

HONORS

CONVOCATION

April 30, 2025



SPRING HONORS CONVOCATION

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PRELUDE: *In Thee is Gladness, Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens*

Andrew Lamb, organist
Conservatory of Music

CHIMES

*WELCOME & INVOCATION

Dr. Philip G. Ryken
President

*OPENING HYMN: *All Glory Be to Christ*

Ellie Hazard, Silas Kyun, Mariana Moore, Thomas Ban,
Knox Trainor, Franklin McMahan

*SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 25:4-5 (NIV)

Dr. Carrie Williams
Associate Dean, Student Wellness

ANNOUNCEMENT OF HONORS AND AWARDS

Dr. Karen An-hwei Lee
Provost

SCHOLASTIC HONOR SOCIETY PRESENTATIONS

Dr. John Vessey
President, Scholastic Honor Society

J. RICHARD CHASE AWARD

Dr. Kenneth Chase
Vice Chair of the Faculty

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDS

Jerard Woods '12
Alumni Association President

WILLIAM F. AND RUTH BELL GRAHAM AWARDS

Dr. Philip G. Ryken

GIESER PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

Ben Han (posthumous)

FACULTY PROMOTION AND RETIREMENT

Dr. Karen An-hwei Lee

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Dr. Karen An-hwei Lee

*BENEDICTION

Dr. Peter Jantsch
Chair, Scholastic Honor Society Subcommittee

POSTLUDE: *Allegro Maestoso, Felix Mendelssohn*

Andrew Lamb, organist

*Please stand.

HONORS AND AWARDS 2024-2025

ANNOUNCED AWARDS

J. Richard Chase Award	Ethan Zimmerman
Alumni Association Senior Scholarship Awards	Gracie Chen Sam Fleischer Nate Lee Anna Ritzema
William F. and Ruth Bell Graham Awards	Ainsley Serfass Elijah Fish

AEQUITAS FELLOWS PROGRAM

Aequitas Fellows Urban Leadership	*Annie Anderson *Noah Chung *Thian Dim *Alexis Goddard *Katie Lark	*Kiki Nau *Nathan Pandolfo *Emilia Skrabacz *Zachary Welch
Aequitas Fellows Sustainability	*Drew Moreno	

ANTHROPOLOGY, SOCIOLOGY, AND URBAN STUDIES

Ivan J. Fahs Student Paper Award	First Place – *Eliana Ziman Second Place – *Elinor Hiller
Alpha Kappa Delta, The National Sociology Honor Society	*Casey Gupta *Jocelyn Hewitt *Audrey Kayser
Lambda Alpha, The National Anthropology Honor Society	David Ford *Elinor Hiller *Evangeline Hoskins *Patrick Melo Sarah Norbeck Alexa Reed *Whitney Stanley *Eliana Ziman

ART

Linda Larson Bergwall Memorial Scholarship	Carys Davis
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John Walford Art History Scholarship

Jonah Noyes

Carol Koelsch Appleton Endowed Scholarship in Studio Art

Eliya Wolf

Timothy R. Botts Honorary Art Scholarship

TBA

BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Baker Book Award

*Annika C. T. Currell
Abraham I. Rawlings
*Owen H. Rittgers
*Ethan J. Zimmerman

Religions of the World Certificate

*Blake H. Rittgers
*Whitney Stanley

Wheaton Center for Early Christian Studies Certificate

*Owen H. Rittgers

Departmental Honors

*Addison D. Ream
*Anna-Austin A. Wellman

Theta Alpha Kappa
National Honor Society for Religious Studies
and Theology

William Mansell Amos
Kathryn M. Baxter
**Nathan Belsley*
*Bryan W. Chen
Grace M. Chen
Melody T. Cooper
*Annika C. T. Currell
*Hallie A. Davis
**Trevor M. Donna*
Andrew P. Essary
**Charlotte H Fawcett*
*Andre-Ross K. Gennette
**Heiby Y. Hidalgo Blanco*
*Hannah Lape
**Deirdre G. Liddle*

