



# HONORS CONVOCATION

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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 **Julie Ellis**.

Julie is an art and archaeology major with a concentration in studio art, focused on printmaking. Julie has a passion for understanding both the formal and conceptual sides to the artwork she admires and creates. She often takes on projects from the perspective of a storyteller. Julie's studio practice exhibits a high level of intricacy and care, and she is a thoughtful, substantial writer and researcher in art and art history.

**THE MARY ELLEN RANDOLPH PRIZE**, named in memory of Associate Professor Emerita Mary Ellen Randolph, is awarded to an art major that demonstrates equal proficiency in and enthusiasm for art history and the studio arts. Professor 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. **Elizabeth Jenkins** is this year's prize-winner.

Elizabeth is an Honors student majoring in art and archaeology with a concentration in art education. Elizabeth has experience with a diverse variety of mediums, although she is especially partial to jewelry, block-printing with linoleum, and watercolor. Elizabeth takes pride in her craftsmanship and art, but equally in her ability to help others create art. Elizabeth strongly believes that art can be an amazing tool when teaching kids about the world and themselves. Her career aim is to be an elementary school art teacher or a local art program director.

**THE ANNA LOUISE REMSEN PRIZE IN ART** is awarded to that 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 Anna's sister, Mrs. Edwin Richardson; her stepmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Remsen; and her friend, Ms. Hildegard Liebich. The prize-winner is **Ashley Starace**.

Ashley is a major in art and archaeology with a concentration in studio art and a minor in classical studies. Ashley is a ceramic artist working in stoneware clay; her artwork blends the structure of historic Greek and Roman ceramic forms, with color, pattern and style inspired by her Filipino and Italian heritage.

**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 recipient is **Maggie George**.

Maggie is an art and archaeology major with a concentration in art education. She is a member of Mortar Board, Hood College Circle K International and the Hood College Dance Ensemble. She believes that art education is an integral part of the education system, as art classes provide students with a creative outlet where they can create, explore and express themselves, and to make choices and make mistakes during the creative process, something that students are often not encouraged to do in other academic areas.

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

Nicole is a double major in art and archaeology with a concentration in studio art, and in English with a concentration in creative writing. Nicole has won several awards and scholarships for her writing and visual art, including two gold key awards from the Scholastic Art Competition for self-portraits in ink and

oil paint. In 2015, Nicole had a portrait and poem published alongside international artists and poets in Unbound Morpheum. Nicole builds narrative oil paintings about the feeling of nostalgia using depictions of memories and visualizations of her writing.

**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. Elaine 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. **Caleb Anthony** is the recipient of this prize.

Caleb is an art and archaeology major with a concentration in studio art, and he is completing a minor in business administration. Caleb is inquisitive and hardworking, consistently contributing a unique perspective to critical discussions, and each exercise and project push beyond requirements. In addition to course work, Caleb took on the role of president to the Hood College Clay Club in pursuit of personal excellence combined with an investment in community.

## DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

**THE BETA BETA BETA AWARD** is presented to a high-ranking student in Biology 100-200 level courses upon the recommendation of the biology department. **Tashera Dean, Riley Fitz, Alyssa Loe and Rachel Sell** share the award.

Tashera has maintained the top grade throughout the semester. She uses good problem-solving skills and is able to define the final academic goal and outcome in her biology course. She gets along exceptionally well with her peers, and is always willing to help other students who need additional assistance.

Riley has shown herself to be an engaged, curious, and motivated student. In her first year at Hood, she has proved to be well-organized and academically capable. We anticipate that Riley's work at Hood and her future career in environmental science and policy will be very productive.

As an online student, Alyssa has been actively engaged and committed to learning. She has performed at a high level in lecture and lab and is a role model for other students.

Rachel did an excellent job of understanding new concepts in lecture, as well as, investigating questions in the lab, including strong skills with problem solving and the analysis of data.

**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 **Haleigh Seek**.

Haleigh has been a consistent and engaging student in all her courses. She is a model student who excelled academically and has shown a great desire to learn. Her work ethic will take her far in her pursuit of post-secondary education in health care.

**THE SIDNEY SILVERMAN AWARD**, named in honor of the late Associate Professor Emeritus Sidney Silverman, is awarded to an outstanding student majoring in biology. Professor 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 **Cailyn Barthlow**.



Cailyn's exceptional drive and work ethic continue to contribute to her excellent academic record. When she's not excelling in coursework or preparing for the MCAT, she's racking up hits on the softball field.

