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DEPARTMENT OF ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY

THE ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY DEPARTMENT FACULTY AWARD is presented to an outstanding senior art major. The art department faculty has presented this award for more than 20 years. This year's recipient is Robert Penny.

Robert is an archaeology student and Air National Guard veteran from Ohio. His archaeological interests range from ancient Turkey to the U.S. Midwest but center especially on the intersection of religion and belief systems with the use of built and unbuilt space. As vice president of the Archaeology Club, Robert has led restoration work and study of the historic African American cemetery at Halfway, near Hagerstown, Maryland, and he is now a member of the board that oversees and supports work there. His plans for the future include graduate studies in archaeology, with a focus on remote sensing techniques.

THE MARY ELLEN RANDOLPH PRIZE, named in memory of Associate Professor Emerita Mary Ellen Randolph, is awarded to an art major who demonstrates equal proficiency in and enthusiasm for art history and the studio arts. Randolph retired in 1989 after 29 years of service to the College. She continued to participate in the life of the Hood community until her death in October 2005. Because she taught both studio art and art history, the award recognizes students who have demonstrated talent in both fields. Anna Martin is this year's prize-winner.

Anna is a double major in art history and studio art, with a particular interest in classical and renaissance art, including its conservation and display. Her studio work involves painting, collage, wire sculpture and mixed media, using natural materials, trash and paint. Her senior exhibition is entitled "ex-human."

THE ANNA LOUISE REMSEN PRIZE IN ART is awarded to a member of the junior or senior class who maintains a high standard of work in fine and applied art. This prize was established in 1948 as a memorial to Anna Louise Remsen, Class of 1933, and was endowed by Remsen's sister, Edwin Richardson; her stepmother, Elizabeth Remsen; and her friend, Hildegard Liebich. The prize-winner is Max Peterson.

Max is a double major in psychology and studio art. She works in a wide range of art media, with a special focus for her senior exhibition on painting. In addition to her studies, Max is an active member in Hood's choir, theatre and literary magazine. Her senior exhibition is entitled "Recollection."

THE ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY DEPARTMENT ALUMNAE AWARD is presented to an outstanding junior or senior art major, recognizing interest in the scholarship of art. The award recipients are Emma Flanagan and Ashley Visscher.

Emma is an art history major focusing on the art of early modern Europe. In summer 2023, she completed an archival research internship at Fulham Palace in London. Her departmental honors thesis is entitled "Domestic Domains: Understanding the Dutch Family and Home in the 17th Century." Emma's lifelong love of music inspired her to pursue a minor in music history in order to expand her knowledge of the history of the arts.

Ashley is an art history major, with minors in studio art and history. She completed an internship at the College this spring. Ashley's responsibilities included assisting with exhibitions and general gallery management tasks as well as organizing and cataloguing the College's art collection. Her work will culminate in an exhibition of local artist Estelle Schutz here at Hood this summer.

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THE SUZANNE GOTPERT '68 PRIZE IN ART was established in 2001 by Suzanne Gottert '68 and is presented each year to an outstanding junior art major who is minoring or concentrating in studio art, specifically two-dimensional art (e.g., printmaking, drawing or painting). This year's prize-winner is Melanie Perry.

Melanie is a junior studio art major who works in a range of materials, including paint and sculpture. An Army veteran, Melanie's sculptures have been featured in several Combat Paper Exhibitions, and a painting of hers has been on display at the Capital One Tower in McLean, Virginia. With an interest in helping others, Melanie hopes to start a nonprofit after graduation that would provide art materials for children from low-income households.

THE ELAINE ADRIENNE GATES MEMORIAL PRIZE IN STUDIO ART was established in 2011 in memory of Elaine Adrienne Gates, associate professor emerita of art, who taught at Hood from 1960 to 1997; she died in 2004. Gates was an ethereal free spirit, an artist with a renaissance soul and a philosopher/teacher who mentored, nurtured and encouraged her students with just the right mix of dedication and discipline. The prize is awarded to the student who exhibits a similar sense of dedication, determination and intensive exploration in the studio arts resulting in significant growth, development and artistic accomplishment. Ashlynn Stearns is the recipient of this prize.

Ashlynn is a senior who is double majoring in studio art and art history, with a minor in film studies. Ashlynn spent a semester in Italy, where she created a body of photographic work. Her departmental honors project, which merges her majors and minor, includes a film on Cindy Sherman's "Untitled Film Stills." Ashlynn's senior exhibition is titled "Adolescent Echoes!"

THE TAUREAN WASHINGTON '12 INVESTMENT IN ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE AWARD was established in 2024 by Taurean Washington '12. The award is given annually to a senior art major with a declared studio arts concentration who is a member of the BIPOC community and has demonstrated excellent skills and growth in the visual arts. Khaliah Deya is this year's recipient.

Khaliah is a multidisciplinary artist and senior studio art major. Her work in graphite, pen and colored pencil explores themes of self-perception, music and community. A native of Baltimore, Khaliah's artworks have appeared in two books published through the local literary arts organization CHARM: Voices of Baltimore. She also completed an internship at the Frederick Arts Council. Khaliah's senior exhibition "Was any of it even real?" incorporates elements of sculpture, printmaking, photography and collage.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

THE BETA BETA BETA AWARD is presented to a high-ranking student in Biology 100 to 200-level courses upon the recommendation of the biology department. Kendall Elenbaas, Eliza Goldsberry, Isaac Hatch, Kelly Kinney and Faith Meadows share the award.

In her first year at Hood, Kendall has shown herself to be an engaged, curious and highly accomplished student at the 100 and 200 levels. Her promising future as a biologist is evidenced by her selection as a summer intern with the protein expression laboratory at NCI Frederick.

Eliza is a sophomore majoring in environmental science and policy. She is being recognized for excellent work in the biology 200-level courses.

Isaac has actively been involved in both 100-level biology lectures and labs. He has qualified to be an outstanding student and a role model for other students in our classrooms.

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Kelly did an excellent job and maintained a perfect record in her biology course. She enjoyed acquiring new knowledge and helping other students who need additional assistance in the lab section.

Faith is an excellent student in the biology and honors programs. She is planning on becoming a physician's assistant after graduation and enjoys relaxing by playing games with friends.

THE JANE D. MCCARRELL PRIZE is awarded to a junior or senior who has shown excellence, interest and progress in the field of biology. This award, endowed by former students, alumnae and friends, honors the late Jane D. McCarrell, professor of biology and chair of Hood's biology department from 1946 to 1972. The prize is awarded to Riana Caldwell.

Riana is a biology major and member of the honors program. She has demonstrated consistent excellence in her coursework across all areas of study. She is a member of the BlazerBloom AlgaePrize research team and will be doing research this summer at the National Cancer Institute.

THE SIDNEY SILVERMAN AWARD, named in honor of the late Associate Professor Emeritus Sidney Silverman, is awarded to an outstanding student majoring in biology. Silverman taught at Hood from 1974 to 1985 and did research at Fort Detrick and NIH. His colleagues in the department established this award in his honor. The prize is awarded to Madeline Schwab and Christina Shaner.

Madeline is a graduating senior who is completing her departmental honors research on the microbiological and biochemical characterization of cellulolytic bacteria. She is looking forward to working in a research lab after graduation.

Christina is a graduating senior in the environmental science and policy program, with a keen interest in environmental protection and monitoring. She was a National Science Foundation-Research Experience for Undergraduates intern in Maine, where she conducted experiments on the physiology of lobster larvae, had adventures on the high seas and moved 20 tons of rock by hand, all in the name of science. She is currently analyzing a data set from her internship on the effects of temperature on lobster larva settlement to present at the Annual Benthic Ecology Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina.

THE BIOLOGY FACULTY AWARD was created in 2001 to honor a student or students demonstrating great promise in biology. The biology department faculty provide this book prize. The prize is awarded to Katie Amaguana, Isabella DiPietrantonio, Alexa Gieseman, Kate Maltby, Eisella Pearson, Josephine Sasse and Kate Stultz.

Katie is a senior biology major, with a chemistry minor. As an honors student, she is enthusiastic, quick to understand concepts, hardworking and independent in carrying out research. She did an excellent job on her capstone project, studying the effect of sugar on *Drosophila*. Currently, she is helping to develop a protocol for measurement of lactase enzyme activity with the biology faculty and doing an internship at a biotech company. In addition, Katie has been a student-athlete, playing on the women's volleyball team. She plans to pursue graduate school in the future.

Isabella is a junior sustainability studies major. She has outstanding academic performance and wide interests in sustainability, and she is passionate about research and sustainability actions. Isabella will be participating in the Summer Research Institute in 2024.

It is clear from her academic accomplishments in lecture and lab that Alexa is an ambitious student who sets high goals for herself. The faculty look forward to seeing her progress with excellence in courses beyond the 200 level as she continues to shape her academic journey, including her interest in veterinary medicine.

Kate M. is a senior sustainability studies major and a Tischer Scholar. She has a strong academic record and passion for sustainability. She is an excellent researcher and has accomplished an independent study in the past year using black soldier flies in reducing animal manure.

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Eisella is a sophomore biology major in the honors program. She has an exceptional academic record and is interested in post-graduate clinical work, with a particular interest in dermatology.

Josephine is a junior sustainability studies major. She has great passion for sustainability, especially sustainable agriculture. She is outstanding in linking her experience in agriculture with what she has learned in class. She also demonstrated a strong commitment in promoting sustainability on campus and beyond. Josephine will be participating in the Summer Research Institute in 2024.

Kate S. has demonstrated a high level of success in 200-level biology courses. She will be doing an internship this summer at NCI, studying ribosome and stress response.

THE ROUSE GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP is awarded annually to an outstanding senior biology major who has displayed excellence in scholarship, citizenship and sincerity of purpose and who is planning to pursue graduate study in biology, medicine or an allied scientific field. George Parke Rouse Jr., M.D., established this scholarship to honor his wife, the late Elizabeth L. Chandler Rouse, Class of 1936, and his daughter, Anne Rouse McDowell, Ph.D., Class of 1969. Kayla Russell is this year's recipient.

Kayla is an outstanding student and a hard worker. She has excelled as a biology major and has been admitted to the biomedical science master's program, where she will begin classes this summer. She works in an area laboratory and is well on her way to becoming an excellent researcher.

THE DR. RUTH ESTHER GRIFFITH BIOLOGY AWARD is awarded annually to a junior who has demonstrated excellence in critical thinking and communication skills in the field of biology and who is planning to participate in faculty-mentored research within the biology department. This year's recipient is Khatija Nishat.

Khatija excels in biology courses. She has an exemplary record of academic achievement. She will be working with a biology faculty in the fall to complete her capstone requirement.

