2023 Spring Convocation Award Winners

LEADERSHIP / SERVICE / GENERAL AWARDS

AGNES SENTELLE BROWN AWARD – Josie Hovis ‘23
The Agnes Sentelle Brown Award is awarded to a sophomore, junior or senior who demonstrates outstanding promise as indicated by character, personality, and academic ability. This year’s recipient is Josie Hovis.

BEN CALLINDER AWARD – Bryce Anthony ‘23
Presented annually to a member of the senior class who selflessly gives their time to others, unites people from different walks of campus, pursues their passions and is respected by their peers, faculty, and the administration. This award commemorates the life of a resilient student, who always put others needs before his own. Ben Callinder’s selfless attitude, enthusiasm, and strength made a lasting impression on Davidson College students and the community. Never making any excuses for himself, Ben worked tirelessly as the Student Body President and a Health Advisor before his passing in Spring 2016. This year’s recipient of the Ben Callinder award is Bryce Anthony.

DAVIDSON ASIAN SOUTH ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER ALUMNI NETWORK AWARD – Christine Ahn ‘23, Audrey Meigs ‘23, Arshi Husain ‘26, and Daniel Lee ‘26
Christine Ahn is a senior, political science and interdisciplinary studies major whose thesis focuses on Asian Americans and higher education. Christine has shown consistent commitment to the ASAPI community by leading the Pan Asian Student Association during the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic and her continued work with Korean students at Davidson.

Audrey Meigs is a senior, political science major who has interned with NC Asian Americans Together, OCA Asian Pacific Advocates National, the 1882 Foundation, and OCA Asian Pacific Advocates in Washington, D.C. As the president of the Pan Asian Students Association, Audrey helped launch a mentoring program to connect ASAPI first-year students with upper-
class students and current students with alumni.

Arshi Husain is a first-year student currently serving as the social media manager for the Pan Asian Student Association. In her role, she has helped organize the Lunar New Year celebration and collaborated with the South Asian Student Association on Chai chats. Arshi is also an advocate for international and Muslim students on campus.

Daniel Lee is a first-year student who collaborated with Center for Diversity and Inclusion, the Deliberative Citizenship Initiative, the political science and English departments, Korean Student Association, the Pan Asian Student Association and Center for Political Engagement to bring the director of CHOSEN to campus for a screening and Q&A on the documentary which chronicles five Korean American congressional candidates in the 2020 election.

**DAVIDSON BLACK ALUMNI NETWORK AWARD** – Nyja Quash ’24, Prince Appiah ’25, and Nevaeh Angarita ’26

Nyja is a junior, biology major and Chinese minor on the pre-med track. Nyja holds leadership positions in multiple student organizations and has worked to obtain approval and funding for various projects to make Davidson a more inclusive campus, namely the restoration of PCC House 12, now the PASA/OLAS house. It is her goal to use her positions on campus to continue the efforts of elevating communities of color on campus.

Prince is a sophomore biology major on the pre-med track. He is a current Residence Life Student Leader, a member of RISE and has worked in the Davidson community at Ada Jenkins. Prince hopes to become a physician and use his passion for healthcare to give back to his community and develop the next generation of leaders in under-represented communities.

Nevaeh is a first-year student and active member of STRIDE, OLAS, BSC. She is an intended English and sociology major with a passion for poetry. In her work she explores societal commentary focusing on mental health, addiction, race, sexuality, and gender.

**GEORGE GLADSTONE MEMORIAL AWARD** – Jay Wheeler ’24 and Virginia Heiser ’24

Established in memory of George L Gladstone, Jr., Class of 1960, this award is presented to 2 rising seniors exhibiting high potential for service to mankind as indicated by leadership, service and academic record. This year’s recipients are Jay Wheeler and Virginia Heiser.

