

# ACADEMIC HONORS CONVOCAATION 2024



RECOGNIZING THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS  
AND HONORS OF OTTERBEIN STUDENTS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR

THREE THIRTY P.M. | Fritsche Theatre in Cowan Hall  
Westerville, OH

# ACADEMIC HONORS CONVOCATION PROGRAM

**Prelude**..... Otterbein University Wind Ensemble  
*All ceremony music was previously recorded and curated by Michael S. Yonchak, Associate Professor of Music*

**Processional** *Crown Imperial*..... Performed by the Otterbein College Wind Ensemble  
(William Walton/trans. W.J. Duthoit) *Conducted by Gary R. Tirey H '90*  
*from Otterbein College Bands: Traditions, 2002*

**Welcome**..... John L. Comerford  
*President of the University*

**\*Invocation**..... Rev. Lucy Kelly  
*Otterbein Director of Faith and Spiritual Life and*  
*Associate Pastor at Church of the Master United Methodist*

## **Special Music**

*Sonata for Flute and Piano, H. 306*..... Bohuslav Martinu (1899-1959)  
*I. Allegro Moderato*  
Flute, Kylie N. Stadler '24, *Bachelor of Music Education, Bachelor of Music in Performance*  
Piano, Suzanne Newcomb, *Keyboard Instructor, Senior Lecturer*

**Student Greeting**..... Ashni P. Patel '24  
*Bachelor of Science, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology*

**Presentation of Student Academic Honors**..... Wendy R. Sherman Heckler  
*Provost and Senior Vice President*

*Master of Ceremonies*..... Kerry L. Strayer  
*Professor, Department of Communication*

## **Departmental and Program Award Presenters**

Art and Art History..... Jonathan D. Johnson  
Biology and Earth Science..... Jennifer A. Bennett  
Business, Accounting and Economics..... Stephen L. Osborne  
Chemistry..... Joan M. Esson  
Communication..... Eric J. Jones  
Education..... Susan D. Constable  
Engineering, Computer Science and Physics..... Michael W. Hudoba  
English..... Karen F. Steigman  
Equine Science..... Steffanie V. Burk  
Health and Sport Sciences..... Joan E. Rocks  
History, Political Science, Languages and Cultures..... Deborah B. Solomon  
Honors Program..... Wendy R. Sherman Heckler  
Mathematics and Actuarial Science..... Jeremy S. Moore  
Music..... Nicholas P. Ross  
Nursing..... Bonnie M. Fagan  
Philosophy and Religion..... Alexander K. Rocklin  
Psychology..... Meredith C. Frey  
Sociology, Criminology and Justice Studies..... Meredith C. Frey  
Theatre and Dance..... T.J. Gerckens  
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program..... Tammy A. Birk

<b>Multi-Departmental Awards and Non-Departmental Award Presenters</b> .....	Wendy R. Sherman Heckler <i>Provost and Senior Vice President</i> Kristy L. Drobney <i>Director, Academic Support Center</i> Bill Fox <i>Vice President for Student Affairs</i>
<b>Outstanding Teaching Awards</b> .....	Wendy R. Sherman Heckler <i>Provost and Senior Vice President</i>
<b>Recognition of Other Awards and Honoraries</b> .....	Wendy R. Sherman Heckler <i>Provost and Senior Vice President</i>
<b>* Otterbein Love Song</b> .....	Amelia J. Mannino '24 <i>Bachelor of Arts, Music and Business</i> Suzanne Newcomb, piano <i>Keyboard Instructor, Senior Lecturer</i>
<b>* Benediction</b> .....	Emma C. McGreal '24 <i>Bachelor of Science in Education, PreK-5 Primary Education</i>
<b>Recessional Sine Nomine</b> .....	Performed by the Otterbein College Wind Ensemble <i>Conducted by Gary R. Tirey H'90</i> <i>from Otterbein College Bands: Traditions, 2002</i>

The Mace bearer is an honor bestowed upon the most senior faculty member,  
*Dr. Teri Walter, Professor, Department of Health and Sport Sciences.*

The Otterbein University Seal is an honor bestowed upon the 2024 recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award,  
*Dr. David Sheridan, Associate Professor of Biology and Earth Science.*

The Flambeau is an honor bestowed upon the 2024 recipient of the New Teacher of the Year Award,  
*Dr. Bennett Grooms, Assistant Professor of Biology and Earth Science.*

*Everyone is invited to a reception immediately following the ceremony at the Roush Hall Plaza.  
In the event of inclement weather, the reception will be held in the Fisher Gallery in Roush Hall.*

***\*Please stand as able***

## **OTTERBEIN LOVE SONG**

*Words by Celia Ihrig Grabill H'64/Music by Grant Grabill, Class of 1900*

In a quiet, peaceful village  
    there is one we love so true.  
She ever gives a welcome  
    to her friends both old and new  
She stands serene  
    'mid tree tops green,  
She's our dear Otterbein

CHORUS:  
Old Otterbein our college,  
    we sing of thee today.  
Our memories round thee linger  
    in a sweet and mystic way.  
O Otterbein, we love thee,  
    our hearts are only thine,  
We pledge anew, we will be true,  
Dear Otterbein.

# DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

## ART AND ART HISTORY

Presented by ..... **Jonathan D. Johnson, Chair**

### **Lillian Bale-Roof '42 Memorial Endowed Award**

Awarded annually to a full-time student who demonstrates exceptional commitment in the field of visual arts.

Audrey R. Couch  
Mia C. Potter

### **George R. Raica Fine Arts Endowed Award**

Awarded through competition to a junior Visual Arts major(s) for their senior year project.

Christopher M. Jackson

### **Marguerite Wetherill Eschbach Memorial Student Art Fund**

Underwrites the hiring of a juror and acquisition of one or more pieces for the University's permanent collection from the Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition; the artist who creates the winning piece of art receives an award at the end of the exhibition.

Rachel M. Malek  
Olivia T. Rossi  
Sarah K. Farmer  
Maizie L. King  
Hailey P. Hill  
Emily K. Rogers

### **Lillian Frank/Joanne Miller Stichweh Book Award**

Awarded to a graduating senior Art major(s).

Nevaeh B. Ellis  
Lukas A. Patel

### **Lillian Frank/Earl Hassenpflug Visual Arts Award**

Awarded to a full-time junior or senior majoring in Visual Arts or Visual Arts in education.

Sarah K. Farmer  
Leila J. Johnson  
Tara P. Jones  
Madison M. Popovich

### **Earl C. Hassenpflug H'91 Endowed Award**

Awarded annually to a full-time student(s) who demonstrates exceptional commitment to the discipline of Art.

Maxton C. Cox  
Christopher M. Jackson

### **Dorothy G. Van Sant Memorial Endowed Award**

Awarded to a full-time student(s) majoring in Visual Arts.

Phoebe M. Kraus  
Emily K. Rogers  
Lilianne E. Volz

### **John Benjamin Kessler Memorial Endowed Award**

Awarded alternately between the departments of Art and English to a student who excels in ceramics, creative writing or poetry.

