2016 Spring Convocation Award Winners

LEADERSHIP/SERVICE/GENERAL AWARDS

DAVIDSON BLACK ALUMNI NETWORK AWARD — Dominique Samuels
Jada Wiggleton-Little
Victor-Alan Weeks

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 Atlanta, Georgia, is a Quest Bridge Scholar and a Bonner Scholar. He is member of the Black Student Coalition where he serves as a member of the Committee for Community Engagement. He unselfishly gives his time serving at the Ada Jenkins center as a Skill Builder and Friday Mentor. The first recipient of the Davidson Black Alumni Network Award is Victor-Alan Kenneth Weeks.

The second recipient, a sophomore from Trenton, New Jersey, is the president and founder of the Textures Healthy Hair Club, She is also a STRIDE Mentor and a newly initiated member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. She assisted in the organizing of social justice movements such as, Standing in Solidarity with Mizzou and the Davidson Die-In for “Black Lives Matter”. The second recipient of the Davidson Black Alumni Network Award is Dominique Marchell Samuels.

The third and final recipient, a junior from Charlotte, North Carolina, is a Philosophy major. She is the newly elected President of the Davidson Black Student Coalition and a newly initiated member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. This student also serves as a mentor.

**RAWLEY P. TURNER DRAMA AWARD** — Savannah Deal
Theodore Ebarb

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 2015-2016 are: **Savannah Deal:** As the title role in Eurydice, Savannah was powerful, playful, and heartbreaking. Whether navigating the disorientation of the underworld, or learning to love again with the help of her father, Savannah’s skill and emotional depth were deeply impressive. **Theodore Ebarb:** Creating a believable performance out of the most unlikeable character in a play is a challenge. In Clybourne Park, Theo did it twice, as unrepentant 1950’s racist Karl, and as Steve, Karl’s 21st –century counterpart. We commend Theo’s passionate, illuminating work in both roles.

The Theatre Department is quite pleased to honor these remarkable performances.

**JAMES BAKER WOODS III AWARD** — Jacqueline M. Causbie

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 displayed outstanding qualities of leadership, moral character, academic achievement, and a high degree of aptitude for military service. This year’s recipient of the James Baker Woods, III Award is Jacqueline M. Causbie.

**DEAN RUSK INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM AWARD** — Savannah Haeger
Sarah Taylor

The Dean Rusk Program Award goes to the student or students who have done the most to internationalize Davidson’s campus through the work of the Dean Rusk International Studies Program.

This year’s recipients gave students a more substantial role as grant counselors and took on new responsibilities for planning and supporting Dean Rusk Program events throughout the
year. For their extraordinary leadership and their commitment to global education at Davidson, we present this year’s Dean Rusk Program Award to Savannah Haeger and Sarah Taylor.

**C. SHAW SMITH AWARD — Michael William Naso ’18**

The C. Shaw Smith Award annually recognizes an individual for their contributions and ability to build community through volunteer service with the College Union. As the Student Performer’s 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 the chair of a committee whose purpose is to provide students with the opportunity to perform and share their talent, the recipient has gone above and beyond all expectations of his position. His hard work has provided students with countless opportunities to showcase their talents, increasing the presence of student performers on campus to unprecedented levels. Some examples of his hard work beyond the position’s minimum commitment of coordinating weekly Live Thursday performances are: launching monthly stand-up comedy performances at Summit Outpost, providing alternative venues for student performance including Belk Lawn, Hart courtyard, and the Black Student Coalition and spearheading the inaugural Lip Sync Battle, featuring 8 student groups and celebrity judges.

The tireless hours of work he completes may not be widely known, but his efforts and spirit have contributed greatly to the social atmosphere for students. Even when accommodating additional events was an impossible workload, he remained selflessly committed to doing so with the student body’s interests always in mind. For his boundless creativity, his endless enthusiasm, and his remarkable commitment to his position, the Union Board, and student body as a whole, it is a great privilege to award this year’s C. Shaw Smith award to Michael William Naso.

**CHARLES MALONE RICHARDS AWARD — Jeremy Elkanah Aziel Andreades**

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

Our 2016 recipient of the Charles Malone Richards Award is a junior majoring in Political Science with a minor in Religion from Quarryville, PA. Would Jeremy Andreades please come forward?

