Wittenberg University Honors Convocation

April 14, 2023, Weaver Chapel
The Program

Processional
David Weimer, Chapel Organist
March of the Priests by Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Invocation
The Rev. Tracy L. Paschke-Johannes, The Rev. David P. and Carol Matevia Endowed University Pastor

Greetings and Remarks
Michael L. Frandsen, President of the University

Presidential Scholars

Recognition of Honorees and Presentation of Awards
Department and Program Awards
Honor Societies in the Academic Disciplines
Graduating Seniors with a 4.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average
Brian D. Yontz, Interim Provost of the University

Recognition Societies and National Honor Societies
Casey L. Gill, Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Students

Seniors Earning University Honors
Alejandra Gimenez-Berger, Associate Professor of Art and Director of the Honors Program

Phi Beta Kappa
Casey L. Gill, Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Students

The E. Charles Chatfield Global Awareness Award
Scott P. Rosenberg, Professor of History

Campus Compact’s Newman Civic Fellowship Award
The Champion Award for Community Impact
The Charles J. Ping Student Community Service Award
The Copeland Community Service and Social Justice Award
The Rose Award for Excellence in Community Partnership
Kimberly A. Creasap, Director of the Susan Hirt Hagen Center for Civic & Urban Engagement
The Lillian C. Franklin Diversity Awards
The Broadwell Chinn Award
The Martin Luther King Jr. Awards
Casey L. Gill, Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Students

The Heimtraut Dietrich Award
The Dominic E. and Alyce G. De Marco Award
The Rev. Tracy L. Paschke-Johannes, The Rev. David P and Carol Matevia Endowed University Pastor

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

Academic Advisor of the Year Award
Maya K. Hagander, Faculty Student Coordinator for Student Senate

Omicron Delta Kappa Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award
Morgan B. White, Representative, Omicron Delta Kappa

Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Teaching
Laurice R. Moore, Class of 1995 and President of the Alumni Association Board

Alma Mater
Mya S. Wolfe, Class of 2023

Alma Lux
Nicholas F. Bowman, Class of 2023

PROVOST'S CLOSING REMARKS
Brian D. Yontz, Interim Provost of the University

RECESSIONAL
David Weimer, Chapel Organist
Festival Voluntary, op. 87 by Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

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

HONORS CONVOCATION MARSHALS
Professor Katie M. Warber (Grand Marshal)
Associate Professor Stefne L. Broz
Assistant Professor Kunal Chatterjee
Associate Professor Billy E. Davis
Professor Ray C. Dudek

Associate Professor Alyssa M. Hoofnagle
Assistant Professor Danny R. Marous
Associate Professor Michelle L. McWhorter
Associate Professor Lindsay M. Meermans
Associate Professor Rachel E. Wilson
Presidential Scholars

