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ACADEMIC HONORS CONVOCATION 2024



RECOGNIZING THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS
AND HONORS OF OTTERBEIN STUDENTS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR

THREE THIRTY P.M. | Fritsche Theatre in Cowan Hall
Westerville, OH

ACADEMIC HONORS CONVOCATION PROGRAM

Prelude..... Otterbein University Wind Ensemble
All ceremony music was previously recorded and curated by Michael S. Yonchak, Associate Professor of Music

Processional *Crown Imperial*..... Performed by the Otterbein College Wind Ensemble
(William Walton/trans. W.J. Duthoit) *Conducted by Gary R. Tirey H '90*
from Otterbein College Bands: Traditions, 2002

Welcome..... John L. Comerford
President of the University

***Invocation**..... Rev. Lucy Kelly
Otterbein Director of Faith and Spiritual Life and
Associate Pastor at Church of the Master United Methodist

Special Music

Sonata for Flute and Piano, H. 306..... Bohuslav Martinu (1899-1959)
I. Allegro Moderato
Flute, Kylie N. Stadler '24, *Bachelor of Music Education, Bachelor of Music in Performance*
Piano, Suzanne Newcomb, *Keyboard Instructor, Senior Lecturer*

Student Greeting..... Ashni P. Patel '24
Bachelor of Science, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Presentation of Student Academic Honors..... Wendy R. Sherman Heckler
Provost and Senior Vice President

Master of Ceremonies..... Kerry L. Strayer
Professor, Department of Communication

Departmental and Program Award Presenters

Art and Art History..... Jonathan D. Johnson
Biology and Earth Science..... Jennifer A. Bennett
Business, Accounting and Economics..... Stephen L. Osborne
Chemistry..... Joan M. Esson
Communication..... Eric J. Jones
Education..... Susan D. Constable
Engineering, Computer Science and Physics..... Michael W. Hudoba
English..... Karen F. Steigman
Equine Science..... Steffanie V. Burk
Health and Sport Sciences..... Joan E. Rocks
History, Political Science, Languages and Cultures..... Deborah B. Solomon
Honors Program..... Wendy R. Sherman Heckler
Mathematics and Actuarial Science..... Jeremy S. Moore
Music..... Nicholas P. Ross
Nursing..... Bonnie M. Fagan
Philosophy and Religion..... Alexander K. Rocklin
Psychology..... Meredith C. Frey
Sociology, Criminology and Justice Studies..... Meredith C. Frey
Theatre and Dance..... T.J. Gerckens
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program..... Tammy A. Birk

Multi-Departmental Awards and Non-Departmental Award Presenters	Wendy R. Sherman Heckler <i>Provost and Senior Vice President</i> Kristy L. Drobney <i>Director, Academic Support Center</i> Bill Fox <i>Vice President for Student Affairs</i>
Outstanding Teaching Awards	Wendy R. Sherman Heckler <i>Provost and Senior Vice President</i>
Recognition of Other Awards and Honoraries	Wendy R. Sherman Heckler <i>Provost and Senior Vice President</i>
* Otterbein Love Song	Amelia J. Mannino '24 <i>Bachelor of Arts, Music and Business</i> Suzanne Newcomb, piano <i>Keyboard Instructor, Senior Lecturer</i>
* Benediction	Emma C. McGreal '24 <i>Bachelor of Science in Education, PreK-5 Primary Education</i>
Recessional Sine Nomine	Performed by the Otterbein College Wind Ensemble <i>Conducted by Gary R. Tirey H'90</i> <i>from Otterbein College Bands: Traditions, 2002</i>

The Mace bearer is an honor bestowed upon the most senior faculty member,
Dr. Teri Walter, Professor, Department of Health and Sport Sciences.

The Otterbein University Seal is an honor bestowed upon the 2024 recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award,
Dr. David Sheridan, Associate Professor of Biology and Earth Science.

The Flambeau is an honor bestowed upon the 2024 recipient of the New Teacher of the Year Award,
Dr. Bennett Grooms, Assistant Professor of Biology and Earth Science.

*Everyone is invited to a reception immediately following the ceremony at the Roush Hall Plaza.
In the event of inclement weather, the reception will be held in the Fisher Gallery in Roush Hall.*

***Please stand as able**

OTTERBEIN LOVE SONG

Words by Celia Ihrig Grabill H'64/Music by Grant Grabill, Class of 1900

In a quiet, peaceful village
 there is one we love so true.
She ever gives a welcome
 to her friends both old and new
She stands serene
 'mid tree tops green,
She's our dear Otterbein

CHORUS:
Old Otterbein our college,
 we sing of thee today.
Our memories round thee linger
 in a sweet and mystic way.
O Otterbein, we love thee,
 our hearts are only thine,
We pledge anew, we will be true,
Dear Otterbein.

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

ART AND ART HISTORY

Presented by **Jonathan D. Johnson, Chair**

Lillian Bale-Roof '42 Memorial Endowed Award

Awarded annually to a full-time student who demonstrates exceptional commitment in the field of visual arts.

Audrey R. Couch
Mia C. Potter

George R. Raica Fine Arts Endowed Award

Awarded through competition to a junior Visual Arts major(s) for their senior year project.

Christopher M. Jackson

Marguerite Wetherill Eschbach Memorial Student Art Fund

Underwrites the hiring of a juror and acquisition of one or more pieces for the University's permanent collection from the Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition; the artist who creates the winning piece of art receives an award at the end of the exhibition.

Rachel M. Malek
Olivia T. Rossi
Sarah K. Farmer
Maizie L. King
Hailey P. Hill
Emily K. Rogers

Lillian Frank/Joanne Miller Stichweh Book Award

Awarded to a graduating senior Art major(s).

Nevaeh B. Ellis
Lukas A. Patel

Lillian Frank/Earl Hassenpflug Visual Arts Award

Awarded to a full-time junior or senior majoring in Visual Arts or Visual Arts in education.

Sarah K. Farmer
Leila J. Johnson
Tara P. Jones
Madison M. Popovich

Earl C. Hassenpflug H'91 Endowed Award

Awarded annually to a full-time student(s) who demonstrates exceptional commitment to the discipline of Art.

Maxton C. Cox
Christopher M. Jackson

Dorothy G. Van Sant Memorial Endowed Award

Awarded to a full-time student(s) majoring in Visual Arts.

Phoebe M. Kraus
Emily K. Rogers
Lilianne E. Volz

John Benjamin Kessler Memorial Endowed Award

Awarded alternately between the departments of Art and English to a student who excels in ceramics, creative writing or poetry.

Rachel M. Malek

BIOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCE

Presented by **Jennifer A. Bennett, Chair**

Charles W. Botts '34 Memorial Endowed Award

Awarded to a full-time student(s) who is a Biology and Earth Science major and demonstrates exceptional commitment to research in Biology and Earth Science.

