Wittenberg University Honors Convocation

April 6, 2018, Weaver Chapel
THE PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL

Please stand.

David Crean, Organist
“March in C” by Joachim Raff

INVOCATION

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

GREETINGS AND REMARKS

Presidential Scholars

Michael L. Frandsen, President of the University

RECOGNITION OF HONOREES AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Department and Program Awards
Honor Societies in the Academic Disciplines
State and National Award Recipients
Graduating Seniors with a 4.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average

Mary Jo Zembar, Interim Provost of the University

Recognition Societies and National Honor Societies

Casey L. Gill, Dean of Students

Seniors Earning University Honors

Amy Livingstone, Professor of History

Phi Beta Kappa

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

The Charles E. Chatfield Global Awareness Award
Terumi Imai, Associate Professor of Languages

Community Service Champion Award
The Excellence in Community Service Award
The Charles J. Ping Student Community Service Award

Kristen Collier, Director of Community Service

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

John L. Young, Associate Dean for Multicultural Student Programs

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

The Lou Laux Environmental Sustainability Award
Alpha Delta Pi Scholarship Awards
The M. Alice Geiger Award
The John F. Mitchell Award
Casey L. Gill, Dean of Students

Omicron Delta Kappa
Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award
Cassie M. McLean, President, Omicron Delta Kappa

Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Teaching
Eric Rusnak, Alumni Class of 2000

Alma Mater
Mecca A. Abdul-Aziz, Class of 2018

Alma Lux
Lucas E. George, Class of 2018

PROVOST'S CLOSING REMARKS
Mary Jo Zembar, Interim Provost of the University

RECESSIONAL
David Crean, Organist
“Toccata from Symphony No. 5” by C.M. Widor

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

HONORS CONVOCATION MARSHALS
Associate Professor Katie M. Warber (Grand Marshal)
Associate Professor Stefine L. Broz
Associate Professor Raymond C. Dudek
Associate Professor Wendy C. Gradwohl
Associate Professor Lawrence D. Gwinn
Associate Professor Michelle L. McWhorter
Associate Professor Richard S. Phillips
Assistant Professor Nancy A. Woehrle
Professor Molly M. Wood
Associate Professor Brian D. Yontz
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.

Ezra Keller Scholarship
Karen A. Wildemann

Samuel Sprecher Scholarship
Kierstin G. Conaway

John B. Helwig Scholarship
Kelly K. Heitkemper

Samuel Alfred Ort Scholarship
Sierra K. Sanchez

John M. Ruthrauff Scholarship
Christian R. Randazzo

Charles G. Heckert Scholarship
Allison N. Learman

Rees Edgar Tulloss Scholarship
Nathan T. Matthews

Clarence C. Stoughton Scholarship
Cassie M. McLean

John N. Stauffer Scholarship
Anne K. Dowell

G. Kenneth Andeen Scholarship
Anna E. Fox

William A. Kinnison Scholarship
Donald C. Hefelfinger

Baird Tipson Scholarship
Sierra N. Sandy

Mark H. Erickson Scholarship
Katherine R. Robinson

Laurie M. Joyner Scholarship
Lauren C. Hiller
**DEPARTMENTAL AND PROGRAM AWARDS**

**Archaeology Program**

The Nancy L. Benco Archaeological Research Fund is a new scholarship created by alumna Dr. Nancy L. Benco, class of 1996 and a professional archeologist, to help fund majors and minors who wish to study archaeology and the human past.

Paige L. Narciso, Danielle J. Hurley, Abigail C. Fraker

**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.

Erin B. Brubaker, Lauren C. Hiller

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.

Katlyn L. Roberts, Grace A. Worley

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.

Allie C. Garnai, Hawk D. Smith

**Biology Department**

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

Carly R. Bockhold, Christopher D. Sloneker

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.

Kethry R. Warren, Madelyn M. Fischer

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.

