2014 Spring Convocation Award Winners

LEADERSHIP/SERVICE/GENERAL AWARDS

DAVIDSON BLACK ALUMNI NETWORK AWARD — Melissa Sharda Hayban ’17
               Joyelle Marie Newton ’15
               Nathaniel Othniel Walcott ’16

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

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

The first recipient, a freshman from Princeton, New Jersey, is a Bonner Scholar and a member of the Black Student Coalition Executive Board. She has served the community as a tutor at the Ada Jenkins and as a volunteer at the Checkered Ball for Hinds Feet Farm. The first recipient of the Davidson Black Alumni Network Award is Melissa Sharda Hayban.

The second recipient, a sophomore from East Orange, New Jersey, is a Biology major. This Presidential Scholar is the co-president of the Virtuous Praise Gospel Choir, and a Student Admissions Ambassador. He extends himself to the community as a volunteer at the Ada Jenkins center. The second recipient of the Davidson Black Alumni Network Award is Nathaniel Othniel Walcott.

The third and final recipient, a junior from Columbia, South Carolina, is a Chemistry major. She is a tutor in the Davidson Math and Science Center and has served as an executive board member for the Black Student Coalition. This student is also the Senior Peer Mentor Coordinator for the S.T.R.I.D.E. program and a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.
Inc. The third recipient of the Davidson Black Alumni Network Award is Joyelle Marie Newton.

**RAWLEY P. TURNER DRAMA AWARD** — Margaret Oakes Birgel ’14
Amos Christian McCandless ’14

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

The recipients for 2014-2015 are: Margaret “Maggie” Birgel for her compelling and emotionally rich performance as Rachel in *Reckless* and Amos McCandless for his mature and nuanced performance in the dark comedy, *Mr. Marmalade*. The Theatre Department is quite pleased to honor these remarkable performances.

**JAMES BAKER WOODS III AWARD** — Cadet James Hugh Atkins ’15

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

This year’s recipient of the James Baker Woods, III Memorial Award has distinguished himself by displaying outstanding qualities of leadership, moral character, academic achievement, and a high degree of aptitude for military service. A political science major from the Class of 2015, he is a 3.5-year Army ROTC scholarship recipient who has excelled in many leadership positions within the Army ROTC program. Because of his significant contributions to the Army ROTC program, Davidson College, and the Davidson community, this year’s recipient of the James Baker Woods, III Award is Cadet James H. Atkins.

**C. SHAW SMITH AWARD** — Lauren Andrea Schassberger ’16

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 first Director of the College Union, C. Shaw Smith would regularly spend his days sitting and chatting with students as he empowered them to achieve their latest dreams. His genuine interest, selflessness, and encouraging manner are all qualities matched by this year’s award recipient.
As the Outpost Committee Chair, this year’s C. Shaw Smith Award recipient has grown as a student leader in enormous ways and contributed greatly to the programming of the Union Board. As a chair of a committee whose purpose is to program weekly in a facility that was in constant state of flux this year, this recipient handled each hurdle and hiccup in the event planning process with energy and proactivity. She worked to establish connections with campus partners and collaborations with other student groups that will benefit student programs in the New Summit space for years to come. The pure and unparalleled enthusiasm she exhibits for other committee chairs events is also remarkable. Her energy motivates the rest of the Board and, while the tireless hours of work she completes may not be widely known, her efforts and spirit have contributed greatly to the social atmosphere for students. For her constant stream of ideas, her natural spark, and her undying commitment to the Union Board as a whole, it is a great privilege to award this year’s C. Shaw Smith award to Lauren Andrea Schassberger.

CHARLES MALONE RICHARDS AWARD — Grace Rechine Watt ’15

The Charles Malone Richards Award, established in memory of a longtime Davidson pastor and professor, is presented to a rising senior, ordinarily one preparing for the ministry, whose academic record, participation in campus activities, and contribution to community religious life are outstanding.

Our 2014 recipient of the Charles Malone Richards Award is a junior majoring in Physics and a minor in Hispanic Studies from St. Louis, Missouri.

For friends who know her well and for those whom she has just met, her whimsical and playful spirit is evident—a gift that makes all feel welcome. As a hall counselor, a teammate, and a friend, she lives out her faith daily through her patient and gentle love, bold and sacrificial compassion, and awe-inspiring dedication to others.

She is a constant source of encouragement and support to her friends, a group that includes a large portion of campus. While she would never admit to the impact she has on this campus, she is more than deserving of this recognition.

For the way in which you live your faith convictions in your daily interactions with others on campus and beyond, we name Grace Rechine Watt the 2014 Charles Malone Richards Award recipient.

AGNES SENTELLE BROWN AWARD — Savannah Ruth Erwin ’14

Established by Dr. Mark Edgar Sentelle, Professor and Dean of Students at Davidson
College, in memory of his sister, this award is presented to an upperclassman of outstanding character, personality, intellectual ability, and scholarship.

The 2014 Agnes Sentelle Brown award recipient is a senior Psychology major from Houston, Texas.

From serving as a hall counselor to embarking on an ambitious senior honors thesis focusing on student stress and empathy, Savannah has demonstrated a clear passion for helping others during her time at Davidson. She is a model of respect and actively seeks to brighten the days of all with whom she interacts. As president of the Patterson Court Council, captain of the women’s ultimate frisbee team, and a former social chair and secretary of Warner Hall Eating House, Savannah has impacted the lives of many with her strong, relationship-based leadership. Says one of her teammates, “As a three-year captain, Savannah is the selfless heart and soul of the women’s ultimate team. Her dedication, spirit, and willingness to teach and offer guidance beyond the field has made her a role model to every woman on the team, both younger and older.”