**THE BIOLOGY FACULTY AWARD** was created in 2001 to honor a student or students demonstrating great promise in biology. The biology department faculty provides this book prize. The prize is awarded to **Madyson Ashcraft** and **Skylar Mackay**.

It is clear from her coursework and conscientious nature that Madyson is an ambitious student who sets high goals for herself. We look forward to seeing her confidence as a scientist grow through future courses and research opportunities.

Skylar has a perfect record in his Hood science coursework to date, no doubt largely due to his thoughtful, inquisitive nature. His enjoyment of learning and eagerness to take on new challenges is evident through his attitude in the classroom and in the lab.

**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. **Blair Kreh** is this year's recipient.

Blair is a dedicated scholar with great potential for research. He is pursuing cutting-edge research at the National Cancer Institute investigating drug therapies to treat lung cancer while he is completing his coursework toward a dual B.A. in biology and M.S. in biomedical science.

**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 **Sara Stump**.

Sara has been an outstanding student in biology. Her work shows a great desire to learn and to excel in class and in the laboratory. Her interest in cell and molecular biology has led her to pursue further research experiences in that subdiscipline.

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

Bailee has maintained her status as a top performer in all her courses through her hard work and self-discipline behind a positive attitude and unassuming manner. She continues to make great strides toward her goal of becoming a physician assistant.

## 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. Mr. Campbell was associated with Hood from 1968 until his death in 1981. **Natalie Kolosieke** is this year's prize recipient.

Natalie is a senior economics major with a minor in math. She is a Chair of the Board Scholar, four-semester

economics TA, and the workshop coordinator for Hood's literary magazine, Wisteria. Prior to the pandemic she served as a blazer ambassador, Phone-a-thon caller, math and economics tutor, and member of the Hood College Choir and Chamber Choir. After graduation, Natalie intends to teach math and economics at the high school level.

**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 **Sean Steighner**.

Sean is a senior business administration major with a concentration in accounting. After putting his degree at Frostburg State University on hold to help his family, he was able to complete his dream of a degree at Hood, while serving as a programmer analyst in a full-time capacity. Sean has served on the Staff Council Board, received the Laughlin Administrative Achievement Award, and consistently made Dean's List. Following graduation, Sean will continue to work in higher education technology with the goal of using his education to further bridge technology with business needs.

**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. **Madeline Subasic** is this year's recipient.

Madeline is a senior business administration major, with concentrations in human resources and marketing. She started her college career at Frederick Community College, where she became a member of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society and earned her associate degree in business administration. She studied abroad in Costa Rica, earning a Global Scholar Certificate. Madeline currently serves as the president of Commuter Council and the director of communications for Mortar Board. She has completed an internship in human resources for both the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) and the Arc of Washington County. Madeline developed a passion for human resources through her internship experience. She recently accepted a position as the HR coordinator at A2LA, prior to graduation this May.

**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 **Maria Kelly**.

Maria is a senior business administration major, with a concentration in marketing and a minor in French. During her time at Hood she has been a resident assistant, a member of the field hockey team, and member of Enactus. She studied abroad in London and is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta and Mortar Board. Following graduation, she hopes to work for an economically conscious company that is working to help make the world a cleaner and better place.

**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 **Jenna Frick**.

Jenna is a senior business administration and mathematics double major with concentrations in marketing and social entrepreneurship. At Hood, she is the captain of the women's golf team, a member of the Association for Women in Mathematics, and a member of the Least Squares Math Club. She has served as an orientation assistant for two years as well the president and chief engagement officer of Enactus. She is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, Ionic Society, Mortar Board, Chi Alpha Sigma and Pi Mu Epsilon. In addition to her student organizations and studies, Jenna interns at CNA Insurance in the Workforce

Optimization Department. Following graduation, Jenna intends to pursue work related to data analytics or marketing.

### **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. **Réka Baán** is this year's recipient.

Réka is a senior majoring in business administration with a concentration in social entrepreneurship and marketing. She is also pursuing an advanced certificate in Spanish and Latin American studies. In her free time, she likes to travel, take pictures, read and volunteer. She is originally from Budapest, Hungary. Studying in UWCDilijan in Armenia, she obtained the International Baccalaureate. Réka chose to study at Hood College to pursue a liberal arts degree. During her four years at Hood, she became the social media liaison and later the vice president of Hood Enactus. She got elected as the president of the International Students Club (now known as Global Citizens Club). In her junior year, Réka studied abroad with Semester at Sea and visited different countries in Asia and Africa. After COVID interrupted the program, she returned home and started to work as a marketing intern. Currently, she is applying for master's programs in Europe to continue her studies.

