2018 Spring Convocation Award Winners

LEADERSHIP / SERVICE / GENERAL AWARDS

BEN CALLINDER AWARD — Jonathan Sheperd-Smith ’18
The Ben Callinder Award commemorates the life of a resilient student who always puts others’ needs before their own. This year’s recipient is a native of Atlanta, Georgia. Throughout his time at Davidson, he has showcased his passion for selflessly improving the lives of those around him in everything he does. His dedication to service comes to light through his involvement with Project L.I.F.T. as an Education Scholar in 2015, founding the Duboisian World Scholars at West Charlotte High School, establishing a scholarship for students at West Charlotte High School, being a Bonner Scholar, serving as captain of the Davidson football team, leading service trips, and being a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He truly puts "others' needs before his own" and is deserving of this award. The 2018 Ben Callinder award goes to Jonathan Sheperd-Smith

DAVIDSON BLACK ALUMNI NETWORK AWARD — Haleena Akiela Phillips ’20
Maurice Julian Norman ’20
Allen Clay, Jr. ’19
The Davidson Black Alumni Network (DBAN) 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 Award.

The first recipient, a freshman from Miami, Florida is a Posse Scholar. She is member of the Black Student Coalition where she serves as a member of the Executive Board. She is also a student associate in the Center for Career Development. The first recipient of the Davidson Black Alumni Network Award is Haleena Phillips.

The second recipient, a sophomore from Waxhaw, North Carolina is a Bonner Scholar, He is the Social Chair for Quest Scholars and a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. The second recipient of the Davidson Black Alumni Network Award is Maurice J. Norman.
The third and final recipient, a junior from Cincinnati, Ohio is a Spanish major. He is a Resident Advisor, a member of the Patterson Court Judicial Board. This student is the current President of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. The third recipient of the Davidson Black Alumni Network Award is Allen Clay, Jr.

RAWLEY P. TURNER DRAMA AWARD — Lucas Weals ’19
Olanike A Oyedepo ’19

As Lorenzo, the love-struck therapist from an unspecified European country in Melancholy Play, Lucas Weals delivered a heart-felt performance full of nuance and exquisite comic timing. The Department of Theatre is proud to honor his work with the Rawley P. Turner Award in Acting.

The Theatre Department awards Olanike Oyedepo with the Rawley P. Turner Award for her astonishingly honest and heart-felt portrayal of a grieving mother in “Dressing” one of five plays that were part of Facing Our Truth.

JAMES BAKER WOODS III AWARD — Grace Covelli ’18

This year’s recipient was awarded a 3-year Campus-based Army ROTC academic scholarship. She has demonstrated superior leadership qualities in the planning and execution of numerous Davidson College Red Cross blood drives and has been an integral member of the organization because of her reach outside the program. She has exhibited great moral character both in and out of uniform. Because of her significant contributions to the Army ROTC program, Davidson College, and the Davidson community, this year’s recipient is Cadet Grace Covelli.

DEAN RUSK INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM AWARD — Mohammed El Sarhan ’18

The Syrian refugee crisis is one of the world’s most pressing humanitarian problems, and Mohammed (Jake) El Sarhan ’18 has done his best to help. He has raised money for medical relief provided by the Syrian-American Medical Association. And on a smaller but very humane scale, he helped a Syrian refugee in Rhode Island organize a successful online business (“Aleppo Sweets”) selling baklava and other traditional pastries.
C. SHAW SMITH AWARD — Meredith Ann Hess ’18
   Jacob Henry Ball ’18

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 Union Board President, Meredith has worked diligently to lead and mentor the members of the Union Board in planning innovative and inclusive programming while also intentionally building up co-sponsorships with fellow student organizations. For all of this and for her thoughtful restructuring of the board that will positively impact members for years to come, it is truly an honor to award this year’s C. Shaw Smith Award to Meredith Ann Hess.

As Vice President of the Union Board, Jacob works hard to make each member feel included and valued and restructured the board to help give everyone a better sense of purpose in their responsibilities. For his thoughtful role as an officer and the wisdom, energy, passion, and fun he brings to campus wide programming, we are privileged to present this year’s C. Shaw Smith award to Jacob Henry Ball.

CHARLES MALONE RICHARDS AWARD — Tori Long ’19

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

Our 2018 recipient of the Charles Malone Richards Award is a junior majoring in Hispanic Studies from Greenwood IN. Tori’s welcoming spirit helps her peers feel comfortable as they explore religious life at Davidson. She’s been a leader in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Campus Outreach, and she is a spiritual mentor for many students. As one nominator wrote, “Tori has made many selfless contributions to spiritual and religious life, and she lives each day with contagious joy that encourages and inspires others.”

