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UNIVERSITY AWARDS GALA 2015

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Gala Opening	Nicholas E. Lang
Master and Mistress of Ceremonies.....	KeKoria S. Greer Mr. Jerome Gafford
Welcome and Remarks from the President.....	Dr. Kenneth D. Kitts

SENIOR ACADEMIC AWARDS

*Presented to the graduating senior from the two previous semesters and the current semester
In each major field with the highest grade point average (minimum 3.0/4.0).
An asterisk by a name indicates that the recipient graduated either summer 2014 or fall 2014.*

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Recipients

Art

Art.....	Brittany N. McKelvey*
Fine Arts, Digital Media	Shilo D. Cupples
Fine Arts, Photography.....	Michael L. Redding*

Biology

Biology – General	Megan E. Kingsley
Biology – Environmental.....	Colt G. Daniel
Biology – Marine.....	Hailey M. Boeck
Biology - Professional.....	Rosmely Hernandez

Chemistry and Industrial Hygiene

Chemistry – General.....	Phillip K. Daniel*
Chemistry - Professional	Kyle G. Black
Industrial Hygiene.....	Phillip K. Daniel*

Communications

Communication Arts

Film & Digital Media Production	Thomas K. Pope
Public Communication.....	Kristen N. Dunn*
Theatre	Shiloh B. Shelton

Mass Communication

Journalism Multi-Media.....	Kelsey R. White
Journalism	Ashley N. Gabaldon
Public Relations.....	Savannah I. McKinney
Radio-Television Interactive Media.....	Anna L. Rossi

Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice	Candace D. Treece
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English

English Option	<i>Katie L. Meherg</i>
Language Arts	<i>Lesley D. Carter</i>
Professional Writing Option	<i>Brandon S. Conley*</i>

Entertainment Industry

Entertainment Industry Business	<i>Taylor B. Williamson</i>
Entertainment Industry Technology	<i>Aaron K. Jefferson</i>
Entertainment Industry Technology & Business	<i>David J. Kennedy*</i>

Foreign Languages

French	<i>Jessica L. Hept</i>
Spanish	<i>Linda K. Massey*, Anna L. Barrera*</i>
Commerce - German	<i>Jordan T. Hoskins*</i>

Geography

Geography - Business	<i>Chad R. Thompson</i>
Geography - General	<i>Carrie L. Keener</i>
Geography – Geographic Information Science	<i>Matthew C. Allen</i>

History and Political Science

History	<i>Lauren N. Franklin, Seth S. Armstrong</i>
Political Science	<i>Zachary B. Roberson*</i>
Social Science	<i>Carlton T. Williams*</i>

Mathematics

Mathematics	<i>Monica R. Achard*, William A. Craft</i>
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Music and Theatre

Commercial Music	<i>Brent M. Barnes</i>
Instrumental Music	<i>Russell A. Kershaw</i>
Performance Music, Instrumental	<i>Zackary C. O'Bryant</i>
Performance Music, Voice	<i>Heather R. Simmers</i>
Vocal/Choral Music	<i>Grace E. Ashley</i>

Physics and Earth Science

Physics – General	<i>Christian J. Bayens</i>
Physics – Professional	<i>Joshua D. Kidd</i>

Psychology

Psychology	<i>Robert A. Aycock</i>
Family Life Educator	<i>Erica L. Kelly</i>

Social Work

Social Work	<i>Jodi R. Kimbrough, Kayla B. Quillen</i>
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Sociology

Sociology Online	<i>Minoo M. Vafai</i>
Sociology Traditional	<i>Megan A. Gorey</i>