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

J. Ezra Keller Scholarship
Danny T. Bean

Samuel P. Sprecher Scholarship
Nicholas X. Brown

John B. Helwig Scholarship
Caroline M. Sedor

Samuel Alfred Ort Scholarship
Amanda J. Kot

John M. Ruthrauff Scholarship
Olivia M. Norbut

Charles G. Heckert Scholarship
Andrea L. Meeks

Rees Edgar Tulloss Scholarship
Alannah C. Browning

Clarence C. Stoughton Scholarship
Paige E. Kaiser

John N. Stauffer Scholarship
Racheal A. Vargo

G. Kenneth Andeen Scholarship
Troy W. Teepe II

William A. Kinnison Scholarship
Kaulana M.K. Smith

L. Baird Tipson Scholarship
Emma M. Wilson

Mark H. Erickson Scholarship
Emma K. Lindsey

Laurie M. Joyner Scholarship
Lily I. Bonar
**Departmental and Program Awards**

**Art Department**

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

Sydney A. Striker

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

Ashley N. James, Molly E. Kirkpatrick

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

Olivia J. Hamilton

**Biological and Environmental Sciences Department**

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


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

Kaitlyn M. McGee

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

Alaina D. Lentz

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

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

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

Maya K. Hagander
Biochemistry/Molecular Biology Program

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

Maya K. Hagander

Business & Economics Department

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

Meredith C. Johnson

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

Max M. Monachino

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

Haley N. Eckhert

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

Sarah M. Hettich

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

Patterson Q. Edris

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

Jonathan H. Golden

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

Kirstin D. Hawkins-White, Rider J. Stock

Chemistry Department

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

Paige E. Kaiser

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

Parker J. Hayes

Communication & Digital Media Department

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

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

Natsumi Kato

East Asian Studies Program

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

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

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

Lea H. Blander

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

Sloane A. Thor

Education Department

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

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

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

Sydney M. Khosla

English Department

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

Zoe E. Hale

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

Isabella M. Fiorito, Tiana K. Hughes

Health & Sport Studies Department

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

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

Cade A. Schmelzer

Health Professions Program

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

Maya K. Hagander

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

Nicholas F. Bowman

History Department

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

Emma M. Wilson, Racheal A. Vargo

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

Gabrielle R. Doty, Lexi A. Opdycke

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

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

Intercollegiate Athletics Program

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

Tyler M. Linkhart, Evan M. DiSanto

Mathematics and Computer Science Department

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

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

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

Music Department

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

Mickey L. Myers

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

Sasha L. Butanis

Nursing Department

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

Bailey C. Smith, Audrey Ishimwe Simbi

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

Mary K. Estes

Philosophy & Religion Department

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

Maddy G. Marsengill

Political Science Department

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

Lucas A. Hummel, Racheal A. Vargo

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

Danny T. Bean

Psychology Department

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

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

Abigail R. Gerstenzang, Amy R. Bidwell

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

Haley N. Eckhert

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

Kaulana M.K. Smith

Russian and Central Eurasian Studies Program

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

Charlotte R. Sarchet

Sociology Department

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


Women’s Studies Program

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

Winner: Danny T. Bean  Honorable Mention: Tiana K. Hughes

World Languages & Cultures Department

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

Jack A. Keri (Russian)

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

Lea H. Blander (Chinese)
Honor Societies in the Academic Disciplines

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

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

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

Jacob Moore

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

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

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

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

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

Lucas A. Hummel

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

Emilio Z. Gutierrez  Alyson T. Parks
Sigma Theta Tau

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

Michaleah Delaney  Ashley Laborde  Bailey C. Smith
Mary K. Estes      Shannon L. Riley   Chloe E. Turner
Laren E. King

Tau Pi Phi

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

Meredith C. Johnson  Gabe T. Spiers  Hannah G. Weymouth
Robert B. Martin    Elizabeth C. Uhl    Morgan B. White

GPA Awards

Seniors with a 4.0 Cumulative GPA

Abigail R. Gerstenzang  Maci D. Runkle  Alexander M. Zysik
Maya K. Hagander      Evan D. Wuertemberger

Recognition Societies

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

Megan G. Baker  Chelsea E. Harrison  Kaitlyn N. Roop
Julia E. Balent  Mackenzie E. Hessick  Mackenzie S. Schuld
McKenna G. Boling  Jessie S. Himes  Reagan M. Simpson
Kaitlyn E. Brown  Emily B. Keyes  Kylee M. Slone
Morgan M. Bush  Sydney M. Khosla  Bailey C. Smith
Olivia M. Clayton  Annie M. Miloser  Kaulana M.K. Smith
Nicole A. Contenza  Charity M. Perry  Abby E. Sphar
Brynn C. Cunningham  Elizabeth G. Pettay  Sophia A. Thompson
Kaleigh E. Dulin  Emily G. Randall  Laine N. Valentine
Erica L. Flory  Mazine K. Reece  Elizabeth-Anne M. Wegman

