Creighton University
College of Arts and Sciences

RECOGNITION CEREMONY 2014

Friday, May 16, 2014
3 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
DEPARTMENT AND PROGRAM AWARDS

DEPARTMENT OF ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES
Dr. HollyAnn Harris, Chair

Outstanding Academic Achievement in the Atmospheric Sciences Award,
Michael Austerberry

Outstanding Research in the Atmospheric Sciences, Hallie Dusselier

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY
Dr. Mark Reedy, Chair

Most Outstanding Biology Senior, Erin Triplet

Outstanding Academic Achievement, Ben Olsen

The Gamma Beta Chapter of Phi Sigma Outstanding Research Award, Gloria Larson,
Taylor Mighell

Excellence as a Student Teaching Assistant, Kaitlin Dougherty, Haley Geisterfer,
Zachary George, Rachel Marlow, Veronica Urbik

Excellence in Service to the Biology Department, Mattie Kramme

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY
Dr. David Dobberpuhl, Chair

American Institute of Chemists Award in Chemistry, Joseph Christensen

American Institute of Chemists Award in Biochemistry, Lyandysha Zholudeva

Distinguished Academic Achievement Award, Emily Bolton, Lauren Hintz

Distinguished Research Award, Joseph Christensen, Alexander Stock

Distinguished Service Award, Damian Daszynski, Jeannie Ngo

DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICAL AND NEAR EASTERN STUDIES
Dr. Martha Habash, Chair

Arete in Greek for excellence in translating Ancient Greek, Ximing Lu

Arete in Latin for excellence in translating Latin, Ximing Lu

Classical Association of the Midwest and South Award for outstanding academic performance in both translation and language coursework, Ximing Lu

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES
Dr. M. Chad McBride, Chair

Rev. Marion Sitzmann, O.S.B. Award for Excellence in Rhetoric, Tammy Potter

Communication Spirit Award, given to graduating seniors who embody the spirit of both the academic and service missions of the Department of Communication Studies, Westin Givens, Carli Tritz

Outstanding Senior Project, given to the outstanding project in the Senior Research Project course, Kathleen Vazquez

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, Kaitlyn Steinacher

Fr. Eugene F. Gallagher S.J. Award for academic achievement and the highest GPA, Alexandria Walenz

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

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
Dr. Robert Whipple, Chair

Nancy Fogarty Award for leadership, faith, service to others and an ongoing giving of self whenever there is a need, Gretchen Stulock

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE PROGRAM
Dr. Mary Ann Vinton, Director

Excellence in Academic Achievement, Lanaia Carveth, Gina Gilson, Taylor Thompson

Outstanding Research Award, Gina Gilson

Outstanding Service Award, Alexandria Clark

Outstanding Senior Seminar Presentation, Lanaia Carveth
DEPARTMENT OF EXERCISE SCIENCE
Dr. Thomas Baechle, Chair

Outstanding Exercise Science Major Award in recognition of outstanding success in the classroom, demonstrated leadership, and service to others, Laura Kurata, Stephen Statz

Outstanding Scholarship Award in recognition of your involvement in scholarship activities and outstanding performance in the classroom, Amber Oyen

Outstanding Researcher of the Year Award in recognition of successes as a student researcher, Matthew Bubak

Outstanding Service Award in recognition of commitment to serving others in the department, on campus, and in the community, Jessica Stoner

DEPARTMENT OF FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS
Dr. Frederick Hanna, Chair

Outstanding Achievement in Visual Arts (BFA), Victoria Power
Outstanding Achievement in Visual Arts (BA), Nina Fredericks
Outstanding Achievement in Dance, Hope Piernick
Outstanding Achievement in Music, Ximing Lu
Outstanding Achievement in Performance Theatre, Michael Conroy
Outstanding Achievement in Technical Theatre, Chelsey Hill
Outstanding Achievement in Musical Theatre, Chelsey Hill

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY PROGRAM
Dr. Christina Clark, Director

Outstanding Health Administration & Policy Scholarly Work awarded to the senior with the highest overall and major GPA, Amanda Widegren

