



WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY HONORS CONVOCATION

APRIL 8, 2022, WEAVER CHAPEL

THE PROGRAM



PROCESSIONAL

David Weimer, *Chapel Organist*
Elegy by C. Hubert Parry (1848-1918)

INVOCATION

Anders S. Tune, *The David and Carol Matevia Endowed University Pastor*

GREETINGS AND REMARKS

Michael L. Frandsen, *President of the University*

Presidential Scholars

RECOGNITION OF HONOREES AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Department and Program Awards
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Graduating Seniors with a 4.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average

Michelle M. Mattson, *Provost of the University*

Recognition Societies and National Honor Societies

Casey L. Gill, *Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Students*

Seniors Earning University Honors

Michael P. Mattison, *Honors Program Director*

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Anders S. Tune, *The David and Carol Matevia Endowed University Pastor*

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Community Service Champion Award
The Excellence in Community Service Award
The Charles J. Ping Student Community Service Award
Copeland Community Service and Social Justice Award

Kristen L. Collier, *Director of Community Service*

The Lillian C. Franklin Diversity Awards

The Broadwell Chinn Award

The Martin Luther King Jr. Awards

Corrine J. Carthell, *Director of the William A. McClain Center for Diversity*

The Heimtraut Dietrich Award
The Dominic E. and Alyce G. De Marco Award
Anders S. Tune, *The David and Carol Matevia Endowed University Pastor*

The Lou Laux Environmental Sustainability Award
Alpha Delta Pi Scholarship Awards
The M. Alice Geiger Award
The John F. Mitchell Award
Casey L. Gill, *Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Students*

Academic Advisor of the Year Award
Josie Paazig, *Faculty Student Coordinator for Student Senate*

Omicron Delta Kappa Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award
Representative, Omicron Delta Kappa

Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Teaching
Steve S. Shanor, *Class of 1990 and President of the Alumni Association Board*

Alma Mater
Courtney E. Buck, *Class of 2022*

Alma Lux
Emmanuel L. Thombs, *Class of 2022*

PROVOST'S CLOSING REMARKS
Michelle Mattson, Provost of the University

RECESSIONAL
David Weimer, *Chapel Organist*
Grand Choeur by Théodore Salomé (1834-1896)

Please remain at your seat until the platform parties have left the chapel.



HONORS CONVOCATION MARSHALS

Associate Professor Brian D. Yontz (Grand Marshal)	Assistant Professor Daniel R. Marous
Assistant Professor Michael C. Daiga	Associate Professor Michelle L. McWhorter
Professor Ray C. Dudek	Associate Professor Richard S. Phillips
Assistant Professor Alyssa M. Hoofnagle	Associate Professor John R. Thistlethwaite

Presidential Scholars

Named for each of Wittenberg's 14 former presidents, the Presidential Scholars are the members of the junior class who have maintained the highest academic standing in their class through the preceding five semesters at Wittenberg.

J. Ezra Keller Scholarship

Alexander M. Zysik

Samuel P. Sprecher Scholarship

Maya K. Hagander

John B. Helwig Scholarship

Lauren E. King

Samuel Alfred Ort Scholarship

Abigail R. Gerstenzang

John M. Ruthrauff Scholarship

Leah K. Vogt

Charles G. Heckert Scholarship

Meredith C. Johnson

Rees Edgar Tulloss Scholarship

Lilia L. Moorman

Clarence C. Stoughton Scholarship

Nicholas F. Bowman

John N. Stauffer Scholarship

Isabella M. Fiorito

G. Kenneth Andeen Scholarship

Mallory J. Austin

William A. Kinnison Scholarship

Sasha N. Butanis

Baird Tipson Scholarship

Madalyn G. Marsengill

Mark H. Erickson Scholarship

Charlotte R. Sarchet

Laurie M. Joyner Scholarship

Olivia T. Young

DEPARTMENTAL AND PROGRAM AWARDS

Art Department

The Ralston C. Thompson Awards were established in honor of the late Ralston Thompson, professor of art (1941–1970). These awards are granted by the art department to students who demonstrate exceptional promise in art.

