



## 2019 Spring Convocation Award Winners

### LEADERSHIP / SERVICE / GENERAL AWARDS

#### AGNES SENTELLE BROWN AWARD — **Marcos Balseira '19**

The Agnes Sentelle Brown Award is awarded to a sophomore, junior or senior who demonstrates outstanding promise as indicated by character, personality, and academic ability.

Our recipient is a member of the class of 2019 with a major in Political Science and a minor in Economics.

Marcos Balseira has made a significant impact on the campus community. He has been a member of the Honor Council since the spring of his first year and held several leadership roles within Phi Gamma Delta and on the Patterson Court Council Executive Board, including Interfraternity Council Ambassador and PCC President. Additionally, he has brought joy to campus in his role as Lux the Wildcat.

#### BEN CALLINDER AWARD — **Bethany Kirkpatrick '19**

Humble about her many gifts, and generous to all whom she encounters, this student goes out of her way to support her peers. On top of being a stellar student whose commitment to learning is admirable, she is also deeply committed to her friends, to service, and to the pursuit of social justice. She has served on the Honor Council and as an Alumni Engagement Ambassador for the Davidson Discovery Initiative (DDI) program. For making Davidson a stronger, better place, in every sense, the 2019 Ben Callinder Award goes to Bethany Kirkpatrick.

#### DAVIDSON BLACK ALUMNI NETWORK AWARD — **Roy Toston '20**

**Oge Ibida '21**

**Brianna Foster '22**

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 is from Miami, Fla. She is a Posse Foundation Scholar and currently serves as the first year representative for the Black Student Coalition (BSC) and volunteers with the DuBoisian World Scholars program. The class of 2022 recipient of the Davidson Black Alumni Network Award is Brianna Foster.

The second recipient, a sophomore from Newark, N.J., is a Bonner Scholar. She serves as the corresponding secretary for the Upsilon Mu Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is also the publicity chair for the Black Student Coalition, and a STRIDE peer mentor. The second recipient of the Davidson Black Alumni Network Award is Oge Ibida.

The third recipient, is a junior from Richmond, Va. He is a Bonner Scholar, a member of the leadership team of the Honor Council as one of two Student Solicitors, a Terry Fellow, and Douglas Scholar for the class of 2020. The third recipient of the Davidson Black Alumni Network Award is Roy Toston.

**DEAN RUSK INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM AWARD — Julia Rose Knoerr '21  
Daniel Jeremiah Thomas '22**

As members of Global Corps, the International Studies Program's organization for students interested in international affairs, Julia and Daniel play a key role in promoting internationally-themed events on campus. In recognition of their generous commitment of time and remarkable efficiency in arranging for speakers, discussions, and other events, we are proud to name as winners of this year's Dean Rusk International Studies Program Award the co-leaders of Global Corps, Julia Knoerr and Daniel Thomas.

**GEORGE GLADSTONE MEMORIAL AWARD — Emily Duval '20  
Mikayla Smalls '20**

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 indicated by leadership, service and academic record.

Our first recipient is majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Emily Duval is dedicated to bettering her communities. She is a Bonner Scholar, a volunteer at the Lula Bell Houston resource center, co-coordinator for Be the Match/Project Life and for Room in the Inn, and has spent many hours volunteering with local youth. She was also a Stapleton-Davidson intern and will work with Freedom Schools this summer.

Our second recipient has double majors in Sociology and Africana Studies.

Mikayla Smalls is driven to enact positive change that will be sustained beyond her time at Davidson. She has served in a number of roles within the Black Student Coalition and as a S.T.R.I.D.E mentor. She is also a Bonner Scholar and mentor for young black women through the S.E.E.D.S. of Magic at West Charlotte High School.

GOODWIN-EXXON AWARDS — **Dahlia Krutkovich '21**  
**Anna Marie Jones '20**  
**Valerie Arias '19**

Established by Henry S. Goodwin of the Class of 1930 and funded in part by a foundation, these awards are given annually to a sophomore, junior and senior who exemplify the highest standards of character, good sportsmanship, friendliness and consideration for others.

The sophomore recipient of the 2019 Goodwin Exxon Award is Dahlia Krutkovich. Dahlia sees the need for change and makes it happen. After the Tree of Life synagogue tragedy, Dahlia led the planning of a campus vigil- organizing details, helping students craft remarks, serving as the event moderator, and answering community questions to host that could provide catharsis for the students, faculty, staff and community members present. Davidson is a better place, not just for Jewish students, but for all students, because Dahlia is here.

For your consideration of others and for setting high standards of character and leadership, we honor you today, Dahlia, as the 2019 Goodwin Exxon Sophomore Award recipient.

The junior recipient is Anna Marie Jones.

