



WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY
HONORS CONVOCATION

APRIL 5, 2024, WEAVER CHAPEL

THE PROGRAM



PROCESSIONAL

David Weimer, *Chapel Organist*
Ceremonial March by Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

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, *Provost of the University*

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

Shelley W. Chan, *Professor of World Languages & Cultures*

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

Antwan (AhMani") Terrell, *Class of 2026
and Faculty Student Coordinator for Student Senate*

Omicron Delta Kappa Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award

Olivia M. Norbut, *Class of 2024
and President of Omicron Delta Kappa*

Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Teaching

Matt M. Overturf, *Class of 2011 and President of the Alumni Association Board*

Alma Mater

Parker J. Hayes, *Class of 2024*

Alma Lux

Branden B. Nicholas, *Class of 2024*

PROVOST'S CLOSING REMARKS

Brian D. Yontz, *Provost of the University*

RECESSIONAL

David Weimer, *Chapel Organist*

*See the Conqu'ring Hero Comes and March from Judas Maccabeus, by George
Frideric Handel (1685-1759)*

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



HONORS CONVOCATION MARSHALS

Professor Katie Warber (Grand Marshal)

Assistant Professor Kunal Chatterjee

Associate Professor Billy E. Davis

Professor Ray C. Dudek

Associate Professor Danny R. Marous

Associate Professor Amy R. McGuffey

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

Kendall A. Black

Samuel P. Sprecher Scholarship

Harper A. Crews

John B. Helwig Scholarship

Mackenzie E. Hessick

Samuel Alfred Ort Scholarship

Alexa L. Repp

John M. Ruthrauff Scholarship

Sydney A. Striker

Charles G. Heckert Scholarship

Bailey L. Drews

Rees Edgar Tulloss Scholarship

Owen W. Treece

Clarence C. Stoughton Scholarship

Kaitlyn E. Brown

John N. Stauffer Scholarship

Kaitlyn E. Miller

G. Kenneth Andeen Scholarship

Morgan M. Bush

William A. Kinnison Scholarship

Justin T. Katona

L. Baird Tipson Scholarship

Sarah E. Tagg

Mark H. Erickson Scholarship

Erin G. Reichert

Laurie M. Joyner Scholarship

Jenna R. Hallett

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, Francesca K. Heidinger

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.

Noelle E. Underwood, Gabby M. Conaway

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.

Maddy E. Rose, Hanna J. Haddix

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.

Zoe E. Chirumbolo McKee, Tanner E. Leach, Hannah L. Marcin

The Emmett Bodenbergl 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.

Audrey L. Heiser, Michael K. Vrbanac

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.

Maria F. Rodriguez

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.

Kendall A. Black, Dimitri A. Gonzalez, Shayne K. Harris, Grace Koperna

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.

Branden B. Nicholas, Olivia M. Norbut

American Chemical Society Award for Undergraduate

Achievement in Biochemistry or Chemical Biology recognizes a graduating senior who displays a significant aptitude for biochemistry or chemical biology. The individual will have demonstrated excellence in a combination of coursework, research, service to the program, and a desire to pursue a career in biochemistry or chemical biology.

Branden B. Nicholas

Business & Economics Department

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

Brayden T. Ring

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

Katie M. Troyer

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.

Ian A. Ash

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

Conor P. O'Malley

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.

Nick R. Harding

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.

Zoey L. Hupp, Kaitlyn E. Miller

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.

Robert B. Martin

Chemistry Department

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

Victoria G. Pipinich

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

Paige E. Kaiser

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

Paige E. Kaiser

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.

Jonathan H. Golden

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.

Kayla D. Worthington

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.

Sloane A. Thor (Chinese), Jake Moore (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.

Sloane A. Thor

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.

Joshua E. Kelsey

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.”

Sophia A. Thompson (major), Emma M. Wilson (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).

Shelby R. Grim

The Claudia and Charles Cornett Creative Teaching Scholarship Award is given by Dr. Claudia and Charles Cornett, lifelong educators committed to approaching teaching and educational challenges through creative problem-solving. Recipients of this award are nominated rising juniors or seniors who possess a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and routinely exhibit a willingness to embrace challenges and take multiple perspectives to devise novel solutions to these challenges.

Allyson E. Gardner

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.

