



Honors and Awards
2021



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INTRODUCTION

Dr. Michele Gillespie, *Dean, Wake Forest College*

To our 2021 College Honors and Awards recipients,

One of my favorite Commencement traditions is recognizing the academic excellence of our students during the Honors and Awards program. While we are unable to celebrate together in-person this year, I want to congratulate our students for their impressive achievements in the arts, humanities, social sciences, and sciences through this commemorative program.

The honors and awards listed here represent thousands of hours of research, scholarship, and critical thinking. These students have demonstrated intellectual leadership, contributed to the creation of new knowledge, expressed themselves creatively through different mediums, and produced strikingly original scholarship.

Class of 2021, you have fulfilled the mission that we set before you when you first stood in Wait Chapel during opening convocation four years ago. We told you then to use your liberal arts education to build a pro humanitate spirit that will let you make the world a better place for all. Your intellectual curiosity, passion for knowledge, and concern for others inspires all around you, including your parents, your faculty, and me.

Thank you to our faculty for carefully guiding these students along the path to academic excellence. Parents and families, I salute your efforts as well. You have been beacons of love and support. I know we are all proud of these students because they know how to ask critical questions. “The power to question,” Indira Gandhi observed, “is the basis of all human progress.”

May you continue to question our world, and to use knowledge to change what you do not like in our world so you can make it better. Always know how much confidence Wake Forest has in each of you.

AWARDS

Dr. Ana-María González Wahl, *Director, American Ethnic Studies*

The Award for Outstanding Minor in American Ethnic Studies. Caitlin E. Graham

The Outstanding Minor Award for Excellence in American Ethnic Studies recognizes the graduating senior with the most exceptional record of academic achievement and leadership representing the core mission of this interdisciplinary program.

Caitlin is an extraordinary student with an exceptional record of academic achievement, leadership and activism. Caitlin is a Sociology major with a double minor in Psychology and American Ethnic Studies. She has earned a near perfect GPA in our program. In addition, Caitlin has worked as a research fellow with the Race, Inequality and Policy Initiative, focusing on the intersection of race, politics and immigrants’ rights. Alongside her intellectual pursuits, Caitlin has served as a Civic Scholar in the Office of Civic Engagement and lead several campus and community initiatives centered on social justice, serving as a facilitator for BRANCHES (a Social Justice Retreat), Wake Alternative Break, SHARE, and the newly established Residential Advisor Committee. Congratulations Caitlin!

Sherri Lawson Clark, *Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology*

The Department of Anthropology Outstanding Senior Award. Jack Thomas Portman

The faculty of the Department of Anthropology select our outstanding senior award using three criteria: the student’s academic excellence across all four subfields of anthropology, the student’s anthropological engagement outside of the traditional classroom, and the student’s ethical application of anthropological knowledge through professional activities and community involvement.

The faculty of the Department of Anthropology has voted Jack Portman for this year’s Outstanding Senior in Anthropology. Jack, who is a double major in Anthropology and Politics & International Affairs and a minor in Philosophy, represents the ideal graduate of a liberal arts education. A prolific thinker and writer, Jack approached his anthropological studies through a lens that always connected individuals’ experiences with political, economic, and ideological contexts over time and space. Jack’s Honors Thesis, “All You Can Holler About is Rent: The Politics and Precarities of Housing in East Winston,” in which he conducted ethnographic research during the pandemic, is not only a culmination of his studies at WFU, it is also a testament to his capabilities as he embarks on his future studies in anthropology at the London School of Economics.



Dr. Susan Fahrbach, Chair, Department of Biology

The Carolina Biological Supply Company Award for Undergraduate Research Patrick Thomas Ryan

Patrick was very dedicated to his research, as demonstrated by routinely seeing Patrick in the lab when very few students were in Winston Hall. He told several faculty that research was keeping him going, and allowed him to focus. His dedication and commitment to continuing his research was phenomenal. He was also able to work independently at a very high level and his command of the subject matter of his research is well above other undergraduate honors presentations.

Dr. Lindsay Comstock, Associate Professor of Chemistry and Coordinator of the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Program

Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Rebecca J. Walker

Rebecca's dedication to research for the last 18 months has provided her the opportunity to lead an exceptional project on understanding the intracellular localization of adenovirus capsid proteins which has culminated in graduating with honors. Additionally, Rebecca's hard work has paved the way for the Ornelles lab to pursue a new area of collaborative research that will most definitely impact our textbook understanding of adenovirus.

Dr. Wayne Silver, Professor, Department of Biology, and Director, Undergraduate Neuroscience Program

The Florence Robinson Neuroscience Award Mia Isabel Allen

The Florence Robinson Neuroscience Award is given to a Wake Forest senior graduating with a minor in Neuroscience, selected on the basis of performance in NEU courses, engagement in research, and communication of research results. Mia is a Psychology major who worked in Dr. Jeffrey Wiener's laboratory at the Medical School. Mia's most recent project with rats aimed to determine if sex differences exist in drinking behaviors following repeated restraint stress. Mia has been accepted into the Ph.D. program at the Medical School and will be studying the neural correlates of addiction. The Florence Robinson Neuroscience award is funded by Professor Susan Fahrbach in honor of her mother-in-law, an economist with a love for education, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease in 2003 and passed away in 2009.

