



DAVIDSON COLLEGE

2024 Spring Convocation Award Winners

LEADERSHIP / SERVICE / GENERAL AWARDS

AGNES SENTELLE BROWN AWARD – Nasir Jean-Paul '24

Established by Dr. Mark Edgar Sentelle, former professor and dean of students at Davidson College, in memory of his sister; is presented to a sophomore, junior, or senior of outstanding character, personality, and academic ability.

BEN CALLINDER AWARD – Emma Melton '24

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

DAVIDSON ASIAN SOUTH ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER ALUMNI NETWORK AWARD – Kavi Gandhi '25, Ann Nishida '24, Jill Paquette '24, and Catherine Tadlock '24

Kavi is a junior Public Health major who is currently the co-President of South Asian Student Association. In his role, he has executed SASA's first ever Formal, and implemented "Chai Chats" - a discussion around South Asian cultures and other pertinent issues. Kavi is an active participant of the Student Initiative for Academic Diversity, Davidson Banghri and a Dean Rusk grant recipient.

Ann is a senior biology major who is currently the secretary of the Pan Asian Student Association and also a founding member of the Japanese Student Association. Throughout her time at Davidson, Ann has supported countless PASA events and has been a constant presence in PASA's leadership.

Jill is a senior biology major who is an active member of the Pan Asian Student Association, STRIDE, and Student Initiative for Academic Diversity. Throughout her time at Davidson, she has dedicated herself to building community with adoptees on campus, particularly Asian and South Asian adoptees.

Catherine is a senior environmental Sciences major and East Asian studies minor who's been an active member of the Pan Asian Student Association and an active volunteer with Davidson K-8. At Davidson K-8, Catherine has served as a tutor for Mandarin students acclimating to a new school environment. Catherine has also been a huge advocate for East Asian studies.

DAVIDSON BLACK ALUMNI NETWORK AWARD — La'Nisha Rodgers '25, Kellyn West '25, Makhia Smith '26

La'Nisha, a junior, is pursuing a major in Studio Art and a minor in Chinese Studies. From assisting on the Black Student Coalition Executive Board to volunteering at a Charlotte soup kitchen, she is committed to a life of service. In her art, she strives to shed light on the nuances of black identity and deepen her understanding of the African Diaspora. La'Nisha hopes to utilize her knowledge of Chinese as a creative consultant, serving a richly diverse clientele.

A Bonner Scholar, football player, fraternity president and Community Engagement Chair of the Black Student Coalition Executive Board, Kellyn is majoring in Communication Studies and minoring in Africana Studies. A current junior, he is a dedicated volunteer and outstanding community builder. Kellyn hopes to pursue graduate study in educational or public policy.

Makhia (Mav) Smith is a sophomore, pursuing a double major in English and Africana Studies. A powerful and creative orator who has performed at many events on and off campus, she is committed to amplifying the voices of disenfranchised communities. Mav will continue to engage in ethnographic research and public speaking through her next two years at Davidson.

DEAN RUSK INTERNATIONAL AWARD - Cooper Strauss '24

In recognition of your service promoting Dean Rusk events to shape global awareness in our campus community and beyond; in appreciation of your consistency and dedication through a time of transition; and in honor of your commitment to the understanding of international affairs at Davidson and going forward, we award you, Cooper Strauss, the 2024 Dean Rusk International Studies Award.

GEORGE GLADSTONE MEMORIAL AWARD – Italy Ramos '25 and Valeria Salgado '25

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 indicated by leadership, service and academic record. This year's recipients are Italy Ramos and Valeria Salgado.

GOODWIN-EXXON AWARD — Kenzie Leonard '24, Natalie Russell '25, and Jaliel King '26

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CHARLES MALONE RICHARDS AWARD — Gabby Valencia '25

Gabby models commitment to her own religious tradition alongside a bright curiosity and genuine respect for others. These priorities are not merely personal but have shaped Gabby's engagement with the wider campus, community, and world. Gabby has shared in the breadth and depth of religious life at Davidson. She is a servant leader who embodies justice, hospitality, and joy.

C. SHAW SMITH AWARD – Abby Regan '24

Abby Regan is this year's C Shaw Smith Award recipient for her significant contribution to the College Union throughout her time at Davidson. Over the past four years, Abby has been a consistent and joyful presence in the Student Activities Office and her artistic abilities have enlivened the Union atrium. She has served as a model for her fellow workers.