Let’s just simply say that you embody all that this award recognizes and we thus honor you as the 2014 recipient of the Agnes Sentelle Brown Award Savannah Ruth Erwin.

GEORGE GLADSTONE MEMORIAL AWARD — Samuel Spears Littlejohn ’15
Andrew Morris Tucker, Jr. ’15

Established in memory of George L. Gladstone, Jr., Class of 1960, this award is presented to a rising senior exhibiting high potential for service to mankind as demonstrated through leadership, service to the community, and academic record. This year’s winners of the George Gladstone Memorial Award are Samuel Spears Littlejohn and Andrew Morris Tucker, Jr.

Our first recipient is a junior Chemistry major from Blowing Rock, NC

Sam possesses a rare ability to earn the absolute respect of his peers in every context, and is considered a valuable voice in all conversations. He proves that leadership need not be limited to those in executive positions.

A man of true balance, Sam leads by example as a highly-motivated student and a SGA class president. One friend says about our recipient, “He is compassionate, grounded in faith, sympathetic, and above all, always relentless in his pursuit of fun. He not only has a great and brilliant scientific mind, but a genuine and altruistic spiritual one.”
For being a constant source of inspiration to your peers, persistence in helping those less fortunate and impact you have on countless others, we honor you as the 2014 George L. Gladstone Award Samuel Spears Littlejohn.

Our second recipient is a junior Political Science major from Timonium, MD

Drew personifies service and leadership in all that he does. He is the type of person that inspires others simply through his presence. He radiates positivity, passion, and perseverance that quickly become as contagious to those around him as his relaxed and welcoming nature. Whether through leading mission trips, being the chair of the Davidson Honor Council, having an active role in multiple campus organizations, or simply being a close friend, Drew has significantly impacted innumerable lives both within and outside of the Davidson community. Through and through he is an exemplary person of service who leads both vocally and by example in and out of the classroom.

As one fellow student states, “Though his prestige and ambition are great, we can be confident that they will be used for the forces for decades.”

For character unsurpassed, a love and care for serving and teaching others and leadership by example, we recognize you as the 2014 recipient of the George L. Gladstone Award Andrew “Drew” Morris Tucker, Jr.
ATHLETIC AWARDS

TOMMY PETERS AWARD — De’Mon Bajaia Brooks ‘14

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

Today’s Tommy Peters Award winner exhibits the leadership and spirit that have become the trademark of this award. An intense player with a knack for coming up with the big play, this student’s enthusiasm and energy set the tempo for our basketball program.

Just the fifth player in program history to earn Southern Conference Player of the Year honors twice, he finished his four-year standout career ranked among Davidson’s top ten all-time leaders in scoring (1,777/7th), rebounding (765/6th), field-goals made (647/6th), field-goal percentage (.535/5th), free-throws made (430/6th) and blocked shots (71/10th). In addition, he was a two-time Associated Press Honorable Mention All-America selection, two-time Southern Conference Tournament MVP, three-time first-team All-Conference selection and three-time NABC All-District honoree. In 125 career contests, he scored in double figures 94 times while leading Davidson to an 89-44 overall record, 58-12 conference mark and four postseason appearances (2 NCAA, 1 NIT, 1 CBI).

Please join me in celebrating the 2014 Tommy Peters award winner – De’Mon Brooks.

REBECCA STIMSON AWARD — Laura Jeanne Murray ’14

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

This psychology major leaves Davidson as one of the women’s basketball program’s finest players. As a senior, she set the program’s all-time points record with 1,880, while also setting records in made three-pointers (222), three-point attempts (647) and field goal attempts (1,623). A three-time All-SoCon First Team pick and the 2011 SoCon Freshman of
the Year, she set three single season records this year, including points with 617, and averaged a career-high 19.3 points, good for second-best in a Wildcat single season. She led Davidson to back-to-back 22-win seasons in 2012 and 2013, while guiding the Wildcats to the Women’s NIT postseason in both years and assisted the Wildcats to the program’s first-ever postseason victory in 2013. The senior started all but one of her 130 career games played in and is the program’s only player to be named to the SoCon All-Tournament First Team three times. For her career, she finished scoring in doubles figures 98 times, including reaching the 20-point plateau a school-best 33 times.

Please join me in recognizing the 2014 Rebecca Stimson Award winner – Laura Murray.
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ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP-IN-COURSE

31 March 2014

Nicholas Ambrose Bader
Megan Elizabeth Bannon
Jessica Barnett Barrick
Jenna Nicole Bates
Sarah Elizabeth Bills
Chai Lu Coughlin Bohannan
Sarah C. Bowers
Noah Quinby Bricker
Katherine Louise Burd
Jonathan C. Cox
Nisha J. Crouser
James A. Durling
Julia Newman Ellis
John David Eun
Megan Mae Falvey
Nicholas W. Evans
Rebecca Anne Evans
Ashley Nicole Finger
Margaret F. Forshag
Elizabeth Louise Gammon
Jessica Louise Gerard
Ann Caroline Giornelli
Christopher J. Gorman
Sarah H. Gustafson
Lyla M. Halsted
Sarah Elizabeth Hamilton
Catherine Lindsay Hare
Nicole Rosa Haug
Kathryn M. Hicks
Sawyer J. Hicks
Ellen Whitney Hoober
Anna Elizabeth Ike

