



WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY HONORS CONVOCATION

APRIL 4, 2025, WEAVER CHAPEL

THE PROGRAM



PROCESSIONAL

David Weimer, *Chapel Organist*
Nimrod from Enigma Variations by Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

INVOCATION

The Rev. Tracy L. Paschke-Johannes, *The Rev. David P. and
Carol Matevia Endowed University Pastor*

GREETINGS AND REMARKS

Michael L. Frandsen, *President of the University*

Presidential Scholars

RECOGNITION OF HONOREES AND

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Department and Program Awards

Honor Societies in the Academic Disciplines

Graduating Seniors with a 4.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average

Brian D. Yontz, *Provost of the University*

National Honor Societies

Joi A. Garrett Scales, *Co-Interim Vice President for Student Development
and Interim Dean of Student Engagement*

Seniors Earning University Honors

Alejandra Gimenez-Berger, *Associate Professor of Art and
Director of the Honors Program*

Phi Beta Kappa

Danny R. Marous, *Associate Professor of Chemistry*

The E. Charles Chatfield Global Awareness Award

Scott P. Rosenberg, *Professor of History*

Campus Compact's Newman Civic Fellowship Award

The Champion Award for Community Impact

The Rose Award for Excellence in Community Partnership

Kimberly A. Creasap, *Director of the Susan Hirt Hagen Center
for Civic & Urban Engagement*

The Lillian C. Franklin Diversity Awards

The Martin Luther King Jr. Awards

Joi A. Garrett Scales, *Co-Interim Vice President for Student Development and Interim Dean of Student Engagement*

The Heimtraut Dietrich Award

The Rev. Tracy L. Paschke-Johannes, *The Rev. David P. and Carol Matevia Endowed University Pastor*

Alpha Delta Pi Scholarship Awards

The M. Alice Geiger Award

The John F. Mitchell Award

Joi A. Garrett Scales, *Co-Interim Vice President for Student Development and Interim Dean of Student Engagement*

Academic Advisor of the Year Award

Claire K. Patton, *Class of 2026 and Faculty Student Coordinator for Student Senate*

Omicron Delta Kappa Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award

Joshua B. Putka, *Class of 2026 and President of Omicron Delta Kappa*

Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Teaching

Kelly A. Sumption, *Class of 2001 and President of the Alumni Association Board*

Alma Lux Awards

Victoria G. Pipinich, *2024 Alma Mater and Class of 2025*
Naevon L. Boykin, *2024 Alma Lux and Class of 2025*

PROVOST'S CLOSING REMARKS

Brian D. Yontz, *Provost of the University*

RECESSIONAL

David Weimer, *Chapel Organist*
Fanfare by William Mathias (1934-1992)

Please remain at your seat until the platform parties have left the chapel.



HONORS CONVOCATION MARSHALS

Professor Ray C. Dudek (Grand Marshal)

Assistant Professor Kunal Chatterjee

Professor Kristin K. Cline

Associate Professor Alyssa M. Hoofnagle

Associate Professor Danny R. Marous

Associate Professor Michelle L. McWhorter

Associate Professor Jen C. Parsons

Associate Professor Richard S. Phillips

Associate Professor John Thistlethwaite

Presidential Scholars

Named for each of Wittenberg's 14 former presidents, the Presidential Scholars are the members of the junior class who have maintained the highest academic standing in their class through the preceding five semesters at Wittenberg.

J. Ezra Keller Scholarship

Abigail Anderson

Samuel P. Sprecher Scholarship

Neil H. Boyles

John B. Helwig Scholarship

Andrew C. Inks

Samuel Alfred Ort Scholarship

Jackson M. Miller

John M. Ruthrauff Scholarship

Jessica N. Neuerer

Charles G. Heckert Scholarship

Joshua B. Putka

Rees Edgar Tulloss Scholarship

Caitlyn M. Shelton

Clarence C. Stoughton Scholarship

Allyson E. Gardner

John Nissley Stauffer Scholarship

Andrew J. Rust

G. Kenneth Andeen Scholarship

Zachary C. Rust

William A. Kinnison Scholarship

Izabel A. Giglio

L. Baird Tipson Scholarship

William A. Boeck

Mark H. Erickson Scholarship

Claire K. Patton

Laurie M. Joyner Scholarship

Alexander J. Nemunaitis

DEPARTMENTAL AND PROGRAM AWARDS

Art Department

The Ralston C. Thompson Awards were established in honor of the late Ralston Thompson, professor of art (1941-1970). These awards are granted by the art department to students who demonstrate exceptional promise in art.

