

2020 Spring Convocation Award Winners

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARDS

AGNES SENTELLE BROWN AWARD - Hannah Aronson '20

The Agnes Sentelle Brown Award is presented to a sophomore, junior, or senior of outstanding character, personality, and academic ability. This year's recipient of the Agnes Sentelle Brown Award is **Hannah Aronson**.

BEN CALLINDER AWARD - Mariem Bchir '20

The Ben Callinder Award commemorates the life of a resilient student who always put others' needs before his own. This year's recipient of The Ben Callinder Award is **Mariem Bchir**.

<u>DAVIDSON BLACK ALUMNI NETWORK AWARD</u> – Jared Alexander Lindo '21, Chineme Chinelo Amechi '22

The first recipient is a junior from Brooklyn, N.Y. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc as well as a member of the Honor Council. He is the recipient of the Julius Dobson Neely and Joseph Dobson Scholarship. The first recipient of the Davidson Black Alumni Network Award is **Jared Alexander Lindo**

The second recipient is a sophomore from Sugarhill, GA. She is a Bonner Scholar and a recipient of the David Grier and Louise McMichael Martin Scholarship. The second recipient of the Davidson Black Alumni Network Award is **Chineme Chinelo Amechi**.

GEORGE GLADSTONE MEMORIAL AWARD - Margaret (Margo) Parker '21, Gretchen Pearson '21

The George Gladstone Memorial Award is presented to rising seniors who exhibit 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 Margo Parker and Gretchen Pearson.

GOODWIN-EXXON AWARD - ChiChi Odo '22, Cole Ferraro '21, Catherine Cole '20

The Goodwin-Exxon Awards are awarded annually to a sophomore, a junior, and a senior adjudged to exemplify the highest standards of character, good sportsmanship, and consideration of others. This year's winners of the Goodwin-Exxon Award are **ChiChi Odo**, **Cole Ferraro**, and **Catherine Cole**.

CHARLES MALONE RICHARDS AWARD - Adam Gelman '21

The Charles Malone Richards Award 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. This year's recipient of the Charles Malone Richards Award is **Adam Gelman**.

C. SHAW SMITH AWARD - Anna Marie Jones '20

Beginning as a Student Activities Office student employee and Davidson Outdoors trip leader, Anna Marie has been involved in every aspect of life at the College Union throughout her four years at Davidson. Her greatest service has been with the Union Board where she has fostered creativity, championed new events, strengthened traditions, and facilitated strong bonds among her peers. For her passion, dedication, and innovation, we are proud to present this year's C. Shaw Smith award to **Anna Marie Jones**.

ATHLETIC AWARDS

TOMMY PETERS AWARD - Jon Axel Gudmundsson '20

A four-year starter for the men's basketball team, **Jon Axel Gudmundsson** concluded his career as one of the most decorated players in program history. The 2019 Atlantic 10 Conference Player of the Year, Gudmundsson ranks among Davidson's all-time leaders in scoring (10th/1700), rebounds (7th/786), assists (3rd/567), 3-pointers made (8th/218), steals (6th/160) and starts (2nd/126). In addition, Gudmundsson is the first Division I player since

1992-93 to reach the following marks for their career – 1,700 career points, 750 rebounds, 550 assists, 200 made 3-pointers and 150 steals.

Just the second player in Davidson history to record a triple-double, Gudmundsson scored in double figures 85 times, while hitting the 20-point plateau 26 times. Along with helping lead the Wildcats to their first-ever Atlantic 10 Tournament title in 2018, he scored 21 points to go along with 5 rebounds and 3 assists against Kentucky in the NCAA Tournament. During his standout career, Gudmundsson helped Davidson to 78 wins, including 45 (11.2 per year) conference victories and two postseason appearances.

Accomplishments

2020 3rd Team All-Conference
2019-20 Preseason All-Conference
2019-20 Naismith Trophy Preseason Watch List
2019-20 Lute Olson Award Preseason Watch List
2019 Atlantic 10 Player of the Year
2019 1st Team All-Conference
2019 NABC All-District
2019 AP Honorable Mention All-America
2018-19 Preseason All-Conference
Three-time A-10 Player of the Week

REBECCA E. STIMSON AWARD - Alexa Abele '20

Alexa Abele was a four-year starter for the Davidson women's tennis team and one of the top players in the Atlantic 10 during her career. She had a .742 winning percentage in singles matches, finishing with 52 career wins, which was tied for fifth-most dating back to 2000. In addition, the senior added another 34 victories in doubles play, while winning a combined 26 league matches in both singles and doubles during her career. Abele was a three-time all-conference second-team selection, while earning player of the week four times and rookie of the week five. Despite her senior season being cut short, Abele concluded her career winning her final seven singles matches at the No. 1 position.