Dr. Willie Hinze, Professor, Department of Chemistry

The John W. Nowell Award in Undergraduate Chemistry Meghan Ann Pressimone

The John W. Nowell Award in Undergraduate Chemistry is given in memory of the late beloved chemistry Professor, Jack Nowell, and is presented each year to a graduating student who has excelled in all aspects of our chemistry program (ranging to outstanding performance in the classroom to independent research in the laboratory).

Dr. Mary Pendergraft, Chair, Department of Classics

M.D. Phillips Prize in Classical Languages Anna Therese Campbell, Kelli Marie Frangoulis, and William Daniel Lewis

Matthew D. Phillips earned a degree in Greek in 1875, the same year his brother John earned a degree in Mathematics. One hundred years later, in 1975, William R. Phillips (WFU class of 1960) established a fund to honor his grandfather and great uncle and to congratulate Wake Forest students in the Classics and in Mathematics for excellent work. This year's recipients of the M. D. Phillips Prize in Classical Languages are Anna Therese Campbell, Kelli Marie Frangoulis, and William Daniel Lewis.

Professor John Oksanish says, "From our first meetings in Intermediate Latin class to our work together on her senior thesis project on Ovid's Metamorphoses, Anna has been a star. Her diligence, discipline, and appetite for good ideas have only strengthened her natural talent and intelligence. Truly a Deacon to be proud of."

"Kelli is an excellent student," reports Professor Michael Sloan. "Her diligence and intelligence are both impressive, but perhaps most importantly she cares deeply about the content and quality of her education, for which she has admirably accepted responsibility. We met many times during the Fall of 2018 to discuss both macro questions of the course, but also to roadmap how she might maximize her time at Wake Forest. I think she has fulfilled her goals and deserves our praise."

Will Lewis is a rising star in the study of Classics, according to Professor T. H. M. Gellar-Goad. "After joining the department with only three semesters left to go at Wake Forest, he has dived right in, achieving excellence in Classical Studies, teaching himself Latin, and pursuing challenging, high-level coursework in Latin and Ancient Greek. He's breaking new ground with his senior thesis research, on the social networks of ancient Roman comedy. The department is sad to see him go, but hopes he'll find his way back to Ancient Greece and Rome in time — it'll be waiting for his nostos with eager anticipation!"

Dr. Steven Giles, Chair, Department of Communication

Communication Department Academic Excellence AwardThrandia Dong

The communication department's academic excellence award is a competitive award given to one graduating senior who exemplifies excellence in their pursuit of knowledge. This award is based on GPA (3.9/4.0) and engagement with courses and faculty across the curriculum. Thrandia Dong, an international student from China, has demonstrated leadership in multiple avenues, including serving as a photographer for Wake Speaks events, writing articles for the Howler Yearbook, interviewing faculty members for the Wake Media Chinese group, and working on a summer URECA program to study the sexual life of breast cancer survivors. Next year she will work on a graduate degree in international health systems at Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health to learn how to address health inequities around the world.

Dr. Samuel Cho, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science

The John W. Sawyer Prize in Computer Science Yixin Zhang

Established in 1993 in honor of Dr. Jack Sawyer, professor of Mathematics from 1956 to 1988 and the first computer science instructor at Wake Forest, the Sawyer Prize is awarded each year to the most outstanding graduating senior in computer science as selected by the faculty. This is a significant honor and testament to the student's hard work and commitment to their education and to the Computer Science Department. The Prize carries a monetary award, and the student's name is added to the plaque in the department that lists all past winners.

The 2021 Sawyer Prize winner, Yixin Zhang, is recognized for his outstanding work in and deep engagement with computer science, as evidenced through his GPA, contributions to multiple research projects, participation in extracurricular activities, and service as a teaching assistant.

Stewart Carter, Chair, Department of East Asian Language & Cultures

Outstanding Major in Chinese AwardHailey Lipman and Christopher Magiera

As a Chinese major, Hailey Lipman has demonstrated sustained dedication, great intellectual curiosity, and overall academic excellence in both her language coursework and her research projects. Hailey's senior thesis project examined the contemporary Chinese trend of "quality education." Pushing her analysis beyond a simple reading of curriculum, Hailey's project investigated the political and economic forces that shape this phenomenon, and found links between the notion of "quality" and the narratives of China's evolving role in a globalized world. Her thesis exemplifies the kinds of academic diligence and cultural perspective that we value in the Chinese Program, and we congratulate Hailey on her achievement.

Christopher Magiera is a very dedicated major. After returning from study abroad in China, Christopher did an independent study to keep honing his Chinese language skills. Throughout the semester, he demonstrated his commitment and willingness to take on challenging topics. All these traits are reflected in his outstanding academic record. He has clearly earned this award.

Outstanding Major in Japanese Award Xinyi Ma

The recipient of this year's Outstanding Japanese Major Award is Xinyi Ma. Xinyi consistently demonstrated her enthusiasm and dedication to the study of Japanese language and culture through her excellent thesis and thoughtful work in all the courses she took with us. The top awards she received at area Japanese speech contests are testaments to her high level of proficiency in Japanese. Congratulations, Xinyi!

Dr. Sandeep Mazumder, Chair, Department of Economics

David and Lelia Farr Prize for Excellence in Economics Haonan Miao

Haonan Miao has been an outstanding student of Economics during his time at Wake Forest. He recently wrote his honors thesis on the behavior of speculators in the market for rhino horns, for which he received highest honors.