Anna Marie Jones excels in her leadership roles on campus. As an employee in both the Technology & Innovation department and in the student activities office she performs exceptional work with quiet competence. As a group facilitator with Davidson Outdoors, she brings people together in ways that are fun and deeply insightful. As the current Vice President and the incoming President of the Union Board she seeks to build community on campus by creating inclusive events and opportunities for connection.

For the character that you represent, your warmth and friendliness, and your participatory leadership, we honor you today, Annie, as the 2019 Goodwin Exxon Junior Award recipient

Our senior recipient is Valerie Arias.

Valerie's leadership is predicated on others learning and having the opportunity to lead. She is the President of the Organization of Latinx American Students (OLAS), is a student staff member in the Residence Life Office and is the President and one of the founding members of Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad/Lambda Pi Chi Sorority, Inc. Valerie is an outstanding servant leader as she strives to make an impact on the lives of various communities.

For your sharing your talents and gifts so generously with others, and for your commitment to service, we honor you today, Valerie, as the senior recipient of the 2019 Goodwin-Exxon Award.

**CHARLES MALONE RICHARDS AWARD — Grace Elizabeth Cain '20**

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 2019 recipient of the Charles Malone Richards Award is a junior majoring in English with a minor in Religious Studies from Advance, N.C.

A life-long Presbyterian, Grace will intern this summer as a Davidson Ministry Fellow at a church in Baltimore, Maryland. Consistently operating from a place of love, she has been a leader of the Presbyterian campus ministry called UKirk, a Service Odyssey Coordinator, and a youth advisor at DCPC. Perhaps most significantly, she has personally modelled and worked thoughtfully to highlight intersections of the LGBTQ community and the faith community on campus, particularly through her knowledge of queer theology and her leadership in Q&A and The Visibility Project. As one nominator said: "Grace is a bridge-builder who lives life connecting people with her enthusiasm and outgoing personality."

For all you have done for the faith community at Davidson, we celebrate you as the 2019 Charles Malone Richards Award recipient.

**C. SHAW SMITH AWARD — Emma Alden Wilson '19**

Through her involvement in the Student Activities Office and the Union Board as this year's Artist Series Chair, Emma has made a major impact in the College Union. Emma advanced the Artist Series with innovative marketing, creative ideas to engage students with performers, and through forming connections with departments across campus. Her energy and compassion truly embody the Union Board mission.

### JAMES BAKER WOODS III AWARD — **Ally Bedell '20**

This year's recipient was awarded a 3-year Campus-based Army ROTC academic scholarship. She has demonstrated superior quality of character in her contributions to the Davidson ROTC physical fitness program and in volunteering for challenging leadership positions while balancing a rigorous academic schedule. Cadet Bedell has been an integral member of the organization and 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 Ally Bedell.

## **ATHLETIC AWARDS**

### TOMMY PETERS AWARD — **Jack Lang '19**

Jack Lang was awarded the Tommy Peters Award, given to the senior male student-athlete in recognition of outstanding dedication and contribution to intercollegiate athletics.

One of the most decorated golfers in school history, Lang is one of just three Wildcat golfers to compete in multiple NCAA Tournaments (2017 Individual / 2018 Team). The Boston native is the first in school history to compete as an individual competitor and team. In addition to earning 2016 Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year, Lang became the first Davidson player to capture the A-10 individual championship a year later.

In 2018, the three-time all-conference performer led the Wildcats to their first conference team championship in 50 years.

Currently ranked in the Top-150 nationally, Lang's 2018-19 stroke average is top's in program history, while his career scoring average is second to just Richard Fountain.

In all, Lang has a program-best 11 career Top-5 finishes and 13 Top-10 showings. Last year, Lang was named a 2018 Cleveland All-America scholar for his work in the classroom and on the course.

### REBECCA STIMSON AWARD — **Caroline Yarbrough '19**

Caroline Yarbrough was awarded the Rebecca A. Stimson Award, given to the senior woman student-athlete in recognition of outstanding dedication and contribution to intercollegiate athletics.

Yarbrough was a highly decorated member of the women’s cross country and track and field teams, earning Atlantic 10 All-Conference honors all four years of her cross-country career and another 10 times on the track. The Greensboro, N.C., native won three conference titles on the track and scored 107 points during league championship meets, a feat less than 10 student-athletes have achieved in the Atlantic 10 all-time.

The 2015 A-10 XC Rookie of the Year, Yarbrough also shined in the classroom, landing on six A-10 All-Academic teams, and was selected to the 2018 Google Cloud Academic and USTFCCCA All-District teams.