**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 **Skylar Wright**.

Skylar is a senior accounting major. During her time at Hood she has been a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, Sisters Aspiring to Success and is currently a member of the Hood College women's tennis team. Also, she is currently interning at the accounting firm Faragalla & Associates. Following graduation, she plans to work as an accountant full time while continuing her education and working towards achieving her CPA.

## 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 **Joel Tate**.

Joel, from New Market, Maryland, is graduating after just three years at Hood with a major in biochemistry and a minor in business administration. He has earned a 3.85 GPA, has been on the Dean's List every semester and is a member of the Honors Program. Joel has worked as a pharmacy tech for several years and will be attending the University of Maryland Dental School in the fall.

**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 **Christian Wagner**.

Christian is a chemistry and computer science double major with a minor in mathematics from Monrovia, Maryland. In summer 2019, Christian conducted research under the tutelage of Dr. Liu on a project titled Using Generative Adversarial Networks to Help Predict Chronic Respiratory Diseases. Currently, Christian is working with Dr. Ashish Chakradhar on a project titled Reactivity of Zinc Oxide Clusters Supported on

Mesoporous Silica Sieve (SBA-15) towards Thiophene Hydrodesulfurization in the chemistry and physics department. Christian completed two associate degrees from Frederick Community College, one in business administration and one in psychology.

**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. **Samantha Kellers** is this year's recipient.

Samantha, from Charlestown, Rhode Island, is a senior biochemistry major. Samantha conducted research with Dr. Stromberg during the summer of 2020. This project involved assessing online education within the Department of Chemistry and Physics during the COVID-19 pandemic. This work also forms the basis of her Departmental Honors thesis. Samantha presented this work as a poster at the 2021 American Chemical Society National Meeting this April. Samantha is a member of the Hood College Gamma Sigma Epsilon Chemistry Honor Society.

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

Riley is a first-year student from Frenchtown, New Jersey. She plans to major in environmental science and policy and would like to become an environmental attorney or policy maker down the road. She runs cross-country for Hood and has also competed as an Irish step dancer.

**THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS FACULTY AWARD** is presented to an outstanding senior major. The department faculty provides this book prize annually. This year's award goes to **Jordan Reed-Estes**.

Jordan, from Reisterstown Maryland, is a senior environmental science and policy major with a Chemistry concentration. In the fall of 2020, she started an internship at the Office of Conservation and Water, OES, U.S. Department of State. In December of 2020, she published an article about the relationship between climate change and the U.S. stance on global water policies. Jordan also completed work as lab assistant at the Center for Coastal Watershed Studies and is a member of the Hood College Gamma Sigma Epsilon Chemistry Honor Society.

**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 coming to Hood, Professor Kleinspehn had research experience on the Manhattan Project in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, at the Johns Hopkins University and at the U.S. Army Ballistics Research Laboratories in Aberdeen, Maryland. **Skylar Mackay** and **Sara Stump** are this year's winners.

Skylar is a graduate of the United States Military Academy (West Point) and served as an Intelligence Officer before leaving the Army. Skylar is currently taking his medical school prerequisite science courses at Hood. He is conducting research with Dr. Daehwan Kim focusing on the acid pretreatment of hemp waste materials for enzymatic sugar production.

Sara is a sophomore from Bel Air, Maryland, majoring in biology and minoring in studio art. She is a member of the Honors Program and is currently volunteering at the Frederick Health COVID-19 vaccine clinic.

**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 **Brandi Davidson**.

Brandi is a junior biochemistry major from Northampton, Pennsylvania. She is a member of the women's softball team and loves science, particularly genetics and embryology, and Marvel comics. She is a work study student and tutor in the Department of Chemistry and Physics. She plans to attend graduate school and hopes to become a genetic counselor. Brandi will be completing a research internship at Geisinger Clinic this summer.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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

Christian is a computer science and chemistry major with a minor in mathematics. After graduation, he is going to graduate school in both computer science and chemistry. Christian is interested in a career as a computational scientist, believing that a solid understanding of computer science as well as a lab science will make him a unique candidate for any lab position. Christian has many hobbies including golfing, working on cars and running.

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

Jonathan is a senior computer science major with a minor in mathematics.

