University Awards Gala

2023

Monday, April 24, 2023
Norton Auditorium
UNIVERSITY AWARDS GALA 2023

Mistress of Ceremonies .................................................................. Ms. Amber Sandvig
Welcome and Remarks from the President ................................. Dr. Kenneth 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.

ANDERSON COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS
Pre-Licensure BSN ............................................................. Jayden Bobo
Accelerated BSN ................................................................... Thomasena Black
Post Licensure RN-BSN ...................................................... Charles Tenison*
BS Applied Health Science - Health Administration Track .... Catherine Lambright Blurton*

Dean’s Award
Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions
Presented by Dr. Tera Kirkman, Dean ......................................... Micah Douglas

COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCES, AND ENGINEERING
Art ............................................................................................. Georgia Land
Biology .................................................................................. Carlie Smith
Chemistry ................................................................................... Abbey Steadman
Cinematic Arts and Theatre ................................................... Emma Higby
Communication Arts ............................................................ Savana Robertson
Criminal Justice ................................................................. Raven Eller
Culinary Arts Management ..................................................... Hailey Blanchard*
Engineering Technology .......................................................... Elizabeth Anne Ford
English .................................................................................. Kathryn Weathers
Entertainment Industry ....................................................... William Patrick McGucken*
Fashion Merchandising and Design ...................................... Kailee Curtis*
Foreign Languages ............................................................. Abby Kathryn Richardson*
French .......................................................... Chamblee Jacqueline Ozbirn
Geography .......................................................... Seth Taylor
Geographic Information Science .................................. Carol Samuelson
German .......................................................... Eleanor Thompson
History .......................................................... Alexa Sparks
Hospitality and Events Management ................................ Abigail West
Interdisciplinary Studies ......................................... Patrick Crummie*
Interior Architecture and Design ............................ Avery Glover
Marine Biology ................................................. Aaron Matthew Perry
Mass Communication ........................................... Lavette Williams*
Mathematics ...................................................... Meleah Orr*
Music ............................................................. Molly Clayton
Occupational Health Science ................................ Sabrina Stout
Physics ........................................................... Hung Lam
Political Science ................................................ Olivia Knight
Psychology ...................................................... Jonathan Garrett Allred
Social Work ..................................................... Hannah Karr
Sociology ........................................................ Sarah Michelle Mann*
Spanish .......................................................... Elizabeth Claire Talbot
Sustainability .................................................... Kylie Boatwright

Dean’s Award
College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering
Presented by Dr. Sara Lynn Baird, Dean ........................................... Caroline McAdams

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES

Willingham Award in Elementary Education ...................................... Grace Bowen
Willingham Award in Secondary Education ..................................... Brian Tyler Loy
Exercise Science .................................................. Mary Garrison Sullivan
Sport and Recreation Management ................................................ William Noel*

Dean’s Award
College of Education and Human Sciences
Presented by Dr. Katie Kinney, Dean ............................................... Emma Warren

SANDERS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

Accounting .............................................................. Madeline Pugh
Computer Information Systems ................................................ Omonegho Ugheoke
Dean’s Award
Sanders College of Business and Technology
Presented by Dr. Jana Beaver, Associate Dean .................................Joshua Corbin

DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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AWARD  RECIPIENTS

The Lion’s Cup
Presented by Bethany Green, Director of Student Engagement ................................Delta Alpha Pi

Outstanding Volunteerism Awards
Presented by Bethany Green, Director of Student Engagement
Student Award ........................................................................................................ Karla Hildebrand
Student Organization Award ..................................................................................Student Nursing Association

Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards
Presented by Anna Leigh Vaccaro, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life
Fraternity Man of the Year .................................................................Garret Statom, Lambda Sigma Phi
Sorority Woman of the Year ............................................................................ MacKenna Gosart, Phi Mu
Daniel R. Leasure Fraternity Chapter of the Year ......................................... Pi Kappa Alpha
Daniel R. Leasure Sorority Chapter of the Year ...........................................Alpha Gamma Delta
LaGrange Society Awards
Presented by Mary Harber, Assistant Director of Recruitment and Orientation
Hostess of the Year ................................................................. Anna Grace Rye
Host of the Year ................................................................. Garret Statom
Rookie of the Year ................................................................. Rebekah Callahan