The senior from Cincinnati, Ohio, also excelled in the classroom. An all-academic selection and ITA scholar in 2019, Abele earned a spot on the A-10 Commissioner's Honor Roll five times. An economics major, Abele will begin her first job upon graduation as an Investment Banking analyst for Wells Fargo in Charlotte this summer.

Accomplishments

2019 Atlantic 10 All-Conference (2nd Team)

2019 Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team

2019 ITA Scholar Athlete

2018 Atlantic 10 All-Conference (2nd Team)

2017 Atlantic 10 All-Conference (2nd Team)

Five-time Atlantic 10 Commissioner's Honor Roll honoree

Four-time Conference Player of the Week

Five-time Conference Rookie of the Week

PHI BETA KAPPA

ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP-IN-COURSE

2020 Inductees

Alexandra Downing Abele

Emily Frances Banks

Katherine Laura Richelle Barlis

Elizabeth McKenzie Bell

Joshua William Betts

Emma Hollander Blake

Sarah Grace Borucki

Eliza Anne Brodie

Anna McCamy Brown Marshall Howe Bursis

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Susannah Mayrant Cate

Yitao Chen

Shelby Elizabeth Cline

Hannah Jessica Cohen

Rebecca Matthews Collings

Jordan Anthony Conn

Matthew Crossan Cooper

Elizabeth Simone Daniels

Anna Rizk Dolder

Kayla Alexandra Edwards

Ethan Garcia Ehrenhaft

James Quinn Fahey

Anna Faye Rowlett Gilbert

Chuhan Guo

Roxana Grace Hayne

Shelby Hardee Holmes

Eleanor Margaret Kincaid

Grant Joseph Labedz

Lucy Elizabeth Lewis

Man Li

Zixin Lin

Nicholas Lobo

Broderick John Patrick McCurdy

Sarah HD Mellin

Caroline Anne Miller

Elizabeth Elaine Miller

Willow Harwell Pagon

Rebecca Lynn Pempek

Connor Charles Pfister

Collifor Charles I lister

Audrey Lauren Plimpton

Brandon Sangwon Ra

Meghan Garrett Rankins

Madeline Paige Seagle

Adde Montana Sharp

Matthew Joseph Sickinger

William Lion Simmons

Jeffrey Alexander Sizemore

Dustin Robert Smith

Lydia Soifer

Scott James Stegall

William Charles Stiefel IV

Kathleen Mackenzie Walsh

Madison Olive Hunter Ashley Morgan Ickes Catherine Christine Johnson Edward Joseph Kelley IV Patrick Joseph Kelly, Jr. Grace Catherine Ward Toler Hayes Webb Nathanial David Wellborn Scott Austin Whitney

2019-20 FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

The college recognizes students and recent alumni who have been selected for prestigious national fellowships and scholarships*.

Barry Goldwater Scholarship

Katie Soden '21

Critical Language Scholarship Program

Kieran Clark '22 (Alternate) - Arabic

Eldina Kucevic '20 (Alternate) – Mandarin

Fulbright U.S. Student Program

Kenzie Bell '20 (Alternate) - English Teaching Assistantship, Bulgaria

Catherine Cartier '20 (Alternate) - Research, Morocco

Olivia Conley '20 – English Teaching Assistantship, Spain

Becky Contreras '19 (Alternate) - English Teaching Assistantship, Colombia

Alex Idonije '20 – English Teaching Assistantship, Taiwan

Alisha Kendrick-Pradhan '20 - Research, Ecuador

Eldina Kucevic '20 – English Teaching Assistantship, Taiwan

Jason Lu '20 – English Teaching Assistantship, Tajikistan

Eric Matherly '19 – English Teaching Assistantship, Ukraine

Mara Papakostas '20 – English Teaching Assistantship, Taiwan

Caroline Phan '20 – Research, Colombia

Ryland Pitts '20 (Alternate) – Research, Lithuania

Audrey Plimpton '20 – Combined English Teaching and Research Award, Austria

Emma Slater '19 – English Teaching Assistantship, Algeria

James C. Gaither Junior Fellowship

Emma Wilbur '19 (Declined)