Brigid M. Morgan

**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.

Sabrina N. Davis

**Business Department**

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

Samantha M. DiGiacomo
The Faculty Award for Excellence recognizes business majors with the greatest potential for career success.
Ryan Q. Maguire

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.
Nicole E. Karavakis

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

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.
Maxim K. Boone

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.
Thomas K. Leisher, Karen A. Wildemann

Chemistry Department

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

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

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

Cinema Studies Program

The Outstanding Scholar in Cinema Analysis and Research (OSCAR) goes to a Cinema Studies minor who has demonstrated excellence in the analysis of and research into film as an art form with due consideration of the medium’s significance for human history, culture and experience.
Katherine E. Bunsold

Communication 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 E. Kesig, Blaine M. Davidson

East Asian Studies Program

The Outstanding East Asian Language Study Award is given to the outstanding upper class East Asian Studies major of the Chinese and Japanese languages.
Kierstin G. Conaway (Chinese), Sierra L. Mazurowski (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.

Cheyenne N. Baughman, Sierra L. Mazurowski

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.

Samantha L. Bailey

Economics Department

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.


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.”

Jessica N. Miller (Major), Kailey E. Mau (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).

Gabrielle N. Frizzell

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.

Anissa T. Dann, Daniel T. Murray

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

Jayne E. Stone, Alexander V. Sharp

Geology Department

The Floyd R. Nave Award recognizes and honors the diverse contributions of this department's founder and is awarded to outstanding geology majors pursuing geologic research.

Quintin E. Muhlenkamp

The Thomas A. Gerrard Award honors the former department chair, professor and consummate teacher, by supporting field experience for geology majors.

John F. Kolberg
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. degree 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.

Theodore J. Hesterman

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.

Victoria S. Zyss

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.

Madison N. Krstich

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.

Isabella A. Herman

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.

Winner: Nicolas W. Carr   Finalists: Jaymi J. Green, Mackenzie E. Abel

The Hartje Travel Scholarship Award is a newly endowed award by the Hartje family for history students to travel and/or study abroad in the summer or fall semester.

Zoe K. Schwartz, Danielle J. Hurley

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.

Chandler A. Ferko, Chelsea R. Zang

Languages Department

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

Benjamin E. Knochel (German), Victoria I. Mohr (Russian), Kathryn G. Ophardt (Spanish), Valerie J. Richards (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.

Cheyenne N. Baughman (Japanese)

Mathematics and Computer Science Department

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

Jessica S. Skoglund, Jordan A. Steiff, Benjamin E. Knochel

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

Adrienne N. Krites

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.


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.

Alexander J. O’Connor, Anna E. Fox

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.

Xavier E. Davenport

Philosophy Department

The Remsberg/Klive Award, established in honor of Robert G. Remsberg, professor of philosophy (1940-1975), and Visvaldis V. Klive, professor of philosophy (1966-1994). This recognition is given to an outstanding senior philosophy major and includes a book award.

Daniel J. Malone

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.

Emily G. Darnell, Shane M. Harris

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.

Kyla A. McGee, Rachel E. Wallace
Psychology Department

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

Alisha L. Genetin

**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.

Alisha L. Genetin, Elizabeth J. McNeill

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

Joseph C. Johnson, Caitlin L. Martin

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

Cassie M. McLean

Religion Department

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

Kayla M. Johnson

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.

Valerie J. Richards

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.

Kathryn G. Ophardt

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*: Atolani V. Ladipo  *Honorable Mention*: Jayne E. Stone
HONOR SOCIETIES IN THE ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES

Alpha Kappa Delta

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

Natalie M. Evans
Donna L. Hill
Emma A. Lyons
Alyssa M. Watkins

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.

Anna M. Aylor
Abigail H. Crum
Cameron J. Dobrotka
Donald C. Helfinger
Lauren N. Hoendorf
Payton E. Hurl
Madison S. Manger
Brooke M. Moore
Ivonne V. Perez
Cassidy L. Rowe
Savannah M. Sullivan
Savannah N. Taylor
Taylor A. Wallrauch

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.

Cheyenne N. Baughman
Kierstin G. Conaway
Sierra L. Mazurowski
Deanna M. Volz

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.

Emily L. Bunsold
Gabrielle N. Frizzell
Lucas E. George
Kayla R. Hall
Olivia C. Hopkins
Erin N. Long
Elissa K. Manchester
Brooke E. Markin
Joan A. Mathews
Faith V. Meads
Bethany S. Newell
Lydia D. Newton
Kellie I. O'Connor
Samantha M. Skelly
Gabrielle K. Szydlowski
Kari B. Truax

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.