**GOODWIN-EXXON AWARD** – Nick Proctor ’23, Lilly Sirover ’24, and Lucy Clayton ’25

Established by Henry S. Goodwin of the Class of 1930 and funded in part by a foundation, these awards are given annually to a sophomore, junior and senior who exemplify the highest
standards of character, good sportsmanship, friendliness, and consideration for others. This year's recipients are Nick Proctor, Lilly Sirover, and Lucy Clayton.

**CHARLES MALONE RICHARDS AWARD – Hudson Sellers ’24**
Hudson Sellers contributes to campus religious life in many ways. A Computer Science major on the pre-med track, he is a leader in Reformed University Fellowship, has organized worship and social events for students from varied Christian backgrounds, and has spearheaded our Veterans Day Memorial Service. Last summer he received college funding to serve low-income communities in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

**C. SHAW SMITH AWARD – Grace Gardella ’23**
Grace Gardella is receiving the C Shaw Smith Award for her unyielding dedication to the Union Board. Grace has proven to be a pillar for this year's board, always emphasizing gratitude and member appreciation, and consistently prioritizing people over programming. Grace has also been helpful in restructuring the by-laws which will pave the way for future structure and stability.

**JAMES BAKER WOODS III AWARD – James Gilreath ’24**
Demonstrating great moral character both in and out of uniform and a willingness to volunteer for leadership positions in the Davidson ROTC program while balancing a rigorous collegiate sports and academic schedule, Cadet Gilreath is an integral member of the organization. His attention to detail, eagerness to assist other cadets with topics they struggled with and many contributions to the Army ROTC program led to this year's nomination of Cadet James Gilreath.
ATHLETIC AWARDS

**TOMMY PETERS AWARD – Joe dosReis ’23**
Joe has re-written the Atlantic 10 and Davidson record books, having won five (5) A10 titles and qualifying for the NCAA East Preliminary round last spring. This past Indoor Track and Field Season, Joe ran the fastest time ever at Davidson and in Atlantic 10 history in the mile, running 3:58.34. At the 2023 Indoor A10 Championships, Joe went a perfect 3-for-3, winning the mile and anchoring the winning distance medley and 4x800 teams. Joe currently maintains a 3.6 GPA.

**REBECCA E. STIMSON AWARD – Shelby Stanley ‘23**
Shelby has twice been recognized as the Atlantic 10’s Most Outstanding Performer and the conference’s Most Outstanding Rookie Performer after her freshman year. During her career, she set two new A10 records and eight new Davidson records. Shelby has been honored as a member of the A10s All-Academic Team. Away from the pool Shelby shares her infectious positivity at Davidson’s career center, as a mentor with Strong Girls United, and working with PPGA.
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ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP-IN-COURSE
2023 Inductees

Virginia Brantley Adams
Elisabeth Grace Ayyildiz
Collier Hart Ballard
Caroline Carmichael Bassett
Julia Elisabeth Bauer
Mary Grace Bunch
Catherine Grace Chimley
William Lathrop Clark
Oğuzhan Çölkesen
Julia Rose Conley
Gefei Deng
Andrew Lee Denny
Miguel Angel Donado
Catherine Elise Edmondson
Grace Elizabeth Fahey
Rory Marie Fallmer
Molly Marie Firr
Brian Christopher Garrett
Kamryn Mykal Graham
Mia Lauren Greeson
Rachel Sloan Gronberg
Ian David Tanaka Hall
James Merriwether Hardy II
Nicholas Peterson Havill
Eliana Marie Hensley
Josephine Margaret Jastremski Hovis
Charlotte Gabriele Kabelac
Hana Kamran
Anne Minda Kaplan
Cathleen Maeve Krabak
Natalie Grace Leonard
Andrea Zoey Liu
John Harrington Magner
Victoria Joan Marsicovetere
Emily Kehn McDill
Adeline Lorraine McDonough
Lila Grace McGrath
Heidi Hayes Meyer
Lauren Nicole Meyers
Xinyi Miao
Julianna Soleil Moock
Gabriella Ava Morreale
Georgia Ellen Morris
Amanda Lee Muise
Claire Olivia Olson
Erini Gianna Papakostas
Claire Marshall Pearce
Jonah Oliver Pesikoff
Chenlu Qin
Isabelle Rose Saba
Rachel Jean Schleicher
Emily Warner Schmitt
Maria Stuart Shields
Ella Katherine Stewart
Mahia Sultana
Alivia Anne Thompson
Helena Genevieve von Leupoldt
Yanni Wang
Walker Armstrong Willis
Riley Margaret Wolfram
Yunyue Zhang
Yuxuan Zhang
2022-23 FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