Matthew D. Manu
**Holly A. Nassif*
**Hannah G. Poole*
*Owen H. Rittgers
Eden C. Rodriguez
**Alison J. Schoonover*
*Evan M. Schuster
Tess C. Seay
Aiden J. Stafford
**Matthew B. Trotti*
**Evangeline R. Turnbull*
*Anna-Austin A. Wellman
*Elijah D. Zderad
*Eliana Ziman
**Ethan J. Zimmerman*

BIOLOGICAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Department Senior Leadership Award

*Gloria Grace Poland

Department Teaching Assistant Award

Brianna A. Zoerner
Ava C. Knight

The Raymen and Ruth Johnston Family Endowed Scholarship

Linus E. Kennedy

(* designates Senior status)
(New Inductees in Italics)

Russell L. Mixer Prize and Medal in Biology

*Lauren O. Chang
*McKenna M. Oyen

David S. Bruce Memorial Student Research Award

*Lorien G. Walker
*Meghan H. Cavanagh

BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Business and Economics Outstanding Student Award

Eleanor Hornok

C. William Pollard Award for Business and the Liberal Arts

*Lucy Chapman

Col. John L. Robertson USAF Scholarship Award

Cole Schminski

David G. Robb Business and Economics Endowed Scholarship

Tyler Collison, Andrew Essary, Joshua Farrell
Drew Hertel, Jedidiah Marriott

Linda and Seth Norton Scholarship

*Cassandra Duehring

Bruce Howard Endowed Scholarship

*Cristina Ding

Dr. Norman J. Ewert Business/Economics Travel Fund for
International Study

*Savannah Jeffery, Jessica Martiny,
*Mia Reinhard

CENTER FOR URBAN ENGAGEMENT

Legal Summer Fellowship

Rebekah Blocker
Faith Hollister
Kirsten Lim
Azana Mack
AC Wilson
Jack Zhang

CENTER FOR VOCATION AND CAREER

James M. Lane Outdoor Leadership Scholarship (Deerfoot)

Edward Weaver
Caleb Todd

CHEMISTRY

American Chemical Society Certificate

*Isaac Herzeg—ACS in Chemistry

American Institute of Chemists Award

*Isaac Herzeg

Bernard A. Nelson Prize for Organic Chemistry

Kate Michael

Paul M. Wright Prize and Medal for Physical Chemistry

*Isaac Herzeg
(* designates Senior status)
(New Inductees in *Italics*)

The Donald Ebeling Scholarship

*Chris Whelan
Sam Schutz
*Kate Westphal

Award for Top General Chemistry Student

Joshua Brown

CHRISTIAN FORMATION AND MINISTRY

James G. Dixon, Jr. Internship Award

Sarah Thelander and Ashley Seymour

The Society of Professors in Christian Ministry Scholastic Award

*Kait Gray

Christian Formation and Ministry Alumni Scholarship

Kristi Yu

Lois LeBar Award in Christian Formation and Ministry

*Mattie (Gulley) Barber

Mary LeBar Award in Christian Formation and Ministry

*Jessica Connors

Lawrence O. Richard Award

*Alexandra Ramirez

COMMUNICATION

Lambda Pi Eta National
Communication Honor Society

Jordan Rene Benford
*Emily Grace Cooper
Emma Louise Carrington
*Christian Jonathan Dedrick
Natalie Beth Conrad
*Grant Christian Dutro
Emily Ariana Facanha
Adaliah Esther Gonzalez
Lydia Grace Hill
*Phoebe Joy Jeske

*Linnea Lee Johnston
Philip Reed Kendall
Stephanie Qian Lu Kishi
Janet Grace Kondo
Eliana Joy Ruth
Magdalena Joy Sandberg
*Evan Micah Schuster
Julia Grace Stauffer
*Anna-Austin A Wellman
*Rome M Williams