David and Lelia Farr Prize for Excellence in Mathematical Economics.....Andrew J. Logan

Andrew Logan has been an outstanding student of Mathematical Economics, both inside the classroom and outside as a research assistant and member of the Federal Reserve Challenge Team. He recently received honors for his thesis on foreign direct investment.

Dr. Olga Pierrakos, *Founding Chair, Department of Engineering*

Celebrating the Whole Engineer: Academic Excellence and Outstanding Character Regan Mahoney O'Donnell

The award recognizes exceptional academic achievement and outstanding character showcasing dedication and leadership with engineering professional practice. Regan O'Donnell is receiving this award for her outstanding academic achievements as well as her exceptional leadership and character. She embodies the values of the Department of Engineering: Empowerment, Growth, Integrity, Inclusion, Compassion, and Joy.

Dr. Jessica Richard, *Chair, Department of English*

H. Broadus Jones Senior Award: Outstanding Graduating Senior Major Natalie Grace Bradford

Natalie has maintained a 4.0 GPA across 10 upper-level English courses. She is a star in the department, a passionate English major from the very start, and an exquisite writer of essays and fiction. She was a standout in the department's London summer abroad program. She will be joining the English MA Program at Wake Forest this fall.

Dr. Dan Cohen, *John C. Whitaker, Jr. Executive Director, Center for Entrepreneurship*

The Center for Entrepreneurship Senior of the Year Award Marie Alexandra Anderson

Marie Anderson has been a dedicated, driven leader in class and in our programs. She has excelled both in coursework and in her own venture creation efforts, and has exceeded what should have been possible to create during a pandemic. Marie has been a positive influence to her fellow students, an incredible force in her business, and an inextinguishable bright spot to our faculty.

Dr. Kendall Tarte, *Chair, Department of French Studies*

The Harold Dawes Parcell Award for Excellence in French Jack Henry Lloyd

Established to honor the memory of a longtime colleague and department chair, the Harold Dawes Parcell Award is given to the graduating French Studies major who has the highest grade point average and a record of exceptional scholarship. Both on campus and during his semester in Dijon with the WFU study abroad program, Jack Lloyd has been deeply curious, perceptive and engaged. His excellent work in French courses throughout his four years culminated in a senior Honors thesis written in French, a deeply researched examination of a small archive of editorial pieces published by French LGBTQ organizations during the early period of the AIDS crisis. The French Studies Department is so proud of Jack for his many accomplishments in French, and we are so pleased to present him with this award.

Dr. Rebecca Thomas, *Professor, Department of German and Russian*

The James C. O'Flaherty Award for Excellence in German and German Studies Fiona Hill Burdette

Fiona's boundless pursuit of excellence across all aspects of the curriculum has produced in her a graduate with a mastery of German language and culture that is both broad and deep. Fiona has also taken every opportunity beyond the classroom to advance her German knowledge and skills. She studied away at the Vienna Flow House where she also independently arranged to study Cello; she has mastered the art and science of transcribing German script, a skill held by only the rare professional Germanist; she has completed and presented a multi-disciplinary Honors Thesis combining her transcription skills with historical research on the Jewish community of Bamberg and the US diaspora in the 1930's; finally, she has been awarded a prestigious Fulbright Research Fellowship, which she will pursue in Berlin post-graduation. Fiona represents the very best qualities of a graduate of German studies in her inexhaustible curiosity and zeal for mastery.

Dr. J. Kline Harrison, *Associate Vice President, Vice Provost, Global Affairs*

The Award for Outstanding Senior in Global Trade and Commerce Studies Gabriel L. Mansour

The award is for the student who has excelled academically in the minor and whose engagement in global themes is exemplary.

Dr. Shannon Mihalko, *Professor, Department of Health and Exercise Science*

The Paul M. Ribisl Health and Exercise Science Academic Achievement Award Thomas R. Johnston

The Paul Ribisl Health and Exercise Science Academic Achievement Award was established to honor Department Chair Paul Ribisl for his national contributions to our field and to the development of our department's mission. This award is presented to the HES student with the highest cumulative GPA. It is our honor to present this award to Thomas (Tommy) Johnston. With outstanding performance in both his HES major and Chemistry minor, it is amazing that Tommy earned the highest overall GPA while on the challenging path to medical school. In addition to his exemplary academic achievement, Tommy was a member of the Wake Forest Cross Country and Track and Field teams all 4 years, excelling in distances ranging from the 1 mile to the 8K. Congratulations Tommy!

The William L. Hottinger Health and Exercise Science Major Contribution Award Lauren E. Gray

The William Hottinger Health and Exercise Science Major Contribution Award was established to honor the long standing contributions of Department Chair Bill Hottinger, a visionary who led his faculty for decades in their transformation into an interdisciplinary science department. This award is given to the HES major who not only excels in their academic achievements, but also for their overall contributions to the major and the larger campus. It is our honor to present this award to Lauren Gray. Lauren was selected not only for her outstanding academic success with one of the highest GPAs in the major, but also for her involvement in research and in many leadership roles in campus and service initiatives, including her roles as both Co-Chair of the Health Occupations Students of America and Pre-medical Mentor for freshmen interested in medical school. Congratulations Lauren!

