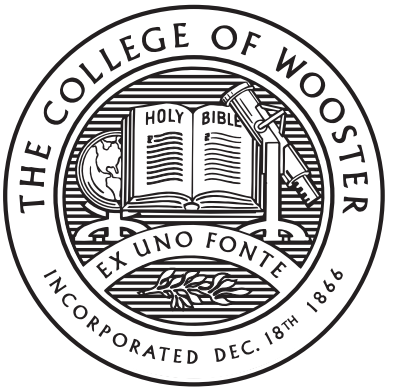

Senior Awards Recognition Ceremony

Friday, May 10, 2024

COMMENCEMENT COLLEGE PRIZES

The Jonas O. Notestein Prize
Patrick Joseph May

The William A. Galpin Award for General Excellence in College Work
Madison Kathleen Becker, 1st Prize
Grace Gascoigne, 1st Prize
Troy Verlon Johnson, 2nd Prize
Jason Scott Prather, 2nd Prize

The Dan F. Lockhart Outstanding Senior Award
Ellen McAllister

The G. Julian Lathrop Memorial Award
George Kyle Stringer

The Parker Myers Memorial Award
Shane Nathaniel Epstein-Petrullo

The William Wallace Chappell-Elizabeth Dalton Memorial Prize
Miriam Elizabeth Harley

COMMENCEMENT COLLEGE PRIZES

The Jonas O. Notestein Prize, established in 1923, honors Dr. Notestein, who taught Greek and Latin at Wooster from 1873 to 1928. The prize is awarded to the student who has graduated with the highest scholarship for the whole college course. This prize is awarded only to students who have done all of their college work at Wooster.

The William A. Galpin Award for General Excellence in College Work, established in 1927, includes two first prizes and two second prizes for the students in the senior class who may be adjudged outstanding personalities from the point of view of scholarship, social and religious leadership, and proficiency in vigorous physical pursuits. These students will also possess qualities which contribute significantly to the College community and to the world in future years.

The Dan F. Lockhart Outstanding Senior Award honors the memory of Dan Forrest Lockhart, class of 1974. It is awarded at Commencement to a senior who has made an outstanding contribution to the life of the College. The award recognizes high academic achievement, participation in extracurricular activities, and demonstrated leadership in campus affairs.

The G. Julian Lathrop Memorial Award, established in 1953 by Gayle J. Lathrop ’32, and his wife Jane Baughman Lathrop ’31, in memory of their son Julian, is made to that graduating senior, who has already been accepted by an accredited medical school and, in the opinion of a faculty committee, is likely to make the greatest contribution in the field of medicine. Aptitude for a medical career, motivation for service, and commitment to the Christian way of life are the most important qualities to be considered.

The Parker Myers Memorial Award honors the memory of Parker Myers of the class of 1962 and is awarded at Commencement to a senior who has maintained a high scholastic standing and who has taken a prominent part in a wide range of extracurricular activities.

The William Wallace Chappell-Elizabeth Dalton Memorial Prize is awarded each year to the section president who has exhibited the outstanding characteristics of scholarship, leadership, fraternity, and integrity as exemplified by both of these students.

DEPARTMENTAL AND PROGRAM PRIZES

The Vivian L. Holliday Prize
Max Beck Forhan
Casey J. Steffen

The Donald R. MacKenzie Prize in Art
Emma Lee Staggs

The Netta Strain Scott Prizes in Art
Ana de León

The Netta Strain Scott Prize in Art History
Helen Grace Alexandrowski

The Sisodia-Williams Prize in Biochemistry
Grant Kenneth Greene

The Karen Diane Cross Memorial Award
Allison Lorraine Paschack

The DBC Undergraduate Award in Biochemistry or Chemical Biology
Grant Kenneth Greene

The Horace N. Mateer Prize in Biology
Annie Baeg
Audrey R. Helmreich

The American Chemical Society Senior Award
Eli Harvey
Kath Olson

The American Chemical Society Undergraduate Award in Organic Chemistry
Jason Stewart

The American Institute of Chemists Foundation Award
Mary Payne
Aileen Yeo

The Royal Society of Chemistry Certificate of Excellence
Sarah Allison Epstein
Eve Painter

The William Z. Bennett Prize in Chemistry
Eli Harvey
Jason Stewart

The William Byron Ross Memorial Prize in Chemistry
Fiona Angley Roche

The Joseph E. Weber Premedical Award
Jack Martin Donahue

The Cummings-Rumbaugh Speech and Dramatics Prize
Sabrina F. Azad

The Emerson Miller Memorial Prize in Speech (Communication sciences and disorders)
Sabrina F. Azad

The Delbert G. Lean Prize in Speech
Elizabeth Brynn Fluharty
Kennedy Shelton

The Emerson Miller Memorial Prize in Speech (Communication studies)
Mackenzie Grace Smith