Pi Kappa Delta Honor Society in
Forensics

Edward Bleker
Ava-Marie Cheeseman
Daisy Delgado
*Josiah Farfan
Moriah Fleming
*Adam Fugere
*Samantha Ferreira

Isaiah Harold
*Miriam O'Bert
*Julia Rappaport
Karissa Stahl
Aidan Underwood
Lydia Wiesenauer
Jeanie Zhang

CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

FACULTY AWARDS

The Presser Foundation Scholarship

Zakary Reynolds

(* designates Senior status)
(New Inductees in Italics)

The Stella Russell Scholarship in Music	Jadyn Cook Alethea Ingram Ian McCann
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The Stella Russell Conservatory Class Awards	Junior Class – Elijah Koopman Sophomore Class – Theo Doerfler Freshman Class – Blaine DeWeber
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The B. Falkenberg Fogg Scholarship	Ashton Davies
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MUSIC EDUCATION AWARDS

The Pirsein Family Music Education Scholarship	Catherine Hartrim-Lowe
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The Virginia Stoner Scholarship	Kathryn O’Connor
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VOICE AWARDS

The Dr. H. William Nordin Voice Scholarship	Thomas DeFisher
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The Thomas Wilcox Voice Scholarship	Krystal Curtiss
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The Margarita Evans Vocal Award	Thomas DeFisher
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The Loraine Tallakson Searfoss Prize	Esther Brown
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The Ranney Family Vocal Performance Scholarship	Thomas DeFisher
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STRING AWARDS

The Lawrence Foster Memorial String Scholarship	Landon Ngo
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The Alfred Green Student Prize	Caleb Watson
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KEYBOARD AWARDS

The Evalin Endowed Scholarship	Alethea Ingram
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The John & Ruth Deitsch Fisher Music Fund	Alethea Ingram
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COMPOSITION AWARDS

The Josephine Halvorsen Memorial Composition Prize	John Hall
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The Composition Competition Award	Luke Hochstetler
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OTHER AWARDS & COMPETITIONS

The Percussion Award	Jackson Durbin
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(New Inductees in Italics)

The James & Sarah Williams Scholarship	Mara Harrington William Larsen
The Class of 1987 Endowed Scholarship	Justin Hill Caleb Alexander
The Ben Heppner Prize	Jadyn Cook
The Concerto Competition Area Winners	Winds: Ashton Davies Strings: Jadyn Cook Voice: Reilly Roman Keyboard: Theo Doerfler
The Chamber Music Area Competition Winners	Mari Jo Downing Bethany McClatchey Abby Douglas Annelise Avery

EDUCATION

Dorothy B. Dixon Merit Scholarship	Anna Gijer
Astrid and Raymond Nerhus Merit Education Scholarship	*Lilliana Coyle
Egeland Scholarship	Maggie Taylor Grace Johnson
The Fadenrecht Memorial Scholarship	Shea Schultz Emma Brown Grace Mraz Krystal Curtiss Emma Carrington
Wayne "Coach" Gordon Scholarship	Alexis Soukup
Ann Haskins Special Education Scholarships	Hannah Bruxvoort Hannah Tompkins Lucy Zhao Linnea Diersen Laura Gromala Emily Futch
Ruth Berg Leedy Excellence in Education Fund	Ainsley Serfass
McClendon-Ewert Memorial Scholarships	Abby Karls Ben Zimmerman
Timothy Education Scholarship Fund	Jake Waldinger Michaela Graves

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	Maggie King Lucy Anderson
Robert Locke Cooke Memorial Scholarship	Delaney Duffy
Elizabeth Kouwe Memorial Fund	Hayoung Byun
Gunzburger Education Scholarship	Returning – Trent Gabrielle Rising Jr – Gracie Lee MAT – *Kendra Reimer