The Michael S. Lawlor Award for Outstanding Student in the Health Policy and Administration Minor . . . Haley Estelle Schulberg

The award for outstanding student in the Health Policy and Administration Minor is named in honor of Dr. Michael Lawlor, former Director of the HPA minor and Professor of Economics, who, more than 20 years ago, had the vision and dedication to create this interdisciplinary minor that encompasses public health, economics, and epidemiology. The award is presented to the graduating student with the highest grades in the HPA minor and overall. It is my pleasure to present this award to Haley Estelle Schulberg, who is also a student member and officer of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society. After graduation, Haley plans to work in Washington DC in public policy.

This award comes with a cash prize and her name will be engraved on a plaque honoring the annual winners. I am honored to present the 2021 Michael S. Lawlor Award to Haley. Congratulations!

Dr. Monique O'Connell, Chair, Department of History

The Forrest W. Clonts Award for Excellence in History Anna Alden Low

The Forest W. Clonts Award for Excellence in History is given to an outstanding history student who exhibits high academic achievement, intellectual engagement, and service to the department.

This year's recipient, Anna Low, has impressed the Department on account of her contributions in her History courses, her deep and careful consideration of historical sources, and her polished writing. Her Honors Thesis, "Remembering Enslaved Women and the Intersectionality of Oppression at Southern Universities," is an exceptional examination of how enslaved women navigated both the daily life and pro-slavery cultures present at college campuses in the 18th and 19th centuries. Based on a wide range of established literature and archival records from the University of Virginia, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Wake Forest University, Low offers convincing and crucial arguments about the ties between enslavement and American higher education as well as the need to attend to stories that institutions have ignored and erased.

Phoebe Zerwick, Program Director, Journalism

Bynum G. Shaw Prize in Journalism Rafael Alves de Lima and Alexandra Karlinchak

The annual Bynum Shaw Prize in Journalism is named for Bynum Shaw, a WFU graduate who worked as a Washington correspondent, European correspondent, and editorial writer for the Baltimore Sun before returning to Wake in 1965 to lead the journalism and creative writing programs. Shaw's spirit of skepticism and belief that independent journalism can make the world a better place is needed now as much as ever. Rafael Lima exemplifies that spirit through his dedication to the Old Gold & Black, his reporting on indigenous people in Brazil through his fellowship with the Pulitzer Center on Crisis reporting, and his commitment to a free and independent press.

Dr. Sarah Raynor, Chair, Department of Mathematics and Statistics

The John Y. Phillips Prize in Mathematics Hannah Grace Scanlon and Kevin Anthony Woytowich

The John Y. Phillips Prize was established in 1975 by William R. Phillips and other descendants of Dr. M.D. Phillips of Stokes County. John Y. Phillips, brother of M.D. Phillips, was a member of the Wake Forest College class of 1875. A superior student of mathematics who later studied at Richmond Hill Law School in Yadkin County, John Y. Phillips practiced law in Stokes County and also served in the North Carolina General Assembly. The John Y. Phillips Prize is awarded each year to the outstanding graduating senior in mathematics in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

Hannah is highly intelligent, detail oriented, creative, and exceptionally driven to master new areas of mathematics. She has sustained a near perfect grade point average while consistently taking challenging upper and graduate level courses, engaging in significant research projects, holding leadership positions including President of the WFU Chapter of Association for Women in Mathematics, and serving as a mathematics tutor for three years and teaching assistant during her senior year.

Kevin has maintained a 4.0 GPA in mathematics classes taken at Wake Forest while taking a number of very challenging classes (including graduate-level courses in topology and measure theory). He spent the fall 2019 semester studying mathematics abroad

in Budapest, Hungary and while there he participated in the William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition. He earned the highest score among Wake Forest students in that competition. Kevin is also double-majoring in physics and minoring in Greek.

1976 Math Faculty Legacy Prize in Statistics Anna Rabren Flowers and Kebin Yan

The 1976 Math Faculty Legacy Prize was established by an alumnus to honor the faculty members in the Math Department who made his experience at WFU so enjoyable and successful.

Anna has distinguished herself for high academic achievement in both mathematics and statistics. She began taking advanced statistics courses in her sophomore year, and has been researching statistical models for drought for two full years. She has served as a peer tutor in the Math and Stats Center, and completed her undergraduate honors thesis with Dr. Erhardt.

Kebin is an exceptional student in the Wake Forest Statistics program. She is creative, thoughtful, hard-working, persistent, and meticulous. She has excelled in her statistics coursework, including graduate-level statistics classes, and has served as a peer tutor at the Math and Stats Center for several courses. She completed her undergraduate honors thesis with Dr. Huang.

Dr. Darlene May, Professor, Middle East and South Asia Studies Program

Award for Outstanding Senior in Arabic Addison Kaye Collins

Addison is being recognized this year for her 4-year devotion to Arabic studies, having completed all 8 semesters of core language courses as well as extra conversation and literature courses in addition to a summer of study abroad in Morocco — all while maintaining a 4.0 average in the minor. Addison plans to continue nurturing her love for Arabic after graduation and hopes to use it professionally in the field of international business or law.

Lawrence Rubal, Lieutenant Colonel, US Army, Chair, Department of Military Science

Superior Cadet Award (Sponsored by First Command). Cadet Morgan Hugh Curtis

The Superior Cadet Award is presented to the top Cadet and is a culmination of their performance over four years in the Army ROTC program. The winner of the Superior Cadet Award receives an engraved Army Officers' Sabre for their excellent performance and potential as an Army leader.