Andrew P. Irvine
Nicole Elizabeth Jenkins
Ellen Johnson
Erin Lorette Johnson
Katherine Ruth Marie Kalivoda
James Noyes Keator
Jannat Khan
Emily Kathleen Krall
Emma Lou Krause
Henry M. Lee
Xiaoyun Liu
Colleen Kendall Maher
Margaret A. Mavity
Brites M. Moniz-Soares
James Pierce Mooney IV
Genevieve de la Beaume Nielsen
Christine Morgan Noah
Andrew Pak
Emma Mae Park
Gabriel L. Perlow
Cameron M. Privott
Sarah Helen Ratmeyer Richardson
Eric McLaran Sawyer
Scott R. Sellers
Heather C. Sims
Justin Charles Strickland
Chang Su
Ana B. Suarez
Lauren M. Swany
Phillip Douglas Hardenbergh Wall
John H. Watson
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

Nick Bader ’14 has received a teaching assistantship at the académie de Grenoble, sponsored by the French Ministry of Education and the Centre international d’études pédagogiques.

Kelvin Bates ’12 was awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship to study atmospheric Chemistry at the California Institute of Technology.

Noah Bricker ’14 has been awarded a 2014 Humanity in Action Fellowship.

Caroline Brown ’14 has received a teaching assistantship at the académie de Versailles, sponsored by the French Ministry of Education and the Centre international d’études pédagogiques.

Shneeka Center ’15 has been awarded a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship to study female social mobility through sport in Sweden, India, Senegal and Peru.

Emma Domingoes ’15 received an Honorable Mention in the Goldwater Scholarship competition.

Nick Evans ’14 has received a grant from DAAD, the German Academic Exchange Service, to fund research on sustainable behavior and behavioral change.

Ashley Finger ’14 has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study physics in Luxembourg.

Mary Elizabeth Gearing ’11 has received an Honorable Mention from the National Science Foundation for her study of cell Biology.

Sarah Gustafson ’14 has been awarded Davidson College’s W. Thomas Smith Scholarship to pursue an intercollegiate master’s degree in History of Political Thought and Intellectual History at University College London and Queen Mary University of London.

Haley Hardie ’15 has been named a Truman Scholar.

Catherine Henderson ’14 has received a teaching assistantship at the académie de Reims, sponsored by the French Ministry of Education and the Centre international d’études pédagogiques.
Josh Hengen ’14 has been awarded a Fulbright English Language Teaching Assistantship to Malaysia.

Madeleine MacKenzie Kern ’13 has received an Honorable Mention from the National Science Foundation for her study of Ecology.

Marja (Beth) Mundy ’13 was awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship to study chemical catalysis at the University of Washington.

Minh Nguyen ’08 has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study Anthropology in Jamaica.

Ashley Parker ’14 has received a teaching assistantship at the académie de Grenoble, sponsored by the French Ministry of Education and the Centre international d’études pédagogiques.

Chris Peek ’15 has been named a Goldwater Scholar.

Pallavi Penumetcha ’11 has received an Honorable Mention from the National Science Foundation for her study of Microbiology.

Katherine Virginia Richeson ’11 has received an Honorable Mention from the National Science Foundation for her study of cell Biology.

Eric Sawyer ’14 was awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship for study in molecular Biology at the University of California-Berkeley.

Justin Strickland ’14 was awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship for study in experimental Psychology at the University of Kentucky.

Sam Trawick ’14 has received a teaching assistantship at the académie de Lille, sponsored by the French Ministry of Education and the Centre international d’études pédagogiques (declined).

Damian Keith White ’13 was awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship for study in the social sciences at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
The Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars recognizes exceptional achievement in international studies. Qualifications include international study or service or a curricular commitment to international studies, a Davidson grade point average of at least 3.15, and promotion of international awareness and education on campus and in the community.

Ryan Ansel ’14
James Atkins ’14
Nicholas Bader ’14
Noah Bricker ’14
Blair Carpenter ’15
Maria Coloma ’15
Greta Gietz ’15
Jane Gribble ’14
Jannat Khan ’14
Jordan Luebkemann ’14
Ivana Masimore ’14
Tori Mayernick ’14
Gustavo Orozco ’14
Joi Spaulding ’14

ACADEMIC AWARDS

SANDY BLACK MEMORIAL AWARD — Zachary Richard Dionise ’15
Presley Sutherland Parkes ’15

The Sandy Black Memorial Award goes to a junior Economics major from Wexford, Pennsylvania, and a junior Biology and French major from Winchester, Virginia. Their high GPA is a testament to their formidable intellect, exceptional work ethic and deep commitment to learning. Because of their excellence in scholarship and commitment to serve through medicine, Zachary Dionise and Presley Parkes are named this year’s joint winners of the Sandy Black Memorial Award in Premedical Studies.

FRANZ BOAS AWARD — Renae Elizabeth Cairns ’14

The Franz Boas award is bestowed on the senior anthropology major who in our judgment exhibits both outstanding scholarship and a commitment to intercultural understanding. This year we recognize Renae Cairns for her outstanding academic performance in anthropology, her leadership on campus as a Bonner Scholar, and her hard work and determination on the field as a varsity soccer player. Her commitment to applying her anthropological knowledge and practices has been most evident in her current work with the food cooperative So Much Good, helping to ensure the just distribution of food in Mecklenburg County. Our congratulations go to this promising young scholar.

