make Erica a valued study companion. She is distinguished by her commitment to complete understanding and a remarkable ability to apply knowledge across a broad range of courses.

DANIEL BLAIN WOODS AWARD — Max Avery Feinstein ‘16
                           Michael Edward Ding ‘16

The award goes to two junior premedical students: Max Feinstein from Houston, Texas, majoring in Biology and minoring in Neuroscience and Michael Ding, a Biology major from Easton, Maryland. This award goes to you in recognition of your profound commitment to helping those in need, exemplary leadership on campus and beyond, unwavering respect for human dignity and your excellent academic achievement.

WILLIAM GATEWOOD WORKMAN PSYCHOLOGY AWARD — Linnea Clare Ng ‘15
                                                 Grace Lee Simmons ‘15

Annually the Department bestows this award as its highest honor, commemorating the standards of excellence demonstrated by Dr. Workman in his professional attainments in Teaching, Research, and Service. This year’s award goes to Linnea Ng and Grace Lee Simmons.

ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS

William R. Kenan, Jr. Professorship: Established in 1968 by the William R. Kenan Foundation, the Kenan Professorship was last held by Professor Emerita of English and Humanities Dr. Gail Gibson. The Kenan Professorship now goes to an accomplished historian, award-winning teacher, and campus leader. By fully and creatively integrating teaching and scholarship, by directing international education experiences on both sides of the Atlantic, by mentoring students and colleagues alike, and by leading with integrity and respect, this scholar of American legal history positively impacts many lives. Please join me in congratulating the new Kenan Professor of History, Dr. John Wertheimer.
Nancy and Erwin Maddrey Professorship: Established in 1993 by Davidson trustee E. Erwin Maddrey III, Class of 1963, and his wife Nancy Burgess Maddrey, to support excellence in teaching and scholarship, as well as a strong personal commitment to the welfare of Davidson’s students. Emerita Professor of Psychology Dr. Ruth Ault was the inaugural holder of this chair. Today, we recognize an award-winning scholar, teacher, and mentor who invests in student collaborators and regular public outreach from what is affectionately known as Davidson’s “Herp Lab.” Supported by consistent foundation and government agency funding, he has written over 100 peer-reviewed articles, most with student co-authors, as well as seven books. Please join me in congratulating the new Maddrey Professor of Biology, Dr. Michael Dorcas.

James G. Martin Professorship: Established in 1991 by friends and admirers of the Honorable James G. Martin, Class of 1957, in recognition of his service to the State of North Carolina as Governor. This professorship recognizes instructional excellence in the sciences at Davidson and aims to advance the abilities of students to make significant contributions in chemistry research and applications. Emeriti Professors of Chemistry Dr. Rodger Nutt and Dr. Merle Schuh previously held this professorship. Today, we recognize a dedicated and innovative teacher of organic chemistry, whose own classroom experiments transform students’ learning. This departmental leader integrates scholarship with teaching as the solo author of a textbook, grantee of multiple foundations, and research mentor to many Davidson students. Please join me in congratulating the new Martin Professor of Chemistry, Dr. Erland Stevens.

Samuel E. and Mary West Thatcher Professorship: Established in 1989 by a bequest from Mary Thatcher and by gifts from her son, John Thatcher, Class of 1948. Emeritus Professor of Philosophy Dr. Lance Stell was the most recent Thatcher Professor. Today, we recognize a campus and national leader who is also an award-winning teacher and director of drama and musical theater, with directing credits for over 30 professional and many more academic productions. Students and colleagues experience the impressive outcomes of her creative and generous professional investments. Please join me in congratulating the new Thatcher Professor of Theatre, Professor Ann Marie Costa.