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Accounting and Business Law

Professional Accounting*Christopher W. Heatherly*, Kelsey B. Wood*

Computer Science & Information Systems

End-User Computing Systems*Derek C. Keasling*

Computer Science*Morgan L. Burcham*

Economics and Finance

Economics*Joshua C. Nichelson**

Finance-Banking and Financial Services*Alan J. Bell**

Finance-Professional*Allison V. Short*

Management and Marketing

Professional Management - Entrepreneurship*Katherine K. Hartman**

Professional Management - General*Aliaksei Kavalenka**

Professional Management - Hospitality*Victoria T. Atkinson*

Human Resource Management*Amy E. Morris**

General Marketing*Douglas K. Rivera-Ortiz**

Professional Marketing - Sales*Kendra A. Hammond**

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES

Elementary Education

Elementary Education K-6*Ashely A. Hargett, Hanna D. Hicks, Elizabeth S. Riley**

Elementary Education K-6/Collaborative Special Education*Mallory B. McGhee**

Elementary Education K-6/Preschool 3*Katharine A. McGee*

Health, Physical Education and Recreation

HPER – Exercise Science*Rachel L. Kerstiens*

HPER – Fitness Management*Andrew L. Jones**

HPER – Health Promotion*Lauren Schifano*

HPER – Sport Management*Samuel B. Thigpen*

HPER - General*Seth L. Bachelor*

Human Environmental Sciences

Culinary Arts*Kelsey J. Crown**

Child Development*Leslie A. Sherrill*

Interior Design*Kaitlin R. Wallace*

Foods and Nutrition*Lori A. Ferguson**

Merchandising*Rebekah A. McDaniel*

Therapeutic Nutrition*Jessi A. Blackstock**

Secondary Education

Business and Marketing Education*Sarah N. Swafford*

Family and Consumer Science*Staci D. Phillips**

General Science*Robert J. Landers**

Secondary Education Physical Education*Laura A. Lopez*

Secondary Education*Russell A. Kershaw, Maria K. Pulley**

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Nursing

Nursing Traditional.....	Lauren A. Jones*
Nursing Traditional – Accelerated.....	Michaela H. Stafford
Nursing Online – RN-BSN.....	Krista M. Barrier*, Hope S. Cole*, Jennifer A. Hopkins*
Nursing Online – RN-MSN.....	Natalie R. Burleson*, Janet C. Morrison, Shelba D. Stroud*

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Interdisciplinary Studies

Interdisciplinary Studies.....	Sharon K. Worley*
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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Awards

Recipients

George C. Marshall Award	Benjamin A. Siegel
2LT Barber Trophy	Larry C. Kirk
Willingham Award – Elementary Education	Katharine A. McGee
Willingham Award – Secondary Education	Sarah N. Swafford
Robert L. Potts Hall of Fame	Walter B. Hartley
LaGrange Society	Sondra E. Adkins, Emily A. Alves, Hannah F. Aycock, Christian J. Bayens, Erica L. Blackstock, Hailey M. Boeck, Kahri J. Bolden, Brooke T. Chamblee, Jose V. Figueroa-Cifuentes, Courtney A. Geiger, Noel M. Geiger, KeKoria S. Greer, Gavin W. Hall, Carson L. Hagood, Evan L. Hammond, Samantha L. Hammond, Hannah M. Hopkins, Kelsey J. Hyche, Sarah Ann Keeter, Nicholas E. Lang, Anna G. Long, Emily K. Manush, Cara M. Martin, Eleanor A. Mitchell, Maurice Mull, Emily L. Ownby, Miracle F. Osborne, Alec C. Prince, Quinn M. Roberts, Anna Leigh Rossi, Samuel J. Satterfield, Lauren “Hadley” Skalnik, Kelsey M. Varner
Order of Omega	Katherine G. Bradford, Devin D. Crawford, Indigo J. S. Fort, Hannah G. Gilbertson, Mallory J. Greenhill, Kimberly Ashton Hensley, Lexis K. Holloway, Mariah L. Horton, Sarah Ann Keeter, Meredith L. Kellenberger, Alexandria N. Kelley, Kaitlyn M. Kutz, Sarah Beth Looney, Hallie E. Mitchell, Taylor A. Morris, Brandi B. Nelms, Candice N. Sanders, Ashton S. Ray, Dylan C. Shaw, Sarah J. Sheedy, Seth D. Taylor, Andi J. Underwood, Kelsey M. Varner, Caitlin M. Williams, Taylor B. Williamson, Emily C. Woods, Cortney N. Wray
Who’s Who Among Students	Christian J. Bayens, Ambur F. Love, Teena Patel, Sarah N. Swafford, Jennifer B. Towne