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

Jack is a computer science major from Maryland, minoring in mathematics, and will be graduating in the class of 2022. After being fascinated by video games from an early age, he took coding and technology courses throughout high school. His dream is to become a software developer and make the games that inspired him.

**THE COMPUTER SCIENCE CHAIR'S PRIZE** is awarded to a student in the introductory course sequence that shows great potential as a student in computer science. The prize is awarded to **Jaken Whipp**.

Jaken is a sophomore from Frederick, Maryland. He enjoys computer science because of the problem-solving aspects and using the computer to facilitate solving problems. In his free time, he is usually hanging out with friends, listening to music or watching anime.

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**THE MAUREEN KELLY HESS PRIZE** is awarded annually to a student who is graduating with a bachelor's degree in special education or a master's degree with a concentration in special education. The education department faculty selects 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 **Katherine Bradley**.

Kat is an elementary/special education major. Kat entered the elementary/special education program with a passion for working with students with disabilities. Her enthusiasm and dedication to the field of special

education is evident in all of her education courses. Kat's performance in her special education internship was so impressive that the principal of the school offered her a long-term substitute position in special education for the remainder of this school year. Additionally, Kat has signed an open contract with Frederick County Public Schools beginning fall of 2021. Kat will undoubtedly be an amazing special education teacher who will make a positive impact on the education of students with disabilities.

**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. **Ally Fachler** and **Erin Lafferty** are this year's recipient.

Ally is an early childhood education major with a strong passion for teaching young children. She has excelled in her college courses as well as in her internship placements, both in the lab school on campus as well as in Frederick County Public Schools. Ally completed a Departmental Honors research paper examining differentiated instruction in elementary school classrooms. While completing her year-long internship, Ally was nominated as a Maryland Teacher of Promise. Ally's professional goal is to be a primary-grade teacher in a local school system in Maryland. She will be an excellent early childhood educator who effectively uses evidence-based practices to differentiate instruction to meet children's diverse learning and social-emotional needs.

Erin is an early childhood education major dedicated to promoting positive outcomes for all children. Erin serves in leadership roles in both the Student Education Association and in Hood's Buddy Club. Erin takes full advantage of opportunities to develop her professional knowledge. She completed a Departmental Honors research paper studying why early reading matters and how to improve outcomes for young children most at-risk for reading difficulties in school. She recently presented her work at the Maryland Collegiate Honors Council conference. Erin was nominated as a Maryland Teacher of Promise. Erin's goal is to teach in a local Maryland school system and eventually attend graduate school to become a reading specialist.

**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. The prize is awarded to **Guinevere Hodge**.

Guinevere, a mathematics major with a concentration in secondary education, exemplifies the personal and academic characteristics of the Hypatia Mathematics/Science Education Prize. Guinevere excels in her study of mathematics and in the pedagogy needed to convey complex mathematical ideas to middle and high school students. Her maturity, persistence, receptiveness to constructive feedback, and knowledge of mathematics content distinguish her from her peers. These personal attributes assure Guinevere will have a long, successful and highly effective career as a mathematics 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 recipient is **Grace Weaver**.

Grace, a history major with a concentration in secondary education, has demonstrated excellence in many areas during her time at Hood College. She has maintained an outstanding academic record while balancing leadership roles in the Student Education Association, playing on the women's soccer team, and completing

an internship through the Disney College Program. This award honors her hard work and her exceptional talent for teaching. She is a promising new teacher who will positively contribute to the field of education. She will begin her career as a social studies teacher in Montgomery County Public Schools.

**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. Johanna 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 the internship at the Georgetown Hill at Hood College Lab School. **Kelsey Chandler Bird** is the recipient of this prize.

Kelsey is an early childhood education major who shows great promise as a future teacher. Kelsey excels in her education courses and consistently makes strong, meaningful connections between theory and practice in her internship placements, both at the lab school and in Frederick County Public Schools. She collaborates effectively with her peers and mentor teachers to promote positive learning for young children. Kelsey takes initiative to develop her teaching skills and is a reflective practitioner who is deeply committed to supporting the growth and development of all children, while also promoting curiosity and a love of nature. Kelsey is passionate about early childhood education and will undoubtedly become an exceptional teacher one day.

## 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 **Maddie Garvis**.

Maddie is from Taneytown, Maryland, and is a senior honors student majoring in communication arts.

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

Genesis is from Silver Spring, Maryland, and is a senior communication arts major.

**THE MARGARET CONDRON STERNER SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded to a student 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 winner is **Elena Rowe**.

