Davidson College’s Celebration of Service is an annual awards ceremony hosted by the Center for Civic Engagement. The event honors students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members who have made exemplary service and civic contributions to our local and global communities and who inspire others to serve.

**Leadership in Service Award**
The Leadership in Service Award celebrates those who exemplify a commitment to service by inspiring others, integrating service into their daily lives, sustaining partnerships with community organizations, and/or developing programs that benefit the community. As chairs of the Civic Engagement Council, we are honored to present this award to the following groups and individuals.

- For her unwavering dedication, eagerness to learn, innovative mindset, ability to take on tasks, and commitment to improve the overall health of client partners at Ada Jenkins Medical Clinic, we recognize: **Hannah Aronson**.

- For her unique ability to build meaningful relationships with the students she tutors at the LEARNWorks program at the Ada Jenkins Center and her commitment to drive change at every level of the education system, we recognize: **Kenzie Bell**.

- For his tireless advocacy work, commitment to amplifying the voices and stories of others, and his instinctive ability to be a champion for the students at Caterpillar Ministries, we recognize: **Chase Conrad**.

- For her devotion and philanthropic leadership in fundraising over $20,000 for the Levine Children’s Hospital and selfless embodiment of what service and leadership truly mean, we recognize: **Kelly Friers**.

- For her positive attitude and intentionality in extending her service commitment beyond the status quo and building meaningful connections with students and staff of LEARNWorks at Ada Jenkins, we recognize: **Charlotte Scott**.

- Like our previous recipient, she too breaks the conventional boundaries of volunteering by taking her personal time to research the holistic environment in which her students learn. Her efforts, along with
that of her co-teacher, have enhanced the youth program at LEARNWorks. For her dedication and loyalty, we recognize: **Emma Granowsky**.

- **He is the friend we all deserve and the neighbor we all need.** For his selfless attitude, compassionate spirit and thoughtful leadership as he serves at Serenity House and the Room in the Inn program at Urban Ministry Center or leads monthly service outings, we recognize: **Jose Hernandez**.

- **For his invaluable knowledge and passion for serving others, his distinguished ability to sustain its mission through team work and his, flexibility, professionalism, and dedication to the Free Clinic at Ada Jenkins, we recognize:** **Sam Lidsky**.

- **For his infectious passion, kinship with children, and industrious contributions to the team and curriculum, all of which have made him an integral part of the team at La Escuelita Bilingual Preschool, we recognize:** **Alexander Nichols**.

- **For her emotional resilience, cultural competence and perseverance as well as for the sophisticated evolution of her research on human rights and representation of the migrant farm worker, we recognize:** **Elizabeth Prosser**.

**Outstanding Partnership Award**-
The Outstanding Partnership Award honors a community member, group or organization who supports Davidson College students and civic engagement efforts.

This year’s recipient is an organization that provides endless support, comfort, and love during the end of life process at no cost to residents or their families. Their work is largely dependent on volunteers, nurses, CNA’s and staff from the community and they have been gracious host to many student leaders and community-based learning courses from Davidson College. They work tirelessly to make each resident as comfortable as possible during their stay, and they do so with absolute selflessness and love. Through their tireless efforts, the staff and volunteers find strength in each other and they continue their work because they know that quality of care can have a positive impact on a resident and their family.

For their compassion, dedication and selflessness in providing a critical resource for end of life care that is often overlooked, we honor **Serenity House** with the Outstanding Partnership Award.

**Alumni Service Award**-
The Alumni Service Award honors alumni who enact exemplary service efforts in their communities.

We are pleased to honor an individual who has incorporated service into his everyday life for many years. Recently, he played a vital role in the growth of what is now DavidsonServesForLife, an alumni service movement and initiative generated by the class of 1968 during their 45th class reunion that now extends to alumni chapters everywhere.
However, his commitment to community began long before this initiative. The fight to end hunger has been a driving force behind many of his efforts. He has been involved with gleaning efforts through the Society of St Andrews, reducing food waste and bringing fresh food to communities. In addition, he has held active roles within Rise Against Hunger, formerly known as Stop Hunger Now, facilitating events where large numbers of meals were packed for shipment to various places around the globe. He cultivated a relationship between Davidson College and Rise Against Hunger that resulted in a two-year Davidson Impact Fellowship for a recent graduate. And, in 2016, he offered his professional expertise to unite disparate efforts and establish the Wake Forest Area Hunger Ministry.

For his incredible dedication in the fight against hunger, energetic leadership, generous spirit and unwavering commitment to leadership and service, we honor George Shaw with the Alumni Service Award.

Sustainability Award-
The Sustainability Award, honors individuals or groups who have shown commitment to the sustainability of a program enabling its future growth and development.

This year we recognize a Quest and Bonner Scholar who has immersed herself in the causes that are close to her. As a Literacy Mentor at Collinswood Language academy, she designs activities to help dual language students develop and retain comprehension and has developed a program for middle schoolers focusing on pathways to academic success. She is a student coordinator for Be the Match on Campus, an organization that has been on campus for 27 years and for which she coordinated annual events like the Vermonster Challenge and Tulip Drive to raise money for bone marrow transplants. She regularly leads Service Saturday outings and served nearly every Friday evening in January, February, and March as a volunteer driver for the Room in the Inn program. Through her positive attitude, she is a consistent source of support for those around her.

For her leadership and commitment to ensure the future growth and sustainability of service initiatives at Davidson, we honor Emily Duval with the Sustainability Award.

Dreams into Action Award-
The Dreams into Action Award honors those who make their vision for civic engagement a reality. This year, we had 2 recipients.