CDT Curtis was the top-ranked CDT in his class, a distinguished military graduate (top 20% of the country), and in the top 10% of all Cadets accessed in ROTC nationwide.

Dr. Peter Kairoff, Chair, Department of Music, and Director, Venice Program

Outstanding Graduate in Music Performance Xingxiang (Sean) Liu and Lian (Julianne) Zhu

Sean Liu is a gifted tenor who has performed as soloist and in choral ensembles throughout his four years at Wake Forest. A native of Shanghai, China, he graduates this year with a double major in music performance and biology. His performances on campus have ranged from musical theater to classical art-song, and he has a special affinity for German Lieder, having recently performed masterpieces in that genre by Schubert and Schumann, among others. He intends to pursue an advanced degree in vocal performance next year.

Julianne Zhu is a talented organist who has performed as soloist and in several ensembles at Wake Forest, including the University Orchestra, Concert Choir, and Collegium Musicum. A Richter Scholarship in 2019 allowed her to study the history of the organ in Germany and Sweden, and she was one of four Senior Orators at the 2021 Founder's Day convocation. A native of Shanghai, China, she is graduating with a double major in psychology and music performance with a minor in German, and she intends to pursue graduate study in organ performance next year.

Dr. Win-chiat Lee, Chair, Department of Philosophy

The Gregory D. Pritchard Scholar Award in Philosophy Allyson Mackenzie Deak and Michael Mariano Soraci

The Prize was given by James L. and Gloria J. Barrett in honor of their former teacher, the late Dr. Gregory Pritchard, who taught and served as the Philosophy Department Chair at Wake Forest from 1969 to 1994. The award is to be given annually to "the most deserving graduating philosophy student." The Philosophy Department considers the two co-winners this year as equally deserving of the Prize for the quality of their work done in the Philosophy Major.



Dr. Daniel Kim-Shapiro, Chair, Department of Physics

The William Eugene Speas Memorial Award for Distinguished Work in Physics . . . Fernando Jose Rigal and Noah Matthew Meyer

Presented on the occasion of the graduation of an outstanding student in the Department of Physics of Wake Forest University who best exemplifies the spirit and scholarship of Dr. William E. Speas. Dr. Speas was a distinguished Professor of Physics who taught Physics at Wake Forest from 1920 till 1959.

Both these students excelled in research on their own and in promoting research for others. Fernando co-authored two papers and presented research at three international conferences on work related to improving blood flow. He will begin a PhD program in Physics next year at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Noah is co-authoring three publications and performed part of his research at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. In the Fall, Noah will be joining the graduate program in Physics at Cambridge University.

Dr. Michaelle Browsers, Chair, Department of Politics and International Affairs

The C. H. Richards Award for Excellence in Politics and International Affairs . . . Savarni Sanka and Olivia Field

The C. H. Richards Award for Excellence in Politics & International Affairs was established to honor the Department's founder and long-time chair and to recognize outstanding graduating majors. This year's award goes to two exceptional students, Savarni Sanka and Olivia Field, for their academic excellence; their service to the department, university and community; and for their exemplary character attributes.

Dr. Eric Stone, Chair, Department of Psychology

The Robert C. Beck Prize for Excellence in Psychology . . . Xiaotong (Eva) Wu

The Psychology Department is pleased to present the Robert C. Beck Excellence in Psychology Award to Eva Wu. Bob Beck was a beloved faculty member in our department for 50 years, who helped guide and shape our department and who we still deeply miss. Eva has been an active researcher in the Psychology department, working with Eric Stone on an Honor's project exploring the role of social distance in self-other differences in decision making, and with Lisa Kiang on a project that combined Eva's interests in psychology and music. Eva has also been highly active within and beyond the Wake Forest community, serving as President of the WFU Psychology Club, as a Student Relations Leader of Musical Empowerment, and as a volunteer supervisor at Cook Elementary School. Eva is a thoughtful and creative researcher who spends substantial time making sure that her work is as good as possible, and we are excited to watch her career path unfold.

Dr. Catherine Harnois, Chair, Department of Sociology

The American Sociological Association's Departmental Prize for Outstanding Student . . . Frantasia T. Hill and Kathleen Shosi Hansen

The American Sociological Association's Departmental Prize for Outstanding Student is awarded to a graduating senior who, over the course of their time at Wake Forest has shown outstanding academic achievement in Sociology. This year's graduating class of Sociology majors is exceptionally strong; Frantasia and Shosi stood out for their consistent excellence in coursework, insightful contributions to class discussions, and their putting sociology into action in extracurricular work.

Dr. Kathryn Mayers, Chair, Department of Spanish and Italian

The Ruth Foster Campbell Award for Excellence in Spanish . . . Savarni Sanka

The Award for Excellence in Spanish is named for Professor Emeritus of Spanish, Dr. Ruth Foster Campbell, and it is given each year to a graduating senior in Spanish whose inquiry into the languages and cultures of the Spanish-speaking world has been extraordinary. This year's highly-deserving recipient is Savarni Sanka. During Savarni's time at Wake Forest, she studied abroad from Nicaragua to Morocco to Spain, where she undertook studies in both advanced Spanish and Arabic. Back on campus, she carried out independent study in Hispanic linguistics with her advisor Professor González, served as a tutor of Spanish, and organized and interpreted at a conference on the 2018 Nicaraguan protests. We look forward to hearing how her language skills inform and brighten her future work.