E. Craig Wall, Jr. Distinguished Professorship in Humanities: Established in 1993 to strengthen Davidson’s Humanities program. It rotates among Davidson faculty, with Dr. Burkhard Henke currently holding the professorship. Beginning August 1st, this professorship will rotate to a devoted Humanities teacher whose interdisciplinary scholarship and teaching open new ways of hearing, and thus knowing, the world. Please join me in congratulating the new Wall Professor of Humanities, Professor of Music Dr. Neil Lerner.
WRITING AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

R. Windley Hall Award in Writing

First Place: Bayne Brannen ‘18
‘Masquerade’

Second Place: Meredith Foulke ‘18
‘Unspun Hero’
Third Place: Leah Stauber ‘18
‘Careless Creatures’

Charles E. Lloyd Award in Writing

First Place: Brian Wiora ‘17
‘Cowboy: The Life and Death of Rudy Mata’

Second Place: Sarah Shah ‘17
‘The Victim of Fratricide’

Third Place: Noah Driver ‘16
‘Dojo Etiquette’

Vereen Bell Memorial Award in Creative Writing

First Place, Fiction, Jessie Li ‘15
‘Our Celestia’

Second Place, Fiction, Emily Stanley ‘16
‘Our Lovely Mouths Gagged with Pollen’

Third Place, Fiction, Megan Mendenhall ‘15
‘The Unconscious Erotic Life of Hysterical Girls’

First Place, Poetry, Annalee Kwochka ‘15
‘Sinkholes in the Country of Normalcy’

Second Place, Poetry, Elizabeth Welliver ‘16
‘When Silence Was Spoken’
Third Place, Poetry, Caroline New ‘17
‘When God Created the Animals’

First Place, Drama/Screenplay, Micah Turpeau ‘16
‘The Hunter’

ADDITIONAL AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

THE SIGMA XI BIOLOGY RESEARCH AWARD — Hannah Mary McMillan ‘15

This year’s recipient started working in the lab when she was in 10th grade and earned honors in biology for her research in plant physiology. Hannah McMillan begins her PhD program to this fall.

ADDITIONAL AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

KIZER SCHOLARSHIP IN EDUCATIONAL STUDIES — Bridget Rose Wack ‘16

This year’s recipient of the Kizer Award has shown high academic achievement in Educational Studies and a strong desire to become an educator—Bridget Wack, Class of 2016. She will receive a paid summer internship at a local high school in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System, which has been funded by a Davidson College alum who is determined to support Davidson College students with a desire to enter the teaching profession. The Educational Studies department selected Bridget because she has been an “ed studies” activist on campus—helping to recruit students to the minor and the major, guiding students through coursework, planning social activities, meeting with prospective students and parents, and maintaining a stellar academic performance. Currently, Bridget is researching and writing a school ethnography about the hidden curriculum in character education which promises to be powerful and game-changing piece of scholarship. Not only is she interested in teaching, but also she is searching for not-so-obvious ways to make a long-lasting impact on the lives of children and families both inside and outside of the classroom.
ADDITIONAL AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

THE WELSH PRIZE IN COMPOSITION — Pearce F. M. Lockwood '14

Awarded for the best original music composition by a Davidson student. Established in 2006 in honor of Wilmer Hayden Welsh, Composer and Professor of Music from 1963-1991. For “Roxie’s Walk to Heaven”

THE RUFUS HALLMARK WRITING AWARD — Michael Robert DeSimone '15

Named after the distinguished musicologist Rufus Hallmark, Davidson class of 1965, this award recognizes the best essay on a musical topic written in the previous year. For his essay “Immersion through Submersion: An Exploration into the Underwater Themes of Video Games.”

ADDITIONAL AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

THE SIGMA XI PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH AWARD — Fred Holcomb '15
Julia Bowler Lindsey '15
Kendra Chamlee Smith '15

Annually the Department acknowledges the most distinctive attainments by a student(s) performing research in Psychology. For the range, commitment, and excellence in his or her work, this year’s award goes to Fred Holcomb, Julia Lindsey, and Kendra Smith.

THE JOHN D. KELTON PSYCHOLOGY AWARD — Courtney Elizabeth Reed '15
Amanda Marks Silver '15

John D. Kelton’s work as teacher, psychologist, and Davidson icon is acknowledged in this award based on excellence and perspective, demonstrated in the recipient’s Senior Capstone course essay in Psychology. This year’s award goes to Courtney Reed and Amanda Silver.