THE NORM GARY BIOLOGY AWARD was established in 2016 to honor the late Norman D. Gary, chair of the Department of Biology, teacher of microbiology and professor emeritus to a generation of Hood College students. This book prize is awarded to a top student based on performance in their biology elective courses. This year's recipients are Ian Emanuel, Riley Fitz and Austin Kaplan.

Ian is a 4PLUS student working on his bachelor's in environmental science and policy and his master's in environmental biology. In collaboration with scientists at the Smithsonian Institution, Ian has done research on pitcher plants. Currently, his Tischer Scholar research examines nontarget effects of Bti spraying programs. Ian is an outstanding student of natural history, and most days he can be found in the field studying his current favorite topics: plants, insects and geology.

Riley is an environmental science and policy major and a 4PLUS student completing her master's in environmental biology. She serves as president of the Student Government Association, secretary of the senior class and chemistry tutor in the Student Success Center. In the past, Riley has researched the thermal tolerance of lobster larvae, freshwater fisheries and aquatic invasive species. Currently, her Tischer Scholar research investigates the effect of allelochemicals on non-native stilt grass.

Austin, a biology major who is minoring in coastal studies, has distinguished himself in elective biology and marine science classes. His interest and deep curiosity in all aspects of aquatic ecology, particularly fishery science, bode well for his future in the profession.

THE HANS WAGNER MEMORIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD was established in 2022 by the family of the late Hans Wagner, former lab supervisor for the biology department, who served the College with enthusiasm and dedication for nearly 20 years. The award is given annually to two seniors with the highest GPAs who will be graduating with a biology degree. Ridley Little and Katie Stang share this award.

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Ridley has distinguished herself in her coursework, earning a nearly perfect GPA. She is a member of the BlazerBloom AlgaePrize research team and is on the Hood women's swimming team among her many activities.

Katie is a very serious student and a hard worker who consistently strives for excellence in her studies and all that she does. She shows great promise as an up-and-coming researcher in biology and will complete departmental honors with biology faculty.

THE JEANNE MARIE JACOBSEN MEDALIS '89 MEMORIAL AWARD was established in 2022 by Tim Jacobsen in memory of his wife, Jeanne M. Jacobsen Medalis '89. The award is given annually to a rising sophomore or junior majoring in biology who is also minoring in studio art or is involved in the arts in some way at Hood College. This year's recipient is Rebecca Carroll.

Rebecca is a junior majoring in biology and minoring in drama and theatre. At Hood, she played Nick Bottom in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and the maid Helsa Wenzel in "Musical Comedy Murders of 1940."

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTS FOUNDATION is presented to a student or students majoring in biochemistry or chemistry for outstanding scholastic achievement and ability. The recipient of this award is Atef Shat.

Atef is a senior from Frederick, Maryland. He is majoring in chemistry, with a minor in mathematics, and is a member of the honors program. Atef serves as the organic chemistry tutor at the Student Success Center, and his dedication is well appreciated by students.

THE MARYLAND SECTION OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY presents an award to an outstanding upper-level student in chemistry at each of the participating colleges in the state. The prizes were awarded at a banquet and ceremony in Towson, Maryland. This year's recipient is Anthony Rispoli.

Anthony is a senior from Ijamsville, Maryland. He is double majoring in chemistry and computer science. Anthony conducted research with Professor Ashish Chakradhar, Ph.D., as part of the 2022 Summer Research Institute on a project titled "Reactivity Study of High-Capacity Mesoporous Perovskite Oxides Catalyst towards Thiophene Hydrodesulfurization." He presented the results at a National American Chemical Society meeting. Anthony is currently conducting a departmental honors project on using molecular dynamics simulations to dock potential ligands to Sars-Cov-2 proteins. After completing his undergraduate degree, he plans to attend graduate school.

THE ELIZABETH B. BOWER PRIZE, honoring the late Elizabeth B. Bower, is awarded annually to an outstanding student in chemistry. The prize was established in 1956 by the late Rebecca Ann Eversole Parker '55, who was inspired by Professor Bower to make chemistry her career. At the time of her death, Rebecca was studying for her doctorate in chemistry at Oxford University. In 1962, the Eversole family endowed the prize as a memorial to Rebecca. Nick Titus is this year's recipient.

Nick is a junior from Mount Airy, Maryland. He is majoring in chemistry and currently working on a research project with alumna and trustee, Susan Audino '85, B.A.'99, Ph.D.

THE VESTA HOFFMAN OSLER '30 CHEMISTRY AWARD was established in 2011 by Vesta Osler Mershon and Estelle Osler Hess in memory of their mother, Vesta Hoffman Osler '30. The award is presented to the highest-ranking junior chemistry major. Melissa Nunez is this year's recipient.

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Melissa is a junior from Germantown, Maryland. She is majoring in chemistry and minoring in mathematics. She will be conducting research with Professor Ashish Chakradhar, Ph.D., as part of the 2024 Summer Research Institute on a project titled "High-Capacity Mesoporous Perovskite Oxide Catalysts for Hydrodesulfurization."

THE CHEMISTRY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD is presented by the CRC Press, Inc., to the highest-ranking first-year student in Chemistry 101 or 102 during the current academic year. The award goes to Amanda Ambrose.

Amanda is a first-year student from Frederick, Maryland. She is an environmental science major and hopes to pursue a career in the National Park Service one day.

THE GEORGE G. KLEINSPEHN HONOR SCHOLARSHIP is named in honor of Whitaker Professor Emeritus George G. Kleinspehn and is awarded to a student whose record in two semesters of organic chemistry at Hood College is outstanding. Professor Kleinspehn taught at Hood from 1967 to 1993. Prior to Hood, Kleinspehn had research experience on the Manhattan Project in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, at Johns Hopkins University and at the U.S. Army Ballistics Research Laboratories in Aberdeen, Maryland. Colin Flanagan, Alexa Gieseeman and Alisa Gorham are this year's recipients.

Colin is a double major in chemistry and mathematics from Towson, Maryland. This summer, he will be participating in a prestigious National Science Foundation-funded chemical research program at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Alexa is a sophomore from Damascus, Maryland, majoring in biology and minoring in chemistry. She intends to pursue veterinary medicine upon graduation.

Alisa is a sophomore from Monrovia, Maryland. Alisa is a biochemistry major and a member of the honors program. She is interested in pharmaceutical science and plans to attend graduate school after Hood.

THE ELIZABETH LEIBY WOOD PRIZE is awarded to a member of the rising senior class who is an overall outstanding student and has accomplished superior work in chemistry or biochemistry. The prize was established in 1944 by Scott S. Leiby in honor of his daughter Elizabeth, Class of 1938. The prize is awarded to Luke Walker.

Luke is a junior from Jefferson, Maryland, majoring in biochemistry with a minor in mathematics. He is a current member of the Blazers baseball team. Luke plans to attend pharmacy school after he graduates from Hood.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

THE RAYMOND L. AND LOUISE K. GILLARD PRIZE is endowed by Gary Gillard, assistant professor of information technology, in memory of his parents. The prize is awarded annually to a student(s) based on merit. The prize is awarded to Benjamin Davids.

Benjamin is a computer science major, with a minor in mathematics, from Hagerstown, Maryland. He is also a member of the honors program. From 2019-21, Benjamin co-led an English-Spanish conversation group, and he is also very involved with his church. Benjamin is interested in predictive data analytics and particularly its intersection with law and politics. In his free time, he likes to read novels, play the guitar and learn languages. After graduation, his dream is to work in the legal or political system using the data-driven skills he learned at Hood and to possibly pursue a Juris Doctor.

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THE COMPUTER SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD is given to a senior student who has demonstrated continued excellence in computer science studies. Carrie Wasieloski is this year's winner.

Carrie is a senior computer science major in the honors program. She has completed two internships: first, at Genesis Engineering Solutions, where she worked on the sensor system for the next generation of spacesuits for the new space station, and then at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, where she worked on computer algorithms for predicting patient readmission and generating sub-phenotypes for diagnosis. For future work, she is interested in data analytics and artificial intelligence.

THE COMPUTER SCIENCE FACULTY PRIZE is awarded to a student selected by the department faculty to recognize excellence. The recipient is Sophia Ferrer.

Sophia is a junior majoring in computer science, with a minor in mathematics. She completed the Honors College and STEM Scholars programs at Frederick Community College and has also been awarded the Founder's Scholarship at Hood for three semesters. Last summer, Sophia conducted research on predicting the mortality of type 2 diabetes patients utilizing large language models. This summer, she will continue her medical research on obstructive sleep apnea patients at the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab. Sophia demonstrates remarkable dedication to her academic goals and strives for excellence.

THE COMPUTER SCIENCE CHAIR'S PRIZE is awarded to a student in the introductory course sequence who shows great potential in computer science. The prize is awarded to Itunuoluwa Ayo-Durojaiye.

Itunuoluwa is a computer science major from Damascus, Maryland. She earned her high school diploma from Clarksburg High School and A.A.S. from Montgomery College in 2023, and she will be graduating from Hood in 2026. Itunuoluwa earned several IT professional certificates, such as CompTIA A+ and CompTIA Network+. She is currently a student worker for the Hood College IT Helpdesk. She is interested in building a career in software engineering or cybersecurity.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

THE MAUREEN KELLY HESS PRIZE is awarded annually to a student who is graduating with a bachelor's in special education or a master's with a concentration in special education. The education department faculty select the prize recipient. This prize was established by the Hess and Kelly families in memory of Maureen Kelly Hess, Class of 1981, after her death in April 1993. The prize is awarded to Mackenzie Demaio and Autumn Resnick.

Mackenzie is an elementary/special education major. She is committed to providing positive outcomes for all children, as evidenced through her enthusiastic approach to teaching/learning in her coursework and internships. She is diligent, thoughtful and committed to lifelong learning.

Autumn is an early childhood education major, with a special education focus. She has a passion for working with our youngest students with disabilities. Her enthusiasm and dedication to the field of special education are evident in her coursework. Additionally, she has excelled in her special education internship. Autumn embraces the challenges of special education with a nurturing demeanor. Her commitment to ensuring students with disabilities receive a high-quality education will make her an outstanding early childhood special education teacher.

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THE PARK-DORFF AWARD is presented to that student in the senior class who appears most promising as a teacher in the field of early childhood education. Classmates Sara Bell Parkhurst Van Why and Katherine Nixdorff Wilson, both Class of 1973 early childhood education majors, established this prize in 1974 to honor an outstanding student majoring in this field. No other prize existed at this time for ECE majors. Remy Anderson and Skye Haghverdi are this year's recipients.