NOAA Hollings Scholarship

Virginia Gilliland '22

Schwarzman Scholarship

Mariem Bchir '20

Thomas J. Watson Fellowship

Maddie Hunter '20 – Impact of Exercise on Children with Physical Disabilities; South Africa, United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand

Roy Toston '20 – Analyzing Intersections of Race and Racism in Healthcare; Germany, Cuba, South Africa, Peru

W. Thomas Smith Scholarship

Lydia Soifer '20 – University of Cambridge

* List only includes awards that require institutional endorsement and/or about which the Fellowships & Scholarships program was notified. Many grant offers are pending acceptance and program operations.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

ARAB STUDIES AWARD - Catherine Cartier '20, Anna Dolder '20, Nick Lobo '20

An Arab Studies and History major, **Catherine Cartier** is a scholar, linguist, journalist, and gem of a human being. She has dedicated her research to giving voice to vulnerable populations around the world. Always challenging herself and seeking to learn more about the world around her, she spent one semester in Jordan, another in Lebanon, and then a third semester in Tajikistan. While overseas and on campus, she generously serves the communities around her and beyond.

An Arab Studies major, **Anna Dolder** is an accomplished writer, researcher, and linguist. During her time at Davidson, she has spent substantial time also in Jordan, Lebanon, and Morocco where she has engaged in original research and enhanced her Arabic. A highly accomplished and talented scholar and linguist, all who encounter her are continually astounded by her incredible humility. Her joyful personality generously spreads happiness on her community and beyond.

An Arab Studies and Political Science major, **Nick Lobo** is an outstanding writer, researcher, linguist, and translator. After studying in Jordan and Lebanon, he has gained an exceptional, native fluency in Arabic, which enabled him to delve into the translation of a Syrian novel into English as well as other invaluable projects. Due to his outstanding linguistic skills and cultural awareness, he is on his way to study Arabic in Egypt next year with CASA.

SANDY BLACK MEMORIAL AWARD - Louis Laniak '21, Richard H. Granger '21

Our first recipient is a Biology major and a music minor. A talented pianist, he is an integral part of the musical life on campus. In addition to his membership in Davidson Singers, he serves as a member of the Leadership Council of his choir. A servant-leader, this student regularly dedicates his musical talents in the service of his community. In the greater Davidson Community, he has volunteered as the lead pianist for weekly services at his church, performed at a retirement home near campus, and has played piano to help raise funds for hurricane relief. In addition, he regularly volunteers as an assistant tutor for underprivileged children in the LEARN Works program at the Ada Jenkins Center. When at home in Honeoye Falls, NY, he volunteers as a certified emergency medical technician and at the Community Open Meals Program. We honor **Louis Laniak** for his outstanding academic achievement in premedical studies and exemplary ability to maintain academic vigor despite significant extracurricular involvements.

The second recipient, a Biology major and Hispanic Studies minor from Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin, is a Terry Scholar and a member of the El Bejjani Lab and the Davidson Fire Department's Emergency Response Team on campus. This student regularly volunteers as an interpreter at the Ada Jenkins Center - Free Clinic of Our Town, a medical clinic that serves Spanish speaking clients. As an English as a Second Language tutor at Cornelius Elementary, he dedicates time to mentoring students as they work on their reading skills. Since the fall semester of his sophomore year, this student has also been teaching Spanish at Davidson Elementary School as a volunteer teacher. We honor **Ricky Granger** for his outstanding academic achievement in premedical studies and commitment to research and an exemplary ability to maintain academic vigor despite significant extracurricular involvements.

FRANZ BOAS AWARD - Sarah HD Mellin '20

Sarah HD Mellin is a scholar-activist who has embodied the tenets of public anthropology since they arrived at Davidson. A thoughtful and engaged intellectual, they are committed to transformative anthropology that facilitates equity, mutual aid, and ethical communities of care. Their historical ethnography on colonialism and race at Davidson College considers how inclusivity demands ongoing considerations of the legacies of slavery.

BREMER GERMAN LANGUAGE AWARD - Audrey Lauren Plimpton '20

For her excellent work in the study of populist rhetoric in German-speaking countries, her dedication to her students while teaching the language, and her leadership as president of the German Club, this year's Bremer Award goes to **Audrey Plimpton**.

