



# WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY HONORS CONVOCATION

APRIL 14, 2023, WEAVER CHAPEL

# THE PROGRAM



## PROCESSIONAL

David Weimer, *Chapel Organist*

*March of the Priests* by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

## INVOCATION

The Rev. Tracy L. Paschke-Johannes, *The Rev. David P. 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**

**Honor Societies in the Academic Disciplines**

**Graduating Seniors with a 4.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average**

Brian D. Yontz, *Interim 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

Alejandra Gimenez-Berger, *Associate Professor of Art and  
Director of the Honors Program*

## Phi Beta Kappa

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

## The E. Charles Chatfield Global Awareness Award

Scott P. Rosenberg, *Professor of History*

## Campus Compact's Newman Civic Fellowship Award

**The Champion Award for Community Impact**

**The Charles J. Ping Student Community Service Award**

**The Copeland Community Service and Social Justice Award**

**The Rose Award for Excellence in Community Partnership**

Kimberly A. Creasap, *Director of the Susan Hirt Hagen Center  
for Civic & Urban Engagement*

**The Lillian C. Franklin Diversity Awards  
The Broadwell Chinn Award  
The Martin Luther King Jr. Awards**

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

**The Heimtraut Dietrich Award  
The Dominic E. and Alyce G. De Marco Award**

The Rev. Tracy L. Paschke-Johannes, *The Rev. David P. 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**

Maya K. Hagander, *Faculty Student Coordinator for Student Senate*

**Omicron Delta Kappa Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award**

Morgan B. White, *Representative, Omicron Delta Kappa*

**Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Teaching**

Laurice R. Moore, *Class of 1995 and President of the Alumni Association Board*

**Alma Mater**

Mya S. Wolfe, *Class of 2023*

**Alma Lux**

Nicholas F. Bowman, *Class of 2023*

**PROVOST'S CLOSING REMARKS**

Brian D. Yontz, *Interim Provost of the University*

**RECESSIONAL**

David Weimer, *Chapel Organist*

*Festival Voluntary*, op. 87 by Flor Peeters (1903–1986)

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



**HONORS CONVOCATION MARSHALS**

Professor Katie M. Warber (Grand Marshal)	Associate Professor Alyssa M. Hoofnagle
Associate Professor Stefne L. Broz	Assistant Professor Danny R. Marous
Assistant Professor Kunal Chatterjee	Associate Professor Michelle L. McWhorter
Associate Professor Billy E. Davis	Associate Professor Lindsay M. Meermans
Professor Ray C. Dudek	Associate Professor Rachel E. Wilson

# *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**

Danny T. Bean

## **Samuel P. Sprecher Scholarship**

Nicholas X. Brown

## **John B. Helwig Scholarship**

Caroline M. Sedor

## **Samuel Alfred Ort Scholarship**

Amanda J. Kot

## **John M. Ruthrauff Scholarship**

Olivia M. Norbut

## **Charles G. Heckert Scholarship**

Andrea L. Meeks

## **Rees Edgar Tulloss Scholarship**

Alannah C. Browning

## **Clarence C. Stoughton Scholarship**

Paige E. Kaiser

## **John N. Stauffer Scholarship**

Racheal A. Vargo

## **G. Kenneth Andeen Scholarship**

Troy W. Teepe II

## **William A. Kinnison Scholarship**

Kaulana M.K. Smith

## **L. Baird Tipson Scholarship**

Emma M. Wilson

## **Mark H. Erickson Scholarship**

Emma K. Lindsey

## **Laurie M. Joyner Scholarship**

Lily I. Bonar

# 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.

Sydney A. Striker

**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.

Ashley N. James, Molly E. Kirkpatrick

**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.

Olivia J. Hamilton

## *Biological and Environmental Sciences 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.

Evie M. Chatfield, Julie S. Fisher, Lilia L. Moorman, Leah K. Vogt, Morgan B. White

**The Emmett Bodenberg 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.

Kaitlyn M. McGee

**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.

Alaina D. Lentz

**Biology and Environmental Science Senior Fellows** recognizes outstanding junior biology and environmental science majors who are model representatives of both the department and the University.

Lily I. Bonar, Nick X. Brown, Audrey L. Heiser, Maria F. Rodriguez, Katie G. Wisniewski

**Beta Beta Beta Outstanding Senior Award** Beta Beta Beta (TriBeta) is a national honor society for undergraduate students, dedicated to improving the understanding and appreciation of biological study and extending boundaries of human knowledge through scientific research. The Beta Beta Beta Outstanding Senior Award recipient is chosen by the faculty in the biological and environmental sciences department based on academic performance, strong contributions to scientific research, and commitment/service to the honor society.

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.