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JAMES BAKER WOODS III AWARD – Luke Durkin '25

Demonstrating outstanding professional skill, knowledge, and leadership in the Davidson Army ROTC program while balancing a rigorous collegiate sports and academic schedule. Cadet Durkin is a vital member to the ROTC organization and within the Davidson Athletic community. His dedication and selfless service has played a drastic impact. Cadet Durkin's diligence and dedication to duty reflects great credit upon the Davidson ROTC program and the United States Army. This year's James Baker Woods III Award nomination is Cadet Luke Durkin.

ATHLETIC AWARDS

TOMMY PETERS AWARD – Alex Heffner '24

Alex is the most successful player in Davidson Golf Program History. He led the Wildcats to three straight Atlantic 10 Men's Golf Conference Championships. His strong leadership and team spirit have been the drive behind the golf program over the past four years. He currently holds the Davidson records for lowest career stroke average and lowest career round (62). In 2023, Alex was named the 2023 Atlantic 10 Individual Champion and Player of the Year.

REBECCA E. STIMSON AWARD – Bella Brady '24

There aren't enough compliments to describe Bella's impact on the volleyball program over the past 4 years. Her coach, Chris Willis, describes her as the best competitor and leader that he has had the pleasure of coaching. Bella has proven to be legendary within our Davidson circles. Her career statistics and extracurricular activities within our surrounding community speak for themselves. We are proud to say that Bella has mastered what the primary purpose of Davidson College is.

PHI BETA KAPPA
ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP-IN-COURSE
2024 Inductees

Shahin Ahmadi
Konstantina Akritidou
Rachel Elizabeth Alexander-Lee
Andrew Meyer Beamer
John Conley Bogan
Pierce Talwani Bombard
Ian Joseph Brann
Meaghan Elizabeth Cadieux
Sampson Miller Cochran
Claudia Scott Craig
Sophia Alexis DeMayo
Tess Elisabeth Finke
Madeline Jean Fitzgerald
Courtney M Fortunato
Phoebe Jane Fowler
Toshaani Goel
Maria Karla Gonzalez Aguiar
Henry Lawrence Griffith
Olivia M Guarinello
Jaden Christopher Hardrick
Virginia Tumlin Heiser
Katherine Grace Herrema
Madeline Rose Holleman
Daisy Johanna Hoover
Chenruizhe Hu

Kara Lin Maxwell
Corryn Tyler McAfee
Rosemary Claire McNiff
Alexis Nicole Moore
Daniel David Mulhern
Gabriela Lise Nahm
Delario Boyette Nance, Jr.
Irina Navani
Anyia Nükhet Neumeister
Catherine Anne O'Connor
Jillian BoYu Paquette
Prithvi Singh Rai
Zoe Ahn Ren
Andrew Armstrong Rice
Laila Kamille Robinson
Nadine Elisabeth Shannon
Dvij Sharma
Shreya Bhiringol Sharma
Lillian Viola Sirover
Nora Jane Sjue
Isabel Rose Smith
Katherine Anne Spencer
Hallie Virginia Stewart
Sylvia Elise Stewart-Bates
Anthony Joseph Teixeira

Yuncong Hu
Margaret Amelia Kinton
Tavie Vera Kittredge
Nora Renée Klein
Kaitlyn Marie Lazorchak
Helena Julieta Lessne

Cole Nathan Vulpis
Katherine Elizabeth Ward
Jack Douglas Wiese
Alexandra Lee Williamson
Abigail Lillian Woodward
Ruby Rong Zhou

Runtian Zhou

2023-24 FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Critical Language Scholarship

Tiffany Haydt '24 - Korean
Virginia Heiser '24 (Alternate) - Arabic
Yutika Patel '26 - Hindi

Fulbright U.S. Student Program

Anna Baldwin '24 (Alternate) - English Teaching Assistantship, Spain
Ramsey Chaaban '24 - English Teaching Assistantship, Spain
Claudia Craig '24 (Alternate) - English Teaching Assistantship, Spain
Emma Cronan '24 - English Teaching Assistantship, Spain
Bess Pridgin '24 - English Teaching Assistantship, Guatemala
Peter Rock '24 (Alternate) - English Teaching Assistantship, Taiwan
Lillian Sirover '24 (Alternate) - University of Exeter Master's Degree Award, UK
Matthew Skolar '24 - English Teaching Assistantship, Andorra
Catherine Tadlock '24 - National Chengchi University Master's Degree Award, Taiwan
Jayla Wheeler '24 (Alternate) - English Teaching Assistantship, Taiwan