BREMER GERMAN LANGUAGE AWARD — Nicholas Warren Evans ’14

For his discipline, perceptive analytic skills, and enthusiasm for German culture, for his many achievements in the study of German and his dedication to teaching the language, this year’s Bremer
Award for German goes to Nicholas Warren Evans.

**CHINESE STUDIES AWARD** — Alexander James Thompson Gittin ‘14

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. This year’s winner is Alex Gittin.

**TOM DAGGY BIOLOGY AWARD** — Justin Charles Strickland ‘14

Biology is pleased to recognize Justin Strickland as the recipient of this year’s Tom Daggy award. Justin truly exemplifies a love for exploring the secrets of life and sharing this love with others. He is an enthusiastic tutor in the Math & Science Center, a generous lab mate, and a talented writer. He has made significant contributions to research both in the lab and at the field. In a single day it is not unusual to find Justin spending the early morning microinjecting zebra fish embryos, the midday running rats, and the afternoon out in the field checking traps for amphibians and reptiles. Both the depth of his thinking and the breadth of his interests are truly remarkable; we look forward to his many future accomplishments uncovering the secrets of life.

**ALBERTA SMITH DEVANE RELIGION AWARD** — Joseph Robert Morrison ‘14

Julia Newman Ellis ‘14

In light of his wide ranging interests, sharp wit, and humane irreverence, the Religion Department names Joe Morrison co-winner of the Alberta Smith De Vane award. And for her dogged research ethic, sensitive analytical approach, and creative daring, we name Julia Ellis co-winner of the Alberta Smith De Vane award.

**W. E. B. DU BOIS EXCELLENCE IN SOCIOLOGY AWARD** — Briana Marie Kordsmeier ‘14

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 social theory and empirical research methodology. This year, the W.E.B. DuBois Award is given to Briana Kordsmeier.

**LE PRIX DE FRANÇAIS (FRENCH AND FRANCOPONE STUDIES PRIZE)** — Nicholas Ambrose Bader ‘14

Ashley Beth Parker ‘14

This co-recipient of the *Prix de français* 2014 is a double major in History and French and Francophone Studies. He spent his entire junior year abroad in Paris and Tours, France, and worked for a month in Monet’s garden in Giverny during the summer of 2013. This year, he has been an enthusiastic AT for the Department of French and Francophone Studies at the 201-level. His Honors thesis is an insightful study of children of war born of French mothers and German fathers in occupied France.
during WWII. As one of the 2014-15 recipients of an English Assistantship through the French government, he will teach English in France next year in the region of Grenoble. For his contributions to French and Francophone Studies at Davidson, the Prix De Français 2014 is awarded to Nicholas Bader.

This co-recipient of the 2014 Prix de français is a French and Francophone Studies major with a Concentration in Medical Humanities. Following a semester on the Davidson in France program, she has served these past two years as lead French tutor in the Center for Teaching and Learning and as a co-President of the e-board of the French Club. Her Senior Honors Thesis on the phenomenon of depopulation in France has allowed her to combine her interests in medicine, feminism, and French social policy. Before heading off to medical school, she will spend next academic year in France teaching English at an elementary school in or near Grenoble. For her contributions to French and Francophone Studies at Davidson, the Prix De Français 2014 is awarded to Ashley Parker.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD — Rebecca Leigh Merrifield ‘14
Rebecca Katherine McKee ‘14

In recognition of academic excellence in coursework and their senior capstone project, departmental engagement and outreach activities, we are pleased to announce Rebecca Merrifield and Rebecca McKee as this year’s winners of the inaugural Environmental Studies Outstanding Senior Award.

WILLIAM B. HIGHT, JR. TEACHING AWARD — Margaret Alsup Mavity ‘14

This award recognizes a student pursuing the minor in Educational Studies who has an insatiable passion for teaching. To teach effectively, a person must possess—among other things—knowledge, patience, caring, skill, and commitment. The 2014 recipient of the William B. Hight, Jr. Teaching Award, Margaret “Megan” Mavity, has these qualities and more. As the new Director of Education at the International House of Charlotte, Meagan will be organizing, managing, and teaching English as a Second Language programs to adults and young children.

MUNDO HISPÁNICO (THE HISPANIC STUDIES AWARD) — Margaret Alsup Mavity ‘14

Margaret “Megan” Mavity, great fan of Don Quijote and Santa Teresa, we award you with the Mundo Hispánico Award because of your exemplary inquiries and contributions to Hispanic Studies from an academic, intellectual, and experiential perspective. We admire your unique passion for learning, your conviction for cross-cultural understanding and social justice, as well as your constant dedication to Latinos’ access to education in our local community.

DOUGLAS HOUCHENS STUDIO ART AWARD — Stuart Vaughn Robertson ‘15

Vestiges of ancient architecture, manic crowds, and elusive traces of text inhabit the complex layers of this student’s art. His ambitious mural-size paintings and delicate works on paper demonstrate
passionate attempts to engage political and social conundrums of the past and present. This year’s recipient of the Douglas C. Houchens Award in Studio Art goes to Stuart “Stewy” Vaughn Robertson.