Cassidy L. Shaver
Rebekah M. Whittaker

Dr. Marion F. Dick '43 Memorial Endowed Award

Awarded to a junior or senior student(s) for outstanding achievement in pre-professional Health Sciences.

Jacob M. Hawkes
Ashni P. Patel

Life Science Departmental Endowed Award

Awarded to a student who has completed a research project in botany or microbiology or who has taken courses at a field station or has worked for a governmental agency.

Jacob M. Hawkes

George J. Phinney H’89 Endowed Award

Award is to be given to any student exhibiting outstanding academic performance and research in class or with independent study in the Life and Earth Science Department with a concentration in environmental science.

Natalie I. Reynolds
Kim T. Nguyen
Adilia M Schmidt

Melinda S. Phinney, MD ‘85 Fund for Pre-Medical Experiences for Students

Awarded to a junior or senior student(s) for travel (domestic or international) for pre-medical experiences.

Taylor A. Bish

E. Jeanne Willis Life Science Endowed Award

Awarded to a sophomore or junior student who has contributed significantly to the Biology and Earth Science Department.

Elizabeth C. Dean

Grace Rohrer Rymer ‘48 and Richard Rymer Scholarship

Awarded to a junior or senior majoring in Environmental Science and intends to participate in an internship or SYE related to Environmental Science.

Elyse C. Blankenship
Alexis N. Chrise
Mary J. Liddle

Kyle Miller Memorial Fund

Awarded to a junior or senior Zoo Science major.

Rachel M. Hughes
Caitlyn M. McDaniel
Mallory M. Meyer
Caitlin R. Sposeep
Gavin J. Spragg

Department of Biology & Earth Sciences Student Travel Fund

To provide an annual travel stipend to students from the Department of Biology and Earth Science who have the opportunity to travel abroad and are pursuing research or scholarship opportunities as part of or on behalf of the department.

Mary J. Liddle
Harley T. Miller
Caitlyn M. McDaniel
Emily R. Patrick

Farnlacher-Hovermale Endowed Award

Awarded to a currently enrolled full-time student(s) who demonstrates excellent academic progress toward the successful completion of their degree and proficiency in their major. This award alternates between students majoring in history, religion, life science and education.

Sebastian A. Newman
Adilia M. Schmidt
Valerie M. Van Meter

The Robert J. & Ann M. Harting Endowed Award

Awarded to a sophomore or junior majoring in Environmental Science who intends to conduct undergraduate research and work in the field of natural resource conservation, environmental education, or restoration ecology in the United States.

Megan E. Longwell

BUSINESS, ACCOUNTING AND ECONOMICS

Presented by..... Stephen L. Osborne, Chair

Charles R. and Louise Bennett Prize in Business

Awarded to students for outstanding leadership and academic achievement in the Department of Business Administration.

Haley E. Dennis
Lauren N. Gilbert
Joshua Payette
Andy L. Phu
Jacob C. Spegal

Wallace E. Conard ‘54 Memorial Endowed Award

Awarded to a part-time or full-time Business Administration major(s) who has a concentration in Marketing and/or Management, has proven academic success, and has demonstrated a commitment for community leadership.

Hannah V. Mohler
Kavi L. Patel
Garrett A. Thomas
Aubrey M. Zanella
Bailey E. Zanella

Donald E. and Elsa Giammarco ‘76 VanZant Sr. Endowed Award

Awarded to a Business Administration major(s) who excels in the concentration of Marketing.

Ryan K. de Nijs
Kenzie L. Prickett

Allen Prindle Student Fund for Business, Accounting, and Economics

Awarded to students for the study of abroad experiences, internships, distinctions projects, or professional networking experience.

Eden M. Edenfield
Richmond S. Honkpo
Noah S. Palmer
Andrew F. Wherley

Mafi-Tabatabai Endowed Award

Awarded to a non-traditional junior or senior Business, Accounting, or Economics major(s) who has proven academic excellence and whose tuition is not supplemented by an employer.

Jeannette Dut

CHEMISTRY

Presented by *Joan M. Esson, Chair*

Weinland Chemistry Award

Awarded to a student with high moral character and above average scholarship majoring in the field of Chemistry.

Kaitlynn L. Gleich
Jordan L. Thompson

First-Year Achievement Award: ACS Membership

Awarded to an outstanding first-year Chemistry major(s).

Ian Chapman
Neil Reddy
Bailee A. Toadvine

Kekule Award

Awarded for academic excellence to a sophomore Chemistry major(s).

Paul A. Scott

Dalton Award

Awarded for academic excellence to a junior Chemistry major(s).

Elizabeth F. Douglass

Mendeleev Award

Awarded for academic excellence to a senior Chemistry major(s).

Andrew J. Holman

COMMUNICATION

Presented by..... *Eric K. Jones, Chair*

“Dr. Griss” Speech Communication Endowed Award

Presented to an outstanding student on the basis of breadth and depth of participation in departmental activities and academic success.

Lilly G. Peter

Forrest G. and Maude Berry Ketner Scholarships

Awarded to any upperclassman student enrolled in the Speech Department with proven qualities of leadership and academic success, and involved in public speaking or debate.

Emma G. Chapman
Madison E. Holtkamp

H. Robert Pollock Memorial Endowed Award

Presented to a currently enrolled full-time junior, senior and/or master’s student earning language arts certification who intends to teach speech at a secondary level and/or a full-time currently enrolled junior or senior student who intends to enroll in graduate school and teach communication at the college level.

Amy E. Hissrich

Robert A. Spencer Jr. Memorial Award for Excellence in Broadcasting

Presented to an outstanding senior broadcaster on the basis of service to WOBN and WOCC.

Sophia M. Imundo

Verda B. Evans Award in Journalism

Awarded for excellence in Journalism.

Ella G. Sedlock

EDUCATION

Presented by Susan D. Constable, *Chair*

Class of 1944 Endowed Award

Awarded to a currently enrolled part-time or full-time junior Education major who excels in their major and is outstanding in their involvement with campus activities.

Claire Y. Sauer

Class of 1945 Endowed Award

Awarded to a currently enrolled part-time or full-time junior or senior Early Childhood Education major who excels in their major and is outstanding in their involvement with campus activities.

Emma S. Swisher

Class of 1946 Endowed Award

Awarded to a currently enrolled part-time or full-time junior Education major who excels in their major and is outstanding in their involvement with campus activities.

Margaret R. Musilli

Dr. H. Jay Dattle '64 Memorial Endowed Award

Awarded to a part-time or full-time undergraduate or graduate student(s) majoring in Elementary or Secondary Education with first preference to a graduate student.

Chelsie N. Inman

Charles W. Hayman Memorial Endowed Award

Awarded by the Department Chair to a student(s) who has made an exceptional contribution to the Education Department.