Maya K. Hagander

## *Business & Economics Department*

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

Meredith C. Johnson

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

Max M. Monachino

**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.

Haley N. Eckhert

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

Sarah M. Hettich

**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.

Patterson Q. Edris

**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.

Jonathan H. Golden

**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.

Kirstin D. Hawkins-White, Rider J. Stock

## *Chemistry Department*

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

Paige E. Kaiser

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

Parker J. Hayes

## *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.

Hannah G. Weymouth

**The Thárros Award** is bestowed upon a communication major who has, during their time at Wittenberg, demonstrated commendable character and courage in their work inside and outside of the classroom; exhibited tenacity and resilience in the face of significant challenges along the way; and embraced opportunities in a spirit of appreciation.

Natsumi Kato

### *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.

Lea H. Blander (Chinese), Jayson E. Aguilar (Japanese), Jacob R. Major (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.

Lea H. Blander

**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.

Sloane A. Thor

### *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.”

Mallory J. Austin (major), Maci D. Runkle (major), Elizabeth M. Cronau (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).

Sydney M. Khosla

### *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.

Zoe E. Hale

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

Isabella M. Fiorito, Tiana K. Hughes

### *Health & Sport Studies Department*

**The Steve Dawson Award for Exemplary Achievement in Sport Management** is an award given by the faculty of health and sport studies to a sport management major who excels both in and out of the classroom and epitomizes the sport management major at Wittenberg. The award is named after Professor Emeritus Steve Dawson (1982-2018) who was a long-serving coach and faculty member at Wittenberg University.

Matt R. Moore

**The Tom Martin Award for Exemplary Achievement in Exercise Science** is an award given by the faculty of health and sport studies to an exercise science major who excels both in and out of the classroom and epitomizes the exercise science major at Wittenberg. The award is named after Professor Emeritus Tom Martin (1980-2014) who was integral in shaping the original health and sport curriculum at Wittenberg University.

Cade A. Schmelzer

### *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.

Maya K. Hagander

**The William I. and Carol J. Goettman Pre-Medical Student Award** is given to an outstanding scholar athlete who has successfully completed a pre-medical course of study at Wittenberg with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, who has been accepted to and/or is enrolled in medical school, and who, while an undergraduate, has participated in intercollegiate athletics.

Nicholas F. Bowman

### *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.

Emma M. Wilson, Racheal A. Vargo

**The Margaret S. Ermarth Award**, established in honor of the late Margaret Sittler Ermarth, professor of history (1953-1974), is awarded to outstanding senior history majors.

Gabrielle R. Doty, Lexi 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.

Isabella M. Fiorito, Isabel K. Travis, Lexi A. Opdycke

### *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.

Tyler M. Linkhart, Evan M. DiSanto

### *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.

Lily A. Pederson



**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.

Jacob R. Major, Catie Oerther, Carmen P. Sullivan, Evan D. Wuertemberger

### *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.

Mickey L. Myers

**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.

Sasha L. Butanis

### *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.

Bailey C. Smith, Audrey Ishimwe Simbi

**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.

Mary K. Estes

### *Philosophy & 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 majoring in 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.

Maddy G. Marsengill

### *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.

Lucas A. Hummel, Racheal A. Vargo

**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.

Danny T. Bean

### *Psychology Department*

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

Abigail R. Gerstenzang

**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.

Abigail R. Gerstenzang, Amy R. Bidwell

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

Haley N. Eckhert

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

Kaulana M.K. Smith

### *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.

Charlotte R. Sarchet

### *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.

Gabrielle R. Doty, Abigail R. Gerstenzang, Kirstin D. Hawkins-White, Ryan A. Hensley, Satta F. Sheriff, Joshua H. Tarrance

### *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.

Winner: Danny T. Bean

Honorable Mention: Tiana K. Hughes

### *World Languages & Cultures 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.

Jack A. Keri (Russian)

**The Stan Mickel Award** is presented to an outstanding senior student of East Asian languages. While the major area of study is open, the recipient will have completed, or will be completing, advanced studies in Chinese or Japanese and will have an overall GPA of no less than 3.5. In keeping with Professor Mickel's profound commitment to passing on his love of Chinese, the award winner will also show promise of further engagement with East Asian language and culture.

Lea H. Blander (Chinese)

# HONOR SOCIETIES IN THE ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES

## *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.

Alannah C. Browning	Parker J. Hayes	Alexa L. Repp
Robert A. Calovini	Hannah L. Marcin	Leah K. Vogt
Shannon G. Csordos	Branden B. Nicholas	William A. Westermeyer
Grace Koperna	Olivia M. Norbut	

## *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.

Jacob Moore

## *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.

Macy S. Berner	Mitch E. Hennigan	Elizabeth G. Pettay
John D. DeVito	Cole A. Lewis	Alix Steele
Kylie A. Foos	Hope C. Messer	Emma M. Wilson
Gracie M. Gaston		

## *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.

Monet M. Allen	Daniel A. Lyons	Kayla D. Worthington
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## *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.