For all you have done for the faith community at Davidson, we celebrate you as the 2018 Charles Malone Richards Award recipient.
AGNES SENTELLE BROWN AWARD — Emily Yates ’18

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.

Our recipient is a member of the class of 2018 with a double major in English and Gender & Sexuality Studies. She has been an active leader with Patterson Court council as Chief Justice in 16-17 and President this year. She chaired a committee to re-write the PCC New Member bill of rights and initiated a PCC Host committee. As a student staff member in RLO in her junior year, she had an “active” (J) hall and was able to create community and model healthy behavior. She has been a committed volunteer in Lula Bell’s, and served as Chair of SGA’s Charter’s and Bylaws Committee, and Turner House Vice President. Still further, she is committed to legal aid, has been very active in pre-law society and justice-related campaigns and will attend Wake Forest University School of Law in the fall. One of her nominators described her as a constantly prioritizing community needs and resources.

This year’s Agnes Sentelle Brown Award recipient is Emily Yates.

GEORGE GLADSTONE MEMORIAL AWARD — Allen Clay, Jr. ‘19
Bethany Marie Kirkpatrick ’19

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 history major and educational studies minor with a passion for equity in education. She was part of the student leadership team that founded the DuBoisian World Scholars Society – a student led organization that provides mentorship through engaging in culturally relevant lessons and discussion with students at West Charlotte High School. She served as an education scholar with Project Lift in Charlotte and as a teaching fellow with the Breakthrough Collaborative. On campus she is a Belk Scholar, a Chidsey fellow, a member of Turner eating house, a tour guide, on the coordinating committee for the Women’s Leadership Conference and was recently elected by her peers to serve as a Defense Adviser on the Honor Council. One of her nominators described her as “a highly motivated individual who demonstrates immense empathy when working with community.”

Congratulations Bethany Kirkpatrick, our first recipient of the George Gladstone Memorial Award.
Our second recipient is a Hispanic Studies Major who is always seeking ways to improve organizations and communities. He is currently the President of the Tau Omicron chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and has worked extensively to reorganize and refocus his chapter. Under his leadership, they doubled their programming in the fall semester recruited 6 new members this academic year. As a student staff member in Residence Life he has garnered the respect of his peers as the only junior who has ever served in a predominantly senior residential community. He is seen as an advocate and has taken on research projects to improve campus social climate. As a NASPA Undergraduate Fellow he has held an internship at Eastern Michigan University in their student conduct office and will work as a greek life intern this summer as he pursues a future career in higher education. One of his nominators described him as “charismatic, friendly, driven and well respected.”

Congratulations Allen Clay, Jr., our second recipient of the George Gladstone Memorial Award.

ATHLETIC AWARDS

TOMMY PETERS AWARD — Peyton Aldridge ’18

Peyton Aldridge, the 2018 Atlantic 10 Co-Player of the Year and Tournament’s Most Outstanding Player, finished his standout career behind Stephen Curry (2,635) and John Gerdy (2,483) on Davidson’s all-time scoring list with 2,171 career points. The three-time all-conference performer also ranks among the school’s all-time leaders in rebounds (892/3rd), 3-pointers made (239/6th), free-throw percentage (.827/5th), blocks (116/3rd) and starts (130/1st). Just the program’s second three-year captain, Aldridge scored in double figures 99 times, including 42 straight dating back to his junior campaign. The AP Honorable Mention All-American hit the 20-point plateau 46 times, scored at least 30 on 10 separate occasions, including a career-best 45 at St. Bonaventure on Feb. 27. At the 2018 Atlantic 10 Tournament, Aldridge averaged 24 points, 7 rebounds and 3.3 assists, while shooting 57.8 percent from the floor, including 12-of-14 from behind the 3-point line. During his four-year career, the Wildcats posted an 82-48 overall record 45-27 conference mark, won a regular season title, a conference tournament crown and appeared in three postseason tournaments (2015 & 2018 NCAA Tournament / 2016 NIT).
REBECCA STIMSON AWARD — Sarah Sears ’18

Sarah Sears consistently improved year-to-year for Davidson women’s track and field and cross country, culminating in an impressive and award winning senior season. The Arlington, Va., native is a three-time, and counting, Atlantic 10 All-Conference honoree and two-time Academic All-Conference recipient. Her two wins at the 2018 A-10 Indoor Championship earned her the league’s Most Outstanding Performer distinction. Sears holds three individual program records and another with the 3200-meter relay team, while also posting the fastest ever cross country 5k time last fall. She earned her first ever All-Conference honors for XC with a second-place finish in 2017, helping lead Davidson to a third-place team finish, their best result in 10 years. Don’t let her quiet and humble persona fool you, Sears was a two-year captain for the ‘Cats, leading both on the track and in the classroom.
PHI BETA KAPPA

ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP-IN-COURSE
2018 Inductees

Eric Abaidoo
Amelia Christine Anderson
Andrew Stephen Becker
Tiagpaul Bhamber
George Washington Brown V
Mary Anna Buser
Sarah Elizabeth Coats
Susannah Crowell Cooley
Allison Cheyenne Cowie
Anna Catherine Cox
Collin Joseph Cunningham Epstein
Vivienne Fang
Jason Samuel Feldman
Meredith Ann Foulke
William Connor Haycox
Rachel Shay Hianik
Eliah Jared Hiken
Lauren Grace Himes
Cole Alexander Holland
Amanda Morrison Holt
Allison Claire Hunt
Joseph Danneck Jamison
Ikra Javed
Anmar Yousif Jerjees
Alexander Morgan Karbo
Perry Fortescue Keatley
Benson David Klingler
Bridget Elaine Lavender
Riley Jackson League
Khanh Hoang Van Luong

Mary Catharine McKeithen
Morgan Tinsley Mercer
Abigail Azarcon Ordillas
Erin Elizabeth Piemont
Sierra Lynn Ponthier
Julia Rose Preziosi
Mary Elizabeth Prosser
Sara Warren Reiling
John Shepard Robinson III
Nathan Abraham Rudman
Kristen Winslow Sands
Lily Joy Sanford
Alexandra Louise Sexton
Zachary McDonald Shaver
Laurel Worth Sheffield
Erica Nicole Shook
Hannah Scanlon Sinks
Natalie Charlotte Skowlund
Ryan Connor Stempert
Olivia Wamble Strader
Nathaniel Jay Tenpas
Mary Catherine Thomson
Ava Mary Todd
Takuya Wakayama
Kathleen Weil Walsh
Samuel Ray Weaver
Brian Strader Wood
Haoze Wu
Evan Tian Yi
Xuchen Zhou
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:

Anmar Jerjees ’18 – Awarded the James C. Gaither Fellowship.
Sierra Ponthier ’18 – Awarded the Watson Fellowship.
Cole Riggan ’18 – Awarded the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship – Malaysia.
Kirsten Huffer ’15 – Awarded the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship – Cyprus.
Ela Hefler ’17 – Awarded the Princeton in Africa Fellowship.
Leah Mell ’19 – Awarded the Beinecke Scholarship.
Charlotte Scott ’18 – Awarded the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship – Colombia.
Natalie Skowlund ’18 – Awarded the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship – Colombia.
Callie Carlson ’18 – Awarded the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship – Malaysia.
Katie Ferro ’18 – Awarded the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship – Spain.
Zach Shaver ’18 – Awarded the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship – Botswana.
Amanda Lee ’16 - Awarded the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship – Germany.
Hannah Foltz ’13 - Received 8 full-scholarship offers for PhD programs in Rhetoric. She will matriculate into the program at the University of Texas this fall.
Aman Madan ’18 – Awarded the Truman.
Steffaney Wood ’18 - Awarded the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship – Finland.
Claire Atkinson ’18 - Received a competitive TAPIF award from the French Ministry of Education to teach English next year in the Region of Poitiers.
Mara Papakostas ’20 – Awarded a Boren Scholarship.
Elizabeth Prosser ’18 - Awarded the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship – Mexico.
Keely Brown ’18 - Awarded the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship – Austria.
MINISTRY FELLOWS
The college recognizes the 2018 ministry fellows.

Daisy Jones ‘19
Maeve Hammond ‘19
Jade Polly ‘19

ACADEMIC AWARDS

ARAB STUDIES AWARD — Zakiyyah Chism ‘18
An Africana Studies major and Arab Studies minor, Zakiyyah is a gifted scholar and dedicated activist. A Bonner Scholar, she has put her heart into the Homelessness Task Force, the Muslim Student Association, and has worked with Syrian refugees to improve their English speaking skills. For her generous support of others, we are honored to name Zakiyyah Chism recipient of the 2018 Arab Studies Award.