Rachel M. Malek

## BIOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCE

Presented by ..... **Jennifer A. Bennett, Chair**

### **Charles W. Botts '34 Memorial Endowed Award**

Awarded to a full-time student(s) who is a Biology and Earth Science major and demonstrates exceptional commitment to research in Biology and Earth Science.

Cassidy L. Shaver  
Rebekah M. Whittaker

### **Dr. Marion F. Dick '43 Memorial Endowed Award**

Awarded to a junior or senior student(s) for outstanding achievement in pre-professional Health Sciences.

Jacob M. Hawkes  
Ashni P. Patel

### **Life Science Departmental Endowed Award**

Awarded to a student who has completed a research project in botany or microbiology or who has taken courses at a field station or has worked for a governmental agency.

Jacob M. Hawkes

**George J. Phinney H’89 Endowed Award**

Award is to be given to any student exhibiting outstanding academic performance and research in class or with independent study in the Life and Earth Science Department with a concentration in environmental science.

Natalie I. Reynolds  
Kim T. Nguyen  
Adilia M Schmidt

**Melinda S. Phinney, MD ‘85 Fund for Pre-Medical Experiences for Students**

Awarded to a junior or senior student(s) for travel (domestic or international) for pre-medical experiences.

Taylor A. Bish

**E. Jeanne Willis Life Science Endowed Award**

Awarded to a sophomore or junior student who has contributed significantly to the Biology and Earth Science Department.

Elizabeth C. Dean

**Grace Rohrer Rymer ’48 and Richard Rymer Scholarship**

Awarded to a junior or senior majoring in Environmental Science and intends to participate in an internship or SYE related to Environmental Science.

Elyse C. Blankenship  
Alexis N. Chrise  
Mary J. Liddle

**Kyle Miller Memorial Fund**

Awarded to a junior or senior Zoo Science major.

Rachel M. Hughes  
Caitlyn M. McDaniel  
Mallory M. Meyer  
Caitlin R. Sposeep  
Gavin J. Spragg

**Department of Biology & Earth Sciences Student Travel Fund**

To provide an annual travel stipend to students from the Department of Biology and Earth Science who have the opportunity to travel abroad and are pursuing research or scholarship opportunities as part of or on behalf of the department.

Mary J. Liddle  
Harley T. Miller  
Caitlyn M. McDaniel  
Emily R. Patrick

**Farnlacher-Hovermale Endowed Award**

Awarded to a currently enrolled full-time student(s) who demonstrates excellent academic progress toward the successful completion of their degree and proficiency in their major. This award alternates between students majoring in history, religion, life science and education.

Sebastian A. Newman  
Adilia M. Schmidt  
Valerie M. Van Meter

**The Robert J. & Ann M. Harting Endowed Award**

Awarded to a sophomore or junior majoring in Environmental Science who intends to conduct undergraduate research and work in the field of natural resource conservation, environmental education, or restoration ecology in the United States.

Megan E. Longwell

**BUSINESS, ACCOUNTING AND ECONOMICS**

**Presented by..... Stephen L. Osborne, Chair**

**Charles R. and Louise Bennett Prize in Business**

Awarded to students for outstanding leadership and academic achievement in the Department of Business Administration.

Haley E. Dennis  
Lauren N. Gilbert  
Joshua Payette  
Andy L. Phu  
Jacob C. Spegal

**Wallace E. Conard ’54 Memorial Endowed Award**

Awarded to a part-time or full-time Business Administration major(s) who has a concentration in Marketing and/or Management, has proven academic success, and has demonstrated a commitment for community leadership.

Hannah V. Mohler  
Kavi L. Patel  
Garrett A. Thomas  
Aubrey M. Zanella  
Bailey E. Zanella

**Donald E. and Elsa Giammarco ’76 VanZant Sr. Endowed Award**

Awarded to a Business Administration major(s) who excels in the concentration of Marketing.

Ryan K. de Nijs  
Kenzie L. Prickett

**Allen Prindle Student Fund for Business, Accounting, and Economics**

Awarded to students for the study of abroad experiences, internships, distinctions projects, or professional networking experience.

Eden M. Edenfield  
Richmond S. Honkpo  
Noah S. Palmer  
Andrew F. Wherley

**Mafi-Tabatabai Endowed Award**

Awarded to a non-traditional junior or senior Business, Accounting, or Economics major(s) who has proven academic excellence and whose tuition is not supplemented by an employer.

Jeannette Dut

**CHEMISTRY**

**Presented by .....** *Joan M. Esson, Chair*

**Weinland Chemistry Award**

Awarded to a student with high moral character and above average scholarship majoring in the field of Chemistry.

Kaitlynn L. Gleich  
Jordan L. Thompson

**First-Year Achievement Award: ACS Membership**

Awarded to an outstanding first-year Chemistry major(s).

Ian Chapman  
Neil Reddy  
Bailee A. Toadvine

**Kekule Award**

Awarded for academic excellence to a sophomore Chemistry major(s).

Paul A. Scott

**Dalton Award**

Awarded for academic excellence to a junior Chemistry major(s).

Elizabeth F. Douglass

**Mendeleev Award**

Awarded for academic excellence to a senior Chemistry major(s).

Andrew J. Holman

**COMMUNICATION**

**Presented by.....** *Eric K. Jones, Chair*

**“Dr. Griss” Speech Communication Endowed Award**

Presented to an outstanding student on the basis of breadth and depth of participation in departmental activities and academic success.

Lilly G. Peter

**Forrest G. and Maude Berry Ketner Scholarships**

Awarded to any upperclassman student enrolled in the Speech Department with proven qualities of leadership and academic success, and involved in public speaking or debate.

Emma G. Chapman  
Madison E. Holtkamp

**H. Robert Pollock Memorial Endowed Award**

Presented to a currently enrolled full-time junior, senior and/or master’s student earning language arts certification who intends to teach speech at a secondary level and/or a full-time currently enrolled junior or senior student who intends to enroll in graduate school and teach communication at the college level.

Amy E. Hissrich

**Robert A. Spencer Jr. Memorial Award for Excellence in Broadcasting**

Presented to an outstanding senior broadcaster on the basis of service to WOBN and WOCC.

Sophia M. Imundo

**Verda B. Evans Award in Journalism**

Awarded for excellence in Journalism.

Ella G. Sedlock

## EDUCATION

Presented by ..... Susan D. Constable, *Chair*

### **Class of 1944 Endowed Award**

Awarded to a currently enrolled part-time or full-time junior Education major who excels in their major and is outstanding in their involvement with campus activities.

Claire Y. Sauer

### **Class of 1945 Endowed Award**

Awarded to a currently enrolled part-time or full-time junior or senior Early Childhood Education major who excels in their major and is outstanding in their involvement with campus activities.

Emma S. Swisher

### **Class of 1946 Endowed Award**

Awarded to a currently enrolled part-time or full-time junior Education major who excels in their major and is outstanding in their involvement with campus activities.

Margaret R. Musilli

### **Dr. H. Jay Dattle '64 Memorial Endowed Award**

Awarded to a part-time or full-time undergraduate or graduate student(s) majoring in Elementary or Secondary Education with first preference to a graduate student.

Chelsie N. Inman

### **Charles W. Hayman Memorial Endowed Award**

Awarded by the Department Chair to a student(s) who has made an exceptional contribution to the Education Department.