Jeremy has contributed to the vitality of campus religious life in many ways: working for human rights, leading worship and fellowship groups, and building bridges between diverse communities. He is an active member and a leader of our chapter of International Justice Mission, a Christian organization that combats human trafficking. Jeremy is also on the
leadership team of the Reformed University Fellowship and contributes his musical talents to the Thursday Night Worship services and other ecumenical services.

One student said, “Jeremy is an outstanding and compassionate leader and I have benefited tremendously from his gifts whether it be his violin, passion or care for others.”

For all you have done to promote an ecumenical spirit while holding true to your own beliefs, for your ability to bridge the communities you serve while encouraging others to walk in their faith, we celebrate you, **Jeremy Elkanah Aziel Andreads**e, as the 2016 Charles Malone Richards Award recipient.

**AGNES SENTELLE BROWN AWARD — Christopher Adrell Woods, Jr.**

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 promise as indicated by character, personality and academic ability.

The 2016 Agnes Sentelle Brown award recipient is a senior Religion major from Burlington, North Carolina. Would Chris Woods please come forward?

Chris’ adviser said of him, “He is a strong student, a dedicated student but at Davidson College, they are everywhere. But Chris is extremely caring and careful to express his thoughts in class honestly but with an eye toward building up the community rather than scoring points.”

His football coach talked about his character, “Chris is what Davidson is all about. He has tremendous interpersonal skills, was elected captain of the team, and won the most prestigious award bestowed upon a player in our program. He has routinely demonstrated his desire to “pay forward” working this past summer as a tutor-counselor with Freedom Schools. He is, by all counts, a man of high character.

Finally, a fellow senior said of Chris, “He is the kind of person that when he asks, “How’s it going?” he really wants to know! He is committed to sharing with and learning from different types of life experiences and consistently makes you feel heard.

For exemplifying all that this award stands for – character, personality and academic ability – each and every day at Davidson, today we celebrate you, **Christopher Adrell Woods, Jr.**, as the most worthy recipient of the Agnes Sentelle Brown Award.
GEORGE GLADSTONE MEMORIAL AWARD — Taylor Elyse Brendle
Jada Simone Wiggleton-Little

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 Taylor Elyse Brendle and Jada Simone Wiggleton-Little.

Our first recipient is a junior double major Religion and Psychology from East Bend, North Carolina.

Taylor Elyse Brendle is known for her services to others. Leadership among the Bonner Scholars and academic ability. One professor said, “She is very smart, always thinking one step ahead of others. She may know a lot about a topic but still wanting to push on it, question, compare, turning it inside to make sure it makes sense.”

With Bonner, she was chosen to be the Liaison with the Bonner Foundation, representing the 80 Davidson Bonner Scholars on a national level. Most recently, she agreed to lead the planning efforts from the 25th anniversary celebration of Bonner Scholars last summer at Davidson. She has also served as a hall counselor, member of Leadership Davidson and interned with Habitat for Humanity.

For all you do for those less fortunate, for your humility, strong character, warm personality and generous spirit, we honor you, Taylor Elyse Brendle, as the 2016 George L. Gladstone Award.

Our second recipient is a junior Philosophy major with a minor in Medical Humanities from Charlotte, North Carolina.

As one peer said of her, “Jada radiates positivity with a leader's spirit as one who embodies wisdom and openness.” She is also very active across campus, whether it be dancing with Shades of Brown, as a recently inducted member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority or as the newly elected of the Black Student Coalition, she works tirelessly to support and encourage students of color at Davidson.

Her commitment to philanthropy was exemplified with her establishment of the iDress for Lupus fashion show earlier this semester. Jada’s creative passions are not only displayed with dance but also Virtuous Praise Gospel Choir and Freeword. Her commitment to racial equality and justice for all marks her involvements and her many accomplishments.
For your tireless giving to others, love for all, commitment to social justice, choosing the path that is right and just rather than easy and popular, we respect you and celebrate you, Jada Simone Wiggleton-Little, today as the 2016 recipient of the George L. Gladstone Award.
ATHLETIC AWARDS

TOMMY PETERS AWARD — Luke Burton

The Tommy Peters Award commemorates a true American hero. Seventy 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. This swimmer had an outstanding four-year career at Davidson, holding school records in eight different events and scoring in all four conference championships. He is coming off an impressive senior campaign, leading the Davidson men with 46 individual points as the Kennesaw, Ga. native scored in the top-10 in three events, while also helping two relay teams to top-five showings at the 2016 Atlantic 10 Championships. His junior campaign was his best year as he still holds the Atlantic 10 record in the 200 backstroke en route to the first A-10 title of his career. Burton will cap off his Wildcat career swimming in the 2016 Olympic Trials in June where he qualified this past summer at the Sectional Championship. Please join me in recognizing the 2016 Tommy Peters Award winner – Luke Burton.