CHINESE STUDIES AWARD - Alexis Bailey Piornack '20, Eleanor Yang Kang Tan '20

Alexis Piornack is a stellar student whose commitment to learning about Chinese language, culture, and society is remarkable. She is caring, hardworking, and passionate about sharing her enthusiasm for Chinese Studies. Alexis avidly participates in weekly Chinese language table conversations and goes out of her way to support her peers and contribute to Chinese cultural events on campus.

Ellie Tan is a strong leader with a deep passion for the study of East Asia. She has made profound contributions to fostering a strong East Asian studies community both inside and outside of the classroom at Davidson. In the classroom, Ellie has demonstrated excellence in research, writing, and class discussion. She is an attentive listener and an enthusiastic participant in collaborative projects. She is also generous in sharing class notes and writing advice with her classmates. Outside of the classroom, she participates in cultural celebrations and outreach events in addition to serving as a wonderful mentor and role model to her junior peers.

<u>COMPUTER SCIENCE AWARD</u> - Ryan Robert Strauss '20, Roxana Grace Hayne '20

For his research accomplishments in reinforcement learning, virtual reality, and computational physics, his vital work as a teaching assistant, his valuable contributions to department culture and faculty recruiting, and his outstanding academic achievement, we present the Computer Science award to **Ryan Strauss**.

For excellence in coursework, for contributions to research in computer systems, and for her potential to excel in future Computer Science endeavors, we award the Computer Science Award to **Ana Hayne**.

TOM DAGGY BIOLOGY AWARD - Lydia Soifer '20

This year's winner is an exceptional student, exceptional researcher, and exceptional community member. She overcame significant adversity to complete an honors thesis in preparation for entry into the Plant Sciences graduate program at Cambridge University. In anticipation of counting an international expert in tropical plant biology among our graduates, we congratulate **Lydia Soifer** for earning the 2020 Tom Daggy Award.

ALBERTA SMITH DEVANE AWARD - Katie Macturk '20, Dustin Smith '20

The Department of Religious Studies is pleased to award the 2020 DeVane Award to two of its majors, **Katie Macturk** and **Dustin Smith**. We recognize Katie for the way in which her work consistently invites into conversation voices not typically attended to and allows them to speak from their complexity. We recognize Dustin for his habit of thoughtfulness, which both reads texts deeply and uses interdisciplinary insights to illuminate complex issues.

W. E. B. DU BOIS EXCELLENCE IN SOCIOLOGY AWARD - Shelby Holmes '20

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

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD - Mia Gogel '20

The Outstanding Student in Environmental Studies Award goes to **Mia Gogel**, whose natural curiosity and strong engagement led to a self-designed interdisciplinary capstone study. Mia's initiative and independence came through in her final capstone where she examined the interactions between climate change and the spread of West Nile Virus using publicly available data. She always shows up to any class or meeting with curiosity and drive that made her a delight to work with.

MONDE FRANCOPHONE AWARD - Anna Shipp '20, Isaac Bowlin '20

This French and Francophone Studies and Economics double major embodies the spirit and drive of the French and Francophone Studies Department. For her unwavering commitment to expanding the reach of the French Club, and for her thoughtful creativity in promoting a dynamic presence of Francophone cultural activities on the Davidson campus, **Anna Shipp** is named as a 2020 recipient of the Monde Francophone Award.

A double major in Environmental Studies and French and Francophone Studies, this senior exemplifies excellence in academic achievement and has richly contributed to critical discussions on issues related to the French-speaking world. The French and Francophone Studies Department is proud to name **Isaac Bowlin** as a 2020 recipient of the Monde Francophone Award.

WILLIAM B. HIGHT EDUCATIONAL STUDIES AWARD - Maribel Hernandez '20

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

MUNDO HISPÁNICO AWARD - Julia Sirvinskas '20

This year's Mundo Hispánico recipient is senior **Julia Sirvinskas**, whose work in and for the department leaves a lasting mark. Throughout her time on campus and abroad, her passion for the culture and language of the Hispanic world has been infectious. She is exemplary of the openness and curiosity that makes Davidson students so special. Congratulations Julia!

DOUGLAS HOUCHENS STUDIO ART AWARD - Landin Eldridge '21

With enthusiasm, tenacity and uncanny comic timing, this student's drawings and soft sculptures are akin to a farce; endearingly awkward and unapologetically "squishy". Conceptually, she engages the viewer in questioning cultural ideals like the American dream. It is the kind of art you react to through laughter, a wave of guilt and realization of the power of comedy to address injustice.