DAVID HALBERT HOWARD, JR. CHEMISTRY AWARD — George Tinotenda Mukosera ‘15

The David Halbert Howard, Jr. Chemistry Award is given annually to a rising senior chemistry major. Our recipient this year is known for his excellence in classes and research, his ceaseless work ethic, his heart for service, and his unforgettable smile. It is with great pleasure that the Chemistry Department presents the 2014 David Halbert Howard Chemistry Award to George Tinotenda Mukosera.

LUCILE AND MAX JACKSON AWARD IN ART HISTORY — Aric Daniel Reviere ‘15

Truly an emerging scholar of the visual arts with a global vision, this Belk Scholar from Spartanburg, South Carolina, has studied Arabic in Jordan, interned with the Guggenheim Abu Dhabi in New York, participated in the world-renowned Art Dubai project, and is now traveling through Ethiopia. Is he ever here we might ask? Yes, but not today! For your accomplishments and global vision we name you, Aric Daniel Reviere, this year’s recipient of the Lucille and Max Jackson Award in Art History.

THE KEISER PRIZE IN ENGLISH — Alexander Bevan Baggott ‘16

The Keiser Prize in English is awarded to a student for performance of classical literature. No performance could be more classical than that of Shylock—the Jewish moneylender, avenger, and scapegoat in Shakespeare’s Merchant of Venice. Alex Baggott recently performed the role on the radio with the anger, angst, and even alien accent that a fully staged production would require. His combined natural talent, concentration, and discipline led him to an accomplished performance, and his good will proved crucial in leading the cast to a final production.

KENDRICK KELLEY AWARD IN HISTORY — Sarah Helene Gustafson ‘14

This year’s Kendrick K. Kelley Prize goes to a thesis that makes scholars think twice about a little-known French scandal in 1904. The author weaves analysis of school curriculum, parliamentary debates, police records, and street protests, into a stunning 220-page cultural history. For its excellence and its length, the history department congratulates Sarah Gustafson on a thesis that made history.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES PRIZE — Catherine Melchior Hendren ‘14

Latin American Studies honors a Davidson career that combines study and volunteer work in Peru, research papers on locations ranging from La Paz to Los Angeles, and a rigorous honors’ thesis on the
Latino Church response to HIV/AIDS in the US South. For the breadth of her engagement with Latin American and US Latino issues as well as her sparkling intellectual curiosity, the LAS faculty awards Cate Hendren our inaugural Latin American Studies Prize.

HENRY T. LILLY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH — Ann Caroline Giornelli ‘14

For intellectual curiosity and agility in the classroom and on the page, the English Department awards the 2014 Lilly Award in English to Ann Giornelli.

WILLIAM G. MCGAVOCK MATHEMATICS AWARD — Derek Joseph Marsh ‘14

Derek has enjoyed and excelled in an extensive number of mathematics courses. Always with a ready smile and soft-spoken humor, Derek continues to pursue problems with mathematical, algorithmic and statistical thinking. For his accomplishment and promise in mathematics, the William G. McGavock Award goes to Derek Joseph Marsh.

SALLY G. MCMILLEN PRIZE IN GENDER & SEXUALITY STUDIES — Jamie Alan Durling ‘14

This prize, named for Dr. Sally McMillen, the first gender historian at Davidson and one of the founders of the GSS program, is awarded to a senior student who has demonstrated academic excellence, intellectual curiosity, and humane instincts, and who has produced exceptional work in the field of gender and sexuality studies. The 2014 recipient produced a expertly written and meticulously researched historical study “The Cure of Homosexuality: British Medical Authority, Moral Responsibility, And the Meaning of ‘Treatment’ 1948-1967.” The Gender & Sexuality Studies program is delighted to award the 2014 Sally G. McMillen Prize to Jamie Durling.

A. K. PHIFER AWARD IN ECONOMICS — Zachary Richard Dionise ‘15
Elizabeth Marie Engle ‘15
Stephanie Anne Schauder ‘15

This year’s co-winners of the A.K. Phifer Award have displayed exceptional analytical skills as well as the ability to ask meaningful research questions. Most importantly, each recipient has shown a profound appreciation for the way that the study of economics can improve our understanding of the world around us. The Economics Department is very pleased to present the A.K. Phifer Award to Zachary Richard Dionise, Elizabeth Marie Engle, and Stephanie Anne Schauder.

PHYSICS AWARD — Jessica Barnett Barrick ‘14

Her professional demeanor, cheerful attitude and never-ending smile have brightened the physics department for four years. As an outstanding student elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Pi Sigma, Jessie Barrick has exemplified Davidson’s commitment to learning. As an outstanding research collaborator, Jessie has excelled in a laboratory study of the Effects of Evaporative Cooling on Photo
detachment Spectroscopy. As an officer of the Davidson College Chapter of the Society of Physics Students, as a twice-elected officer of the national organization, and as a volunteer for numerous astronomy and physics outreach events, she has embodied Davidson’s commitment to leadership and service.

W. KENDRICK PRITCHETT AWARD IN CLASSICS — Willis Beecher Milvaney ’14

The W. Kendrick Pritchett Award, named in honor of this member of the Class of 1929, goes to a senior classics major who demonstrates characteristics for which W. Kendrick Pritchett is known: distinguished academic performance, personal integrity, and love of ancient literature, history and archaeology. The department of classics is proud to honor you, and name you, Willis Beecher Milvaney, winner of the 2014 W. Kendrick Pritchett Award in Classics.