REBECCA STIMSON AWARD — Hannah Early

The Rebecca Stimson Award commemorates a true pioneer that literally helped create athletic teams for women at Davidson. This year’s Stimson Award winner personifies the dedication associated with this award’s namesake. Her commitment to her sport has yielded significant individual accomplishment while leading the women’s basketball team throughout her year career.

This Huntersville, NC native will graduate with her name scattered throughout the record books. Honored with the team’s Wildcat Award, the senior ended her career fourth in program history with 1,406 points and ranks in the top-15 in nine categories overall, including setting a school record for made three-pointers in a career with 231. She holds the single-season record with 74 made three-pointers, set as a junior, and ranks in the top-10 single-season record book in five categories. She registered 72 career double-figure scoring games, reaching the 20-point mark 16 times. As a sophomore, she was named to the media’s All-SoCon Second Team in 2013-14 and All-SoCon Third Team. She helped lead Davidson to back-to-back SoCon championship game appearances in 2013 & 2014, and was part of the Wildcat team that won the program’s first-ever postseason game with a WNIT victory at Old Dominion in 2013.
Please join me in congratulating the 2016 Rebecca Stimson Award winner – **Hannah Early**.

**PHI BETA KAPPA**

**ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP-IN-COURSE**

10 February 2016

*Students invited to join in August 2015*

Robert Price Anderson          Savannah Jane Haeger
Jeong-Hwan Bae                Elisabeth Grace Lee Hauser
Alexander Bevan Baggott      Zhentao Hong
Katherine Thibout Battle      Jennifer Samantha Isaac
Peter Charles Bowman*           Kai Jia
David Michael Carter          Laura-Natalie Nordblom Jude
Courtney Sarah Cochrane       Cooper Wade Karisch*
Joshua Rogers Daryoush        Emily Knapp Keator*
Michael Edward Ding           Wells Christian King
Perry Gillette Dubow          Ryan Henry Kozlowski*
Natalie Christine Duda         Katherine Alexandra Lew
Megan Leigh Feichtel          Lauren Grace Malachowski
Max Avery Feinstein           Connor Sweeney McManus
Eliana Victoria Ferreri       Malissa Grace McSwain
Meron Fessehaye               Olivia Christine Menden
Gaylen Elisabeth Fronk*         Durin Parker O'Linger
Margaret Elyssa Furlong      Phoebe Clara Rose Parrish
Dylan Jared Goodman          Stephanie Wahl Pool
Matthew William Gore           Ruth Isabel Raim
Lindsay Ann Grier             Emily Rose Rapport
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:

**Dennis Akrobetu ’17** has been named a Goldwater Scholar.

**Sarah Aziz ’17** has received a Critical Language Scholarship to study Persian.

**Jessica Gumucio ’16** has been awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Russia.

**Xzavier Killings ’16** has been awarded a Watson Fellowship to study different approaches to healing in Jamaica, Zambia, India and Belize.

**Elizabeth Marshall ’16** has been awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Malaysia.

**Lauren Martinez ’16** has been awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Colombia.
Savva Martyshev ‘19 received the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to study in Jordan.

Malissa McSwain ‘16 has been awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Mexico.

Abby Ordillas ‘18 has received a Critical Language Scholarship to study Chinese.

Alec Rotunda ‘16 has been awarded a Watson Fellowship to explore how soccer inspires and prepares youths for life in Germany, India, Ghana and South Africa.

Tiffany Ruan ‘17 received the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to study in Zambia.