Gilman Scholarship

Ahtziri Gonsalez '25 - Mexico
Christian Rutherford '26 - Azerbaijan

Goldwater Scholarship

Isabelle Meyers '25
Kenan Wood '25

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)

Jean Beltran '24 - Life Sciences, Biochemistry

Madeline Fitzgerald '24 - Chemistry, Chemical Catalysis

Katharina Seitz '20 - Psychology, Social/Affective Neuroscience

Schwarzman Scholarship

Itziri Gonzalez Barcenas '19

Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Graduate Fellowship Program

Ryland Pitts '20

* This list only includes awards that require institutional endorsement and/or about which the Office of Fellowships was notified. Many grant offers are currently pending.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

ARAB STUDIES AWARD – Zaynab Abuhakema '24

The Arab Studies Award goes to **Zaynab Abuhakema**, president of the Middle East and North African Student Association. She has served as AT in Arabic since her Freshman year and has trained new generations of assistant teachers through the years. She always looks out for the well-being of her peers and works for peace even during the toughest of times.

SANDY BLACK MEMORIAL AWARD – Meghan Sood '25 and Matthew Krasuski '25

Juniors **Meghan Sood and Matthew Krasuski** are co-recipients of the Sandy Black Memorial Award. **Meghan's** outstanding promise as a physician scientist as revealed by her stellar academic achievement, clinical volunteer work, and research. Her dedication to excellence in all aspects of her life as well as her commitment to serving others are truly inspiring.

Matthew has shown exceptional academic ability and intellectual curiosity across our curriculum and a passion for scientific inquiry. **Matthew** consistently demonstrates traits of character, personality, leadership, and commitment to support disadvantaged individuals.

FRANZ BOAS AWARD - Mikaila Rummage '24

Mikaila Rummage exemplifies love of learning, intellectual curiosity that is purpose-driven by her advocacy for the most disenfranchised peoples, and resilient like the Palestinians and Syrians who inspire her to be a scholar-activist. **Mikaila** will be immersed in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies at UNC and has received the FLAS Fellowship by the Center for Middle East and Islamic Studies.

BREMER GERMAN LANGUAGE AWARD – Katharine Rose Kawalyshyn '24

To begin learning German as a second-year student at Davidson and to write a senior thesis in German two years later shows extraordinary dedication. For her critical sense and her insightful museological analysis of how German colonialism haunts the Humboldt Forum in Berlin, we are pleased to award the Bremer Prize in German to **Katharine Rose Kowalyshyn**. Congratulations, **Katie!**

CHINESE STUDIES AWARD – Ian Smith '24 and Catherine Tadlock '24

An outstanding student, **Ian Smith** is deeply devoted to the study of the Chinese language and Chinese culture. His professors describe him as “always willing to go the extra mile” on his assignments, and note that his contributions to class projects and discussion have enriched the learning environment.

An exceptional thinker and writer, **Catherine Tadlock** has proven to be an outstanding student both at Davidson and during her study abroad in Taiwan. She has contributed significantly to the East Asian Studies community of learners.

COMPUTER SCIENCE AWARD – Shahin Ahmadi '24, Umut Turk '24, and Delario B. Nance, Jr. '24

For **Shahin's** outstanding performance in a range of challenging classes, his service to his peers and the department via his tutoring work, and his innovative interdisciplinary thesis that uses computing to study fruit fly behavior; for **Umut's** intellectual curiosity and maturity, potential for future contributions to the field, and for dedication to building a supportive community within the department, and for **Delario's** excellence and insightfulness demonstrated in class, engagement with department life, and for showing promise for professional excellence in computing, we award these three students with the Computer Science Award.

TOM DAGGY BIOLOGY AWARD – Lilly Sirover '24 and Catherine O'Connor '24

We recognize seniors **Lilly Sirover and Catherine O'Connor** with the Tom Daggy Biology Award. **Lilly** for her outstanding academic achievements, campus engagement and leadership, her community service, and her abundant enthusiasm for exploring the complex secrets of life in all dimensions. **Catherine** exhibits an intense curiosity for the secrets of life, exhibited in her classes as well as outside the classroom conducting research investigating markers of pancreatic cancer. She is a leader on campus, spearheading initiatives such as the Gift for Life Marrow registry.