Aubrey L. Cox
Kai G. Hannum
Lauren C. Hiller
Nicole E. Karavakis
Christopher F. Riviere
Megan L. Selby
Rachel E. Wallace
Omicron Delta Epsilon

Omicron Delta Epsilon, one of the world's largest academic honor societies. Members of ODE participate in a wide range of activities from discussions of economic issues, social events, and community service. Omiron Delta Epsilon welcomes students with passionate interest for research, networking and excellence in the economic discipline.

Thomas K. Leisher              Olesya Tehan

Pi Mu Epsilon

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

MacKenzie R. Freeman          Lauren E. Hofer          Adrianne N. Krites
Abigail C. Haab                Travis D. Hoyt           Brigid M. Morgan
Alexander P. Hallauer         Jordan K. Koehler

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.

Emily G. Darnell              Charles A. North        Libby A. Bauman
Kyla A. McGee                 Stanton I. Sturgill     Cassie M. McLean

Psi Chi

Psi Chi is the international honor society in psychology. Wittenberg’s Psi Chi members have a psychology grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

Lauren E. Hofer                Reed A. Gibson            Rachel E. Porello
Anissa T. Dann                 Jennifer E. Ryan
Alexis R. Gallion             Jessica N. Stormoen

Sigma Delta Pi

Founded in 1914, Sigma Delta Pi is a national honors society devoted to students of Spanish in four-year colleges and universities. The organization is the largest foreign-language honor society accredited by the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS), the nation’s only governing body of its kind.

Chloe A. Bradburn             Christian R. Randazzo     Abigail C. Haab
Allison N. Leaman             Amanda N. Crawley        Samantha M. Petruzz
Samantha M. Petruzzi          Anissa T. Dann            Alexis R. Gallion

Tau Pi Phi

Tau Pi Phi, the Business Honor Society, was founded at Wittenberg University in 1931. Tau Pi Phi recognizes and honors business and economics students for quality academic achievement, promotes scholarship in the study of business and economics, encourages the practice of the highest ethical canons in business, and fosters the social nature of business.

Madeleine E. Van Overbeek
Andrew J. Jenkins
Katherine R. Nydegger
Olesya Tehan
STATE & NATIONAL AWARDS

U.S. Fulbright Student Program

Winner: Kailey E. Mau

GPA AWARDS

Seniors with a 4.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average

Kattie M. Blume
Samantha M. DiGiacomo
Abigail R. King
Daniel J. Malone

RECOGNITION SOCIETIES

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

Kamryn J. Campbell
Kristen A. Eikenberry
Rachel M. Fink
Katrin C. Hodson
Whitney P. Hoover
Elissa K. Manchester

Faith V. Meads
Allison F. Peebles
Megan L. Selby
Cassidy S. Taylor
Savannah N. Taylor
Olesya Tehan

Katherine L. Vorpe
Megan N. Winters
Taylor M. Yontz

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

Ross A. Angelo
Kamryn J. Campbell
Jordan L. Dawson
Evan D. Fetter
Rachel M. Fink

Lauren E. Geraci
Mackenzie E. Hill
Katrin C. Hodson
Faith V. Meads
Cassidy L. Rowe

Megan N. Winters
Grace A. Worley
Taylor M. Yontz

Olesya Tehan

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETIES

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

Elaina F. Adams
Eri E. Adams
Emma G. Amurgis
Taylor M. Barnhisel
Caroline E. Barth
Dana E. Bausch
Stephanie E. Bidwill
Ashley N. Bondy
Erika E. Bournivel
Tara E. Buchy
Iona Bustra
Samantha H. Childress
Megan M. Clancy
Noelle M. Collins
Rachel M. Corsello

Alayna E. Daniels
Kelly A. Darnell
Raiven N. DeSantis
Elena G. Dumm
Ryley Dunphy
Karly E. Egbers
Kathryn G. Eifert
Elise N. Freeland
Saylor M. Frye
Angela M. Gialanella
Sarah M. Hartman
Jhiara N. Henderson
Alyssa M. Holdkamp
Cymone B. Horton
Charlotte E. Hurst

Hannah N. Jackson
Jordan A. Jarrett
Cheryl L. Konicki
Paige E. Kopp
Madeline K. Kreitzer
Anna K. Lebold
Paige E. Lewis
Natalie M. Lowen
Cora E. Lutz
Rachel D. Massey
Allyson J. Masterson
Bailey E. McPhail
Lacey R. Medlyn
Dana J. Messer
Audra P. Metzger
Phi Eta Sigma is a national honor society that seeks to recognize and to encourage scholarship among first-year college men. Selection is based entirely on achieving a 3.5 cumulative grade point average for fall semester of the first year.