Elena is from Takoma Park, Maryland, and is a senior sociology major with a minor in public relations.

**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, professor of journalism at Hood, who retired in 2015 after 30 years as a faculty member. This year, the prize is awarded to **Delaney Crawford** and **Maddie Garvis**.

Madison Garvis, from Taneytown, Maryland, is a senior honors student majoring in communication arts.

Delaney is from Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey and is a junior communication arts major.

**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. Mrs. Weinberg established this scholarship because she believed firmly 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. Mrs. 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. Mrs. Weinberg is the author of the book *The Spirits of Frederick*. Her son, Al Weinberg, Class of 1975, was a professor of journalism at Hood. The prize is awarded to **Emily Savona**.

Emily is from Jackson, New Jersey, and is a senior Honors student majoring in integrated marketing communication with a minor in graphic design.

**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 Dr. Janice E. Cole, professor of English at Hood for 31 years from 1965 to 1996. First place winner is **Lily Thomas**, second place is **Charlie Algazi**, and third is **Sanya Grace Kunicki**.

Lily is a sophomore at Hood College living in Downtown Frederick. Lily is a psychology major and would like to pursue a master's degree in therapy upon graduation. She is a student in the Honor's Program, and has been working with Dr. Diane Graves as a student lab researcher for some of her psychology projects. In her spare time, she loves writing poetry and lyrics, singing, and collecting/arranging games, plushies and pins. In the future, she hopes to bring joy to the people around her by creating meaningful art and by being a positive presence for her clients as a practicing therapist.

Charlie is a sophomore and English major residing with his parents in Frederick County. He can often be found baking bread, singing, embroidering his clothes with horticultural motifs, and reading poems at strange hours of the night. His dreams for the future include a large bowl of cheesy pasta, and perhaps a nice long walk. As for more long-term plans, Charlie hopes to one day work as a professional baker and/or food author.

Sanya Grace is from Conshohocken, Pennsylvania. She is a double major in history and English, who also plans to earn her certification in intermediate Spanish before graduation in spring 2022. Currently, Sanya Grace works as a Hood College writing tutor in addition to her position at Ride the Sail Marketing as a part-time content creator. When she thinks about what her career will look like down the line, she knows there is no set path. Rather, she hopes that whatever the future holds, she'll have the opportunity to work with a passionate team and write every day. Apart from school and work, Sanya Grace likes to spend time in nature, play board games with her family, and de-stress with creative hobbies like embroidery. She is also a proud member of Wisteria Literary Magazine's executive board as the social media manager.

**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 **Abigail Richardson**.

Abigail is from Fairfax, Virginia. She has a major in English with a literature concentration, and a minor in history. Her plans for the future are to be determined, but she's eager to see what opportunities may arise. She is so, so grateful for all the amazing professors she's had the pleasure of working with through her years at Hood, and for the connections she's made with them.

**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 **Sanya Grace Kunicki** and **Talia Wade**.

Sanya Grace is from Conshohocken, Pennsylvania. She is a double major in History and English and also plans to earn her certification in Intermediate Spanish Language and Culture before graduation in spring of 2022. When she thinks about what her career will look like down the line, she knows there is no set path. Rather, she hopes that whatever the future holds, she'll have the opportunity to work with a passionate team and write every day.

Talia is an English major minoring in African American studies and political science. Raised in Fort Washington, Maryland, Talia has always been a hardworking student aspiring to work in a career path in which she would be able to make change. Throughout her life, she has played golf and continues to play on the golf team at Hood. She has a passion for helping others and is planning on going to law school after college.

**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, Professor 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 **Abigail Bloom** and **Emily Jessee**.

Abigail grew up in the mountains of Western Maryland in Cumberland, Maryland, and came to Hood to pursue a higher education. She has been studying to earn a degree in English with a concentration in literature. She plans on applying to graduate schools after a few gap years in order to obtain a master's and Ph.D. in English, specializing in the early modern period so that she can continue research and become an English professor one day.

Emily resides in Frederick, Maryland, attending Hood College as an English major with a focus in creative writing, and a minor in studies of women and gender. Her main creative medium is poetry, but she aspires to further her work in short stories and screenwriting. Often opting to pair her poems with her photography, Emily's work has been described as nostalgic, political, confrontational and thought-provoking. After graduating this spring, Emily plans on pursuing a career as a full-time writer or editor.