Matthew Schlerf ‘16 has been awarded Davidson College’s W. Thomas Smith Scholarship to study Ensemble Theater at Rose Bruford College of Theatre & Performance in London

Noelle Smith ‘16 has been awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Mexico.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

AFRICANA STUDIES AWARD — Meron Fessehaye ‘16

The Alain Locke/Anna Julia Cooper Award for Excellence in Africana Studies is awarded in honor of the first African American Rhodes Scholar and the first African American female activist and scholar to earn a PhD in History from the University of Paris, Sorbonne. The award commemorates the distinguished lives and achievements of two outstanding figures whose works and legacies significantly impacted future discourses on race, gender, class, and sexuality in Africana Studies. This inaugural award is bestowed upon Meron Fessehaye who best exhibits the qualities of Africana Studies’ academic and global commitment to social justice.

ARAB STUDIES AWARD — Meron Fessehaye ‘16

The Arab Studies Award honors a senior who has used her understanding of the Arabic language and culture to serve less privileged communities with compassion, empathy, and
humility. For putting her heart into her studies and into serving the community, the department is honored to name **Meron Fessehaye**.

**SANDY BLACK MEMORIAL AWARD** — **Huailin Michael Zhang ’17**
**Dennis J. Akrobetu ’17**

This Award goes to two junior premedical students, **Huailin Michael Zhang**, a Psychology major from Nanjing, China and **Dennis J. Akrobetu**, a Biology major from Jefferson City, Missouri, for excellence in scholarship and deep commitment to service through medicine and research. Their high academic standing is a testament to their keen intellect, indomitable drive and exceptional work ethic.

**FRANZ BOAS AWARD** — **Kim Mayes ’16**
**Charles Rappé ’16**

**Kim Mayes** interests in cultural anthropology have led her abroad to Peru and the Netherlands. She focuses on anthropological theory and the intersections between anthropology and art. After a year break, Kim plans to pursue graduate work in anthropology or a related field.

A scholar-athlete, **Charles Rappé** has explored his interests in cultural anthropology and archaeology in Guatemala and Mexico, one result of which was his first professional presentation. After more fieldwork in Mexico, he plans on continuing his studies in anthropology.

**BREMER GERMAN LANGUAGE AWARD** — **James Bolton McCarthy Smith ’16**

With energy, curiosity, and generosity, **Bolton Smith** engages selflessly with students and teachers in his search for that which is right and just. With the Bremer Prize in German Studies we recognize and celebrate his good work and wish him Godspeed in his future endeavors in German, Russian, and European studies.

**CHINESE STUDIES AWARD** — **David Carter ’16**

**David Carter**’s hard work, determination and sincerity have enabled him, in four years, to master the Chinese language well enough to teach his Chinese teachers about complex issues in the Chinese economy. His commitment to learning the language will enable him to encounter, understand, and engage Chinese speakers with sincerity and empathy.
TOM DAGGY BIOLOGY AWARD — Elizabeth Brunner ‘16

A Math/Science tutor and peer research advisor, Elizabeth conducted research in multiple labs including Honors work with Karen Hales. For her enthusiasm, thoroughness, facility with scientific literature, and ability to troubleshoot, the Biology Department is pleased to recognize Elizabeth Brunner.

ALBERTA SMITH DEVANE RELIGION AWARD — Chris A. Woods ‘16

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

W. E. B. DU BOIS EXCELLENCE IN SOCIOLOGY AWARD — Hannah Sachs ‘16

This award goes to a major with a near perfect GPA in Sociology who has consistently impressed her professors. Her masterful thesis research focuses on identity of transracial, transnational adoptees born in China and raised in White American households. This year’s award goes to Hannah Sachs.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD — Joe Cullen ‘16

We recognize this year’s award recipient for academic excellence paired with a high-quality personal character. Faculty and students have learned to expect strong research and insightful analyses paired with assuming responsibility maturely, collaborating effectively, and an easy-going, friendly demeanor from the winner of the 2016 Environmental Studies Outstanding Senior Award, Joe Cullen.

LE PRIX DE FRANÇAIS (FRENCH AND FRANCOPHONE STUDIES PRIZE) — Daniel Samet ‘16

This year’s recipient is a double major and committed athlete who has excelled in course work while finding time to serve as an AT, write an Honors Thesis on contemporary Quebec cinema, and support countless students in the Writing Center. For his contributions to French and Francophone Studies the Prix De Français 2016 is awarded to Daniel Samet.
WILLIAM B. HIGHT, JR. TEACHING AWARD — Bridget Wack ‘16

This award recognizes a student majoring in Educational Studies with an insatiable passion for the study of education. The award goes to Bridget Wack for her study on “character education as a mechanism of social control in periods of pervasive anomie.”

