DAVIDSON BLACK ALUMNI NETWORK AWARD — Bryonna Reed '20
Alexander Dawes '19
Jonathan Sheperd-Smith '18

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

The first recipient, a freshman from Windsor Hill, Maryland is a Robert L. Becker Jr. Scholar. She is member of the Black Student Coalition where she serves as a member of the Executive Board. She unselfishly gives her time serving at the Ada Jenkins Center as a LEARN Works volunteer. The first recipient is: Bryonna Ayren Reed.

The second recipient, a sophomore from Rahway, New Jersey is a Chidsey Leadership Fellow, a member of the Davidson College Football team and the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. He is a mentor for Big Brother/Big Sisters of Charlotte and a volunteer at the Huntersville Health and Rehabilitation Center. The second recipient is: Alexander Matthew Dawes.

The third and final recipient, a junior from Lithonia, Georgia is an Economics and Anthropology double major. He is a Bonner Scholar, a Terry Fellow, and the founder of the DuBoisian World Scholars Society. This student is a Captain on the Davidson Football team and a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. The third recipient of the Davidson Black Alumni Network Award is: Jonathan Sheperd-Smith.

RAWLEY P. TURNER DRAMA AWARD — Savannah Deal '18
Robert Kopf '17

Savannah Deal brought maturity, simplicity, and impressive emotional depth to her vivid performance as Mary Swanson, a lonely newcomer to the world of Middletown. The Department of Theatre congratulates Savannah on her second consecutive award for best female performance.
This student’s commitment and dedication to his role not only created a unique and vivid version of an iconic character, but set an example of dedication and tireless work for all others involved. For his part as the Emcee in Cabaret, the award for best male performance goes to Robert Kopf.

**JAMES BAKER WOODS III AWARD — Morgan French ’18**

This year’s recipient of the James Baker Woods, III Memorial Award has distinguished herself by displaying outstanding qualities of leadership, moral character, academic achievement, and a high degree of aptitude for military service. A political science major, she was awarded a 4-year Army ROTC academic scholarship.

She has demonstrated superior leadership qualities in the planning and execution of numerous Davidson College Red Cross blood drives, as the Cadet First Sergeant during leadership labs, and most recently being selected as the Cadet Commander at Davidson College. She has exhibited great moral character both in and out of uniform, as well as demonstrated superior academic performance as a member of Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society, Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science honor society and the FCA huddle leader.

Because of her significant contributions to the Army ROTC program, Davidson College, and the Davidson community, this year’s recipient of the James Baker Woods, III Award is Cadet Morgan French.

**DEAN RUSK INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM AWARD — Santiago Navia Jaramillo ’17**

The Dean Rusk International Studies Program Award recognizes the senior student or students who have made the greatest contribution to international education during their time at Davidson. International education has been central to the Davidson experience of this year’s recipient.

An international student, he has dedicated time an energy to a wide range of international organizations and activities: The Davidson International Association, the annual International Festival, international student orientation, and a wide variety of activities that educate our community about global issues and that celebrate diverse cultures.

In recognition of his steady dedication to global education at Davidson, we present the 2017 Dean Rusk Program Award to Santiago Nava.
C. SHAW SMITH AWARD — Mackenzie Fairmont Nolan '17
Rachel Shay Hianik '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 Union Board Cats Excursions Committee Chair the past two years, Mackenzie has worked tirelessly to create bold, engaging, and fun adventures that get people out of the Davidson bubble and contribute greatly to the social life of the College. For the numerous and often thankless hours of work, the grace under pressure when challenges arise, being the first to volunteer when other Board members need support, and for providing amazing opportunities for the student body to play, it is a great privilege to award this year’s C. Shaw Smith Award to Mackenzie Fairmont Nolan.

As the Communications Director for the Union Board, Rachel has worked to create a strong organizational identity through engaging social media content and creative exposure of Board events. For her constant and enthusiastic support of fellow board members, thoughtful role as an officer, and inspiring ability to balance academic rigor, Varsity athletics, and her commitment to campus wide programming, we are honored to present this year’s C. Shaw Smith award to Rachel Shay Hianik.

CHARLES MALONE RICHARDS AWARD — Julia H. Burkley '18
The Charles Malone Richards Award, established in memory of a longtime Davidson pastor and professor, is presented to a rising senior, ordinarily preparing for the ministry.

Our 2017 recipient of the Charles Malone Richards Award is a junior majoring in Religious Studies with a minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies from Raleigh, NC.

