UNIVERSITY AWARDS GALA 2016

Gala Opening ................................................................. Sarah E. Green
Master and Mistress of Ceremonies ........................................ Nicholas E. Lang
Dr. Yashica D. Williams

Welcome and Remarks from the President ............................... Dr. Kenneth D. Kitts

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Each academic achievement award is determined by the departmental faculty and is presented to the graduating senior in each academic major based on academic achievement, character, professionalism and potential. An asterisk by a name indicates that the recipient graduated either summer 2015 or fall 2015.

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Dean’s Award:
College of Arts & Sciences, presented by Dr. Carmen L. Burkhalter .......... Gabrielle O. Fuqua

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College of Business, presented by Dr. Gregory A. Carnes.........................Vincent C. Chiriaco

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES
Willingham Award in Elementary Education.................................................Faith A. Mansell
Willingham Award in Secondary Education.................................................Anna T. Glosemeyer
Culinary Arts, Nutrition, and Hospitality Management............................Shana B. Coats
Health, Physical Education and Recreation..............................................Richard “Kyle” Conkle
Human Environmental Sciences..................................................................Olivia E. Marlow

Dean’s Award:
College of Education and Human Sciences
presented by Dr. Donna P. Lefort................................................................Olivia E. Marlow

COLLEGE OF NURSING
Traditional BSN................................................................................................Lauren A. Hester
Online RN-BSN ............................................................................................Leslie N. Clemons*, John T. Wilbanks*

Dean’s Award:
College of Nursing, presented by Dr. Vicki G. Pierce...............................Lauren A. Hester

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AWARD RECIPIENTS
The Lion’s Cup, presented by Mr. Tyler Thompson.................................Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Outstanding Volunteerism Awards
Student, presented by Mrs. Bethany Green.............................................Baylee C. Pirtle*
Student Organization, presented by Mrs. Bethany Green.................Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Greek Awards, presented by Mr. Tyler Thompson:
Greek Man of the Year ................................................................................David H. Lemay
Greek Woman of the Year ..........................................................................Leslie A. Taylor
Daniel R. Leasure Award ..........................................................................Zeta Tau Alpha

LaGrange Society Awards, presented by Mrs. Julie Taylor:
Hostess of the Year ......................................................................................Kelsey J. Hyche
Host of the Year .........................................................................................Jose V. Figueroa-Cifuentes

University Residences Staff Member of the Year
presented by Dr. Kevin L. Jacques .........................................................Kathryn M. Kelso, Nickolas D. Lollar

Student Employee of the Year, presented by Ms. Laura Beasley..............Brianna R. Burns

President’s Diversity Awards, presented by Dr. Kenneth D. Kitts
Faculty Diversity .........................................................................................Dr. Jeffrey R. Bibbee
Student Diversity ......................................................................................Jose V. Figueroa-Cifuentes

Distinguished Academic Achievement Award
presented by Dr. John G. Thornell...............................................................Lauryn A. Ayers, Ashley N. Grissom, Lauren A. Hester
Undergraduate Service Awards, presented by Mr. David P. Shields, Jr. ........................................ Emily A. Alves
Brittney N. Carter, Jose V. Figueroa-Cifuentes, Hannah M. Hopkins

Hall of Fame Awards, presented by Mr. David P. Shields, Jr. ........................................ Patrick “Cullen” Aiken
Dakota “Coddy” MacNeill, Kevin “Maurice” Mull, Miracle F. Osborne

University Man 2016, presented by Dr. Kenneth D. Kitts ......................................................... Nicholas E. Lang

University Woman 2016, presented by Dr. Kenneth D. Kitts .................................................. Katelyn S. Partain

W. T. McElheney Award, presented by Jessica D. McAlister ...................................................... Mr. Clinton P. Carter

Outstanding Service Award, presented by Teranee N. Mathews .................................. Mrs. Renee’ P. Vandiver

Eleanor Gaunder Phi Kappa Phi Excellence in Teaching Award
presented by Mrs. Charlotte W. Cramer .............................................................. Dr. Kristy L. Oden

Academic Affairs Faculty Awards, presented by Dr. John G. Thornell:

Outstanding Advising ................................................................. Dr. Amber L. Paulk

Dr. Jim F. Couch Outstanding Scholarship/Research ......................................................... Dr. Glenn A. Marvin

Outstanding Service ................................................................. Dr. Andrea N. Hunt

Dr. Lawrence J. Nelson Outstanding Teaching ........................................ Mr. Willard “Will” E. Brewer

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In the sunny heart of Dixie
On the Tennessee,
Stands the school we owe all honor,
Love and loyalty.

Happy days within thy portals
Bless our memory;
Friendships dear and truths immortal,
We have found in thee.

Through the future generations
Honored by thy name;
May thy sons and daughters bring thee
Everlasting fame.

CHORUS
Alma Mater, Alma Mater;
Bring we homage due;
Pledge we here our heart’s devotion
To thy colors true.

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