Remy is an early childhood education major who shows great promise as a future teacher. Remy did well in her internship placements, both at Georgetown Hill Lab School and in Frederick County Public Schools. Remy actively participated in classes and shared both her knowledge and experiences with her peers. She is deeply committed to supporting the growth and development of young children. She is passionate about early childhood education and will be a wonderful pre-K-grade 3 teacher.

Skye is an early childhood education major who demonstrates a strong commitment to promoting the positive development of young children. She did well academically and was enthusiastic in her internships at Georgetown Hill Lab School and Frederick County Public Schools. Skye brings a unique perspective and expertise concerning the importance of supporting the growth and development of all children. She is a wonderful student and will be an excellent pre-K-grade 3 teacher.

THE HYPATIA MATHEMATICS/SCIENCE EDUCATION PRIZE is awarded to the education student who exemplifies excellence in the field of mathematics or science teaching. This prize, named for the female Greek mathematician who taught at the Library of Alexandria in the early fifth century, is awarded in honor of past Department of Education professors of mathematics and science pedagogy at Hood College. This year's recipient is Madi Brown.

Madi is a model elementary/special education major. In addition to being an excellent student, she consistently exhibits intellectual curiosity by asking thought-provoking questions and going above and beyond to learn more. This passion for learning will ensure she is going to be an excellent teacher.

THE CHARLES E. TRESSLER OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD is given in recognition of outstanding achievement by a student who intends to enter a career in education. This award was established to honor the late Giles Professor Emeritus of Early Childhood Education Charles E. Tressler. Professor Tressler taught at Hood from 1964 to 1990 and served for many years as chair of the Department of Education. The award is a gift from the estate of Samuel Eig. This year's recipients are Logan Bruner and Emily Webb.

Logan is an exemplary candidate in the English secondary education program, where he has achieved great success in his teaching internships and courses. In addition to his academic talent, he is highly reflective and insightful in his approach to planning lessons and supporting students. Logan will be an outstanding English teacher who inspires students by sharing the joys of literature and learning throughout his career.

Emily is an English secondary education candidate who has demonstrated excellence in both her academic endeavors and teaching internships. She approaches her work with curiosity and reflection, sharing valuable contributions and encouragements with those around her. Emily's winsome personality, academic talents and care for students will make her a wonderful teacher.

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THE JOHANNA CHAIT ESSEX '53 PRIZE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION was established by the family of Johanna Chait Essex '53 in honor of her 80th birthday. Essex devoted her professional life to educating nursery school children. The prize is awarded annually to a junior who shows the most promise as an early childhood education teacher as evidenced by performance throughout an internship at the Georgetown Hill at Hood College Lab School. Zoe Carnegis is the recipient of this prize.

Zoe is a junior in the early childhood education program. Zoe has demonstrated a strong commitment to promoting the growth and development of young children through her internships, including this semester at the Georgetown Hill Lab School on campus. Zoe will undoubtedly continue to excel both academically and professionally as she continues her pursuit of earning certification to teach grades pre-K-grade 3.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION ARTS

THE BLUE AND GREY EDITORIAL AWARD is presented for the best editorial writing appearing in The Blue and Grey, formerly Hood Today, in the past academic year. The award has been given for several decades to students who serve on the editorial staff. The recipient is Amrit Brown.

Amrit is a sophomore from Asheville, North Carolina. He is an honors student and a communication arts major and is a member of the Blazers baseball team. He is receiving the Blue and Grey Editorial Award for his balanced piece on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Amrit is interested in pursuing a career in journalism after graduation.

THE ESTHER E. SHAW AWARD is given for the best news story appearing in The Blue and Grey in the past academic year. Janiel Suren is this year's recipient.

Janiel is a senior communication arts major and a sergeant first class in the U.S. Army. Originally from Puerto Rico, Janiel lives with his wife and newborn daughter Penny in Frederick. He is receiving the Esther Shaw Award for his coverage of the student walkout to protest the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

THE MARGARET CONDRON STERNER SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a student(s) who has completed three years at Hood and has made the most distinguished contribution in the field of creative writing or journalism. This scholarship was established through the bequest of Carlton R. Sterner in memory of his wife, Margaret Condron Sterner '39. The winners are Morgan Kamara, Rachel Shaw and Aden Sievert.

Morgan, originally from Hyattsville, Maryland, is a graduating senior majoring in communication arts.

Rachel is a senior from Hagerstown, Maryland, majoring in communication arts. She is the social media manager for Coast Social Media and has been active in Hood College Theatre, appearing in productions such as "All in the Timing," "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress," "The Heidi Chronicles" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Rachel loves to travel and is looking to combine her communication skills as she explores new frontiers. In her classes, Rachel is a highly engaged, creative and enthusiastic student. She stands out for her ability to bring a story to life.

Aden is a senior from Denver, Colorado, majoring in communication arts. He is a member of the men's lacrosse team. Aden is the co-editor of The Blue and Grey and has been a member of the newspaper staff for two years. He works as an intern at WFRE radio and is looking to work in journalism or public relations after graduation. Aden is a diligent student who excels at taking a story from an idea to polished final product.

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THE ALDAN T. WEINBERG COMMUNICATION ARTS PRIZE is awarded annually to one or more students, with first priority given to students who have demonstrated exceptional performance in broadcasting, particularly with regard to college broadcast organizations, or second, to students who have demonstrated excellence in communication arts at Hood. The prize is named for Aldan Weinberg '75, professor of journalism at Hood, who retired in 2015 after 30 years as a faculty member. This year, the prize is awarded to Rachel Kucharski and Braden Weinel.

Rachel is a junior from Hockessin, Delaware, who is studying communication arts. She has excelled in video media production classes and created videos for The Blue and Grey. This summer, she will intern with the Subaru Company, helping to create training videos.

Braden is a senior from Frederick, Maryland. He is a communication arts major and an honors student. He was formerly the editor of The Blue and Grey and works as a reporter for WFRE radio in Frederick. Braden is interested in pursuing careers in youth ministry and broadcast journalism. In his classes, Braden is passionate about the course content and always willing to take on a challenge. He is an exceptional reporter and broadcast anchor.

THE ALYCE WEINBERG HONOR SCHOLARSHIP, named in honor of the late Alyce Weinberg, is awarded to a senior majoring in English or communication arts who has done meritorious work in English, particularly in communications. Weinberg established this scholarship because she firmly believed in the value of education. She took numerous courses at Hood as an adult learner, but she did not enroll as a degree-seeking student. Weinberg could be considered the ultimate continuing education student, a genuine lifelong learner. She loved Hood, its professors and courses, and enrolled semester after semester to learn as much as possible. Sometimes, she even repeated courses she liked particularly well. Weinberg is the author of the book "The Spirits of Frederick." Her son, Aldan Weinberg, Class of 1975, was a professor of journalism at Hood. The prize is awarded to Allie Dickson and Zoe Finholm.

Allie is a senior from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She has held several internships with the Hood admission office, where she created promotional videos and graphics to recruit new students to campus. She also served as a Blazer Ambassador. She is interested in a career in social media or public relations. Allie is a self-motivated and hardworking student known for producing excellent work. She is currently working on a video media production project to promote programs like communication arts to prospective students.

Zoe is a senior communication arts major and honors student from Street, Maryland. She has been a role model for other students, working as a resident assistant in Memorial Hall. She is a Blazer Ambassador and member of the Hood Dance Ensemble. Zoe is an excellent student with a wry sense of humor. She is always willing to put in the extra hours and effort to see a project through.

THE JANICE E. COLE WRITING PRIZE, established in 1992 by Hood's humanities faculty, is awarded to a student or students who submit in the annual prize competition the most outstanding essay originally written for a course in the humanities. The prize was introduced in 1992 as the Center for the Humanities Prize. It was renamed in spring 1997 in honor of the late Janice E. Cole, Ph.D., professor of English at Hood for 31 years from 1965 to 1996. First place winner is Ace Williams, second place is Patrick Crockett and third place is Sofia Montoya-Deck.

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Ace is a senior Spanish and global studies major, with a concentration in global governance and conflict. He joined the Model United Nations Club in spring 2023, representing Somalia with his cohort in the International Model African Union Conference. He received an award for outstanding representation on the Peace and Security Committee and served as president of the Model UN the following semester. During spring 2024, he studied abroad in Buenos Aires, Argentina, through Hood's partnership with the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE). After graduating in September 2024, he will pursue a master's in international affairs or international development studies at the George Washington University Elliott School of International Studies. He is fond of Latin America and plans to focus his future studies and career on the region by learning Portuguese, strengthening his fluency in Catalan and studying abroad in Spain.

Patrick is a commuter student in his junior year. Majoring in psychology, he plans to pursue a master's in counseling at Hood after graduating. He is a member of the Psychology Club, Psy Chi (psychology honor society) and the honors program. He works part-time and enjoys golfing, playing piano and spending time with his girlfriend Anna and dog Casper. In the future, he hopes to make a positive impact on the mental health of anyone and everyone in need of support.

Sofia is a sophomore majoring in communication arts, with a studies in women and gender minor. She is from Alexandria, Virginia. Sofia is a co-editor of The Blue and Grey newspaper and vice president of the Latinx Student Union. Some of her interests include writing, photography and crossword puzzles. In the future, Sofia hopes to pursue a career in journalism.

THE EMILY MYERS DAVIS PRIZE is awarded to a student or students for excellence in English courses. This prize was established by T. Crawley Davis in memory of his wife, Emily Myers Davis, Class of 1943. The prize is awarded to Logan Bruner.

Logan, from Woodbine, Maryland, is a graduating senior English major, with a concentration in literature, and is earning a certificate in secondary education. He also minors in music history and literature.

THE JAMES N. KHOURY '15 MEMORIAL PRIZE IN ENGLISH was established in 2020 by Pauline and Michael Khoury, P'15, in memory of their son James N. Khoury '15. The prize is awarded annually to an outstanding student majoring in English. This year's recipients are Sullivan McGee and Rachel Sell.

Sullivan, from Williamsport, Pennsylvania, is a graduating senior English major, with a concentration in creative writing. She is also a member of the honors program.

Rachel, from Westminster, Maryland, is a graduating senior English major, with a concentration in creative writing and a minor in public relations. She is also a member of the honors program and is completing her departmental honors paper this semester.

THE MARTHA BRINEY HONOR SCHOLARSHIP, established in honor of the late Professor Martha Briney, is awarded to an upperclassman who excels in English literature courses. This year's recipients are Phebe Frost and Maddie Gerow.

Phebe, from Glenwood, Maryland, will be graduating next year with a double major in integrated marketing communication and English, with a concentration in literature. She is also earning a minor in criminology and delinquency and a certificate in advanced Spanish. Phebe is a member of the honors program.