Outstanding Service to the Community awarded to the senior with the most hours of documented service to the community, Charles Juan

Outstanding Service to the Health Administration & Policy Program awarded to the student who has done the most service for the HAP program in the past year, Olivia Shope
**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**
Dr. Tracy Leavelle, Chair

*Allan M. Schleich Award* for academic excellence and significant participation in extracurricular activities, **Jason Rogers**

*Warren G. Kneer Award* for extracurricular, history-related service with the department and the university, and/or to public groups and organizations, **Emily Wise**

*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) **Ann Duffy, Meredith Ziegler**

**HONORS PROGRAM**
Dr. Jeffrey Hause, Director

*Dean's Award for Research*, **Alexander Stock**

*Executive Committee Award*, **John Sarmiento**

*Director's Award*, **Gloria Larson**

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

*Outstanding Senior Award* for outstanding graduating senior, overall, in Journalism, Media, and Computing, **Sara Gentzler**

*David A. Haberman Award* for the senior whom the faculty feels best exemplifies Dr. Haberman’s qualities of unselfish service and ethics, **Amanda Brandt**

*John N. Mordeson Award for Excellence in Computer Science* for the computer science senior who best exemplifies academic excellence and community service, **Sarah Noles**

**JUSTICE AND PEACE STUDIES PROGRAM**
Dr. Roger Bergman, Director

2013 *Ignacio Ellacuría, SJ, Outstanding Student Award*, **Kelly Sullivan**

**DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS**
Dr. Randall Crist, Chair

*The Fr. Bernard Portz, S.J. Award for Excellence in Mathematics*, **Rebecca Moynihan, Sarah Noles**

*Bahr Award for Outstanding Service to the Mathematics Department*, **Charles Nguyen**
**DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE**

Major Jared Sutton, Chair

*The Reserve Officer’s Association Award, Michael Hall*

*Daughters of the American Revolution Award, Alicia Cook*

*Department of Military Science Superior Cadet Award, John Fitzsimmons*

*The American Legion Scholastic Excellence Award, Jenifer Edmondson*

*The American Legion General Military Excellence Award, Stephen Graham*

*The American Veterans of WWII Award, Brady Moran*

*George C. Marshall Award, John Fitzsimmons*

*The Military Science Physical Fitness Award, Alicia Cook, John Fitzsimmons*

*Purple Heart Association Medal, Colin Honeker*

*COL Robert R. Martin Plaque, Jillian Boesch*

*USAA Spirit Award, Thomas Robb*

*Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Award, James Cholewa*

*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Award, Jacob Bojanski*

**DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES**

Dr. Julian Arribas, Chair

*Outstanding Senior Majors in Spanish, Megan Cotter, Amy Klingensmith*

*Outstanding Senior Minor in Spanish, Alexandrea Swanson*

*Outstanding Accomplishment in Italian, Daniel Froid*

*Outstanding Senior Majors in French, Amanda Brandt*

*Outstanding Senior Majors in German, Anthony Schilling*

**DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

Dr. Amy Wendling, Chair

*The Sophia Award, for outstanding performance in the Philosophy Major, Megan Saladee*

*The Ratio Award, for outstanding performance in the Philosophy Minor, Daniel Froid*

*The Praxis Award, for outstanding service to the philosophical community, Brandon Leppke*
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS
Dr. Janet Seger, Chair

Outstanding Student Minoring in Physics presented to the top graduating physics minor, Lyandysha Zhuludeva

The Outstanding Research Award granted by the physics faculty to the student who has exhibited the upmost dedication to and passion for scientific research, Lyandysha Zhuludeva

The Outstanding Service Award for exemplary service to the department (fellow students, faculty and staff), Nathan Horst

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, Crysta Price, Claire Wilka

The Fr. Richard J. Spillane Award for Service in Political Life recognizes the graduating major in political science and international relations, who, through scholarship, personal modesty, and service in civic affairs, best reflects the principles of reason, humility and service that Fr. Spillane exemplified in his lifetime, Hannah O’Keefe, Alexandrea Swanson

Graduation with Distinction for outstanding academic performance and a truly excellent senior research paper, Taylor Benson, Peter Ganz, Hannah O’Keefe, Keenan Roberson, Crysta Price, Claire Wilka