Cassandra B. Machado

### **James R. Larson Memorial Endowed Award**

Awarded to a student who earned a high school diploma (or equivalent) more than five years prior to entering college, who has demonstrated an interest in empowering women and distinguished themselves in the field of multiculturalism or commitment to working with historically underserved or underprivileged populations.

Juweria O. Haji

### **Donald E. and Mary A. (Wagner) Myers Endowed Education Award**

Awarded to a currently enrolled full-time Education major(s) who excels in their major and is outstanding in their involvement with campus activities.

Emylie N. Winesette

### **Selby Family Endowed Award**

Awarded to an outstanding student(s) majoring in Education who exhibits good scholarship.

Miles C. Compton

### **Jody Melick VanTine Award**

Awarded to an outstanding Education major who is a member of Tau Epsilon Mu Sorority.

Katie L. Queen

## ENGINEERING, COMPUTER SCIENCE AND PHYSICS

Presented by ..... Michael W. Hudoba, *Chair*

### **Maurice and Rose Rapkin Computer Science Endowed Award**

Awarded to a part-time or full-time Computer Science major(s) or minor(s) who has shown outstanding progress in Computer Science awareness and has shown proficiency in the application of Computer Science for occupational goals beyond graduation.

Hussein Al-Ani  
David W. Carr  
Ashley Gutierrez Gallegos  
Joel D. Justice  
Owen C. Willer

### **Pete Sanderson Computer Science Endowed Scholarship**

Awarded to an undergraduate student(s) with a major in Computer Science who demonstrates academic excellence.

Kyle A. Miller  
Jacob P. Ramstetter  
Cameron S. Uhl

**Dr. Joseph and Marilyn Harpster Engineering Award**

Awarded to an outstanding rising first year student(s) with a major in Engineering who demonstrates academic excellence and a commitment to public or community leadership.

Chloe E. Campbell  
Maxton D. Sprowls

**Engineering Leadership Service Award**

Awarded to a graduating senior chosen by the Engineering faculty.

Kody C. Haubeil

**Engineering Academic Excellence Award**

Awarded to a graduating senior chosen by the Engineering faculty.

John M. Nice

**Richard Feynman Award**

Awarded to an outstanding performance in the first-year Physics sequence.

Madalyn L. Mull  
Paul A. Scott  
Maxton D. Sprowls

**ENGLISH**

**Presented by ..... Karen F. Steigman, Chair**

**Pat Mizer Cassady Memorial**

Awarded to a student who has excelled in writing.

Harper N. Wood

**John W. Fisher Memorial Senior Writer’s Award**

This endowed award, awarded to a senior part-time or full-time student, seeks to honor and memorialize John W. Fisher '71 and his love of the English language.

Madison T. Newman

**Janet Louise Roberts Award**

Awarded to a student(s) who has shown leadership in *Quiz and Quill*.

Madison T. Newman  
Harper N. Wood

**Robert E. and Mary Elizabeth Cramer Endowed Award**

Awarded to any part-time or full-time student(s) who majors in English and who shows academic excellence, leadership abilities, and commitment to the University community.

Sebastian C. Black  
Jane D. Cook  
Mary R. Flowers  
Skye M. Hamilton  
Grace Hawk  
Isaac B. Jones  
Karina E. Streeter  
Adam E. Willis  
Marlo L. Young

**Joining Hands Award**

Awarded to an Integrated Language Arts major(s) for excellence in student teaching.

Erika A. Carper  
Elena A. Tieman

**Myers Family Endowed English Award**

Awarded to an English major(s) with a concentration in Literary Studies for excellence in critical writing.

Mitzi C. Cuaxico

**EQUINE SCIENCE**

**Presented by .....Steffanie V. Burk, Professor  
(Presenting for Sheri S. Birmingham, Chair)**

**Pietila Family Equine Science Endowed Award**

Awarded to a full-time student(s) who is majoring in Equine Science and an equestrian participating in either dressage or combined training.

Madeline G. Gaber

**Betty F. Kennedy Award for Academic Excellence**

This award is the Department of Equine Science’s highest recognition of a graduating Equine Science major based upon academic excellence, contributions to the department, and service to Otterbein University.

Riley J. Leibeck



## HEALTH AND SPORT SCIENCES

Presented by ..... **Joan E. Rocks, Chair**

### **Marilyn E. Day Endowed Award**

Awarded to a full-time student(s) majoring in the department for excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service.

Janey D. Coplan  
Josey M. Johnson  
Aubrey R. McMahon

### **Harold C. Martin Memorial Endowed Award**

Awarded to a student whose major field is Physical Education and who is planning to teach and coach.

Rachel N. Bender  
Connor P. Parsons

### **Elmer W. "Bud" Yoest '53 Endowed Award**

Awarded to a Health and Sport Science student(s) demonstrating an exceptional commitment to campus leadership and citizenship.

Ravyn S. Goodson  
Anna G. Waskiewicz  
Gena G. West

## HISTORY, POLITICAL SCIENCE, LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

Presented by ..... **Deborah B. Solomon, Chair**

### **Class of 1904 Prize in Government and Political Science Prize**

Awarded annually to an outstanding student(s) in the field of Government and Political Science.

Alexandria A. Martin

### **Lynn W. Turner Prize in History**

Awarded to a History student(s) for excellence in the study of History.

Margaret A. Glanc  
Madison P. Lobello

### **Pierre F. and Marguerite M. Rosselot Prize Fund**

Awarded to a student(s) who demonstrates academic excellence in History and Political Science.

Ayan M. Abdi  
Katelyn S. Vollrath  
Elizabeth M. White

### **Samuel and Ida Zimmerman Spencer Memorial Endowed Award**

Awarded to a full-time student(s) involved in the Study Abroad Program.

Lillian M. Morgret

### **Pasquale and Concetta Giammarco Premio Endowed Award**

Awarded to a student(s) for excellence in the study of a Foreign Language.

Jennifer Gutierrez Gallegos

### **Hamilton Merit Award in Foreign Language**

Awarded to a sophomore student(s) for excellence in the study of a Foreign Language.

Kate E. Bango  
Kayla M. Lechnir  
Alyssa R. Lemos  
Rachel L. Williamson  
Stephanie Mesa-Sanchez  
Rebekah M. Whittaker

### **Gilbert E. Mills Award**

Awarded to an outstanding senior(s) Foreign Language major.

Lilia A. Baldwin  
Ava K. Gertler  
Kaley M. Starkey  
Rachel C. Ziel

### **Dr. Elizabeth Doerschuk O'Bear Award**

Awarded to a full-time student(s) who has been an outstanding student of Foreign Language.

## HONORS PROGRAM

Presented by ..... **Wendy R. Sherman Heckler, Provost and Senior Vice President**

### **Outstanding Honors Program Student**

Awarded to a senior student(s) for achieving the highest excellence and creativity in the completion of their Senior Honors Thesis.

Samuel M. Degenhard  
Sean M. Palmer  
Adilia M. Schmidt

## MATHEMATICS AND ACTUARIAL SCIENCE

Presented by ..... **Jeremy S. Moore, Chair**

### **J. Clarence and Floss G. Baker Award in Mathematics**

Awarded to a graduating senior(s) for academic excellence in Mathematics.