Cassandra B. Machado

James R. Larson Memorial Endowed Award

Awarded to a student who earned a high school diploma (or equivalent) more than five years prior to entering college, who has demonstrated an interest in empowering women and distinguished themselves in the field of multiculturalism or commitment to working with historically underserved or underprivileged populations.

Juweria O. Haji

Donald E. and Mary A. (Wagner) Myers Endowed Education Award

Awarded to a currently enrolled full-time Education major(s) who excels in their major and is outstanding in their involvement with campus activities.

Emylie N. Winesette

Selby Family Endowed Award

Awarded to an outstanding student(s) majoring in Education who exhibits good scholarship.

Miles C. Compton

Jody Melick VanTine Award

Awarded to an outstanding Education major who is a member of Tau Epsilon Mu Sorority.

Katie L. Queen

ENGINEERING, COMPUTER SCIENCE AND PHYSICS

Presented by Michael W. Hudoba, *Chair*

Maurice and Rose Rapkin Computer Science Endowed Award

Awarded to a part-time or full-time Computer Science major(s) or minor(s) who has shown outstanding progress in Computer Science awareness and has shown proficiency in the application of Computer Science for occupational goals beyond graduation.

Hussein Al-Ani
David W. Carr
Ashley Gutierrez Gallegos
Joel D. Justice
Owen C. Willer

Pete Sanderson Computer Science Endowed Scholarship

Awarded to an undergraduate student(s) with a major in Computer Science who demonstrates academic excellence.

Kyle A. Miller
Jacob P. Ramstetter
Cameron S. Uhl

Dr. Joseph and Marilyn Harpster Engineering Award

Awarded to an outstanding rising first year student(s) with a major in Engineering who demonstrates academic excellence and a commitment to public or community leadership.

Chloe E. Campbell
Maxton D. Sprowls

Engineering Leadership Service Award

Awarded to a graduating senior chosen by the Engineering faculty.

Kody C. Haubeil

Engineering Academic Excellence Award

Awarded to a graduating senior chosen by the Engineering faculty.

John M. Nice

Richard Feynman Award

Awarded to an outstanding performance in the first-year Physics sequence.

Madalyn L. Mull
Paul A. Scott
Maxton D. Sprowls

ENGLISH

Presented by Karen F. Steigman, Chair

Pat Mizer Cassady Memorial

Awarded to a student who has excelled in writing.

Harper N. Wood

John W. Fisher Memorial Senior Writer’s Award

This endowed award, awarded to a senior part-time or full-time student, seeks to honor and memorialize John W. Fisher '71 and his love of the English language.

Madison T. Newman

Janet Louise Roberts Award

Awarded to a student(s) who has shown leadership in *Quiz and Quill*.

Madison T. Newman
Harper N. Wood

Robert E. and Mary Elizabeth Cramer Endowed Award

Awarded to any part-time or full-time student(s) who majors in English and who shows academic excellence, leadership abilities, and commitment to the University community.

Sebastian C. Black
Jane D. Cook
Mary R. Flowers
Skye M. Hamilton
Grace Hawk
Isaac B. Jones
Karina E. Streeter
Adam E. Willis
Marlo L. Young

Joining Hands Award

Awarded to an Integrated Language Arts major(s) for excellence in student teaching.

Erika A. Carper
Elena A. Tieman

Myers Family Endowed English Award

Awarded to an English major(s) with a concentration in Literary Studies for excellence in critical writing.

Mitzi C. Cuaxico

EQUINE SCIENCE

**Presented bySteffanie V. Burk, Professor
(Presenting for Sheri S. Birmingham, Chair)**

Pietila Family Equine Science Endowed Award

Awarded to a full-time student(s) who is majoring in Equine Science and an equestrian participating in either dressage or combined training.

Madeline G. Gaber

Betty F. Kennedy Award for Academic Excellence

This award is the Department of Equine Science’s highest recognition of a graduating Equine Science major based upon academic excellence, contributions to the department, and service to Otterbein University.

Riley J. Leibeck

HEALTH AND SPORT SCIENCES

Presented by **Joan E. Rocks, Chair**

Marilyn E. Day Endowed Award

Awarded to a full-time student(s) majoring in the department for excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service.

Janey D. Coplan
Josey M. Johnson
Aubrey R. McMahon

Harold C. Martin Memorial Endowed Award

Awarded to a student whose major field is Physical Education and who is planning to teach and coach.

Rachel N. Bender
Connor P. Parsons

Elmer W. "Bud" Yoest '53 Endowed Award

Awarded to a Health and Sport Science student(s) demonstrating an exceptional commitment to campus leadership and citizenship.

Ravyn S. Goodson
Anna G. Waskiewicz
Gena G. West

HISTORY, POLITICAL SCIENCE, LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

Presented by **Deborah B. Solomon, Chair**

Class of 1904 Prize in Government and Political Science Prize

Awarded annually to an outstanding student(s) in the field of Government and Political Science.

Alexandria A. Martin

Lynn W. Turner Prize in History

Awarded to a History student(s) for excellence in the study of History.

Margaret A. Glanc
Madison P. Lobello

Pierre F. and Marguerite M. Rosselot Prize Fund

Awarded to a student(s) who demonstrates academic excellence in History and Political Science.

Ayan M. Abdi
Katelyn S. Vollrath
Elizabeth M. White

Samuel and Ida Zimmerman Spencer Memorial Endowed Award

Awarded to a full-time student(s) involved in the Study Abroad Program.

Lillian M. Morgret

Pasquale and Concetta Giammarco Premio Endowed Award

Awarded to a student(s) for excellence in the study of a Foreign Language.

Jennifer Gutierrez Gallegos

Hamilton Merit Award in Foreign Language

Awarded to a sophomore student(s) for excellence in the study of a Foreign Language.

Kate E. Bango
Kayla M. Lechnir
Alyssa R. Lemos
Rachel L. Williamson
Stephanie Mesa-Sanchez
Rebekah M. Whittaker

Gilbert E. Mills Award

Awarded to an outstanding senior(s) Foreign Language major.

Lilia A. Baldwin
Ava K. Gertler
Kaley M. Starkey
Rachel C. Ziel

Dr. Elizabeth Doerschuk O'Bear Award

Awarded to a full-time student(s) who has been an outstanding student of Foreign Language.

HONORS PROGRAM

Presented by **Wendy R. Sherman Heckler, Provost and Senior Vice President**

Outstanding Honors Program Student

Awarded to a senior student(s) for achieving the highest excellence and creativity in the completion of their Senior Honors Thesis.

Samuel M. Degenhard
Sean M. Palmer
Adilia M. Schmidt

MATHEMATICS AND ACTUARIAL SCIENCE

Presented by **Jeremy S. Moore, Chair**

J. Clarence and Floss G. Baker Award in Mathematics

Awarded to a graduating senior(s) for academic excellence in Mathematics.