ALBERTA SMITH DEVANE RELIGIOUS STUDIES AWARD – Sarah Brown '24

We present this award to **Sarah** in recognition of her boundless creativity and dogged research, which led her to new insights about Western definitions of religious mysticism; with gratitude for her lively presence in class and ceaseless advocacy on campus for the study of religion at Davidson; and with acknowledgement of her outstanding promise as a religious studies scholar.

W. E. B. DU BOIS EXCELLENCE IN SOCIOLOGY AWARD – Lea Chen '24

This award goes to a student whose senior honors thesis uses mixed methods – both a survey and interviews – to study coming out narratives, with a focus on queer of color experiences. For your innovation, creativity, and analytical savvy, the Du Bois Award goes to **Lea Chen**.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD – Ty Cryan '24, Grace Rooker '24, and Nora Sjue '24

We honor this year's Environmental Studies Outstanding Senior award recipients for their ground-breaking interdisciplinary scholarship and dedication to social justice. Each has demonstrated impressive leadership, maturity, independence, and ethics as they connect their intellectual and academic projects to wider community-based initiatives. Whether in archives, clinics, streams, or corn fields, they inspire others with their joy and passion for the environment.

MONDE FRANCOPHONE AWARD – Alexandra Williamson '24, Kara Maxwell '24, and Cece Woo '24

For their outstanding academic performance in all their classes, for working on fascinating theses and being fantastic ATs, **Alexandra, Kara, and Cece's** talent, performance and enthusiasm for French & Francophone Studies is contagious. They are examples for all their peers. Félicitations, **Alexandra, Kara, and Cece!**

JOSEPH T. GARDNER THEATRE AWARD – Zayna Abuhakema '24

Whether on stage or off, as part of the Social Justice Theatre Troupe, as an influential advocate for the causes about which she's passionate, **Zayna Abuhakema** has made community building a central part of her life at Davidson. With this award, we recognize the myriad ways in which our department has been strengthened through **Zayna's** selfless service to her fellow students.

WILLIAM B. HIGHT, JR. EDUCATIONAL STUDIES AWARD – Abby Regan '24

Established by colleagues, alumni, and friends in the memory of William B Hight, founder and longtime chair of the Department of Education, to recognize an outstanding student in Educational Studies. Congratulations, **Abby!**

MUNDO HISPÁNICO (THE HISPANIC STUDIES) AWARD – Anya Newmeister '24

Recognized scholar, charismatic leader-advocate, Hispanic Studies mentor and tutor whose thirst for diverse and new knowledges, spoken argumentation, and critical thinking embrace a just humanistic approach to issues, situations, problems, people and diverse communities. Impactful presence, humility, and generosity of spirit, intentionally building inclusive, meaningful, and respectful communities in our campus.

Immense gratitude to our **Anya Neumeister**, Mundo Hispánico Awardee

DOUGLAS HOUCHENS STUDIO ART AWARD – Evie Mulhern '25

A double major in computer science and art, **Evie's** artwork is a riot of color and pattern, that provides a creative outlet for processing her anxieties. Through gradient confetti brush strokes and whimsical squiggles, her creations seem to take on a life of their own, interacting, hiding, and clustering. Her work encourages us all to take play a little more seriously.

DAVID HALBERT HOWARD, JR. CHEMISTRY AWARD – Henry Chesley-Vogels '25

Henry has excelled in his major coursework with his skills in problem solving and data analysis. As a junior, he has been comfortable across the breadth of the chemistry curriculum – from organic and analytical to physical chemistry as well as polymers. Not just a chemist, **Henry** is also pursuing a music minor and participates in multiple vocal ensembles.

LUCILE AND MAX JACKSON AWARD IN ART HISTORY – Sarah Willoughby '25

Sarah Willoughby has excelled as an art history student, showcasing remarkable academic progress through rigorous critical analysis, innovative museum studies, and leadership in collaborative projects. Her dedication to exploring diverse perspectives in art and commitment to inclusive museum practices distinguish her as a promising scholar in her field.