**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. **Allison Coposky** is this year's recipient.

Allison is a secondary English education major from Frederick. She is very passionate about writing, photography and anything involving the English language. Her current plans for the future involve working for Frederick County Public Schools where she will teach either middle or high school English. She also plans to return to Hood for her master's degree in educational leadership sometime after graduation, as she hopes to become a principal one day.

**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. **Robert Stamper** was chosen for this award.

Robert grew up in Laurel, Montana, a small town in the shadows of the Beartooth range of the Rocky Mountains. After high school, he joined the United States Marine Corps where he deployed twice in defense



of the United States. Robert joined Hood College in fall 2020 with an A.A.T. degree in secondary education. This spring, he will graduate with a major in English and a certification in secondary education. After his wedding this May, Robert will join his future wife, Lauren in Cincinnati, Ohio. Robert recently accepted a job with Ruah Woods Press as a curriculum consultant.

## 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 **Julia Aldred**.

Julia is an Honors student majoring in art history and global studies and minoring in German. She is planning to study abroad in Berlin next fall.

**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. **Natalie Kolosiecke** is this year's award winner.

Natalie is a senior economics major with a concentration in political economy from North Carolina.

**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. **ReidAnn Sever** is this year's recipient.

ReidAnn is a brilliant French and biology major; she studied in Paris in spring 2020, but her time was cut short due to COVID-19.

**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 1961 Hood alumna and long-time Francophile, funded this prize to support the study of French language and culture at Hood. **Remy Anderson, Matou Diakhoumpa, Julia Hamilton, Bryn Hollingshead, Faith Kiser, Hannah Levi, Alyssa Loe, Isabel Malizia, Elijah Matlock, Chloe McQuillen** and **Rianna Thomas** share this year's prize.

Remy is a first-year student from Dickerson, Maryland.

Matou is a student in the Honors Program and plans to study abroad in the fall.

Julia is a first-year student from Sykesville, Maryland.

Bryn is a communication arts major with a minor in French. She plans to study abroad in the fall.

Faith is a first-year student in the Honors Program from North Carolina.

Hannah is an art and archaeology major with a concentration in art history and a member of the Honors Program.

Alyssa is a first-year student and member of the Honors Program from Arnold, Maryland.

Isabel is a political science major and member of the Honors Program. She plans to study abroad in the fall.

Elijah is a first-year student in the Honors Program from Poolesville, Maryland.

Chloe is a business administration major with a concentration in marketing.

Rianna is a first-year student from Annapolis, Maryland.

**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. Professor 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 **Greighson Rowe**.

Greighson is an Honors student majoring in psychology and Spanish. She is a brilliant student and an active member of the Hood Community, being the president of Psi Chi International Honor Society in psychology. She was selected to participate in a study abroad experience at the University of Seville, Spain, that has been postponed due to COVID-19.

**THE CHARLOTTE A. MORAN PRIZE** is awarded to a student of the French language who shows outstanding achievement in intermediate French and who 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 **AJ Butwinick, Katie Galletti, Maddie Gerow** and **Luke Jones** share this award.

AJ is an enthusiastic and motivated French student who jumped from French 101 to French 202. She is planning on majoring in French.

Katie is a dynamic student in the Honors Program who is passionate about learning French.

Maddie has many interests. She plays lacrosse and is a dynamic addition to the French classroom.

Luke is an excellent French student with a wide variety of interests.

**THE JACK AND JANET SPAULDING NUNN '61 AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING INTERMEDIATE ARABIC STUDENT** was established in 2009 and supported by Janet Spaulding Nunn '61. The award is presented to a student who has excelled in intermediate Arabic. This year's recipient is **Sheila Setiawan**.

Sheila is studying biology and plans to be a dentist. She plans on traveling after graduation and visiting the world.

**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 to French culture. She died in 1989; Col. Pastore died in 1997. The award is presented to **Santana Velasquez**.

Santana is a French major and has shown great dedication and talent for both the language and the studies of Francophone cultures.

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

Martha is an Honors student majoring in history and minoring in German. She participated in the Berlin trip of 2019 where she gave a talk on the Religions of Berlin.

## 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 Dr. Leonard Latkovski, professor of history. The award is presented to a junior or senior for outstanding achievement in history. This year's award goes to **Ben DeLeo**.

Ben is a senior history and Honors student with minors in Spanish and business administration. He has been a member of the Hood College men's tennis team and involved in residence life as a resident assistant, and as a head R.A. this past year. Ben's work this year included an invited Departmental Honors paper on the divisions within the Catholic Church during the Spanish Civil War, which he presented this spring as a Tischer Scholar. The department recognizes Ben's excellence in historical studies across multiple periods and regions.