Dr. Irma Alarcón, Associate Professor, Department of Spanish and Italian

M. Stanley Whitley Award for Excellence in Linguistics . . . Ella McCarthy Collings

The M. Stanley Whitley Award is given annually to the senior Linguistics student whose academic achievement and intellectual curiosity pertaining to the formal study of language has been deemed most impressive. The Linguistics faculty has chosen Ella Collings to be the winner of this year's award in recognition of her superb academic achievement in Linguistics.

Dr. Ana-María González Wahl, *Director, Latin American and Latino Studies*

The Award for Outstanding Minor in Latin American and Latino Studies . . . Sarah Mcdaniel Templeton and Madeline Rose Barnes

The Outstanding Minor Award for Excellence in Latin American and Latino Studies recognizes the graduating senior whose work in and outside the classroom is most meritorious.

Sarah is an extraordinary student with an exceptional record of academic achievement and engagement in Latin American and Latino studies. She is an Interdisciplinary major with an LALS minor. She studied abroad in Chile and Argentina through the LALS Southern Cone program, has conducted independent research on the Machupe people and constitutional reform in Chile, and demonstrates exceptional proficiency in Spanish. These intellectual and academic accomplishments are coupled with a 4.0 GPA in the minor as well as overall. Congratulations, Sarah!

Madeline is an exceptionally accomplished student with a remarkable record of academic achievement and engagement in Latin American and Latino studies. She is a double major in English and Spanish with an LALS minor. She has conducted independent research on Spanish language acquisition as well as research on Latinx Appalachian writers. Her stellar academic standing is also reflected in her 4.0 GPA in the minor and her near perfect overall GPA. Madeline is heading to Georgetown University where she will complete a Master's degree at the Center for Latin American Studies. We wish you well!

Dr. Lynn Neal, *Chair, Department for the Study of Religions*

The John Allen Easley Award in Religion Cassie Dawn Ball and Caroline Elizabeth Deese

The Easley Award, which honors Dr. J. Allen Easley, former professor and chair of the Department, is awarded to the most outstanding graduating senior with a major in Religious Studies. This year we have two deserving recipients for this award: Cassie Dawn Ball and Caroline Elizabeth Deese. Cassie and Caroline have excelled in Religious Studies (while double majoring in English and Politics, respectively) and both are planning to attend graduate school. Cassie will be pursuing graduate work in English, while Caroline plans to attend law school. Congratulations, Cassie and Caroline!

Dr. J.K. Curry, *Professor, Department of Theatre and Dance*

The Wake Forest University Theatre Association Award for Academic Excellence Emma Szuba

This award was established to honor a Senior Theatre major for their academic achievement and overall GPA. The recipient will receive a certificate and a monetary award. Recipient Emma L. Szuba – Along with her academic achievements as a double Major in Theatre and English, Emma was very active in our Department serving as an actor, costume designer and director. This spring for her Honors Project she took on the task of producing our first outdoor socially distance production of Shakespeare's The Two Gentlemen of Verona. Producing during COVID-19 was challenging but she remained positive and focused, and her production was celebratory and well received.

Dr. Brantly Star Bright Shapiro and Chris Martin, *Co-Directors, Department of Theatre and Dance*

The Knox Dance Scholar Award Amanda Black and Sabrina Bruno

This award was established by Mr. & Mrs. Wycliffe Knox, Jr., of Georgia, in honor of their daughter Shell, who was a dancer and a graduate of class of '93. The award is given to a senior graduating dance minor. The scholarship is based on overall academic achievement, highest GPA and contributions to the Dance company. The recipients will receive a nameplate and monetary award.

Recipient Amanda Black is a talented classical ballet dancer who served as a member of the Wake Forest University Dance Company for four years. Along with her academic achievements as a Major in Biology and Minor in Dance she has made significant contributions to the dance program serving as a dancer, choreographer and instructor for our Friday Switch and the Community ballet program. This spring she took on the challenge of choreographing for the Senior Dance Showcase during COVID-19. Working under strict protocol she created a solo titled "Hit the ground running". A leader amongst her peers, promoting trust, collaboration and comradery, when everything moved online, she made it a priority to reach out to our dancers and made great efforts to keep the WFU Dance community connected.

Recipient Sabrina Bruno transferred to Wake and immediately became engaged in the Dance program joining the dance company in 2018. Excelling in academics Sabrina majored in Mathematical Economics with a double minor in dance and psychology. This Spring Sabrina took on the challenge of choreographing for the Senior Dance Showcase during COVID-19, successfully creating a trio dance titled "Mad World". During her years she has been a team player, exhibiting dedication and determination and always compassion for her peers.



Dr. Simone Caron, Chair, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

The Leadership Award for Outstanding Senior in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Cameron Kaitlyn Allen and Margaret (Maggie) Grace Kuhn

This award is presented annually to WGS majors or minors who best exemplify the qualities of leadership, service and professionalism.

Cameron Allen has devoted her interests to the advancement of immigrant women through her work in Women's Foreign Policy Group and Mi Mujeres Legal Services. She is a hard-working advocate for diversity both at Wake Forest (as an Intercultural Center Ambassador building an inclusive community and growing student engagement through co-curricular programming) and at Winston-Salem State (working with City Council members as they presented city projects proposals and discussing fair housing mediation agreements).