The college recognizes students and recent alumni who have been selected for prestigious national fellowships and scholarships. This list only includes awards that require institutional endorsement and/or about which the Office of Fellowships was notified.

Critical Language Scholarship
Kostas Mateer ’24 (Declined) – Russian

Fulbright U.S. Student Program
Tan Abascal ’23 (Alternate) – English Teaching Assistantship, Turkey
Elizabeth Ayyildiz ’23 (Alternate) – English Teaching Assistantship, Mexico
Anthony Damian ’23 – English Teaching Assistantship, Spain
Anna Kate Daunt ’23 – English Teaching Assistantship, South Korea
Caro Djakuduel ’23 (Declined) – English Teaching Assistantship, Spain
Sophie Eldridge ’23 – English Teaching Assistantship, Vietnam
Breila Fuller ’23 – Study/Research, Germany
Atticus Hickman ’23 (Alternate) – English Teaching Assistantship, Cameroon
Catherine Johnson ’20 – English Teaching Assistantship, Romania
Jamie Rose Montagne ’22 (Declined) – English Teaching Assistantship, Taiwan
Erin Papakostas ’23 – English Teaching Assistantship, Taiwan
Tomas Quintero ’23 – Study/Research, Colombia
Isabelle Saba ’23 – Study/Research, Jordan

Goldwater Scholarship
Susannah Armstrong ’24
Madeline Fitzgerald ’24

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)
Andrea Robinson ’21 – Biomedical Engineering
Aislinn Whalen ’22 – Chemical Engineering

Thomas J. Watson Fellowship
Caro Djakuduel ’23 – Barriers to Black Immigrant Integration, Germany, UK, Senegal, Mexico

W. Thomas Smith Scholarship
Julia Bauer ’23
ACADEMIC AWARDS

ARAB STUDIES AWARD – Emory Bouffard ’23 and Emily Troutman ’23
A gifted linguist, scholar, and compassionate human being, Emory has used her Farsi language skills to help a family from Afghanistan settle into their new home in Cornelius. With generosity of spirit, she has contributed to the journal Rahhala as assistant editor and has served as media consultant to the Middle East and North African Student Association. We are honored to recognize Emory for her selfless service to her community and beyond.

A Biology and Arab Studies major, Emily is also a gifted linguist and self-taught chef. She has made learning fun by teaching students how to cook couscous and other delicacies from North Africa and the Middle East. She even kept her cool when a three-time coffee spill set off the extremely loud campus alarm and summoned the Davidson fire department. We are honored to recognize Emily for her selfless service to her community and beyond.

SANDY BLACK MEMORIAL AWARD – Catherine Anne O’Connor ’24, Miriam Adania Martinez ’24, and Ian Joseph Brann ’24
Catherine O’Connor, a junior Biology major from Connecticut, Miriam Martinez, a junior Biology major from California, and Ian Joseph Brann, a junior Chemistry major from Florida are the co-recipients of the Sandy Black Memorial Award. Through this award, the Premedical Advisory Committee recognizes your academic and research excellence, and your unwavering passion for medicine and service.

FRANZ BOAS AWARD – Amanda Muise ’23
This year’s winner is a thesis student who has demonstrated their dedication to anthropology and equity through their work with Latinx organizing groups at high schools in south Charlotte, through ethnographic research within and outside of the United States and their work as an Admissions Fellows. This year’s Boas Award in Anthropology goes to Mandy Muise.

