



WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY
HONORS CONVOCATION

APRIL 10, 2026, WEAVER CHAPEL

THE PROGRAM



PROCESSIONAL

David Weimer, *Chapel Organist*
Grand Choeur by Theodore Salome (1834-1896)

INVOCATION

Rev. Don Humphreys, *Pastor of Good Shepherd*
Evangelical Lutheran Church

GREETINGS AND REMARKS

Christian M. M. Brady, DPhil (Oxon.), *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

Joi A. Garrett Scales, *Vice President*
and Dean of Student Engagement

Seniors Earning University Honors

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

Phi Beta Kappa

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The E. Charles Chatfield Global Awareness Award

Scott P. Rosenberg, *Professor of History*

The Champion Award for Community Impact

The Rose Award for Excellence in Community Partnership

Kristen L. Collier, *Director of the Susan Hirt Hagen Center*
for Civic & Urban Engagement

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

Joi A. Garrett Scales, *Vice President
and Dean of Student Engagement*

The Heimtraut Dietrich Award

Rev. Don Humphreys, *Pastor of Good Shepherd
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Alpha Delta Pi Scholarship Awards

**The M. Alice Geiger Award
The John F. Mitchell Award**

Joi A. Garrett Scales, *Vice President
and Dean of Student Engagement*

Academic Advisor of the Year Award

Claire K. Patton, *Class of 2026
Faculty Student Coordinator for Student Senate*

Omicron Delta Kappa Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award

Joshua B. Putka, *Class of 2026
President of Omicron Delta Kappa*

Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Teaching

Stephanie L. Morgan-White, *Class of 1992
President of the Alumni Association Board*

Alma Lux Awards

Neil H. Boyles, *Class of 2026*
Moose J. H. Harper, *Class of 2026*

PROVOST'S CLOSING REMARKS

Brian D. Yontz, *Provost of the University*

RECESSIONAL

David Weimer, *Chapel Organist*
Allegro from Symphony in D, op. 2, no. 5 by William Boyce (1711-1779)

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



HONORS CONVOCATION MARSHALS

Professor Ray C. Dudek (Grand Marshal)

Assistant Professor Kunal Chatterjee

Professor Kristin K. Cline

Associate Professor Alyssa M. Hoofnagle

Associate Professor Danny R. Marous

Associate Professor Jen C. Parsons

Professor Cathy L. Pederson

Associate Professor Richard S. Phillips

Presidential Scholars

Named for each of Wittenberg's 15 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

Hailey I. Mulvihill

Samuel P. Sprecher Scholarship

Jillian N. Paskvan

John B. Helwig Scholarship

Dominick M. Keefe

Samuel Alfred Ort Scholarship

Morgan A. Long

John M. Ruthrauff Scholarship

Peyton M. Williams

Charles G. Heckert Scholarship

Kailey R. Scharer

Rees Edgar Tulloss Scholarship

Daniel M. Patel

Clarence C. Stoughton Scholarship

Jenna van der Biezen

John Nissley Stauffer Scholarship

Lilyan G. Winkle

G. Kenneth Andeen Scholarship

Ava I. Golem

William A. Kinnison Scholarship

Alexandra H. Couch

L. Baird Tipson Scholarship

Kristen A. Sallee

Mark H. Erickson Scholarship

Kyleigh D. Bartlett

Laurie M. Joyner Scholarship

Tyler J. Galluch

Michael L. Frandsen Scholarship

Joslin A. Mefford

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.

Jillian N. Paskvan, Lauren R. Singery

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.

Laly Escamilla, Oliver Julian, Jules L. Bigl

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.

Rosalee K. Jones

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.

Joshua B. Putka, Andy D. Dozal, Alexander J. Nemunaitis

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.

Shannon E. Morrissey

Biological and Environmental Sciences Department

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

Cameron C. Casto, Abigail R. Danne, Alex J. McGinnis,
Haley L. Pitman, Mason D. Steen

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.

Izabel A. Giglio, Jane E. Javorek

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.

Tiffany M. Hix

Biology/Environmental Science/Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Senior Fellows recognizes outstanding junior biology, environmental science, and biochemistry and molecular biology majors who are model representatives of both the department and the University.