THE KEISER PRIZE IN ENGLISH FOR CLASSICAL PERFORMANCE – Rachel Alexander-Lee '25

If you want to see the look of utter joy, watch **Rachel Alexander-Lee's** face when she's discussing Shakespeare performance, leading the Shakespeare workshop called The Bard, directing a play like Twelve Ophelias, or rehearsing with the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Lob her a question about a play, and watch her face light up and break into a smile. Then listen.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES PRIZE – Casey Planta '24 and Melissa Santos-Castañon '24

Besides studying abroad in Ecuador, **Casey** has served as an intern for the Latin American News Digest, employing her language and translation skills to make current events throughout the Americas more accessible to North American audiences. Her intellectual curiosity and concern for inter-ethnic relations and justice for women in Argentina demonstrate her broad interdisciplinary interests. **Melissa**, who studied abroad in Peru, is a cultural translator who seeks to use her formidable social skills to create cohesion and dialogue within different groups on Davidson's campus. She seeks to use her formidable social skills to create cohesion and dialogue within different groups on Davidson's campus.

HENRY T. LILLY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH – Michael Chapin '24

Across fifteen English courses in which he consistently excelled, **Michael Chapin** developed a singular critical and creative voice that resonates through his Honors' thesis exploring the conceptualization of whiteness in America for Vietnamese children adopted by American families. His intellectual fearlessness and originality, and his commitment to expository adventure, make him the ideal Lilly award recipient.

WILLIAM G. MCGAVOCK MATHEMATICS AWARD – Ivy Keegan Stump '24 and Johnny Rivera, Jr. '24

In recognition of **Ivy Keegan's** impressively creative and independent mathematical research and excellent coursework in mathematics, we award the William G. McGavock Award to **Ivy Keegan Stump**. For **Johnny's** research contributions to enumerative combinatorics and his commitment to education, service work, and expanding access to mathematics, we award the William G. McGavock Award to **Johnny Rivera, Jr.**

SALLY G. MCMILLEN GENDER & SEXUALITY STUDIES PRIZE – Isabel Smith '24

For your impressive capstone project on queer dream houses; for your dedication to studying womanhood, motherhood, and girlhood; for your richly syncretic thinking and stylish prose; and for your intellection and imagination, we award you, **Isabel Smith**, the Sally G. McMillen Prize in Gender and Sexuality Studies.

A.K. PHIFER AWARD IN ECONOMICS – Sam Sheng '26, Jack Bogan '24, and Trung Nguyen '25

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 – Dvij Sharma '24

Like Terbium-155's potential for SPECT 3D imaging, this year's recipient has impressive potential for impact on the future of medical physics. Having a truly SPECT-acular academic record, dedication to the department as a highly sought after grader, and participation in medical physics research opportunities that are dedicated to the greater good, **Dvij Sharma** is presented with the 2024 Physics Award.

W. KENDRICK PRITCHETT AWARD IN CLASSICS – Alexa Montgomery '24

The W. Kendrick Pritchett Award is presented to **Alexa Montgomery** for distinguishing herself as a student of ancient Greek and Latin, for exceeding the call of duty as an Apprentice Teacher, and for producing an outstanding and original senior research paper that explores how two early Christian writers adapted the Greek physician Galen's understanding of mental illness.

J. HARRIS PROCTOR AWARD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE – Anya Neumeister '24 and Kate Spencer '24

Anya is not only an exceptionally strong student but also a team player who is always willing to support her peers with kindness and generosity. **Kate** has played a vital role as a teaching assistant for our methods course and has been an outstanding co-author alongside our faculty members. We are thrilled to award the J. Harris Proctor Award in Political Science to **Anya and Kate**.

RICHARD ROSS MEMORIAL MUSIC AWARD – Feiyang Liu '24

The Richard Ross Memorial Music Award, presented to a senior music major, honors Richard Ross, who was an internationally celebrated organist, a gifted teacher, and a dedicated Presbyterian Church musician. This year's recipient is **Feiyang Liu**, a talented and versatile composer, jazz guitarist, and musicologist who will be the first person to receive the Welsh composition award and the Hallmark essay award in addition to this Ross award.

RAWLEY P. TURNER DRAMA AWARD – Mav Smith '26 and Hollis Plexico '24

As Raylynn in Dominique Morisseau's *Blood at the Root*, **Mav Smith** captivated audiences in a

powerhouse performance. For her layered, brave, and emotionally charged portrayal, we are honored to present **Mav** with this acting award.

As trailblazing editor Alice Murphy in *Bright Star*, **Hollis Plexico** was required to navigate a challenging emotional roller-coaster of a journey, spanning more than two decades of pain, perseverance, and joy. The Department of Theatre is proud to recognize the complexity, nuance, and astounding skill which **Hollis** brought to each moment of this performance with the Turner Award for Acting.