The International Paper Company Foundation Business Economics Prize
Tyler Hilbert
Eddie Papp

The Procter & Gamble Economics Prize
Amanda Iskin
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The William Edgar Hoffman Jr. Endowed Prize in Education
Carolina Fé Gonzales

The Whitney E. Stoneburner Memorial Prize in Education
Fernanda G. Banuelos
Emma Elizabeth Connors
Daphnye Tychander Anasia Henderson
Jason Scott Prather

The Waldo H. Dunn Prize in English
Isabella Ergh

The Paul Q. White Prize in English
Isabella Ergh
Julie Anne Larick
Zachary Payne

The Donaldson Prize for Independent Study
Julie Anne Larick
Elizabeth Antonia Santiago
Zhongting Wang

The John W. Olthouse Prize in French and Francophone Studies
Thomas Albert Pitney

The Cummings-Rumbaugh History Prize
Carolina Fé Gonzales
Emma Hoyland Shinker
Anna Simone Walsh

The Aileen Dunham Prize in History
Drew Baird
Tyler Jeffrey Rak

The William H. Wilson Prize in Mathematics
Thomas Jordan
Luke Andrew Wilson

The Pi Kappa Lambda Prize in Music
Grace Mino
Brianna Mosley
Anya Smith

The John F. Miller Prize in Philosophy
Gabriel Thomas

The Manges Prize
Dylan Lee Garretson
Ainsley S. Wiesner

The David A. Guldin Award in Physical Education
Lake Barrett
Athena Marie Tharenos

The Arthur H. Compton Prize in Physics
Luke Andrew Wilson

The Cummings-Rumbaugh Government Prize
Austin David Piatt
Thomas Albert Pitney
Alana Cristina Rivas-Scott
Naomi Mann

The Frank Miller Prize in Political Science
Tyler Jeffrey Rak

The David L. Carpenter Pre-Law Prize
Austin David Piatt

The David A. Leach Memorial Prize in Psychology
Madeline Riley Peek

The Paul DeWitt Twinem Bible Award
Nina Diane Anderson

The Charles E. Hurst Prize in Sociology and Anthropology
Eli L. Cantrell

The Roland H. del Mar Prize in Spanish
Fernanda G. Banuelos
Fiona Angley Roche

The Allardice-Wise Scholarship in Theatre
Claire Nicole Alderfer

The William C. Craig Theatre Prize
Gracie Shreve

The Edward McCreight Prize in Dramatics
Gracie Shreve

The Cummings-Rumbaugh Speech and Dramatics Prize
Sam Caley

The James R. Turner Prize in Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies
Kaylee Hickman

DEPARTMENTAL AND PROGRAM PRIZES

The Vivian L. Holliday Prize was established in 1999 in honor of Vivian Holliday, dean of the faculty from 1977-1985 and Aylesworth Professor of Latin from 1961 until her retirement in 1999. This prize is awarded annually to the senior whose work in Independent Study in history, classical studies, or archaeology has been judged most outstanding.

The Donald R. MacKenzie Prize in Art was established in 1981 in memory of Professor Donald R. MacKenzie, who taught in the Department of Art from 1949 to 1981. The prize, which promotes interest in the field of ceramics, sculpture, or Japanese culture, is awarded each year to a junior or senior art student who has excelled in one or more of these areas.

The Netta Strain Scott Prizes in Art, established in 1944, include annual senior and undergraduate prizes. One prize in each category is awarded to the student who has shown outstanding ability in creative studio work, and one prize in each category is awarded to the student who has achieved the highest record in art history.

The Sisodia-Williams Prize in Biochemistry was established in 1997 by Dr. Sangram Sisodia, a member of the class of 1977, and honors Dr. Theodore Williams, a professor in the Department of Chemistry. The prize is awarded to an outstanding senior majoring in chemistry or biochemistry who plans to pursue a career in biomedical research.

The Karen Diane Cross Memorial Award, established in 1984, is presented at graduation to a female chemistry or biology major who plans to pursue graduate work in medical or biochemical research and whose senior Independent Study project was noteworthy and creative. Special consideration is given to individuals whose years at the College were characterized by interest in other people and determination to meet personal goals.

The DBC Undergraduate Award in Biochemistry or Chemical Biology is awarded annually to a senior who displays a significant aptitude for biochemistry or chemical biology and to encourage further interest in the field. The award is administered by the Division of Biological Chemistry (DBC) of the American Chemical Society (ACS). This 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.

The Horace N. Mateer Prize in Biology was established in 1926 in honor of Dr. Mateer, a Wooster alumnus who served as the first Chairperson of the Department of Biology from 1886 to 1926. This prize is awarded at graduation to the major student who has the highest standing in biology.