Aislin K. Holubek

Dr. Michael S. Bridgman Prize in Mathematics

Awarded to a sophomore or junior Mathematics major(s) who holds at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average and demonstrates outstanding future potential in the field; preference goes to a student engaged in extracurricular activities that involve the pursuit or advancement of Mathematics (such as tutoring).

Jonas J. Blake
Christopher T. Courter
Kiera P. Geiger

Donald Dean Kincaid '88 Memorial Endowed Award

Awarded to a Mathematical Science major(s) who demonstrates high academic ranking, provides leadership within the department, and shows professional potential in the field of Mathematics.

Adam E. Stahler

Mathematics Departmental Math-Education Hinton Endowed Award

Awarded to a part-time or full-time student(s) who demonstrates exceptional commitment to the learning of Mathematics with the intent to teach Mathematics.

Lindsey N. Whitmore

Mathematics Departmental Hinton Endowed Award

Awarded to a part-time or full-time student(s) who demonstrates exceptional commitment to the learning of Mathematics.

Emma G. Chapman

Roger Tremaine Memorial Award

Awarded to undergraduate students with a major or minor in Mathematical Sciences.

Katelyn N. Debolt
Kyle A. Miller
Cody B. Moore

Dr. James H. Weaver Memorial Mathematics Award

Awarded to an undergraduate student taking third- or fourth-year mathematics and who demonstrates academic excellence.

Morgan E. Somers

MUSIC

Presented by **Nicholas P. Ross, Chair**

William H. and Alta B. Arbogast Music Prize

Awarded to a graduating senior Music major with the highest grade point average.

David M. Montgomery

Thelma Zellner Memorial Choral Music Award

Awarded to a junior(s) who demonstrates commitment to and quality participation in the Choral Music activities of the University.

Vincent T. Bostick
Noelle J. Burke
Sergio Mariscal-Marquez
Piers H. Ross
Austin G. Pickett
Margaret C. Prucha

Ellen M. Jones '23 Memorial Endowed Award

Awarded to a Music major who is an instrumentalist.

Charles R. Adams

Thomas E. Cook '39 Memorial Choral Music Endowed Award

Awarded to a non-music major for distinguished contribution to the University's choral music program.

Madison E. Holtkamp

Shackson Memorial Music Education Endowed Award

Awarded to a full-time Music major pursuing a Music Education degree.

Samantha L. Richards

Olive S. Cook '24 Memorial Endowed Award

Awarded to a Music or Music Education major(s) who demonstrates exceptional academic progress and demonstrates a distinct appreciation for the Music discipline.

Carleigh A. Benson
Kendra D. Hildreth
Alan J. Hatcher
Alexander J. Sheen

Gary R. Tirey Endowed Award in Music

Awarded to a sophomore or junior non-music major who exhibits good scholarship, is active in and demonstrates leadership in a range of ensembles in the instrumental program.

Victor J. Daley
Grayson C. Grimm
Marlo L. Young

Frances Harris Memorial Endowed Award

Awarded to a Music or Music Education major whose principal instrument is piano.

Megan M. Ladd

Presser Foundation Scholarship

Awarded on the basis of musicianship and contributions to the Department of Music.

David M. Montgomery

Grabill-Shackson Award

This award is the Department of Music's highest recognition of a graduating Music major; awarded on the basis of scholarship, musicianship, citizenship, service to the department and service to the University.

Kylie N. Stadler

Jeanne B. Gross Scholarship Fund

Awarded to a sophomore or junior music education student; a gift from the Westerville Historical Society and Jeanne B. Gross Estate.

Grace M. Francis

NURSING

**Presented by Bonnie M. Fagan, Professor
(Presenting for John D. Chovan, Chair)**

Andrew LeHigh '95 Memorial Endowed Award

Awarded to a part-time or full-time upper-division Nursing student who demonstrates academic scholarship, clinical excellence, and shows leadership skills.

Benjamin R. Stanhope

Dorothy J. McVay Endowed Award

A Certificate of Recognition given annually to a senior student for academic achievement and clinical excellence in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program .

Alyson M. Callahan

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

Presented by Alexander K. Rocklin, Chair

Jesse S. Engle '14 Memorial Endowed Award

Awarded to a student of any discipline who has shown exceptional academic standing and has excelled in Philosophy and/or Religion classes.

Robin R. Brick

Thelma and Robert Frank Endowed Award

Awarded to a student(s) who is pursuing a profession as a Christian teacher, missionary, or clergyperson.

Tyler D. Tucker

Lawrence Keister New Testament Award

Awarded to a student showing outstanding proficiency in New Testament studies.

Makenzie L. Kellogg

Foster and Hilda Williams Endowed Award

Awarded to a student with the goal of serving full-time in the Christian ministry.

Dane A. Whip

William O. and Floral Amy Endowed Prize

Awarded to a full-time student who has done outstanding work in religious studies (Biblical, theological, or comparative).

Charlie Ryan

Abhidharma-Satyananda Book Award in Religious Studies

Awarded to a student(s) who has shown unusual aptitude and diligence in the historical or comparative study of the world’s religions.

Frances P. Oviedo

Peripatos Book Award in Philosophy

Awarded to a student(s) who has shown remarkable aptitude in the study of the Western philosophic tradition.

Grace M. Smith

The Susanna Annesley Wesley Book Award in Christian Studies

Awarded to a student(s) who has demonstrated a high level of creative scholarship in courses in the Christian religion.

Makenzie L Kellogg

PSYCHOLOGY

Presented by Meredith C. Frey, Chair

Benua Foundation Award for Academic Excellence

Awarded to a senior(s) majoring in Psychology who demonstrates evidence of superior scholarship and makes a significant contribution to the direction and vitality of the department, has a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher, and evidence beyond the G.P.A of an attitude of scholarship-superior analytic integrative skills and the ability to communicate effectively in verbal and written form.

Samuel M. Degenhard
Celeste M. Nist

Stephen Karsko Memorial Award

Awarded to Psychology majors who, in commitment to the total University community, display openness and curiosity, and demonstrate definite leadership skills.

Masoma L. Githiora
Abby G. Kirkendall
Brielle G. Newland
Sean M. Palmer
Mitchell K. Patterson
Casey M. Sussman
Olivia A. Vitaz

Felipe Martinez Humanitarian Award

Awarded to a senior majoring in Psychology who displays a general humanitarian emphasis both in philosophy and in action, a strong commitment to personal growth and value-education, and an exemplary attitude toward the liberal arts.

Rebecca Morrison

SOCIOLOGY, CRIMINOLOGY AND JUSTICE STUDIES

Presented by Meredith C. Frey, Chair

Phyllis Weygandt Auerbach ’51 Memorial Award

Awarded to a senior student(s) who plans to enter the field of human services, has a minimum 3.25 cumulative grade point average, participated in a program in human services during their undergraduate years, is actively involved in extracurricular activities and plans to enter graduate school.