## PHI BETA KAPPA

### ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP-IN-COURSE

2019 Inductees

George Cobb Baldini	Olivia Grace Liccione
James Michael Barnhill	Alston Lee Lippert
Matthew Jeffrey Murphy Bell	Aman Madan
Julie Katharine Bennett	Berta Anne Maisel
John Lucas Bost	Erin Glenn Major
Christopher Diehl Brooks	Martin Oliver Malotky
Henry Lawrence Brooks	Casey Leigh Margerum
Julia Marie Rapp Cardwell	Quinn Michael Massengill
Ruiming Chen	Leah Jane Mell
Natalie Brigid Connell	Sophia Lily Mills
Olivia Coral Daniels	Meera Kanthi Nagaraj
Allison Joy de Moya	Caroline Elizabeth Okel
Savannah Jean Dukes	Grant Steven Pecheck
Mohammed Jake Ibrahim El Sarhan	Miles McLeod Powell
Sarah Brady Ethridge	Anna Carine Ramgren
Nikole Louise Fendler	Coleman Benson McAdam Richards

Allegra Geanuracos	Anna Mae Rupp
Maeve Kaitlyn Hammond	Isabelle Jayne Sakelaris
Madeleine Anne Henner	Kamran Kayeum Shahbaz
Mia Blakeney Hodges	Timothy Everett Stroud
Hartlee Grace Johnston	Buer Su
Elyssa Madeline Katz	Kendall Lane Thomas
Bethany Marie Kirkpatrick	Zachary Svoboda Veroneau
Robert Grantham Koehl	Lucas Fuhrman Hancock Weals
Sarah Jane Kopp	Emma Viola Wilbur
Andrew John Krueger, Jr.	Savannah Elizabeth Williams
Kathryn Elaine Laurence**	Victoria Hope Williams
Matthew James LeBar	Jackson Elliott Wood
Esteban Andrés León Torres	Caroline Holt Yarbrough

\*\*elected and inducted in 2017

## 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:

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship

**Anna Jones '20 – Ghana**

Center for Arabic Study Abroad Fellowship

**AJ Naddaff '19 – Cairo**

Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellowship

**Jessica Gumucio '16**

W. Thomas Smith Scholarship

**Aman Madan '19** – SOAS University of London

Critical Language Scholarship

**Catherine Cartier '20** (*Declined*) – Persian

**Grace Covelli '19** – Persian

**Anna Dolder '20** (*Alternate*) – Arabic

**Clara Hare-Grogg '19** (*Alternate*) – Arabic

**Dana Schrock '19** (*Alternate*) – Arabic

Fulbright U.S. Student Program

**Alexa Cole '19** (*Alternate*) – English Teaching Assistantship, Colombia

**Jalin Jackson '19** – English Teaching Assistantship, Panama

**Emilee Lord '19** – English Teaching Assistantship, Colombia

**Isaac Mervis '19** (*Declined*) – English Teaching Assistantship, South Korea

**AJ Naddaff '19** (*Declined*) – Open Study/Research, Jordan

**Ashley Page '15** – Research, Bulgaria

**Emma Slater '19** (*Alternate*) – English Teaching Assistantship, Algeria

**Hannah Sommerlad '19** – English Teaching Assistantship, Taiwan

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

**Akanksha Das '16** – Psychology, Clinical Science

**Kathryn Michelle Greene '18** – Ecology

**Linnea Ng '15** – Industrial/Organizational Psychology

**Phoebe Clara Rose Parrish '16** – Genomics

**Erica Shook '18** – Neurosciences

Thomas J. Watson Fellowship

**Natalie Connell '19** – Perspectives on End-of-Life Care; Ecuador, Netherlands, Jordan, India, Vietnam

**Kyla Roland '19** – The Future is Female: Examining STEM Gender Disparities; Jordan, Trinidad, Norway

Truman Scholarship

**Catherine Cartier '20**

## ACADEMIC AWARDS

### ARAB STUDIES AWARD — **Emma Slater '19**

A gifted linguist, artist, and scholar, Emma conducted original fieldwork on the Kasbah of Algiers. A true visionary, she founded the journal "Rahhala." As editor-in-chief, Emma sought out the original articles, translations, and photographs of her peers and ensured that their unique voices were heard. We are honored to recognize Emma Slater for her selfless service to her community and beyond.

### SANDY BLACK MEMORIAL AWARD — **Madeline Seagle '20** **Tallia Pearson '20**

Madeline Seagle is a junior Biology major from Advance, N.C., and Tallia Pearson is a junior Neuroscience major from St. Louis, Missouri. Madeline and Tallia, these awards are given to you for excellence in scholarship and deep commitment to service and to the medical profession. Your high academic standing is a testament to your keen intellect, indomitable drive, and exceptional work ethic.

### FRANZ BOAS AWARD — **Madeline Henner '19** **Bess Sijie Li '19**

Madeleine Henner has manifested an interest in holistic anthropological inquiry since studying bilingual education in a Guatemalan Maya community following her first year at Davidson. Her interests in applying anthropological knowledge and methods extend to social problems surrounding refugee resettlement, food sovereignty in the United States and abroad, and a recovery program focused on the empowerment of women.