BREMER GERMAN LANGUAGE AWARD – Breila Elisabeth Fuller ’23
For her ethical, critical, and deeply informed study of the German-Jewish Milford archive, her scholarly acumen, her careful reading of original documents in German and her ability to put those documents in conversation with scholars of various disciplines, the German Studies Department is pleased to present the 2023 Bremer German Language Award to Breila Elisabeth Fuller.
CHINESE STUDIES AWARD – Andrew Denny ‘23 and Erini Papakostas ‘23
Andrew Denny’s commitment to the study of Chinese language and culture is remarkable. A dynamic and passionate student, Andrew has made profound contributions to fostering a strong Chinese studies community both inside and outside of the classroom at Davidson. The Chinese Studies program is proud to honor Andrew Denny as the recipient of the 2023 Chinese Studies Award.

Erini Papakostas has demonstrated a deep commitment to learning from people embodying diverse cultural, social, and political perspectives within the East Asian region and applying her expertise to help others better understand East Asia.

For Paul’s excellence in coursework, research and engagement in departmental life, for Miguel’s embodiment of a liberal arts education, demonstration of interdisciplinary excellence and creativity in both coursework and research, and for Sidney’s outstanding academic record, contributions as a peer tutor and mentor, and her research contributions to ALPhA, we award these three students with the Computer Science Award.

TOM DAGGY BIOLOGY AWARD – Kamryn Graham ‘23
Kamryn’s enthusiasm for exploring the secrets of life is exemplified by her interdisciplinary research experience and deep appreciation for learning. She is a DRI scholar with significant accomplishments in genomics, cellular, and ecological research, has presented her work at two national conferences, and is dedicated to helping others discover their love of biology. She will pursue a PhD in molecular cell biology at Rockefeller University this fall.

ALBERTA SMITH DEVANE RELIGIOUS STUDIES AWARD – Cate O’Malley ‘23
This award recognizes overall excellence in religious studies that promises outstanding future contributions in the field. In her work, Cate has shown insight and passionate care in uniting biblical, ethical, and cultural resources to fashion a contemporary ethics of hospitality. She is an astute reader of ancient texts and modern situations. Her gift is to bring them together.

W. E. B. DU BOIS EXCELLENCE IN SOCIOLOGY AWARD – Anastasia Korre ‘24
The 2023 W.E.B. Du Bois Excellence in Sociology Award winner is Anastasia Korre. Anastasia archived newspapers, posts, and government documents and interviewed former political leaders to examine the 2008 economic crisis’s impact in Greece, tracing the fall of the two main center parties and the rise of extreme left and right parties. It is a staggering thesis!
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD – Lilliana Sandoval ’23 and Isabel Morichi ’23
The 2023 Environmental Studies Award goes to two outstanding seniors. We recognize one for her exceptional interdisciplinary analysis, extraordinary commitment to environmental justice, and exuberance in cultivating environmental relationships across campus. We recognize another for her ambitious and innovative Honors research, creative and dedicated outdoor leadership, and unwavering excellence in coursework. Congratulations, Lilliana Sandoval and Isabel Morichi!

MONDE FRANCOPHONE AWARD (FRENCH & FRANCOPHONE STUDIES) PRIZE – Catherine Chimley ’23 and Marla Ricart ’23
The French and Francophone Studies department congratulates of Catherine Chimley for her outstanding academic performance in all her classes, for working on a fascinating thesis and being a fantastic AT for the department. Catherine talent, performance and passion for French & Francophone Studies is contagious and she is an example for all her peers. Félicitations, Catherine!

The French and Francophone Studies department congratulates of Marla Ricart for her outstanding academic performance in all her classes, for working on a fascinating thesis and being a fantastic AT, and French Club President. Marla's passion, enthusiasm and talent in F&FS make her an exemplary student. Félicitations, Marla!

JOSEPH T. GARDNER THEATRE AWARD – Katie Stewart ’23 and Olivia Harper ’23
Katie brings to the table her sharp intellect, selfless dedication to process, and extraordinary ability to see all the moving parts at the same time – we recognize the ways this makes every ensemble of which she is a part stronger with this award.