DAVID HALBERT HOWARD, JR. CHEMISTRY AWARD - Eleanor Mackintosh '21

Eleanor is an engaged student, always prepared and ready. Ellie asks meaningful questions in class that stimulate good discussions. Ellie has also been extremely active in independent study research projects. She has completed projects with two different members of the faculty.

LUCILE AND MAX JACKSON AWARD IN ART HISTORY - Cole Thornton '21

For your empathetic understanding of the visual arts and its connection to broader social, economic, and political issues, your growing interest and investment in human rights advocacy work, and your nuanced understanding of the power of visual representation, we in the art department commend your high achievements thus far and look forward to witnessing what you achieve in the future

THE KEISER PRIZE IN ENGLISH FOR CLASSICAL PERFORMANCE - Landin Eldridge '21

Try to determine whether **Landin Eldridge** has merited this award based more on her accomplished performance of Shakespeare or on her excellent study of Shakespeare, and you will be stumped. Her work in her Shakespeare class was stunning in every way—in terms of both her class contributions and her written work. Her performance in the main stage production of Macbeth in the fall of 2019 required her to transform from the character of King Duncan to the grief-stricken Lady McDuff, a transformation she performed seamlessly while dividing her ample acting skills equally between roles of different genders.

<u>LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES PRIZE</u> - Jules Franco '20

Jules Franco wins the LAS prize for pathbreaking work in her honor's thesis "Painting Democracy, Sculpting Sedition: Grassroots Resistance during Chile's Dictatorship." Using unstudied records from the Museo de la Solidaridad Salvador Allende and oral histories with female activists, Franco produced a masterful narrative of how Mujeres por la Vida and Colectivo Acciones del Arte cultivated frameworks of resistance in Chile and internationally.

HENRY T. LILLY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH - Katie Walsh '20

Living and breathing language isn't easy: all the words are always there, and here, and they need shaping into stories. For her deep thoughtfulness in her coursework, her electric intelligence, her extensive academic achievements, and her brilliant success as a fiction writer, the English Department honors **Katie Walsh**, with the Lilly Award.

ALAIN LOCKE / ANNA JULIA COOPER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN AFRICANA STUDIES - Bry Reed '20, Maurice Norman '20

In honor of the first African American Rhodes Scholar and the first African American female activist and scholar to earn a Ph.D. in History from the University of Paris, Sorbonne, this award commemorates the distinguished lives and achievements of two outstanding figures whose work and legacies significantly impacted future discourses on race, gender, class, and sexuality in Africana Studies. Congratulations, **Bry** and **Maurice**!

<u>WILLIAM G. MCGAVOCK MATHEMATICS AWARD</u> - Catherine Christine Johnson '20, Matthew Crossan Cooper '20, Michael David Robertson '20, Man (Max) Li '20, Chuhan (Lawrence) Guo '20

For her meritorious work throughout the mathematics curriculum, and for her skill and maturity in the art of mathematical proof, we award the William G. McGavock Award for accomplishment and promise in mathematics to **Catherine C. Johnson**.

For his research contributions to permutation enumeration, for his excellence in a wide variety of mathematical coursework, and for his leadership inside and outside the classroom, we award the William G. McGavock Award for accomplishment and promise in mathematics to Crossan Cooper.

For his research accomplishments in developing a novel method for characterizing directed graphs, his passion for the study and communication of mathematics, and for his future success in mathematics research and education, the William G. McGavock Award for accomplishment and promise in mathematics goes to **Michael D. Robertson.**

For his research accomplishments in data analytics that combines mathematics, computer science and psychology, his integral research in a financial start-up company in Silicon Valley, his rigorous studies at Davidson and while studying abroad at Oxford University, and his future success at Harvard University, the William G. McGavock Award for accomplishment and promise in mathematics goes to **Max Li.**

We celebrate **Lawrence Guo** for his remarkable ability to apply mathematical techniques across a spectrum of disciplines. Always game for a new research gig, he has conducted three distinct major projects, each one distinguished by mathematical rigor, clarity, and insight. We honor and congratulate Lawrence for his achievements and his promise for future study in mathematics.

SALLY G. MCMILLEN GENDER & SEXUALITY STUDIES PRIZE - Shelby Holmes '20

This recipient's wonderful capstone paper, "It's a Hu(man) Problem: Power-Based Personal Violence Rhetoric by Women in the Men's Rights Movement," used detailed interviews and thoughtful methodology to make a truly original research contribution. For this recipient's academic excellence, intellectual curiosity, and humane instincts, the GSS Department is delighted to award the 2020 McMillen Prize to **Shelby Holmes**.