Aislin K. Holubek

### **Dr. Michael S. Bridgman Prize in Mathematics**

Awarded to a sophomore or junior Mathematics major(s) who holds at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average and demonstrates outstanding future potential in the field; preference goes to a student engaged in extracurricular activities that involve the pursuit or advancement of Mathematics (such as tutoring).

Jonas J. Blake  
Christopher T. Courter  
Kiera P. Geiger

### **Donald Dean Kincaid '88 Memorial Endowed Award**

Awarded to a Mathematical Science major(s) who demonstrates high academic ranking, provides leadership within the department, and shows professional potential in the field of Mathematics.

Adam E. Stahler

### **Mathematics Departmental Math-Education Hinton Endowed Award**

Awarded to a part-time or full-time student(s) who demonstrates exceptional commitment to the learning of Mathematics with the intent to teach Mathematics.

Lindsey N. Whitmore

### **Mathematics Departmental Hinton Endowed Award**

Awarded to a part-time or full-time student(s) who demonstrates exceptional commitment to the learning of Mathematics.

Emma G. Chapman

### **Roger Tremaine Memorial Award**

Awarded to undergraduate students with a major or minor in Mathematical Sciences.

Katelyn N. Debolt  
Kyle A. Miller  
Cody B. Moore

### **Dr. James H. Weaver Memorial Mathematics Award**

Awarded to an undergraduate student taking third- or fourth-year mathematics and who demonstrates academic excellence.

Morgan E. Somers

## MUSIC

Presented by ..... **Nicholas P. Ross, Chair**

### **William H. and Alta B. Arbogast Music Prize**

Awarded to a graduating senior Music major with the highest grade point average.

David M. Montgomery

### **Thelma Zellner Memorial Choral Music Award**

Awarded to a junior(s) who demonstrates commitment to and quality participation in the Choral Music activities of the University.

Vincent T. Bostick  
Noelle J. Burke  
Sergio Mariscal-Marquez  
Piers H. Ross  
Austin G. Pickett  
Margaret C. Prucha

### **Ellen M. Jones '23 Memorial Endowed Award**

Awarded to a Music major who is an instrumentalist.

Charles R. Adams

### **Thomas E. Cook '39 Memorial Choral Music Endowed Award**

Awarded to a non-music major for distinguished contribution to the University's choral music program.

Madison E. Holtkamp

### **Shackson Memorial Music Education Endowed Award**

Awarded to a full-time Music major pursuing a Music Education degree.

Samantha L. Richards

**Olive S. Cook '24 Memorial Endowed Award**

Awarded to a Music or Music Education major(s) who demonstrates exceptional academic progress and demonstrates a distinct appreciation for the Music discipline.

Carleigh A. Benson  
Kendra D. Hildreth  
Alan J. Hatcher  
Alexander J. Sheen

**Gary R. Tirey Endowed Award in Music**

Awarded to a sophomore or junior non-music major who exhibits good scholarship, is active in and demonstrates leadership in a range of ensembles in the instrumental program.

Victor J. Daley  
Grayson C. Grimm  
Marlo L. Young

**Frances Harris Memorial Endowed Award**

Awarded to a Music or Music Education major whose principal instrument is piano.

Megan M. Ladd

**Presser Foundation Scholarship**

Awarded on the basis of musicianship and contributions to the Department of Music.

David M. Montgomery

**Grabill-Shackson Award**

This award is the Department of Music's highest recognition of a graduating Music major; awarded on the basis of scholarship, musicianship, citizenship, service to the department and service to the University.

Kylie N. Stadler

**Jeanne B. Gross Scholarship Fund**

Awarded to a sophomore or junior music education student; a gift from the Westerville Historical Society and Jeanne B. Gross Estate.

Grace M. Francis

**NURSING**

**Presented by ..... Bonnie M. Fagan, Professor  
(Presenting for John D. Chovan, Chair)**

**Andrew LeHigh '95 Memorial Endowed Award**

Awarded to a part-time or full-time upper-division Nursing student who demonstrates academic scholarship, clinical excellence, and shows leadership skills.

Benjamin R. Stanhope

**Dorothy J. McVay Endowed Award**

A Certificate of Recognition given annually to a senior student for academic achievement and clinical excellence in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program .

Alyson M. Callahan

**PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION**

**Presented by ..... Alexander K. Rocklin, Chair**

**Jesse S. Engle '14 Memorial Endowed Award**

Awarded to a student of any discipline who has shown exceptional academic standing and has excelled in Philosophy and/or Religion classes.

Robin R. Brick

**Thelma and Robert Frank Endowed Award**

Awarded to a student(s) who is pursuing a profession as a Christian teacher, missionary, or clergyperson.

Tyler D. Tucker

**Lawrence Keister New Testament Award**

Awarded to a student showing outstanding proficiency in New Testament studies.

Makenzie L. Kellogg

**Foster and Hilda Williams Endowed Award**

Awarded to a student with the goal of serving full-time in the Christian ministry.

Dane A. Whip

**William O. and Floral Amy Endowed Prize**

Awarded to a full-time student who has done outstanding work in religious studies (Biblical, theological, or comparative).

Charlie Ryan

**Abhidharma-Satyananda Book Award in Religious Studies**

Awarded to a student(s) who has shown unusual aptitude and diligence in the historical or comparative study of the world’s religions.

Frances P. Oviedo

**Peripatos Book Award in Philosophy**

Awarded to a student(s) who has shown remarkable aptitude in the study of the Western philosophic tradition.

Grace M. Smith

**The Susanna Annesley Wesley Book Award in Christian Studies**

Awarded to a student(s) who has demonstrated a high level of creative scholarship in courses in the Christian religion.

Makenzie L Kellogg

**PSYCHOLOGY**

**Presented by ..... Meredith C. Frey, Chair**

**Benua Foundation Award for Academic Excellence**

Awarded to a senior(s) majoring in Psychology who demonstrates evidence of superior scholarship and makes a significant contribution to the direction and vitality of the department, has a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher, and evidence beyond the G.P.A of an attitude of scholarship-superior analytic integrative skills and the ability to communicate effectively in verbal and written form.

Samuel M. Degenhard  
Celeste M. Nist

**Stephen Karsko Memorial Award**

Awarded to Psychology majors who, in commitment to the total University community, display openness and curiosity, and demonstrate definite leadership skills.

Masoma L. Githiora  
Abby G. Kirkendall  
Brielle G. Newland  
Sean M. Palmer  
Mitchell K. Patterson  
Casey M. Sussman  
Olivia A. Vitaz

**Felipe Martinez Humanitarian Award**

Awarded to a senior majoring in Psychology who displays a general humanitarian emphasis both in philosophy and in action, a strong commitment to personal growth and value-education, and an exemplary attitude toward the liberal arts.

Rebecca Morrison

**SOCIOLOGY, CRIMINOLOGY AND JUSTICE STUDIES**

**Presented by ..... Meredith C. Frey, Chair**

**Phyllis Weygandt Auerbach ’51 Memorial Award**

Awarded to a senior student(s) who plans to enter the field of human services, has a minimum 3.25 cumulative grade point average, participated in a program in human services during their undergraduate years, is actively involved in extracurricular activities and plans to enter graduate school.