For her anthropological research on ESL curriculum at Cornelius Elementary School and Chinese workers in Argentina, her cross-cultural work with the Charlotte International House and Ghana National Basic School, and her campus leadership in the Asian Culture Awareness Association, Chinese Culture Club, Davidson Admissions office, and SGA, we recognize Bess Sijie Li for her embodiment of anthropological values.

### BREMER GERMAN LANGUAGE AWARD — **James C. Hurson '19**

Because of his excellent writing skills in German and English, ambitious thesis research interviewing Argentinians with German ancestry, and for his deep, analytic engagement with culture and language, the Bremer Prize in German Studies goes to James Carey Hurson.

**CHINESE STUDIES AWARD — Alston Lee Lippert '19**

The Chinese Studies Award honors a senior who has used advanced study of Chinese language to encounter, understand, and engage Chinese speakers with sincerity and empathy. The department is proud to honor and name Alston Lee Lippert winner of the 2019 Chinese Studies Award.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE AWARD — Niall Luke Williams '19**

For his research accomplishments in virtual reality, his excellence in a wide variety of coursework, and his valuable contributions to departmental life, we present the Computer Science award to Niall Williams.

**TOM DAGGY BIOLOGY AWARD — Hartlee Johnston '19**

"This award goes to a student for her immense academic, research, mentoring, and leadership accomplishments. She is a published scientist, dedicated tutor, and talented piccoloist. We honor Hartlee Johnston with the Tom Daggy Biology Award."

**ALBERTA SMITH DEVANE RELIGION AWARD — Emily Alexander Privott '19**

For her thoughtful writing on religion, for her enthusiasm for the discipline, and for her unfailing eager participation in all our department's activities, the Religious Studies Department gives its 2019 DeVane Award to Emily A. Privott.

**W. E. B. DU BOIS EXCELLENCE IN SOCIOLOGY AWARD — Yasemin Tekgurler '19**

The WEB DuBois Award for Excellence in Sociology goes to the most outstanding Senior Sociology Major demonstrating the skills and priorities that are central to Sociology as a field of study and arena of advocacy. For her grasp of theory and methodology AND for her ambitious work through her own independent research project, the Sociology department is very pleased to designate this year's award to Yasemin Tekgurler.

**ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD — Julia Marie Rapp Cardwell '19**

For her honors thesis examining how both biophysical and social vulnerability are necessary for environmentally-just floodplain management interventions, her activist work with the Davidson Lands Conservancy, and her campus leadership in the Turner Eating House, Environmental Action Coalition, and Davidson's Ultimate Frisbee team, we present this award to Julia Cardwell.

**LE PRIX DE FRANÇAIS (FRENCH & FRANCOPHONE STUDIES) PRIZE — Jules Xiao '19  
Nina Austin '19**

This double major in French & Francophone Studies and Art has excelled in her French classes by bringing to them her astute critical and analytical skills, and her unique appreciation for and expert knowledge on French art and fashion. The French and Francophone Studies Department gives its 2019 Prix de français Award to **Jules Xiao**.

This double major in French & Francophone Studies and Economics double major has shown her dedication to French by spending a whole year abroad with Davidson in France and by serving as an Assistant Teacher (AT) during her time at Davidson and being a pillar of the French table. The French and Francophone Studies Department gives its 2019 Prix de français Award to **Nina Austin**.

JOSEPH T. GARDNER THEATRE AWARD — **Jacob Haythorn '19**

Celebrating Dr. Gardner, the Theatre Award recognizes a student who selflessly gives their time, energy, and talents to the Theatre Department during their tenure at Davidson. For the past four years, this student has been an outspoken advocate for the vitality of theatre, constantly encouraging new folks to find their creative homes within our department. He is also a loyal and generous friend to any theatre student in need. In rehearsals and performances, his positivity and knack for leadership is the glue that holds the entire company together. The Theatre Department is a better place because of him. Today we enthusiastically grant Jacob Haythorn the Joe Gardner Theatre award.

WILLIAM B. HIGHT EDUCATIONAL STUDIES AWARD — **Bethany Kirkpatrick '19**

Established by colleagues, alumni, and friends in the memory of William B. Hight, founder and longtime chair of the Educational Studies Department, this award recognizes a student who has an insatiable passion for the study of education and society, as well as high academic achievement. This year the Educational Studies Department recognizes Bethany Kirkpatrick for her exceptional scholarship.

MUNDO HISPÁNICO (THE HISPANIC STUDIES) AWARD — **Maeve K. Hammond '19**

This year's Mundo Hispánico recipient is Maeve K. Hammond, a dedicated intellect and a generous servant of the community inside and outside Davidson, whose commitment to Hispanic Studies will leave a lasting mark. Next fall she will attend the Harvard Divinity School. Congratulation Maeve.