Gabby M. Conaway, Molly E. Kirkpatrick

The Wittenberg Guild Awards are given annually from a fund established by The Wittenberg Guild. These awards are granted by the art department to students who demonstrate exceptional promise in art.

Kris K. Such, Lanie L. Mersch

The S. Paul & Clara M. Weaver Endowed Scholarship was funded through a generous gift in loving memory of S. Paul Weaver by his wife Clara M. Weaver, Columbus, Ohio, to provide financial assistance to sophomores, juniors, or seniors who are either art majors or education majors with a desire to teach art.

Rosalee K. Jones

Biological and Environmental Sciences Department

The Faculty Award for Outstanding Achievement in Biology/Environmental Science is given by the faculty of the department in recognition of seniors who have had outstanding achievement and demonstrate strong potential in biology or environmental science.

Kendall A. Black, Shayne K. Harris, Dimitri A. Gonzalez, Sydney M. Pierce, Owen W. Treece

The Emmett Bodenberg Award for Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Biology, named to honor the late professor of biology (1931-1968), is given to the junior or senior students who have excelled in and demonstrated commitment to this field of study.

Douglas M. McClure, Claire E. Sullivan

The Rachel Ianni Award for Excellence in Peer Mentoring was established in memory of 2008 graduate Rachel Ianni (1986-2013). A biology major and marine science minor, Rachel served as a peer mentor for three years in the biology department, where she inspired fellow students with her knowledge of the field, passion for research, love of “good science,” and joie de vivre.

Julia E. Balent

Biology/Environmental Science/Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Senior Fellows recognizes outstanding junior biology, environmental science, and biochemistry and molecular biology majors who are model representatives of both the department and the University.

Neil H. Boyles, Katie A. Lowry, Haley L. Pitman, Joshua B. Putka, Anna K. Roller, Benjamin C. Woxman

Biochemistry/Molecular Biology Program

The Faculty Award for Outstanding Achievement in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology is given in recognition of seniors with exceptional achievement and strong potential in biochemistry and molecular biology.

Annie M. Miloser, Paige A. Rudolf

American Chemical Society Award for Undergraduate

Achievement in Biochemistry or Chemical Biology recognizes a graduating senior who displays a significant aptitude for biochemistry or chemical biology. The individual will have demonstrated excellence in a combination of coursework, research, service to the program, and a desire to pursue a career in biochemistry or chemical biology.

Justin T. Katona

Business & Economics Department

The Tau Pi Phi Award is given to the graduating business major who combines the highest academic achievement with University contribution.

Kaitlyn E. Miller

The Faculty Award for Excellence recognizes business majors with the greatest potential for career success.

Hannah M. Heald, Mackee A. Miller

The Denise L. Calvert Award is given to the senior business major who provides significant leadership to both the department and University, while offering a strong example of dedication to scholarship and the needs of others.

Daisy Huang

Financial Executives International Award recognizes an outstanding senior finance or accounting student based on academics, leadership, and service.

Taylor N. Bender

Lowell E. Stockstill III Investment Award, sponsored by the WittInvest Investment Club in honor of the founding advisor, recognizes students of high academic achievement who further the American free enterprise system via their knowledge of markets and investments.

Josh E. Wright

The Dr. Woodrow Wilson Prize for Excellence in Business, made available by the widow and children of Woodrow Wilson, professor emeritus of business administration (1956-1978), was created to give annual financial awards to students who major and excel in management.

Ally J. White, Andrew C. Inks

The Economics Prize for outstanding achievement is given by the department to recognize economics majors who have maintained high standards in course work and research.

Owen W. Treece

Chemistry Department

The Dayton Section of the American Chemical Society Patterson Award is given to the outstanding junior chemistry major.