Kira E. Frieson

The Wittenberg Guild Awards are given annually from a fund established by The Wittenberg Guild. These awards are granted by the art department to students who demonstrate exceptional promise in art.

Ethan D. Smith

The S. Paul & Clara M. Weaver Endowed Scholarship was funded through a generous gift in loving memory of S. Paul Weaver by his wife Clara M. Weaver, Columbus, Ohio, to provide financial assistance to sophomores, juniors, or seniors who are either art majors or education majors with a desire to teach art.

Elizabeth M. Cronau

Biology Department

The Faculty Award for Outstanding Achievement in Biology is given by the faculty of the department in recognition of seniors who have had outstanding achievement and demonstrate strong potential in biology.

Jessica Crowder, Monica A. Hosler, Josie Paazig

The Emmett Bodenbergh Award for Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Biology, named to honor the late professor of biology (1931–1968), is given to the junior or senior students who have excelled in and demonstrated commitment to this field of study.

Meghan A. Nadzam

The Rachel Ianni Award for Excellence in Peer Mentoring was established in memory of 2008 graduate Rachel Ianni (1986–2013). A biology major and marine science minor, Rachel served as a peer mentor for three years in the biology department, where she inspired fellow students with her knowledge of the field, passion for research, love of “good science,” and joie de vivre.

Elizabeth H. Canright

Biology Senior Fellows recognizes outstanding junior biology majors who are model representatives of both the department and the University.

Julianna S. Fisher, Nicholas F. Bowman, Lilia L. Moorman, Kaitlyn M. McGee, Maya K. Hagander

Biochemistry/Molecular Biology Program

The Faculty Award for Outstanding Achievement in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology is given in recognition of seniors with exceptional achievement and strong potential in biochemistry and molecular biology.

Rachel A. Boyette

Business & Economics Department

The Tau Pi Phi Award is given to the graduating business major who combines the highest academic achievement with University contribution.

Antavia C. Horne

The Faculty Award for Excellence recognizes business majors with the greatest potential for career success.

Katherine L. Hiestand

The Denise L. Calvert Award is given to the senior business major who provides significant leadership to both the department and University, while offering a strong example of dedication to scholarship and the needs of others.

Peter S. Mallory

Financial Executives International Award recognizes an outstanding senior finance or accounting student based on academics, leadership, and service.

Lauren M. Welker

Lowell E. Stockstill III Investment Award, sponsored by the WittInvest Investment Club in honor of the founding advisor, recognizes students of high academic achievement who further the American free enterprise system via their knowledge of markets and investments.

Roth M. Susemichel

The Dr. Woodrow Wilson Prize for Excellence in Business, made available by the widow and children of Woodrow Wilson, professor emeritus of business administration (1956-1978), was created to give annual financial awards to students who major and excel in management.

Shea E. Suggs, Sarah M. Hettich, Griffin A. Veil

The Economics Prize for outstanding achievement is given by the department to recognize economics majors who have maintained high standards in course work and research.

Paige J. Wright, Emily M. Wile

The Larry Gwinn Memorial Award Dr. Larry Gwinn taught economics at Wittenberg University from 1988 through the fall semester of 2019. Larry passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 13, 2021. He will be dearly remembered by his colleagues past and present. The department of business & economics honored his memory this year with a one-time scholarship award to an outstanding economics student.

Paige J. Wright

Chemistry Department

The Dayton Section of the American Chemical Society Patterson Award is given to the outstanding junior chemistry major.

Maya K. Hagander

The Nelson E. Sartoris Award is given to outstanding senior chemistry majors.

Rachel A. Kaiser

The James T. Gregory Award is given to the junior or senior chemistry student most likely to succeed in chemical research.