Olivia approaches every project inquisitively and creatively. An outstanding collaborator, her positive attitude and commitment to helping others grow is truly remarkable. We proudly present the Joseph T. Gardner Theatre Award to Olivia Harper.

WILLIAM B. HIGHT, JR. EDUCATIONAL STUDIES AWARD – Abigail Francis ’23
Established by colleagues, alumni and friends in the memory of William B. Hight Jr., 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 Abigail Francis for her exceptional scholarship and action-oriented engagement in education.
MUNDO HISPÁNICO (HISPANIC STUDIES) AWARD – Anthony R. Damian ‘23
The Mundo Hispánico award goes to the student who best exemplifies excellence in the study of the Spanish language and Hispanic cultures. This year’s recipient is a diligent student and kind individual with a remarkable commitment to the Hispanic Studies Department both inside and outside the classroom. ¡Felicitaciones, Tony! ¡Y gracias!

DOUGLAS HOUCHENS STUDIO ART AWARD – Sarah Green ‘24
A double major in biology and art, this student expresses the highest ideals of an art department at liberal arts college by tackling difficult topics through compelling visuals that make us question what is normal and why. By painting figures in intimate spaces, her works engage concepts of bodily autonomy, introspection and the importance of human resilience.

DAVID HALBERT HOWARD, JR. CHEMISTRY AWARD – Susannah Armstrong ‘24
Susannah has shown an excellent ability to think through complex problems while proposing new ideas from previous coursework. She has been active in research and has already started her senior honors thesis as a junior. In her medicinal chemistry class, Susannah was particularly engaged with outside speakers and appreciated the connections between chemistry, business, healthcare, and regulatory authorities.

LUCILE AND MAX JACKSON AWARD IN ART HISTORY – Kaiyan Wang ‘24
A DACE fellow and Van Every Smith Galleries intern, you excel in socio-cultural art historical research. Recognized for your scholarship, you presented on Tibetan tea house art at the 2022 College Art Association conference. With a forthcoming Georgia O’Keeffe discussion at the 2023 SUNY conference and a publication in the Davidson History Journal, the Art Department applauds your academic accomplishments.

THE KEISER PRIZE IN ENGLISH FOR CLASSICAL PERFORMANCE – Isabelle Saba ‘23
If all the world’s a stage, performance can occur anywhere. Whether she’s designing the lighting for Pemberley, illuminating a passage in her Shakespeare class, or playing the wood block in the pep band at basketball games with lightning fervor, Isabelle’s performances light up her surroundings. “So shines a good deed in a naughty world.”

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES PRIZE – Josie Hovis ‘23
Josie Hovis has thought expansively about the cultures and histories of racialized and marginalized peoples in the Americas. She has conducted interdisciplinary DRI-funded research on oral histories of citizenship and disenfranchisement among Haitian Dominicans, and on the communicative and artistic communities of queer Dominicans in her honors project.
Josie’s work is done with integrity, acumen, and deep appreciation for her interlocutors’ lived experience and knowledge.

**HENRY T. LILLY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH** – Emily Schmitt ‘23
Whether excavating girlhood and womanhood in dazzling short fiction or combining a relentless curiosity with a passionate commitment to social justice, gender equality, and inclusive design, Emily Schmitt has learned, and learned to lead. A talker and a listener, Emily’s intellectual inquisitiveness and brio continue to make her the ideal student.

**ALAIN LOCKE/ANNA JULIA COOPER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN AFRICANA STUDIES** – Zachary Neville ‘23
Zach Neville reflects the spirit and intent of the Locke/Cooper award through his rigorous and committed intellectual engagement in the field of Africana Studies. His senior thesis demonstrated the theoretical and emancipatory reach of Black feminist and third world feminist theories, using them to understand the reproductive realities of white rural women in North Carolina. For these reasons, we believe Zach is highly deserving of the Locke/Cooper award.