MUNDO HISPÁNICO (THE HISPANIC STUDIES AWARD) — Lindsay Grier ‘16

One of the most important characteristics of our award winner, Lindsay Grier, is her organic relationship to learning, service and to Hispanic cultures, and this has been the case since day one. The combination of commanding intellectual talent, strong ethics and deep generosity make this student unique.

DOUGLAS HOUCHENS STUDIO ART AWARD — John Chavez ‘17

Interweaving children’s board games with images of Renaissance martyrdom and self-portraiture, this young artist articulately examines the complex ontological terrain of art history, gender, identity and self. This year’s Douglas C. Houchens Award in Studio Art goes to John Chavez.

DAVID HALBERT HOWARD, JR. CHEMISTRY AWARD — Kaley Elise Gonzalez ‘17

Kaley is a highly intelligent student with an impeccable work ethic who masters the material at every level. She also is a kind and compassionate young woman who seeks every opportunity to help others.

Tyler has a gift for absorbing and connecting complex ideas in chemistry. In lab he is always trying new ideas and rolls well with the inevitable punches that research throws at him.

LUCILE AND MAX JACKSON AWARD IN ART HISTORY — Alison Fuehrer ‘17

This art history major inspires and empowers the process of discovery for her classmates AND her professors by uncovering new ideas where no one else even thought to look. The recipient of this year’s Lucile and Max Jackson Award in Art History is Alison Fuehrer.
THE KEISER PRIZE IN ENGLISH FOR CLASSICAL PERFORMANCE — Rachel Wiltshire ’16

Rachel Wiltshire has appeared in plays as diverse as *Guys and Dolls*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *Clybourne Park*. An English and Theatre major, she recently brought Shakespeare’s Cleopatra to life in an English seminar on the Egyptian Queen—a role she was born to play.

KENDRICK KELLEY AWARD IN HISTORY — Olivia Wagner Rosen ’16
Robert Price Anderson ’16

This recipient produced a highly engaging social history, titled “India as Homeland,” focusing on a Jewish community in India circa 1930—1950. For her smoothly-written thesis arguing that the so-called “Baghdadi” Jews were not isolated but felt strong local ties in multi-cultural Calcutta, the winner is Olivia Wagner Rosen.

Working largely with Spanish-language sources, this student made a significant contribution to the study of modern Chilean politics, arguing that conservative university students of the 1960s known as “Gremialists” played a key role in shaping a larger national movement. For his thesis “Students or Soldiers?” the winner is Robert Price Anderson.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES PRIZE — Lauren Martinez ’16
Savannah Haeger ’16

Lauren Martinez distinguishes herself by pride in her Puerto Rican heritage and a genuine vocation for service. Lauren’s years at Davidson have been framed by a gap year teaching marginalized children in Guatemala City and a Fulbright teaching award in Bogotá, Colombia.

Savannah Haeger’s Davidson career is marked by exceptional academic performance and tireless service to the major and the campus community. Savannah capped her career by co-authoring a review essay on Latin American gang activity in a premier national magazine dedicated to international politics.

HENRY T. LILLY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH — Peter Bowman ’16

From Cormac McCarthy to the Coen brothers, in comedy and coursework, Peter Bowman has been a preeminent productive force in the English department, and in the critical, creative, and performing arts at Davidson College.
WILLIAM G. MCGAVOCK MATHEMATICS AWARD — Courtney S. Cochrane ’16
Chenxiao (Simon) Xue ’16

Courtney Cochrane is distinguished by attention to detail and always going above and beyond on assignments. She is an influential role model and advocate for women in mathematics who has eagerly and tenaciously taken on research projects in both mathematics and computer science.

Chenxiao Xue is noted for his distinguished research accomplishments. He has excelled in an extensive range of coursework, repeatedly proving his ability to write a perfect set of solutions on a single sheet of yellow paper.

SALLY G. MCMILLEN PRIZE IN GENDER & SEXUALITY STUDIES — Dylan Goodman ’16

This recipient produced a thrillingly interdisciplinary thesis, a real contribution to the field of queer studies, 'Rainbow Nations & Orientalist Closets: Queer Representation of the Israeli Occupation of Palestine.' Gender and Sexuality Studies is delighted to award its McMillen Prize to Dylan Goodman.