SANDY BLACK MEMORIAL AWARD — Sarah J. Kopp ‘19, Andrew J. Krueger, Jr. ‘19
Our first recipient is a Psychology major from Victor, New York. This student is a Bryan Scholar, Captain of the Davidson College Women’s Lacrosse Team and a peer-mentor in Psi Chi, the International Psychology Honor Society. As an active member of Connor Eating House, she has helped raise funds for breast cancer research. In addition, she has conducted research on healthy cognitive aging as a member of the Multhaup laboratory on campus. Off campus, she unselfishly gives her time at the Serenity House, a local, end-of-life care facility.

The second recipient, a Biology major from Dublin, Ohio, is a member of the Davidson College Soccer Team and the team representative on Student-Athlete Advisory Committee on campus. Additionally, he serves as the Historian in Alpha Epsilon Delta, the Premedical Honor Society, and a member of Tri-beta, the Biology Honor Society, and Davidson Perspectives, a student organization committed to fostering dialogue among the diverse student body. Last summer, this student conducted research, in the Snyder laboratory, as a Fellow on a NIH-funded research project. Off campus, he regularly helps take care of terminally-ill residents at the Serenity House.
We honor Sarah Kopp and Andrew Kreuger for their outstanding academic achievement in premedical studies and exemplary ability to balance academic vigor with Varsity athletics, leadership, and community service.

**FRANZ BOAS AWARD** — Abigail Ordillas ’18
Sara Reiling ’18

A double major in Chinese Language, Abby Ordillas has deeply explored social issues in Taiwan and China and has worked on multicultural issues in the United States. We also admire her activism on social justice issues, on and off campus.

Sara Reiling, has compiled an outstanding academic record while also studying in Scotland and completing a minor in Economics. She is currently finishing her honors thesis on the social context of alcohol use and alcoholism in Japan.

**BREMER GERMAN LANGUAGE AWARD** — Keely Erin Brown ’18

Because her thesis “Denk positiv: eine Erkundung des Nutzens von Rap für den Ausdruck und die Ausbildung der Jugend” demonstrates a perceptive and nuanced analysis of how German Hip-Hop supports social activism and education for German youth, the Bremer Prize in German Studies is awarded to Keely Brown.

**CHINESE STUDIES AWARD** — Abigail Ordillas ’18

Abby is a true double major: using the skills gained in her Chinese Language major to inform her study and research in Anthropology. We celebrate her strong engagement with Chinese speakers in mainland China, Taiwan, and as our on-campus tutor.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE AWARD** — Andrew S. Becker ’18
Haoze (Andrew) Wu ’18

For excellence in coursework, enthusiasm in class, tenacity in research in the fields of machine learning and virtual reality, and the potential to excel in future computer science endeavors, we award Andrew Becker the Computer Science Award.

For his outstanding academic performance in a wide range of courses in mathematics and computer science, and for his research contributions to satisfiability testing and formal...
verification, we present the Computer Science Award to Haoze (Andrew) Wu.

**TOM DAGGY BIOLOGY AWARD — Kyhl Austin ’18**
Abiding passion for insects with expansive taxonomic expertise brought Kyhl to Davidson’s Entomology Lab where he contributed thousands of insect specimens to a virtual database and authored a research paper. His passion leads him next to graduate school at Cornell.

**ALBERTA SMITH DEVANE RELIGION AWARD — Julia H. Burkley ’18**
Religious Studies recognizes Julia Burkley, scholar and servant. Her honors project shows how white Protestant congregations can confront white patriarchy. Julia co-founded the “Visibility Project” and leads “Better Together”. Her gifts have enriched communities from Ladakh, India, to Washington, DC, to Charlotte, NC.

**W. E. B. DU BOIS EXCELLENCE IN SOCIOLOGY AWARD — Helen Mun ’18**
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.

**ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD — Justine Frerichs ’18**
For your scholarly brilliance, intellectual ambition, passionate and tireless activism, impressive interdisciplinarity, and generous contributions to all things environmental, we celebrate you, Justine Frerichs, as the winner of the Environmental Studies Award.

**LE PRIX DE FRANÇAIS (FRENCH & FRANCOPHONE STUDIES) PRIZE —**
Gwyneth Archer ’18
Victoria Ann Bonagura ’18

Gwyneth Archer is a double major who has maintained the highest GPA in French and completed an Honors Thesis on ancient art in French royal and imperial collections.

Victoria Bonagura is a French & Fracophone Studies and Mathematics double major who has shared her love for French language and culture by serving as an Assistant Teacher (AT) during her entire time at Davidson and numerous contributions to the department.
WILLIAM B. HIGHT EDUCATIONAL STUDIES AWARD — Sophie Johnson ’18
The Hight Teaching Award this year goes to Sophie Johnson, a model-student who has demonstrated the passion and commitment to become a successful teacher and a moving force in education.