While at Davidson, she has been a leader in Better Together, the interfaith group, and spearheaded the Visibility Project, which gives people of faith who are queer or allies the support that being queer and religious can fit together. She will be a ministry fellow this summer through the Chaplain’s Office. For all you have done for the faith community at Davidson, we celebrate Julia Burkley as the 2017 Charles Malone Richards Award recipient.
AGNES SENTELLE BROWN AWARD — Sarah Salah Aziz ’17
The Agnes Sentelle Brown Award is awarded annually to a Sophomore, Junior or Senior who shows outstanding promise as indicated by character, personality and academic ability.

The 2017 Agnes Sentelle Brown award recipient is a senior Religious Studies major from Indianapolis, IN.

Sarah, as many of you will agree, is one of the most gracious, friendly, thoughtful students at Davidson. She carries herself with dignity, in large measure drawn from her Muslim faith. Even though she has faced challenges at times while studying abroad, she has not let it deter her from her academic and spiritual exploration. She has also been active on campus in numerous interfaith activities.

For your ever-present positive nature that inspires all around you, today we celebrate and honor you as a most worthy recipient of the Agnes Sentelle Brown Award.

GEORGE GLADSTONE MEMORIAL AWARD — Grace Isabel Woodward ’18
Ikra Javed ’18
Established in memory of George L. Gladstone, Jr. Class of 1960, this award is presented to two rising seniors exhibiting high potential for service to mankind as demonstrated through leadership, service, and academic record.

Our first recipient is a junior majoring in Sociology and a minor in Economics from Arlington, Virginia. Grace, a Chidsey Fellow, builds bridges across personal and ideological differences to foster compassionate, positive change. Grace has encouraged dialogue between the queer community and students whose primary identity is a part of religious communities. She has also led training sessions for students, faculty and staff to learn about and appreciate religious diversity. As the current president of the College Republicans, she also works to build bridges across political lines.

For all you do to promote community dialogue and change, we celebrate you today as the 2017 recipient of the George L. Gladstone Award.

Our second recipient is a junior Interdisciplinary Studies major from Charlotte, North Carolina. Ikra has a passion for social justice and a quiet determination to work for positive change. At Davidson she is a Bonner Scholar, a member of the Muslim Student Association, and has also been involved in the Visibility Project. She has volunteered with nuns to run a low-income school for children with disabilities in Peru and with marginalized populations in Pakistan.
For your tireless giving to others, commitment to social justice, and choosing the path that is right and rather than easy or popular, we celebrate you today as the 2017 recipient of the George L. Gladstone Award.

ATHLETIC AWARDS

TOMMY PETERS AWARD — Jack Gibbs ’17
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 commitment that have become the trademark of this award. In addition to finishing his career third on Davidson’s all-time scoring list, our winner ranks among the program’s all-time leaders in assists (466/5th), 3-pointers made (255/4th), free-throws made (487/1st), free-throw percentage (.820/4th) and steals (161/5th). This Westerville, Ohio native is just one of four players in school history to score over 2,000 points and the only player in school history with 2,000 career points, 400 assists and 400 rebounds. He finished his senior season ranked 11th nationally in scoring, while leading the Atlantic 10 for the second straight season at 22.1 points per outing. He also ranked among conference leaders in assists (4.1/9th), 3-point percentage (.392/9th), 3-pointers made (94/1st), 3-pointers per game (3.0/1st) and minutes played (36.2/6th). He scored in double figures in 30-of-31 contests, including the 20-point plateau 19 times and 30-point plateau 6 times. For his career, he scored in double figures 87 times, while going over the 20-points 44 times, 30-points 18 times and 40-points three times.

Please join me in recognizing the 2017 Tommy Peters Award winner – Jack Gibbs

REBECCA STIMSON AWARD — Elise Lankiewicz ’17
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 Swimming team throughout her four-year career.
In addition to holding the most records in program history, this Bryan Scholar recorded became just the third Davidson swimmer to qualify for the NCAA Championships. Competing in the 100, 200, and 500 freestyle events, she set new lifetime-bests in both the 100 and 500 free. In the 200, she finished 21st in the country, competing in a talented field full of Olympians, All-Americans, and Olympic Gold Medalists. She holds eight individual records at Davidson (100, 200, 500, 1000, 1650 freestyle, 100 backstroke, 100 and 200 butterfly) and was a member of four record-setting relays. She tallied more than 75 first-place finishes during her four seasons, including winning every event during her three Atlantic 10 Championships. This Wilmington, Del. native was a three-time Atlantic 10 Performer of the Year. Majoring in biology, she plans on attending medical school after graduation.

Please join me in congratulating the 2017 Rebecca Stimson Award winner – Elise Lankiewicz.