Cameryn E. Huffman

Albert E. Lovejoy Prize in Sociology

Awarded to one to three senior Sociology or Criminology and Justice Studies majors (or a junior Sociology or Criminology and Justice study major with a strong record of experience and academic excellence.) The recipient must be making satisfactory progress towards their degree with a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5. and/or a major G.P.A. of at least 2.5. Selection criteria should also include students who have demonstrated a high level of commitment to public and community leadership and have demonstrated a strong global perspective.

Brandon Noronha

Ventresca Family Fund

Provides a one-time education opportunity (experience supplemental to normal class work) for undergraduate students majoring in Sociology or Criminology and Justice Studies, who demonstrate a desire to pursue additional career preparation outside of the classroom. The recipient will be chosen by the Sociology department. Preference goes to a student of rising junior or senior standing (or an exceptional sophomore) who may only receive the award once. The funds may be used for tuition fees, travel living expenses, research supplies, and/or other related costs of that experience.

Abbigail M. Beyer
Thomas J. Bobovnyk
Zully J. Mejia Lopez
Rachel M. Hoffman
Landen M. Pettet

Ida B. Wells Social Justice Book Award

Awarded to a student(s) with an excellent academic record and passion for social justice.

Madison T. Newman

Scholar’s Book Award

Awarded to a student(s) with an exceptional academic record who is attending graduate school.

Tyler G. Owens-Terwilliger

Vollmer McCord Criminology Book Award

Awarded to a student(s) for outstanding research and scholarship in criminology.

Sawyer Herdlick
Angel M. Proehl

W.E.B. DuBois Book Award

Awarded to a student(s) in leadership positions who advance a sociological and social justice perspective.

Grace N. Sims

THEATRE AND DANCE

Presented byT.J. Gerckens, Chair

David Graf '72 Endowed Award

Awarded to a Senior Showcase performer who exemplifies the qualities of David Graf. Chosen by students who attended the Showcase.

Jessica E. Noal

Gressman-Shultz Drama Award

Awarded to the outstanding senior Theatre student.

Lucas R. Fragiotta

Leslie Burrell Mangia Musical Theatre Award

Awarded to the outstanding junior(s) in Musical Theatre who has appeared in at least two musical productions at Otterbein.

Caroline N. Bowers
Katherine S. Condon

Paul G. Smythe Theatre Award

Awarded to an outstanding junior Acting major(s).

Benjamin J. Sanford

Fred J. “Pop” Thayer H’82 Endowed Theatre Award

Awarded annually to an outstanding junior Design/Technology major.

Liberty A. Carroll

Joanne Van Sant Musical Theatre and Dance Award

Awarded to any outstanding full-time Musical Theatre and Dance major who has made significant contributions to the promotion, advancement and/or appreciation of dance.

Claire L. Stancy

Outstanding B.A. in Theatre Award

Awarded to an outstanding junior level student achieving a B.A. in Theatre who exemplifies the qualities and attitudes of an exemplar student of Theatre.

Ryan A. Lewis

Petie Dodrill Theatre Endowed Award

Awarded to an outstanding sophomore or junior student(s) who has made significant contributions to the promotion, advancement, and/or appreciation of the costume area at Otterbein University; must have a minimum 2.5 grade point average.

Leah P. Vick

Katie Falter '13 Champion in Theatre Award

Awarded to a junior or senior Bachelor of Arts Theatre major, who is planning to pursue a career in directing and demonstrates the qualities that marked Katie Falter's life and work.

John J. Giglia

Andy Baker Spirit of Generosity Award

Awarded to a Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior Theatre major who demonstrates the qualities that marks Andy Baker's life and work - "Generosity of Spirit."

Natalie M. Neville

Alan and Christy Coupland Theatre and Dance Endowed Scholarship

Awarded to a first-year student pursuing a Theatre Performance major within the Theatre and Dance department.

Katherine M. Brewer

Eugene C. Reynolds Speech/Drama Award

Awarded to an outstanding Communication or Theatre/Dance major(s) for success in academics and involvement in activities.

David A. Graves
Olivia T. Rossi

WOMEN'S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES PROGRAM

Presented by Tammy A. Birk, Program Director

Excellence in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Award

Awarded to a student who exemplifies academic excellence, leadership in the WGSS program, and sustained commitment to the campus community.

Lily E. Cowie
Madison T. Newman
Abigail M. Sinclair

MULTI-DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Presented by Wendy R. Sherman Heckler, Provost and Senior Vice President

Priest-Miller Endowed Award

Awarded to a full-time student who demonstrates outstanding achievement in Biology and Earth Science, Chemistry, or Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Rebekah M. Whittaker

Bert and Jane Horn Endowed Student Research Fund in the Sciences

Awarded to provide junior or senior students with a minimum grade point of average of 3.0 with an opportunity to benefit from research experiences available within Biology and Earth Science, Chemistry, and Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Elizabeth C. Dean
Lauren E. Fedder
Harley T. Miller
Haley R. Plaughter
Emm D. Slates
Kylee J. Segner
Sarah K. Squires
Adan E. Willis

Joan Niewaroski Jaschke Memorial Award

Awarded to a total of two part-time students, one from the Psychology department and one from the English department, who earned a high school diploma five or more years prior to applying to the University.

Abigail N. Bechtol

NON-DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

*Presented by..... Wendy R. Sherman Heckler, Provost and Senior Vice President
Kristy L. Drobney, Director, Academic Support Center
Bill Fox, Vice President for Student Affairs*

Richard and Carolyn Sherrick Five Cardinal Experiences Fund

This award provides assistance to an undergraduate student(s) who is pursuing one of the Five Cardinal Experiences with a preference for travel-related opportunities.

Cody A. Lyles

James V. Miller Award

Awarded to an Otterbein student on the Dean's List who has demonstrated leadership in the co-curricular life of the University.

Braydon S. Au
Abby B. Vitali

G. Harlan and Mary O. Hummell '31 Rainier Memorial Endowed Award

Awarded to a student(s) who has demonstrated experience in, or commitment to, working with historically underserved or underprivileged populations.

Kelsie Nsiah

K. William and Gloria Shiffler '50 Endowed Award

Awarded to a full-time first- or second-year student who is also an endowed scholarship recipient. Preference shall be given to a student majoring in business or teaching.

Kate E. Bango
Robert E. Kain

Childers Family Award for International Study

Awarded to a student who wishes to pursue a study abroad that is at least one term in length.

Keliah G. Schertz

Knight Family Fund for International Study

Awarded to a student who wishes to participate in study abroad or international learning opportunities.

Mary J. Liddle

Torch and Key Endowed Tuition Award

A gift from the Torch and Key Society awarded in honor of Dr. Robert Price H'60, Mr. John Becker '50, and Dr. Harold Hancock H'69 to a junior with a 3.85+ grade point average who has shown evidence of leadership qualities in Otterbein activities.

