Creighton University
College of Arts and Sciences

Awards Presentation
2013

Friday, May 17, 2013
1 P.M.

Hixson-Lied Auditorium
Mike and Josie Harper Center
Creighton University
Omaha, Nebraska
PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies ............................... HollyAnn Harris, Ph.D.
   Associate Dean

Welcome ............................................ Bridget M. Keegan, Ph.D.
   Interim Dean

Department and Program Awards ................ Sharon Ishii-Jordan, Ph.D.
   Associate Dean

College of Arts and Sciences Senior Awards .................. Dr. Harris
   Dr. Ishii-Jordan
   Associate Deans
DEPARTMENT AND PROGRAM AWARDS

DEPARTMENT OF ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES
Dr. Joseph Zehnder, Chair
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, William T. Sedlacek
Outstanding Service Award, Lucas M. Huddleston

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY
Dr. Mark Reedy, Chair
Excellence as a Student Teaching Assistant, Timothy Malouff, Gregory Rufener, Molly Thompson
Excellence in Service to the Biology Department, McRae Bell
Outstanding Academic Achievement, Alyssa Ovaitt, Gregory Rufener
The Gamma Beta Chapter of Phi Sigma Outstanding Research Award, Virginia Barak, Zoha Haroon
Most Outstanding Biology Senior, Jing Chen

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY
Dr. Francis Klein, Chair
Distinguished Service Award, Shweta Goswami, Lauren Turco
Distinguished Academic Achievement Award, Rance Fujiwara, Grayson Jackson
Distinguished Research Award, Brent Bruck, Hideaki Mekade, John Otto
American Institute of Chemists Award in Chemistry, Grayson Jackson
American Institute of Chemists Award in Biochemistry, Zachariah Holmes

DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICAL AND NEAR EASTERN STUDIES
Dr. Martha Habash, Chair
Arete (Excellence) in Latin, Rance Fujiwara
Arete (Excellence) in Greek, James Frazee
Arete (Excellence) in Classical and Near Eastern Studies, Paige Bockman
Classical Association of the Midwest and South Award, Gretchen Stricker
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**Department of Communication Studies**
Dr. Erika Kirby, Chair

Rev. Marion Sitzmann, O.S.B. Award for Excellence in Rhetoric, Diana Criser-Burns, Rachel Gulden

Communication Spirit Award, Annelise Ewing, Michael Kelly, Mary McGroarty

Outstanding Senior in Speech and Debate Award, Annelise Ewing

**Department of Education and Counselor Education**
Dr. Debra Ponec, Chair

Fr. Raymond J. Bishop S.J. Award, (for demonstrating warmth, caring and dedication and for excellence in service to teaching), Peter Cunningham

Fr. Eugene F. Gallagher S.J. Award (for academic achievement and the highest GPA), Megan Welch

Karin Levine Award, (Elementary - for demonstration of magis, cura personalis, faith and a sense of humor in the face of adversity), Abbie Porter

Karin Levine Award, (Secondary - for demonstration of magis, cura personalis, faith and a sense of humor in the face of adversity), Megan Welch

Dr. Edward O’Connor Award, (for leadership, faith, service to others and an ongoing giving of self whenever there is a need), Merijke Coenraad

**Department of English**
Dr. Robert Whipple Chair

Proterra Award for Interdisciplinary Studies, Christine Cain

Nancy Fogarty Outstanding English Major, Evan Taylor

**Environmental Science Program**
Dr. John Schalles, Chair

Excellence in Academic Achievement, Emily Altricher, Brandon Frederick

Outstanding Senior Seminar Presentation, Garrett Donegan

**Department of Exercise Science**
Dr. Thomas Baechle, Chair

Outstanding Exercise Science Major of the Year, Madeline Novoa

Outstanding Service Award in Exercise Science, Bridgid Richter

Academic Achievement Award in Exercise Science, Michael Dunlay, Madeline Novoa
Department of Fine and Performing Arts
Dr. Frederick Hanna, Chair