Cameryn E. Huffman

**Albert E. Lovejoy Prize in Sociology**

Awarded to one to three senior Sociology or Criminology and Justice Studies majors (or a junior Sociology or Criminology and Justice study major with a strong record of experience and academic excellence.) The recipient must be making satisfactory progress towards their degree with a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5. and/or a major G.P.A. of at least 2.5. Selection criteria should also include students who have demonstrated a high level of commitment to public and community leadership and have demonstrated a strong global perspective.

Brandon Noronha

**Ventresca Family Fund**

Provides a one-time education opportunity (experience supplemental to normal class work) for undergraduate students majoring in Sociology or Criminology and Justice Studies, who demonstrate a desire to pursue additional career preparation outside of the classroom. The recipient will be chosen by the Sociology department. Preference goes to a student of rising junior or senior standing (or an exceptional sophomore) who may only receive the award once. The funds may be used for tuition fees, travel living expenses, research supplies, and/or other related costs of that experience.

Abbigail M. Beyer  
Thomas J. Bobovnyk  
Zully J. Mejia Lopez  
Rachel M. Hoffman  
Landen M. Pettet

**Ida B. Wells Social Justice Book Award**

Awarded to a student(s) with an excellent academic record and passion for social justice.

Madison T. Newman

**Scholar’s Book Award**

Awarded to a student(s) with an exceptional academic record who is attending graduate school.

Tyler G. Owens-Terwilliger

**Vollmer McCord Criminology Book Award**

Awarded to a student(s) for outstanding research and scholarship in criminology.

Sawyer Herdlick  
Angel M. Proehl

**W.E.B. DuBois Book Award**

Awarded to a student(s) in leadership positions who advance a sociological and social justice perspective.

Grace N. Sims

**THEATRE AND DANCE**

**Presented by .....T.J. Gerckens, Chair**

**David Graf '72 Endowed Award**

Awarded to a Senior Showcase performer who exemplifies the qualities of David Graf. Chosen by students who attended the Showcase.

Jessica E. Noal

**Gressman-Shultz Drama Award**

Awarded to the outstanding senior Theatre student.

Lucas R. Fragiotta

**Leslie Burrell Mangia Musical Theatre Award**

Awarded to the outstanding junior(s) in Musical Theatre who has appeared in at least two musical productions at Otterbein.

Caroline N. Bowers  
Katherine S. Condon

**Paul G. Smythe Theatre Award**

Awarded to an outstanding junior Acting major(s).

Benjamin J. Sanford

**Fred J. “Pop” Thayer H’82 Endowed Theatre Award**

Awarded annually to an outstanding junior Design/Technology major.

Liberty A. Carroll

**Joanne Van Sant Musical Theatre and Dance Award**

Awarded to any outstanding full-time Musical Theatre and Dance major who has made significant contributions to the promotion, advancement and/or appreciation of dance.

Claire L. Stancy

**Outstanding B.A. in Theatre Award**

Awarded to an outstanding junior level student achieving a B.A. in Theatre who exemplifies the qualities and attitudes of an exemplar student of Theatre.

Ryan A. Lewis

**Petie Dodrill Theatre Endowed Award**

Awarded to an outstanding sophomore or junior student(s) who has made significant contributions to the promotion, advancement, and/or appreciation of the costume area at Otterbein University; must have a minimum 2.5 grade point average.

Leah P. Vick

**Katie Falter '13 Champion in Theatre Award**

Awarded to a junior or senior Bachelor of Arts Theatre major, who is planning to pursue a career in directing and demonstrates the qualities that marked Katie Falter's life and work.

John J. Giglia

**Andy Baker Spirit of Generosity Award**

Awarded to a Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior Theatre major who demonstrates the qualities that marks Andy Baker's life and work - "Generosity of Spirit."

Natalie M. Neville

**Alan and Christy Coupland Theatre and Dance Endowed Scholarship**

Awarded to a first-year student pursuing a Theatre Performance major within the Theatre and Dance department.

Katherine M. Brewer

**Eugene C. Reynolds Speech/Drama Award**

Awarded to an outstanding Communication or Theatre/Dance major(s) for success in academics and involvement in activities.

David A. Graves  
Olivia T. Rossi

**WOMEN'S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES PROGRAM**

**Presented by ..... Tammy A. Birk, Program Director**

**Excellence in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Award**

Awarded to a student who exemplifies academic excellence, leadership in the WGSS program, and sustained commitment to the campus community.

Lily E. Cowie  
Madison T. Newman  
Abigail M. Sinclair

**MULTI-DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS**

**Presented by ..... Wendy R. Sherman Heckler, Provost and Senior Vice President**

**Priest-Miller Endowed Award**

Awarded to a full-time student who demonstrates outstanding achievement in Biology and Earth Science, Chemistry, or Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Rebekah M. Whittaker

**Bert and Jane Horn Endowed Student Research Fund in the Sciences**

Awarded to provide junior or senior students with a minimum grade point of average of 3.0 with an opportunity to benefit from research experiences available within Biology and Earth Science, Chemistry, and Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Elizabeth C. Dean  
Lauren E. Fedder  
Harley T. Miller  
Haley R. Plaughter  
Emm D. Slates  
Kylee J. Segner  
Sarah K. Squires  
Adan E. Willis

**Joan Niewaroski Jaschke Memorial Award**

Awarded to a total of two part-time students, one from the Psychology department and one from the English department, who earned a high school diploma five or more years prior to applying to the University.

Abigail N. Bechtol

# NON-DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

*Presented by..... Wendy R. Sherman Heckler, Provost and Senior Vice President  
Kristy L. Drobney, Director, Academic Support Center  
Bill Fox, Vice President for Student Affairs*

**Richard and Carolyn Sherrick Five Cardinal Experiences Fund**

This award provides assistance to an undergraduate student(s) who is pursuing one of the Five Cardinal Experiences with a preference for travel-related opportunities.

Cody A. Lyles

**James V. Miller Award**

Awarded to an Otterbein student on the Dean's List who has demonstrated leadership in the co-curricular life of the University.

Braydon S. Au  
Abby B. Vitali

**G. Harlan and Mary O. Hummell '31 Rainier Memorial Endowed Award**

Awarded to a student(s) who has demonstrated experience in, or commitment to, working with historically underserved or underprivileged populations.

Kelsie Nsiah

**K. William and Gloria Shiffler '50 Endowed Award**

Awarded to a full-time first- or second-year student who is also an endowed scholarship recipient. Preference shall be given to a student majoring in business or teaching.

Kate E. Bango  
Robert E. Kain

**Childers Family Award for International Study**

Awarded to a student who wishes to pursue a study abroad that is at least one term in length.

Keliah G. Schertz

**Knight Family Fund for International Study**

Awarded to a student who wishes to participate in study abroad or international learning opportunities.

Mary J. Liddle

**Torch and Key Endowed Tuition Award**

A gift from the Torch and Key Society awarded in honor of Dr. Robert Price H'60, Mr. John Becker '50, and Dr. Harold Hancock H'69 to a junior with a 3.85+ grade point average who has shown evidence of leadership qualities in Otterbein activities.