A.K. PHIFER AWARD IN ECONOMICS — Leon Da Silva ’17
Will Dameron ’17

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

PHYSICS AWARD — Ryan Kozlowski ’16

For seeing beyond the surface and communicating physics in all dimensions; for his leadership in the Society of Physics Students, locally, regionally, and nationally; and for his consistent excellence in the classroom and laboratory, the 2016 Physics Award is presented to Ryan Kozlowski.

W. KENDRICK PRITCHETT AWARD IN CLASSICS — Cooper Wade Karisch ’16

Awarded to Cooper Wade Karisch for displaying distinguished academic performance, personal integrity, and love of ancient literature, history and archaeology.
J. HARRIS PROCTOR AWARD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE — Jeong-Hwan Bae ‘16
Naomi Coffman ‘16

The Political Science department bestows its highest award on a major who demonstrates excellence in the classroom, passion for politics, respect for intellectual diversity, skill as a researcher, good character, and leadership. This year two seniors, Jeong-Hwan Bae and Naomi Coffman are so honored.

RICHARD ROSS MEMORIAL MUSIC AWARD — Wilson Waddill ‘16

Wilson Waddill has become a vital member of the music department through his intense study in two separate disciplines. Participating in four separate instrumental and choral ensembles, he has contributed greatly to all through his talent, enthusiasm and musicianship.

THEATRE AWARD — Matthew Schlerf ‘16

Matthew Schlerf has done truly exceptional work as a director, dramaturg, actor, and scholar, including direction of a spellbinding production of Sarah Ruhl’s Eurydice. He passionately advocates for theatre’s importance in a complicated world, and his generosity, compassion, and intellect are unparalleled.

PORTER VINSON CHEMISTRY AWARD — Lauran Grace Himes ‘18

LG is a model student-athlete who has a gift for giving clear, well-reasoned and well-written responses on lab reports and exams. We have never seen her give less than her absolute best effort and are extremely proud of her.

WILLIAM VINSON MATHEMATICS AWARD — Nathan Tenpas ‘18

Nathan Tenpas is distinguished by his perfect GPA as well as his curiosity, attention to detail, and creativity. We commend him on his quest for new ways to solve problems and his commitment to understanding the techniques and theorems needed to arrive at accurate solutions.

DANIEL BLAIN WOODS AWARD — Papa Kwadwo Morgan-Asiedu ‘17
Kaley Elise Gonzalez ‘17

The award goes to two junior premedical students: Papa Kwadwo Morgan-Asiedu from Accra,
Ghana, majoring in Biology, and Kaley Gonzalez, a Chemistry major from Reisterstown, Maryland. This award goes to both in recognition of profound commitment to helping those in need, exemplary leadership on campus and beyond, unwavering respect for human dignity and your excellent academic achievement

WILLIAM GATEWOOD WORKMAN PSYCHOLOGY AWARD — Gaylen Elisabeth Fronk ’16
Lauren Elizabeth Skorb ’16

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 Gaylen Elisabeth Fronk and Lauren Elizabeth Skorb.

WRITING AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

R. Windley Hall Award in Writing:

First Place in Creative Writing: Nicholas L. Johnson (’19)
“Past Gravity”

Second Place in Creative Writing: Isabelle J. Sakelaris (’19)
“Evening Hymn and other Poems”

First Place in Critical Writing: Isabelle J. Sakelaris (’19)
“That’s Unusual for a Girl: Gender as Disability in Flannery O’Connor’s Good Country People”

Second Place in Critical Writing: Antoinette O. Cozier (’19)
“The Veil”

Charles E. Lloyd Award in Writing

First Place in Creative Writing: Emily B. Marsteller (’17)
“Silence”

Second Place in Creative Writing: Caroline H. New (’17)
“Attapulgus”
Vereen Bell Memorial Award in Creative Writing

First Place: Caroline H. New (’17)
“Gray” and “Sweetened and Steeped”
Second Place: Graham N. Marema (’17)
“Abraqa M. Swarthmire Certified Medium”
Third Place: Cormac J. McShane (’17)
“Ruin”

ADDITIONAL AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

THE SIGMA XI BIOLOGY RESEARCH AWARD — Hannah Tell ’16
Morgan Shannon ’16

The Charlotte chapter of Sigma Xi, Scientific Research Society, honors top undergraduate research scientists from regional colleges and universities. This year the Davidson Sigma Xi Award goes to two students.