A.K. PHIFER AWARD IN ECONOMICS - Alexa Abele '20, Matthew Crossan Cooper '20

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

PHYSICS AWARD - Toler Webb '20

This year's recipient loves finding order in chaos, whether classical or quantum-mechanical, and maybe even in between. Throughout all his successes, he demonstrated the composure of an established performer and the quirky modesty of a Pokémon World Champion. For his outstanding research and his excellence in the study of physics, the 2020 Physics Award is presented to **Toler Webb**.

W. KENDRICK PRITCHETT AWARD IN CLASSICS - Catherine Christine Johnson '20

For four years, **Catherine** has impressed and inspired her professors and classmates with her formidable intellect. From her first-year award for highest GPA to her discerning and creative senior capstone paper, Catherine's Davidson career models scholarly achievement. Her generosity of spirit, unassuming good humor, and service crown that achievement and make her most deserving of the Classics Department's Pritchett Award.

<u>J. HARRIS PROCTOR AWARD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE</u> - Kayla Edwards '20, Audrey Plimpton '20

Established in 1993, this award honors Professor Emeritus J. Harris Proctor, former chair of the Political Science Department. It is awarded annually to outstanding senior political science majors. The Political Science Department is pleased to name **Kayla Edwards** and **Audrey Plimpton** as winners of this year's J. Harris Proctor Award.

RICHARD ROSS MEMORIAL MUSIC AWARD - Andrew Wright '20

To write of **Andrew Wright** solely through the prism of music is to ignore much of his Davidson career, which has united music and economics. Entering as a Plott Scholar in jazz trumpet performance, he is a master improviser and soloist, equaled by his skills as a serious composer. We are honored to present him our 2020 Richard Ross Award.

<u>DEAN RUSK INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM AWARD</u> - Isak Christensen '20, Catherine Cartier '20

The student-led Dean Rusk Global Corps has had a critical role in developing and promoting international programs and awareness within the Davidson community. They bring the world to Davidson College, whether selecting speakers on a wide range of global topics, collaborating with other student organizations on internationally themed events, or hosting informal gatherings to discuss foreign policy issues. In recognition of their ingenuity, initiative, and generous commitment of time and organization, we are proud to name as winners of this year's Dean Rusk International Studies Program Award Isak Christensen and Catherine Cartier.

RAWLEY P. TURNER DRAMA AWARD - Meg Houck '20, Lidan Zhang '20

As the morally conflicted bake-shop owner Della in The Cake, **Meg Houck** ingeniously gave complex dimension to a much older character who could easily have been dismissed as a Southern stereotype. For her beautifully detailed and carefully controlled performance, the Department of Theatre is proud to present Meg with the Rawley P. Turner Award for Acting.

Any actor tackling the role of Lady Macbeth must grapple with the legendary challenges of the character's buried motivations and huge emotional journey. In her mesmerizing embodiment of this famous queen, **Lidan Zhang** conquered those challenges and more, crafting a remarkable physical life for the character and bringing heartbreaking loss and a sense of fire to Shakespeare's verse. The Department of Theatre is pleased to present Lidan with the Rawley P. Turner Award for Acting.

PORTER VINSON CHEMISTRY AWARD - Hailey Holck '22

An exceptional student, **Hailey** performed extremely well as she has worked through the foundational chemistry courses. As a top student in her first year, Hailey agreed to serve as an embedded tutor in analytical chemistry. Students in the course appreciate her clear explanations and encouragement.

JAMES BAKER WOODS III AWARD - Will Tabor '21

This year's recipient was awarded a 4-year Campus-based Army ROTC academic scholarship prior to arrival at Davidson. He has demonstrated a superior quality of character for his contributions to the Davidson ROTC program and by serving in challenging leadership positions while balancing a rigorous academic and athletic schedule as a member of the swim team. CDT Tabor has been an integral member of the organization for his attention to detail and eagerness to assist other cadets with topics they struggled with. He has exhibited great moral character both in and out of uniform. Because of his significant contributions to the Army ROTC program, and Davidson College, this year's recipient is **Cadet Will Tabor**.