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**PHI BETA KAPPA**

**ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP-IN-COURSE**

2017 Inductees

Dennis Yaw Akrobetu
Ashley McNeil Alexander-Lee
Sarah Salah Aziz
Caroline Frazer Bell
Elaine Ruth Boe
Alyssa Marie Bryan
John Aaron Carlo Sta. Cruz Chavez
Yijiao Chen
Jarui Chu
Elizabeth Agnes Cowan
Austin Duane Crouse
Connor James Crovello
William Steadson Damron
Leon Magno DaSilva
David Andrew DeGrood
Nikolaos Dokmetzoglou
Peter Humphrey Donahue
Alexandra Whitney Dunne
Ethan McGinnis Faust

Mary Eleanor Frith
Alison Nicole Fuehrer
Chika Fujii
Hannah Elise Fuller
Shirley Shijia Ge
Kaley Elise Gonzalez
Samantha James Gowing
Nathaniel Charles Harding
Shannon Alisa Hayes
Ela Kathleen Szado Hefler
Vincent Enno Thomas Hickl
Kerry Kathleen Honan
Remy Elise Jennings
Arielle Rivera Korman
Andrey Kamenov Krachkov
Kathryn Elaine Laurence
Rachel Crenshaw Lee
Katherine Mary Lourie
Molly Jewell Mathes
Jane Watson McGehee  
John Gilbert Walker Mogen  
Emily Elizabeth Moore  
Papa Kwadwo Morgan-Asiedu  
Durin Parker O'Linger  
Tyler Andrew Pfister  
Monica Lynn Prudencio  
Andrew Holland Rikard  
Rahat Sajwani  
Peter James Saunders  
Srish Kumar-Bhandari Sharma

Margaret Eileen Stalker  
Blake Jacob Steinberg  
Sylvia Janet Strauss  
Abigail Clark Thielemann  
Annalee McCulloh Tutterow  
Alexander Conkey Tyner  
Elizabeth Harrison Wright  
Wenxin Xu  
Huailin Zhang  
Yizhen Egyn Zhu

**PHI BETA DELTA**  
*2017 Inductees*

Preksha Agarwal ‘18  
Sana Alimohamed ‘17  
Katie Ferro ‘18  
Anmar Jerjees ‘18  
Tien Le ‘17  
Carlos Miranda Pereyra ‘18

Adam Morin ‘18  
Abby Ordillas ‘18  
Siyue Peng ‘18  
Sara Shah ‘17  
Rebecca Strawn ‘18  
Tezeta Tamrat ‘18

**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:**

**Elijah Andrews ‘17** has received a Teaching Assistant Program in France offer from the French government. He will be spending academic year 2017-18 in the region of Lille.

**Sarah Aziz ‘17** has been awarded a Dean’s Scholarship to study at the University of Chicago as well as a Dean’s Scholarship to study at Harvard University.

**Hayden Bates ‘17** has been awarded a Fulbright Research Award to study in Jordan.
Alyssa Bryan ’17 has been awarded Davidson College’s W. Thomas Smith Scholarship to study at the London School of Economics in their MSc Development Management Program.

Emma Cardwell ’17 has been placed in Innsbruck, Austria with the US Teaching Assistantships program.

Amelia Gaither ’17 has received a Teaching Assistant Program in France offer from the French government.

Varenya Hariharan ’17 has been awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to teach English in Mexico.

Anmar Jerjees ’18 has been awarded the Truman Scholarship for graduate study. Anmar plans to use it to attend Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA).

Kate Joss ’17 has been awarded a Watson Fellowship to explore her project: “More than a game: Female empowerment through sports.”

Arielle Korman ’17 has been awarded a Fulbright Research Award to study in Israel. She has also received a Critical Language Scholarship to study in Tajikistan.

Timothy Louthan ’15 has received a full scholarship to Princeton for an MA in Middle Eastern Studies.

Adrienne Mathis ’17 has been awarded a Fulbright Research Award to study in Ecuador.

Rachel McKay ’17 has been awarded a Watson Fellowship to explore her project: “The Criminal and the Community: Approaches to Justice and Incarceration.”

Catherine Moseley ’17 has been awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to teach English in Argentina.

Daniel Samet ’16 received a Teaching Assistant Program in France offer from the French government. He will be spending academic year 2017-18 in the Nancy Metz region of France.

James Stewart ’16 has been awarded a Fulbright Research Award to study in Cameroon.
MINISTRY FELLOWS

The college recognizes the 2017 ministry fellows.

Julia Burkley ’18
Rachel Carpenter ’18
Austin Kistner ’18
Jonathan Lee ’18
Ava Pomerantz ’18

ACADEMIC AWARDS

ARAB STUDIES AWARD — Arielle Korman ’17
A gifted linguist, musician, and artist, Arielle translated stories by Iraqi-Jewish novelist Ya’acov Lev. While in Haifa, she secured publication rights for her translation. She put her heart into her studies and brought us music at a time we needed it most.