ENGLISH

Lowell-Grabill Creative Writing Contest	Fiction First Place – Tayla Byrd Second Place – Gabe Holton Third Place – Anna McCoy
	Creative Non-Fiction First Place – Gabe Holton Second Place – Magnolia Smoak Third Place – Tayla Byrd
	Poetry First Place – Claudia Maxson Second Place – Maya Collins Third Place – Ella Alencar
James G. Jameson Critical Essay Contest	First Place – Maggie Taylor Second Place – Jonathan Porteous Honorable Mention – Clara Malek Honorable Mention – Hailey Pitcher Honorable Mention – Abbi Rinkenberger
The Roger Lundin Memorial Scholarship	Carter Conrady
Sigma Tau Delta English Honors Society	<i>Caleigh Albani</i> <i>Mateo Anderson</i> *Noelle Backode *Talya Byrd *Bryan Chen <i>Elizabeth Clawson</i> <i>Linnea Diersen</i> *Chloe DuBois *Grant Dutro *Elizabeth Eichin Kyla Forest <i>Katharine Frigstad</i> <i>Bailey Garrison</i> <i>Frances Kendziera</i> *Deirdre Liddle Anna McCoy <i>Kathryn Michael</i> <i>Madeline Mote</i> Peter Nesse *Catherine Newcity Emma Patel *Alison Schoonover Jillian Sherwin Dacia Smith *Jonathan Starr Abigail Steensland

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(New Inductees in Italics)

Acacia Grim
Cari Hochstetler
Christa Holes

**Ashley Swaner*
**Matthew Trotti*
**Abigail Wehler*

E. Beatrice Baston Shakespeare Essay Contest

will be updated after finals

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

John Muir Outstanding Senior Award

**Ruth Rendall*

GEOLOGY

Gerald Haddock Outstanding Geology Senior Award

**Megan Noble*

HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Ruth Kraft Strohschein Scholarship

Louisa Brorson

The Great Physician Scholarship

Emelyn Jong
Samuel Schutz

Sugarbaker Endowed Scholarship

Anna Hammer
Daniel Choung

Mesko Family Merit Scholarship

Samuel Schutz

Amsler Pre-Med Scholarship

Emelyn Jong

McKenna Family Urban Scholarship

Audrey Salladin

The Class of '65 Global Health Internship Scholarship

Zoe Yu
Sydney Chung

HISTORY

Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society

**Rebecca M. Caven*
Elizabeth G. Clawson
**Benjamin C. Fox*
**Ethan A. Henderson*
**Sasha T. Hommes*
Ryan C. Kemmetmueller

Claire R. McLeod
**Jack D. Murphy*
Eden C. Rodriguez
Clara R. Rudolph
**Samuel M. Westra*
Olivia M. Wiebe

Harold C. Smith Essay Contest:

First Place – Clara Malek
Second Place - Logan Maxwell
Third Place - Olivia Wiebe
Runner-Up - Rome Williams
Runner-Up - **Keara Caragher*

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MATHEMATICS/COMPUTER SCIENCE

Award for Excellence in Computer Science	*Niklas Anderson
Angeline J. Brandt Memorial Award for Excellence in Mathematics	*Joshua Piazza
Award for Excellence in Secondary Education	*Kendra Reimer
Bonnie Brabenec Memorial Scholarship	Sarah Quintanilla
Goetz Scholarship in Mathematics	Daniel Olson

MILITARY SCIENCE

To be Commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army	Rebekah Belonga *Braden Borger *Jonathan Contreras Natnael Hamilton Jacob Oliva Andrew Partyka Abigail Schupbach Jacob Snell *Nicholas Shafer
Distinguished Military Graduates	*Braden Borger *Jonathan Contreras *Nicholas Shafer
Department of the Army Superior Cadet Award	Freshman – Barron Smith Sophomore – Colton Austin Junior – Bailey Miller (North Central) Senior – Abigail Schupbach
Senior Leadership Award	Jonathan Contreras
Junior Leadership Award	Lance Otremba
Sophomore Leadership Award	Aiden Wakefield
Freshman Leadership Award	Aubrey Swanson

MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

C. Hassell Bullock Award for Excellence in Hebrew	Brittany Funk
Hawthorne Scholarship	*Steven Preston

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Violet Bergquist Scholarship
(French or Spanish majors preparing either to teach or to use
French or Spanish in Christian service)

Anna Mares
Stephanie Kanavas

Carol J. Kraft Award (German Studies Program)

*Clayton Weaver

Department Honors (Classical Languages)

*Annika Currell
*Bram Rawlings
*Steven Preston

Edie Shaffer Memorial German Studies Scholarship

*Catarina Mendes
Cooper Swain
*Tab Clark
*Isaac Herzeg
Tavinya Taylor
Timothy Mullins
Jakob Hildebrandt

Dr. Helmut W. Ziefle Award (German Studies Program)

Karenn Henneker

Eta Beta Rho
National Scholastic Honor Society for Students of Hebrew
Language and Culture

*Bradley Allgire
Caris Donley
*Adam Fugere
Madison Keim
Katherine Oliver
Amy (Enmei) Zhang
*Annie Anderson
*Annika Kaba)

Lydia Talbott
Abraham Rawlings
Anna Armstrong
Aram Mesina
Melody Cooper
Anna Puckett
John Kiso

Liselotte Lenz Shuster German Studies Scholarship

Claire Haskell

Sigma Delta Pi
National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society

Sydni Armstrong
Claire Barlar
*Anna Black
Corinna Choi
*Luke Engstrom
*Emma Franklin
Lily Groves
Brooke Hansen
Abby Lawson
Lily Lebo
Anabel LeVan
Peggy Nellesen
Abby Nieves
*Bailey Noah
Gracyn Oelke

Kamryn Pfeffer
Morgan Reeves
Ava Schaafsma
Dacia Smith
*Jocelyn Song
Joshua Sprinkle
*Natalie Steffy
Meredith Taylor
Kate Tukiendorf
Evangeline Turnbull
Jonathan Valliere
Katelyn Valliere
*Abby Wells
*Maggie Williams

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PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy Essay Contest First Prize	Caleb Inman and Christopher Kempen	
Philosophy Essay Contest Second Prize	*Ethan Zimmerman	
Phi Sigma Tau	* <i>Lucy Chapman</i>	*Zachariah Philip
National Honor Society in Philosophy	* <i>Micailyn Geyer</i>	*Hannah Poole
	<i>Caleb Inman</i>	*Steven Preston
	<i>Joshua Kannard</i>	*Noah Thellman
	<i>John Wesley Kiso</i>	*Aiden West
	<i>Grace Lindner</i>	* <i>Ethan Zimmerman</i>
	*Priscilla Logan	

PHYSICS AND LIBERAL ARTS ENGINEERING

Homer G. and Blanche C. Benton Scholarship	Christopher Herasimovich Josiah Rood	
Joseph Spradley Outstanding Physics Student Award	*Wes McAuley *Julia Nordstrom *Kyle Schauer	
Physics Merit Scholarship	Ellie Dryden Maia Peterson Samuel Schutz	
Wheaton Engineering Scholars Award	Samuel Brekken Sophia Ndjerareou Amanda Posthuma	
William Lewis Shuster Jr. Engineering Scholarship	Isaac Eilmes	
Thomas H. Milbourne '79 Engineering Scholarship	Sophia Ndjerareou	
Sigma Pi Sigma	*Logan Grove Nathaniel Tarullo	
Departmental Honors Program	*Logan Grove	

POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Doug Beers Scholarship	Megan Heydt	
Bud Kellstedt Scholarship for Religion and Politics	Keagen Leeman	
Pi Sigma Alpha National	*Joy Aska	*Bella Kephart
Political Science Honor Society	*Rebekah Belonga	Emily Knaption
	*Rebecca Caven	*Hannah Lape