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

Gabby G. Baker  Dimitri A. Gonzalez  Emily G. Randall
Julia E. Balent  Chelsea E. Harrison  Mazie K. Reece
Garrett A. Becker  Mackenzie E. Hessick  Brayden T. Ring
McKenna G. Boling  Jessie S. Himes  Kaitlyn N. Roop
Kaitlyn E. Brown  Justin T. Katona  Mackenzie S. Schuld
Nicholas X. Brown  Emily B. Keyes  Reagan M. Simpson
Morgan M. Bush  Sydney M. Khosla  Kylee M. Slone
Peter A. Caine  Grant L. Klepitsch  Bailey C. Smith
Robert A. Calovini  Tanner E. Leach  Kaulana M.K. Smith
Olivia M. Clayton  Ethan M. Libby  Abby E. Sphar
Nicole A. Contenza  Tyler M. Linkhart  Sophia A. Thompson
Dominic J. Cork  Annie M. Miloser  Owen W. Treece
Brynn C. Cunningham  Christian Nicewaner  Laine N. Valentine
Kaleigh E. Dulin  Charity M. Perry  Elizabeth-Anne M. Wegman
Erica L. Flory  Elizabeth G. Pettay  Elizabeth-Anne M. Wegman
National Honor Societies

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

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

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

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

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SENIORS EARNING UNIVERSITY HONORS

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

PHI BETA KAPPA

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

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

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

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

THE E. CHARLES CHATFIELD GLOBAL AWARENESS AWARD

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

CAMPUS COMPACT’S NEWMAN CIVIC FELLOWSHIP AWARD

Sponsored by Campus Compact, a national organization that promotes civic engagement for institutions of higher education, the Newman Civic Fellowship recognizes and supports community-committed students who are change makers and public problem-solvers at Campus Compact member institutions, like ours. Fellows are nominated by their president on the basis of their potential for public leadership. Through the fellowship, Campus Compact provides students with training and resources that nurture their assets and passions and help them develop strategies for social change. The yearlong program, named for Campus Compact founder Frank Newman, includes virtual learning opportunities and networking as part of a national network of engaged student leaders.
THE CHAMPION AWARD FOR COMMUNITY IMPACT
The Champion Award for Community Impact recognizes the commitment of a student and faculty/staff member to the Greater Springfield community through service and outreach that fosters positive connections between the campus and local community. The recipient is selected based on their substantial involvement in service, projects, and activities that contribute to helping our neighbors thrive.

THE CHARLES J. PING STUDENT COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
The Charles J. Ping Student Community Service Award honors a student’s outstanding leadership and commitment to community service or service-learning on campus and within the community. It recognizes a student’s ability to work in partnership with members of the community to meet identified needs of the community through the creation of a sustainable organization or process. The award is sponsored by Ohio Campus Compact, a statewide nonprofit coalition of college and university presidents and their campuses working to promote and develop the civic purposes of higher education.

THE COPELAND COMMUNITY SERVICE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD
The Copeland Community Service and Social Justice Award recognizes a student who demonstrates engaged citizenship in the Greater Springfield community. It is not merely the student’s hours of service, but the ability to think critically about difficult societal issues and the willingness to work to confront these issues with compassion and commitment that is most important.

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

THE LILLIAN C. FRANKLIN DIVERSITY AWARD
The Lillian C. Franklin Diversity Award will be granted each year to honor a student and a faculty/staff member who have made outstanding contributions in promoting and furthering our goal of rich diversity in the Wittenberg community. Candidates must uphold the tradition of diversity embodied by the award’s namesake, demonstrate high standards of personal integrity, commitment to the education of the whole person, global vision, and leadership.
THE BROADWELL CHINN AWARD
Named for Broadwell Chinn, documented as having been among the first African American students to attend Wittenberg in the 1870s, this award was first given in 1981 in recognition of the Black junior with the highest cumulative grade point average.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Teaching**

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

**Alma Mater**

Alma Mater is a traditional honor bestowed upon a junior student who possesses qualities of leadership, scholarship, and service. Final candidates are selected from a pool of nominees determined by students, faculty, and staff. The Alma Mater is chosen in a campus-wide election. The final candidates for the 2022-2023 Alma Mater are:

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

**Alma Lux**

Alma Lux is an honor bestowed upon a junior student who possesses qualities of leadership, scholarship, and service. Final candidates are selected from a pool of nominees determined by students, faculty, and staff. The Alma Lux is chosen in a campus-wide election. The final candidates for the 2022-2023 Alma Lux are:

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

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