Mortar Board is a national senior honorary recognizing scholarship, leadership and service. Candidates must have a 3.3 grade point average and excel in both curricular and cocurricular leadership and service to the Wittenberg community.

Gamma Sigma Alpha is an honor society founded in 1989 at the University of Southern California to promote intellectual interaction between Greek students and the academic community. The society recognized outstanding academic performance within the Greek community as compared to all university averages. Members must achieve a cumulative grade point average above a 3.5 for the junior and senior year. Gamma Sigma Alpha also provides regional academic awards and scholarship for graduate student to its members.

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

Sophomore Award
Cameron J. Dobrotka
Evan D. Fetter

Laura M. Bucher
Abigail H. Crum
Emily G. Darnell
Madison S. Manger

Phi Eta Sigma
Jessica L. Miller
Destiny L. Paulen
Devin K. Pieples
Jessica L. Pinkerton
Lena K. Pirt
Jillian M. Poska
Katherine M. Ramcke
Rachel C. Remias
Cameron R. Rice
Katrina M. Rosing

Leah N. Ruby
Ashley J. Save
Emily A. Schinker
Kidron B. Taylor
Sarah N. Theisen

Alyssa J. Ulrich
Jamin N. Waite
Rachel A. Wallenhorst
Brittany N. Watson
Breann C. Webb
Alexandra D. Weithman

Ethan M. Belknap
Braeden L. Bowen
William Burgess Applegate
Miles A. Caine
Daniel J. Castleberry
Schuyler T. DeBoer
Drew C. Fearon
Connor Flanagan
Zachary T. Guyer
David G. Haake

Benjamin Z. Helmus
Garrett E. Hunter
Bryce R. Kilfoyle
Lucas A. Klever
Jim Hui H. Lin
Thomas G. Mele
David P. Michael
Quang N. Nguyen
Amor Niksic
Dalton J. Perkins

David B. Quayle
Nathan L. Repucci
Taryn J. Smith
Jacob A. Snowden
Darien A. Strozier-Willis
Meseker Tefera
Parker K. Thompson
Avery G. Warner
Nicholas F. Weissman
Ryan M. West

John R. Siefert
Jacob M. Hall
Garrett E. Hunter

Phi Eta Sigma
Maxwell A. Bauer
Ethan M. Belknap
Braeden L. Bowen
William Burgess Applegate
Miles A. Caine
Daniel J. Castleberry
Schuyler T. DeBoer
Drew C. Fearon
Connor Flanagan
Zachary T. Guyer
David G. Haake

Lydia D. Newton
Madeleine E. Van Overbeek
Alison E. Pauley
Rachel E. Porrello
Keri B. Pribula
Christian R. Randazzo
Heather N. Rucker

Jennifer E. Ryan
Sierra N. Sandy
Morgan F. Seifert
Rachel M. Simon
Taylor A. Wallrauch
Samantha M. Watson

Mortar Board
Abigail H. Crum
Logan R. Kirby
Madison N. Krsitich
Clayton D. Marsh
Samantha D. Martens
Cassie M. McLean
Rebecca A. Mitchell

Sierra N. Sandy
Morgan F. Seifert
Rachel M. Simon
Taylor A. Wallrauch
Samantha M. Watson

Omicron Delta Kappa
Cayla J. Etter
Clayton E. Marsh

Rachel E. Porrello
Sierra N. Sandy

Emma K. Thacker

Omicron Delta Kappa
Cameron J. Dobrotka
Evan D. Fetter

Margaret A. Keverline
Megan N. Winters

Samanta D. Martens
Cassie M. McLean
Micaela C. Pohlabel

Gamma Sigma Alpha
Cayla J. Etter
Clayton E. Marsh

Omicron Delta Kappa
Laura M. Bucher
Abigail H. Crum
Emily G. Darnell

Samantha D. Martens
Kyla A. McGee
Cassie M. McLean

Rachel E. Porrello
Sierra N. Sandy

Micaela C. Pohlabel
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.