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*Noah Chung	*Elliot Lim
*Garrett Ellis	*Franklin McMahan
*Zoe Field	*Anna Moore
*Acadia Fitzpatrick	*Holly A. Nassif
*Ben Fox	*Miriam O'Bert
*Aydin Henderson	Zoe Pritts
*Poppy Hendrickson-Hoersting	*Alison Schoonover
*Emma Howes	*Lizzie Stone
*Karis Hsu	*Marie Tako
*Elisabeth Jacobs	*Zachary Welch
*Grayson Jang	*Maggie Williams
*Aiden Kang	*Meg Wolfe

PSYCHOLOGY

Psi Chi International Honor Society

*Noelle Backode	*Alana Peters
<i>Kathryn Baxter</i>	<i>Kamryn Pfeffer</i>
<i>Molly Holbert</i>	<i>Samuel Raedeke</i>
<i>Dionntai Holyfield</i>	*Owen Rittgers
*Yiseul Kim	Abigail Schupbach
*Deirdre Liddle	<i>Abby Smith</i>
<i>Jeffrey Master</i>	Rachel M. Smith
*Junho Na	Meredith Taylor
<i>Peggy Nellesen</i>	Isabelle Thom
<i>David Nussbaum</i>	Reilly Thompson
<i>Gracyn Oelke</i>	Arwyn Wisley

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SCHOLASTIC HONOR SOCIETY – Class of 2025
(All Seniors)

Marie Elisabeth Ashworth	Math with Pure Math, Music
Ruby Jane Bartmess	Christian Formation & Ministry, Art History
Luke Sidney Bothun	Economics
Ellie Suzanne Cardozo	Business Economics
Lauren Olivia Chang	Biology
Annika Christine Tollefson Currell	Classical Languages
Grant Christian Dutro	Communication-Media Studies, Economics
Lulu Olivia Franke	Studio Art
Jillian Elise Hannah	German Studies
Poppy Genevieve Hendrickson-Hoerstring	International Relations, French
Isaac Christopher Herzeg	Chemistry
Emma Faith Howes	Political Science
Ashlyn Noel Jacobs	English
Hannah Lynn Lape	Political Science
Daniel Josiah Larimer	Liberal Arts Engineering
Hasun Suk Lee	Elementary Education
Jordan Joonsu Lee	Computer Science
Deirdre Gwynne Liddle	Psychology
Franklin Jennings McMahan	International Relations, Music
Anna Elizabeth Miesse	Elementary Education
Julia Angeline Nordstrom	Physics, Math with Pure Math
Gloria Grace Poland	Applied Health Science
Steven Clyde Preston	Philosophy, Classical Languages
Zakary Mikael Reynolds	Music Performance
Annika Sadie Richardson	Spanish, Secondary Education
Owen Helgens Rittgers	Biblical & Theological Studies
Reilly Jane Roman	Music Elec Studies - Pre-Health
Kyle Joseph Schauer	Applied Physics
Shea Elisabeth Schultz	History Social Science
Kathryn Diana Skinner	Geology, Biology
Krista Joy Suzuki	Anthropology
Alison Elizabeth Taylor	English Writing
Emma Nicole Wasson	Applied Health Science
Abigail Lei Wehler	English with Teacher Cert, Secondary Education
Anna-Austin A Wellman	Communication-Rhetoric Culture, Biblical & Theological Studies
Christopher Michael Whelan	Chemistry
Marguerite Sharon Williams	International Relations, Spanish
Ethan James Zimmerman	Philosophy, Classical Languages

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Senior Scholarship Achievement Award:

Professor Cherith Lundin, Art

Senior Service Achievement Award:

Dr. George Kalantzis, Biblical and Theological Studies

Senior Teaching Achievement Award:

Dr. Soh-Hyun Park Altino, Conservatory of Music

Dr. Tammy Schultz, School of Psychology, Counseling, and Family Therapy