Maggie Kuhn is a double major in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and Sociology. For the past several years, Maggie has done critically important work to address sexual violence at Wake Forest by curating the "End the Silence Wake Forest" blog.

Marianne Magjuka, Executive Director, Office of Civic and Community Engagement

The Edgar Christman Award for Service Savarni Sanka

Established in honor of Chaplain Ed Christman, who retired in 2003 after 49 years of service to Wake Forest, each year the Christman Award acknowledges a senior who has engaged in outstanding service to the Winston-Salem community. Sanka has been an engaged and committed advocate for refugees and migrant families through her work with the Student Association for the Advancement of Refugees (SAFAR) and Every Campus a Refuge (ECAR). As a founding member of SAFAR, Sanka has been heavily involved in shaping and advancing the mission of the organization, addressing the immediate needs of families, and being an engaged advocate for refugees and migrants.

The Change-Maker Award for Social Change Leilani Fletcher

The Change-Maker Award honors a student who has demonstrated a long-term commitment to a social issue and has worked to lead their peers in the same commitment. Since her time at Wake Forest, Fletcher has been committed to uplifting and centering marginalized students across campus. She contributed to the Wake Forest Student Anti-Racism Coalition; and created Lavender Menace, a space for women, including trans and non-binary folks, who have a sexual or romantic attraction to other women to be in community with one another. In two years, she has grown Lavender Menace from an idea to the largest student support group in the LGBTQ+ Center. She helped to organize "Honoring Strength, Resolve and Legacy," which celebrated the 50th anniversary of African American women integrating residence halls at Wake Forest.

Dr. Margaret Ewalt, President of the Wake Forest Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa

The Carlton P. West Phi Beta Kappa Award To be announced
The Carlton P. West Award from Phi Beta Kappa is awarded to the graduating senior(s) with the highest GPA.

Dr. Anthony Marsh, Senior Associate Dean of Faculty

The Recognition of Senior Orators

The Heart of a Child Julianna Zhu

The Imitation Game Katie Von Bargaen

Transcending Boundaries. Zariah Hawthorne

Every fall semester, Wake Forest faculty nominate graduating seniors as orators. The nominees are students who, the faculty believe, have something significant to say about their time at Wake Forest. This practice is in keeping with a tradition of senior speeches that dates to the founding of the College in 1834 and was in fact required of all Wake Forest seniors until the early 1880s. Following faculty nominations, over 30 students took the opportunity to reflect on their experience at Wake Forest and submit an oration. We convened a panel of faculty to read these reflections and select 10 students to present orations at our senior colloquium. A panel of faculty selected a short list of three orators and the top orator for 2020, who then read the oration at the Founders' Day Convocation. You may view all three finalists' orations by selecting the hyperlink embedded in their name above. Our top orator for 2020 is Celia Zhou with her oration, "Living and Loving the Questions." Celia is from Cary, NC, and is majoring in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology. After graduation and two or more years in consulting, Celia will enroll in medical school or graduate study in medical sciences research.

The William C. and Ruth N. Archie Award Meghan Pressimone

Meghan Pressimone, a Chemistry major, graduating with Honors, with a concentration in Medicinal Chemistry & Drug Discovery, and minors in Studio Art and Spanish, has embodied what it means to show a commitment to liberal learning during her time at Wake Forest. Her academic performance in all her many and varied classes is superb and she was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa as a junior. A generous student, helping others rather than seeing them as competitors, she is always engaged in the material, asking good probing questions and making connections that benefit the whole class. Since her freshman year she has been a part of a research team in Chemistry, even as she studied abroad as a sophomore and endured several months of lab shutdown due to the pandemic. Meghan has creative talents in dance, writing, and visual art, and is a Presidential Scholar in Art. It's not unusual for Wake Forest STEM majors to maintain a serious artistic practice, and in this way Meghan is an exemplar of the Wake Forest student-scholar. Her visual art has been exhibited at Winston-Salem's Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA), the Wake Forest START gallery, and START.dt (student art at Wake Downtown). She has published poetry in the Wake Forest Writing Moves journal. Meghan is the current president of Wake Forest's Momentum Hip Hop Crew, and prior to the pandemic led a collaboration with a local high school dance group. During the pandemic she has continued to bring together students who wish to express themselves through hip-hop dance. Meghan is an excellent example of Pro Humanitate. She has been actively involved with SAFAR, the Student Association for the Advancement of Refugees. Perhaps the most significant outcome of this engagement has been Meghan's relationship with a Syrian student she tutored in a community college chemistry class who is now a sophomore at Wake Forest pursuing a biology major and undergraduate research. Meghan is a student-scholar of the highest caliber and represents exceedingly well the ideals of Wake Forest University. She will matriculate this year into the Molecular and Cell Biology PhD program at University of California, Berkeley.