Claire E. DeWeese

Communication & Digital Media Department

Laurels in Communication are given to a major who demonstrates academic excellence, personal integrity, a commitment to community, and the motivation and potential to use advanced knowledge of communication toward socially responsible ends.

Melinda L. Baker

East Asian Studies Program

The Outstanding East Asian Language Study Award is given to the outstanding upperclass East Asian Studies major of the Chinese and Japanese languages.

Madalyn G. Marsengill (Chinese), Peyton N. Ernst (Japanese)

The Shigeharu Matsumoto Award is given to outstanding seniors in East Asian Studies and recognizes superior academic performance and outstanding community service. The award honors Shigeharu Matsumoto for his leadership in the development of peaceful relations among the United States, Japan, and China.

Peyton N. Ernst

The Eugene Swanger Scholarship is awarded to a sophomore East Asian Studies major who demonstrates high academic achievement and shows promise as an Asian studies scholar.

Jake Moore

Education Department

The Barbara Steel Kane Memorial Award was established in memory of Barbara Steel Kane, a 1978 graduate of Wittenberg. The award is presented to one major and one minor from the Teacher Education Program who demonstrate the capacities of character, commitment, and community that are in keeping with the mission of the education department and its theme of “Educational Leaders for Constructive Social Change.”

Lauren A. Hurt (major), Mary E. Steiner (minor)

The Virginia Lucas Silver Apple Award is presented to the education department junior who displays the qualities exemplified by Professor Emerita of Education Virginia Lucas (1973–1992).

Alexis A. Opdycke

English Department

The Allen J. Koppenhaver Prize, established in honor of the late Allen J. Koppenhaver, professor of English (1961–1991), is awarded annually to the outstanding senior English major who best represents the breadth and depth of Professor Koppenhaver’s scholarship and interdisciplinary interests.

Sadie A. Kurtzman

The Award for Excellence in Literary Studies is given to senior English majors who best exemplify excellence in literary criticism and scholarship.

Sadie A. Kurtzman, Erika M. Jackson

Health Professions Program

The John Stauffer Scholarship is given to a student in the sciences who is planning to enter medical school or graduate school upon graduating from Wittenberg to pursue a career in medicine or one of the basic medical sciences. The award recipient should be planning for either the M.D. or the Ph.D. after graduation with plans for medical practice or medical research and education. This award recognizes merit and outstanding scholarship and potential for future contributions in the health sciences.

Alexa R. Bell

History Department

The ATO - Paul F. Bloomhardt Award, established in honor of the late Paul F. Bloomhardt, professor of history and biography (1925–1956), is awarded to outstanding junior history majors.

Isabella M. Fiorito, Alexis A. Opdycke

The Martha and Robert Hartje Award, established in 1988 to honor Robert Hartje, professor of history (1956–1988) and his wife Martha Hartje, is awarded to an outstanding senior history major skilled in writing historical narrative.

Ethan E. Bochicchio

Intercollegiate Athletics Program

The North Coast Athletic Conference Student-Athlete Award recognizes a student who has performed with distinction both in the classroom and on the playing field.

Katherine L. Hiestand, Jack R. Siefert

Languages Department

The Kurt J. Fickert Award, established in honor of Kurt J. Fickert, professor of languages (1956–1986), is presented to an outstanding junior or senior majoring in French, German, or Spanish or completing advanced studies in Russian. The recipient must possess those qualities exemplified by Professor Fickert during his more than 30 years of service to the department of languages and to the University: an understanding of and commitment to the humanistic values fostered by an education in the liberal arts, a lively interest in intellectual endeavor and achievement, and plans for a career that will enrich the lives of others.

Anya B. Bennett (German), Ethan F. Marsh (Russian),
Jackson H. Brown (Spanish), Rachel A. Boyette (Japanese)

Mathematics and Computer Science Department

The Paul Hessler Award, established in memory of Paul Hessler, a member of the mathematics faculty at Wittenberg (1969–1978), is awarded to a junior or senior major for outstanding achievement in mathematics or computer science.