EDWARD L. PALMER PSYCHOLOGY AWARD — Katie Stephan '15

This award celebrates annually that student who has distinctively served others through Psychology, commemorating the countless ways in which Dr. Palmer’s life and work have graced others, professionally and personally. This year’s award goes to Katie Stephan.
DR. CHARLES RICHARDSON “BUDDY” MARTIN, JR. UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD — Sophie Elizabeth Claudel ’15

This award recognizes students who share in the love of study and research in the neurosciences demonstrated by Buddy Martin, Class of 1988. This year’s award goes to Sophie E. Claudel for a superlative thesis in neuroscience.

ADDITIONAL AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR SOCIOLOGY STUDENT OF THE YEAR — Hannah Joy Sachs ’16

The Outstanding Junior Sociology Student of the Year is presented to a Junior Sociology major demonstrating a high degree of intellectual maturity and a substantial grasp of sociological concepts and empirical research methods. This year, the award is given to Hannah Sachs.

MINISTRY FELLOWS PROGRAM

Through a nomination, application, and interview process, the Preministerial Committee selects rising seniors each year to participate in the Davidson Ministry Fellows Program. This program identifies students who have gifts for leadership in religious communities and encourages them to explore such service as a vocation to which God may be calling them. The program consists of a summer internship in a congregational setting and a year-long discernment process.

The Ministry Fellows for 2015-16 are: Sara Jane Bush, Cesar Gilberto Guerrero, Hannah Elizabeth Sikes, Elizabeth Leigh Welliver and Mariah Leggett Woodbury.
Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) is a national leadership honor society which recognizes students for leadership in campus or community service, social and religious activities, athletics, student government, journalism and the creative and performing arts. Juniors and seniors who have significantly contributed to campus life in one of these areas and who are ranked in the top 35% of their class are eligible for ODK membership.

2015-2016OMICRON DELTA KAPPA MEMBERS

*Mustafa A. Abid ‘15               *Ryan H. Kozlowski ‘16
*Maggie L. Baay ‘15               *Jessie Li ‘15
*Catherine W. Bennett ‘15         *Gladys C. McLean ‘15
Taylor L. Bradford ‘15            *Connor S. McManus ‘16
*Griffin T. Brand ‘15             *Keri R. Register ‘16
*Michael E. Ding ‘16              *Thomas P. Reith ‘15
Zachary R. Dionise ‘15            *Samuel P. Riehl ‘15
*Cyrus E. Ferguson ‘16            *Rebecca A. Surratt ‘15
*Matthew W. Gore ‘16              *Andrew M. Tucker ‘15
Renato A. Guerrieri ‘15           Grace R. Watt ‘15
*Kai Jia ‘16                      *Elizabeth L. Welliver ‘16
*Divya Khandke ‘16                *Karl J. Wold ‘15

*2014 New Inductees

Faculty Secretary: Ernest Jeffries, Assistant Dean of Students
Faculty Inductee: *Dr. Wendy E. Raymond
Staff Inductee: *Dr. David M. Graham
Honorary Inductees: Coach Robert “Bob” H. McKillop
Dr. James E. Bear ‘93

2015 ODK Community Award: Cory Muir
2015 ODK Staff Award: Arnaldo Munoz Guerrero
2015 ODK Teaching Award: Rebecca Sadaf Joubin

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This year’s recipient of the Omicron Delta Kappa Teaching Award goes to a faculty member who has been the driving force in establishing a strong foundation and an authentic
community within a relatively new and growing department on campus. She demonstrates unwavering integrity and a commitment to excellence in every regard.

Of her development of the fast-paced Arabic program, some have said, “To go from no Arabic proficiency to conversations with taxi drivers, research interview translations, and the ability to read articles, in the space of 7 semesters at Davidson, is nothing less than remarkable.” Outside of the classroom she boldly challenges students to think beyond their ordinary goals and runs alongside them as they strive to reach extraordinary goals. Whether editing applications or helping them brainstorm about study abroad, she helps students realize how their academic passions fit together whether they are taking only one class within her department or are eager Arabic Studies’ majors.

Finally, in hosting department dinners and organizing acclaimed speakers, this faculty member has thoughtfully considered how to enrich the broader campus with the culture, community, and traditions of the Middle East. Without further delay, I am honored to award Dr. Rebecca Sadaf Joubin the Omicron Delta Kappa 2015 Teaching Award.