Caitlyn M. Shelton

The Nelson E. Sartoris Award is given to outstanding senior chemistry majors.

Victoria G. Pipinich

The James T. Gregory Award is given to the junior or senior chemistry student most likely to succeed in chemical research.

Annie M. Miloser

Communication & Digital Media Department

Laurels in Communication are given to a major who demonstrates academic excellence, personal integrity, a commitment to community, and the motivation and potential to use advanced knowledge of communication toward socially responsible ends.

Kaitlyn E. Miller, Aleksandra Slenk

The Thárros Award is bestowed upon a communication major who has, during their time at Wittenberg, demonstrated commendable character and courage in their work inside and outside of the classroom; exhibited tenacity and resilience in the face of significant challenges along the way; and embraced opportunities in a spirit of appreciation.

Abbie K. Hogsett, Zora G. Shakhan

East Asian Studies Program

The Outstanding East Asian Language Study Award is given to the outstanding upperclass East Asian Studies major of the Chinese and Japanese languages.

Joshua E. Kelsey (Chinese)

The Shigeharu Matsumoto Award is given to outstanding seniors in East Asian Studies and recognizes superior academic performance and outstanding community service. The award honors Shigeharu Matsumoto for his leadership in the development of peaceful relations among the United States, Japan, and China.

Joshua E. Kelsey

The Eugene Swanger Scholarship is awarded to a sophomore East Asian Studies major who demonstrates high academic achievement and shows promise as an Asian studies scholar.

Joshua E. Kelsey

Education Department

The Barbara Steel Kane Memorial Award was established in memory of Barbara Steel Kane, a 1978 graduate of Wittenberg. The award is presented to one major and one minor from the Teacher Education Program who demonstrate the capacities of character, commitment, and community that are in keeping with the mission of the education department and its theme of “Educational Leaders for Constructive Social Change.”

Mackenzie E. Hessick (major), Charity M. Perry (minor)

The Virginia Lucas Silver Apple Award is presented to the education department junior who displays the qualities exemplified by Professor Emerita of Education Virginia Lucas (1973-1992).

Ziciah L. Gibson

The Claudia and Charles Cornett Creative Teaching Scholarship Award is given by Dr. Claudia and Charles Cornett, lifelong educators committed to approaching teaching and educational challenges through creative problem-solving. Recipients of this award are nominated rising juniors or seniors who possess a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and routinely exhibit a willingness to embrace challenges and take multiple perspectives to devise novel solutions to these challenges.

Ashton C. Newton

English Department

The Allen J. Koppenhaver Prize, established in honor of the late Allen J. Koppenhaver, professor of English (1961-1991), is awarded annually to the outstanding senior English major who best represents the breadth and depth of Professor Koppenhaver's scholarship and interdisciplinary interests.

Allyson E. Gardner, DeLaney E. Jordan

The Award for Excellence in Literary Studies is given to senior English majors who best exemplify excellence in literary criticism and scholarship.

Allyson E. Gardner, Christian D. Nicewaner II

Health & Sport Studies Department

The Steve Dawson Award for Exemplary Achievement in Sport Management is an award given by the faculty of health and sport studies to a sport management major who excels both in and out of the classroom and epitomizes the sport management major at Wittenberg. The award is named after Professor Emeritus Steve Dawson (1982-2018) who was a long-serving coach and faculty member at Wittenberg University.

Kaitlyn E. Miller

The Tom Martin Award for Exemplary Achievement in Exercise Science is an award given by the faculty of health and sport studies to an exercise science major who excels both in and out of the classroom and epitomizes the exercise science major at Wittenberg. The award is named after Professor Emeritus Tom Martin (1980-2014) who was integral in shaping the original health and sport curriculum at Wittenberg University.

Anna B. Longbrake

The Health and Sport Studies Award for Outstanding Achievement by an Underclassman in Sport Management is an award given by the faculty of health and sport studies to a sport management underclassman with less than two years as a full-time student at Wittenberg. The recipient is a student who excels both in and out of the classroom and epitomizes the sport management major at Wittenberg.