The American Chemical Society Senior Award is awarded annually to an outstanding senior chemistry major. The recipient receives a one-year journal subscription and a one-year membership in ACS.

The American Chemical Society Undergraduate Award in Organic Chemistry, established in 2013, is intended to recognize senior students majoring in either chemistry or biochemistry who have demonstrated excellence in organic chemistry based on a combination of research experience, coursework, and a desire to pursue a career in chemistry. The recipient receives a letter or recognition from the ACS Division of Organic Chemistry and an award certificate signed by the division chair.

The American Institute of Chemists Foundation Award is awarded annually to a senior chemistry major interested in a career in industry and who has a demonstrated record of ability, leadership, and professional promise. The recipient receives a certificate, a one-year student associate membership in AIC, and a peer-reviewed journal.

The Royal Society of Chemistry Certificate of Excellence is awarded annually to a senior chemistry major in recognition of outstanding achievement in the study of chemical science at Wooster. The recipient is awarded a copy of the Merck Index or a six-month digital subscription to Chemistry World.

The William Z. Bennett Prize in Chemistry, established in 1924, is given at graduation to the student who has the highest standing in chemistry.

The William Byron Ross Memorial Prize in Chemistry was established in 1952 by Mrs. William B. Ross ’15, in memory of her husband, a member of the class of 1914. It is awarded to the chemistry major who has shown outstanding originality, resourcefulness of thought, and initiative in Independent Study during the junior and senior years.

The Joseph E. Weber Premedical Award was endowed through the generosity of Joseph E. Weber. The award is given at graduation to a senior chemistry major who has been accepted by an M.D. degree-granting institution and who, in the opinion of the Department of Chemistry pre-health adviser(s), will become a compassionate and effective physician.

The Cummings-Rumbaugh Speech and Dramatics Prize honors the memory of Mildred Rumbaugh Cummings and Clarence W. Cummings. Mr. Cummings was a member of the class of 1912. They provide for three prizes through a bequest: The Cummings-Rumbaugh History Prize, The Cummings-Rumbaugh Speech and Dramatics Prize, and The Cummings-Rumbaugh Government Prize. These prizes are awarded to seniors with high academic standing.

The Emerson Miller Memorial Prize in Speech was established in 1960 in his memory by Mrs. Garnett Miller Smith and the family. Mr. Miller was a member of the Department of Speech from 1925 until his death in 1943. The prize is awarded annually at graduation to the senior who is judged by the Department of Communication to have contributed the most to the department's program while at the College.

The Delbert G. Lean Prize in Speech, established in 1968, honors Dr. Lean, who was a member of the faculty for thirty-eight years. It is awarded annually to that senior speech major who, in the judgment of the Department of Communication, has contributed most significantly to the program of that department.

The International Paper Company Foundation Business Economics Prize was endowed in 1985 with funds from the International Paper Company. It is awarded annually at Commencement to the outstanding senior business economics major as judged by the Department of Economics faculty.

The Procter & Gamble Economics Prize was endowed in 1986 with funds from the Procter & Gamble Company. It is awarded annually at Commencement to the outstanding senior economics major, as judged by the Economics and Business Economics faculty.

The William Edgar Hoffman Jr. Endowed Prize in Education was established in 2022 by Connie Hoffman Storck, a member of the class of 1973, and Richard J. Storck, a member of the class of 1974, to honor the memory and Wooster legacy of Connie's father, William Edgar Hoffman Jr., who was chair of the Department of Education from 1967-1993, and emeritus professor of education from 1993 until his death in 1997. Income from this fund is awarded annually at Commencement to the student in the Teacher Education Program who has achieved the highest grade-point average overall by the end of the first semester of their senior year.

The Whitney E. Stoneburner Memorial Prize in Education, established in 1970, honors the memory of Mr. Stoneburner, who was a professor of education from 1926 to 1955, and is awarded annually to a senior who has prepared for a teaching career and is adjudged to have achieved distinction in the field of professional education.

The Waldo H. Dunn Prize in English honors Dr. Dunn, class of 1906, who was professor of English for twenty-seven years. The prize is awarded to the English major adjudged to have written the most distinguished senior Independent Study paper.

The Paul Q. White Prize in English was established in 1944 and honors the memory of Mr. White, class of 1910. The prize is awarded annually to that senior major student who, in the opinion of the chairperson of the Department of English and the staff, has made the best record in English during the college course.

The Donaldson Prize for Independent Study was created by the Department of English with the support of the Donaldson Fund. The Donaldson Fund was established in 1984 by Stephen R. Donaldson, a member of the class of 1968, to support creative writing at Wooster. The prize is awarded annually to the student who, in the judgment of the Department of English, has submitted the best senior Independent Study.