MUNDO HISPÁNICO (THE HISPANIC STUDIES) AWARD — Allison Cowie ’18
Allison Cowie exhibits a deep commitment to the department’s endeavors and a strong intellectual presence. Her honors thesis encourages us to think in new ways about early modern poetry and architecture. Good luck this summer, Allison, as you embark on your pilgrimage to Santiago!

Elizabeth Prosser’s commitment to teaching and civic engagement has taken her from the halls of Chambers to the communities of Davidson, Cornelius, Charlotte, Greensboro, Harlem, and Arequipa. Next year her passion will take her either to Stanford University’s Master’s program in Latin American Studies or the Dominican Republic with the Princeton-in-Latin-American non-profit organization.

DOUGLAS HOUCHENS STUDIO ART AWARD — Yasemin Tekgurler ’19
The artwork of this rising senior germinates from paint and welding like trees sprouting from cracked concrete. 2018 Douglas Houchens Award in Studio Art goes to Yasemin Tekgurler.

DAVID HALBERT HOWARD, JR. CHEMISTRY AWARD — Anna Siena Grumman ’19
Anna has been an excellent student in the classroom and the laboratory. She has performed research in both organic synthesis and the 3D printing of computer models. She also loves curating and installing artwork around campus. Thank you and congratulations!

LUCILE AND MAX JACKSON AWARD IN ART HISTORY — Isabelle J. Sakelaris ’19
Because of your quiet passion, critical thinking, and constant examination and analysis of visual culture well above and beyond the requirements of your beloved art history studies, we present you the 2018 Lucile and Max Jackson Award in Art History.
THE KEISER PRIZE IN ENGLISH FOR CLASSICAL PERFORMANCE — Natalie Charlotte Skowlund ’18

This year’s Keiser Prize recipient exemplifies the spirit of the liberal arts. As a Political Science major, she has ventured into courses on Shakespeare’s plays and other classical drama, holding her own with advanced English majors and sharing a gift for dramatic performance. On one occasion, when acting out a scene from Shakespeare’s Henry V, she so convincingly played the Duke of Exeter, threatening the French King with “bloody constraint” unless he immediately turns France over to England, that she shocked her classmates out of their seats.

KENDRICK KELLEY AWARD IN HISTORY — Brian Strader Wood ’18

Brian’s honors thesis begins with a line from Dr. Hubert Eaton, a black physician who helped desegregate medicine in North Carolina: “History has clearly recorded, time and time again, that social issues do not take care of themselves.” Relying on extensive archival research, this thesis is one of the first studies to offer a comprehensive history of local efforts to desegregate North Carolina’s hospitals, medical associations, and medical schools from the 1940s. It reveals the untold story of the black physicians who led these efforts, and complicates the common historical focus on the impact of federal court decisions alone in bringing desegregation. For his expertly written and truly original thesis, “Black Physicians and the Fight to Desegregate Medicine in North Carolina, 1945-1976,” the 2018 Kelley Award is presented to Brian Strader Wood.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES PRIZE — Sarah Sears ’18

We recognize Sarah Sears for her interdisciplinary study of 1910s photographs of the US-Mexico border. Her honors thesis combines original research with digital studies to show how real images created the historical roots of identity and violence that grip the US imaginary of the borderlands.

HENRY T. LILLY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH — Meredith Foulke ’18

A curious and capacious intellect distinguishes this extraordinary writer, who has learned amidst the shiftiness of language and the fungibility of identity to trust poetry—to make art in a time of political instability and social conflict. The Department of English congratulates Meredith Foulke for her excellent performance in our department, and awaits excitedly the inevitable publication of her first collection of poems.
ALAIN LOCKE/ANNA JULIA COOPER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN AFRICANA STUDIES — Kiambra Griffin ’18
Commemorating the distinguished lives and achievements of two outstanding figures whose legacies significantly impacted future discourses on race, gender, class, and sexuality in Africana Studies, we bestow this award to Kiambra Griffin for best exhibiting the qualities of academic and global commitment to social justice.

WILLIAM G. MCGAVOCK MATHEMATICS AWARD — Nathan J. Tenpas ’18
Erica N. Shook ’18
For research accomplishments in the field of graph theory, for excellence and depth in coursework, and for distinguished participation in the Director’s Summer Program at the National Security Agency, we award Nathan Tenpas the McGavock award in mathematics.

For her generosity as a leader and mentor; her perspicacity and excellence as a student at Davidson and researcher at MIT; her future success as a Smith Scholar at UCL and beyond, the William G. McGavock Award for accomplishment and promise in mathematics goes to Erica Shook.