Charlie K. Marando

The Health and Sport Studies Award for Outstanding Achievement by an Underclassman in Exercise Science is an award given by the faculty of health and sport studies to an exercise science underclassman with less than two years as a full-time student at Wittenberg. The recipient is a student who excels both in and out of the classroom and epitomizes the exercise science major at Wittenberg.

Daniel M. Patel

Health Professions Program

The John Stauffer Medical Sciences Award is given to a student in the sciences who is planning to enter medical school or graduate school upon graduating from Wittenberg to pursue a career in medicine or one of the basic medical sciences. The award recipient should be planning for either the M.D. or the Ph.D. after graduation with plans for medical practice or medical research and education. This award recognizes merit and outstanding scholarship and potential for future contributions in the health sciences.

Sarah E. Trisel

The William I. and Carol J. Goettman Pre-Medical Student Award is given to an outstanding scholar athlete who has successfully completed a pre-medical course of study at Wittenberg with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, who has been accepted to and/or is enrolled in medical school, and who, while an undergraduate, has participated in intercollegiate athletics.

Justin T. Katona

History Department

The ATO - Paul F. Bloomhardt Award, established in honor of the late Paul F. Bloomhardt, professor of history and biography (1925-1956), is awarded to outstanding junior history majors.

Ty M. Harris

The Margaret S. Ermarth Award, established in honor of the late Margaret Sittler Ermarth, professor of history (1953-1974), is awarded to outstanding senior history majors.

Alexandra J. Miller, Sarah E. Tagg

The Martha and Robert Hartje Award, established in 1988 to honor Robert Hartje, professor of history (1956-1988), and his wife, Martha Hartje, is awarded to an outstanding senior history major skilled in writing historical narrative.

Sarah E. Tagg

Intercollegiate Athletics Program

The North Coast Athletic Conference Student-Athlete Award recognizes a student who has performed with distinction both in the classroom and on the playing field.

Tiffany M. Hix, Alexander J. Nemunaitis

Mathematics and Computer Science Department

The Paul Hessler Award, established in memory of Paul Hessler, a member of the mathematics faculty at Wittenberg (1969-1978), is awarded to a junior or senior major for outstanding achievement in mathematics or computer science.

Jackson M. Miller, Joshua B. Putka, Zachary C. Rust

The Charles and Elsie Little Mathematics Fund was established by Dr. Richard A. Little, a 1960 graduate of Wittenberg, in memory of his parents. This award recognizes outstanding junior or senior mathematics or computer science majors.

Hillary Z. Humbaugh, Bruce E. Thompson, Jarrett O. Wilson

Nursing Department

The David and Mary Benfer Scholarship for Academic Excellence in Nursing was established in 2018 in honor of David and Mary's siblings whose careers and lives have been dedicated to serving and caring for others. The scholarship recognizes an outstanding junior nursing student based on academic merit, leadership, and potential in the field of nursing.

Cadence J. Boyd, Haleigh A. Heising

The Mary J. Dwyer Memorial Nursing Scholarship, named in memory of Mary J. Dwyer, was created to assist students who are pursuing a degree in nursing, are sophomore-year equivalent or above, have demonstrated financial need, and remain in good standing.

Andrew Z. Nemunaitis

The Lucy K. Muehl Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of Dr. Marie Bashaw's mother, who was a lifelong nurse. Her compassion and dedication to the profession of nursing inspired her daughter to pursue nursing. This scholarship is to help nursing students who are engaged in campus life.

Lucy R. Short

The Nursing Department Scholarships are for rising junior nursing students who demonstrate caring, compassion, collaboration, and teamwork with their patients and with their peers. These students exemplify professionalism while building their skills in providing patient-centered care.

Sofia I. Didone, Kyla J. Tucker

Philosophy & Religion Department

The David Hartman Award, established in honor of the late David Hartman, associate professor of religion (1962-1976), is awarded to an outstanding senior majoring in religion based upon the student's academic performance, ability to relate the study of religion to the liberal arts, and contributions to the department and its program.

Aubree L. Akers

Physics Department

The Weaver Prize is awarded to the junior physics major who shows the greatest potential for a career in physics.