UNIVERSITY AWARDS

Awards

Recipients

The Lion's Cup, presented by Mr. Tyler Thompson *Hispanic Culture Organization*

Outstanding Volunteerism Awards

Student, presented by Ms. Bethany Oliver *Erica L. Blackstock*

Student Organization, presented by Ms. Bethany Oliver..... *Alpha Tau Omega*

Greek Awards

, presented by Ms. Julie R. Fletcher:

Greek Man of the Year..... *Patrick Cullen Akin*

Greek Woman of the Year *Hailey E. Holke*

Daniel R. Leasure Award..... *Phi Mu*

LaGrange Society Awards

, presented by Mrs. Julie Taylor

Hostess of the Year *Hailey M. Boeck*

Host of the Year *Nicholas E. Lang*

University Residences Staff Member of the Year

presented by Dr. Kevin L. Jacques..... *Connie E. Rodriguez*

Student Employee of the Year, presented by Dr. Vince Brewton *Hailey M. Boeck*

President's Diversity Awards

, presented by Dr. Kenneth D. Kitts

Faculty Diversity *Dr. Gary L. Padgett*

Student Diversity *Nicholas E. Lang*

Dean's Award

College of Arts & Sciences
presented by Dr. Carmen L. Burkhalter *Christian J. Baynes*

College of Business
presented by Dr. David W. Nickels..... *Thomas J. Rhodes*

College of Education and Human Sciences
presented by Dr. Donna P. Lefort... *Hanna D. Hicks*

College of Nursing, presented by Dr. Birdie I. Bailey..... *Michaela H. Stafford*

Distinguished Academic Achievement Award

presented by Dr. John G. Thornell.. *Christian J. Baynes, Ashley A. Hargett, Hanna D. Hicks,
Lauren A. Jones*, Jodi R. Kimbrough, Maria K. Pulley**

Undergraduate Service Awards, presented by Mr. David P. Shields, Jr..... *KeKoria S. Greer,
Nicholas E. Lang, Maurice Mull, Miracle F. Osborne*

Hall of Fame Awards

presented by Mr. David P. Shields, Jr. *Lesley D. Carter, Jacob H. Ezell,
Connie E. Rodriguez, Anna Leigh Rossi*

University Man 2015, presented by Dr. Kenneth D. Kitts..... *Jordan A. Graham*
University Woman 2015, presented by Dr. Kenneth D. Kitts.....*Hailey M. Boeck*
W. T. McElheny Award, presented by Adam B. McCollum..... *Mr. Tyler Thompson*
Outstanding Service Award, presented by Samuel J. Satterfield..... *Mrs. Julie Taylor*
Eleanor Gaunder Phi Kappa Phi Excellence in Teaching Award,
presented by Dr. Brenda H. Webb.....*Dr. Lisa H. Clayton*
Academic Affairs Faculty Awards, presented by Dr. John G. Thornell
Outstanding Advising..... *Dr. Carolyn M. Barske*
Dr. Jim F. Couch Outstanding Scholarship/Research..... *Dr. Eric K. O'Neal*
Outstanding Service *Dr. Kerry P. Gatlin*
Dr. Lawrence J. Nelson Outstanding Teaching..... *Dr. Matthew J. Fitzsimmons*

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO

Dr. Kenneth D. Kitts, *President*
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Student Government Association
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Brian Ford, *Videographer*

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ALMA MATER

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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