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY
Dr. Gary Leak, Chair

Leo R. Kennedy Award for the Outstanding Senior Psychology Major given to the senior who encompasses all of the department’s ideals including superb academic performance, a high degree of departmental involvement and service, and an advanced level of professional development, Jared Ruchensky

Outstanding Scholarship Awards given to psychology students who demonstrate an exceptional interest and ability in scholarly activities, Olivia Babe, Alan Buttars, Sarah Ewin

Honors Certification in Psychology (recognizing academic excellence in undergraduate psychology) Olivia Babe, Alan Buttars, Brian Dang, Adam Dilla, Chelsea Ensor, Kristina LaBarre, Lauren Mason, Jared Ruchensky, Lauren Simpson, Robin Strominger, Robin Schlabs
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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) Olivia Babe, Alan Buttars, Victoria Coakley, Brian Dang, Chelsea Ensor, Kristina LaBarre, Lauren Mason, Jared Ruchensky, Chris Salvatore, Robin Strominger

Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work
Dr. Rebecca Murray, Chair

Phi Alpha Outstanding Academic Achievement Award bestowed upon the Social Work student with the highest grade point average in both the Social Work program and its prerequisites, Sara Francesconi

Jack D. Angus Award Outstanding Student in Sociology for an Outstanding Sociology Student who embodies the spirit of the revered emeritus professor for whom it is named, Martín Estrada, Angela O’Brien

Jerry E. Clark Award Outstanding Student in Anthropology for an Outstanding Anthropology Student who embodies the spirit of the revered emeritus professor for whom it was named, Kelsey Paradise, Andrew Smith

Social Work Student of the Year this student is well-rounded as a social worker and has demonstrated service on campus as well as in the community, Christy Laird

Department of Theology
Dr. Julia Fleming, Chair

The Akademia Award for Academic Excellence, Adam Lomas

The Episcopeia Award for Leadership, Justin Schramm

Women and Gender Studies Program
Dr. Susan Calef, Director

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

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, Chelsea Ensor

The L.E.A.D. Award (Leadership, Engagement, Advocacy for the Dēmos) awarded to the student whose advocacy extends to the public square and politics, Joseph Burgess

The Women’s and Gender Studies Award for Service to the Women and Gender Studies Program, Rachel Bonini
SENIOR AWARD NOMINEES

Michael Austerberry - Omaha, Nebraska; Bachelor of Science, Atmospheric Science
Elizabeth Bracciano - Papillion, Nebraska; Bachelor of Science, Exercise Science
Martín Estrada - Kansas City, Missouri; Bachelor of Science, Sociology, Cultural Anthropology and Native American Studies
Sara Francesconi - Englewood, New Jersey; Bachelor of Social Work
Nicholas Franz - Mundelein, Illinois; Bachelor of Science, Chemistry, Biochemistry
Daniel Froid - Hubbard, Nebraska; Bachelor of Arts, English
Kathleen Garrity - Northbrook, Illinois; Bachelor of Social Work
Sara Gentzler - Gretna, Nebraska; Bachelor of Arts, Journalism
Zachary George - Woodbury, Minnesota; Bachelor of Science, Biology and Spanish
Katherine Kuhns - Omaha, Nebraska; Bachelor of Arts, Justice and Society
Laura Kurata - Aiea, Hawaii; Bachelor of Science, Exercise Science
Gloria Larson - Rose Valley, Pennsylvania; Bachelor of Science, Biology and Mathematics
Ximing Lu - Shanghai, China; Bachelor of Arts, Classical Languages, Music and Classical and Near Eastern Studies
Angela O’Brien - Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Bachelor of Science, Sociology and Spanish
Crysta Price - Frankfort, Illinois; Bachelor of Arts, International Relations
Christine Prissel - Rochester, Minnesota; Bachelor of Arts, Cultural Anthropology and Justice and Society
Jason Rogers - Omaha, Nebraska; Bachelor of Science, Physics and History
Jared Ruchensky - Chandler, Arizona; Bachelor of Arts, Psychology
Andrew Smith - Overland Park, Kansas; Bachelor of Arts, Medical Anthropology
Daniel Sotelo Leon - Thornton, Colorado; Bachelor of Science, Chemistry
Stephen Statz - Rapid City, South Dakota; Bachelor of Science, Exercise Science
Kelly Sullivan - DeKalb, Illinois; Bachelor of Arts, Justice and Society
Alexandrea Swanson - Omaha, Nebraska; Bachelor of Arts, International Relations and German Studies
Erin Triplet - Watertown, South Dakota; Bachelor of Science, Biology
Claire Wilka - Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Bachelor of Arts, Political Science
HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