Hajar I. Bennani
Isabel M. Elliott
Grace M. Francis
Margaret C. Prucha
Morgan R. Smedley
Maya G. Steiger

Glendine Huggins Wadlington Memorial Endowed Award

Awarded to a part-time or full-time student(s) in recognition of their efforts and success during their years at Otterbein.

Maxwell J. Kott
Brandon Noronha

Alpha Lambda Delta/Phi Eta Sigma Outstanding Senior Award

Awarded to the graduating senior member(s) of Alpha Lambda Delta/Phi Eta Sigma with a high cumulative grade point average and active participation; the recipient's name is added to the Alpha Lambda/Phi Eta plaque in the library.

Adilia M. Schmidt

Epsilon Kappa Tau Alumnae Memorial Endowed Award in Honor of Dr. Marilyn E. Day

Awarded annually to a full-time senior(s) in the active chapter of Epsilon Kappa Tau on the basis of grade point average and service to the University and the sorority.

Chloe R. Kern

Pi Kappa Phi Grise-Auspurger Award

Recognizes an active member(s) who has announced an intention of post graduate training in medicine or dentistry.

Hunter R. Henry
Keaton M. Snyder

Pi Kappa Phi Essig-Stobart-Eldridge-Borland Award

Recognizes the “balance” of academics, extra curricular activity, and fraternity leadership as evidenced by Lester Essig, Steve R. Stobart '93, W. Michael Stobart '95, Bradley Eldridge '95, and Ryan D. Borland '97.

Beau D. Burtscher
Declan T. Jewitt
Caden P. Masterson

Pi Kappa Phi Performing Arts Award

Recognizes a member of Pi Kappa Phi who is majoring in music, music theatre, and/or dance.

Blake A. Newland

Pi Kappa Phi Thompson/Howe Award

Recognizes an active member with the declared intention of pursuing graduate degrees in one of the arts or sciences (not including business or accounting).

Beau D. Burtscher
Blake A. Newland

Pi Kappa Phi Forensics/Broadcasting Award

Recognizes those who demonstrate superior competence in forensics, public speaking, and broadcasting with the first preference to a student involved in intercollegiate debate.

Beau D. Burtscher
Declan T. Jewitt
Alexander Pataky

Pi Kappa Phi Professor Horace W. Troup '23 Award

Recognizes achievement and distinction in the fields of accounting, and/or business administration with a preference for accounting.

Amya J. Harris

Pi Kappa Phi The Three Learned Professions Award

Recognizes an active member who has a career objective of entering the profession of law, medicine, or religion, and has a scholastic rank which indicates a realistic objective in his chosen field.

Gavin G. Edwards
Blake A. Newland
Landen M. Pettet
Keaton M. Snyder

Sigma Alpha Tau Alumnae Endowed Award

Awarded annually to a full-time student(s) in the active chapter of Sigma Alpha Tau Sorority on the basis of grade point average and service to the University and the sorority.

Janet O. Kautz

Sigma Delta Phi Alumni Award

Awarded to a full-time junior(s) or senior(s) in the active chapter of Sigma Delta Phi Fraternity on the basis of grade point average, and service to the University and the fraternity.

Theodore R. McIntyre

Fraternity and Sorority Scholarship Awards

Awarded to the fraternity and sorority with the highest grade point average for the current academic year.

Sigma Delta Phi
Sigma Alpha Tau

OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARDS

New Teacher

Dr. Bennett Grooms, Assistant Professor, Biology and Earth Science

Award is intended for a full-time faculty member at the Assistant Professor rank who is in the first three years of continuing service at Otterbein.

Teacher of the Year

Dr. David Sheridan, Associate Professor Biology and Earth Science

Award is open to all other full-time continuing members of the Otterbein University faculty.

Excellence In Teaching

Ms. Amy Karns, Instructor, Psychology

Award is open to Part-Time Faculty members at Otterbein University.

For each teaching award, the awardee should exhibit mastery of the subject matter in their discipline or in interdisciplinary teaching; highly effective organization and communication of material; a spirit of enthusiasm which enriches the instructor's own teaching and learning; the ability to arouse the curiosity of beginning students and to stimulate advanced students to creative work, and the ability to interact with students beyond the classroom through activities that integrate and expand the learning environment.

Consideration will be given to years of service in teaching at Otterbein and demonstration of the Five Principles for Effective Teaching (Knowledge, Design, Praxis, Relationships and Assessment) as described in detail in Appendix A in the Faculty Manual.

Exemplary Teaching Award of the United Methodist Church

Dr. Cindy Laurie-Rose, Professor, Psychology

The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding faculty members for their contributions to the learning arts and to the institution. This award symbolizes the vital impact of pedagogy in the formation of leadership for the next generation. It is also a token of respect for your skilled expertise and dedication to the teaching and learning enterprise.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

A commission appointed in 1959 by the American Council on Education prescribes a code for academic regalia that consists of three main parts: caps, gowns and hoods. The first part, dealing with caps, allows the mortarboard or Oxford type cap. Occasionally, the Cambridge model, a soft cap resembling a beret, is worn. Either type is correct as long as it is black and of an appropriate material, except that velvet is reserved for doctors.

The tassel worn with the cap has three variations. First, it may be black for any degree. Second, it may be in the color of the major field of learning in which the degree was granted. Third, a tassel of gold metallic may be worn by doctors and governing officials of institutions. Some schools make a ceremony of switching the tassel from the right to the left at the moment the degree is awarded as a substitute for individual hooding of candidates.

The second main part of academic regalia concerns the gown which should be all black, aside from variations in materials and fullness. The bachelor's gown falls in straight lines from a fairly elaborate yoke. Its distinguishing characteristic is the long pointed sleeves. A master's gown is distinguished by an arc-shaped panel on the long or short sleeve. The doctor's gown is an elaborate costume marked by velvet panels down the front and around the neck as well as by three bars of the same materials on the bell-shaped sleeves. It is cut much fuller than the other gowns and unlike them may be ornamented in color. Both the panelling and the sleeve bars may show the area in which the degree was awarded.

The third main component of academic regalia is the hood which makes clear the level of the degree, the area in which it was given and the institution which awarded it. The size of the hood and the width of the velvet trimming shows the level of study. The more advanced the degree, the longer the hood and wider the velvet trim. The color of the trim identifies the area in which the degree was awarded. Arts, letters and humanities are represented by white; education is light blue; fine arts is brown; law is purple; music is pink; nursing is apricot; philosophy is dark blue; science is golden yellow; and theology is scarlet. The lining of a hood bears the official colors of the institution from which the degree was received, in Otterbein's case, tan and cardinal.

HONORARIES

Alpha Lambda Delta/Phi Eta Sigma Senior Academic Achievement Certificates

The academic honorary societies proudly acknowledge the following members who have maintained a 3.5 and higher cumulative grade point average throughout their undergraduate program at Otterbein.