Leonardo Juarez

Political Science Department

The Joe H. Bindley Scholarship, which honors Professor Bindley (1968-1987), is granted to junior or senior political science majors who exhibit high levels of leadership or scholarship while pursuing courses of study leading toward law school or American politics.

Emma C. Leckey

The Jeffrey Y. Mao Alumni Award in Political Science is given to junior political science majors in recognition of outstanding scholarship, service to the University, and promise of significant contributions to society.

Mary Osiwoga

Psychology Department

The Bethlehem Steel Award has been established to honor outstanding senior students in psychology.

Ethan M. Libby

Meagan Toothman Scholarship is named for Meagan because she represented the best of Wittenberg as a scholar-athlete, a beloved sister in her sorority, and a friend to many. Meagan followed Wittenberg's motto of "Having Light We Pass It On to Others" in supporting countless individuals. This scholarship is awarded annually to a junior or senior psychology student who is hardworking, passionate, and engaged in the community.

Gabriela H. Gonzalez, Aisha R. Khan

The Award for Professional Potential is given to a senior psychology major who has demonstrated the potential for advanced study in psychology.

Harper A. Crews

The Virgil E. Rahn Memorial Fund in Psychology has been established to honor an outstanding junior student in psychology.

Jessica N. Neuerer

Sociology Department

The T. Edwin Boling Sociology Scholarship Award, established in honor of the late Ed Boling, professor of sociology (1967-1994), is given to outstanding senior sociology majors.

Bailey L. Maloon, Caitlin M. Archdeacon

World Languages & Cultures Department

The Kurt J. Fickert Award, established in honor of Kurt J. Fickert, professor of languages (1956-1986), is presented to an outstanding junior or senior majoring in French, German, or Spanish or completing advanced studies in Russian. The recipient must possess those qualities exemplified by Professor Fickert during his more than 30 years of service to the Department of Languages and to the University: an understanding of and commitment to the humanistic values fostered by an education in the liberal arts, a lively interest in intellectual endeavor and achievement, and plans for a career that will enrich the lives of others.

Kyle L. Bechtol (German), Abigail G. Eckman (German), Allyson E. Gardner (German), Abigail Anderson (Spanish), Abigail R. Danne (Spanish), Haley L. Pitman (Spanish)

The Stan Mickel Award is presented to an outstanding senior student of East Asian languages. While the major area of study is open, the recipient will have completed, or will be completing, advanced studies in Chinese or Japanese and will have an overall GPA of no less than 3.5. In keeping with Professor Mickel's profound commitment to passing on his love of Chinese, the award winner will also show promise of further engagement with East Asian language and culture.

Gavin J. Darner (Chinese), Shannon E. Morrissey (Chinese), Shania R. Stone (Chinese)

HONOR SOCIETIES IN THE ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES

Alpha Kappa Delta

Alpha Kappa Delta seeks to acknowledge and promote excellence in scholarship in the study of sociology, the research of social problems, and such other social and intellectual activities as will lead to improvement in the human condition. Academically accomplished sociology majors and minors are invited to join Wittenberg's Sigma of Ohio Chapter.

Naevon L. Boykin

Aisha R. Khan

Senaabil A. Muhammad

Beta Beta Beta

Beta Beta Beta (TriBeta) is a society for students dedicated to improving the understanding and appreciation of biological study and extending boundaries of human knowledge through scientific research. Since its founding in 1922, more than 670 chapters have been established throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

Shannon G. Csordros

Hailey I. Mulvihill

Paige A. Rudolf

Grace Koperna

Emily A. Owens

Caroline E. Sproule

Alexa L. Kraska

Sydney M. Pierce

Derek L. Stinefield

Story M. Laing

Haley L. Pitman

William A. Westermeyer

Katie A. Lowry

Joshua B. Putka

Epsilon Alpha Sigma

Epsilon Alpha Sigma, the first East Asian Studies honor society in the United States, was founded at Wittenberg in 1981. Since then, other colleges and universities throughout the country have established chapters of this honorary. Membership is open to academically superior students of East Asian Studies.