Olivia T. Young, Ethan F. Marsh, Jacob R. Major, Caroline M. Ford

The Norman E. Dodson Award, named in honor of the late Norman Dodson, a member of the mathematics faculty at Wittenberg (1957-1975), is awarded to a graduating senior for excellence in preparation to teach mathematics or computer science.

Ashton R. Arnett

The Charles and Elsie Little Mathematics Fund was established by Dr. Richard A. Little, a 1960 graduate of Wittenberg, in memory of his parents. This award recognizes outstanding junior or senior mathematics or computer science majors.

Casey J. Conrad, Clara W. Andersen, Cullen A. Sainey, Austin T. O'Quinn

Music Department

The Elmer Blackmer Award, established in memory of Professor Elmer Blackmer (1962-1974), is presented to music students who have shown outstanding achievement in music theory and music skills.

Olivia M. Clayton

The Jan Bender Award, established in honor of the late Jan Bender, professor of music (1965-1975), is awarded to a senior whose performance both academically and musically has been excellent and whose contributions to the department of music have been outstanding.

Zachary B. Howe

Nursing Department

The David and Mary Benfer Scholarship for Academic Excellence in Nursing was established in 2018 in honor of David and Mary's siblings whose careers and lives have been dedicated to serving and caring for others. The scholarship recognizes an outstanding junior nursing student based on academic merit, leadership, and potential in the field of nursing.

Lauren E. King

The Mary J. Dwyer Memorial Nursing Scholarship, named in memory of Mary J. Dwyer, was created to assist students who are pursuing a degree in nursing, are sophomore-year equivalent or above, have demonstrated financial need, and remain in good standing.

Bailey C. Smith

Physics Department

The Arthur L. Lutz Award is awarded to a junior physics major who shows promise for a career in secondary physics education.

Jacob A. Durmis

Political Science Department

The Joe H. Bindley Scholarship, which honors Professor Bindley (1968-1987), is granted to junior or senior political science majors who exhibit high levels of leadership or scholarship while pursuing courses of study leading toward law school or American politics.

Caroline L. Marlow

The Jeffrey Y. Mao Alumni Award in Political Science is given to junior political science majors in recognition of outstanding scholarship, service to the University, and promise of significant contributions to society.

Rider J. Stock

Psychology Department

The Bethlehem Steel Award has been established to honor outstanding senior students in psychology.

Ashley A. Brooks

Meagan Toothman Scholarship is named for Meagan because she represented the best of Wittenberg as a scholar-athlete, a beloved sister in her sorority, and a friend to many. Meagan followed Wittenberg's motto of "Having Light We Pass It On to Others" in supporting countless individuals. This scholarship is awarded annually to a junior or senior psychology student who is hardworking, passionate, and engaged in the community.

Madison M. Lakosky, Harley C. Paul

The Award for Professional Potential is given to a senior psychology major who has demonstrated the potential for advanced study in psychology.

Danielle B. Crislip

The Virgil E. Rahn Memorial Fund in Psychology has been established to honor an outstanding junior student in psychology.

Abigail R. Gerstenzang

Religion Department

The David Hartman Award, established in honor of the late David Hartman, associate professor of religion (1962-1976), is awarded to an outstanding senior in the department of religion based upon the student's academic performance, ability to relate the study of religion to the liberal arts, and contributions to the department and its program.

Ryan P. Zimmerman

Russian and Central Eurasian Studies Program

The Award for Excellence in Russian and Central Eurasian Studies is given to an outstanding senior Russian and Central Eurasian Studies major.

Annalee J. Lynn

Sociology Department

The T. Edwin Boling Sociology Scholarship Award, established in honor of the late Ed Boling, professor of sociology (1967-1994), is given to outstanding senior sociology majors.