Excellence in Art History, Hailey Thiem
Artistic Achievement in Ceramics, Morgan Balabanoff, Rachel Bryer
Artistic Achievement in Printmaking, Jessica Riehl
Outstanding Achievement in Dance, Andrew Plotner, Ariel Talacko
Outstanding Achievement in Music, Matthew Winterhalter
Outstanding Achievement in Performance Theatre, Shannon Lampkin
Outstanding Achievement in Technical Theatre, Mary Kate Gliedt
Exceptional Service in Theatre, Mary Royer
Outstanding Achievement in Musical Theatre, Ariel Talacko

Health Administration and Policy Program
Dr. Judith Kissell, Director

Outstanding Health Administration and Policy Scholarly Work, Brooke Boggs
Outstanding Service to the Community, Samantha Riley
Outstanding Work in Public Health, Xuchyll Ann Roman
Outstanding Service to the Health Administration and Policy Program, Ashley Leaman, Lauren Wong

Department of History
Dr. Tracy Leavelle, Chair

Allan M. Schleich Award (for academic excellence and significant participation in extracurricular activities), Isabelle Squires
Warren G. Kneer Award (for extracurricular, history-related service with the department and the university, and/or to public groups and organizations), Isabelle Squires
Eileen B. Lieben Award (for the outstanding female senior history student who displays academic excellence and significant participation in extracurricular activities, including endeavors on campus or in the Omaha-area), Seella M. Nimmo
Lindell D. Hill Award (for the student whose love of history transcends the walls of the academy), Brandon T. Draheim
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HONORS PROGRAM
Dr. Jeffrey Hause, Director

Dean’s Award for research, Zachariah Holmes
Executive Committee Award, Madeline Novoa
Director’s Award, Cameron Kieffer
Ashton Welch Award for Service, Corbin Weaver

DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM, MEDIA AND COMPUTING
Dr. Eileen Wirth, Chair

Outstanding Senior Award (outstanding graduating senior, overall, in Journalism, Media, and Computing), Jordan Kellerstrass

David A. Haberman Award (for the senior whom the faculty feels best exemplifies Dr. Haberman’s qualities of unselfish service and ethics), Christina Moore

John N. Mordeson Award for Excellence in Computer Science (for the computer science senior who best exemplifies academic excellence and community service), Dustin Schau

JUSTICE AND PEACE STUDIES PROGRAM
Dr. Roger Bergman, Director

2012 Ignacio Ellacuría, SJ, Outstanding Student Award, Paul Bubash, Jacqueline Greene

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS
Dr. Randall Crist, Chair

The Fr. Bernard Portz, S.J. Award for Excellence in Mathematics, Nathan Holman
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Department of Military Science
Major Edward Adams, Interim Department Chair

The Superior Cadet Award, Hugh Hiller
The American Legion Scholastic Excellence Award, Kaitlynn Wilson
The American Legion General Military Excellence Award, Kalani Parker
The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Award, Ben Lienemann
Daughters of the American Revolution Award, Amanda Loftis
George C. Marshall Award, Hugh Hiller
The Most Improved Cadet Award, Samuel Jolley
The Physical Fitness Award, Hugh Hiller, Amanda Loftis
The Society of Forty and Eight Cash Award, Nicholas Lynch

Department of Modern Languages and Literatures
Dr. Julian Arribas, Chair

Outstanding Senior Majors in Spanish, Merijke, Coenraad, Elizabeth Halfmann, Tomas Huerta, Brandon Miller
Outstanding Accomplishment in Italian, Joseph Maschman
Outstanding Senior Majors in French, Natalie Gorup, Megan Welch
Outstanding Senior Majors in German, Anna Fowler, Andrew Chida

Department of Philosophy
Dr. Kevin Graham, Chair

The Sophia Award, for outstanding performance in the Philosophy Major, Annie Gowen
The Ratio Award, for outstanding performance in the Philosophy Minor, Natalie Gorup
The Praxis Award, for outstanding service to the philosophical community, Alexandra Verhoye

Department of Physics
Dr. Janet Seger, Chair

Robert E. Kennedy Award for Excellence in Scholarship, Jarrod Bang, Erin Borchers
Thomas H. Zeph Award for Excellence in Research and Service, Kristina Ward
Sam Cipolla Award for Excellence in Research, Nathan Holman
Outstanding Student Minoring in Physics, John Otto
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Dr. Graham Ramsden, Chair

Faculty Award for Outstanding Achievement in Political Science or International Relations by an Undergraduate Major, Aubree Johnson, Joseph Maschman