SANDY BLACK MEMORIAL AWARD — Khanh Hoang Van Luong ’18
Julia Rose Preziosi ’18
This Award goes to Khanh Luong, a junior Public Health major from Charlotte, North Carolina and Julia Preziosi majoring in Biology and minoring in Genomics, from Lakeland, Florida 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 — Marlene Arellano ’17
Caroline New ’17
The Franz Boas Award in Anthropology recognizes excellence in scholarship, curiosity about the wider world, and campus service. In 2017, we recognize two seniors, Marlene Arellano and Caroline New.

Marlene has used her anthropological skills to strengthen the recruitment of under-
represented students and faculty at Davidson. Her work at the Levine Museum of the New South has furthered public understanding of the Latino experience in the southeastern United States.

Caroline has carried out fieldwork in Madagascar and Morocco, developing language skills in French, Malagasy, and Arabic. Her thesis explores how the trauma of historical conquest of the Antankarana has been passed down through embodied practices such as dance, music, and storytelling.

BREMER GERMAN LANGUAGE AWARD — Yuyi Zhao '17
In elegant German, your thorough study of the Austrian Identitarian movement provides a clear understanding of the cultural roots of this far-right extremist group. You provide useful comparative structures for understanding the cultural background of far-right movements. Your work matters for democratic societies.

CHINESE STUDIES AWARD — Thomas DeMarzo '17
Thomas’s unflagging effort and enthusiasm for learning the Chinese language, including spending a full year in China, has made him an ideal Chinese Language and Literature major. His honors thesis, “Cross-Strait Relations: Present and Future,” is the first research thesis written in Chinese at Davidson. It is a milestone for the department and the college and sets a high bar for future Chinese learners.

TOM DAGGY BIOLOGY AWARD — Annalee Tutterow '17
This student has made remarkable academic and research achievements. She has worked as a tutor and outreach volunteer and is notable for her success despite significant adversity and her enthusiasm for and dedication to the study of biology.

ALBERTA SMITH DEVANE RELIGION AWARD — Kerry Honan '17
The Department of Religious Studies presents the Alberta Smith DeVane Award to Kerry Honan, for her thoughtful and probing written work, for her many contributions to classes, and for her involvement in the social life of the Department and the College.
W. E. B. DU BOIS EXCELLENCE IN SOCIOLOGY AWARD — Holly J. Querin '17
The W.E.B. DuBois Award for Excellence in Sociology goes to the most outstanding Senior Sociology Major demonstrating true excellence in the understanding and application of sociological theory and empirical research methodology.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD — Catie Morris '17
The recipient has consistently produced excellent work across multiple disciplines and departments leading up to her capstone examining the impact of stream behavior and land use on invertebrate populations. Her work exudes the joy that she finds in the environment.

LE PRIX DE FRANÇAIS (FRENCH AND FRANCOPHONE STUDIES) PRIZE —
Hannah Fuller '17
David DeGrood '17
This year’s first recipient has successfully combined two of her passions by completing an Honors Thesis on the democratization of fashion in the universe of French haute couture. For demonstrated academic excellence and her contributions to French and Francophone Studies, the Prix de français 2017 is awarded to Hannah Elise Fuller.

This year’s second recipient is completing a double major in French and Chemistry, while supporting his fellow Wildcats as an AT in the language classroom. For his many contributions to French and Francophone Studies at Davidson, the Prix de français 2017 is awarded to David Andrew DeGrood.

WILLIAM B. HIGHT EDUCATIONAL STUDIES AWARD — Madi Driscoll '17
This award recognizes a student pursuing the major or minor in Educational Studies who has an insatiable passion for the study of education and society, as well as high academic achievement. The 2017 recipient is Madi Driscoll—a drum major for social justice & social change within educational institutions.

MUNDO HISPÁNICO (THE HISPANIC STUDIES) AWARD — Alexandrea Moseley '17
This year’s Mundo Hispánico recipient is Alexandrea Moseley, a dynamic and generous student whose commitment to the Hispanic Studies department and the community leaves an indelible mark. She will continue to shape the world next year as a Fulbright in Argentina. Congratulations, Alexandrea, and gracias!
DOUGLAS HOUCHENS STUDIO ART AWARD — Peter John Haugen ’18
Through tiny, colorful figure drawings, this rising senior skillfully discovers moments of humor, empathy, mature vulnerability and unexpected poignancy. This year’s Douglas Houchens Award in Studio Art is Peter John Haugen.

DAVID HALBERT HOWARD, JR. CHEMISTRY AWARD — Sarah Elizabeth Coats ’18
Sarah is a first-rate scholar, a varsity swimmer, and a tireless researcher. Her original research has included the search for light-harvesting molecules using quantum computations to the analytical chemistry of hookah smoke. You are such an important part of our department. Congratulations!