DOUGLAS HOUCHEMS STUDIO ART AWARD — **Rebecca Pempek '20**

This emerging seniors' artwork is built of successive layers of saturated paint and charcoal. The soft and aggressive lines break and fracture into abstracted terrains. The movement mimics the vortex of the ocean's eddy, dangerous in its beauty, wild and fearless in its never-

ending flux.

DAVID HALBERT HOWARD, JR. CHEMISTRY AWARD — **Jeffrey (Alex) Sizemore '20**

An exceptional student in the class and laboratory, Alex distinguishes himself through quality engagement in class discussions. Alex has served as a laboratory assistant and is praised by faculty members for his ability to help students having difficulty performing experiments. He is also a class leader in the American Chemical Society student affiliates chapter. Congratulations!

LUCILE AND MAX JACKSON AWARD IN ART HISTORY — **Helen Sturm '20**

When you're not risking the self-discovery that comes with digging ever more deeply in your advanced painting class; when you're not carefully unpacking the content of the three art history courses you're taking this semester; when you're not photographing and cataloguing Davidson's permanent art collection, please pause long to enjoy receiving the 2019 Lucile and Max Jackson Award in Art History.

THE KEISER PRIZE IN ENGLISH FOR CLASSICAL PERFORMANCE — **David Madison Hardaway, Jr. '19**

Few Davidson students have matched Madison's love of classical performance. Few have demonstrated his range. Few have equaled him in ability. Give him a role like Sarastro in Mozart's *Magic Flute*, and listen to him become a father and a sage. Hand him the Chairman's role in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, and marvel at his command of the house. Ask him to lead an acting workshop on *Macbeth*, and watch him lead his peers to new understanding. Whether through his rich bass voice or his micro-facial expressions, he shines on stage and off.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES PRIZE — **Becky Contreras '19**

"We recognize Becky Contreras for her commitment to the well-being of Central American migrants who travel through Guatemala and her research on transitional justice in both Guatemala and Colombia. Becky's work is comparative in nature, and it illuminates the historical and contemporary issues surrounding the impact of violence on local populations in two Latin American regions."

HENRY T. LILLY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH — **Lucas F. Weals '19**

With a verbal poise boosted by an intelligence that is at once capacious and playful, this student writes with extraordinary fluency and grace. He is a deep and generous thinker with an empathetic imagination, a marvelous memory, and an insatiable curiosity, Lucas Weals

we will miss the conversations you catalyze inside and out of the classroom.

ALAIN LOCKE/ANNA JULIA COOPER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN AFRICANA STUDIES — **Jade Juana Polly '19**

Her current research project on the black vernacular tradition has revealed a mind that is profoundly imaginative and a method that is deeply inspired; and her intellectual contributions to the field of Africana Studies have been just as ambitious and steadfast as her political and ethical commitments to the diverse, everyday communities with whom she continues to make common cause. For all of this and so much more, the Alain LeRoy Locke and Anna Julia Cooper Award goes to Jade Polly.

WILLIAM G. MCGAVOCK MATHEMATICS AWARD — **Savannah E. Williams '19**

For her research accomplishments in graph theory, lucky labeling with the Combinatorial Nullstellensatz and forcing spiders into paths, for her excitement surrounding mathematics which overflows into the local schools, and for her future success at Bryn Mawr College, the William G. McGavock Award for accomplishment and promise in mathematics goes to Savannah E. Williams.

SALLY G. MCMILLEN GENDER & SEXUALITY STUDIES PRIZE — **Abbey Corcoran '19**

Abbey's GSS Honors thesis, in the literary and cultural representations track, is titled "Cruising Bootopia: Citizenship, Nationhood, and the Compulsory Whiteness of the Queer Ghost Child in Anglo-American Popular Culture." It is a theoretically sophisticated, expansive, and incisive study of how certain television tropes of queerness elide the histories and archives of white supremacy and anti-blackness.

A.K. PHIFER AWARD IN ECONOMICS — **Matthew Gandier '19**  
**Adam Thomson '20**

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 — **Jamie Barnhill '19**

This year's recipient excelled in his quantum-mechanical research, bouncing off or tunneling through all barriers encountered, no matter the size or shape. For his theoretical research, service to the department, and his excellence in the study of physics, the 2019 Physics Award is presented to Jamie Barnhill.

**J. HARRIS PROCTOR AWARD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE — Kamran Shahbaz '19  
Emma Wilber '19**

One colleague referred to Kamran as a “once in a generation” kind of student—brilliant, inquisitive, hard-working, and eminently likeable. He relishes intellectual exchanges and does so with respect and an open mind. A Political Science and Environmental Studies double major, he has excelled in every Political Science course he has taken, produced written analyses worthy of publication, and has made it all look easy. Congratulations, Kamran.