Hannah G. Shafer

Women's Studies Program

The Women's Studies Writing Award, sponsored by the Women's Studies Program, is presented for outstanding writing in any area of Women's Studies.

Anya B. Bennett

HONOR SOCIETIES IN THE ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES

Alpha Kappa Delta

Alpha Kappa Delta seeks to acknowledge and promote excellence in scholarship in the study of sociology, the research of social problems, and such other social and intellectual activities as will lead to improvement in the human condition. Academically accomplished sociology majors and minors are invited to join Wittenberg's Sigma of Ohio Chapter.

Avery B. Adams	Jared M. Magoteaux	Hannah G. Shafer
Abigail R. Gerstenzang	Olivia T. Parkinson	Satta F. Sheriff
Tala M. Hall	Kaiya Rider	Joshua H. Tarrance
Ryan A. Hensley	Abbey M. Roberts	Annmeri J. Turner
Lauren L. Kreamer	Hallie R. Roberts	

Beta Beta Beta

Beta Beta Beta (TriBeta) is a society for students dedicated to improving the understanding and appreciation of biological study and extending boundaries of human knowledge through scientific research. Since its founding in 1922, more than 670 chapters have been established throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

Alexa R. Bell	Alaina D. Lentz	Katherine G. Wisniewski
Patrick R. Bretland	Josie Paazig	
Nicholas X. Brown	Haley A. Scott	

Epsilon Alpha Sigma

Epsilon Alpha Sigma, the first East Asian Studies honor society in the United States, was founded at Wittenberg in 1981. Since then, other colleges and universities throughout the country have established chapters of this honorary. Membership is open to academically superior students of East Asian Studies.

Jayson E. Aguilar	Madalyn G. Marsengill	Jacob R. Major
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Kappa Delta Pi

Kappa Delta Pi is an honored community of diverse educators who have achieved and continue to promote and advance excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service.

Mallory J. Austin	Jacob A. Durmis	Savannah M. Myers
Elizabeth M. Cronau	Carrie S. Foley	Maci D. Runkle

Lambda Pi Eta

Lambda Pi Eta is the National Communication Association's official honor society at four-year colleges and universities. LPH represents what Aristotle described in *The Rhetoric* as three ingredients of persuasion: logos (Lambda), pathos (Pi), and ethos (Eta). Lambda Pi Eta recognizes, fosters, and rewards outstanding scholastic achievement while stimulating interest in the communication discipline.

Melinda L. Baker

Sarah K. Oliver

Logan J. Wiggenhorn

Jonathan H. Golden

Kayla Spitzmiller

Pi Mu Epsilon

Pi Mu Epsilon, founded in 1914, is the nation's most prestigious mathematics honor society. The purpose of the society is to promote scholarly activity in mathematical activity inside and outside the classroom.

Clara W. Andersen

Elijah G. Hogsett

Matthew M. Schaeffer

Ashton R. Arnett

Austin T. O'Quinn

Pi Sigma Alpha

Pi Sigma Alpha brings together students and faculty interested in the study of government and politics. Wittenberg has had a chapter since 1947. Juniors and seniors who have completed requisite political science courses with excellence and whose overall grade point average is above 3.3 are eligible for membership.

Anya B. Bennett

Haley N. Eckhert

Daniel T. Bean

Caroline L. Marlow

Psi Chi

Psi Chi is the international honor society in psychology. Wittenberg's Psi Chi members have a psychology grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Alexa R. Bell

Julia S. Fisher

Lilye M. Morrison

Taylor M. Crawford

Abigail R. Gerstenzang

Josie Paazig

Sophia R. Easton

Tiana K. Hughes

Annmeri J. Turner

GPA AWARDS

Seniors with a 4.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average

Rachel A. Boyette, Casey J. Conrad, Sadie A. Kurtzman, Hannah G. Shafer

RECOGNITION SOCIETIES

Ivy Ring is a junior women's service honorary. Members are chosen on the basis of their contributions to the Wittenberg campus and to the community through the quality of their academic work and their participation in extracurricular activities.