Hajar I. Bennani  
Isabel M. Elliott  
Grace M. Francis  
Margaret C. Prucha  
Morgan R. Smedley  
Maya G. Steiger

**Glendine Huggins Wadlington Memorial Endowed Award**

Awarded to a part-time or full-time student(s) in recognition of their efforts and success during their years at Otterbein.

Maxwell J. Kott  
Brandon Noronha

**Alpha Lambda Delta/Phi Eta Sigma Outstanding Senior Award**

Awarded to the graduating senior member(s) of Alpha Lambda Delta/Phi Eta Sigma with a high cumulative grade point average and active participation; the recipient's name is added to the Alpha Lambda/Phi Eta plaque in the library.

Adilia M. Schmidt

**Epsilon Kappa Tau Alumnae Memorial Endowed Award in Honor of Dr. Marilyn E. Day**

Awarded annually to a full-time senior(s) in the active chapter of Epsilon Kappa Tau on the basis of grade point average and service to the University and the sorority.

Chloe R. Kern



**Pi Kappa Phi Grise-Auspurger Award**

Recognizes an active member(s) who has announced an intention of post graduate training in medicine or dentistry.

Hunter R. Henry  
Keaton M. Snyder

**Pi Kappa Phi Essig-Stobart-Eldridge-Borland Award**

Recognizes the “balance” of academics, extra curricular activity, and fraternity leadership as evidenced by Lester Essig, Steve R. Stobart '93, W. Michael Stobart '95, Bradley Eldridge '95, and Ryan D. Borland '97.

Beau D. Burtscher  
Declan T. Jewitt  
Caden P. Masterson

**Pi Kappa Phi Performing Arts Award**

Recognizes a member of Pi Kappa Phi who is majoring in music, music theatre, and/or dance.

Blake A. Newland

**Pi Kappa Phi Thompson/Howe Award**

Recognizes an active member with the declared intention of pursuing graduate degrees in one of the arts or sciences (not including business or accounting).

Beau D. Burtscher  
Blake A. Newland

**Pi Kappa Phi Forensics/Broadcasting Award**

Recognizes those who demonstrate superior competence in forensics, public speaking, and broadcasting with the first preference to a student involved in intercollegiate debate.

Beau D. Burtscher  
Declan T. Jewitt  
Alexander Pataky

**Pi Kappa Phi Professor Horace W. Troup '23 Award**

Recognizes achievement and distinction in the fields of accounting, and/or business administration with a preference for accounting.

Amya J. Harris

**Pi Kappa Phi The Three Learned Professions Award**

Recognizes an active member who has a career objective of entering the profession of law, medicine, or religion, and has a scholastic rank which indicates a realistic objective in his chosen field.

Gavin G. Edwards  
Blake A. Newland  
Landen M. Pettet  
Keaton M. Snyder

**Sigma Alpha Tau Alumnae Endowed Award**

Awarded annually to a full-time student(s) in the active chapter of Sigma Alpha Tau Sorority on the basis of grade point average and service to the University and the sorority.

Janet O. Kautz

**Sigma Delta Phi Alumni Award**

Awarded to a full-time junior(s) or senior(s) in the active chapter of Sigma Delta Phi Fraternity on the basis of grade point average, and service to the University and the fraternity.

Theodore R. McIntyre

**Fraternity and Sorority Scholarship Awards**

Awarded to the fraternity and sorority with the highest grade point average for the current academic year.

Sigma Delta Phi  
Sigma Alpha Tau



# OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARDS

## **New Teacher**

*Dr. Bennett Grooms, Assistant Professor, Biology and Earth Science*

Award is intended for a full-time faculty member at the Assistant Professor rank who is in the first three years of continuing service at Otterbein.

## **Teacher of the Year**

*Dr. David Sheridan, Associate Professor Biology and Earth Science*

Award is open to all other full-time continuing members of the Otterbein University faculty.

## **Excellence In Teaching**

*Ms. Amy Karns, Instructor, Psychology*

Award is open to Part-Time Faculty members at Otterbein University.

For each teaching award, the awardee should exhibit mastery of the subject matter in their discipline or in interdisciplinary teaching; highly effective organization and communication of material; a spirit of enthusiasm which enriches the instructor's own teaching and learning; the ability to arouse the curiosity of beginning students and to stimulate advanced students to creative work, and the ability to interact with students beyond the classroom through activities that integrate and expand the learning environment.

Consideration will be given to years of service in teaching at Otterbein and demonstration of the Five Principles for Effective Teaching (Knowledge, Design, Praxis, Relationships and Assessment) as described in detail in Appendix A in the Faculty Manual.

## **Exemplary Teaching Award of the United Methodist Church**

*Dr. Cindy Laurie-Rose, Professor, Psychology*

The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding faculty members for their contributions to the learning arts and to the institution. This award symbolizes the vital impact of pedagogy in the formation of leadership for the next generation. It is also a token of respect for your skilled expertise and dedication to the teaching and learning enterprise.

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## ACADEMIC REGALIA

A commission appointed in 1959 by the American Council on Education prescribes a code for academic regalia that consists of three main parts: caps, gowns and hoods. The first part, dealing with caps, allows the mortarboard or Oxford type cap. Occasionally, the Cambridge model, a soft cap resembling a beret, is worn. Either type is correct as long as it is black and of an appropriate material, except that velvet is reserved for doctors.

The tassel worn with the cap has three variations. First, it may be black for any degree. Second, it may be in the color of the major field of learning in which the degree was granted. Third, a tassel of gold metallic may be worn by doctors and governing officials of institutions. Some schools make a ceremony of switching the tassel from the right to the left at the moment the degree is awarded as a substitute for individual hooding of candidates.

The second main part of academic regalia concerns the gown which should be all black, aside from variations in materials and fullness. The bachelor's gown falls in straight lines from a fairly elaborate yoke. Its distinguishing characteristic is the long pointed sleeves. A master's gown is distinguished by an arc-shaped panel on the long or short sleeve. The doctor's gown is an elaborate costume marked by velvet panels down the front and around the neck as well as by three bars of the same materials on the bell-shaped sleeves. It is cut much fuller than the other gowns and unlike them may be ornamented in color. Both the panelling and the sleeve bars may show the area in which the degree was awarded.

The third main component of academic regalia is the hood which makes clear the level of the degree, the area in which it was given and the institution which awarded it. The size of the hood and the width of the velvet trimming shows the level of study. The more advanced the degree, the longer the hood and wider the velvet trim. The color of the trim identifies the area in which the degree was awarded. Arts, letters and humanities are represented by white; education is light blue; fine arts is brown; law is purple; music is pink; nursing is apricot; philosophy is dark blue; science is golden yellow; and theology is scarlet. The lining of a hood bears the official colors of the institution from which the degree was received, in Otterbein's case, tan and cardinal.