SALLY G. MCMILLEN GENDER & SEXUALITY STUDIES PRIZE — Rosie Major ’18
The McMillen Award goes to Rosie Major for her honors thesis, “Re-signifying Fat: Fat Liberation Media as a Potential Intervention in Bias.” Engaging critical theory and social psychology, Rosie examines the impact of social media on anti-fat biases affecting women.

A.K. PHIFER AWARD IN ECONOMICS — Julie Bennett ’19
Kamran Shahbaz ’19
This year’s winners have displayed exceptional analytical skills and the ability to ask insightful research questions. Most importantly, these recipients have shown profound appreciation for the way that the study of economics can improve our understanding of the world.

PHYSICS AWARD — Jack Taylor ’18
This year’s recipient excelled in the classroom while optimizing his interests in physics and machine learning to provide the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory with
methods to classify particles in active-target experiments. The 2018 Physics Award is presented to Jack Taylor.

**W. KENDRICK PRITCHETT AWARD IN CLASSICS — Lily Joy Sanford ’18**
This award goes to a senior classics major who embodies the characteristics for which W. Kendrick Pritchett ’29 was known: distinguished academic performance, personal integrity, and love of ancient literature, history and archaeology. This year’s winner is Lily Joy Sanford.

**J. HARRIS PROCTOR AWARD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE — Benson Klingler ’18  Jeremiah Evans ’18**
The first recipient has performed exceptionally well in political science, as well as in economics and German studies. He has also conducted extensive research on the politics of corporate sustainability performance in China. The department is pleased to honor Benson Klingler.

Our second recipient is a Quest Bridge Scholar who is heading to law school next year. His intellectual curiosity and abiding interest in justice led him to pursue an honors thesis examining the coercive nature of bail in the criminal justice system. The department is pleased to honor Jeremiah Evans.

**RICHARD ROSS MEMORIAL MUSIC AWARD — Peter Sengbusch Whitehouse ’18**
Our Richard Ross Music award is given to Peter Whitehouse, a gifted trombonist whose great musical abilities are equaled by his cheerful desire to contribute his time and talent to be of service in any capacity to the entire department.

**JOSEPH T. GARDNER THEATRE AWARD — Savannah Deal ’18**
Lighting design, directing, playwriting, acting—Savannah’s done so much impressive work during her four years. But her most lasting legacy might be the entirely student-run Summit New Play Festival, which she has lovingly produced since its inception. For her passion, commitment, and generosity, we award the Joseph T. Gardner Theatre Award to Savannah Deal.

**PORTER VINSON CHEMISTRY AWARD — Claudia Hernandez ’20**
This Posse Scholar is a proven chemical researcher, won a prestigious Jeff Ubben Scholars Program summer research internship, and helped lead the efforts in establishing a Latina sorority. Wow! We look forward to what you do the next two years!

DANIEL BLAIN WOODS AWARD — Jonathan D. Kim ’19
M. Ummer Qureshi ’19
The first recipient is a Biology major from Rockville, Maryland. He is gracious, friendly, and thoughtful. He has dedicated time and energy to foster collaboration and positive change both on and off campus. We recognize this student’s academic achievement in premedical studies, service to the campus community - as the President of the Minority Association of Premedical Students and a volunteer emergency medical technician - his unfailing service to the activities of the premedical office, and his deep commitment to improving the human condition through hands-on service and translational research endeavors. We celebrate and honor you today, Jonathan D. Kim, for your outstanding academic achievement and commitment to the ideals of a good physician that are the trademarks of the Daniel Blain Woods award.

The second recipient is from Germantown, Maryland and a Biology major. This student’s quiet yet unwavering commitment to his premedical studies, research on mitochondrial disease, and service to the terminally-ill and the most vulnerable at Serenity House, is an example for all. His dedication to scientific inquiry, in the Hales laboratory on campus, earned him a prestigious Beckman Scholarship. He carries himself with dignity, and despite the challenges he has faced, he continues to give his best to all his endeavors. We celebrate and honor M. Ummer Qureshi as a recipient of the Daniel Blaine Woods Award.