TURNER-MARTINEZ COMMUNICATION STUDIES AWARD - Aaron Warren '24

The Turner-Martinez award recognizes a student who engages communication as a dynamic, powerful process in the world, and who collaboratively elevates their peer communities.

Aaron engages diverse audiences as an exceptional scholar-athlete and within his hometown as an inspirational public speaker. He is a deep thinker, making critical connections between his coursework and the real world while unapologetically challenging pre-existing scholarship.

PORTER VINSON CHEMISTRY AWARD – Yuxin Xu '26

Yuxin, whom many of us know as **Wendy**, has distinguished herself through her intense curiosity. She has enjoyed wonderful success in her courses as she works through the department's foundational material. As one professor noted, “she has an unquenchable thirst for knowledge” and seeks out reading materials that go above and beyond the classroom content.

DANIEL BLAIN WOODS AWARD – Ronasia Duprat '25 and Lacy E. Sheppard '25

We present this award to Ronasia Duprat and Lacy Sheppard. We acknowledge Ro for her remarkable achievements in academics, leadership, and service. She is a testament of unwavering commitment to the well-being of others, gives impactful leadership on campus, and demonstrates a “heart” for medicine. **Lacy** demonstrates her desire and mission to help people, advocates for patients to be understood, and provides a meaningful patient care experience.

WILLIAM GATEWOOD WORKMAN PSYCHOLOGY AWARD – Maeve Mullady Corcoran '24

Maeve has been an invaluable member of the psychology department throughout her career, consistently excelling in both the classroom and laboratory. Her outstanding thesis research makes meaningful real-world connections, with the potential to benefit students on Davidson’s campus. The department is thrilled to honor her with this award for her many valuable contributions to its mission.

OMICRON DELTA KAPPA RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

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

2023-2024 OMICRON DELTA KAPPA MEMBERS

Nathanael Bagonza '24*	Mackenzie Morris '24*
Anika Banerjee '24*	Anya Neumeister '24*
Pierce Bombard '24*	Catherine O'Connor '24
Isabella Brady '24	Jo Papadopoulou '25*
Ian Brann '24*	Jillian Paquette '24
Maeve Corcoran '24*	Hollis Plexico '24
Katherine Herrema '24*	Laila Robinson '24
Jalyssa Hobbs '25*	Annabelle Ross '24
MaKenzie Leonard '24	Lillian Sirover '24*
Ian Macel '24*	Amelia Solum '25*
Corryn McAfee '24*	Meghan Sood '25*

Taw Meh '25*	
<i>*New Inductee</i>	

Circle Coordinator: Nadia Campbell, Director of Chidsey Leadership

Circle Advisor: Walter Snipes, Assistant Dean of Students & Director of Residence Life

Circle Assistant: Tracy Bourgeois

Faculty Inductee: Dr. Kevin Smith

Staff Inductee: Jasmine Peters

Honorary Inductee: Dr. Alesha Bond

2024 ODK TEACHING AWARD Dr. Deborah Thurtle-Schmidt

Dr. Thurtle-Schmidt, a genuinely extraordinary professor in the Biology and Genomics departments, leads innovative courses with unparalleled enthusiasm and deep expertise, mentoring numerous lab and RISE students. She inspires every Biology major and actively fosters open dialogue, allowing students to voice questions and share their perspectives. and encourages every student to voice their questions and share their diverse perspectives.

2024 ODK STAFF AWARD Ms. Clare Hare-Grogg

Davidson's Health Educator, Clara Hare-Grogg, possesses a passion for and knowledge of our student body that drives her work. She has tremendously increased the visibility of health education resources and works tirelessly to support all Davidson students. She epitomizes leadership. She advocates for students' well-being by empowering them with the information necessary to succeed on campus and beyond.