Few students have made such a great impression in their work both in and out of the classroom as has Emma, a Political Science and Russian Studies double major. In class, she has consistently produced masterful written work and possesses a genuine intellectual curiosity about politics. Outside the classroom, her year-long program of study in Russia was a challenging immersion experience she was willing to take on, and she won rave reviews in her internship work at the Federal Election Commission. Congratulations, Emma.

**RICHARD ROSS MEMORIAL MUSIC AWARD — Amelia Moore Willingham '19**

The Richard Ross Award goes to a talented composer, arranger, audio producer, and student leader, Amelia Willingham. Amelia’s musical talent is rivaled only by her dedication to her art, and by the irrepressible joy she brings to all she does.

**RAWLEY P. TURNER DRAMA AWARD — Samuel A. Giberga '19  
Kessler Catterall '19**

“In his portrayal of Shakespearean contemporary John Heminges in *Book of Will*, Sam Giberga was faced with an enormous challenge for a college-age actor: to authentically embody the intense energy, loss, and grief of this aging showman. Sam’s beautiful work, full of rich texture and depth, is honored by the Department of Theatre with the Rawley P. Turner Award in Acting.”

“As the Princess Puffer, the mysteriously motivated opium purveyor in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, Kessler Catterall fused bold physicality, confident singing, and a heightened sense of theatricality to create a magnetic and memorable performance—all with a surprisingly limited amount of stage time. In admiration of her indelible work, the Department of Theatre is proud to present Kessler with the Rawley P. Turner Award in Acting.”

**PORTER VINSON CHEMISTRY AWARD — Eleanor (Ellie) Mackintosh '21**

In the words of one faculty member, “She’s the kind of student that writes a full page for a single answer... and every single part is on-point, correct, and satisfying to read. She’s the

kind of student that makes you feel like you are a super-teacher, even though you know she's really the super-student." Congratulations!

DANIEL BLAIN WOODS AWARD — **Sarah Borucki '20**

**Hossein Bakhshandeh '20**

Sarah Borucki, from Norcross, Georgia, is double-majoring in Philosophy and Biology.

Hossein Bakhshandeh is a Biology major from Fremont, California. Sarah and Hossein, these awards are given to you in recognition of your outstanding academic and research achievements, profound commitment to helping those in need and your exemplary leadership on campus.

WILLIAM GATEWOOD WORKMAN PSYCHOLOGY AWARD — **Sarah Jane Kopp '19**

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 Sarah Jane Kopp.

## 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.

### 2019-2020 OMICRON DELTA KAPPA MEMBERS

Noah J. Batke '19

Natalie B. Connell '19

Olivia C. Daniels '19

Rebecca G. Drake '19\*

Emily M. Duval '20\*

Ethan G. Ehrenhaft '20\*

Sarah B. Ethridge '19\*

Ashley L. Frye '19

Megan E. Goodling '19\*

Claudia Hernandez '20\*

Lucy B. Hollister '19\*

Madison O. Hunter '20\*

Yangzi Jiang '19\*

Nicholas L. Johnson '19

Hartlee G. Johnston '19

Daisy L. Jones '19

Edward J. Kelley IV '20\*

Bethany M. Kirkpatrick '19

Sawyer Levy '19\*  
Victoria M. Long '19\*  
Aman Madan '19\*  
Broderick J. McCurdy '20\*  
Naira Oberoi '19\*  
Saidah T. Rahman '20\*  
Jenna S. Reed '19

Serena L. Sewell '19\*  
Adde M. Sharp '20\*  
Severine A. Stier '19\*  
Yasemin Tekgurler '19\*  
Kendall L. Thomas '19\*  
Amelia M. Willingham '19\*  
Caroline H. Yarbrough '19

*\*New Inductee*

**Faculty Secretary:** Stacey Riemer, Associate Dean of Students & Director of Civic Engagement

**Circle Coordinator:** Mr. Walter Snipes, Associate Director of Residence Life

**Faculty Inductee:** Dr. Garry Bertholf

**Staff Inductee:** Dr. Leslie Grinage '03

**Honorary Inductee:** Chris Clunie '06

#### 2019 ODK TEACHING AWARD — **Verna Miller Case**

Whether in the classroom, through Posse, or in Mwandu, Dr. Case has always focused on teaching her students how to think. Dr. Case could not be here today because she is in Mwandu, a demonstration of her continuous dedication to global health.

#### 2019 ODK STAFF AWARD — **Irsa Maria Vargas-Barrantes**

Irsa greatly impacts Davidson through her tangible joy, humble servant-heart, and genuine passion for students, co-workers, and all who pass through Union. She's an integral component of the Davidson family, intentionally encouraging and uplifting others.