The first recipient is an equestrian as well as a biologist, competing nationally in show jumping while simultaneously mastering paper-based gene network technology for her Honors research. For her fearlessness and resilience in the lab, the Biology Department congratulates Hannah Itell.

The co-recipient of the Sigma Xi Award is an accomplished athlete as well as a biologist with strong interests in neuroscience, field biology, and genomics. Her Honors research required a variety of skills including microinjecting, immunostaining, behavioral analysis, and confocal microscopy. For her genuine love of challenges that pushes her to produce novel scientific information, the Biology Department congratulates Morgan Shannon.

ADDITIONAL AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

KIZER SCHOLARSHIP IN EDUCATIONAL STUDIES — Lena Parker ’17

Lena Parker is the 2016 recipient of the Kizer Internship in Educational Studies. This award goes to a junior who is pursuing a major or minor in Educational Studies with high academic achievement and a strong desire to become an educator. The recipient will receive a paid
summer internship at a local high school in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System. This scholarship has been funded by an 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 — Benjamin G. Krauss ’15

The Wilmer Hayden Welsh Prize in Composition goes to Benjamin G. Krauss, class of 2015, for his piece “Wail.”

THE RUFUS HALLMARK WRITING AWARD — Vita Dadoo Lomeli ’18

The Rufus Hallmark Writing Award goes to Vita Dadoo Lomeli, class of 2018, for her essay “The Semiotics of Sorcery: Miles Davis and the Magic of Bitches Brew.”

ADDITIONAL AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

THE SIGMA XI PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH AWARD — Akanksha Das, Clarise Fischbach Ballesteros, and Lauren Grace Malachowski

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 Akanksha Das, Clarise Fischbach Ballesteros, and Lauren Grace Malachowski.

THE JOHN D. KELTON PSYCHOLOGY AWARD — Isabel Anne McLain ’16

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 Isabel Anne McLain.
EDWARD L. PALMER PSYCHOLOGY AWARD — Alexander Toussaint Casmir ’16

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 Alexander Toussaint Casmir.

DR. CHARLES RICHARDSON “BUDDY” MARTIN, JR. UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD —
Jennifer Samantha Isaac ’16
Morgan Leigh Shannon ’16

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 Jennifer Samantha Isaac and Morgan Leigh Shannon for superlative theses in neuroscience.

ADDITIONAL AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR SOCIOLOGY STUDENT OF THE YEAR — Holly Querin ’17

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

2016-2017 OMICRON DELTA KAPPA MEMBERS

Michael E. Ding ‘16
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*Nathaniel C. Harding ‘17
Kai Jia ‘16
*Katharine J. Joss ‘17
Divya Khandke ‘16
Ryan H. Kozlowski ‘16
Connor S. McManus ‘16

*Papa Morgan-Asiedu ‘17
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*John Michael Murphy ‘16
*Shea J. Parikh ‘16
Keri R. Register ‘16
*Julia M. Sachs ‘16
*Hannah J. Sachs ‘16
*Matthew T. Schlerf ‘16
*Sarah N. Taylor ‘16
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*New Inductee

2016 ODK Community Award: Georgia Krueger
2016 ODK Staff Award: Ernest Jeffries
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This year’s recipient of the Omicron Delta Teaching Award goes to a faculty member whose work has been recognized as foundational and transformative for students of all three departments in which he serves - and beyond. This faculty member is an anthropologist who
talks about love - in English and in Spanish - and whose life embodies the texts he preaches with the utmost humility and generosity of spirit.

As chair of the Latin American Studies department and a faculty on the Anthropology and Environmental Studies, this faculty member has been the driving force in establishing courses that reflect the intersectionality of social issues. Whether he is teaching liberation theology or anthropological theory, his lectures ask students to understand others on their own terms. One student remarked, “He always encourages me to go further intellectually and do more than I think I can do. He has pushed me, and countless other students, to see more deeply in order to see into the lives of the other who, he reminds us, are really our neighbors.”