LUCILE AND MAX JACKSON AWARD IN ART HISTORY — Grace Kathryn Leonhardt ’18
When she is not preparing pasta at midnight for eighty Davidson students; when she is not serving as aquatics director in charge of 25 camp counselors; when she is not double majoring in biology and art, Grace Kathryn Leonhardt is winning this year’s Lucile and Max Jackson Award in Art History

THE KEISER PRIZE IN ENGLISH FOR CLASSICAL PERFORMANCE — Blaire Bray Ebert ’17
She began her history of classical performance when, as a first-year student, she sang the lead role of Fortune in Providence Gap, a musical with overtones of Shakespeare’s Pericles. As an English major and Theatre minor, she appeared in Fiddler on the Roof and The Birds, and she played a rough-and-tumble Lydia, the female version of Lysander, in last fall’s production of Shakespeare’s Midsummer Night’s Dream.

KENDRICK KELLEY AWARD IN HISTORY — Ela Hefler ’17
The 2017 Kelley Award in Historical Studies, is awarded to a senior history major whose meticulously researched and ambitious honors thesis drew upon the vast 17th-century archival collections of the British East India Company, including correspondence, ships logs, ledgers, and laws to demonstrate that slavery was fundamental to the Company’s ability to institute state structures at their holdings, and makes a convincing case for the inclusion of geographic spaces normally peripheral in studies of the slave trade, especially the south Atlantic island of St. Helena and Bencoolen in Sumatra. For her thesis, “We want Able Blacks”:
The British East India Company’s Relationship to African Slavery, 1658-1757, the Kelley Award 2017 is presented to Ela Hefler.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES PRIZE — Rhea Costantino ’17
Marlene Arellano ’17

Rhea has worked with under-served populations in Nicaragua and Peru, tutored elementary school children at Davidson Elementary, and provided translation services at the Ada Jenkins Free Medical Clinic. She leaves Davidson to serve in the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic.

Marlene studied abroad in Peru and has been a prominent presence in public scholarship surrounding the Latino immigrant experience in the Southeast through her work with the ¡NUEV Olution! Exhibit of the Levine Museum of the New South.

HENRY T. LILLY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH — Jane McGehee ’17

This senior’s warmth and poise show instantly, in the time it takes to walk to this stage. Her brilliance and diligence shine through her reading and writing. Her mischief and wit emerge more slowly, as when she tweaks non-feminist John Milton in her feminist honors thesis. For all of these qualities, the Department of English congratulates you, Jane McGehee.

WANGARI MAATHAI AWARD FOR ACTIVISM AND LEADERSHIP — Dara Ferguson ’17

Honoring the activism and leadership of the first African Woman Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, for improving global climate and the social condition of the oppressed, we bestow the Wangari Maathai Award to Dara Ferguson for best exhibiting global commitment to social justice.

WILLIAM G. MCGAVOCK MATHEMATICS AWARD — Jiarui Chu ’17

Jiarui has excelled in a remarkable breadth of mathematics courses, and distinguished herself in coursework and research by her humility, diligence, persistence and cheerful attitude. Her achievements in mathematics set a high bar, indeed!
SALLY G. McMILLEN GENDER & SEXUALITY STUDIES PRIZE — John Chavez ’17
The Gender & Sexuality Studies program awards its 2017 Sally G. McMillen Prize to John Chavez for his GSS capstone project, "Oceanography: Charting Black Queer Futures in Frank Ocean’s Boys Don’t Cry." John’s project reads Ocean’s visual and sonic innovations on that album as redefining black male sexualities and offering new narratives of queer futurity. In this richly syncretic and interdisciplinary project, John crafted original, graduate-level claims that are poised to make real contributions to the field of queer performance studies.

A.K. PHIFER AWARD IN ECONOMICS — Peter Donahue ’17
   Eric Abaidoo ’18
   Riley League ’18
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 — Nikos Dokmetzoglou ’17
For excellence in the study of physics; for service to the Davidson chapter and National Council of the Society of Physics Students; for colorful calculations exploring the holographic nature of gravity, the 2017 Physics Award is presented to Nikos Dokmetzoglou.

W. KENDRICK PRITCHETT AWARD IN CLASSICS — Carson Michael Blaylock ’17
The W. Kendrick Pritchett Award, named in honor of this member of the Class of 1929, goes to a senior classics major who demonstrates the characteristics for which W. Kendrick Pritchett was known: distinguished academic performance, personal integrity, and love of ancient literature, history and archaeology. The department of classics is proud to name Carson Michael Blaylock the winner of the 2017 W. Kendrick Pritchett Award in Classics.