Maddie, from Middletown, Maryland, is a graduating senior with a double major in law and criminal justice and English, with a concentration in creative writing. She is a member of the honors program and is completing her departmental honors paper this semester.

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THE JANICE E. COLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND, established in memory of Professor Janice E. Cole, is awarded to a student who has done excellent work in English. The late Professor Cole taught English at Hood from 1965 to 1996. Beloved by her students and highly respected by her colleagues, Cole gave unstintingly of her time to countless faculty and College committees. Most of all, she was devoted to the students of Hood College, particularly her advisees and those enrolled in her classes. The prize is shared by Catherine Jenkins and Emily Webb.

Catherine, from Jefferson, Maryland, is a graduating senior English secondary education major, with a concentration in literature.

Emily, from New Market, Maryland, is a graduating senior English secondary education major, with a concentration in literature. She is completing her departmental honors paper this semester.

THE MARGARET P. FORD HONOR SCHOLARSHIP was established in honor of the late Professor Emerita Margaret P. Ford, who taught English at Hood from 1964 to 1987 and served as chair of the department for many years. She taught numerous courses in American literature and was a student of the life and writings of William Faulkner. This scholarship was established by Hood's Board of Trustees to honor Professor Ford. The prize is awarded annually at the discretion of the English department faculty. Kayla Swain is this year's recipient.

Kayla, from Walkersville, Maryland, is a graduating senior English major, with a concentration in creative writing and a minor in drama and theatre. She is completing her departmental honors paper this semester.

DEPARTMENT OF GLOBAL LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

THE GERMAN EMBASSY PRIZE OF THE WASHINGTON EMBASSY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY is awarded in recognition of outstanding achievement in German language and literature. The prize goes to Cole Tate.

Cole is a Spanish major who also has a passion for learning other languages, including Arabic, Catalan and German. He is a role model student in his intermediate German courses. Cole will be studying abroad in Barcelona in fall 2024.

THE EDENIA GUILLERMO AWARD is awarded to a senior Hispanic student who has achieved the highest academic record in four years of study. This prize was established in 1983 to honor Edenia Guillermo, professor emerita of Spanish, who taught at Hood from 1975 to 1983; she died in 2002. Axel Barahona Perez is this year's winner.

Axel is a double major in Spanish and global studies. He has been the Spanish tutor at Hood for the last three years, doing a wonderful job teaching our novice and intermediate students how to better navigate Spanish. Axel has also been a student worker at the Department of Global Languages and Cultures. He has participated in the National Model United Nations, winning an award for Outstanding Delegation. Following his interest in Latin American sociopolitical issues, Axel has completed a departmental honors paper that focuses on the concept of race and discrimination in the Latin American society. After graduation, Axel will travel to Europe to visit Italy and Spain and will pursue a master's to continue his studies in international relations, with a focus on Latin America.

THE E. LOUISE LEONARD PRIZE is awarded annually to a senior whose major subject is French and who has done excellent work in the language and literature of France. Associate Professor Emerita E. Louise Leonard taught French and Italian at Hood from 1926 to 1970. The prize was established and endowed in 1969 by former students of Professor Leonard for whom she was an exemplar and inspiration. Noah Hersh is this year's recipient.

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Noah is a graduating senior majoring in French and political science. He is completing a departmental honors thesis on politics of the former sub-Saharan African colonies within the official discourse of the Fifth Republic. Noah studied abroad in Toulouse, France, last year and plans to attend graduate school at American University.

THE JACK AND JANET SPAULDING NUNN '61 FRENCH PRIZE is awarded to the most outstanding student studying abroad in France and to academically outstanding first-year students who intend to be French majors. Janet Nunn, a Hood alumna and long-time Francophile, funded this prize to support the study of French language and culture at Hood. Gracy Van Bommel is this year's recipient.

Gracy is a sophomore majoring in communication arts, with an advanced proficiency certificate in French. She is also a Chair of the Board Scholar and a member of the honors program. Gracy plans to study abroad in France next spring.

THE CHARLOTTE A. MORAN PRIZE is awarded to a student of the French language who shows outstanding achievement in intermediate French and plans to pursue additional studies in French. This prize honors the memory of Charlotte A. Moran, associate professor emerita of French and 1957 Hood alumna. Professor Moran taught at Hood from 1966 to 1989; she died in 2000. The prize is shared by Mimi Bafor, Robin Draetta, Elisha Kabongo and Rachel Miller.

Mimi is a sophomore majoring in studio art and mathematics. She excels in intermediate French and plans to continue her study of the language.

Robin is a sophomore majoring in studio art. He excels in intermediate French and hopes to continue studying the language. He is also a member of the honors program.

Elisha is a first-year student in the honors program. She excels in intermediate French and plans to continue her study of the language.

Rachel is a first-year student from York, Pennsylvania, who intends to major in social work. She excels in intermediate French and serves as a Blazer Ambassador. Rachel is also a Chair of the Board Scholar and a member of the honors program.

THE JACK AND JANET SPAULDING NUNN '61 AWARD FOR BEST ELEMENTARY ARABIC STUDENT was established in 2008 and supported by Janet Spaulding Nunn '61. The award is presented to a student who has excelled in elementary Arabic and plans to pursue additional studies in Arabic. Ahmad Parker is this year's recipient.

Ahmad is a first-year student from Frederick, Maryland, and is interested in studying biology and Middle Eastern studies. He is active in the local Muslim community. Arabic is the first foreign language he has studied.

THE FLORENCE A. PASTORE MEMORIAL AWARD was established in 1994 by Col. Joseph A. Pastore (Ret.), former vice president for administration and finance and treasurer of Hood College, to honor the memory of his wife Florence. This prize is awarded to a student studying abroad in France or to an outstanding junior or senior majoring in French. Florence Pastore enjoyed her many connections to France and French culture. She died in 1989; Col. Pastore died in 1997. The award is presented to AJ Butwinick.

AJ is a graduating senior majoring in French, with an advanced proficiency certificate in Spanish. Her departmental honors project is a translation of a series of experiments on putrefaction conducted by French scientist Madame Thiroux in the late 18th century. AJ studied abroad in Toulouse, France, last year and is exploring options for graduate school.

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THE DR. ROBERT KAUFMANN GERMAN PRIZE, established in 2011, is presented to a student who shows promise in the German language and has demonstrated a true passion for learning about German culture, history and politics. The recipient of this award is Zachary Cox.

Zachary is an honors student and a rising junior double majoring in psychology and English, with a concentration in creative writing. He is interested in studying abroad in Germany or Austria.

THE MARION MACPHAIL PRIZE is awarded to a senior major in Spanish who is not a native Spanish speaker and has not lived in a Spanish-speaking country for more than three months prior to entering Hood College. This award is given in recognition of proficiency in the Spanish language. Marion MacPhail, associate professor emerita of modern languages, taught French and Spanish at Hood from 1926 until 1966; she died in 1980. This year's recipient is Alexandra Kelly.

Alexandra is double majoring in Spanish and psychology. She is an honors student and was invited to complete the psychology departmental honors. She is part of the Hood College Jazz Ensemble and Wind Ensemble, where she plays the alto saxophone. She is also a choreographer for the Modeling Team. Alexandra studied abroad in Barcelona, and she previously worked as an au pair in Galicia for the summer. She is currently spreading her love for the Spanish language and culture with the SPAN 102 students in her role as assistant.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

THE DR. LEONARD LATKOVSKI MEMORIAL PRIZE IN HISTORY was established in 2009 by the Department of History and renamed in 2015 in memory of Leonard Latkovski, Ph.D., professor of history. The award is presented to a junior or senior for outstanding achievement in history. This year's award goes to Suzanna Codd.

Suzanna recently completed an impressive, and rare, internship at the Maryland State Archives in Annapolis, Maryland, and looks to pursue a career in public history upon graduating from Hood.

THE JAMES B. RANCK BOOK PRIZE IN AMERICAN HISTORY is an annual gift honoring the late Professor Emeritus James B. Ranck. It provides prizes of significant books on American history or political life to a student who is outstanding in this field. Professor Ranck taught history and political science at Hood from 1929 to 1967; he died in 1988. The prize is awarded to Luke Jones.

Luke is a passionate scholar of history who, after graduation, hopes to build on his recent internship at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Frederick, Maryland, where he worked on several research and restoration projects designed to increase public awareness of the local past.

THE ELIZABETH YOURTEE ANDERSON '82 HISTORY PRIZE was established in 2011 by the Anderson family in memory of Elizabeth Yourtee Anderson '82. The prize is presented annually to a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement, integrity and passion for Maryland history, public history and/or historic preservation. The recipient is Stefanie Temple.

Stefanie recently returned from studying abroad in Ireland and, upon completing her degree in history at Hood, looks to pursue graduate work in archival studies and a career in public history.

THE KATHRYN E. HALE '04, M.S.'13 HISTORY TEACHING PRIZE was established in 2016 by Kathryn E. Hale '04, M.S.'13. The prize is awarded annually to one senior history major pursuing certification in secondary education who demonstrates excellence in the field of history and in teaching internships. Jazmin Colon is the recipient of this award.

Jazmin is an excellent student and, having completed her student teaching, is excited to begin a career helping students discover their own passion for history.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

THE MARGARET ANN JONES HAYES '62 AWARD IN MATHEMATICS was established in 2023 by Ed Hayes in honor of his wife, Margaret Jones Hayes '62, who received her Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from Hood and spent her career in the information technology industry, with extensive field development in Latin America, Asia and Canada. The award is given annually to an undergraduate student(s) studying mathematics who has shown unique problem-solving skills and clear communication with particularly effective use of the computer for computation, visualization and exploration. The award is shared by Don Ngo, Elizabeth Porter, Remi Schaber and Sam Turner.

Don is a junior from Frederick, Maryland, who is double majoring in mathematics and computer science. He is in the honors program and an active member of the Least Squares Mathematics Club. This summer, Don will leverage his expertise in mathematics, statistics and computer science to work on a research project at the Earth and Planets Laboratory of the Carnegie Institution for Science in Washington, D.C. After graduation, Don hopes to pursue a master's in artificial intelligence, which he hopes will lead to opportunities to work on projects that positively influence society and drive technological innovation.

Elizabeth is a junior from Potomac, Maryland, who is majoring in mathematics. She is in the honors program and a member of Pi Mu Epsilon, the mathematics honor society. Since transferring to Hood at the beginning of this academic year, she has been active in the mathematics department. She is taking part in the inaugural Preparation for Industrial Careers in Mathematical Sciences program and has attended several mathematics conferences. Elizabeth hopes to attend graduate school and ultimately work in aeronautical engineering.

Remi is a mathematics major from Cordova, Tennessee. She is in the honors program and is a member of the Pi Mu Epsilon honor society. Remi is a pitcher/infielder for the Hood softball team and was also a member of the USA Baseball Women's National Team in 2022 and 2023. She hopes to pursue graduate studies in physics.