**THE HILDEGARDE PILGRIM '31 BOOK PRIZE** was established in 2010 by Emilie Amt, Hildegard Pilgram Professor of History, in honor of Hildegard Pilgram '31, who endowed the Hildegard Pilgram Chair in History. The prize is awarded to a student(s) who has shown excellence in medieval history or medieval studies. Ms. Pilgram served on the Hood College Board of Trustees for 14 years; she died in 1995. This prize is awarded to **Darby Hollinger**.

Darby is completing coursework for double majors in English and history, and a certificate in French. Darby was on study abroad in Japan when the pandemic swept the globe; she completed her studies there and for those courses and her coursework at Hood, she wins the prize for medieval studies for this graduating class. Darby is planning a career in library and archives and plans to attend graduate school in library and information science after graduation.

**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 **Caroline Jeranek**.

Caroline is a history major with a concentration in public history, earning minors in civic engagement studies and Spanish. Caroline's research on a colonial historic structure in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, is the topic for her invited Departmental Honors paper this year, which she presented this spring as a Tischer Scholar. The department recognizes Caroline for her excellence in public history studies at Hood and her internships here and in Pennsylvania.

**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 **Caylee Winpigler**.

A Chair of the Board Scholar, Caylee is an Honors student and a double major in history and global studies. During her time at Hood, she has served as president of the History Club, editor of Wisteria, and a Blazer

Ambassador. She is a member of several honor societies, including Phi Alpha Theta, Sigma Iota Rho and Mortar Board, and is both a volunteer for the Literary Council of Frederick County and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Ausherman Family Foundation.

**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. **Grace Weaver** is the recipient of this award.

Grace is a senior history major earning a certificate in secondary education. During her time at Hood, she has interned at Walt Disney World and been a member of the women's soccer team. She has demonstrated excellence in preparation for teaching at the secondary level; professors in the history and education departments recognize her for her sustained excellence in preparatory studies for teaching.

## DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

**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 Professor Allen with being her mentor and encouraging her to pursue a career in this field at a time when few women studied astronomy. **Guinevere Hodge** is this year's recipient.

Guinevere is a senior, majoring in mathematics with secondary education certification. In summer 2019, she completed a summer research project in mathematical modeling and presented her work with her team at a mathematics conference. She is a member of the Pi Mu Epsilon national mathematics honor society and is a member of Hood's chapter of the Association for Women in Mathematics. After graduation, Guinevere plans to teach mathematics at the secondary level.

**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. Miss 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 **Jaken Whipp**.

Jaken is a sophomore computer science major from Frederick, who is also planning to undertake a minor in mathematics. According to his Calculus II professor, he has demonstrated tremendous diligence and perseverance in his study of Calculus and has been a valued team player in his Calculus II classroom this semester.

**THE JULIA HOLZAPFEL CARHART '30 PRIZE 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, the award is shared by **Marietta Cordero** and **Rosie Regmi**.

Marietta is a junior from Brunswick, Maryland, majoring in mathematics with a minor in actuarial science. She is interning with the Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance through the Maryland Public Service Scholars Program. After graduation, Marietta plans to go to graduate school for architecture.

Rosie is a junior from Nepal, double majoring in mathematics and economics. She is currently completing an internship with the United Nations through The George B. Delaplaine Jr. School of Business. She is a

member of the Pi Mu Epsilon national mathematics honor society and is a member of Hood's chapter of the Association for Women in Mathematics.

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

Kevin is a senior mathematics major completing a minor in computer science. He is a member of the Pi Mu Epsilon national mathematics honor society. Kevin plans to attend graduate school in computer science.

**THE PI MU EPSILON BOOK PRIZE** is given to a member of the Pi Mu Epsilon national honorary mathematics society. It is funded by a Chapter Grant from national Pi Mu Epsilon. The prize is shared by **Mikayla Ingram** and **Juliet Traini**.

Mikayla is a senior mathematics major also completing minors in business administration and computer science. She is a member of the Pi Mu Epsilon national mathematics honor society. Mikayla participated in a Summer Research Institute project in mathematics and has presented her results at a mathematics conference.

Juliet is a senior mathematics major also completing minors in computer science and studio art. She is a member of the Pi Mu Epsilon national mathematics honor society. Juliet participated in a Summer Research Institute project in mathematics and has presented her results at a mathematics conference.