Lucas A. Hummel

## *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.

Emilio Z. Gutierrez	Alyson T. Parks
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## *Sigma Theta Tau*

Sigma Theta Tau is an international nursing honor society. Membership is by invitation to the top 35% of the baccalaureate nursing students, who demonstrate excellence in scholarship.

Michaleah Delaney  
Mary K. Estes  
Laren E. King

Ashley Laborde  
Shannon L. Riley

Bailey C. Smith  
Chloe E. Turner

## *Tau Pi Phi*

Founded in 1931 on Wittenberg's campus, Tau Pi Phi is a business and economics honor society for students of high academic achievement. Students who meet certain academic criteria are initiated into the honors society.

Meredith C. Johnson  
Robert B. Martin

Gabe T. Spiers  
Elizabeth C. Uhl

Hannah G. Weymouth  
Morgan B. White

## **GPA AWARDS**

### *Seniors with a 4.0 Cumulative GPA*

Abigail R. Gerstenzang  
Maya K. Hagander

Maci D. Runkle  
Evan D. Wuertemberger

Alexander M. Zysik

## **RECOGNITION SOCIETIES**

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

Megan G. Baker  
Julia E. Balent  
McKenna G. Boling  
Kaitlyn E. Brown  
Morgan M. Bush  
Olivia M. Clayton  
Nicole A. Contenza  
Brynn C. Cunningham  
Kaleigh E. Dulin  
Erica L. Flory

Chelsea E. Harrison  
Mackenzie E. Hessick  
Jessie S. Himes  
Emily B. Keyes  
Sydney M. Khosla  
Annie M. Miloser  
Charity M. Perry  
Elizabeth G. Pettay  
Emily G. Randall  
Mazie K. Reece

Kaitlyn N. Roop  
Mackenzie S. Schuld  
Reagan M. Simpson  
Kylee M. Slone  
Bailey C. Smith  
Kaulana M.K. Smith  
Abby E. Sphar  
Sophia A. Thompson  
Lainee N. Valentine  
Elizabeth-Anne M. Wegman

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

Gabby G. Baker  
Julia E. Balent  
Garrett A. Becker  
McKenna G. Boling  
Kaitlyn E. Brown  
Nicholas X. Brown  
Morgan M. Bush  
Peter A. Caine  
Robert A. Calovini  
Olivia M. Clayton  
Nicole A. Contenza  
Dominic J. Cork  
Brynn C. Cunningham  
Kaleigh E. Dulin  
Erica L. Flory

Dimitri A. Gonzalez  
Chelsea E. Harrison  
Mackenzie E. Hessick  
Jessie S. Himes  
Justin T. Katona  
Emily B. Keyes  
Sydney M. Khosla  
Grant L. Klepitsch  
Tanner E. Leach  
Ethan M. Libby  
Tyler M. Linkhart  
Annie M. Miloser  
Christian Nicewaner  
Charity M. Perry  
Elizabeth G. Pettay

Emily G. Randall  
Mazie K. Reece  
Brayden T. Ring  
Kaitlyn N. Roop  
Mackenzie S. Schuld  
Reagan M. Simpson  
Kylee M. Slone  
Bailey C. Smith  
Kaulana M.K. Smith  
Abby E. Sphar  
Sophia A. Thompson  
Owen W. Treece  
Lainee N. Valentine  
Elizabeth-Anne M. Wegman

# 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.

Tori K. Banks	Bailey L. Maloon	Shyann Predmore
Micheleah Delaney	Charity R. Perry	Jaden Sarragua

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

Macy E. DeHart	Mackenzie R. Kelley	Kristina M. Withem
Izabel A. Giglio	Kendra A. Skrlac	

**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.

Ian A. Ash	Harrison J. Hamlin	Kira Van Ravensberg
Collin M. Brown	Nicholas R. Harding	David J. Reiningger
Alannah C. Browning	Sydney E. Henderson	Mackenzie J. Ricketts
Julia M. Burch	Ashley T. Isaac	Cade A. Schmelzer
Caroline E. Cairns	Paige E. Kaiser	Mackenzie S. Schuld
Cameron S. Caldwell	Grant L. Kelpistch	Emma F. Secrest
Robert A. Calovini	Sydney M. Khosla	Jade V. Simpson
Andrew J. Cates	Kurt E. Klamfoth	Kylee M. Slone
Badin E. Clark	Jayvin K. Landers	Cameron J. Snurr
John D. DeVito	Cole A. Lewis	Troy W. Teepe II
Hayden E. Durant	Emma K. Lindsey	Corin E. Turkovich
Shannon N. Flaherty	Tyler M. Linkhart	Cassidy M. Webber
Jessica R. Flick	Zoe E. Chirumbolo McKee	Katherine G. Wisniewski
Ellen Y. Frame	Andrea L. Meeks	Evie M. Wolshire
Chris W. Goertz	Connor K. O'Malley	Mullaney M. Yoder
Garrett M. Gross	Alyson T. Parks	

**Omicron Delta Kappa** is a national senior leadership honor society recognizing leadership in scholarship, athletics, university publications, cultural life, and student affairs.