Michael Austerberry  Nathan Horst  Jason Rogers
Henry Bass  Lexi Kaneshiro  Jared Ruchensky
Mariah Borek  Elycia Kazemian  John Sarmiento
Alan Buttars  Gloria Larson  Anthony Schilling
Bernadette Clement  Lauren Mason  Kelsey Sterk
Adam Cohen  Rebecca Moynihan  Alexander Stock
Michael Conroy  Dilasha Neupane  Taylor Thompson
Damian Daszynski  Jeannie Ngo  Erin Triplett
Kaitlin Dougherty  Angela O’Brien  Vianney Truong
Brian Farrell  Katherine Osterman  Veronica Urbik
Nina Fredericks  Kate Pitz  Mary Wade
Gina Gilson  Jelena Pjevic  Annemarie Weiner
Evan Holland  Sarah Qasmi

BIOSCIENCE ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM GRADUATES:

Damian Daszynski  Andrea Toulouse
Veronica Urbik  Lee Noel

PREVIOUSLY AWARDED HONORS

American Chemical Society Undergraduate Award in Analytical Chemistry, Joshua Cogell

American Chemical Society Midwest Regional Meeting, 2013 - Outstanding Undergraduate Poster Presenter Award, Joseph Christensen

Baumann Family Research Scholarship, Joseph Christensen, Lyandysha Zholudeva

Communication Studies Department Major of the Year (2013), Kathleen Vazquez

Grace Keenan Scholarship for Excellence in the Arts, Olivia Babe, Na-Young Kim, Chelsey Hill, Edward Chapman, Maria Sandi Espinoza

National Institute of Health IDeA Networks for Biomedical Research Excellence Scholarship, Joseph Christensen, Alexander Stock, Lyandysha Zholudeva

POLYED Award in Organic Chemistry, Alexander Stock

Presidential Mentoring Scholarship, Chelsey Hill

St. Albert’s Day Best Poster Award 2013, Alexander Stock

Sigma Alpha Epsilon W. Emil Forman Award for Community Service, Justin Schramm

Theta Alpha Kappa Undergraduate Achievement Award, Adam Lomas, Justin Schramm
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
SCHOLARSHIPS

Dean’s Summer Research Scholarships
Rachel Bonini, Joseph Burgess, Daniel Froid, Sara Gentzler, Kelsey Paradise, Andrew Smith

Ferlic Summer Research Scholarships
Luke Aeilts, Brian Farrell, Nicholas Franz, Michael Hall, Elizabeth Hines, Lauren Hintz, Amanda Kobayashi, Nathan Horst, Christopher Lefky, Emily Lowry, Anthony Quagliano, Jared Ruchensky, Michael Visenio

Honors Program Summer Research Scholarship
Nina Fredericks, Jason Rogers, Jared Ruchensky

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND HONORS

Clare Boothe Luce Scholars
Hallie Dusselier, Amanda Kobayashi, Gloria Larson, Sarah Noles, Erin Triplet

Goldwater Scholarship
Joseph Christensen, Alexander Stock

National Institute of Health INBRE (IDEA for Biomedical Research Excellence) Scholars
Joseph Christensen, Gloria Larson, Taylor Mighell, Alexander Stock, Lyandysha Zholudeva

Richard Holland Future Scientist Award
Gloria Larson

HONORARY SOCIETIES

Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society
Amal Barre, Joseph Burgess, Martín Estrada, Ryan Flinn, Gabrielle Hart, Angela O’Brien, Emmet O’Keefe, John Sarmiento, Sarah Wolnisty