Griffin G. Howell, Story M. Laing, Hailey I. Mulvihill, Peyton I. Williams

Business & Economics Department

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

Andrew C. Inks, Jackson M. Miller

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

Michael L. Eickhoff

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.

Chloe K. Steiner

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

Andrew J. Rust

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.

Benjamin K. Norton

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.

Lauren R. Singery, Joslin A. Mefford

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.

Maren M. Raymond

Chemistry Department

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

Owen M. Gulvas

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

Caitlyn M. Shelton

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

Zeke J. Forster

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.

Ally J. White

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.”

Claire K. Patton (major), Luke A. Jackson (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 K. White

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.

Shelby K. White

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.

Evelyn R. Huspen, Kristina M. Withem

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

Hanna C. Stefanik

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.

Andrew C. Inks

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.

Courtney E. Lindgren, Leah L. Rocchetta

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.

Andrew M. Dossman

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.

Charlie Bell

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.

Joshua B. Putka

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.

Alexander J. Nemunaitis

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.

Karson G. Hauenstein

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.

Ty M. Harris

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.

Shania R. Stone, Luke A. Jackson

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.

Riley H. Boyles, Ethan I. McLean

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.

Luke A. Jackson

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.

Jackson M. Miller, Joshua B. Putka, Zachary C. Rust, Haylee D. Davis

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.

Lilyan G. Winkle

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.

Jasa G. Tackett

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.

Mia E. Hankerson

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.

Garrett C. Slater, Nathan M. Rabun

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.

Joel K. Martin

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.

Lexi K. Buffkin, Alexis M. Vazquez

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.

Scarlette A. Sullivan

Psychology Department

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

Jessica N. Neuerer

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

Shania R. Stone

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

Jillian N. Paskvan

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.

Jessica N. Neuerer

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.

Emma C. Gearhart Kirsten M. Wright

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.

Kaylie G. Arnett Krenna G. Rahr Ella F. Shope
Alexis N. Cruea Anna K. Roller Phoebe R. Underwood
Carmella F. Haueter

Lambda Pi Eta

Lambda Pi Eta (LPH) 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.

Taylor S. Butts Karley M. Moore
Leah M. Green Hannah E. Peterson

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.

Alexis M. Vazquez

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.

Jillian N. Paskvan Rosemarie J. Rogers Sydney M. Werner
Daniel M. Patel Jamie M. Triolo

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.

Jonathan M. Henry

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.

Mackenzie R. Kelley Lucy R. Short

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.

Jacob M. Beck Julia M. Hall Chloe K. Steiner
Taylor S. Butts Kennedy G. Reed Kirsten M. Wright
Madison S. Clark Ilene S. Salmons

GPA AWARDS

Seniors with a 4.0 Cumulative GPA

Andrew C. Inks Jessica N. Neuerer Caitlyn M. Shelton
Jackson M. Miller Joshua B. Putka

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.

Matthew T. Cox Savannah P. LaMar Declan Q. Naidoo
Haylee D. Davis Jeff Mefford Brealyn R. Steward
Asher R. Donahue Abigail G. Morgan

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.

Rebekah A. Case Upite Alzimi L. Soque Taryn N. Toburen
Alexander R. Combs Antwan D. Terrell Phoebe R. Underwood
Konner J. Miller

Chi Alpha Sigma is a national college athletic honor society founded in 1996. Members must have a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade point average, be a member of at least one of Wittenberg’s intercollegiate teams and in good standing with Wittenberg’s Department of Athletics. Students must also be an undergraduate with junior or senior status and at least four full-time semesters of college completed; two semesters completed at Wittenberg for transfer students.

Peter R. Adams	David W. Kramer	Alexander G. Roe
Kyleigh D. Bartlett	Story M. Laing	Lauren R. Singery
Jacob M. Beck	Rebekah A. Lebold	Henry W. Smith-Heston
Zachary W. Chambers	Gavin E. Lones	Aubrey A. Stager
Madison S. Clark	Ethan I. McLean	Marin C. Summers
McKenna M. Clark	Clark D. Metz	Lucas A. Swierk
Alexandra H. Couch	Karley M. Moore	Artie D. Taylor
Caleb D. Domitrovich	Michael J. Mullinger	Caroline A. Thomas
Tyler J. Galluch	Hope K. Orders	Jenna van der Biezen
Rebekah H. Giel	Ava K. Otey	Alexis M. Vazquez
Camden J. Gladden	Sophia E. Paskiet	David A. Walterhouse
Ava I. Golem	Margaret I. Pickrel	Liberty F. Weisenberger
Hallie A. Haines	Piper L. Ricketts	Lilyan G. Winkle
Aysha J. Johnson	Lukas R. Rieben	

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.