# HONORARIES

## **Alpha Lambda Delta/Phi Eta Sigma Senior Academic Achievement Certificates**

*The academic honorary societies proudly acknowledge the following members who have maintained a 3.5 and higher cumulative grade point average throughout their undergraduate program at Otterbein.*

Jacquelyn N. Adler  
Corinne A. Alston  
Francesca A. Amico  
Dominic P. Antronica  
Emily C. Auld  
Yeman Bakdaliéh  
Cerenity J. Barnhill  
Abbigail M. Beyer  
Maria T. Bier  
Rachel A. Bonno  
Kendall A. Brown  
Kaitlin G. Brun  
Alyson M. Callahan  
Molly J. Casey  
Emma G. Chapman  
Cindy Chavez  
Alexis N. Chrise  
Cameron J. Christopher  
Hannah M. Cook  
Janey D. Coplan  
Brook A. Crosby  
Olivia G. Culp  
Madison A. Dagan  
Victoria A. Deeds  
Samuel M. Degenhard  
Haley E. Dennis

Olivia A. Desio  
Aubrey J. Dickens  
Nevaeh B. Ellis  
Logan A. Folian  
Kennedy S. Fulks  
Julia A. Gillin  
Marygrace F. Gorensék  
Molly A. Grayson  
Jordyn M. Hannon  
Jacob M. Hawkes  
Christopher L. Head  
Maire L. Hollertz  
Andrew J. Holman  
Aislin K. Holubek  
Alexander Hook  
Ethan D. Johnson  
Christopher D. Klein  
Karlíe G. Lahna  
Ryan Lewis  
Olivia P. Majors  
Amelia J. Mannino  
Emma C. McGreal  
Jacob R. McIntosh  
Theodore R. McIntyre  
Hannah V. Mohler  
Rebecca Morrison

Aaron J. Mulligan  
Hannah M. Mullins  
Kylie A. Nevel  
Madison T. Newman  
Kim T. Nguyen  
John M. Nice  
Jessica E. Noal  
Mason C. Nolan  
Ashni P. Patel  
Lukas A. Patel  
Megan E. Payne  
Owen J. Píreu  
Elizabeth D. Post  
Kenzie L. Prickett  
Katie L. Queen  
McKenna E. Sawyer  
Adilia M. Schmidt  
Olivia C. Schnittker  
Hannah L. Shadd  
Benjamin A. Shockley  
Erin K. Storrer  
Rebekah M. Whittaker  
Payje F. Wilson  
Alissa L. Zigo

### **Alpha Lambda Delta/Phi Eta Sigma Initiates**

*The following students have been initiated into Alpha Lambda Delta/Phi Eta Sigma Honorary Societies. First year students who have maintained a 3.5 and higher cumulative grade point average after their first semester at Otterbein are eligible for membership.*

Adoma A. Agyen  
Fiona Z. Barnett-Cross  
Emily G. Barton  
Emma L. Bastian  
Alaina T. Boles  
Katherine M. Brewer  
Nicholas Clark  
Kennedi M. Corthell  
Zachary J. Courie  
Nora G. Cunningham  
Logan J. Dodd  
Trinity J. Downing  
Maxwell E. Esque  
Audrey G. Faulkner  
Sydney T. Fox  
Hannah E. Franklin  
Chase A. Garito  
Meghan L. Gilbert  
Hayleigh R. Greathouse  
Emerson M. Gregory  
Skye M. Hamilton  
Abigail J. Hammer-Huber  
Xavier L. Haney

Sarah G. Hanning  
Kathryn E. Hayes  
Hailey P. Hill  
Amina L. Hodge  
Dezmon R. Howard  
Shikha Iyer  
Alaina L. Jacobs  
Rachel L. Jaynes  
Eva M. Joering  
Emma R. Johnson  
Keva E. Johnson  
Madison E. Johnson  
Macie E. Jones  
Drew B. Kegler  
Kierstin N. Knell  
Jackson R. Lee  
Ashley R. Little  
Kasey H. Mader  
Carli R. Martz  
Elanna J. Meyer  
Amanda J. Murray  
Isabella M. Neal  
Ella R. Paine

Ella M. Pfaffl  
Wes C. Phillips  
Mia C. Potter  
Maggie E. Pyle  
Evie L. Reed  
Anu Regmi  
Emily A. Rosso  
Maya I. Samlan  
Phillip M. Scott  
Ella G. Sedlock  
Claire E. Seeley  
Oluwaobasegun C. Solarin  
Sarah K. Squires  
Michael A. Steel  
Audra C. Steinbugl  
Devyn L. Tangeman  
Sophia L. Terry  
Faith K. Truax  
Kinsley M. Tuttle  
Kelly J. Ulrey  
Anna G. Waskiewicz  
Dane A. Whip  
Katherine G. Wilt

### **Alpha Kappa Delta Honorary**

*Founded in 1920, Alpha Kappa Delta seeks to acknowledge and promote excellence in the scholarship in the study of social problems, sociology, and intellectual activities that lead to the improvement in the human condition. Members must be in the upper 35 percent of their class in general scholarship and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher in Sociology.*

Abbigail M. Beyer  
Halle N. Foote  
Rachel M. Hoffman  
Noah C. Houchins

Abby G. Kirkendall  
Tyler G. Owens-Terwilliger  
Landen M. Pettet  
Angel M. Proehl

Kayla E. Rutan  
Grace N. Sims  
Kelly J. Ulrey

### **Iota Iota Iota National Honorary**

*Iota Iota Iota (Tri-Iota) is the national honorary for Women's and Gender Studies. It strives to maintain the feminist and anti-oppressive values that are central to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. Students in Otterbein's chapter work to support diversity in membership, egalitarian action and decision-making, a sustained commitment to social change advocacy, and a more inclusive academic environment for all students.*

Robin R. Brick  
Alliza L. Clark  
Lily E. Cowie  
Isabel M. Elliott  
Alie R. First  
Grace M. Francis  
Aeriyana C. Goddard

Jessica A. Gourley  
Isaac B. Jones  
Emily B. Laughman  
Madison T. Newman  
Taylor A. Miller  
Molly J. Ramey  
Julia G. Richter

Lukas Rhynard  
Grace N. Sims  
Abigail M. Sinclair  
Karina E. Streeter  
Julia E. Tenbusch  
Elizabeth M. White

### **Lambda Pi Eta National Communication Honor Society - Iota Iota Chapter**

*The purpose of Lambda Pi Eta is to promote outstanding academic achievement in the Communication discipline. Juniors and Seniors must have a minimum 3.25 grade point average for all Communication Studies courses to be inducted members.*

Ikra Koriyow  
Jennatta Mensah

Margaret M. Nicol  
Hermon W. Tesfaldet

### **Pi Kappa Delta National Forensic Honorary**

*A National Forensic Honorary organization for intercollegiate debaters, competitive individual speakers, non-classroom audience speakers, and instructors in teaching oral communication.*

Chance Burk  
Jordan B. Blankson  
Emma G. Chapman

Madison E. Holtkamp  
D'Andre M. Person

### **Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology**

*Psi Chi, founded in 1929, seeks to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship and advance the science of Psychology. Members must be in the upper 35 percent of their class in general scholarship and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 in Psychology.*

Lily E. Cowie  
Mitzi C. Cuaxico  
Abbigail M. Beyer  
Samuel M. Degenhard  
Emily R. Dennis  
Isabel M. Elliott  
Halle N. Foote  
Masoma L. Githiora  
Makenzie L. Kellogg  
Abby G. Kirkendall  
Kayla M. Lechnir