Alpha Sigma Nu, National Jesuit Honor Society
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Alpha Sigma Tau, Philosophy Honor Society
Andrew Alfonso, Henry Bass, Jane Byrne, Benjamin Greene,
Amy Klingensmith, Brandon Leppke, Megan Saladee, Farial Samadi,
Alexis Taylor

Eta Sigma Phi, National Greek and Latin Honor Society
Ximing Lu, Miriam Murray, Nicholas Herman

Fr. Joseph-Francois Lafitau S.J. Honor Society, Anthropology Honor Society
Nora Frigo, Melanie Kim, Amanda Maki, Morgan Ostertag, Kelsey Paradise,
Christine Prissel, Andrew Smith, Devon Thiele

Lambda Pi Eta, Communication Studies Honorary Society
Alexander Bolowich, Catherine Cullen, Emily Furjanic, Jillian Kuligoski,
Bradley McKewon, Tammy Potter, Jamie Steemken, Carli Tritz, Kathleen
Vazquez

Omicron Delta Epsilon, Economics Honor Society
Jenna Bishop, Mariah Borek, Crysta Price, Robert Ware

Phi Alpha, Social Work Honor Society
Sara Francesconi, Kathleen Garrity, Alexandra Olson, Kathleen Sawtell

Phi Alpha Theta, National History Honor Society
Rachel E. Bonini, Brandon Leppke, Meredith E. R. Ziegler

Phi Beta Kappa, National Honor Society
Luke Aeilts, Sean Awakuni, Michael Austerberry, Olivia Babe, Tommy Bae,
Jenna Bishop, Kiana Block, Amanda Brandt, Andrea DeCino, Rachel Fisher,
Sara Francesconi, Nicholas Franz, Daniel Froid, Hayley Geisterfer, Sara
Gentzler, Zachary George, Morgan Gold, Elizabeth Hines, Lauren Hintz,
Brooke Jensen, Elizabeth Kresie, Rachel Kuntz, Scott Laurenzo, Ximing Lu,
Connor Maly, Rebecca Moynihan, Sarah Noles, Angela O’Brien, Hannah
O’Keefe, Benjamin Olsen, Kellen O’Neill, Crysta Price, Christopher
Salvatore, Daniel Sotelo Leon, Gretchen Stulock, Kelly Sullivan, Erin
Triplet, Mary Wade, Lee Weiner, Claire Wilka

Phi Sigma, Gamma Beta Chapter, Biology Honor Society
Luke Aeilts, Sean Awakuni, Tommy Bae, Dalton Bourke, Tracy Cheung,
Justin Ching, Kaitlin Dougherty, Erika Fennen, Gloria Larson, Daisy
Liberato, Connor Maly, Rachel Marlow, Taylor Mighell, Kyosuke Oda,
Roman Shrestha, Tiffany Tran, Erin Mary Triplet, Veronica Urbik, Michael
Visenio, Lee Weiner

Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honor Society
Mariah Borek, Evan Holland, Anthony Schilling, Alexandria Swanson,
Claire Wilka
Psi Chi, International Honor Society in Psychology
   Olivia Babe, Henry Bass, Dalton Bourke, Alan Buttars, Victoria Coakley,
   Adam Cohen, Colin Conduff, Brian Dang, Chelsea Ensor, Ryan Flinn,
   Elizabeth Hall, Mekenzie Keenportz, Baili Kleinberg, Kristina LaBarre,
   Scott Laurenzo, Olivia Marks, Lauren Mason, Donald Masse, Katelyn
   Nabity, Baily Ossello, Robert Quon, Jared Ruchensky, Christopher
   Salvatore, Marshall Schroeder, Lauren Simpson, Robin Strominger

Sigma Pi Sigma, Physics Honor Society
   Charles Costello, Nathan Horst, Christopher Lefky, Charles Nguyen, Jason
   Rogers, Lyandysha Zholudeva

Theta Alpha Kappa, International Theology Honor Society
   Bianca De Sousa, Katherine Kuhns, Adam Lomas, Amber Oyen, Justin
   Schramm, Julianna Zieno