First, we recognize a group that has dedicated itself to improving educational experiences for high school students in CMS. Two of the group’s founding members worked with Project LIFT as education scholars which inspired them to think of innovative ways to support students. After much research and conversation, the leaders created an organization that provides mentorship through culturally relevant lessons and discussions with students at West Charlotte High School. Davidson students involved with the group meet weekly with students. Meetings focus on skill building and leadership topics of the high school students’ choosing. This year, leaders in the organization took their efforts a step further raising funds for a scholarship to support one of the high school seniors in the program. The scholarship will be designated in May, and given at WC’s senior night.
For creating a program to support under-resourced students our local community affirming their agency in their education, we honor the DuBoisian World Scholars Society represented by Bethany Kirkpatrick and Jonathan Shepard-Smith with the Dreams into Action Award.

Our second Dreams into Action Award recipient persevered on an important community project in spite of the challenges she faced. Many times, she was sent back to the drawing board until she found an approach that finally worked. With the support of a Mellon Grant for Justice, Equality, Community, she developed and implemented an intercultural dialogue program in partnership with Davidson students and immigrants in our area. One of the many, positive outcomes of her project is a documentary bolstering immigrants’ stories. Now in the final editing phase, she has scheduled local viewings to engage town and nonprofit leaders in discussions about policy implications arising from her documentary titled “Amplifying Local Immigrant Voices”. The documentary will also be shown on campus on May 8th.

For her advocacy, creativity and perseverance in supporting members of our community, we honor Carlina Green with the Dreams into Action Award.

**Engaged Scholarship Award**

The Engaged Scholarship award honors faculty who integrate community-based learning into their teaching, research and service.

This year’s recipient regularly offers courses that involve students in problem-based assignments and meet a community need. For the past 2 years in her Quantitative Data Analysis course, students engaged in a multi-day data boot camp to demonstrate the efficacy of partners like the Ada Jenkins Center.

Her value for community-based learning is grounded partly in its ability to situate abstract constructs in specific contexts. In her Power and Politics course, she took students to the Levine Museum of the New South for the K(NO)w Justice K(NO)w Peace and Cotton Fields and Skyscrapers exhibits to explore questions like: How has legitimate governance been constructed in the South, historically? She facilitated similar discussions of the exhibit during the Theatre departments visit to the museum.

Beyond her courses, she is deeply engaged in issues impacting our community. This year alone, she participated in several “Challenge the Policy” discussions, co-hosted a MOOC entitled “Engagement in a time of Polarization”, participated in the Community Innovation Institute, and performed in the production “Natural Shocks”; activist theater against domestic and gun violence.

Next year, inspired by the #MeToo movement and in partnership with Katie Horowitz, she will pursue a project investigating the harmful ramifications of sexual harassment in higher education.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Natalie Delia Deckard, our recipient of this year’s Engaged Scholarship Award.
Staff Award-
The Staff Award honors Davidson College staff members who demonstrate a significant commitment and passion for civic engagement beyond their work at the college.

For the past few years, our honoree has led an initiative to collect feminine hygiene products during the month of February for distribution among area non-profits knowing that these products are a costly but necessary for women and girls. She maintains a Facebook page actively requesting products and recruits others to hold mini-drives. Much of her personal time is spent sorting, cataloging and distributing every item that is donated. Just in this year alone, her initiative - Well Equipped – led to the collection and distribution of over 19,000 individual products to 7 area non-profits.

For her dedication to restoring dignity for women and girls in the Lake Norman area through access to feminine hygiene products, we honor Kendra Intihar (assistant general manager of WDAV) with the Staff Award.

Unsung Heroine Award-
The Unsung Heroine award honors someone whose personal service commitment may go unnoticed.

This year we honor a Bonner Scholar who is always the first to offer her time but the last to seek recognition. As a nonprofit leadership fellow at Charlotte Rescue Mission, she partnered with another Davidson student to teach a class on storytelling as a means to understand one another grounded in the women’s desire to have a better sense of community. She currently focuses much of her time and effort at Serenity House. Her partner said of her: “Her quiet and cheerful demeanor, dedication, ability to put others before herself, and overall work ethic has earned her the adoration of co-workers and residents. She can often be found working behind the scenes whether it is sending emails, planning events or building relationships on the individual level to ensure a group’s success.

For her quiet devotion, selfless service, and commitment to bringing communities together, we honor Catherine Cole with the Unsung Heroine award.

Center for Civic Engagement Award of Distinction-
The Center for Civic Engagement Award of Distinction honors an individual who goes above and beyond the concept of volunteerism to live a sustained ethic of care for the world while also empowering and inspiring others to serve.

This year we honor an individual who has a distinctive approach to community engagement. For the past 2½ years he has served as an intern with the middle school program at LEARNWorks gaining the respect and love of students and staff. Through his work with students in the program, he was inspired to develop the Pens and Pad program to support individual and community development through artistic and creative expression. Spending years as an artist in the fields of visual art, poetry, and rap has taught him that there are many ways to communicate ideas and foster healthy involvement within the community. In January, he adapted the program into a workshop offered to community leaders at the annual community innovation institute.
Still further, in collaboration with a fellow classmate, he was recently awarded a $10,000 Project for Peace grant for preservation work in Sapelo Island, Georgia; home to the Hog Hammock community and the last known descendants of the Gullah Geechee people, Central and West Africans who were once enslaved on the islands. The project, designed in collaboration with the community, will uncover and address assets and needs that are overlooked or improperly addressed.

For his ability to inspire others through his positive energy, use of artistic and creative methods to enact social change and value for community voice in change efforts, we recognize Bonner scholar Victor-Alan Weeks with the Center for Civic Engagement Award of Distinction.