Sam is a graduating senior with a double major in mathematics and economics. He is a member of the Pi Mu Epsilon honor society. In summer 2023, he took part in a Research Experiences for Undergraduates program at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, where he studied economic inefficiencies created from shifting fish populations due to climate change. He continued this work as a departmental honors project this academic year. Sam plans to pursue graduate studies in economics after graduation.

THE JULIA HOLZAPFEL CARHART '30 PRIZES IN MATHEMATICS was established in 1993 in honor of Julia Holzapfel Carhart '30, who earned a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics; she died in 2009. Prizes are awarded to juniors majoring in or displaying a strong interest in mathematics who demonstrate the highest degree of academic distinction and will serve as role models to encourage women to major in mathematics. This year's recipients are Melissa Fowler and Alex Ingram.

Melissa is a junior from Mount Airy, Maryland, who is double majoring in mathematics and computer science. She is a member of Pi Mu Epsilon, the national mathematics honor society. Melissa has served on the leadership team of the Least Squares Mathematics Club for the past three years, encouraging Hood students to engage in mathematics as an extracurricular activity. In summer 2023, Melissa completed an internship at Northrup Grumman as a software engineer, working on a project involving software and hardware for radar, and has been invited back for another internship this summer. After graduation, Melissa plans to remain at Hood for an additional year to earn her master's in cybersecurity and then hopes to begin a career in data science, cybersecurity or software engineering.

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Alex is a junior mathematics secondary education major from Puyallup, Washington. They are a Noyce Scholar in the Hood Noyce STEM Teacher Education Partnership, a scholarship program funded by the National Science Foundation. They are also a member of the Pi Mu Epsilon honor society and president of Hood's Least Squares Mathematics Club. This summer, Alex will co-present a workshop with Hood education faculty titled "Escape Rooms as a Pedagogy to Unlock the Languages of Mathematics and Coding" at the Paris Conference on Education. Alex looks forward to teaching secondary mathematics after graduation and introducing students to calculus.

THE LEAH B. ALLEN AWARD is presented to a student whose work in astronomy or mathematics merits special recognition. Professor Allen taught astronomy at Hood from 1927 to 1955; she died in 1979. Martha Elizabeth Stahr '41, a Hood student of astronomy, credited Allen with being her mentor and encouraging her to pursue a career in this field at a time when few women studied astronomy. Tori Williams is this year's recipient.

Tori graduated from Hood in January 2024, majoring in mathematics, with secondary education certification. While at Hood, she was a Noyce Scholar in the Hood Noyce STEM Teacher Education Partnership, a scholarship program funded by the National Science Foundation. She is also a member of the Pi Mu Epsilon national mathematics honor society. Tori is currently teaching mathematics at Linganore High School and returned to Hood this spring to start her master's in mathematics education.

THE GRACE N. BROWN PRIZE IN MATHEMATICS, named in honor of the late Grace N. Brown, registrar emerita, is awarded to a student who has consistently shown initiative, insight and achievement in the introductory calculus course. Brown graduated from Hood in 1925, majoring in chemistry with a minor in mathematics. She served as Hood's registrar from 1930 to 1967. The prize recipient is Alex Esposito.

Alex is a first-year student from Frederick, Maryland, majoring in chemistry and is also a member of the honors program. Alex's outstanding work this year in both calculus I and II epitomizes the spirit of the Grace N. Brown prize.

THE C. MAY HUDSON PRIZE is awarded to a senior mathematics major who has shown outstanding achievement in mathematics. Sam Turner is the winner of this prize.

Sam is a graduating senior with a double major in mathematics and economics. He is a member of the Pi Mu Epsilon honor society. In summer 2023, he took part in a Research Experiences for Undergraduates program at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, where he studied economic inefficiencies created from shifting fish populations due to climate change. He continued this work as a departmental honors project this academic year. Sam plans to pursue graduate studies in economics after graduation.

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

THE MARIE A. MARKOW EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC PRIZE was endowed by Noel Lester, professor emeritus of music, and RoseAnn Markow Lester, instructor in violin and viola and director of the music preparatory program, in honor of RoseAnn's mother, a woman uncommonly dedicated to the importance of music in a quality education. This prize is awarded annually to a Hood student who has excelled both academically and musically. Faith Mae Kiser is this year's recipient.

Faith is a business administration major, with a data science minor, from Tarboro, North Carolina. She studies voice and has participated in the Hood Choir and Chamber Singers. She is also in the honors program.

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THE ARDINE AND PHYLLIS GORDEN MUSIC TALENT PRIZE was established in 2011 by Ardine O. Gorden. The prize is awarded to the two graduating senior music majors who demonstrate the most potential for careers in music. This year the award recipients are Joey McDonough and Markela Porter.

Joey is a double major in music and history from Bethesda, Maryland. He has participated in the Hood Choir and Jazz Ensemble.

Markela is a music major from Waldorf, Maryland. She studies voice and piano, and she has participated in the Hood Choir, Chamber Singers and String Ensemble.

THE HOOD CHOIR AWARD is presented to the member of the Hood College Choir who has proven to be a strong, effective, hardworking and dedicated leader. Markela Porter is this year's recipient.

Markela is a music major from Waldorf, Maryland. She studies voice and piano, and she has participated in the Hood Choir, Chamber Singers and String Ensemble.

THE KATHRYN ZIMMERMAN NICODEMUS, H'05 MUSIC AWARD was established in 2015 by Charles A. Nicodemus, H'05, an emeritus member of the Hood College Board of Trustees, and Kathryn Zimmerman Nicodemus, H'05. The award is presented annually to a Hood student who has excelled in the study of organ or piano. Dom Bechtel is this year's recipient.

THE ARDINE AND PHYLLIS GORDEN MUSIC SCHOLAR PRIZE was established in 2011 by Ardine O. Gorden. The prize is awarded annually to the declared music major with the highest GPA. Dom Bechtel is this year's recipient.

Dom is a double major in music and psychology from New Market, Maryland. In addition to organ, he studies piano and sings in the Hood Choir and Chamber Singers.

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

THE LOGIC PRIZE is awarded for outstanding performance in logic. This year's prize goes to Holly Duerling and Isaac Hatch.

Holly is a rising senior law and criminal justice major who transferred to Hood last summer. She is a member of the honors program.

Isaac is a first-year student and a member of the honors program. He plays on the men's tennis team.

THE HOOD COLLEGE PRIZE IN ETHICS was established in 2014 by Krista Schaffert '04. The prize is awarded annually in recognition of the best paper on ethics submitted by a current student as part of an undergraduate course at Hood College in the last calendar year. The winning paper shall be selected by the faculty of the Department of Philosophy and should critically evaluate, challenge or defend an established concept of moral conduct and/or the application of a moral standard in a particular scenario. Elena Della Mae is this year's winner.

Elena, a sophomore from Washington County majoring in public health and minoring in ethics, is awarded the Prize in Ethics for her biomedical ethics paper "Should Medical Marijuana be Covered by Health Insurance with Regards to Chronic Pain?" Elena, who is completing an internship for the Coalition for a Healthier Frederick County, hopes to pursue a career that involves working with the community to improve people's lives.

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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

THE HELEN MCCULLAGH MCCUTCHEON AWARD, established in honor of the late Helen McCullagh McCutcheon, Class of 1914, recognizes an outstanding student for interest and academic achievement in exercise, wellness or sports studies beyond the core requirement. This year's recipient is Levi Davis.

Levi, a native of Smyrna, Delaware, and graduate of First State Military Academy, excelled as a collegiate athlete in cross country and track. He has consistently trained to keep himself fit and, more importantly, helped those around him. Levi majors in sociology, minors in criminology delinquency and serves as an Army ROTC cadet.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND GLOBAL STUDIES

THE VIRGINIA E. LEWIS PRIZE FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, established in 2010 by the Department of Political Science and Global Studies, is awarded to a student majoring in political science. The prize is named in honor of the late Virginia E. Lewis, professor emerita of political science, who taught at Hood College from 1947 until 1981; Lewis died in 1985. Noah Hersh is the recipient of this prize.

Noah is a graduating senior and double major in political science and French, with a minor in global studies. He is also a member of the honors program. Noah has excelled in his coursework at Hood and is writing a joint departmental honors paper in French and political science. After graduation, Noah will be pursuing graduate studies in international affairs, specifically U.S. foreign policy and national security, at American University in Washington, D.C.

THE SHIRLEY CONNER HARDINGE '44 PRIZE was established in 2012. The Shirley Conner Hardinge Center for Global Studies was established in 2011. The prize is awarded to a student who has made outstanding contributions to global studies. The prize recipients are Axel Barahona Perez and Ace Williams.

Axel is a double major in global studies and Spanish/Iberian studies. He has participated in multiple experiential learning opportunities, including the United Nations Academic Impact program, the Osgood Center for International Studies, Model United Nations and Model African Union. Axel participated in an internship with the United Way's Center for Prosperity in Frederick and wrote a departmental honors paper under the direction of Professor Paige Eager, Ph.D. After graduation, Axel plans on traveling to European countries to appreciate the cultures and better understand their social and political systems. He will pursue graduate education in international relations, with a focus on Latin America.

Ace is a double major in global studies and Spanish/Iberian studies. Ace came to Hood College as a transfer student in his junior year. He became an active and enthusiastic president of Model United Nations and helped lead successful Hood College delegations at both Model UN in D.C. and Model African Union at Howard University. Ace participated in Osgood Center seminars on foreign policy and political leadership. He has also traveled with his church to countries in Latin America for missions, where his Spanish fluency has been a great asset. In spring 2024, he studied abroad in Argentina. After graduation, Ace plans on attending graduate school, with a focus on Latin America and development issues.

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THE MARY GRIVAKIS MALLIS '46 GLOBAL STUDIES PRIZE was established in 2024 by the family of Mary Grivakis Mallis '46 in honor of her 100th birthday. The prize is given annually to a junior or senior undergraduate student who excels in global studies as selected by the faculty members within the political science and global studies department. This year's recipient is Samantha Miranda.

Sam is a transfer student to Hood College, and she is pursuing a double major in global studies and Spanish/Iberian studies as well as a certificate in advanced French. Sam has already been an outstanding delegate at both Model United Nations and Model African Union. Sam also took part in Professor Lisa Algazi Marcus's trip to Quebec in February 2024. Sam has demonstrated an exceptional aptitude for global studies in her coursework at Hood.