Joshua E. Kelsey

Lambda Pi Eta

Lambda Pi Eta is the National Communication Association's official honor society at four-year colleges and universities. LPH represents what Aristotle described in *The Rhetoric* as three ingredients of persuasion: logos (Lambda), pathos (Pi), and ethos (Eta). Lambda Pi Eta recognizes, fosters, and rewards outstanding scholastic achievement while stimulating interest in the communication discipline.

Kaitlyn E. Miller

Maria Stelea

Phi Alpha Theta

Phi Alpha Theta is an American honor society for undergraduate and graduate students and professors of history. Students who have completed three courses in history, earned a 3.1 GPA or better in history courses, earned a 3.0 GPA or better in two-thirds of their remaining courses, and have a GPA in the top 35 % of their class are eligible.

Carter J. Bluvol

Madison M. Cochran

Pi Sigma Alpha

Pi Sigma Alpha brings together students and faculty interested in the study of government and politics. Wittenberg has had a chapter since 1947. Juniors and seniors who have completed requisite political science courses with excellence and whose overall grade point average is above 3.3 are eligible for membership.

Emma C. Leckey Mary Osiwoga

Psi Chi

Psi Chi is the international honor society in psychology. Wittenberg's Psi Chi members have a psychology grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Naevon L. Boykin Bailey L. Maloon Carys E. Williams
Mara D. Briscoe

Sigma Tau Delta

Sigma Tau Delta is an international English honor society founded in 1924. Membership is available to any declared English major who meets the society's academic standards of a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher.

Abigail E. Alcorn DeLaney E. Jordan Sarah L. White
Allyson E. Gardner Reagan M. Simpson

Sigma Theta Tau

Sigma Theta Tau is an international nursing honor society. Membership is by invitation to the top 35% of the baccalaureate nursing students, who demonstrate excellence in scholarship.

Cadence J. Boyd Emily E. Doerman Lillyan H. James
Thomas M. Chilicki Haleigh A. Heising Andrew Z. Nemunaitis

Tau Pi Phi

Founded in 1931 on Wittenberg's campus, Tau Pi Phi is a business and economics honor society for students of high academic achievement. Students who meet certain academic criteria are initiated into the honors society.

Peter R. Adams Paige E. Jackson Sidney N. Sheridan
Francesca C. DiVincenzo Benjamin K. Norton Cameron S. Stevovich
Alexa M. Hill Andrew J. Rust

GPA AWARDS

Seniors with a 4.0 Cumulative GPA

Erin E. Baldwin Macy E. DeHart Hillary Z. Humbaugh
Kendall A. Black Mackenzie E. Hessick Sydney A. Striker

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETIES

Alpha Alpha Alpha is a national honor society that recognizes the scholarship and achievement of first-generation college students. Founded at Moravian college in 2018, Wittenberg was the third school approved to induct a class and is the Mu chapter. Wittenberg inducted its first class into the honor society in 2019. The society recognizes students who have earned at least 36 credit hours, achieved an overall GPA of 3.2 or higher, and neither parents nor guardians have completed a bachelor's degree.

Olivia J. Hamilton Charity M. Perry Derek L. Stinefield
Bailey L. Maloon Maria Stelea

Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society that seeks to recognize and encourage scholarship among first-year college students. Selection is based entirely on achieving a 3.5 cumulative grade point average for fall semester of the first year.

Olivia G. Cunningham Jade L. Paumi Kylie A. Paumi

Chi Alpha Sigma is a national college athletic honor society founded in 1996. Members must be of junior or senior class standing, have a 3.4 or higher cumulative grade point average, be of good moral character, and have earned a letter in a varsity intercollegiate sport.