#### 2019 ODK COMMUNITY MEMBER AWARD — **Anita "Jan" Blodgett**

After serving in the Davidson library for 23 years, Jan Blodgett has continued to serve as a community historian, bringing her expertise and her compassion to Davidson's reckoning with its own history. She has been instrumental in many students' individual research, as well as in the foundations of the Commission on Race and Slavery.

### **STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

#### 2019 FACULTY AWARD — **Samuel Sánchez y Sánchez**

Professor Sánchez y Sánchez demonstrates the qualities that students value most in their professor. He is personable, humorous, compassionate, and supportive, allowing his students

to succeed at their highest levels and helping them to feel valued on campus. His reputation as a professor and mentor reaches even those who have not had a chance to take a class with him, and that is why he is receiving the SGA Faculty Award.

2019 PRE-MAJOR FACULTY ADVISING AWARD — **Melissa González**

This is not your typical professor. Deeply conscious of pedagogy and positionality, her teaching style welcomes students into the classroom, inviting them to learn and to thrive. Ever mindful of inclusion and equity, Dr. González is a treasured member of the Davidson faculty. For her commitment to students, her love of learning, and her service of justice, Dr. González has won the SGA Pre-Major Faculty Advising Award.

## Additional Honors and Award Winners Spring 2019

### WRITING AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

R. WINDLEY HALL AWARD IN WRITING

Creative Non-Fiction – 1<sup>st</sup> Place:

**Samantha Spada '22** - *Brake Lights and Just a Car's Length Away*

Scholarly – Tie for 1<sup>st</sup> Place:

**Alice Berndt '22** - *A Seed As A Home*

**Carmon Proctor '22**– *Rape in Game of Thrones: An Authentic Narrative Element or Shock Porn?*

CHARLES E. LLOYD AWARD IN WRITING

Nonfiction – 1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Katie Walsh '20** – *Islands Beneath Us*

Nonfiction – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Elyssa Katz '19** – *A Conspiracy of Silence*

Nonfiction – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: **Margo Parker '21** – *Episodes*

VEREEN BELL MEMORIAL AWARD IN CREATIVE WRITING

Poetry – 1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Leah Mell '19** – *Hollywood Forever* and other poems

Poetry –2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Maurice Norman '20** – *Gram 'ma invites me to dinner* and other poems

Poetry 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: **Will Thurston '19** - *High School* and other poems

Fiction – 1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Thomas Waddill '19** – *Houston, 2027*

Fiction – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Ben Caldwell '21** – *Galveston*

Fiction – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: **Elliot Lannon '20** – *The Dragon*

### **Gail Gibson Award for Scholarly Writing**

Scholarly – 1<sup>st</sup> Place:

**Lucas F. Weals '19** – *Fatalism and Fiction: A Philosophical Reading of David Foster Wallace's 'Good People'*

Scholarly – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:

**Claire Biggerstaff '19, Annie Maisel '19, Naira Oberoi '19, Severine Stier '19** – *Illuminating Loy: Designs, Inventions & Commerce: Recovering Mina Loy as an Entrepreneur*

Scholarly – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:

**Katie Walsh '20** – *Masturbating Monks and Vicarious Visions: Reading Male Pleasure in the Gothic Genre*

Honorable Mention:

**Iain Anderson '21** - *Adonis's 'Thunderbolt' and the Responsibilities of the Translator*

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

**WANGARI MAATHAI AFRICANA STUDIES AWARD** — **Salome Arya '19**  
**Lindsey Jarrell '19**

Honoring the activism and leadership of the first African Woman Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, this award recognizes activism and leadership, and is awarded to the graduating senior or seniors whose undergraduate experience reflects outstanding leadership and involvement, especially towards improving the campus climate for underrepresented and

historically marginalized students.

### ADDITIONAL AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

#### THE SIGMA XI BIOLOGY RESEARCH AWARD — **Sebastian Flores '19**

"This award goes to a student who is the first author on a published manuscript, demonstrates exceptional scientific intuition and productivity, and whose passion for science leads him next to a research position at the University of California, San Francisco. We honor Sebastian Flores with the Sigma Xi award for excellence in research."

### ADDITIONAL AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

#### PAGE AND ROBERT E. KIZER EDUCATION INTERNSHIP AWARD — **Jennifer Griffin '20**

Funded by an alumnus determined to support students having a desire to enter the teaching profession, this award is presented to a junior pursuing a major or minor in Educational Studies, exemplifying high academic achievement, and demonstrating a strong desire to become an educator. This year's recipient will receive a paid summer internship in a public school setting.