THE GEORGE B. DELAPLAINE JR. SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

THE LARRY T. CAMPBELL MEMORIAL PRIZE is awarded to an outstanding student in the economics and business administration department. This award honors the memory of Larry T. Campbell, who was treasurer and comptroller of Hood College. Campbell was associated with Hood from 1968 until his death in 1981. Ibtisam Alafghani is this year's recipient.

Ibtisam is an international student from Palestine majoring in political science and economics. She has been inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honor society, and Omicron Delta Epsilon, the economics honor society. She has served as a teaching assistant for various economics courses. Upon graduation, she plans to pursue a graduate degree in international relations.

THE GEORGE B. DELAPLAINE JR. SCHOOL OF BUSINESS BOOK PRIZE is awarded by the department faculty to the top graduating senior in the study of management. The prize is awarded to Brandon Brooks, Katie Driscoll and Sam Turner.

Brandon is a senior finance major and student-athlete for the division-winning men's golf team. He has been a member of the honors program and the Blazing Alpha Fund, and he was formerly a member of the esports team. He has volunteered as an income tax preparer for the Human Services Program of Carroll County and been an administrative volunteer for the Frederick Girls on the Run team. This summer, he will be an intern auditor with SC&H Group in Sparks Glencoe, Maryland, and will proceed to graduate a semester early in December 2024. After graduation, he plans to begin a career in corporate finance, investing or financial advising in the Frederick area.

Katie is a senior business administration major, with a concentration in marketing, and a member of the honors program. She was a four-year member of the women's golf team and received recognition from the Women Golf Coach Association for maintaining a high GPA while actively participating in her sport. She has also been on the dean's list and served on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) throughout her academic career. Last summer, Katie completed a business rotational internship with LandCare, gaining hands-on experience across various departments. Currently, she is a marketing intern at the Hood College Career Center. After graduation, Katie plans to pursue her MBA in the 4PLUS program and begin her career in the marketing field.

Sam is a senior majoring in both mathematics and economics. His time at Hood has been marked by academic excellence, which culminated in membership to both Pi Mu Epsilon and Omicron Delta Epsilon. He has completed a National Science Foundation-sponsored internship at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, where he researched how climate change impacted local fishing markets. He has also interned with the Boston Red Sox's Triple-A affiliate, the Worcester Red Sox, where he worked in the front office with the sales team. Sam intends to pursue a Ph.D. in economics.

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THE HOOD COLLEGE RETAILING CLUB PRIZE is awarded annually to a senior management major with a concentration in marketing who is actively involved with the College or with the community and who has achieved an above-average cumulative grade point average. This award was established in 1982 by Retailing Club members through fundraising activities, and its purpose is to recognize academic excellence and leadership of students in marketing. Storm Fuller is this year's recipient.

Storm is a senior business administration major, with a concentration in marketing. He was a member of the men's swimming team, and in his junior year, he earned a spot in the A-Finals of the Middle Atlantic Conference Championship Swim Meet. He was also a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and Morgan's Message. Storm has been on the dean's list and MAC honor roll throughout his time at Hood. He has also completed a social media marketing internship with the Margaret Byrd Rawson Institute. After graduating, Storm plans to earn his MBA before he pursues a career in recreational and athletic facility management.

THE GEORGE B. DELAPLAINE JR. SCHOOL OF BUSINESS LEADERSHIP PRIZE is awarded to a graduating senior in the department who shows great personal and interpersonal leadership skills and leverages these skills to serve others and build community. The year's recipient is Jordan Mojtabaei.

Jordan is a graduating senior majoring in economics and finance. He has been actively involved in the Blazing Alpha Fund, Hood's student-run endowment investment fund, serving as the chairman this year. He is also a member of Omicron Delta Epsilon, the economics honor society. He is a Navy veteran and is married with one son. Upon graduation, he will begin his new position as a financial analyst for Kroll Bond Rating Agency.

THE JOSEPH E. DAHMS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD is given to a graduating senior who has leveraged his or her personal and interpersonal skills to make a difference in the community through innovative leadership and excellent service. It was established in honor of Professor Joseph E. Dahms, who retired from Hood after 34 years of exemplary service. This year's award is given to Serena Balassi.

Raised in the Bronx, New York, Serena values diversity and tolerance. She graduated from Preston High School and advanced through Hood College, leading to professional roles in Frederick, including head of finance at Centennial Memorial UMC and assistant director at Centennial Early Learning Center. Committed to the nonprofit sector, Serena was the volunteer coordinator for the United Way of Frederick County and aspires to be an executive director of an aid-based nonprofit.

THE ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR BUSINESS SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS (ACBSP) LEADERSHIP AWARD was created by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs, which offers specialized accreditation to business programs. This award is given to a graduating business major who excels in both academics and community service. The name of the award recipient is added to the perpetual plaque on the wall of the business school as a visible reminder of the importance the department places on leadership in all areas of collegiate life. Faith Mae Kiser is this year's recipient.

Faith is a senior majoring in business administration, with a concentration in business analytics and a minor in data science, and she also holds a certificate in French. She is a leader on campus, with roles as a peer mentor, Blazer Ambassador and member of the women's swimming team. Faith's academic commitment shines as president of Mortar Board and student vice president of Phi Kappa Phi, alongside her participation in the Hood College Choir and Chamber Choir. She serves as a college board trustee for the Ausherman Family Foundation, the Distinguished Young Women Program in Maryland and has completed internships with Data-Driven Frederick, Tech Frederick and Development Infostructure—all preparing her for a promising career in the business and data analytics field.

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THE ERIC DEVAN OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTING STUDENT AWARD was established in 2018 by Lawrence Devan '99, MBA'04, and his wife Lynn Devan '05, in honor of his brother Eric. The award is given annually to the top undergraduate student in the accounting program who demonstrates academic achievement, leadership ability, teamwork skills and contribution to the program. This year's recipient is Jenna Holtzinger.

A Frederick native, Jenna excelled at Hood College, graduating Magna Cum Laude in January 2024 with a major in accounting and a minor in actuarial science. She secured a local actuarial internship focused on statutory reporting, an important step toward her actuarial exams and career. Jenna aims to blend her analytical skills with her deep understanding of financial systems, positioning her for success in the actuarial field.

THE RUTH WHITAKER HOLMES SCHOOL OF BEHAVIORAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

THE LINDA MAE SNAPP MEMORIAL AWARD IN NURSING was established in 2013 by Carol Snapp, Hodson Professor of Nursing, in memory of a family member. The prize is awarded annually to a student(s) in the nursing program based on leadership and service. This year's recipient is Mackenzie Anders.

Mackenzie is a senior nursing student who has completed her senior practicum at Meritus Health and has accepted an RN position there in the ICU step-down unit. Mackenzie has been a leader in the nursing program throughout her time at Hood. She possesses discipline, impressive planning and study skills, and a strong desire to learn and grow. Mackenzie willingly serves as a voice for her classmates, both formally as a representative of her cohort at faculty meetings and informally as a student willing to speak up and ask questions. She has also faithfully served as a tutor for fellow nursing students.

THE LINDA J. KENNEDY OUTSTANDING NURSING STUDENT AWARD was established in 2021 by the faculty of the Department of Nursing in honor of Linda J. Kennedy, Hodson Assistant Professor of Nursing at Hood College. The award is given annually to a graduating senior in the nursing program whom the faculty believe has the potential to make a significant contribution to the nursing profession through practice, research and/or education. Thla Zing is this year's recipient.

Having the fortitude to continue moving forward in a rigorous nursing program requires self-awareness, determination and a passion for the nursing profession. With so many nursing concepts and skills to learn, being able to take a deep breath, persist and try again is a noteworthy trait that kept Thla moving in the direction to succeed in the nursing program. Thla demonstrated professionalism, maturity and compassionate care during her nursing clinical experiences and her senior clinical practicum in the post-anesthesia care unit at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Center. Thla possesses many qualities of leadership, such as a strong work ethic, integrity, humility and passion for a career in professional nursing. These qualities are highly suggestive of Thla's potential to make significant contributions to the nursing profession through clinical practice, advocacy, evidence-based practice and education.

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THE MARTHA CHANDLER GURZICK CLINICAL EXCELLENCE PRIZE was established in 2023 by David Gurzick, M.S.'03, in honor of his wife Martha. The prize is awarded annually to a graduating senior in the nursing department who has displayed excellence in their clinical rotation as recommended by site-based practicing nurses and clinical instructors. This student has excelled in transitioning research and evidence-based learning to clinical practice and has demonstrated strong critical thinking skills, professionalism and persistence. This year's recipient is Kinsey Walker.

Since the start of her nursing program journey at Hood College, Kinsey earned an unquestionable reputation among all nursing faculty for being an exceptional student. Kinsey has embodied professionalism, leadership, organization, enthusiasm, inquisitiveness for learning, dedication and compassion for others. As a nursing student, Kinsey effectively managed both her nursing and honors program coursework as well as active involvement in campus organizations, which include the serving as president of the Nursing Club, choir and peer mentoring team. Kinsey also serves as a local volunteer team captain and spokesperson for the March of Dimes organization. As president of the Nursing Club, she has inspired the involvement of others in events such as ice cream socials, "Meet and Greet" sessions and volunteer projects in the Frederick community. Having excellent organizational skills has allowed Kinsey to flawlessly be attentive to her coursework and other responsibilities. Kinsey has demonstrated a level of enthusiasm and curiosity for lifelong learning essential for the application of the latest information and procedures introduced to medicine and nursing practice.

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELING

THE FRANCIS G. HUGO PRIZE IN PSYCHOLOGY, named in honor of the late Professor Emeritus Francis G. Hugo, who taught psychology at Hood from 1965 to 1976, is awarded to the psychology major with the highest academic average in psychology courses taken at Hood. To be eligible, the recipient must have been a student at Hood for at least four semesters and taken a minimum of 30 hours of psychology at Hood. This prize is awarded to Alexandra Kelly, Max Peterson and Tyler Schwarzman.

Alexandra is double majoring in psychology and Spanish. After graduation, she plans to go to graduate school to become a forensic psychologist, specializing in criminal profiling. In concert with these goals, she conducted a study on lie detection for her honors thesis this year.

Max is senior from Frederick, Maryland, double majoring in psychology and studio art. Max's many research accomplishments include multiple SPIRE presentations and a poster presentation at the Midwestern Psychological Association Conference. Following graduation, Max is considering becoming a professor in either psychology or the arts.

Tyler will pursue a graduate degree in applied psychology at Shippensburg University next fall, where he will work toward his career goal to become a board-certified behavior analyst and/or an industrial-organizational psychologist.

THE OUTSTANDING RESEARCH CONTRIBUTION AWARD IN PSYCHOLOGY is awarded to the student who, in the judgment of the psychology department faculty, has demonstrated exceptional achievement and contribution in research during the current academic year. The award recipient is Max Peterson.