Olivia M. Clayton	Elizabeth G. Pettay	Emma M. Wilson
Shannon N. Flaherty	Alexa L. Repp	Katherine G. Wisniewski
Mackenzie E. Hessick	Bailey C. Smith	
Amanda J. Kot	Katelyn M. Troyer	

Pick and Pen is a junior honorary emphasizing leadership, service, and scholarship.

Nicholas X. Brown	Amanda J. Kot	Katelyn M. Troyer
Olivia M. Clayton	Elizabeth G. Pettay	Racheal A. Vargo
Shannon N. Flaherty	Alexa L. Repp	Emma M. Wilson
Mackenzie E. Hessick	Bailey C. Smith	

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETIES

Alpha Alpha Alpha is a national honor society that recognizes the scholarship and achievement of first-generation college students. Founded at Moravian college in 2018, Wittenberg was the third school approved to induct a class and is the Mu chapter. Wittenberg inducted its first class into the honor society in 2019. The society recognizes students who have earned at least 36 credit hours, achieved an overall GPA of 3.2 or higher, and neither parents nor guardians have completed a bachelor's degree.

Melissa A. Anderson	Sydney B. Lamb	Elizabeth Paugh
Mackenzie M. Bushong	Olivia D. Lawrence	Maria F. Rodriguez
Amanda Huetson	Branden B. Nicholas	

Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society that seeks to recognize and encourage scholarship among first-year college women. Selection is based entirely on achieving a 3.5 cumulative grade point average for fall semester of the first year.

Abigail E. Alcorn	Shayne K. Harris	Gazelle G. Rudakubana
Quinn H. Bauer	Allie Miller	Molly E. Specht
Lucia M. DeVita	Victoria G. Pipinich	

Phi Eta Sigma is a national honor society that seeks to recognize and to encourage scholarship among first-year college men. Selection is based entirely on achieving a 3.5 cumulative grade point average for fall semester of the first year.

Gavin J. Darner	Anthony J. Sexton	Owen W. Treece
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Chi Alpha Sigma is a national college athletic honor society founded in 1996. Members must be of junior or senior class standing, have a 3.4 or higher cumulative grade point average, be of good moral character, and have earned a letter in a varsity intercollegiate sport.

Monet M. Allen	Connor J. Goss	Shannon L. Riley
McKenna G. Baker	Maya K. Hagander	Hannah C. Schartz
Ryleigh F. Bavineau	Sarah M. Hettich	Christian M. Seger
David H. Blair	Brice C. Hill	Kelsey A. Smith
Nicholas F. Bowman	Grant T. Hollinger	Gabe K. Stacy
Jared T. Burick	Emma K. Hurguy	Andrew H. Sterett
Peter A. Caine	Meredith C. Johnson	Evan P. Sugrue
Kailey N. Cordova	Lukas C. Lindberg	Elizabeth C. Uhl
Aaron K. Craddock	Bridget M. Logan	Hannah G. Weymouth
Nickolas W. Cunningham	Regan M. Mazzulli	Logan J. Wiggenhorn
Tyler S. Defibaugh	Dominic M. Melchiorre	Mya S. Wolfe
Evan M. DiSanto	Maxwell M. Monachino	Alex M. Zysik
Patterson Q. Edris	Matthew R. Moore	
Dane A. Flatter	Levi L. Morrison	
Caroline M. Ford	Joe Patton	

Alpha Sigma Lambda The Wittenberg chapter of this national honor society for adult students is one of more than 200 throughout the nation. The society recognizes superior academic achievement by mature adults who typically pursue their studies while meeting major responsibilities of work and family.