WILLIAM GATEWOOD WORKMAN PSYCHOLOGY AWARD — Katherine Davis Maultsby ’18
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 Katherine Davis Maultsby.
WRITING AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

R. WINDLEY HALL AWARD IN WRITING
First Place in Creative Writing: Margo Parker ‘21
Decaf, and Other Poems

Second Place in Creative Writing: Addison Sharp ‘21
Roomie Goals

First Place in Scholarly Writing: Iain Anderson ‘21
Southern Impressionism and the Lost Pause

Second Place in Scholarly Writing: Caroline Stanley ‘21
An Exploration of Martin Luther King Jr.’s Image Through Shelby

CHARLES E. LLOYD AWARD IN WRITING
First Place in Nonfiction Writing: Casey Margerum ‘19
Did I Sing Too Loud: Poetry and Performance

Second Place in Nonfiction Writing: Allison Cheeseman ‘18
Pretty Damn Good: Women in the Long-Haul Trucking Industry

Third Place in Nonfiction Writing: Kenzie Bell ‘20
If This Is Love

VEREEN BELL MEMORIAL AWARD IN CREATIVE WRITING
First Place in Poetry: Evan Yi ‘18
Séance, and Other Poems

Second Place in Poetry: Maurice Norman ‘20
Loose Gravel, and Other Poems

Third Place in Poetry: Meredith Foulke ‘18
A Liar’s Guide

First Place in Fiction: Thomas Waddill ‘19
Fumbling
Second Place in Fiction: **Leah Stauber ‘18**  
*Snagged*

Third Place in Fiction: **Grace Falken ‘18**  
*A Disheveled Courtship Attempt*

**ADDITIONAL AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AFRICANA STUDIES**

**WANGARI MAATHAI AFRICANA STUDIES AWARD — Morgan Spivey ‘18**

Wangari Maathai Africana Award for Extraordinary commitment and leadership in Africana Studies is awarded in honor of the first African Woman and environmentalist to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004. Maathai stood up courageously against the former oppressive regime in Kenya. Her unique forms of action have contributed to drawing attention to political oppression—nationally and internationally. She has served as inspiration for many in the fight for democratic rights and has especially encouraged women to better their situation.  

This award honors her activism and leadership and is awarded to the graduating senior whose undergraduate experience reflects outstanding leadership and involvement in campus affairs especially towards improving campus climate, particularly for underrepresented and historically marginalized students. This award is bestowed upon **Morgan Spivey** who best exhibits the qualities of Africana Studies’ global commitment to social justice.

**ADDITIONAL AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY**

**THE SIGMA XI BIOLOGY RESEARCH AWARD — Ryan Almeida ‘18**

The Charlotte Chapter of Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society honors top undergraduate research scientists from regional colleges and universities.

Based on his enthusiasm for the study of biology, his achievements in the classroom, field, and laboratory, and his selfless contributions as a tutor and peer mentor, **Ryan Almeida** is the recipient of the Sigma Xi award in Biology.
ADDITIONAL AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

PAGE AND ROBERT E. KIZER EDUCATION INTERNSHIP AWARD — Emily Morgan ‘19
This award goes to a junior who is pursuing a major or minor in Educational Studies with high academic achievement and a strong desire to become an educator. The recipient will receive a paid summer internship at a local high school in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools System. This scholarship has been funded by an alum who is committed to supporting Davidson College students who have a desire to enter the teaching profession.

ADDITIONAL AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

THE WILMER HAYDEN WELSH PRIZE IN COMPOSITION — Leslie Max Lilburn ‘20
Max Lilburn’s song, “Goings and Comings,” with its unexpected chord changes, edgy leaps in the bass, a bridge that actually goes somewhere, exemplifies the best in the compositional process: creating inevitable musical relationships with unpredictable materials.

THE RUFUS HALLMARK WRITING AWARD — Peter Sengbusch Whitehouse ‘18
In his essay, “Heroic Overcoming, Falls from Grace, and ‘Creative Genius’: An Analysis of Disability Tropes in Jazz,” Peter Whitehouse, with great skill and understanding, surveys several histories of jazz and identifies familiar patterns of erasure and heroic overcoming.

STEINWAY PIANO GALLERY-CHARLOTTE AWARD — Andrew Wu ‘18
A mathematics and philosophy double major, Andrew Wu has demonstrated outstanding musicianship and artistry as a pianist, and contributed to the musical life of the College by playing with the Davidson College Symphony Orchestra and singing with the Davidson Singers.
ADDITIONAL AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

THE SIGMA XI PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH AWARD — Kathleen Kiely Little ‘18
Laurel Worth Sheffield ‘18

Annually the Department acknowledges the most distinctive attainments by students performing research in Psychology. For the range, commitment, and excellence in their work, this year’s award goes to Kathleen Kiely Little and Laurel Worth Sheffield.

THE JOHN D. KELTON PSYCHOLOGY AWARD — Kenzie Margaret Potter ‘18

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 Kenzie Margaret Potter.