Jake Moore, Joanna L. Perkins

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

Kaleigh E. Dulin

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.

Nicole A. Belanger

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.

Bri M. West

The Health and Sport Studies Award for Outstanding Achievement by an Underclassman in Sport Management is an award given by the faculty of health and sport studies to a sport management underclassman with less than two years as a full-time student at Wittenberg. The recipient is a student who excels both in and out of the classroom and epitomizes the sport management major at Wittenberg.

Mason M. Saurers

The Health and Sport Studies Award for Outstanding Achievement by an Underclassman in Exercise Science is an award given by the faculty of health and sport studies to an exercise science underclassman with less than two years as a full-time student at Wittenberg. The recipient is a student who excels both in and out of the classroom and epitomizes the exercise science major at Wittenberg.

Tiffany M. Hix

Health Professions Program

The John Stauffer Medical Sciences Award 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.

Nick X. Brown

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.

Katie G. Wisniewski

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.

Bailey L. Drews, Allie J. Miller, Sarah E. Tagg

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.

Racheal A. Vargo, Emma M. Wilson

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.

Meghan P. Frazier, Conor P. O'Malley

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.

Jarrett O. Wilson, Callahan P. Tipton

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.

Elizabeth G. Pettay

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.

Dominic J. Cork, Andrea L. Meeks, Lily A. Pederson, Thomas M. Weis

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.

Aidan R. Orth, Will A. Boeck

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.

Gabby Baker, Olivia M. Clayton

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.

Jenna R. Hallett, Mazie K. Reece

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.

Taylor R. Weiss

The Lucy K. Muehl Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of Dr. Marie Bashaw's mother, who was a lifelong nurse. Her compassion and dedication to the profession of nursing inspired her daughter to pursue nursing. This scholarship is to help nursing students who are engaged in campus life.

Cadence J. Boyd

The Nursing Department Scholarships are for rising junior nursing students who demonstrate caring, compassion, collaboration, and teamwork with their patients and with their peers. These students exemplify professionalism while building their skills in providing patient-centered care.

Tommy M. Chilicki Jr., Haleigh A. Heising, Andrew Z. Nemunaitis

Philosophy & Religion Department

The Remsberg/Klive Award was 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.

Guille Del Rio Gonzalez

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.

McKenna G. Boling

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.

Erin G. Reichert

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.

Anaiah R. Lightner

Psychology Department

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

M.K. Smith

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.

Branden B. Nicholas, Maria F. Rodriguez

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

McKenna G. Boling

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

Harper A. Crews

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.

Brynn C. Cunningham, Jasmin J. Gonzalez-Morgan, Chelsea E. Harrison

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: Erin G. Reichert Honorable Mention: Clarissa D. Beard

World Languages & Cultures Department

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.

Hannah L. Marcin (Chinese), Sloane A. Thor (Chinese)

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.

Caitlin M. Archdeacon Jasmin J. Gonzalez-Morgan McKayla A. Pickering
Brynn C. Cunningham Bailey L. Maloon Kai J. Reeves
Erica L. Flory

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.

Emily Owens Caroline E. Sproule Michael K. Vrbanac
Paige A. Rudolf Derek L. Stinefield

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.

Nicole A. Contenza Aleksandra Slenk
Gracie M. Hubbs Molly E. Specht

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.

Tyler M. Gardner Erin G. Reichert

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.

McKenna G. Boling Ethan M. Libby Shania R. Stone
Harper A. Crews Alyson T. Parks Kira G. van Ravensberg
Cameron Y. Elliott Kaulana M.K. Smith Angela M. Wehrum
Chelsea E. Harrison

Sigma Tau Delta

Sigma Tau Delta is an international English honor society founded in 1924. Membership is available to any declared English major who meets the society's academic standards of a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher.

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| Abigail E. Alcorn | DeLaney E. Jordan | Kristina M. Withem |
| Allyson E. Gardner | Reagan M. Simpson | |

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.

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| Mary K. Estes | Mackenzie S. Schuld | Kylee M. Slone |
| Audrey Ishimwe Simbi | Emma F. Secrest | Bailey C. Smith |

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.