J. HARRIS PROCTOR AWARD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE — Heather Celeste Sims ’14

This recipient of the J. Harris Proctor award has done superb work across all subfields in Political Science, and especially in her chosen area of emphasis, political theory. A probing thinker, meticulous reader, and energetic and gracious contributor to class discussions, this year’s recipient is also the author of an impressive Honors Thesis on Alexis de Tocqueville and contemporary American family policy. In recognition of these and other accomplishments, the Department of Political Science proudly recognizes Heather Sims as our outstanding senior major.

RICHARD ROSS MEMORIAL MUSIC AWARD — Ryan Minogue Carli ’14

The winner of the Richard Ross Memorial Music Award is Ryan Carli, whose mezzo-piano demeanor for his love of learning about music was nonetheless heard by the music faculty as a rousing fortissimo.

THEATRE AWARD — Quincy van Beuningen Newkirk ’14

With grace and exuberance, Quincy Newkirk has worked in virtually every capacity on Theatre Department productions. For her leadership & the joy and high level of commitment she brings to that work, we give her this award.

PORTER VINSON CHEMISTRY AWARD — Natalia Spitha ’16

The Porter Vinson Chemistry Award is given annually to a rising junior chemistry major. This sophomore, who has shown boundless enthusiasm for science and is a never-ending source of questions, is a most worthy recipient. The Chemistry Department is very proud to present the Porter Vinson Chemistry Award of 2014 to Natalia Spitha.
WILLIAM VINSON MATHEMATICS AWARD — Chenxiao (Simon) Xue ’16

For outstanding mathematical achievements including earning four math course A’s in a single semester, the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science awards Chenxiao (Simon) Xue with the William D. Vinson Mathematics Award.

DANIEL BLAIN WOODS AWARD — Mustafa Al-Hassan Abid ’15
Madison Ward Yeutter ’15

The Daniel Blain Woods Award goes to Mustafa Al-Hassan Abid, a Political Science major from Harrisonburg, Virginia and Madison Ward Yeutter, a Hispanics Studies major from Chevy Chase Maryland. They demonstrate the qualities of a good doctor – humility, keen intellect, leadership, compassion, and empathy. Their profound commitment to helping others, at home and abroad, inspires us all. Because of their strong academic achievement, spirit of service, and love of medicine, Mustafa Abid and Madison Yeutter are named this year’s joint winners of the Daniel Blain Woods Memorial Award.

WILLIAM GATEWOOD WORKMAN PSYCHOLOGY AWARD — Justin Charles Strickland ’14

Each year the Psychology Department bestows as its highest award the William Gatewood “Gaty” Workman Award. The award commemorates the standards of excellence demonstrated by Dr. Workman in his professional attainments in Teaching, Research, and Service: to the discipline and profession, and to Davidson College. The 2014 Gaty Workman Award winner is Justin Charles Strickland.

ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP

VAIL PROFESSORSHIP — Dr. Tracey Hucks

The Vail Professorship, established in honor of James D. Vail III and his family, was most recently held by retired Professor of History, Ralph Levering. Today, we recognize a noted teacher and scholar of Africana religious traditions and African American religious history who will join Davidson this summer as chair of Africana Studies. Please join me in congratulating the new Vail Professor of Africana Studies, Dr. Tracey Hucks.

WRITING AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

R. Windley Hall Award in Writing:

First Place in Poetry: Graham Marema (’17)
“Seven Poems”; in particular “Winter Warriors,” “How to Figure out Where to Live: A Step-By-Step
Guide’; and “Mountain Man”
Second Place in Poetry: Hannah Fuller (’17)
“Hello, Goodbye: The Story of 6 Very Short Lives”

Third Place in Poetry: Eleanor Yarboro (’17)
“Life in Pastel and Other Poems”

First Place in Fiction: Caroline New (’17)
“Black Water”

Second Place in Fiction: Graham Marema (’17)
“The Murderer”

Third Place in Fiction: Caitie Connor (’17)
“Publix Tomatoes”

Charles E. Lloyd Award in Writing:

First Place in Scholarly Writing: Matthew Schlerf (’16)
“The (Not So) Empowering Em-dash: A Feminist Critique of Susan Glaspell’s Trifles”

Second Place in Scholarly Writing: Calley Anderson (’14)
Excerpt from “More Than a Dream and a Mountaintop: Emphasizing Location, Education, and the Disingenuous Narrative of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Children’s Literature”

First Place in Creative Writing: John-Michael Murphy (’16)
“Mourning the Death of My (Living) Father”

Second Place in Creative Writing: Aminata Dumbuya (’14)
“Colanuts for the Courageous who suffer Calamities”

Third Place in Creative Writing: Annalee Kwochka (’15)
“Reacting to Sexton: A Chemist in Her Own Poetry”

Vereen Bell Memorial Award in Creative Writing:

First Place in Poetry: Jessie Li (’15)
“Goddess Unnamed”

Second Place in Poetry: Annalee Kwochka (’15)
“Opening the Doors of the Temple”

Third Place in Poetry: Noah Driver (’16)
“Curriculum Vitae”

First Place in Fiction:  Sarah Elizabeth Cornejo (’16)
   “Grounds for Divorce”

Second Place in Fiction:  Aminata Dumbuya (’14)
   “Princess of Pepel”