Jacob M. Andorfer	Robert Hunt	Niger A. Rojas Serrano
Carrie S. Foley	Claire F. Metzger	

SENIORS EARNING UNIVERSITY HONORS

Alexa R. Bell	Monica A. Hosler	Kamri-Beth P. Offutt
Ashley A. Brooks	Erika M. Jackson	Austin T. O'Quinn
Rachel A. Boyette	Sadie A. Kurtzman	Josie Paazig
Elizabeth H. Canright	Tiffany N. Lange	Hannah G. Shafer
Claire E. DeWeese	Shante T. Leslie	Tracey Tackett
Brooke N. Dill	Peter S. Mallory	Emmanuel L. Thombs
Peyton N. Ernst	Maria L. Miller	Paige J. Wright
Danielle B. (Gilbert) Crislip	Dorothy P. Morgan	
Katherine L. Hiestand	Clare N. Neltner	

PHI BETA KAPPA

Founded at the College of William and Mary in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest and most prestigious of the national honor societies. Wittenberg's chapter, Omicron of Ohio, was established in 1992.

Phi Beta Kappa exists to give recognition to students who have achieved high academic distinction at Wittenberg. Phi Beta Kappa stresses the importance of the liberal arts and sciences, and elects to membership only those students who have demonstrated their awareness of the liberal arts tradition by building programs broad in scope yet sufficiently concentrated to ensure comprehensive knowledge in one or more disciplines.

Students are normally elected as seniors or, in special cases, as juniors. They must be majoring in one of the liberal arts or sciences, have a high grade point average, have taken a variety of courses across the liberal arts spectrum, and have demonstrated a knowledge of mathematics and a foreign language appropriate to a liberal arts education.

Alexa R. Bell	Maya K. Hagander	Kaitlyn M. McGee
Austin J. Brennaman	Monica A. Hosler	Lily A. Pederson
Elizabeth H. Canright	Tiana K. Hughes	

CAMPUS COMPACT NEWMAN CIVIC FELLOWSHIP AWARD

The Newman Civic Fellowship is intended to honor the leadership legacy of Campus Compact founder Frank Newman by recognizing community-committed students who engage in collaborative action with others from campus or from surrounding communities in order to create long-term social change, take action in addressing issues of inequality and political polarization, and demonstrate the motivation and potential for effective long-term civic engagement.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAMPION AWARD

Community Service Champion Award recognizes a student's commitment to service, the quality of his/her service, and his/her positive impact on the City of Springfield and Clark County. It is not merely the student's hours of service, but the impact on the quality of life in the Springfield community that is most important.

THE EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The Excellence in Community Service Award recognizes a faculty/staff member for their dedication to community service in the Springfield/Clark County community. The recipient is selected based on his/her substantial involvement in community projects, services, and activities that contribute to the quality of life in the local community.

CHARLES J. PING STUDENT COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Charles J. Ping Student Community Service Award honors a student's outstanding leadership and commitment to community service on campus and within the community. It recognizes a student's ability to work in partnership with members of the community to identify and meet the needs of the community, as well as the creation of a sustainable organization or process to meet this community need for an extended period of time, either to its resolution or into the foreseeable future. The

award is sponsored by Ohio Campus Compact, a statewide nonprofit coalition of college and university presidents and their campuses working to promote and develop the civic purposes of higher education.

THE LILLIAN C. FRANKLIN DIVERSITY AWARD

The Lillian C. Franklin Diversity Award will be granted each year to honor a student and a faculty/staff member who have made outstanding contributions in promoting and furthering our goal of rich diversity in the Wittenberg community. Candidates must uphold the tradition of diversity embodied by the award's namesake, demonstrate high standards of personal integrity, commitment to the education of the whole person, global vision, and leadership.

COPELAND COMMUNITY SERVICE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD

This award recognizes a rising senior who has demonstrated engaged citizenship in the City of Springfield. It is not merely the student's hours of service, but the ability to think critically about difficult societal issues and the willingness to work to confront these issues with compassion and commitment that is most important.