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| Nicole A. Belanger | Hannah M. Heald | Elizabeth N. Selby |
| Julia M. Burch | Kaitlyn E. Miller | Katie M. Troyer |
| Nicole A. Contenza | Lauren M. Neutzling | Ally J. White |
| Leah M. Green | Leah L. Rocchetta | Josh E. Wright |

GPA AWARDS

Seniors with a 4.0 Cumulative GPA

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| Danny T. Bean | Nick X. Brown | Caroline M. Sedor |
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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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| Tori K. Banks | Victoria V. Hinkle | Bailey L. Maloon |
| Andy D. Dozal | Andrew C. Inks | Bryce Ray |
| Olivia J. Hamilton | Leonardo Juarez | Derek L. Stinefield |
| Haleigh A. Heising | Emma Leaky | |

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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| John C. Bell | Oyinkansola M. Osiwoga | Janeth I. Vegula |
| Mia J. Eggert | Emma L. Pittner | Shelby K. White |
| Grace E. Jones | Ashley Luna Vanzor | Peyton M. Williams |

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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| Nathan G. Berger | Hannah M. Heald | Mazie K. Reece |
| Kendall A. Black | Grace A. Hehman | Brayden T. Ring |
| Edward A. Bolden | Mackenzie E. Hessick | Jaden Sarragua |
| Naevon L. Boykin | Jack T. Houck | Benjamin M. Seibert |
| Zachary C. Busby | Justin T. Katona | Zora G. Shakhan |
| Morgan M. Bush | Megan K. Keys | Abby E. Sphar |
| Dominic J. Cork | Grace Koperna | Caroline E. Sproule |
| Harper A. Crews | Aidan W. Kruse | Derek L. Stinefield |
| Macy E. DeHart | Ethan M. Libby | Thomas J. Supan |
| Lucia M. DeVita | Ryan L. Miller | Josselyn R. Terpenning |
| Cameron Y. Elliott | Maxwell W. Milton | Isabella L. Thompson |
| Meghan P. Frazier | Reese A. Neumeyer | Owen W. Treece |
| Austin R. Georger | Lauren M. Neutzling | Lainee N. Valentine |
| Mario D. Getaw | Marcus B. Orton | Katherine E. Whitaker |
| Dimitri A. Gonzalez | Victoria G. Pipinich | Jalen E. Williams |
| Sophia L. Grossman | Gabriel A. Porter | Josh E. Wright |
| Jenna R. Hallett | Diana I. Quevedo | Jacob R. Yarbrough |
| Cameron D. Harrison | Kelsey J. Ragan | |

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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| Chelsea E. Harrison | Zoey L. Hupp | Alexander J. Nemunaitis |
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Phi Eta Sigma is a national honor society that seeks to recognize and to encourage scholarship among first-year college students. Selection is based entirely on achieving a 3.5 cumulative grade point average for fall semester of the first year.

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| Olivia L. Campbell | Emma L. Pittner | Shelby K. White |
| Grace E. Jones | Ashley Luna Vanzor | Peyton M. Williams |

SENIORS EARNING UNIVERSITY HONORS

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| Ian A. Ash | Parker J. Hayes | Audrey Ishimwe Simbi |
| Danny T. Bean | Sydney M. Khosla | Bailey C. Smith |
| McKenna G. Boling | Hannah L. Marcin | Sophia A. Thompson |
| Brynn C. Cunningham | Lily A. Pederson | Katie M. Troyer |
| Mary K. Estes | Mackenzie S. Schuld | Kira G. van Ravensberg |

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.

Jackson M. Miller Maren M. Raymond Reagan M. Simpson

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.

ALPHA DELTA PI SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

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

THE M. ALICE GEIGER AWARD

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

THE JOHN F. MITCHELL AWARD

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

ACADEMIC ADVISOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

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

OMICRON DELTA KAPPA FACULTY EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

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

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED TEACHING

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

ALMA MATER

Alma Mater is a traditional honor bestowed upon a junior student who possesses qualities of leadership, scholarship, and service. Final candidates are selected from a pool of nominees determined by students, faculty, and staff. The Alma Mater is chosen in a campus-wide election. The final candidates for the 2023-2024 Alma Mater are:

Shayne K. Harris
Bailey L. Maloon

Olivia M. Pena
Victoria G. Pipinich

Haley A. Scott

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 2023-2024 Alma Lux are:

Naevon L. Boykin
Justin T. Katona

Aidan W. Kruse
Charles R. Morawski

Derek L. Stinefield

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.