Dalton C. Allen	Ty M. Harris	Hayden N. Olcott
Quintin C. Applegate	Celeste G. Hartings	Ethan G. Pac
Alana I. Bartulovic	Emma F. Hawk	Daniel M. Patel
Cal M. Bavineau	Alexa M. Hill	Addison E. Payne
Annabel R. Blum	Tiffany M. Hix	Haley L. Pitman
Carter W. Bonar	Hillary Z. Humbaugh	Taylor S. Rausch
Cadence J. Boyd	Luke A. Jackson	Bryce V. Ray
Alexis K. Buffkin	Lillyan H. James	Maren M. Raymond
Julia M. Burch	Karsen Karlblom	Leah L. Rocchetta
Cameron C. Casto	Dominick M. Keefe	Anna K. Roller
Thomas M. Chilicki	Mackenzie R. Kelley	Andrew J. Rust
Abigail R. Danne	Alyssa M. Kolonchuck	Zachary C. Rust
Jacob M. D'Isidoro	Olivia A. Kuhner	Parker S. Salowich
Jacob K. Downs	Collin M. LaVeck	Dawson J. Scott
Kayla M. Drake	Courtney E. Lindgren	Elizabeth N. Selby
Michael F. Eickoff	Kaela J. May	Ryan C. Shindeldecker
Audrey M. Fyffe	Meghan C. McCans	Mason D. Steen
Matthew D. Gerardi	Dillon F. S. McKeigue	Shania R. Stone
Ziciah L. Gibson	Jackson M. Miller	Zayden C. Taylor
Alexandra N. Greer	Katherine A. Mizer	Allyssa J. White
Julia M. Hall	Alexander J. Nemunaitis	Elizabeth J. Wile
Elijah L. Halverson	Ashton C. Newton	Kirsten M. Wright

Phi Eta Sigma is a national honor society that seeks to recognize and to encourage scholarship among first-year college students. Selection is based entirely on achieving a 3.5 cumulative grade point average for fall semester of the first year.

Olivia G. Cunningham Kylie A. Paumi Kinu F. Shope
Jade L. Paumi

SENIORS EARNING UNIVERSITY HONORS

Naevon L. Boykin	Grace Koperna	Reagan M. Simpson
Allyson E. Gardner	Alexa L. Kraska	Kendra A. Skrlac
Dimitri A. Gonzalez	Annie M. Miloser	Abby E. Sphar
Madyson E. Hall	Sydney M. Pierce	Cameron S. Stevovich
Shayne K. Harris	Victoria G. Pipinich	Derek L. Stinefield
Caleb S. Hazelbaker	Mazie K. Reece	Sarah E. Tagg
Mackenzie E. Hessick	Erin G. Reichert	

PHI BETA KAPPA

Founded at the College of William and Mary in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest and most prestigious of the national honor societies. Wittenberg's chapter, Omicron of Ohio, was established in 1992.

Phi Beta Kappa exists to give recognition to students who have achieved high academic distinction at Wittenberg. Phi Beta Kappa stresses the importance of the liberal arts and sciences, and elects to membership only those students who have demonstrated their awareness of the liberal arts tradition by building programs broad in scope yet sufficiently concentrated to ensure comprehensive knowledge in one or more disciplines.

Students are normally elected as seniors or, in special cases, as juniors. They must be majoring in one of the liberal arts or sciences, have a high grade point average, have taken a variety of courses across the liberal arts spectrum, and have demonstrated a knowledge of mathematics and a foreign language appropriate to a liberal arts education.

Abigail R. Danne Leonardo Juarez Abby E. Sphar

THE E. CHARLES CHATFIELD GLOBAL AWARENESS AWARD

Chatfield, a professor of history at Wittenberg University for 38 years, directed international education from 1975 to 1983. He created and directed study-abroad Global Issues and World Churches programs. The Global Awareness Award, instituted in 1992, recognizes seniors who have contributed to greater global awareness within the Wittenberg University community.

CAMPUS COMPACT'S NEWMAN CIVIC FELLOWSHIP AWARD

Sponsored by Campus Compact, a national organization that promotes civic engagement for institutions of higher education, the Newman Civic Fellowship recognizes and supports community-committed students who are change makers and public problem-solvers at Campus Compact member institutions, like ours. Fellows are nominated by their president on the basis of their potential for public leadership. Through the fellowship, Campus Compact provides students with training and resources that nurture their assets and passions and help them develop strategies for social change. The yearlong program, named for Campus Compact founder Frank Newman, includes virtual learning opportunities and networking as part of a national network of engaged student leaders.

THE CHAMPION AWARD FOR COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Champion Award for Community Impact recognizes the commitment of a student and faculty/staff member to the Greater Springfield community through service and outreach that fosters positive connections between the campus and local community. The recipient is selected based on their substantial involvement in service, projects, and activities that contribute to helping our neighbors thrive.