Max is senior from Frederick, Maryland, double majoring in psychology and studio art. Max's many research accomplishments include multiple SPIRE presentations and a poster presentation at the Midwestern Psychological Association Conference. Following graduation, Max is considering becoming a professor in either psychology or the arts.

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THE EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN PSYCHOLOGY is awarded to the student who, in the judgment of the psychology department faculty, has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement and promise in the field of psychology during the current academic year. Brianna Gobell, Caroline Roberts and Guinevere Schipper are this year's winners.

Brianna, a senior majoring in psychology and minoring in biology, excelled academically at Hood and is currently completing an internship to explore her interest in counseling.

Caroline is a junior psychology major in the honors program and captain of the women's soccer team who enjoys service. She is a member of the Ionic Society.

Guinevere, a senior majoring in psychology and minoring in social work, is always eager to help other students and has pursued many research activities. She completed an honors thesis and multiple research projects with faculty while at Hood.

THE "GRIT" BOOK AWARD IN PSYCHOLOGY is awarded to the student who, in the judgment of the psychology department faculty, has demonstrated remarkable tenacity, resilience, focus and determination in his/her academic work and personal life during the current academic year. Dom Bechtel and Angelica Sauer are the recipients of this award.

Dom is a senior from New Market, Maryland, double majoring in music and psychology. In each of his classes, Dom is persistent in learning all that he can. His professors are impressed by his determination. After graduation, Dom will pursue a career in occupational therapy.

Angelica, a junior majoring in psychology, displayed exceptional grit by persevering through challenges and consistently striving for academic excellence. Her unwavering determination and resilience are evident in her continued commitment to her studies despite obstacles along the way.

THE FRANCES C. CUTUJIAN AWARD IN PSYCHOLOGY, established in 1949 in honor of the late Frances C. Cutujian, professor of psychology, is awarded to the student who, in the judgment of the psychology department faculty, has demonstrated the greatest degree of personal growth (intellectually, socially and/or emotionally) during the current academic year. The award recipient is Emily Reightler.

Emily is a strong student who plans to attend law school and become a family lawyer.

THE LINDA SCOTT OUTSTANDING MENTORSHIP AWARD IN PSYCHOLOGY, named in honor of Professor Linda Scott, who taught psychology at Hood from 1982 to 2011, is awarded to the student who, in the judgment of the psychology department faculty, has demonstrated the greatest service mentoring or tutoring his/her peers during the current academic year. This year's recipient is La'Nya Harvard.

La'Nya Harvard is from Baltimore, Maryland. After graduation, La'Nya plans to take a six-month break to travel and then work toward becoming a secondary educator.

THE ROBERT W. BOYLE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN STATISTICS BOOK AWARD IN PSYCHOLOGY, named in honor of the late Professor Robert Boyle, who taught psychology at Hood from 1980 to 2015, is awarded to the student who earned the highest grade in the required statistics course during the past two semesters. This year's recipient is Spencer Criscuoli.

In addition to being great at statistics, Spencer is interested in conducting research in psychology in the future. Spencer may also join the 4PLUS program in psychology and counseling.

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THE WANDA RUFFIN TREASURED WISDOM AWARD IN PSYCHOLOGY, named in honor of Professor Wanda Ruffin, who taught psychology at Hood from 1992 to 2017, is awarded to the student who, in the judgment of the faculty, has demonstrated commitment to underrepresented students on campus and/or in the community during the current academic year. The recipient is Tiffany Manning.

Tiffany is from Randallstown, Maryland. After graduation, Tiffany plans on going to graduate school for counseling and pursuing a career providing mental health services for athletes.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

THE WAYNE C. NEELY PRIZE, named for the late Wayne C. Neely, Andrew G. Truxal Professor of Economics and Sociology, is offered annually for achievement and promise in the field of sociology. Neely taught and served as department chair from 1933 to 1972; he died in 1994. Cade Cordery is this year's recipient.

Cade is a sociology major with an interest in social justice issues. He completed a yearlong internship helping formerly incarcerated adults reenter the workforce and a departmental honors paper addressing the impact of legislation on the mental health of LGBTQ+ youth. While at Hood, he held leadership positions such as a Mortar Board executive and has been a student-athlete. Cade plans to attend graduate school in public health with a specialization in LGBTQ+ health.

THE ALUMNI AWARD FOR SOCIAL WORK EXCELLENCE, established in 2015 by Linda Hecklinger Procter '81, P'08, and Lauren Procter '08, is given annually to the senior social work major who demonstrates excellence in the social work program. JaNyah Washington is this year's recipient.

Integral to social work education are nine competencies deeply intertwined with principles of anti-racism, diversity, equity and inclusion. As a practicum student at Springboard Community Services in Baltimore, JaNyah has consistently showcased these competencies through her strong communication skills and dedication to anti-oppressive practices. With an unwavering focus on client-centered advocacy, JaNyah has further demonstrated her professional commitment through roles as a caregiver, registered behavior technician and recovery coach. Additionally, her academic excellence in the major has earned her membership in Phi Alpha, the social work honor society. After graduation, newlywed JaNyah intends to relocate to Houston, Texas, where she plans to pursue a Master of Social Work.

HONORS PROGRAM

THE TISCHER HONORS PRIZE was established in 2022 by Christine Plankenhorn Tischer '65, P'86, an emerita member of the Hood College Board of Trustees and former member of the Hood College Board of Associates. The prize is awarded annually to a senior honors student who, in the judgement of the honors program director(s), has shown exceptional accomplishment in their honors classes. Faith Mae Kiser is this year's recipient.

Embarking on her academic journey at Hood College, Faith's vision extended beyond mere pursuit of knowledge; she aimed to catalyze community growth through service engagements. With a focus on cutting-edge business analytics and data science, she sought to blend robust scholarship with social upliftment. As president of various honor societies like the Ionic Society and Mortar Board, Faith spearheaded multifaceted student leadership initiatives, from fundraising drives for food banks to organizing the acclaimed Safe Harvest event. Guided by a commitment to elevating communities, she bridged the campus and town through tangible achievements, honing her abilities to drive future change.

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One pivotal moment in Faith's academic career was her appointment of a Summer Research Institute grant, leading to research exploration in Paris at the National Library of France on French opera logistics. Immersed in the culture and history, Faith deepened her appreciation of the arts' logistical complexity and cultural influence. Additionally, through endeavors in the arts, athletics and community engagement, she cultivated a holistic approach to leadership, integrating academic knowledge with practical community impacts. As Faith transitions into the professional world, internships have allowed her to further integrate academic knowledge with tangible community impacts, refining her technical capacities, while influencing grantmaking for nonprofits as a trustee of the Ausherman Family Foundation. In all, Faith's college experience affirmed her belief that scholarship finds its true fulfillment in uplifting communities, illuminating the path for others in communal progress. Faith exemplifies the principles of the Hood College community and is a standout representative of our amazing honors program.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

THE ARACHNIDWORKS INTEGRATED MARKETING COMMUNICATION AWARD was established in 2017 by Monica Hensley Kolbay '98, MBA'05, president and CEO of marketing and advertising agency ArachnidWorks. The award is given annually to a senior majoring in integrated marketing communication who demonstrates academic excellence. The integrated marketing communication program is jointly hosted by the Department of English and Communication Arts and The George B. Delaplaine Jr. School of Business. Isabella DePaul is this year's winner.

Izzy is a senior majoring in integrated marketing communication, with a minor in graphic design. Izzy is a self-motivated, dedicated student who cares greatly about her work. As a result, Izzy always produces some of the strongest papers and projects in the major. What sets Izzy apart in the classroom is her insightful and fearless engagement in class discussions. She is a member of the American Marketing Association's honor society, Alpha Mu Alpha. She is also known for contributing excellent photos to The Blue and Grey, Hood College's newspaper.

THE MARGARET LOUISE KLEIST PRIZE, established by Mrs. C. Walter Kleist and the late Mr. Kleist, is awarded to an outstanding member of the first-year class selected from nominations by students' advisers. This year's recipient is Rachel Miller.

Rachel is from York, Pennsylvania. She is 4.0 student who excels in French and plans to major in social work. She is a Chair of the Board Scholar and a Blazer Ambassador, and she is involved in SGA and a variety of other organizations. Rachel also is very engaged in honors program events.

THE CATHERINE FILENE SHOUSE CAREER CENTER AND OFFICE OF SERVICE LEARNING DISTINGUISHED INTERN AWARD, established in 2014, is presented to a student who successfully completes an internship either for academic credit or experience. This student receives exceptional evaluations from intern supervisors and shows outstanding career attitude and professionalism. This year's recipients are Elijah Olsson and Dakota Pitts.

Eli is a senior majoring in computer science, with a minor in mathematics. In the spring semester, he interned at Leidos in Frederick, Maryland. Internship supervisor, Patrick Clune shared these thoughts about Eli's commitment to his team: "Eli has made excellent progress learning our technical domain. He collaborates well with his team leads, takes direction and is consistently able to make progress on assignments independently. The team has already carved off some challenging assignments that I would classify as a deep dive for an intern. Additionally, he's met or exceeded expectations on all assignments to date. He's the full package for a first-time hire, and I'm delighted he's joining full-time in June."

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Dakota earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, with a concentration in human resource management, in January 2024. Before her graduation from Hood, she completed an internship with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in the Office of Small Business and Civil Rights. Internship supervisor Jeanne Dempsey said this about Dakota's dedication to her internship experience: "Dakota's performance, enthusiasm, positive attitude and active involvement in producing the video directly led to an improved product that has received commendation and accolades from agency deputy executive directors during a preview of the video assignment. In addition, Dakota participated in capability briefings with agency technical staff and company senior executives regarding multi-million-dollar contract opportunities and attended an outreach event hosted by the Small Business Administration that focused on expanding economic opportunities and access to capital for women-owned businesses. Dakota's performance during her tenure in the NRC's Office of Small Business and Civil Rights demonstrated readiness for the workforce, where she will undoubtedly thrive."

THE RONALD J. VOLPE SCHOLARS, established in 2014 by the Board of Trustees to honor Ronald J. Volpe, Hood's 10th president (2001 to 2015), is an endowed fund that supports a fellowship program with a focus on experiential learning, particularly through internship and research opportunities, both nationally and internationally. Isabella DiPietrantonio, Imaan Jaffer, Kingsly Mante Angua and Katelyn Svitak are the recipients of this award.

Isabella is a junior majoring in sustainability studies who will participate in the Costa Rica Summer Program through the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. During this immersive six-week program, she will experience the diverse ecosystem of Costa Rica and study both sustainability and environmental justice from a Latin American perspective. She will live with a host family in an agricultural community, where she will learn about the area's history, environmental concerns, economic and political issues, and cultural dynamics. She will learn directly from local professors, practitioners, non-governmental organization leaders and public service professionals.