DANIEL BLAIN WOODS AWARD - Jack Casey '21, Queena Chen '21

The first recipient is a Neuroscience major from Pinehurst, North Carolina. This student has dedicated countless hours toward fostering collaboration and positive change both on and off campus. We recognize his academic achievement in premedical studies, service to the campus community as the President of the Premedical Society, Vice-President of the Davidson College Chapter of American Medical Students Association, President of Adopt-A-Grandfriend student organization, a Davidson College Hall Counselor, and his unfailing support of the activities of the Premedical office. This student's has demonstrated deep commitment to improving the human condition through his service, at the Lake Norman Community Health Clinic for underserved populations, at the Serenity House end-of-life care facility, and at the Huntersville Health and Rehabilitation Center, and through his research endeavors in Neuroscience and Orthopedics. We celebrate and honor you today, Jack Casey, for your outstanding academic achievement and commitment to the ideals of a 'good physician' that the Daniel Blain Woods award symbolizes.

The second recipient is a Biology major and Neuroscience minor from Katy, Texas. This student's commitment to her premedical studies and service on and off-campus are noteworthy. She regularly devotes her time in service to the terminally ill residents of Serenity House, a nearby end-of-life care facility. In addition, she has volunteered at the Motherhood Center in New York City and in make-shift medical clinics in Honduras. On campus, she serves as a Health Advisor at the Health Education Office, Quest Scholars Network Community Outreach Chair, and a manager of the Bee Club. This is a young woman of uncommon resilience and adaptability; she gives her best to all her endeavors no matter the circumstances. We celebrate and honor **Queena Chen** as the 2020 co-recipient of the Daniel Blaine Woods Award.

<u>WILLIAM GATEWOOD WORKMAN PSYCHOLOGY AWARD</u> - Katherine Laura Richelle (Katie) Barlis '20

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 **Katie Barlis**.

OMICRON DELTA KAPPA RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) is a national leadership honor society which recognizes students for leadership in campus or community service, social and religious activities, athletics, student government, journalism and the creative and performing arts. Juniors and seniors who have significantly contributed to campus life in one of these areas and who are ranked in the top 35% of their class are eligible for ODK membership.

2020-21 OMICRON DELTA KAPPA MEMBERS

Lillian W. Acton '20*
Emily O. Bassett '20*
Caroline A. Black '20*
Samuel M. Bock '21*
Eliza A. Brodie '20*
Olivia R. Conley '20*
Sedem Dankwa '21*
Emily M. Duval '20
Ethan G. Ehrenhaft '20
Madelyn E. Gatchel '21*
Claudia Hernandez Brito '20
Madison O. Hunter '20
Edward J. Kelley IV '20

Eleanor M. Kincaid '20*
Julia R. Knoerr '21*
Meranda B. Ma '20*
Eleanor E. Mackintosh '21*
Katherine S. Macturk '20*
Sarah R. Mayer '20*
Broderick J. McCurdy '20
Saidah T. Rahman '20
Cynthia Rodriguez '20*
Adde M. Sharp '20
Mitchell B. Stanek '21*
Lucy E. Walton '21*

Wufan Zhao '20*

*New Inductee

Faculty Secretary: Mr. Walter Snipes, Assistant Dean of Students & Director of Residence Life

Faculty Inductee: Dr. Rebecca Joubin

Staff Inductee: Kristin Booher

Honorary Inductee: Dr. Verna Miller Case

2020 ODK TEACHING AWARD - Rosalba E. Scott

With selflessness as a staple of her teaching, **Rosalba Scott** consistently goes above and beyond for her students. She is a passionate teacher who engages each student in the classroom while challenging the student to use knowledge to better the world.

2020 ODK STAFF AWARD - Martha R. Howland

Martha greatly impacts Davidson through her genuine passion for students, staff, faculty,

and all whom she encounters in the E. Craig Wall Jr. Academic Center. She is an important presence in the Davidson community as she purposefully engages, encourages, and uplifts others. Martha is a servant leader.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

2020 FACULTY AWARD - Peter Ahrensdorf

This award is presented on behalf of the Student Government Association and recognizes the positive involvement of a professor in the lives of students outside the classroom setting. This year's recipient is **Peter Ahrensdorf**.

2020 PRE-MAJOR FACULTY ADVISING AWARD - Nicole Snyder

This award is presented on behalf of the Student Government Association and recognizes a professor for dedicated and meaningful guidance to students in pre-major advising. This year's recipient is **Nicole Snyder**.