**WILLIAM G. MCGAVOCK MATHEMATICS AWARD** – William L. Clark ‘23 and Maureen Wang ‘23
For William’s skill and maturity in mathematical exploration, significant research contributions to algebraic combinatorics, and service to the department as an embedded tutor, and for Yanni’s (Maureen’s) knack for finishing week-long take-home reviews within a day and contributions to optimal pebbling research we award William and Maureen the William G. McGavock Award.

**SALLY G. MCMILLEN GENDER & SEXUALITY STUDIES PRIZE** – Grant Hearne ‘23
This year’s McMillen Prize honors a truly interdisciplinary project that applies the lenses of queer theory, biopolitics, and prison studies to an economic analysis of prison labor. Grant Hearne secured non-public data and developed his own explanatory framework, concluding that economic tools for measuring exploitation are part of the very system that seeks to conceal the exploitation of incarcerated workers.

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 – Julia Bauer ‘23**

This year’s recipient excelled in research by computationally modeling two-dimensional kagome halides and by theoretically modelling the phase space of supersymmetric infinite square well families. For this research, her service to the college, her work to improve physics at Davidson and nationally, and her overall excellence in the study of physics, the 2023 Physics Award is presented to Julia Bauer.

**W. KENDRICK PRITCHETT AWARD IN CLASSICS – Sarah George Edmundson Booker ‘23**

The W. Kendrick Pritchett Award in Classics award goes to Sarah George Edmundson Booker, who used their hands to excavate at Nemea, feet to explore Greece and Germany, voice to transport us in song, and mind to study a wide range of courses in classics, culminating in a thesis probing how Euripides’ female characters engage with the Greek martial code. To it all, Booker has brought curiosity, insight, and infectious joie de vivre.

**J. HARRIS PROCTOR AWARD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE – Amy Worscheh ‘23 and Jack Magner ‘23**

Amy’s honors thesis, examining maternal health in the South, develops measures of maternal health, giving particular attention to issues surrounding access to care and socio-economic disparities. Jack has served as a volunteer and leader with organization such as Ada Jenkins, the Deliberative Citizenship Initiative, and the Center for Political Engagement, where he was instrumental in voter education efforts on campus. We are thrilled to award the J. Harris Proctor Award in Political Science to Amy and Jack.

**RICHARD ROSS MEMORIAL MUSIC AWARD – Steffen Kulp ‘23**

Steffen: with this award we recognize the consummate musician, composer, intellectual and humanitarian that you are. Just as our Ways of Knowing anchor the academic path, your own Ways of Being anchored your accomplishments here. You engaged discipline, broadmindedness, perspicacity, imagination, reliability, resilience, and artistry... all with endearing wit. Thank you for lifting our classrooms, ensembles, department, and campus. Bravissimo!

**RAWLEY P. TURNER DRAMA AWARD – Clare Harbin ‘23 and Spencer Hawkins ‘23**

As Anima in *Scab*, the detail, vulnerability, and intensity of Clare’s acting work was uniquely powerful and professional. We are pleased to honor her brave, emotionally raw performance with this award.

Bumbling, awkward, and disarming aptly describe this actor’s portrayal of Arthur de Bourgh
in *Christmas at Pemberley*. Physically stumbling while falling in love with Mary Bennet, Spencer won over audiences with his perfect comic timing and passionate heart.

**TURNER-MARTINEZ COMMUNICATION STUDIES AWARD** – Katie Stewart ’23
The Turner-Martinez award recognizes a student who engages communication as a vibrant, dynamic, powerful process in the world, and who embodies a commitment to collaboratively elevating and improving their peer communities. Katie’s capstone fused scholarly research with her experiences as Davidsonian Editor in Chief to examine structural issues and develop materials that can enhance future practices to amplify diverse voices and foster inclusivity.

**PORTER VINSON CHEMISTRY AWARD** – Annica Valmassei ’25
Annica is an outstanding chemistry major. Although only a sophomore, Annica is already completing her upper-level laboratory requirements. She excels in analytical and organic chemistry. Annica connects complex ideas to better understand how different disciplines work together within chemistry. This summer Annica will travel to Germany to perform chemistry research with Professor Nicole Snyder and other Davidson students.