Jacquelyn N. Adler
Corinne A. Alston
Francesca A. Amico
Dominic P. Antronica
Emily C. Auld
Yeman Bakdaliéh
Cerenity J. Barnhill
Abbigail M. Beyer
Maria T. Bier
Rachel A. Bonno
Kendall A. Brown
Kaitlin G. Brun
Alyson M. Callahan
Molly J. Casey
Emma G. Chapman
Cindy Chavez
Alexis N. Chrise
Cameron J. Christopher
Hannah M. Cook
Janey D. Coplan
Brook A. Crosby
Olivia G. Culp
Madison A. Dagan
Victoria A. Deeds
Samuel M. Degenhard
Haley E. Dennis

Olivia A. Desio
Aubrey J. Dickens
Nevaeh B. Ellis
Logan A. Folian
Kennedy S. Fulks
Julia A. Gillin
Marygrace F. Gorensék
Molly A. Grayson
Jordyn M. Hannon
Jacob M. Hawkes
Christopher L. Head
Maire L. Hollertz
Andrew J. Holman
Aislin K. Holubek
Alexander Hook
Ethan D. Johnson
Christopher D. Klein
Karlíe G. Lahna
Ryan Lewis
Olivia P. Majors
Amelia J. Mannino
Emma C. McGreal
Jacob R. McIntosh
Theodore R. McIntyre
Hannah V. Mohler
Rebecca Morrison

Aaron J. Mulligan
Hannah M. Mullins
Kylie A. Nevel
Madison T. Newman
Kim T. Nguyen
John M. Noal
Jessica E. Noal
Mason C. Nolan
Ashni P. Patel
Lukas A. Patel
Megan E. Payne
Owen J. Píreu
Elizabeth D. Post
Kenzie L. Prickett
Katie L. Queen
McKenna E. Sawyer
Adilia M. Schmidt
Olivia C. Schnittker
Hannah L. Shadd
Benjamin A. Shockley
Erin K. Storrer
Rebekah M. Whittaker
Payje F. Wilson
Alissa L. Zigo

Alpha Lambda Delta/Phi Eta Sigma Initiates

The following students have been initiated into Alpha Lambda Delta/Phi Eta Sigma Honorary Societies. First year students who have maintained a 3.5 and higher cumulative grade point average after their first semester at Otterbein are eligible for membership.

Adoma A. Agyen
Fiona Z. Barnett-Cross
Emily G. Barton
Emma L. Bastian
Alaina T. Boles
Katherine M. Brewer
Nicholas Clark
Kennedi M. Corthell
Zachary J. Courie
Nora G. Cunningham
Logan J. Dodd
Trinity J. Downing
Maxwell E. Esque
Audrey G. Faulkner
Sydney T. Fox
Hannah E. Franklin
Chase A. Garito
Meghan L. Gilbert
Hayleigh R. Greathouse
Emerson M. Gregory
Skye M. Hamilton
Abigail J. Hammer-Huber
Xavier L. Haney

Sarah G. Hanning
Kathryn E. Hayes
Hailey P. Hill
Amina L. Hodge
Dezmon R. Howard
Shikha Iyer
Alaina L. Jacobs
Rachel L. Jaynes
Eva M. Joering
Emma R. Johnson
Keva E. Johnson
Madison E. Johnson
Macie E. Jones
Drew B. Kegler
Kierstin N. Knell
Jackson R. Lee
Ashley R. Little
Kasey H. Mader
Carli R. Martz
Elanna J. Meyer
Amanda J. Murray
Isabella M. Neal
Ella R. Paine

Ella M. Pfaffl
Wes C. Phillips
Mia C. Potter
Maggie E. Pyle
Evie L. Reed
Anu Regmi
Emily A. Rosso
Maya I. Samlan
Phillip M. Scott
Ella G. Sedlock
Claire E. Seeley
Oluwaobasegun C. Solarin
Sarah K. Squires
Michael A. Steel
Audra C. Steinbugl
Devyn L. Tangeman
Sophia L. Terry
Faith K. Truax
Kinsley M. Tuttle
Kelly J. Ulrey
Anna G. Waskiewicz
Dane A. Whip
Katherine G. Wilt

Alpha Kappa Delta Honorary

Founded in 1920, Alpha Kappa Delta seeks to acknowledge and promote excellence in the scholarship in the study of social problems, sociology, and intellectual activities that lead to the improvement in the human condition. Members must be in the upper 35 percent of their class in general scholarship and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher in Sociology.

Abbigail M. Beyer
Halle N. Foote
Rachel M. Hoffman
Noah C. Houchins

Abby G. Kirkendall
Tyler G. Owens-Terwilliger
Landen M. Pettet
Angel M. Proehl

Kayla E. Rutan
Grace N. Sims
Kelly J. Ulrey

Iota Iota Iota National Honorary

Iota Iota Iota (Tri-Iota) is the national honorary for Women's and Gender Studies. It strives to maintain the feminist and anti-oppressive values that are central to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. Students in Otterbein's chapter work to support diversity in membership, egalitarian action and decision-making, a sustained commitment to social change advocacy, and a more inclusive academic environment for all students.

Robin R. Brick
Alliza L. Clark
Lily E. Cowie
Isabel M. Elliott
Alie R. First
Grace M. Francis
Aeriyana C. Goddard

Jessica A. Gourley
Isaac B. Jones
Emily B. Laughman
Madison T. Newman
Taylor A. Miller
Molly J. Ramey
Julia G. Richter

Lukas Rhynard
Grace N. Sims
Abigail M. Sinclair
Karina E. Streeter
Julia E. Tenbusch
Elizabeth M. White

Lambda Pi Eta National Communication Honor Society - Iota Iota Chapter

The purpose of Lambda Pi Eta is to promote outstanding academic achievement in the Communication discipline. Juniors and Seniors must have a minimum 3.25 grade point average for all Communication Studies courses to be inducted members.

Ikra Koriyow
Jennatta Mensah

Margaret M. Nicol
Hermon W. Tesfaldet

Pi Kappa Delta National Forensic Honorary

A National Forensic Honorary organization for intercollegiate debaters, competitive individual speakers, non-classroom audience speakers, and instructors in teaching oral communication.

Chance Burk
Jordan B. Blankson
Emma G. Chapman

Madison E. Holtkamp
D'Andre M. Person

Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology

Psi Chi, founded in 1929, seeks to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship and advance the science of Psychology. Members must be in the upper 35 percent of their class in general scholarship and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 in Psychology.