EDWARD L. PALMER PSYCHOLOGY AWARD — Julia Gabrielle Relova ’18

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 Julia Gabrielle Relova.

DR. CHARLES RICHARDSON “BUDDY” MARTIN, JR.
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD — Kinsey A. Barhorst ‘18
Alishah Lakhani ‘18

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 Kinsey A. Barhorst and Alishah Lakhani for superlative research in neuroscience.

ADDITIONAL AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR SOCIOLOGY STUDENT OF THE YEAR — Rebecca Moody ‘19

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.
OMICRON DELTA KAPPA RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

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.

2018-2019 OMICRON DELTA KAPPA MEMBERS

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Caroline H. Yarbrough
Emily Yates ’18*
Evan T. Yi ’18

*New Inductee

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Circle Coordinator: Mr. Walter Snipes, Associate Director of Residence Life
Faculty Inductee: Dr. Helen Cho
Staff Inductee: Ms. Theresa Allen
Honorary Inductee: Ms. Mitzi Short ‘83
2018 TEACHING AWARD — Dr. Larry Ligo
The first award I will be presenting today is the 2018 Omicron Delta Kappa teaching award—will Dr. Larry Ligo please come forward? While I have not been fortunate enough to take one of Dr. Ligo’s classes myself, the following description, written by Caroline Yarbrough, class of 2019, heralds Dr. Ligo’s exceptional contributions to the life of the Davidson community. “Dr. Ligo merits this year’s Omicron Delta Kappa award because of his enthusiasm for teaching, his devotion to his students, and his desire to instill in each student a deeper appreciation for art. While his lectures never fail to captivate and engage even the most sleep-deprived student, what sets Dr. Ligo apart is his genuine investment in each and every person in his classes. From his kind invitation into his home for homemade snacks and a garden tour, to his constant encouragement to visit him in his always-open office, Dr. Ligo goes above and beyond to invest in his students in and outside the classroom. As the first Art History professor at Davidson, Dr. Ligo has deepened the knowledge, stimulated the minds, and nurtured the artistic appreciation of countless Davidson students. I can think of no one more deserving for this year’s Omicron Delta Kappa Teaching Award.” Congratulations, and thank you again for your commitment to the Davidson community, Dr. Ligo!

2018 STAFF AWARD — Eva Caile Alvarez
This year’s Omicron Delta Kappa staff award recipient brings sunshine and encouragement wherever she goes. Will Eva Caile Alvarez please come forward? Abby Ordillas, class of 2018, captured Eva’s warmth and grace when she wrote: “Eva Caile Alvarez has gone above and beyond for countless students. As a staff member in Vail Commons and the Wildcat Den, she warmly greets everyone by name and remembers the smallest details about each person. She is also intentional in supporting students by attending their athletic events, organizing meals with students, and looking out for students’ well-being. But most of all, she plays a central role in making Davidson feel like home”. We so appreciate and admire you, Eva—Congratulations!

2018 COMMUNITY MEMBER AWARD — Eddie and Connie Beach
Finally, I have the honor of announcing the 2018 Omicron Delta Kappa community member award, which will actually go to a dynamic duo of Davidson alums. Will Eddie Beach (Class of 1968) and Connie Beach (Class of 1971) please come forward? When I asked Sierra Ponthier, class of 2018, to reflect on the impact that these two have made in the community, she wrote, “Eddie and Connie are the loving caretakers of Davidson Community Garden. Since starting the garden in 2010, they have brought together members from all different corners of the community to get their hands dirty while learning about organic, biodynamic gardening. Through the garden, Eddie and Connie have contributed thousands of pounds of fresh produce to the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. The Davidson circle of Omicron Delta
Kappa would like to recognize Eddie and Connie Beach for their continued dedication to building bridges within the community, to welcoming college students into their home, and to providing fresh and nutritious food to Loaves and Fishes.” Thank you Eddie and Connie, for inspiring and caring for all of us in the Davidson community.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

2018 FACULTY AWARD — Dr. Fuji Lozada
He takes the time to see students grow as individuals, even if they are not taking a class with him. He is great at connecting with students and maintaining close, meaningful relationships. He is one of the biggest "go-getters" in terms of getting opportunities for students to follow their interests. He really cares about students succeeding. Finally, he is engaging and open.

2018 PRE-MAJOR FACULTY ADVISING AWARD — Dr. Magdalena Maiz-Pena
She is an energetic, caring, and welcoming person. Her electrifying personality goes beyond the classroom and encompasses her as an advisor, mentor, and confidant for all students she meets. Her love of teaching and her outgoing personality make her one of the most noticeable and caring people in the Davidson family.