He not only crosses borders between disciplines, he also regularly takes initiative to introduce students to Latin America. His concern for marginalized communities inspires students to ask better questions about the complexity of social realities and their relationship to them. As one student from the 2014 Davidson in Peru program commented, “I have never understood a people's hopes and struggles more than under his guidance as our Director.” He furthers student’s engagement with Latin American identities on campus, bringing three speakers this semester alone to address the intersections of religion, migration, and social justice.

Along with being a professor, he is also a Presbyterian minister active in his Presbytery. His pastoral presence carries into his professorship, as he opens his office door and welcomes students to sit at his dinner table. As one student commented, “Anytime I seem to struggle, he never fails to ask me what he can do better, as an instructor and as a mentor, to help me succeed. I don't know anyone else who does that.” As an unfailing support to the “students he works with,” he cultivates relationships that extend far beyond students’ graduation.

Known for his wisdom, he often reminds his students they are not ‘self-made individuals’, but rather persons embedded into a fabric of community. As one student remarked, “Profe, we’re certainly not self-made. You have helped make us.

And because of who you are, I’m glad it is so.” It is my great honor to present the Omicron Delta Kappa faculty award to Dr. Matt Samson.

2016 Staff Award: Ernest Jeffries

This year’s recipient of the Omicron Delta Kappa Honorary Award for dedicated and
courageous service to Davidson College goes to a member of the Davidson College staff whose presence and impact extend far beyond one man’s tenure.

Since he began his tenure as the Assistant Dean of Students in 1996, this staff member has made unending strides to make Davidson a place of excellence and inclusivity. As coordinator of STRIDE, a mentorship program for minority students, he has made an indelible mark on the lives of many students while supporting their emotional, spiritual, and intellectual selves. As the Chief Judicial Officer for the College, he seeks to uphold what is best for student growth while relaying the value of the Honor Code. He cares for students’ social lives as advisor to NPHC fraternities, the Black Student Coalition, and the Virtuous Praise Gospel Choir. He has stayed well past working hours to inspire and rehearse with Virtuous Praise before student performances. If this weren’t enough, he also serves as solo pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church, inspiring students from the pulpit and opening his home on countless occasions.

One student remarked, “Whenever someone asks me to explain who he is, I always start with - he does so much and I don’t know how he does it! But everything that he does is just so important and makes a positive impact on so many people. The first time I met this Dean was through STRIDE, and from that moment, he has been a ‘father away from home.’”

For his ability to support others while maintaining a life of integrity and faith, he has inspired me and countless others to be truer versions of ourselves. With gratitude and tremendous respect, I present the Omicron Delta Kappa Staff Award to Dean Ernest Jeffries.

2016 Community Award: Georgia Krueger

This year’s recipient of the Omicron Delta Kappa Honorary Award for dedicated service to the Davidson Community goes to a woman whose spirit of collaboration has built the heart of our town’s connectedness.

As the Executive Director of the Ada Jenkins Center in the town of Davidson, our award recipient oversees one of the region’s most well-known non-profits. Her seven years of leadership as Executive Director has catalyzed the growth of the Center to administer education, health, and emergency assistance programs to over 4,700 neighbors per year through 15,000 individual services.

Her love for her community does not stop with her service to Ada Jenkins. She also serves as a member of the Lake Forest church leadership team, a volunteer with the YMCA, and a
board member of Well of Mercy. On campus, she has mentored students through the Leadership Davidson program, while serving as an integral member of the community collaborative advisory team through the Center for Civic Engagement. In her relationships, she models an ethos of humility that draws others to be inspired by her.

One student said: “This leader is such an amazing, strong, and kind person. I have learned so much from her dedication and heart -- as much as I've studied social change and empathy in Davidson classrooms, she has honestly taught me more than any lecture or reading could, just by being who she is.”

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

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION FACULTY AWARD**

The Student Government Association Faculty Award is given annually to a member of the faculty who has proven to be an asset in the classroom, and who has also displayed a strong interest in the lives of students outside the classroom.

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRE-MAJOR FACULTY ADVISING AWARD**

The Student Government Association Pre-Major Faculty Advising Award is given to a faculty member currently serving as a Pre-Major adviser and is in recognition of outstanding dedication and guidance provided to his or her students.

A Pre-Major advisor has the unique task of greeting a group of incoming freshmen and helping them to navigate the intricacies of WebTree.