Lily E. Cowie
Mitzi C. Cuaxico
Abbigail M. Beyer
Samuel M. Degenhard
Emily R. Dennis
Isabel M. Elliott
Halle N. Foote
Masoma L. Githiora
Makenzie L. Kellogg
Abby G. Kirkendall
Kayla M. Lechnir

Clara A. Lively
Leah R. Locke
Rachel M. Malek
Rebecca Morrison
Celeste M. Nist
Sean M. Palmer
Mitchell K. Patterson
Tyler G. Owens-Terwilliger
Grace N. Sims
Ash Smith
Maya G. Steiger

Amanda N. Stevens
Loryn J. Stiglianese
Casey M. Sussman
Kayla M. Swanson
Greyson Thagard
Colin M. Tyler
Olivia A. Vitaz
Amri-Joelle S. Wells
Mya G. White
Lily R. Whitehair
Tasha'La K. Woodruff

Sigma Tau Delta – International English Honor Society
Alpha Rho Upsilon Chapter

The International English Honor Society confers distinction for achievement in English language, literature and writing in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies. The following students are awarded Sigma Tau Delta membership for their academic excellence which enriches interest in English studies and literacy.

Katherine Hedrick
Olivia Ryan
Karina E. Streeter
Evie L. Reed

Emily G. Barton
Marlo L. Young
Ashley R. Little
Grace Hawk

Camilla Borders
Brooke A. Hamilton
Tasheania D. Lee
Amaya D. Serrano

Life Long Community Scholar Award

The LLC Scholars Award was created by the Lifelong Learning Community at Otterbein to support the lifelong learning mission of Otterbein University. The awards help rising seniors in need of support as they work toward graduation. Each LLC Scholar is asked to play an active role in the Lifelong Learning Community throughout the academic year.

2023-24 Awardees:

McKenna L. Campbell
Kaitlin G. Brun
Ashni P. Patel

Angela M. Maio
Emma G. Chapman

Student Research Fund Award

Awarded to undergraduate and graduate students to support student research and presentation. Recipients are competitively selected based upon the quality of their proposed research and/or creative endeavor.

Colleen M. Bungard
McKenna L. Campbell
Lucas C. Crockett
Scout M. Delgado
Eneko A. Dillenberger
Elizabeth F. Douglass
Mary R. Flowers
Owen J. Gregg
Morgan M. Hartman
Jacob M. Hawkes
Taoni M. Hickey
Genevieve M. Hilt
Andrew J. Holman

Tara P. Jones
Duaa A. Khan
Kunkaron S. Adawe
Gabriella E. Laird
Jaseana S. Larsen
Jalen J. Leavell
Naomi M. Lewis
Leah R. Locke
Rachel M. Malek
Matiana Medina
Hannah V. Mohler
Madalyn L. Mull
Madison T. Newman

Kim T. Nguyen
Sean M. Palmer
Megan E. Payne
Brenna E. Pitts
Madison M. Popovich
Kerrie L. Rodgers
Adilia M. Schmidt
Olivia C. Schnittker
Paul A. Scott
Kylee J. Segner
Cassidy L. Shaver
Maya G. Steiger
Jordan L. Thompson

The Vernon L. Pack Fellowship

The Pack Fellowship provides funding to students selected through an application process who are engaged in a public service program or project and are working in collaboration with the mission of the Center for Community Engagement at Otterbein University.

2023-24 Fellows:

Phoebe E. Gibson
Katelyn R. Shelton
Elyse C. Blankenship

University Honors Program

The University Honors program is a four-year curriculum culminating in the senior year with an interdisciplinary seminar or independent thesis project. Within our program theme “Community of Scholars,” students consider what it means to belong to a community of critical inquiry, and the role of scholarly inquiry to the public good.

The students listed below are graduating seniors who have successfully completed all requirements for the Honors Program.

**Indicates the student has completed a senior thesis.*

Maria T. Bier*	Jacob M. Hawkes*	Sean M. Palmer*
Rachel A. Bonno	Natalie L. Heye*	Ashni P. Patel*
Kaitlin G. Brun*	Taoni M. Hickey*	Juliann R. Piersall
Megan C. Caldwell*	Andrew J. Holman*	Amanda P. Radke
Emma G. Chapman	Ethan D. Johnson*	Natalie I. Reynolds*
Hannah M. Cook	Bailey M. Johnson	Julia G. Richter
Lily E. Cowie	Payton H. Kaufman	Evan R. Saunier*
Olivia G. Culp	Gabriella E. Laird*	Adilia M. Schmidt*
Madison A. Dagan	Riley J. Leibeck*	Olivia C. Schnittker*
Samuel M. Degenhard*	Naomi M. Lewis*	Cassidy L. Shaver
Olivia A. Desio	Angela M. Maio	Benjamin A. Shockley
Nevaeh B. Ellis	Amelia J. Mannino	Claudia E. Smallwood*
Lucas R. Fragiotta	Hannah V. Mohler*	Kathryn G. Snyder
Sarah Frix	Aaron J. Mulligan	Erin K. Storrer*
Julia A. Gillin	Hannah M. Mullins	Rebekah M. Whittaker
Kaitlynn L. Gleich	Kylie A. Nevel	Harper N. Wood*
Owen J. Gregg	Madison T. Newman*	Manaka Yamauchi
Irene A. Groat	John M. Nice	
Emma F. Hartzler*	Hunter L. Nickell	

Distinction Program

The Distinction Program recognizes students for excellent scholarly work in their fields of study. Students in the program complete an independent research project or creative work. During their senior year, students in the distinction program write a thesis about their work and participate in a public defense of their thesis before an advisory committee.

The students listed below are graduating seniors who have successfully completed all requirements for the Distinction Program.

Emma G. Chapman	Madison T. Newman
Alliza L. Clark	Celeste M. Nist
Mitzi C. Cuaxico	Kim T. Nguyen
Sophia M. Delgado	Crystal Sinkowski
Amanda M. Marchi	

The Five Cardinal Experiences

In our mission, Otterbein stakes claim to an education distinguished by a “unique approach to integrating direct experience into all learning.” To ensure that all of our students have opportunities to apply knowledge they gain in the classroom in real world settings, the university has developed a signature initiative,

The Five Cardinal Experiences (The Five Cards). A Cardinal Experience is defined as an active and authentic concrete experience that engages students in real-world opportunities to apply the knowledge and skills they have learned in the classroom. A Cardinal Experience may occur in the community, on campus, or across the globe. The Five Cards include: (1) Community Engagement, (2) Undergraduate Research and Creative Work, (3) Internships and Professional Experiences, (4) Global and Intercultural Engagement and (5) Leadership and Citizenship. The students listed below are seniors who have completed three or more Cardinal Experiences (some experiences may still be in progress).

**Indicates the student has earned all 5 Cardinal Cards.*

Sulekha A. Abdulkadir
Kunkaron S. Adawe*
Kaitlin G. Brun
Janey D. Coplan
Morgan M. Hartman

Gabriella E. Laird*
Madison T. Newman*
Ashni P. Patel*
Amanda P. Radke
Lanika G. Theodore



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