The Fr. Richard J. Spillane Award for Service in Political Life, Jacob Fraher

Graduation with Distinction – Shannon Behm, Aubree Johnson, Joseph Maschman, Felicia Pettinger

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY
Dr. Gary Leak, Chair

Leo R. Kennedy Award - Outstanding Senior Psychology Major, Rachel E. Meisinger

Louise E. Gardner Award for outstanding service, Karen E. Vanderzanden

Outstanding Scholarship, Amanda M. Backer, Brianna M. Byllesby, John D. Crowe, Kristen D. Davis, Nicole B. Landowski, Colin A. McDonald

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK
Dr. Rebecca Murray, Chair

Phi Alpha Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, Elizabeth Halfmann

Social Work Student of the Year, Nicole Paulson

Jack D. Angus Award Outstanding Student in Sociology, Kimberly Berberich

Jerry E. Clark Award Outstanding Student in Anthropology, Michelle Skaff

DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY
Dr. Julia Fleming, Chair

The Akademia Award for Academic Excellence, Paul Bubash, Scott Quinn

The Episcopelia Award for Leadership, Shayla Covington, William Lynch

The Diakonia Award for Service, Michael Bahl, Christopher Williams

The JTAK Award (award for students whose senior seminar paper is accepted for publication in the Journal of Theta Alpha Kappa, the national honor society in theology and religious studies), Paul Bubash
Women and Gender Studies Program
Dr. Susan Calef, Director

The Simone de Beauvoir Award for Academic Excellence in Women’s and Gender Studies, Shayla Covington

The Women’s and Gender Studies Award for Research, Rebecca Bloom

The S.A.G.E. Award (Student Advocate for Gender Education) awarded to a WGS minor who sought to increase the Creighton community’s understanding of gender and its impact on people’s lives, Miles Jordan

The Kali Rose Mann Memorial “Iron-Jawed Angels” Award for Leadership in Service of Gender Justice, Shayla Covington

Congratulations to all who earned department and program awards.
SENIOR AWARD NOMINEES

Taylor Baumann – Houston, Texas; Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

Magdalena Chapleau – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Bachelor of Science, Exercise Science

Rance Fujiwara – Honolulu, Hawaii; Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Biochemistry and Classical Languages

Shweta Goswami – Kansas City, Missouri; Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Biochemistry

Zachariah Holmes – Colorado Springs, Colorado; Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Biochemistry

Grayson Jackson – Carrollton, Texas; Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Chemistry

Jordan Kellerstrass – Edwardsville, Illinois; Bachelor of Science, Computer Science

Madeline Novoa – Omaha, Nebraska; Bachelor of Science, Exercise Science

Scott Quinn – Omaha, Nebraska; Bachelor of Arts, Theology

Kristina Ward – Omaha, Nebraska; Bachelor of Science in Physics, Physics

HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

Katherine Alexander
Virginia Barak
Taylor F. Baumann
Christine Benkendorf
Erin L. Borchers
Benjamin R. Branigan
Brent S. Bruck
Brianna M. Bylesby
Eryn J. Carpenter
Jing Chen
Merijke E. Coenraad
Susan S. Cook
Daniel J. Delaney
Michael B. Farley
Eric N. Fischer
Alexander J. Ginder
Mary Kate K. Gliedt

Natalie O. Gorup
Shweta Goswami
Annie Gowen
Christopher R. Guziec
Ryan C. Hafner
Brittany L. Handrich
Zachariah E. Holmes
Mary K. Hutfless
Zachary G. Kaczmarek
Jordan E. Kellerstrass
Cameron M. Kieffer
Samuel T. Kor
Clint M. Kroeker
Rebecca C. Lange
Elizabeth H. MacCarthaigh
Timothy D. Malouff

Joseph M. Maschman
Rachael E. Meisinger
Kayla M. Nelson
Seella M. Nimmo
Madeline L. Novoa
John P. Otto
Zoran J. Pavlovic
Mithra H. Pirooz
Lydia K. Riehl
Elizabeth C. Scheer
Kyle L. Serreyen
Michelle A. Skaff
Meghan A. Smith
Megan D. Turco
Karen E. Vanderzanden
Corbin A. Weaver
Brittany L. Zastrow