J. HARRIS PROCTOR AWARD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE — Alyssa Bryan ’17
   Blake Steinberg ’17
The first awardee is described by one faculty member as “an exceptionally engaging and confident student who leaves a lasting impression on everyone she meets.” She was awarded the Smith Scholarship this year and will pursue postgraduate studies in Development Management at the London School of Economics. Congratulations to Alyssa Bryan.
The second Proctor Award goes to a senior whose body of work in the department has impressed every professor who has had the privilege of working with him. He is hard-working, thoughtful, and original, and has mastered the full range of sub-fields in Political Science, from theory to quantitative research. We are pleased to honor Blake Steinberg with the Proctor Award.

RICHARD ROSS MEMORIAL MUSIC AWARD — Ashley McNeil Alexander-Lee ’17
Ashley Alexander-Lee is a gifted singer and an outstanding scholar. Active in the Chorale and the Collegium Musicum, she is exemplary in all of her music classes, has won our departmental writing award, and will graduate with honors.

THEATRE AWARD — Eleanor Seaman ’17
Kanise Thompson ’17
This year’s Davidson Theatre Award goes to two extremely deserving individuals. Eleanor Seaman served as costume supervisor for every single show during her four years at Davidson. She’s been our rock. Giving her time and expertise without bemoaning the personal costs, she epitomizes the service and selfless dedication the award recognizes.

The second recipient, Kanise Thompson, arrived as a quiet first year and blossomed into a remarkable artist and a courageous advocate for students of color at Davidson, teaching us about inclusivity and building bridges for partnerships we are grateful to pursue. Kanise and Eleanor, we are forever grateful for your contributions.

PORTER VINSON CHEMISTRY AWARD — Nikole Louise Fendler ’19
Nika is an exceptionally talented and motivated young scientist who has already made significant contributions in multinational research collaborations leading to at least one publication next year. We celebrate your passion for chemistry and enthusiasm for research with this award.

WILLIAM VINSON MATHEMATICS AWARD — Arthur Chen ’19
The William D. Vinson Mathematics Award goes to Arthur Chen. Arthur has completed a wide variety of courses, spanning both the theoretical and the applied, with great distinction. He stands out for his strong technical ability in mathematics and computer science, his diligence, and curiosity.
DANIEL BLAIN WOODS AWARD — Lauren Grace Himes ‘18
Hannah Sinks ‘18

The award goes to two junior premedical students: Lauren Grace Himes from Nashville, Tennessee majoring in Chemistry and Hannah Sinks, a Mathematics major from Chevy Chase, Maryland. This award goes to you in recognition of your outstanding academic achievement, profound commitment to service to others and exemplary leadership.

WILLIAM GATEWOOD WORKMAN PSYCHOLOGY AWARD — Remy Elise Jennings ’17
Huailin Michael Zhang ’17

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 Remy Elise Jennings and Huailin Michael Zhang.

WRITING AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

R. WINDLEY HALL AWARD IN WRITING
First Place in Creative Writing: Elijah O. Midgette ‘20
Trashface

Second Place in Creative Writing: Emily Sirota ‘20
Power in the Pawn

Nathanial Wellborn ‘20
Hunters

First Place in Critical Writing: Meg Houck ‘20
The Impossibility of Literature in “The Library of Babel” by Jorge Luis Borges

CHARLES E. LLOYD AWARD IN WRITING
First Place in Creative Writing: Hwi Eun Hur ‘17
Precarious Homes: A Memoir

Second Place in Creative Writing: Carolina H. New ‘17
Lake Bird
First Place in Critical Writing: Quinn Massengill ’19
Linking Homosexuality to Mental Disease in Dracula

Second Place in Critical Writing: Elaine Ruth Boe ’17
The Subversive Narrative Authority of the “Feebleminded” in Two Revisions of Eudora Welty’s “Lily Daw and the Three Ladies”

VEREEN BELL MEMORIAL AWARD IN CREATIVE WRITING
First Place in Poetry: Evan Yi ’18
Sojourner

First Place in Fiction: Graham Marema ’17
A Writer and a Man and a Boat and the Sea

ADDITIONAL AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

THE SIGMA XI BIOLOGY RESEARCH AWARD — Annalee Tutterow ’17
The Charlotte Chapter of Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society honors top undergraduate research scientists from regional colleges and universities.

This year, this award goes to a student who began her research at Davidson almost as soon as she arrived. Since then she has given oral presentations at national and regional meetings based on her extensive field research and sophisticated data analyses. She has at least four manuscripts accepted or under review from her research at Davidson. For her love of research, incredibly productivity, and ridiculously high standards, we are pleased to name the recipient of the 2017 Sigma Xi Undergraduate Research Award, Annalee Tutterow.