2024 ODK COMMUNITY AWARD Dr. Dick Hay

Dr. Hay currently serves on the Animal Care Committee at Davidson College *and* works with Continuing the Mission to provide top-tier care to service animals in training. For over 20+ years, Dr. Hay mentored and supported pre-veterinary students. Additionally, he serves as a member of the Davidson Housing Coalition, impacting those within the entire Davidson community.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

2024 SGA FACULTY AWARD – Dr. Chris Marsicano

“All that you hope for in a college professor. Dr. Marsicano is a mentor and role model who is incredibly invested in his students' personal and professional growth. He not only cares about what his students get out of his classes but prioritizes how they are doing outside of them. His office door is always open to offer guidance, support, and endless encouragement. He is ready to go to war for his students, helping them in any way he possibly can. College is easier when you have a professor who believes in you so fervently and, more importantly, lets you know it. Dr. Marsicano's enthusiasm about education policy is contagious, making 3-hour lecture classes feel like mere minutes. His classes focus not on grades or exams but truly center on growth. He challenges us to think critically, to question our preconceptions, and to explore the depths of our understanding. Yet, he does so with such patience that it can make even the most stubborn students open their minds to new ideas. You can't graduate from Davidson without taking one of his classes, and if you have, then you should at least go follow his very active Twitter page. Dr. Marsicano's impact reaches far beyond academia, leaving an everlasting imprint on each student fortunate enough to cross paths with him.”

2024 SGA HOLISTIC ADVISING AWARD – Kaylee Linthicum

This staff member's guidance as a holistic advisor cannot be overstated. In what is certainly a nerve-wracking yet exciting time in a student's life, she is always enthusiastic in giving expert advice to students regarding course selection and social endeavors. Even after her students have declared their major, she remains open as ever to lending guidance and

serving as a helping hand. A holistic advisor is a student's first connection to a staff member at Davidson, and no one deserves this award more than Ms. Kaylee Linthicum. Congratulations!

Additional Honors and Award Winners Spring 2024

ADDITIONAL AWARDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

WILMER HAYDEN WELSH PRIZE IN COMPOSITION – Steffen Kulp '23

The 2024 Welsh Prize goes to Steffen Kulp ('23) for his orchestral composition: *Le Mariage Rouge*. In the composer's words, "This piece, combining my love of music and history, tells the story of France's Henry II, a king who met his untimely end during a jousting match meant to celebrate his daughter's marriage." Brilliantly orchestrated, Steffen's heart-rending melodies wrapped in an intensely emotional harmonic palette poignantly memorialize this historical event and remind us of the vulnerability of the human condition.

RUFUS HALLMARK WRITING AWARD – Feiyang Liu '24

Seminars are spaces in which students grapple with material, often dense, expansive, and boundary-pushing. They find themselves trying theoretical concepts from various subdisciplines on for size. And, as a professor, it is exciting to witness seminar students grow confident and find their voice over the course of the semester. One student in particular took to musicology, had his paper accepted and presented at the American Musicological Society-Southeast, and is co-authoring a paper for publication with me in a peer-reviewed journal. Remarkable of his presentation at AMS-SE, Annegret Fauser (Professor Emeritus at UNC-Chapel Hill and veteran musicologist) remarked that this student "is brilliant. He thinks like a musicologist and it's clear just how much he's learned from you. He needs to be

a musicologist.” His paper questions the function of added silences in popular music. He asks how this silence contributes to perceptions of (in)authenticity, especially in regard to machine-learning recreations of posthumous voices. Feiyang is a testament to the process of revision, to steady incremental progress over the course of the semester. Through musicology, he has become more comfortable with and more confident in himself.

STEINWAY AWARD – Chloe Wang ‘27

The Steinway Award recognizes outstanding performance, musicianship, and artistic and academic scholarship. As a top music scholarship recipient and winner of the 2023 Concerto Competition, this year’s recipient, Chloe Wang, gave a stunning performance of Pablo de Sarasate’s Gypsy Airs. Her unwavering technique and artistry throughout rehearsals with the Davidson College Symphony Orchestra resulted in a poised and stellar performance on par with seasoned professionals.

ADDITIONAL AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

JANE ADDAMS JUNIOR SOCIOLOGY AWARD – Sophia Ludt ‘23

The Jane Addams Junior Sociology Award goes to Sophia Ludt. As a junior, Sophia has already presented her research at two sociology conferences, as a sophomore a quantitative study on support for universal healthcare and as a junior a qualitative study on coming out in South Africa.

ADDITIONAL AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF NEUROSCIENCE

DR. CHARLES RICHARDSON “BUDDY” MARTIN, JR. OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD IN NEUROSCIENCE – Corryn McAfee ‘24

This award recognizes students who share in the love of study and research in the neurosciences demonstrated by Dr. Buddy Martin, Class of 1988, whose memory we honor with this award. This year’s award goes to Corryn McAfee for superlative research in neuroscience.