Dominic J. Cork	Chelsea E. Harrison	Joshua B. Putka
Harper A. Crews	Jackson M. Miller	Maren M. Raymond
Macy E. DeHart		

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

Haleigh A. Heising	Mackenzie R. Kelley	Kristina M. Withem
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## SENIORS EARNING UNIVERSITY HONORS

Evie M. Chatfield	Ryan A. Hensley	Catie Oerther
Gabrielle R. Doty	Tiana K. Hughes	Lexi A. Opdycke
Haley N. Eckhert	Nicholas G. Kleiner	Harley C. Paul
Isabella M. Fiorito	Chloe E. Leonard	Charlotte R. Sarchet
Julianna S. Fisher	Caroline L. Marlow	Megan K. Suffoletta
Abigail R. Gerstenzang	Maddy G. Marsengill	Joshua H. Tarrance
Maya K. Hagander	Kaitlyn M. McGee	Isabel K. Travis
Kirstin D. Hawkins-White	Lilia L. Moorman	Leah K. Vogt
Emma F. Hennigan	Claire M. Muia	Hannah G. Weymouth

## 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.

Amanda J. Kot	Alexa L. Repp
Olivia M. Norbut	Leah K. Vogt

## THE E. CHARLES CHATFIELD GLOBAL AWARENESS AWARD

Chatfield, a professor of history at Wittenberg University for 38 years, directed international education from 1975 to 1983. He created and directed study-abroad Global Issues and World Churches programs. The Global Awareness Award, instituted in 1992, recognizes seniors who have contributed to greater global awareness within the Wittenberg University community.

## CAMPUS COMPACT'S NEWMAN CIVIC FELLOWSHIP AWARD

Sponsored by Campus Compact, a national organization that promotes civic engagement for institutions of higher education, the Newman Civic Fellowship recognizes and supports community-committed students who are change makers and public problem-solvers at Campus Compact member institutions, like ours. Fellows are nominated by their president on the basis of their potential for public leadership. Through the fellowship, Campus Compact provides students with training and resources that nurture their assets and passions and help them develop strategies for social change. The yearlong program, named for Campus Compact founder Frank Newman, includes virtual learning opportunities and networking as part of a national network of engaged student leaders.

## **THE CHAMPION AWARD FOR COMMUNITY IMPACT**

The Champion Award for Community Impact recognizes the commitment of a student and faculty/staff member to the Greater Springfield community through service and outreach that fosters positive connections between the campus and local community. The recipient is selected based on their substantial involvement in service, projects, and activities that contribute to helping our neighbors thrive.

## **THE CHARLES J. PING STUDENT COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

The Charles J. Ping Student Community Service Award honors a student's outstanding leadership and commitment to community service or service-learning on campus and within the community. It recognizes a student's ability to work in partnership with members of the community to meet identified needs of the community through the creation of a sustainable organization or process. 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 COPELAND COMMUNITY SERVICE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD**

The Copeland Community Service and Social Justice Award recognizes a student who demonstrates engaged citizenship in the Greater Springfield community. 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 ROSE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

The Rose Award for Excellence in Community Partnership recognizes a member of the Greater Springfield community who serves as an exceptional co-educator for students. They help students bloom into well-informed, engaged, and productive citizens, and they make a significant difference in the community. The recipient is selected based on their level of investment in the development of students as well as their sustained commitment and innovative approach of connecting with the University.

## **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.

## **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 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 2022-2023 Alma Mater are:

Alannah C. Browning    Ashlyn E. Hillenbrand    Katie G. Wisniewski  
Parker J. Hayes        Olivia M. Norbut

## **ALMA LUX**

Alma Lux is an honor bestowed upon a junior 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 2022-2023 Alma Lux are:

Danny T. Bean            Lucas Hummel            Branden B. Nicholas  
Atticus G. Dewey        Cole A. Lewis

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Wittenberg University provides a liberal arts education dedicated to intellectual inquiry and wholeness of person within a diverse residential community. Reflecting its Lutheran heritage, Wittenberg challenges students to become responsible global citizens, to discover their callings, and to lead personal, professional, and civic lives of creativity, service, compassion, and integrity.