BIOSCIENCE ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM GRADUATES:

Lauren Brown
Walter Eng
Alex Ginder
Samuel Kor
Felippe Navarro
Alyssa Ovaitt
PREVIOUSLY AWARDED HONORS

Mary Lucretia and Sarah Emily Creighton Award, Shayla Covington

Magis Award for Academic Excellence, William T. Sedlacek

Richard and Jane O’Toole Award for Creative Non-Fiction, First Place:
Mary Kate Gliedt, Second Place: Evan Taylor, Third Place: Casey Keel

Undergraduate Fiction Prize, First Place: Deanna McElhattan, Second Place:
Kylie Regan, Third Place: Heidi Hendrick

Undergraduate Scholarly Non-Fiction Prize, First Place: Kylie Regan, Second Place:
Natalie Gorup

Oscar M. Macellaio Poetry Prize - First Place, Natalie Gorup, Second Place, Grant Winterer

Thomas A. Grennan Award, Isabelle E. Squires

Air Force ROTC Commander’s Scholarship, Lucas Huddleston

The Omaha World Herald Plaque (presented to the Cadet Commander of the Creighton University ROTC Battalion), Hugh Hiller

The Purple Heart Association Medal, Steven Curran

United Services Automobile Association Spirit Award, Nicholas Molczyk

The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Award, Amanda Loftis

Creighton Army ROTC Recruiting Award, Andrew Blair

German-American Society of Omaha Scholarship, Anna Fowler

J-TAK Research Publication Award, Scott Quinn

Michael Anderson Scholarship, Kristina Ward

Physics Alumni Prize, Mohammad Malik

Great Plain Students’ Psychology Convention Awards
First Place, oral presentation, Elizabeth Scheer, Karen Vanderzanden
Second Place, oral presentation, Taylor Baumann, Allison Corley, Daniel Vince Flynn, Ryan Hafner
Second Place, empirical poster presentation, Taylor Baumann, Justina Piatek

Honors Seminar Participants (Honors Seminar is a course for graduating senior psychology majors who have demonstrated outstanding academic ability throughout their time at Creighton University)
Taylor Baumann, Daniel Vince Flynn, Ryan Hafner, Mary Kate Hutfless, Brandon Kanetani, Rachel Meisinger, Justina Piatek, Elizabeth Scheer, Karen Vanderzanden, Brittany Zastrow

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIPS

Dean’s Summer Research Scholarships
  Michael Bahl, Taylor Baumann, John Darwin, Ryan Hafner, Nicole Landowski, Colin McDonald, Deanna McElhattan, Scott Quinn, Jessica Riehl, Matthew Winterhalter

Ferlic Summer Research Scholarships
  Virginia Barak, Britney Bell, Rance Fujiwara, Shweta Goswami, Barak Gruberg, Zoha Haroon, Patrick Isola, Grayson Jackson, Krista LaBruzzi, John Patrick Otto, Jordan Otto, Kalani Parker, Ellicia Rainwater

Honors Program Summer Research Scholarship
  Michelle Skaff

Presidential Mentoring Scholarships
  Erin Borchers, John Darwin, Shweta Goswami, Grayson Jackson

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND HONORS

Clare Boothe Luce Scholars
  Virginia Barak, Susan S. Cook, Jordan Kellerstrass, Meghan Smith

National Institute of Health INBRE (IDEA for Biomedical Research Excellence) Scholars
  Brent Bruck, Jing Chen, Zachariah Holmes, Meghan Smith, Kristina Ward
HONORARY SOCIETIES

Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society
  Kimberly Berberich, Andrea Bradley, Alexandra Goodman,
  Julianne Kerstein

Alpha Sigma Nu, National Jesuit Honor Society
  Taylor F. Baumann, Paige R. Bockman, Erin L. Borchers, Paul S. Bubash,
  Magdalena S. Chapleau, Merijke E. Coenraad, Hannah K. Connealy,
  Susan S. Cook, Daniel J. Delaney, Rance J.T. Fujiwara, Shweta Goswami,
  Jacqueline M. Greene, Ryan C. Hafner, Elizabeth M. Halfmann, Ashley L.
  Hauger, Michael K. Hitt, Savannah Hobbs, Grayson L. Jackson, Jordan E.
  Kellerstrass, Colin A. McDonald, Madeline Novoa, Zoran J. Pavlovic, Scott
  T. Quinn, Jennifer L. Steck, Molly J. Thompson, Danielle Y. Turner, Chris S.
  Williams