### ADDITIONAL AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

#### THE WILMER HAYDEN WELSH PRIZE IN COMPOSITION — **Dylan Hyman '19**

Established in 2006 in honor of Wilmer Hayden Welsh, Composer and Professor of Music at Davidson College from 1963-1991, the music faculty is pleased to present the 2019 Welsh Prize to Dylan Hyman '19 for his piece, *Untitled (answers)*. With a melodic axis consisting of lone notes casting long shadows and a harmonic axis that feels like being in a slow-motion freefall, Dylan creates a sonic landscape that magically defies gravity. The audience favorite at its premiere, one person states: "My absolute favorite piece was Dylan B. Hyman's *Untitled (answers)* – the slow tempo yet steady beat gave the piece a dreamlike feel, and though the composition was over ten minutes long, I didn't want it to end." Congratulations, Dylan!

#### THE RUFUS HALLMARK WRITING AWARD — **Clara Hare-Grogg '19**

Named after distinguished musicologist Rufus Hallmark, Davidson class of 1965, the Rufus Hallmark Writing award recognizes the best essay on a musical topic written in the previous

year. How does one write an original paper on a subject as thoroughly researched as Leonard Bernstein, especially in the year of the centennial of his birth? Our Rufus Hallmark Writing Award winner answered this challenge with a most unlikely topic: fan mail. In a weekend spent at the Library of Congress, she studied hundreds of letters sent to Bernstein in reaction to his frequent television appearances with the New York Philharmonic. Her analysis showed that Bernstein touched people who were young and old, in ways that were both simple and profound, to listeners who were musical snobs and musical illiterates. She brilliantly argued that the volumes of fan mail spoke to his ability to speak to millions in a way that was at the same time highly personal. The resulting paper, "America's Music Teacher: Remembering Bernstein through Fan Mail for Omnibus and Young People's Concerts." gives a unique insight into the genius of Leonard Bernstein. The Music Department is pleased to present Clara Hare-Grogg the 2019 Rufus Hallmark Writing Award.

**STEINWAY PIANO GALLERY-CHARLOTTE AWARD — Laura Carolyn Dunnagan '19**

The Steinway Award, given every year by the Steinway Piano Gallery of Charlotte and Greensboro, recognizes outstanding pianistic ability, musicianship, and artistic and academic scholarship. This year's recipient is Laura Dunnagan. Laura has contributed to the music department community for the past four years performing as soloist, chamber musician, and member of the DCSO on both piano and harpsichord. She holds the June Vieth music scholarship award. Her senior recital featured solo and collaborative works from composers as varied as Beethoven, Bartok, Granados and Messiaen, which she performed with color and sensitivity. Laura's major is a self-designed program in poverty and development studies. During her time at Davidson, she was also the co-editor-in-chief of *The Davidsonian* and did reporting for the local NPR affiliate in her hometown of Little Rock, Arkansas.

**ADDITIONAL AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY**

**THE SIGMA XI PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH AWARD — Noah Joseph Batke '19  
Rebecca Grace Drake '19  
Isabella Kathlyn Pallotto '19**

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 Noah Joseph Batke, Rebecca Grace Drake, and Isabella Kathlyn Pallotto.

**THE JOHN D. KELTON PSYCHOLOGY AWARD — Elia Gabrielle Ramirez '19**

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 Elia Gabrielle Ramirez.

**EDWARD L. PALMER PSYCHOLOGY AWARD — Mary Elizabeth Walters '19**

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 Mary Elizabeth Walters.

**DR. CHARLES RICHARDSON "BUDDY" MARTIN, JR.**

**UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD — Sarah B. Ethridge '19**

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 Sarah B. Ethridge for superlative research in neuroscience.

**ADDITIONAL AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

**OUTSTANDING JUNIOR SOCIOLOGY STUDENT OF THE YEAR — Shelby H. Holmes '20**

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 Sociology department is very pleased to provide the award to Shelby H. Holmes.

**MINISTRY FELLOWS**

**The college recognizes the 2019 ministry fellows.**

Liam Barr '20

Grace Cain '20

Mikayla Smalls '20

Jorell Story '20

Olivia TenHuisen '20

**BECKMAN SCHOLARS – Vivienne Fang '18**

**Sarah Ethridge '19**

**Nika Fendler '19**

**Ummer Qureshi '19**

The Beckman Scholars Program, funded by the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation, provides an in-depth, sustained undergraduate research experience for exceptionally talented students in chemistry, biochemistry, biological, and/or medical sciences. The following students have been named Beckman Scholars during their time at Davidson: Sarah Ethridge, Vivienne Fang (class of 2018), Nika Fendler, and Ummer Qureshi.

**SPENCER-WEINSTEIN PRIZE FOR COMMUNITY AND JUSTICE – Makayla Binter '20**

**Uyen Nguyen '20**

The Spencer-Weinstein Prize for Community and Justice, a generous gift of Carole and Marcus Weinstein, recognizes students, faculty and staff who are working to foster dialogue across difference and build bridges for a more just community.