Imaan is a junior double majoring in global studies and computer science, with a minor in mathematics. An international student from Tanzania, her area of focus is global security. Imaan is using her Volpe Scholar Award to participate in an internship through the Washington Internship Institute, where she is studying international politics and interning at the Vikāra Institute, a nonprofit organization dedicated to accelerating development in support of resilient and growing systems. Vikāra supports the positive development of international systems that impact markets, livelihoods, health, education, women, youth and the environment.

Kingsly is a junior majoring in public health, with a minor in global studies. Kingsly's Volpe Scholar Award will fund an internship experience at the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine under the Genomics Roundtable in Washington, D.C. The Genomics Roundtable has core themes of innovation, dialogue, equity and adoption. These experiences will uniquely support Kingsly's desire to understand the underlying reasons behind persistent global health-related issues, such as access to clean water, lack of prenatal care, malaria and inadequate funding for research, with a particular interest in problems affecting African nations.

Katelyn is a junior majoring in psychology who is furthering her undergraduate degree in the 4PLUS program, allowing her to also complete a master's in mental health counseling. Katelyn will use her Volpe Scholar Award to study abroad at Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam. Katelyn's goal is to research alternative mental health therapies for global communities, specifically in support of vulnerable and underserved populations. While in Amsterdam, she will be able to study with leading academics in these areas, visit lab facilities for those with intellectual and physical disabilities, and gain firsthand knowledge of psychology and therapeutic interventions through a cross-cultural lens.

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DIVISION OF COMMUNITY AND INCLUSIVITY

THE MARY ANN KERINS HUMANITARIAN AWARD, established in 2009, is presented to a student who best personifies the characteristics and contributions of Mary Ann Kerins, director and staff counselor of the Hood College Counseling Center until her death in December 2008. Kerins was known for her passion and commitment to helping students and others on their path to wellness. Her quiet and gentle leadership, coupled with her advocacy for human rights, equality and democracy for all individuals, has left a positive impact on the Hood College community. Compassion, empathy, fairness, honesty and respect for oneself and others are among the many positive qualities that she possessed. This award is presented to Travis Moulton.

Travis is a member of the Class of 2026 and a nursing student from Braddock Heights, Maryland. He is a member of the U.S. Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program and president of Rotaract. Travis was also a facilitator for new student conversations (Pillar Talks). He received multiple nominations for this award, with his nominators consistently referencing his kindness, sense of duty and deep commitment to service to others—qualities very much in common with Mary Ann Kerins.

THE DR. CHRISTINE MCHENRY CORDE, MENTE ET MANU AWARD, established in honor of Dr. Christine McHenry, Class of 1973, honors a student who embodies the spirit of Hood's motto, uniting "heart, mind and hand." The recipient of this award has demonstrated understanding of a local or global need, a heart for service and a willingness to volunteer in efforts that further the cause of justice and peace. This year's recipient is Allia Farzand.

Allia is a senior social work major with a passion for helping others and a spirit of deep compassion. Allia has contributed to the campus community as a resident assistant and through her work with CAB, Circle K, HEAT and SGA. Along with volunteering at several agencies in Frederick, she has been an Americorp volunteer with the Frederick Food Security Network, which grows, harvests and distributes fresh produce to people living in "food deserts" in the downtown area.

STUDENT LIFE

THE CLASS OF 1988 VOLUNTEER BEHIND THE SCENES AWARD, established by a gift from the Class of 1988, is presented to an active and worthy member of the junior or senior class. The award goes to Allia Farzand.

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THE MARY MARGARET ROSE AWARD is presented to a student who has shown himself or herself to be an exemplary ambassador of Hood. This award was established in honor of Margaret Rose, who served as the College's receptionist for many years. From her desk in Alumnae Hall lobby, Mrs. Rose, aka "Mrs. Hood," touched the lives of faculty, students, staff, alumnae, townspeople and a myriad of visitors to the campus with her gracious, caring manner. Four of her children are Hood alumni. Atef Shat is this year's recipient.

Atef is a graduating senior from Frederick, Maryland. He is earning his degree in chemistry. Atef has served as a friendly peer mentor and has helped many students find their home here at Hood College. Atef has been very involved on campus and has been a member of Least Squares Math Club, Pre-Health Club and Free Radicals Chemistry Club. He is also a member of the honors program.

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THE DR. H. P. AND P. LAUGHLIN AWARD, established in 1991 by Dr. Henry P. Laughlin, H'03, an emeritus member of the Hood College Board of Associates, and M. Page Laughlin, H'03, is presented to a student who has made outstanding contributions to the College. Preference is given to a senior, although members of other classes in exceptional circumstances may receive special consideration. This year's recipients are Axel Barahona Perez, Riley Fitz, Tiffany Manning, Karina Orellana Jacome, Michaela Redden, Alba Reyes Montiel, Noah Turner and Jake Wantz.

Axel is a graduating senior from Hyattsville, Maryland. Axel is in the honors program, majoring in global studies and Spanish. Axel has served the greater Frederick community as an intern with the United Way.

Riley is a graduating senior from Frenchtown, New Jersey. She is earning her degree in environmental science and policy, with minors in chemistry and political science. She currently serves as president of Student Government Association and secretary of the senior class. Riley is in the honors program and is a member of Mortar Board and Ionic Society. She has been involved with History Club, Hood College Student Musical Theatre and Hood Environmental Action Team.

Tiffany is a graduating senior from Randallstown, Maryland. She is majoring in psychology and is chair of the Diversity Coalition. She is also a member of the women's basketball team as well as a member of the Black Student Union.

Karina is a graduating senior from Takoma Park, Maryland. During her time at Hood, Karina has served as president of the Latinx Student Union and as a member of the Diversity Coalition. In addition, she has been a member of Black Student Union and Queer Student Union.

Michaela is a graduating senior from Stockton, Maryland. Michaela has served as a resident assistant for a year and a half and as a head resident assistant for three and a half years. Additionally, Michaela has worked as a Blazer Ambassador for the past four years. Michaela has been an active member of the Hoodlum Steppers, All About Me Modeling Club, Queer Student Union, Black Student Union, Student Education Association and the Diversity Coalition.

Alba is an exceptional junior with senior standing from Manassas, Virginia. She is majoring in business administration and serves in many leadership roles at Hood College. She currently serves as a peer mentor, vice president of the Campus Activities Board and has active roles in the Latinx Student Union and Rotaract. Alba is also a member of the honors program and a Chair of the Board Scholar. In addition to her campus leadership roles, Alba represents Hood College as a 2023-24 Transform Mid-Atlantic Fellow.

Noah is a graduating senior from Clinton, Maryland. He is majoring in political science and is the 2024 class president as well as the company commander of the U.S. Army Reserve Officers' Training Corp (ROTC) and secretary of the Veterans Student Organization. In addition, Noah has served as a resident assistant and is a member of Model United Nations.

Jake is a graduating senior from Taneytown, Maryland. He is earning his degree in computer science. Jake serves as an intern in Hood College admission office. He stars in the Hood social media series "Hood Hot Spots" and assisted with the implementation of the College's new virtual tour. Jake serves as a Blazer Ambassador and helps ensure events run smoothly and efficiently. He greets everyone with a smile and truly embodies what it means to make Hood feel like home. Jake is also involved with Least Squares Math Club.

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THE BERNARD GERRARD PRIZE FOR "MATURE" STUDENTS was established in 2013 by Bernard C. Gerrard '91, M.S.'00. The prize is awarded annually to a student who is beginning or returning to college having completed high school two or more decades prior to enrollment. This year's prize is awarded to Christina Taylor.

Christina is a junior from Fairplay, Maryland.

THE WHITE BLAZER AWARD, established by the athletics department, honors one male and one female student-athlete from the senior class in recognition of outstanding academic accomplishments, significant contributions to the community and excellence in intercollegiate athletics. This award is grounded in a rich Hood tradition, when a single member of each graduating class from 1921 to 1969 was honored as a White Blazer Girl for outstanding achievements in academics and athletics. Caroline Roberts and Tyler Schwarzman are the recipients of this year's award.

Caroline is a graduating member of the women's soccer team and a three-year captain. A native of Elkton, Maryland, she received Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth honors as Women's Player of the Week and All-Sportsmanship Team, and she was an All-Conference forward and defender. She started in 47 matches for the Blazers and scored two game-winning goals. Caroline is an accepted member of Hood's Women's Leadership Academy, Ionic Society and Psi Chi, the international honor society in psychology. She has earned the dean's list numerous times and is a recipient of the Honors College and Provost Scholarships, while also earning the Hodson Trust Academic Excellence Grant. Caroline is an active member of the Student-Athlete Athletic Committee and has participated in many service events, including Toys for Tots and the Free-Throw-A-Thon. Caroline was also awarded the Dana Cable Community Service Award in Psychology for her service in the Frederick and Cecil County communities.

Tyler is a graduating member of the baseball team and a two-year captain. Originally from Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, he will celebrate 100 career hits this season and has stolen more than 50 bases. The Middle Atlantic Conference has recognized Tyler with Player of the Week twice and as an All-Conference outfielder. Tyler was elected as vice president of the Psychology Club and served two years on the Student-Athlete Athletic Council. He was awarded the Dana Cable Community Service Award in Psychology last spring for his role of volunteering in the community. Tyler has been a volunteer at the Boys and Girls Club of Frederick County as a free play monitor, participating in daily activities with children, while also assisting students in their journey to learn with tutoring and homework help.

MORTAR BOARD

THE ROSE AWARD is presented to a non-teaching member of the Hood community who provides exceptional service. Hood's Mortar Board Society selects the recipient. This year's honor goes to the staff of the Hood College Print and Mail Services Department.

THE EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD is presented to a faculty member who excels in conveying knowledge, challenging students and inspiring them to greater heights. Hood's Mortar Board Society selects the recipient. This year, Robert Casas Roigé, Ph.D., associate professor of Spanish, has been selected for this honor.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

THE SGA STUDENT LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD, established in 2012 by the Student Government Association 2011-12 Executive Board, is presented to a student who exemplifies outstanding leadership and mentorship while having a positive impact on Hood students. The recipient is chosen by the SGA Executive Board from nominations submitted by students based on characteristics exemplified by Olivia White, former vice president for student life and dean of students. This year's recipients are Isabella DiPietrantonio and Atef Shat.

THE ADVISER OF THE YEAR AWARD is given to a faculty member who has provided exceptional support to her or his student advisees. Students submit nominations, and the Academic Affairs Committee of the Student Government Association chooses the recipient. This year, SGA has chosen Janis Judson, Ph.D., as the adviser of the year.



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