Third Place in Fiction:  Jordan Williamson (’15)
   “The Mayor of Hamelin”

First Place in Playwriting:  Calley Anderson (’14)
   “Excerpt from: Davis Miller”

ADDITIONAL AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

THE SIGMA XI BIOLOGY RESEARCH AWARD — Eric McLaran Sawyer ’14

Biology is pleased to recognize Eric Sawyer as the recipient of this year’s Sigma Xi award to recognize outstanding undergraduate research. Through his strong interests and diverse laboratory experiences at Davidson and elsewhere, Eric has become a skilled, dedicated, and productive researcher. Moreover, he is gifted in his ability to write, think, and read like a seasoned biologist. Eric is modest regarding his considerable accomplishments and generous with his time to encourage other students in the research lab. We look forward to his future accomplishments that will help explain the mysteries of life.

ADDITIONAL AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

KIZER SCHOLARSHIP IN EDUCATIONAL STUDIES — Shelby Raye King ’15

Shelby King is the 2014 recipient of the Kizer Scholarship in Educational Studies. This award goes to a junior who is pursuing a 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 School System. This scholarship has been funded by a Davidson College alum who is determined to support Davidson College students with a desire to enter the teaching profession.
ADDITIONAL AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

THE WELSH PRIZE IN COMPOSITION — John-Michael Murphy II ‘16


THE RUFUS HALLMARK WRITING AWARD — Grace Lee Simmons ‘15

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

ADDITIONAL AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

THE SIGMA XI PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH AWARD — Nicholas Warren Evans ‘14
Tyler Christine McFayden ‘14
Justin Charles Strickland ‘14

Annually the Psychology Department acknowledges the most distinctive attainments by a student performing research in Psychology. For the range, commitment, and excellence in her work, this year’s Sigma Xi Research Award in Psychology is given to Nicholas Warren Evans, Tyler Christine McFayden, and Justin Charles Strickland.

THE JOHN D. KELTON PSYCHOLOGY AWARD — Rachael Samantha Loucks ‘14

John D. Kelton’s work as teacher, psychologist, and Davidson icon is acknowledged in an award. It is based on excellence and perspective, two of Dr. Kelton’s chief characteristics, in the student’s essay that is the best written in a Senior Capstone course in Psychology. This year’s John D. Kelton Psychology Award recipient is Rachael Samantha Loucks.

EDWARD L. PALMER PSYCHOLOGY AWARD — Savannah Ruth Erwin ‘14
Mary Elizabeth Schone ‘14

The Psychology Department at Davidson was honored by receiving the American Psychological Association’s inaugural Departmental Award for the Culture of Service in the Psychological Sciences. This award provides impetus and resources to annually celebrate that student who has distinctively served others through Psychology. The Psychology Department has named this award the Edward L. Palmer Psychology Award, commemorating the countless ways in which his life and work have graced others, professionally and personally. This year’s recipient of the Edward L. Palmer Psychology Award is Savannah Ruth Erwin and Mary Elizabeth Schone.
DR. CHARLES RICHARDSON “BUDDY” MARTIN, JR. UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD
Megan Elizabeth Garzón ‘14
Emma Lou Krause ‘14

Established by family and friends of Buddy Martin, this award recognizes students who share in the love of study and research in the neurosciences demonstrated by this member of the Class of 1988. The Dr. Charles Richardson “Buddy” Martin, Jr. Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award in Neuroscience is awarded to Megan Garzón and Emma Lou Krause for a superlative thesis in neuroscience.

MINISTRY FELLOWS PROGRAM

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

The Ministry Fellows for 2014-15 are: Joseph Dennis Allaire, Spencer McNair Ayscue, Rebecca Lore Fisher and Daniel West Guenther.
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.

2014-2015 OMICRON DELTA KAPPA MEMBERS

*Elizabeth D. Anderson ‘14
*Laura E. Arnold ‘14
*Chai Lu C. Bohannon ‘14
*Taylor L. Bradford ‘15
Noah Quinby Bricker ‘14
Samuel Thomas Castle ‘14
Stewart Shuler Dalton ‘14
*Zachary R. Dionise ‘15
Keith Raymond Durante ‘14
*Savannah R. Erwin ‘14
*John D. Eun ‘14
*Blair K. Ford ‘14
*Elizabeth L. Gammon ‘14

*Renato A. Guerrieri ‘15
Sarah Helene Gustafson ‘14
Catherine Lindsay Hare ‘14
*Anne E. Ike ‘14
*Caitlin H. James ‘14
Jannat Khan ‘14
*Bryan E. Kelly ‘14
*Sara N. Nordstrand ‘14
*Andrew Pak ‘14
*Emma M. Park ‘14
*Presley S. Parkes ‘15
Scott Randolph Sellers ‘14
*Grace R. Watt ‘15

*2014 New Inductees

Faculty Secretary: Ernest Jeffries, Assistant Dean of Students
Faculty Inductee: *Sally G. McMillen
Staff Inductee: *William H. Brown

2014 ODK Community Award: Pat and Franny Millen
2014 ODK Staff Award: Lee Maiorano
2014 ODK Teaching Award: Shyam Gouri Suresh

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This year’s recipient of the Omicron Delta Kappa Teaching Award goes to a humble member of the Davidson College faculty who is near and dear to my own heart. As a member of Economics faculty, he is known for his long-hours, incredible curiosity, and genuine interest in helping students achieve their wildest dreams.
As a man continuously motivated to make the world a better place, he would be thrilled to know the glowing praise students have for him and the immense respect his fellow faculty members give him for his dedication to students and furthering the college’s mission. Students grin upon hearing his name as they picture his affable grin, pleasant laugh, and inquisitive questions.