The John W. Olthouse Prize in French and Francophone Studies, established in 1963, honors Dr. Olthouse who taught in the Department of French for forty-four years and served as chairperson for thirty-five years. The prize is awarded annually to that major student who has the highest standing in French at the end of the senior year.

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The Aileen Dunham Prize in History was established in 1965 in honor of Professor Aileen Dunham, chairperson of the Department of History, 1946-1966. It is awarded annually to the senior major who has attained the highest rank in history.

The William H. Wilson Prize in Mathematics was established in 1926 in memory of William H. Wilson, of the class of 1889, professor of mathematics at the College from 1900 to 1907. The prize is awarded annually to that member of the senior class who has shown the greatest proficiency in mathematics.

The Pi Kappa Lambda Prize in Music, established in 1946, is awarded to the graduating senior music major (B.A., B.Mus., or B.Mus.Ed.) who has been selected by the faculty committee of Upsilon chapter for highest academic standing and able performance in the major field.

The John F. Miller Prize in Philosophy, established in 1913, is given at graduation to the major student who has the highest standing in philosophy.

The Manges Prize, established in 1925 by Monroe Manges, of the class of 1888, is awarded annually at graduation to the most valuable athletes in the senior class.

The David A. Guldin Award in Physical Education is in memory of David A. Guldin, class of 1965, who was an outstanding scholar-athlete at The College of Wooster and is a member of the College's Athletic Hall of Fame. After graduation, he went on to attain his Ph.D. from The Ohio State University. He then returned to Wooster where he distinguished himself as a professor in the Department of Sociology until his death in March of 1991.

The Arthur H. Compton Prize in Physics honors Dr. Compton, who received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1927. This prize was established in 1928 by members of the class of 1913 and is awarded to the senior physics major attaining the highest standing in that subject.

The Cummings-Rumbaugh Government Prize honors the memory of Mildred Rumbaugh Cummings and Clarence W. Cummings. Mr. Cummings was a member of the class of 1912. They provide for three prizes through a bequest: The Cummings-Rumbaugh History Prize, The Cummings-Rumbaugh Speech and Dramatics Prize, and The Cummings-Rumbaugh Government Prize. These prizes are awarded to seniors with high academic standing.

The Frank Miller Prize in Political Science is awarded annually to a senior judged by the Political Science Department to have done outstanding work in comparative politics and area studies.

The David L. Carpenter Pre-Law Prize was established in 1999 by the Figgie Family Foundation of Cleveland. The prize is awarded to a senior at Commencement. The recipient must be accepted by an accredited law school and must exhibit academic excellence, leadership ability, and values that will serve the profession with competence and integrity. This prize honors David L. Carpenter, class of 1965, who himself demonstrated these qualities throughout his career as an attorney.

The David A. Leach Memorial Prize in Psychology was established in 1973 in memory of David A. Leach, member of the department from 1966 through 1972. It is awarded annually to a senior psychology major for excellence in experimental psychology.

The Paul DeWitt Twinem Bible Award was established in 1925 by Mrs. Mary Fine Twinem in memory of her husband, Paul D. Twinem, of the class of 1915, and is given at graduation to the senior who, in the opinion of the staff of the Department of Religious Studies, has shown the highest degree of excellence in Biblical studies.

The Charles E. Hurst Prize in Sociology and Anthropology was established in 2011 by the family, colleagues, and students of Professor Hurst, in honor of his distinguished service to the Department of Sociology and Anthropology from 1970-2008. This prize is awarded annually to an outstanding senior who, in the judgment of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, displays the commitment to scholarship and social justice that characterized Professor Hurst's career at The College of Wooster.

The Roland H. del Mar Prize in Spanish, established in 1973, is given annually at Commencement to the graduating senior with highest achievement as a major in Latin-American studies, conducted in the Spanish or Portuguese language.

The Allardice-Wise Scholarship in Theatre was established by James N. Wise '41, in memory of his friend and classmate James B. Allardice. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of a competitive audition to a senior theatre major who has demonstrated exceptional talent and interest in theatre and who has financial need.

The William C. Craig Theatre Prize honors the memory of William C. Craig, longtime chairperson of the Department of Speech and Director of the Theatre. It is awarded annually to the graduating senior who, in the judgment of the members of the Department of Theatre, has made the greatest contribution to all areas of the Little Theatre program.

The Edward McCreight Prize in Dramatics, established in 1939, is awarded to the senior who is judged by the Department of Theatre to have contributed the most in dramatics.

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The James R. Turner Prize in Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, was established in his memory in 1986. Professor Turner was a member of the History Department from 1969 to 1989 and a founding member of the Women's Studies Program at the College in 1978. The Turner Prize is awarded to the student completing the most distinguished senior thesis relating to women, gender, or sexuality from across the College

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