ADDITIONAL AWARDS

The Old Gold and Black Computer Science Spotlight	John Farrell
G. McLeod Bryan Pro Humanitate Award for Community Service	Jennifer Benavides and Courtney Madison Ewing
The Joseph B. Currin Award in Religious Studies	Alexander Gerald Klee
Rhodes Scholarship	Savarni Sanka
Fulbright Scholarship (English Teaching Assistantship)	Rachel Willis
Fulbright Scholarship (Research)	Fiona Burdette
Fulbright Scholarship (English Teaching Assistantship)	Anthony DeVincentis
Fulbright Scholarship (English; Communication)	Lilian Nassif
US Teaching Assistantship in Austria	Jackson Maradik
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	Noah Meyer
Goldwater Scholarship	Noah Meyer and Fernando Rigal
Communication Department Academic Achievement Award	Mareesa Ahmad and Marygrace Miller Ward
Communication Department Service Award	Alyssa Cara Klier
Christen Balady Memorial Fund Scholarship	Katherine E. Sprague
Outstanding Minor in Chinese	Eric Omorogieva
Outstanding Minor in Japanese	Rui Lyu and Nana Ogburn
Forrest W. Clonts Research Prize in European History	Alexi Vlahoyiannis
David W. Hadley Prize for Historical Writing on the 100 Level	Jayne Flynn
Chilton Pearson Research Prize in United States History	Reilly Grace Marshall and Bruce Haywood
W.J. Cash Award for Studies in Southern History	Anna Alden Low
Richard Worden Griffin Research Prize in Asian, African or Latin American History	Lejiu Sun
Senior Award for Excellence in Arabic	Mohamed Yasin Ahmidouch
Outstanding Elementary Hindi-Urdu Student	Chris Cates & Anjali Purohit
The Lura Baker Paden Award	Rachel Lane Faulkenberry
The Delmer P. Hylton Accountancy Award	Anabel Starbuck Cordano
The Academic Excellence in Finance Award	Matthew Cole Murdock
The Academic Excellence in Mathematical Business Award	Kyle Warren Blackburn
The Spirit of Wayne Calloway Award	Burke Patrick Preston
The Patel Prize in Finance	Burke Patrick Preston
Michael Lawlor Macroeconomics Prize	Andrew Logan
The John Thomas Albritton Award in Religious Studies	Anna Melissa Crumpler
D.A. Brown Award for Excellence in Creative Writing	Jailen Zaire Stanley
H.B. Jones MA Award: Outstanding Second-Year MA Student	Meara Waxman
Jack D. Fler Award for Excellence in Honors in Politics and International Affairs	Izzy McMahon
Carl Moses Award for Research in Politics and International Affairs	Olivia Allen and Sarah DeLoach
The ACS Division of Inorganic Chemistry Undergraduate Award in Inorganic Chemistry	Andie Page Blankenstein
The ACS Division of Physical Chemistry Undergraduate Award in Physical Chemistry	Michael John Davern
The Royal Society of Chemistry Certificate of Excellence Award	Addison Bryn Mcfarland, Kirsten Rose Fernando William Thomas Delk, and Matthew Franklin Ballard

Blackbyrd Scholarship Adwoa Agyeiwaa Tweneboa Koduah
 James & Courtenay Harton Scholarship for Chemical Industry Adwoa Agyeiwaa Tweneboa Koduah
 The ACS Division of Analytical Chemistry Undergraduate Award in Analytical Chemistry Meghan Ann Pressimone
 The Grant Madison Backerman, American Institute of Chemists Foundation Undergraduate Student Award Yueming Long
 Andronica Award Jordan Houston
 Honors in Classical Studies William Daniel Lewis
 Honors in Latin Anna Therese Campbell
 Johnnie Collins III Drama Scholarship Evan Souza and Jordana Keller
 Dyeann and Henry Jordan Theatre Scholarship Lainey Drake and Girnar Anand
 Senior Theatre Scholar for Academic Excellence Emma Szuba
 Senior Service in Theatre and Dance Cassidy Noble
 Faculty and Staff Special Recognition in Theatre Isabella Cornea
 Marie Bagby Service to AAP Award Christopher Cates
 Harold Tedford Dedication to Theatre Award Adarian Sneed and Gwyneth Lonergan
 The Bynum G. Shaw Prize in Journalism Finalists Logan M. Bolton and Lauren Talbott Berryman
 Distinguished Military Graduate Award Morgan Curtis, Robert Francis, Harrison Idol, and Ryan Kainz
 George C. Marshall Leadership Award John Hobson
 Riley Scholarship Leah Brooke Wyrick
 The Anne Boyle Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
 Stephanie Jayne Pilutti
 The Department of Sociology Community Engagement Award Caitlin Graham and Myah Hobgood
 Jack D. Fleer Scholarship Award Indea Cousin
 Academic Excellence in Engineering, Inaugural Class Claire Rosemary Griffin, Jack Gordon Holekamp,
 Dayton Craig Diemel, Liza Fahey, Gabrielle Elena Prichard,
 Adero Mizan Mandala, Ayana H Edwards, Margaret Yesutor Nyamadi,
 Charlotte Elizabeth Van Houtven, Marguerite Abaunza Walk
 Academic Excellence & Fundamentals of Engineering Excellence, Inaugural Class Lucy Vaughn, Cameron Scott King,
 Meredith Lindley Vaughn, Zhijun Zhang
 Fundamentals of Engineering Excellence, Inaugural Class Hao Tong, Hannah Kathryn Grimm, Noah Philip Handwerk,
 Henry Lyon Shaw, Nicholas Noah Rucinski, Bryan Christopher
 Bennett, Maxim Belyayev, Zachary Joseph Pagnani, John Alan Hobson,
 Andrew Travis Foreman, Jacob Edward Safee, Goran Jovanovic



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