**DANIEL BLAIN WOODS AWARD** – Jenna Lauren DeLucca ’24 and Kaitlyn Marie Lazorchak ’24
Jenna Lauren DeLucca and Kaitlyn Marie Lazorchak, two junior Biology majors are the co-recipients of this year’s Daniel Blain Woods Award. This award goes to you in recognition of your unwavering commitment to medicine and the well-being of others, impactful leadership on and off campus, and high academic achievement.

**WILLIAM GATEWOOD WORKMAN PSYCHOLOGY AWARD** – Alexandra Johansen ’23
Alex has been an invaluable member of the psychology department throughout her career, serving as both an embedded tutor for Introductory Psychology and as Vice President of Psi Chi. She has consistently excelled in both the classroom and laboratory. The department is thrilled to honor her with this award for her many valuable contributions to its mission.
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.

2022-2023 OMICRON DELTA KAPPA MEMBERS

- Natalie Abernathy ‘23
- Julia Bauer ‘23
- Isabella Brady ‘24*
- Rachael Devecka ‘23
- Allison Dil ‘23*
- Sophie Eldridge ‘23*
- Maria Gonzalez Aguiar ‘24*
- Kamryn Graham ‘23*
- Hera Jeong ‘23*
- Hana Kamran ‘23
- Kenzie Leonard ‘24*
- Morgan Martin ‘23
- Skylar McVicar ‘23
- Audrey Meigs ‘23*
- Gabby Morreale ‘23*
- Mandy Muise ‘23*
- Catherine O’Connor ‘24*
- Jill Paquette ‘24*
- Claire Pearce ‘23*
- David Peng ‘23*
- Bethany Phillips ‘23*
- Hollis Plexico ‘24*
- Laila Robinson ‘24*
- Annabelle Ross ‘24*
- Nada Shoreibah ‘23*
- Ella Stewart ‘23*
- Bryan Tran ‘23
- Walker Willis ‘23*

*New Inductee

Circle Coordinator: Nadia Campbell, Director of Chidsey Leadership
Circle Advisor: Walter Snipes, Assistant Dean of Students & Director of Residence Life
Circle Assistant: Tracy Bourgeois
Faculty Inductee: Hilary Green
Staff Inductee: Angie Dewberry

2023 ODK TEACHING AWARD - Malcolm Campbell
Dr. Malcolm Campbell exemplifies the meaning of a Davidson family member. His
willingness to serve, educate, and support is like no other. Dr. Campbell has an incredible passion for supporting the student body, not only in the classroom, but outside as well. His support results in the success of Davidson students, allowing them to reach their goals and fulfill the purpose of Davidson College. His presence is uplifting and encouraging for all of those lives he touches.

**2023 ODK STAFF AWARD - Carolyn Stevanus**
Carolyn exemplifies quintessential Davidson values in her genuine compassion for students. She greatly impacts Davidson through her willingness to serve others and check on all whom she encounters within the halls. When her workload increased, she never complained but rather worked harder to make sure the dorms remained clean all while keeping a smile and connecting with students. She is an important presence within the walls of Belk residence hall and beyond as she intentionally engages, encourages, and uplifts others each and every day.

**2023 ODK COMMUNITY AWARD - Rick Rudisill & Scott Greenwalt**
Rick Rudisill and Scott Greenwalt exemplify the meaning of sacrifice for the Davidson Community. As lifelong friends of Davidson College, these two men work with the Student Government Association to coordinate airport shuttles, or safe rides, for Davidson students from 10 pm to 2 am. In the past, they have gone above and beyond by paying out of pocket to put a safe rides sticker on their van. Despite severe weather or the hardships these men conquer in life, Rick and Scott will always put Davidson students before themselves.