Fr. Joseph-Francois Lafitau S.J. Honor Society, Anthropology Honor Society
  Seth Anderson, Michael Barnes, Paige Bockman, Jessica Lahrs, Laura
  Nasseri, Michelle Skaff, Gretchen Sticker, Molly Thompson

Eta Sigma Phi, National Greek and Latin Honor Society
  Rance Fujiwara, Lydia Riehl, Paige Bockman, Gretchen Stricker,
  Amber Sibbitt

Lambda Pi Eta, Communication Studies Honorary Society
  Mathew Carnazzo, Annelise Ewing, Rachel Gulden, Jay Klimes, Caitlyn
  Maher, Mary McGroarty, C. Westin Miller, Sydney Morton, Nicole Savary

Phi Alpha, Social Work Honor Society
  Megan Crimmins, Margaret Cunningham, Elizabeth Halfmann, Savannah
  Hobbs, Emily Keating, Kimberly Moore, Nicole Paulson, Mary Royer

Phi Alpha Theta, National History Honor Society
  Jacob T. Carter, Michael B. Farley, Seella M. Nimmo, Chad L. Nowak,
  Geoffrey B. Perkins, Isabelle E. Squires

Phi Beta Kappa, National Honor Society
  Emily Altricher, Virginia Barak, Paige Bockman, Erin Borchers, Brent
  Bruck, Paul Bubash, Jing Chen, Merijke Coenraad, Shweta Goswami,
  Annie Gowen, Natalie Gorup, Jacqueline Greene, Christopher Guziec, Ryan
  Hafner, Elizabeth Halfmann, Maha Haroon, Timothy Malouff, Joseph
  Maschman, Madeline Novoa, Rose Olson, Elizabeth Scheer, Jennifer Steck,
  Gretchen Stricker, Molly Thompson, Karen Vanderzanden, Corbin Weaver,
  Christopher Williams, Brittany Zastrow
Phi Sigma, Gamma Beta Chapter, Biology Honor Society

Neil Backer, Virginia Barak, Eryn Carpenter, Jing Chen, Susan Cook, Corinne Czerwinski, Longina Dawson, Christopher DeVries, Allison Fees, Brandon Frederick, Maha Haroon, Zoha Haroon, Mitchell Kerfeld, Samuel Kor, Krista La Bruzzo, Rebecca Lange, Chloe Anne Liu, Timothy Malouff, Alyssa Ovaitt, Gregory Rufener, Stephen Sawyer, Erik Steinberger, Molly Thompson

Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honor Society

William Lynch

National Society of Collegiate Scholars

William T. Sedlacek

Psi Chi, International Honor Society in Psychology


Sigma Pi Sigma, Physics Honor Society

Jarrod Bang, Erin Borchers, Barak Gruberg, Nathan Holman, Mohammad Malik, Chritian Meyer, John Otto, Kristina Ward

Theta Alpha Kappa, International Theology Honor Society

Katherine Alexander, Michael Bahl, Paul Bubash, Hugh Hiller, William Lynch, Craig Westin Miller, Marissa Oshiro, Scott Quinn, Christopher Williams
TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN COLLEGE AWARDS CEREMONY, SPRING BACCALAUREATE MASS AND COLLEGE RECEPTION

We have arranged for several shuttles to help you move between the events this afternoon. The shuttle service will take College of Arts and Sciences parents, family and friends from the Awards Ceremony (Harper Center Auditorium) to the Baccalaureate Mass (Kiewit Fitness Center) and back to the College Reception (Harper Center Courtyard). Please take advantage of this free service.

EVENT SHUTTLE LOCATIONS

College Senior Awards Ceremony - Mike and Josie Harper Center
(1st Floor East Entrance)

Baccalaureate Mass - Kiewit Fitness Center
(Wareham Parkway)

College Senior Reception – Harper Center Ballroom
(1st Floor East Entrance)

1 - Mike and Josie Harper Center for Student Life and Learning Shuttle Stop
2 - Kiewit Physical Fitness Center Shuttle Stop