THE BROADWELL CHINN AWARD

Named for Broadwell Chinn, documented as having been among the first African American students to attend Wittenberg in the 1870s, this award was first given in 1981 in recognition of the Black junior with the highest cumulative grade point average.

THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AWARDS

The Martin Luther King Jr. Award was instituted in 1981 to recognize two outstanding Black seniors, one man and one woman, who have been positive examples to members of the Black community and to the University at-large during their college careers.

THE HEIMTRAUT DIETRICH AWARD

The Heimtraut Dietrich Award was instituted in 1981 to recognize a senior who, through faith and service, best emulates the spirit of Miss Dietrich's devotion to Wittenberg.

THE DOMINIC E. AND ALYCE G. DE MARCO AWARD

The Dominic E. and Alyce G. De Marco Scholarship for Academic Excellence and Distinguished Service to Those Living on the Margins of Society is awarded to a student with a GPA of at least 3.5 who has demonstrated – and will continue to demonstrate – a commitment to serving those persons who live on the margins of society, the sick, the material poor, the displaced, the homeless, and the elderly.

THE LOU LAUX ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

The Lou Laux Environmental Sustainability Award recognizes one student and one faculty/staff member for their effort and creativity devoted to cultivating a spirit of environmentalism on campus.

ALPHA DELTA PI SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

This fund was created in 1990 by the Springfield Alumnae Association and Chi Chapter of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority to recognize two junior women, one Greek and one non-Greek, who best exemplify the characteristics consistent with the ideals and goals of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. Selection is based upon excellence in scholarship, leadership, activities, and moral character.

THE M. ALICE GEIGER AWARD

The M. Alice Geiger Award was instituted in 1974 at the 100th anniversary of women's admission to Wittenberg. The award, named for the first woman graduate, recognizes a senior woman for outstanding contributions to the Wittenberg campus in the areas of the performing or literary arts, athletics, cocurricular leadership, new programming, special academic pursuit, or through special representation at any time during her college career.

THE JOHN F. MITCHELL AWARD

Named for the valedictorian of Wittenberg's first graduating class, the Class of 1851, the John F. Mitchell Award recognizes a senior male student who represents the liberal arts tradition well. This senior is a positive force in academic, cultural, and social aspects of the campus. He exemplifies an open mind, understanding, reliability, and a wide range of interests.

ACADEMIC ADVISOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Central to Wittenberg's mission is a deep and abiding concern for the welfare of each of its students and the education of the whole person. Accordingly, an important responsibility of its faculty and staff is to provide professional, competent advice for each student with respect to educational, vocational, and personal planning. The approach is person-centered, treating each student as a distinct individual. It rewards advisors who have helped students set their educational, life, and career goals. This award is selected by students and recognizes a faculty member for their work with students in an advisory capacity.

OMICRON DELTA KAPPA FACULTY EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

The ODK Award honors a current faculty member with less than five years of dedicated service to Wittenberg.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED TEACHING

The Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Teaching is presented in recognition of superior classroom teaching and contributions to the academic life of the students and faculty of Wittenberg University.

ALMA MATER

Alma Mater is a traditional honor bestowed upon a junior female student who possesses qualities of leadership, scholarship, and service. Final candidates are selected from a pool of nominees determined by students, faculty, and staff. The Alma Mater is chosen in a campus-wide election.

The final candidates for the 2021-2022 Alma Mater:

Mallory J. Austin
Sydney B. Lamb

Satta F. Sheriff
Morgan B. White

Mya S. Wolfe

ALMA LUX

Alma Lux is an honor bestowed upon a junior male student who possesses qualities of leadership, scholarship, and service. Final candidates are selected from a pool of nominees determined by students, faculty, and staff. The Alma Lux is chosen in a campus-wide election. The final candidates for the 2021-2022 Alma Lux are:

Nicholas F. Bowman
Evan E. Cordle

John D. DeVito
Ryan A. Hensley

Rider J. Stock

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