THE ROSE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The Rose Award for Excellence in Community Partnership recognizes a member of the Greater Springfield community who serves as an exceptional co-educator for students. They help students bloom into well-informed, engaged, and productive citizens, and they make a significant difference in the community. The recipient is selected based on their level of investment in the development of students as well as their sustained commitment and innovative approach of connecting with the University.

THE LILLIAN C. FRANKLIN DIVERSITY AWARD

The Lillian C. Franklin Diversity Award will be granted each year to honor a student and a faculty/staff member who have made outstanding contributions in promoting and furthering our goal of rich diversity in the Wittenberg community. Candidates must uphold the tradition of diversity embodied by the award's namesake, demonstrate high standards of personal integrity, commitment to the education of the whole person, global vision, and leadership.

THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AWARDS

The Martin Luther King Jr. Award was instituted in 1981 to recognize two seniors who have been positive examples to members of the Black community and to the University at-large during their college careers.

THE HEIMTRAUT DIETRICH AWARD

The Heimtraut Dietrich Award was instituted in 1981 to recognize a senior who, through faith and service, best emulates the spirit of Miss Dietrich's devotion to Wittenberg.

ALPHA DELTA PI SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

This fund was created in 1990 by the Springfield Alumnae Association and Chi Chapter of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority to recognize two junior women, one Greek and one non-Greek, who best exemplify the characteristics consistent with the ideals and goals of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. Selection is based upon excellence in scholarship, leadership, activities, and moral character.

THE M. ALICE GEIGER AWARD

The M. Alice Geiger Award was instituted in 1974 at the 100th anniversary of women's admission to Wittenberg. The award, named for the first woman graduate, recognizes a senior for outstanding contributions to the Wittenberg campus in the areas of the performing or literary arts, athletics, cocurricular leadership, new programming, special academic pursuit, or through special representation at any time during their college career.

THE JOHN F. MITCHELL AWARD

Named for the valedictorian of Wittenberg's first graduating class, the Class of 1851, the John F. Mitchell Award recognizes a senior student who represents the liberal arts tradition well. This senior is a positive force in academic, cultural, and social aspects of the campus. They exemplify an open mind, understanding, reliability, and a wide range of interests.

ACADEMIC ADVISOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Central to Wittenberg's mission is a deep and abiding concern for the welfare of each of its students and the education of the whole person. Accordingly, an important responsibility of its faculty and staff is to provide professional, competent advice for each student with respect to educational, vocational, and personal planning. The approach is person-centered, treating each student as a distinct individual. It rewards advisors who have helped students set their educational, life, and career goals. This award is selected by students and recognizes a faculty member for their work with students in an advisory capacity.

OMICRON DELTA KAPPA FACULTY EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

The ODK Award honors a current faculty member with less than five years of dedicated service to Wittenberg.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED TEACHING

The Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Teaching is presented in recognition of superior classroom teaching and contributions to the academic life of the students and faculty of Wittenberg University.

ALMA LUX AWARDS

The traditional honors of the Alma Mater and Alma Lux awards are being joined together under the "Alma Lux Awards" title. Alma Lux, meaning "nourishing light," encompasses the true spirit of the Wittenberg community and the campus motto of "Having Light We Pass It On To Others." This award is bestowed upon two junior students who possess qualities of leadership, scholarship, and service. Final candidates are selected from a pool of nominees determined by students, faculty, and staff. The two Alma Lux Award recipients are chosen in a campus-wide election. The final candidates for the 2024-2025 Alma Lux Awards are:

Neil H. Boyles

Moose H. Harper

Mary Osiwoga

Emmalee E. Do

Paige E. Jackson

Claire K. Patton

Emma C. Gearhart

Joel K. Martin

Allyssa J. White

Gabriela H. Gonzalez

MISSION STATEMENT

Wittenberg University provides a liberal arts education dedicated to intellectual inquiry and wholeness of person within a diverse residential community. Reflecting its Lutheran heritage, Wittenberg challenges students to become responsible global citizens, to discover their callings, and to lead personal, professional, and civic lives of creativity, service, compassion, and integrity.