Housing and Residence Life Staff Member of the Year Awards
Presented by Donald Hilliard and Calviee Tandy, Area Coordinators
................................................................. Kenslie Baudean, Jocelyn Martin

Student Employee of the Year
Presented by Juliette Butler, Senior Administrative Assistant, Student Engagement
................................................................. Aleya Gilley

Dr. Graham L. Sisson, Jr. Disability Support Services Champion Awards
Presented by Jeremy Martin, Director of Disability Support Services
Faculty Award ................................................................. Dr. Amy Crews
Student Award ................................................................. Nicholas Burnett

President’s Diversity Awards
Presented by Dr. Ron Patterson, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Faculty Diversity Award ................................................................. Michael Reutter
Staff Diversity Award ................................................................. Jeremy Martin
Student Diversity Award ................................................................. Kayla Holman-Madison

Global Lions Award
Presented by Dr. Chunsheng Zhang, Senior Vice President for International Affairs
................................................................. Hai Tran

Undergraduate Service Awards
Presented by Dr. K. C. White, Vice President for Student Affairs ................................................................. Candice Buford, Treasure Franklin, Makenzie McGuire, Talon Pritchard

Hall of Fame Awards
Presented by Dr. K. C. White, Vice President for Student Affairs ................................................................. Jayden Bobo, Mackenzie Martin, Edric “EJ” Powell, Emma Warren

University Man 2023
Presented by Dr. Kenneth Kitts, President ................................................................. Tevin Pauley
University Woman 2023
   Presented by Dr. Kenneth Kitts, President .................................................. Shanise Allen

W. T. McElheny Award
   Presented by Garret Statom, SGA Treasurer ............................................... Kristi Henson

Dr. Kimberly A. Greenway Outstanding Service Award
   Presented by Kennedy Edwards, SGA Vice President, and Will Driver, SGA Secretary
   ......................................................................................................................... Rebecca Rockhill

Distinguished Staff Employee of the Year Awards
   Presented by Melissa Bolton, Staff Senate President ............................ Billy Burns, Janet Jones

Academic Affairs Graduate Student Awards
   Presented by Dr. Ross Alexander, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
   Scholarship Award .......................................................................................... Alyssa Lauren Parten
   Service Award ............................................................................................... Dixie Norwood
   Teaching Assistant Award .............................................................................. Nadia Stewart

Eleanor Gaunder Phi Kappa Phi Excellence in Teaching Award
   Presented by Dr. Ross Alexander, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
   ......................................................................................................................... Dr. Jean Ann Helm Allen

Academic Affairs Faculty and Staff Awards
   Presented by Dr. Ross Alexander, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
   Outstanding Advising Award, Faculty ............................................................ Dr. Ashley Johnson
   Outstanding Advising Award, Staff ............................................................... Lillian Akin
   Dr. Jim F. Couch Outstanding Research Award ............................................ Dr. Hunter Waldman
   Outstanding Service Award ........................................................................... Dr. Gary Padgett
   Dr. Lawrence J. Nelson Outstanding Teaching Award .................................. Dr. J. Doug Barrett
A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO
Dr. Kenneth Kitts, President
Dr. Ross Alexander, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. K. C. White, Vice President for Student Affairs
Student Government Association
Enrollment Marketing and Digital Communication
Ms. Kali Daniel, Senior Graphic Designer
Ms. Anna Carden, Student Graphic Designer
Mr. Samuel Thigpen, University Videographer/Photographer

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Ms. Rebecca “Becca” Bush, Coordinator, Student Activities
Ms. Juliette Butler, Senior Administrative Assistant, Student Engagement
Ms. Bethany Green, Director, Student Engagement
Dr. J. Matthew Green, Associate Dean of College of Education and Human Sciences
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Dr. Tammy Jacques, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
Ms. Sheryl McMillan, Executive Assistant to the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

2022-2023 SGA EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
Ms. Amber Sandvig, President
Ms. Kennedy Edwards, Vice President
Mr. Garret Statom, Treasurer
Mr. Will Driver, Secretary

*An asterisk by a name indicates that the recipient graduated either Summer 2022 or Fall 2022.

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