ADDITIONAL AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

PAGE AND ROBERT E. KIZER EDUCATION INTERNSHIP AWARD — Sophie Johnson ’18
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 Schools
System. This scholarship has been funded by an alum who is committed to supporting Davidson College students who have a desire to enter the teaching profession.

ADDITIONAL AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

THE WILMER HAYDEN WELSH PRIZE IN COMPOSITION — Alexander Nisbet Gould ‘17
The 2017 Welsh Prize goes to English major Alex Gould for his piece, Desire, composed in Spring 2016 as his final project for MUS 265 Introduction to Digital Composition. Entertainment, Friendship, Love, Purpose. These are the four movements of the piece, each centered around a four-note motive, or theme, representing desire or longing. Each of the four movements is intended to express one of these desires, re-contextualizing the four-note “want” theme into a variety of feelings across the whole piece. The composer writes in a timbral environment he calls “synth jazz” in which he juxtaposes synthesized timbres with chords and rhythms drawn from jazz. Alex, with this award we recognize that you achieved, in your risk-taking, a thoughtful and beautifully crafted piece in which the longing of desire is, against all odds, amplified by the synthetic colors of the digital platform.

THE RUFUS HALLMARK WRITING AWARD — Ashley McNeil Alexander-Lee ‘17
Ashley Alexander-Lee’s Music Department senior seminar project, “Randy Newman Parts with Tin Pan Alley: The Evolution of Ownership,” traces the roots of Newman’s music to the Tin Pan Alley songwriters of the early 20th century, as well as the more contemporary songwriting industry of the Brill Building in the 1960s. In doing so, Ashley makes a thoroughly original and insightful argument about how Newman constructs “layers upon layers of masks” in his songwriting and performance, and that he uses these masks as cover for his pointed social critiques. Ashley’s work is rigorously musicological, skillfully using a substantial body of archival sources in a paper that is well argued and a pleasure to read.

STEINWAY PIANO GALLERY-CHARLOTTE AWARD — Emma Rachelle Johnson ‘17
It is often said that the passion for music chooses you and does not release you. The love of music certainly chose Emma Johnson, an environmental scientist. Emma would play, with joy, wherever a piano is available. Her lament when she was doing research deep in the jungles of Panama was that there was not a piano available. Playing the piano will offer much joy and beauty for Emma, the scientist-pianist, who will follow the footsteps of Albert Schweitzer, physician, musician, philosopher and theologian; his, the healing of the body, and hers, the healing of the earth.
ADDITIONAL AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

THE SIGMA XI PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH AWARD — Yijiao Chen ’17
Mary Eleanor Frith ’17
Annually the Department acknowledges the most distinctive attainments by students performing research in Psychology. For the range, commitment, and excellence in their work, this year’s award goes to Yijiao Chen and Mary Eleanor Frith.

THE JOHN D. KELTON PSYCHOLOGY AWARD — Katherine Grace Gomulkiewicz ’17
John D. Kelton’s work as teacher, psychologist, and Davidson icon is acknowledged in this award based on excellence and perspective, demonstrated in the recipient’s Senior Capstone course essay in Psychology. This year’s award goes to Katherine Grace Gomulkiewicz.

EDWARD L. PALMER PSYCHOLOGY AWARD — Mary Bedford Monroe ’17
This award celebrates annually that student who has distinctively served others through Psychology, commemorating the countless ways in which Dr. Palmer’s life and work have graced others, professionally and personally. This year’s award goes to Mary Bedford Monroe.

DR. CHARLES RICHARDSON “BUDDY” MARTIN, JR.
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD — Judith Rosales Rivas ’17
Katherine H. Belanger ’17
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 Judith Rosales Rivas and Katherine H. Belanger for superlative research in neuroscience.

ADDITIONAL AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR SOCIOLOGY STUDENT OF THE YEAR — HaRyung Kim ’18
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.
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.

2017-2018 OMICRON DELTA KAPPA MEMBERS

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Staff Inductee: Mr. Walter Snipes*
Honorary Inductees: Mr. John W. Chidsey III ‘83*

*New Inductee

2017 TEACHING AWARD — Rebeca Fernandez
The recipient of this year’s Omicron Delta Kappa teaching award is a professor whose work has impacted the lives of students in invaluable ways. She has been a pioneer in assisting domestic and international students with their transition to Davidson.
As coordinator of the Non-native English Writing program, she has fostered an inclusive environment at Davidson College for students who do not speak English as their first language. She works with such students and steadily helps them gain mastery of English and go on to excel in their respective fields of study. Her work does not end with the academics of these students. She makes it a point to get to know them on a personal level and pushes them to challenge themselves and step out of their comfort zones to reach their maximum potential.

A student said of her, “She is actually one of the professors who made me interested in studying. At a time when I felt like a stranger in this foreign system, she was the one who reeled me in and made me feel like I belong. She is the real MVP.”