Bethany R. Allen	Hana N. Kessler	Taryn N. Toburen
Rebekah A. Case	Upite Alzimiro L. Soque	Phoebe R. Underwood
Alexander R. Combs		

Phi Mu Epsilon Pi Mu Epsilon, founded in 1914, is the nation’s most prestigious mathematics honor society. The purpose of the society is to promote scholarly activity in mathematical activity inside and outside the classroom.

McKenna M. Clark	Leonardo Juarez	Zachary C. Rust
Hillary Z. Humbaugh*	Joshua B. Putka	Jarrett O. Wilson*
Luke A. Jackson		

*2025 inductees not recognized at 2025 Honors Convocation

SENIORS EARNING UNIVERSITY HONORS

Joseph E. Bidwill	Haleigh A. Heising	Haley L. Pitman
Abigail R. Danne	Jane E. Javorek	Joshua B. Putka
Emily E. Doerman	Molly E. Kirkpatrick	Anna K. Roller
Andy D. Dozal	Katherine A. Lowry	Elizabeth N. Selby
Kayla M. Drake	Alexander J. McGinnis	Caitlyn M. Shelton
Emma C. Gearhart	Lanie L. Mersch	Hanna C. Stefanik
Izabel A. Giglio	Shannon E. Morrissey	Shania R. Stone
Leah M. Green	Jessica N. Neuerer	Allyssa J. White
Julia M. Hall	Claire K. Patton	Kristina M. Withem

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 recognize 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.

Andy D. Dozal

Shannon E. Morrissey

OMICRON DELTA KAPPA

Founded in 1914 at Washington and Lee University, Omicron Delta Kappa honors and develops leaders through scholarships, workshops, career development, leadership resources, and a lifelong connection to other members. The Society also champions its leadership values of collaboration, inclusivity, integrity, scholarship, and service.

Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society, recognizes and encourages superior leadership and exemplary character. The society celebrates five pillars of leadership: academics and research, athletics, service to campus and community, communications, and creative and performing arts.

Jules Bigl

Elizabeth S. Howe

Hannah E. Peterson

Taylor S. Butts

Jackson M. Miller*

Joshua B. Putka*

Abigail R. Danne

Alexander J. Nemunaitis*

Maren M. Raymond*

Emma C. Gearhart

Oyinkansola M. Osiwoga

Andrew J. Rust

Alejandra Gimenez-Berger

Jillian N. Paskvan

Zachary C. Rust

Camden J. Gladden

Claire K. Patton

Shania R. Stone

Leah M. Green

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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.

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 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 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AWARDS

The Martin Luther King Jr. Award was instituted in 1981 to recognize two seniors 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 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 their 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 student who represents the liberal arts tradition well. This senior is a positive force in academic, cultural, and social aspects of the campus. They exemplify 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 LUX AWARDS

The traditional honors of the Alma Mater and Alma Lux awards are being joined together under the "Alma Lux Awards" title. Alma Lux, meaning "nourishing light," encompasses the true spirit of the Wittenberg community and the campus motto of "Having Light We Pass It On To Others." This award is bestowed upon two junior students who possess qualities of leadership, scholarship, and service. Final candidates are selected from a pool of nominees determined by students, faculty, and staff. The two Alma Lux Award recipients are chosen in a campus-wide election. The final candidates for the 2025-2026 Alma Lux Awards are:

Riley H. Boyles

Hailey I. Mulvihill

Kylah J. Tucker

Aysha J. Johnson

Ava K. Otey

Sydney M. Werner

Rebekah A. Lebold

Darryl "Bailey" Smith

Lilyan G. Winkle

Jeff Mefford

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.