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**2023 SGA FACULTY AWARD – Sara Baugh**
This year’s recipient of the SGA Faculty award is the epitome of what it means to be a professor at Davidson. Her classroom is shaped by the passions of her students to maintain the already impressive level of engagement that she fosters. She respects her students as people first and continues to show up for them inside and outside of the classroom, circumstance notwithstanding. Even surgery recovery did not stop her from living out her teaching philosophy every day. She is a proud Chicana and her stated goal is to “demystify hidden knowledges,” please join me in congratulating this year’s SGA Faculty Award Recipient, Assistant Professor of Communication Studies, Dr. Sara Baugh!
2022 SGA HOLISTIC ADVISING AWARD – Emily Eisenstadt
This year’s recipient demonstrates immense joy as she supports her advisees. When asked, her advisees expressed that she is a caring and attentive advisor who doubles as an intentional listening ear. She is known to go out of her way to ensure her students are doing well and making the most out of their Davidson experience. She fosters a truly safe space for students to naturally feel comfortable and come to whenever they need it. This staff member aids students’ growth and development by assisting them in exploring new avenues, building relationships, and diving into their individual passions. She pours into students beyond advising as a staff member leading Orientation and serving as a guiding torch for the Union Board in the Student Activities Office. Please join me in congratulating this year’s SGA Holistic Advising Award Recipient, the Associate Director for Programs, Ms. Emily Eisenstadt.
Additional Honors and Award Winners
Spring 2023

ADDITIONAL AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

THE WILMER HAYDEN WELSH PRIZE IN COMPOSITION – Feiyang Liu ’23
In honor of Wilmer Hayden Welsh, Composer and Professor of Music at Davidson College (1963-1991), The Welsh Prize in Composition recognizes the best original music composition created by a Davidson student in the previous calendar year. The 2023 Welsh Prize goes to Feiyang Liu ('24) for his digital composition: 8’15”.

What can change in 8 minutes and 15 seconds? Everything. Scored in Logic Pro for 33 tracks, 14 pitched instruments are complimented by a battery of 19 percussion instruments ranging from European to African to Latin American origin. In the minimalist style of this work, the core musical idea undergoes gradual transformation through processes of repetition, phasing, expansion, variation, interlocking, layering, contraction, and imitation, all within meticulously controlled timbral and tonal shifts. Masterfully achieved, Feiyang!

THE RUFUS HALLMARK WRITING AWARD – Rafi DeGenero ’23
The Rufus Hallmark Writing Award, named after the distinguished musicologist Rufus Hallmark, Davidson Class of 1965, recognizes the best written or multi-media presentation on a musical topic created in the previous year. This year’s winner is Rafi DeGenero for his essay “It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like Privilege: An Analysis of Christian Privilege and the Davidson College Holiday Gala.”

STEINWAY PIANO GALLERY-CHARLOTTE AWARD – Hudson Sellers ’24
The Steinway Award recognizes outstanding performance, musicianship, and artistic and academic scholarship. This year’s winner is Hudson Sellers. Hudson distinguished himself by both the excellence of his pianism and his varied contributions to the music department community—in numerous solo and chamber trio performances and as ensemble member and concerto soloist with the Davidson College Symphony Orchestra.
ADDITIONAL AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

JANE ADDAMS JUNIOR SOCIOLOGY AWARD – Lea Chen ‘24
The Jane Addams Junior Sociology Award goes to Lea Chen. Lea brings an ethical conviction to her studies. Like the award’s namesake, she is moved by using her disciplinary training to make a public impact. She is interested in how public policy can alleviate systemized human suffering, especially ones created by deepening racial inequalities in economics and housing.

ADDITIONAL AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF NEUROSCIENCE

DR. CHARLES RICHARDSON “BUDDY” MARTIN, JR. OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD IN NEUROSCIENCE – Lillian Byer and Alexandra Johansen ‘23
This award recognizes students who share in the love of study and research in the neurosciences demonstrated by Dr. Buddy Martin, Class of 1988, whose memory we honor with this award. This year’s award goes to Lillian Byer and Alexandra Johansen for superlative research in neuroscience.