Her work is not limited to the Davidson campus, but extends to the larger community. She is the coordinator of the Kindergarten English-As-a-Second-Language (ESL) Tutoring Program with Cornelius Elementary School. As coordinator, she gives Davidson students who are interested in developing literacy in language minority children the opportunity to do so at Cornelius Elementary School. Thus she is helping foster a love of learning in these elementary school kids, and is helping them gain a strong educational foundation which will set them up for success in their future educational endeavors.

For her relentless commitment to students at Davidson and her desire to foster an inclusive educational environment welcoming of ESL students, it is with great pleasure that I present this year’s Omicron Delta Kappa Teaching award to Dr. Rebeca Fernandez.

2017 STAFF AWARD — Tom Shandley
This year’s Omicron Delta Kappa staff award recipient has been a member of the Davidson community, probably longer than most seniors have been alive, and has made an indelible mark on the lives of all students. He joined Davidson in the year 1994 as the Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students and has in many ways shaped the experience of students across all spheres of campus life.

He has fostered the community of trust that defines our experience as Davidson students as the principal advisor to the Honor Council. From last-minute case detail meetings to taking questions at all hours to ensure the integrity of the process, his approachability and generosity with his time has been above and beyond.
In addition, over his time at Davidson, he has worked relentlessly to improve the climate for students of color and played a key role in establishing the first multicultural center on Davidson’s campus.

Despite his busy schedule, he always has a listening ear and a warm smile for students. A student said of him, “He is always available for just about any sort of meeting that a student could want. We can casually go in and talk to him about schedules, commitments and different projects about the school. We never have trouble getting a hold of him when we need support or guidance. In and around the Davidson community, you can always spot him supporting endeavors that make Davidson a better place.”

This award is a token symbolizing the profound gratitude that our community has for this individual. For his undying love and his wholehearted service to our community, it is with utmost pleasure that I present this year’s Omicron Delta Kappa staff award to our very own Dean Tom Shandley.

2017 COMMUNITY MEMBER AWARD — Jane Campbell
This year’s Omicron Delta Kappa Community member award goes to a member of our community who graduated from Davidson in 1987. Her many achievements are reflective of her pioneering spirit. She served in the Navy as one of the first women assigned to a combatant vessel, directed press operations for the Secretary of Defense, planned communications for the National Security Council, coordinated counter-piracy operations, and helped to establish a three-star NATO command headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan.

As a member of our Davidson community, she has championed the causes of many marginalized groups and has been present at many of our civic events on campus, such as gathering in support of Muslim students. She also ran an inspiring campaign for the North Carolina House to fight for LGBT rights among other issues.

Furthermore, she avidly supports our sports teams, and can be found at many of our field hockey, lacrosse and tennis games. She has shown incredible commitment to helping individuals thrive as a mentor to many students. A student said of her “she’s one of the most determined and devoted people I’ve ever met, not only to Davidson but to any task she is given. She always thinks about others and how her actions will affect them. She’s considerate, kind, and brave and she never turns away from a challenge”.

For her outstanding leadership, and commitment to service and supporting the Davidson
community, the Davidson Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa is proud to present this award to Captain Jane Campbell.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

2017 FACULTY AWARD — Rebecca Joubin
The Student Government Association Faculty Award is presented each year and recognizes the positive involvement of a professor in the lives of students outside the classroom setting. This year’s recipient received her BA from William and Mary before going on to receive her Master’s from Georgetown University in Middle Eastern History and her Ph.D. in Middle Eastern and Asian Languages and Culture from Columbia University in 2004. She joined Davidson College in 2009 and currently investigates gender studies and how topics of identity, family, and social relationships are portrayed in contemporary Syrian art and the media. She has been involved in a variety of student initiatives and accomplishments throughout her time at Davidson, motivating her students to apply for nationally-acclaimed merit-based scholarships, coordinating fundraisers and cultural events geared toward the Middle East, and serving as the faculty advisor to the Middle Eastern and North African Students Association (MENASA). I am pleased to announce that the 2017 recipient of the SGA Faculty Award is Chair and Associate Professor of Arab Studies, my advisor, Dr. Rebecca Joubin.

2017 PRE-MAJOR FACULTY ADVISING AWARD — Rob Spach
The Student Government Association Pre-Major Advising Award is presented each year to a professor for dedicated and meaningful guidance to students in pre-major advising. This year’s recipient is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). A graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, he came to Davidson as Chaplain in 1993. His interests include the practice of centering prayer, the history of Christian thought, and wisdom traditions of various world religions. He is married and has two grown children. I am pleased to announce that the 2017 recipient of the SGA Pre-Major Advising Award is College Chaplain, The Reverend Rob Spach.