Nathan E. Andorfer  
Ross A. Angelo  
Devon P. Atchison  
Daniel L. Barren  
Jacob B. Beretmes  
Troy E. Boucher  
Taylor M. Brown  
Shannon M. Brueck  
Lauren Buelow  
James N. Cannell  
Abigail H. Crum  
Megan E. Davis  
Kyle L. Dieringer  
Christopher E. Eigner  
Matthew J. Entsminger  
Ryan M. Fallon  
Megan J. Flaherty  
Michael A. Ford  
Kelsey A. Gregory  
Theodore J. Hesterman  
Leah G. Hilley  
Katharine M. Hollern  
Logan R. Kirby  
Madison S. Manger  
Nathan T. Matthews  
Charles E. Rodeheffer  
Charles D. Samuel  
Thomas P. Scholl  
Evan R. Schreiber  
Morgan F. Seifert  
Emma K. Thacker  
Zara J. Tickner  
Katherine M. Winner  
Kathryn M. Yontz

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

Katie M. Blume  
Bryan K. Huffman  
Katie M. Blume  
Daniel J. Malone  
Jayne E. Stone

SENIORS EARNING UNIVERSITY HONORS

Mackenzie E. Abel  
Anna M. Aylor  
Libby A. Bauman  
Libby A. Bauman  
Caitlin C. Cahoon  
Caitlin C. Cahoon  
Haley A. Cochran  
Amanda N. Crawley  
Anissa T. Dann  
Anissa T. Dann  
Mackenzie F. Morehouse  
Mackenzie F. Morehouse  
Nicholas R. Rigel  
Nicholas R. Rigel  
Joseph T. Sechrist  
Joseph T. Sechrist  
Kethry R. Warren  
Kethry R. Warren  
Elizabeth A. Wetterstroem  
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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.

Libby A. Bauman  
Saratina N. Davis  
Joshaa L. Dureell  
Mackenzie R. Freeman  
Kelly K. Heitkemper  
Sutton M. Jacobs  
Joseph C. Johnson  
Benjamin E. Knochel  
Allison N. Learman  
Irene N. Presper  
Christian R. Randazzo  
Sierra K. Sanchez  
Jessica L. Skoglund  
Kethry R. Warren

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THE CHARLES E. 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.

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

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

CHARLES J. PING STUDENT COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
Charles J. Ping Student Community Service Award honors a student's outstanding leadership and commitment to community service on campus and within the community. It recognizes a student's ability to work in partnership with members of the community to identify and meet the needs of the community, as well as the creation of a sustainable organization or process to meet this community need for an extended period of time, either to its resolution or into the foreseeable future. The award is sponsored by Ohio Campus Compact, a statewide non-profit coalition of college and university presidents and their campuses working to promote and develop the civic purposes of higher education.

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 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 HEIMTRAUT DIETRICH AWARD
The Heimtraut Dietrich Award was instituted in 1981 to recognize the student 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 the senior 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, 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.

OMICRON DELTA KAPPA FACULTY EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD
The ODK Award honors a current faculty member with less than five years of dedicated service to Wittenberg.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED TEACHING
The Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Teaching is presented in recognition of superior classroom teaching and contributions to the academic life of the students and faculty of Wittenberg University.
**ALMA MATER**

Alma Mater is a traditional honor bestowed upon a junior female student who possesses qualities of leadership, scholarship and service. Final candidates are selected from a pool of nominees determined by students, faculty and staff. The Alma Mater is chosen in a campus-wide election. The final candidates for the 2018-2019 Alma Mater:

Micaela C. Pohlbel
Rachel E. Porrello
Morgan F. Siefert
Isabella M. Wagner
Rachel E. Wallace

**ALMA LUX**

Alma Lux is an honor bestowed upon a junior male student who possesses qualities of leadership, scholarship and service. Final candidates are selected from a pool of nominees determined by students, faculty and staff. The Alma Lux is chosen in a campus-wide election. The final candidates for the 2018-2019 Alma Lux are:

Loie A. Greenwood
Clayton E. Marsh
Charles E. Rodeheffer
Charles D. Samuel
Justin C. Uternaher

Please join us for a reception on the Chapel Lawn (rain site: Geil Lounge, Benham-Pence Student Center)
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.

The Wittenberg Seal is carried today by:

Mecca A. Abdul-Aziz

The ELCA Banner is carried today by:

Lucas E. George