One student said:
“Shyam’s passion and endless thirst for knowledge and teaching are incredibly contagious. His deep care and concern for his students’ general well-being and for fostering their intellectual pursuits are unparalleled. There simply is no professor that gives more joyously and compassionately. There is not a day that I leave his classroom without feeling truly happy yet dissatisfied with my current level of knowledge and deeply inspired to continue my academic pursuit. The classroom to Shyam is about growing in so many different ways, always with a chuckle and persistent sense of gratitude. His love of his subject and sharing it are so incredibly visible every single day, whether he is going on 2 hours of sleep or 10—yes, he works that hard.”

Without further delay, I am honored to award Dr. Shyam Gouri Suresh the Omicron Delta Kappa 2014 Teaching Award.

2014 Staff Award: Lee James Maiorano

This year’s recipient of the Omicron Delta Kappa Honorary Award for dedicated and enthusiastic service to Davidson College goes to a member of the Davidson College staff who works tirelessly to fulfill his duties but more importantly exhibits the values of Davidson College every single day.

Often found along the hallways of the Chemistry building, his bright smile, high-quality work, and easy-going manner comfort Pre-Med students no matter how bleak the day may seem. In between filling countless test tubes and preparing numerous Petri dishes, our recipient stimulates lab discussions, works with students after hours on lab techniques, and makes lab a genuinely enjoyable experience most days.

One Student said:
“Lee genuinely cares about all with whom he interacts. His wide grin welcomes all, his jolly voice infects those he meets with cheer, and the twinkle in his eyes gives away his interest in seeing you…The influence Lee has on Davidson students often goes un-thanked, but he surely is the reason for many students’ successes.”

Also a fervent Davidson College sports fan and the bass player for a Davidson community band, he impacts students inside and outside of the classroom. I am honored today to award Chemistry Lab Assistant, Lee James Maiorano the ODK Honorary Award For dedicated and enthusiastic service to Davidson College.
2014 Community Award: Pat and Franny Millen

This year’s recipient of the Omicron Delta Kappa Honorary Award for dedicated service to the Davidson Community goes to a dynamic duo closely involved in a wide-variety of campus initiatives from Dinner at Davidson to varsity basketball but also touch the lives of almost every Davidson town resident as well.

Always focused on improving the lives of others, this duo set themselves apart once again by spearheading an initiative with the support of the Ada Jenkins Center, Town of Davidson, and Davidson College to address the increasingly apparent digital divide in the Davidson community. With computers and the Internet playing a vital role in modern life, many Davidson town residents are at a distinct disadvantage looking for work, helping children with homework, and participating in training programs without computer access.

Pat and Franny Millen created the Eliminate the Digital Divide initiative, with a mission of insuring that every student in Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools has the proper computer technology and support to achieve academic success. Through weekly training sessions and a variety of creative funding ideas from local lemonade stands to a major donation from Lowe’s, Pat and Franny have made the program a real success with only more good work ahead of them. It is my pleasure to award Franny and Pat Millen with the ODK Honorary Award for dedicated service to the Davidson community.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION FACULTY AWARD

Every year, thousands of young and talented scholars join Davidson because we are not only here looking for excellent education, but also a welcoming and fostering community we can call home. Here at Davidson we are blessed to have many caring faculty members who help to give us a once in a life time experience, every day. And today we are here to honor these amazing faculty members who contribute significantly to our students’ lives here.

Established in 2002, the Student Government Association Faculty Award recognizes the positive involvement of a professor in the lives of students outside the classroom setting. The recipient was chosen by the student body and confirmed by the SGA. This year’s recipient exemplifies an incredible degree of dedication and love for her students through her commitment in classrooms, workshops, and theatres.

As a professor, she spent her sabbatical year developing Devised Theatre workshops which allow students to create original theatre and work in-person with world class professionals; as a director, she worked diligently and enthusiastically for days and nights to bring different talents together in the recent production Providence Gap; as a mentor, she challenges her students and actors to give their best, but for all she expects, she gives twice that effort back. As one of her students described, “She is a phenomenal professor, director, and person who really
cares about her students’ growth and success.” It is my honor to present the 2014 SGA Faculty Award to this year’s winner, Professor Ann Marie Costa.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
PRE-MAJOR FACULTY ADVISING AWARD

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

As a pre-major advisor, Dr. Ingram is extremely knowledgeable, humorous, and yet he is not afraid to urge students to challenge themselves and get the best out of their first two years. What you can learn his advisory is not only that organic chemistry does not go well with econometrics, but also the warmth of a supportive Davidson family.

A class of 2010 alum told me, “leaving Dr. Ingram’s pre-major advisory felt like a break up.” However, that was never the end of students’ relationship with him, as Dr. Ingram constantly serves as a caring mentor and loyal friend throughout and beyond our Davidson experience.

Congratulations, Dr. Ingram!

Congratulations to our recipients this year, on behalf of the student body, we would like to give our sincere appreciation to our dedicated faculty members. Thank you for your constant guidance and support throughout and beyond our Davidson journey!