Clara A. Lively  
Leah R. Locke  
Rachel M. Malek  
Rebecca Morrison  
Celeste M. Nist  
Sean M. Palmer  
Mitchell K. Patterson  
Tyler G. Owens-Terwilliger  
Grace N. Sims  
Ash Smith  
Maya G. Steiger

Amanda N. Stevens  
Loryn J. Stiglianese  
Casey M. Sussman  
Kayla M. Swanson  
Greyson Thagard  
Colin M. Tyler  
Olivia A. Vitaz  
Amri-Joelle S. Wells  
Mya G. White  
Lily R. Whitehair  
Tasha'La K. Woodruff

**Sigma Tau Delta – International English Honor Society**  
**Alpha Rho Upsilon Chapter**

*The International English Honor Society confers distinction for achievement in English language, literature and writing in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies. The following students are awarded Sigma Tau Delta membership for their academic excellence which enriches interest in English studies and literacy.*

Katherine Hedrick  
Olivia Ryan  
Karina E. Streeter  
Evie L. Reed

Emily G. Barton  
Marlo L. Young  
Ashley R. Little  
Grace Hawk

Camilla Borders  
Brooke A. Hamilton  
Tasheania D. Lee  
Amaya D. Serrano

**Life Long Community Scholar Award**

*The LLC Scholars Award was created by the Lifelong Learning Community at Otterbein to support the lifelong learning mission of Otterbein University. The awards help rising seniors in need of support as they work toward graduation. Each LLC Scholar is asked to play an active role in the Lifelong Learning Community throughout the academic year.*

2023-24 Awardees:

McKenna L. Campbell  
Kaitlin G. Brun  
Ashni P. Patel

Angela M. Maio  
Emma G. Chapman

**Student Research Fund Award**

*Awarded to undergraduate and graduate students to support student research and presentation. Recipients are competitively selected based upon the quality of their proposed research and/or creative endeavor.*

Colleen M. Bungard  
McKenna L. Campbell  
Lucas C. Crockett  
Scout M. Delgado  
Eneko A. Dillenberger  
Elizabeth F. Douglass  
Mary R. Flowers  
Owen J. Gregg  
Morgan M. Hartman  
Jacob M. Hawkes  
Taoni M. Hickey  
Genevieve M. Hilt  
Andrew J. Holman

Tara P. Jones  
Duaa A. Khan  
Kunkaron S. Adawe  
Gabriella E. Laird  
Jaseana S. Larsen  
Jalen J. Leavell  
Naomi M. Lewis  
Leah R. Locke  
Rachel M. Malek  
Matiana Medina  
Hannah V. Mohler  
Madalyn L. Mull  
Madison T. Newman

Kim T. Nguyen  
Sean M. Palmer  
Megan E. Payne  
Brenna E. Pitts  
Madison M. Popovich  
Kerrie L. Rodgers  
Adilia M. Schmidt  
Olivia C. Schnittker  
Paul A. Scott  
Kylee J. Segner  
Cassidy L. Shaver  
Maya G. Steiger  
Jordan L. Thompson

**The Vernon L. Pack Fellowship**

*The Pack Fellowship provides funding to students selected through an application process who are engaged in a public service program or project and are working in collaboration with the mission of the Center for Community Engagement at Otterbein University.*

2023-24 Fellows:

Phoebe E. Gibson  
Katelyn R. Shelton  
Elyse C. Blankenship

### University Honors Program

*The University Honors program is a four-year curriculum culminating in the senior year with an interdisciplinary seminar or independent thesis project. Within our program theme “Community of Scholars,” students consider what it means to belong to a community of critical inquiry, and the role of scholarly inquiry to the public good.*

*The students listed below are graduating seniors who have successfully completed all requirements for the Honors Program.*

*\*Indicates the student has completed a senior thesis.*

Maria T. Bier*	Jacob M. Hawkes*	Sean M. Palmer*
Rachel A. Bonno	Natalie L. Heye*	Ashni P. Patel*
Kaitlin G. Brun*	Taoni M. Hickey*	Juliann R. Piersall
Megan C. Caldwell*	Andrew J. Holman*	Amanda P. Radke
Emma G. Chapman	Ethan D. Johnson*	Natalie I. Reynolds*
Hannah M. Cook	Bailey M. Johnson	Julia G. Richter
Lily E. Cowie	Payton H. Kaufman	Evan R. Saunier*
Olivia G. Culp	Gabriella E. Laird*	Adilia M. Schmidt*
Madison A. Dagan	Riley J. Leibeck*	Olivia C. Schnittker*
Samuel M. Degenhard*	Naomi M. Lewis*	Cassidy L. Shaver
Olivia A. Desio	Angela M. Maio	Benjamin A. Shockley
Nevaeh B. Ellis	Amelia J. Mannino	Claudia E. Smallwood*
Lucas R. Fragiotta	Hannah V. Mohler*	Kathryn G. Snyder
Sarah Frix	Aaron J. Mulligan	Erin K. Storrer*
Julia A. Gillin	Hannah M. Mullins	Rebekah M. Whittaker
Kaitlynn L. Gleich	Kylie A. Nevel	Harper N. Wood*
Owen J. Gregg	Madison T. Newman*	Manaka Yamauchi
Irene A. Groat	John M. Nice	
Emma F. Hartzler*	Hunter L. Nickell	

### Distinction Program

*The Distinction Program recognizes students for excellent scholarly work in their fields of study. Students in the program complete an independent research project or creative work. During their senior year, students in the distinction program write a thesis about their work and participate in a public defense of their thesis before an advisory committee.*

*The students listed below are graduating seniors who have successfully completed all requirements for the Distinction Program.*

Emma G. Chapman	Madison T. Newman
Alliza L. Clark	Celeste M. Nist
Mitzi C. Cuaxico	Kim T. Nguyen
Sophia M. Delgado	Crystal Sinkowski
Amanda M. Marchi	

### **The Five Cardinal Experiences**

*In our mission, Otterbein stakes claim to an education distinguished by a “unique approach to integrating direct experience into all learning.” To ensure that all of our students have opportunities to apply knowledge they gain in the classroom in real world settings, the university has developed a signature initiative,*

*The Five Cardinal Experiences (The Five Cards). A Cardinal Experience is defined as an active and authentic concrete experience that engages students in real-world opportunities to apply the knowledge and skills they have learned in the classroom. A Cardinal Experience may occur in the community, on campus, or across the globe. The Five Cards include: (1) Community Engagement, (2) Undergraduate Research and Creative Work, (3) Internships and Professional Experiences, (4) Global and Intercultural Engagement and (5) Leadership and Citizenship. The students listed below are seniors who have completed three or more Cardinal Experiences (some experiences may still be in progress).*

*\*Indicates the student has earned all 5 Cardinal Cards.*

Sulekha A. Abdulkadir  
Kunkaron S. Adawe\*  
Kaitlin G. Brun  
Janey D. Coplan  
Morgan M. Hartman

Gabriella E. Laird\*  
Madison T. Newman\*  
Ashni P. Patel\*  
Amanda P. Radke  
Lanika G. Theodore



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