2015 Staff Award: Arnaldo Munoz Guerrero

This year’s recipient of the Omicron Delta Kappa Honorary Award for dedicated and enthusiastic service to Davidson College goes to a member of the Davidson College staff who causes students to stop in the middle of their busy lives to have an encouraging conversation. He is fully engaged in every interaction and demonstrates genuine care for each person he encounters.

This staff member chose to work for longer hours in Belk Residence hall as opposed to other positions with Physical Plant in order to support first year students as they adapt to a new environment. He has allowed his own story, as one far from his home culture of Cuba, to influence his life in order to welcome students into the Davidson Community. He quickly learns students’ names and stories and follows up daily. Not only does he not mind the sometimes less than pristine state of the residences halls, he expresses gratitude for being able to be with the students every day.

He has legitimately changed the lives of many people in this community and caused ripple effects no one person could imagine. With gratitude and tremendous respect, I present the Omicron Delta Kappa Staff Award to Arnaldo Munoz Guerrero.
2015 Community Award: Cory Muir

This year’s recipient of the Omicron Delta Kappa Honorary Award for dedicated service to the Davidson Community goes to a woman whose energy and enthusiasm, as well as her ardent faith in her students, has been described by multiple students as infectious.

With a heart and mind always reaching out to those who may be overlooked, she has developed the Learnworks program at Ada Jenkins, which offers afterschool tutoring for children in local public schools, as well as other programs that support middle school students. She is also involved in the local community as a member of the vestry and outreach team at St. Albans Episcopal Chruch and has served as a founding board member of La Escuelita San Alban, a bilingual preschool in Cornelius.

One student said: “Cory Muir's passion for teaching and learning is contagious. Every single day, she serves the students and tutors of the Learnworks program with an energy that inspires everyone around her to do their best. She leads by example, treating students with empathy, kindness and respect while she firmly guides them forward in their studies.”

This award is just one way of acknowledging and thanking someone who has worked for sustainable and far reaching impact in our community. I present the Omicron Delta Kappa Community Award to Cory Muir.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION FACULTY AWARD

Every year, about five hundred students join Davidson seeking not only an excellent education but also a community we can call home. Here at Davidson, we are blessed to have many caring faculty members who provide us with amazing opportunities and experiences every day. This morning, we honor the faculty members who make significant contributions to our students’ lives.

Established in 2002, the Student Government Association Faculty Award recognizes the positive involvement of a professor in the lives of students outside the classroom setting. The recipient was chosen by the student body and confirmed by the Student Government Association. This year’s recipient exemplifies what it means to be guided by justice as a core value and to look out for the well-being of his students.

This professor is unique in how aptly he listens to the concerns of students of all backgrounds. He manages both to be incredibly evenhanded and to speak out with conviction about issues affecting his students. All who walk through the doors of his
classroom admire his insistence that everyone present listen to different perspectives from his or her own.

In the words of one of his students, “There’s no better way to put it than to say that he is a good man. He’s good people. He’s fair. He cares.” His students will surely miss him on his sabbatical next year. It is my distinct honor and privilege to present the 2015 Student Government Association Faculty Award to Dr. Fred Smith.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
PRE-MAJOR FACULTY ADVISING AWARD

The Student Government Association Pre-Major Advising Award is given to a faculty member currently serving as a pre-major adviser in recognition for outstanding dedication and meaningful guidance provided to student advisees. This year’s recipient, Dr. Shireen Campbell, truly understands how to start a student’s Davidson experience right.

As a pre-major advisor, Dr. Campbell is extremely knowledgeable and engaging yet unafraid to urge students to challenge themselves and get the best out of their first two years. In addition, her passion for issues of diversity and inclusion have made her office a welcoming environment for students of all backgrounds.

A current student told me, “I will always treasure just how real Dr. Campbell is with me.” Please join me in a warm round of applause for Dr. Campbell.

On behalf of the student body, I would like to congratulate our recipients this year and to thank all our dedicated faculty members for all of the work they do. Thank you very much.