**THE ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN MATHEMATICS BOOK PRIZE** is given to a member of Hood's chapter of the Association for Women in Mathematics for enthusiastic participation in and outstanding support of AWM. This award is shared by **Anna Eyler**, **Jenna Frick** and **Hanna Olyniec**.

Anna is a senior mathematics major completing a minor in chemistry. During her senior year, Anna has been working at an internship with the U.S. Department of the Navy. In summer 2019, Anna participated in an NSA/NSF Research Experience of Undergraduates and presented her team's results at a national mathematics conference. She is a member of the Pi Mu Epsilon national mathematics honor society and has served as president both of the Least Squares mathematics club and of Hood's chapter of the Association for Women in Mathematics.

Jenna is a senior business administration and mathematics double major with concentrations in marketing and social entrepreneurship. At Hood, she is the captain of the women's golf team, a member of the Association for Women in Mathematics, and a member of the Least Squares Math Club. She has served as an orientation assistant for two years as well the president and chief engagement officer of Enactus. She is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, Ionic Society, Mortar Board, Chi Alpha Sigma and Pi Mu Epsilon. In addition to her student organizations and studies, Jenna interns at CNA Insurance in the Workforce Optimization Department. Following graduation, Jenna intends to pursue work related to data analytics or marketing.

Hanna is a senior mathematics major completing a minor in business administration. She is a member of the Pi Mu Epsilon national mathematics honor society and has been active in Hood's chapter of the Association for Women in Mathematics.

## DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

**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. The prize is awarded to **Madeline Godlove**.



Maddie is a sophomore from Sabillasville, Maryland. She is a double major in music (performance concentration) and business administration (marketing concentration).

**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. **Abigail Bloom** is the recipient of this award.

Abbey has been a member of both the Hood Choir and Chamber Singers for the past four years. She is currently serving as the Hood Choir president, and as such, has helped to keep up the positive morale and motivation for both groups, even during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### 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 recipients are **Aaron Delph** and **Laura Vetter**.

Aaron is graduating with a BSN in May 2021. In addition to being a stand-out in academics and clinicals, Aaron has demonstrated leadership skills during his time at Hood College. He has taken many of his student colleagues under his wing. He has helped multiple students achieve levels of success that they would not have achieved on their own. When there was conflict, he demonstrated a level of maturity and professionalism that inspired many of his colleagues to rise to the challenge in a productive way. Aaron has consistently demonstrated enthusiasm and an eagerness to grow in his nursing practice. Aaron is assertive and inquisitive. He consistently communicates in a straightforward and professional manner with peers, faculty and patients. He is able to tailor his language to meet the needs of the listener. Aaron is always present with a calm and positive attitude that serves to motivate his student colleagues. He has demonstrated excellent teamwork skills in class, simulation and in the clinical setting. In the simulation setting, he has consistently set a valuable example to peers through the provision of insightful questions and comments. He has demonstrated his commitment to the advancement of nursing in many ways during his time here at Hood College. Aaron is a competent and caring nursing student who is pursuing a career in the area of neonatal nursing, and will undoubtedly excel in the profession of nursing.

Laura has demonstrated exceptional leadership as a student nurse, student athlete, U.S. Army ROTC cadet and community volunteer. Laura is extremely disciplined and seamlessly juggles the demands of each. She is highly motivated in all aspects of the nursing program, yet humble and honorable in her approach to her many responsibilities. She consistently demonstrates kindness and compassion in her encounters with fellow students and cadets. In fact, fellow nursing students and ROTC cadets have mentioned Laura as their "go to" person for advice and she is often seen on campus talking with and encouraging them. She has even found time to volunteer at the Frederick Community Action Agency during her time at Hood. As a U.S. Army ROTC cadet, she has served as a squad leader and company commander. Overall, Laura's leadership as a stellar student nurse, ROTC cadet, volunteer and student-athlete has helped to successfully demonstrate her strong service and leadership skills. She will be a great asset to the nursing profession and U.S. Army!

### DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

**THE LOGIC PRIZE** is awarded for outstanding performance in logic. This year's prize goes to **Leslie Matias**.

Leslie is a sophomore from New Jersey emphasizing the study of law in her law and criminal justice major.

**THE JAMES R. BOSTON PRIZE** is named in memory of James R. Boston, who was professor emeritus of religion, and taught at Hood from 1965 to 1999. The Department of Philosophy faculty select a first-year or

sophomore student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in a religion or philosophy class. This prize is awarded to **Anna LePlatt**.

Anna is a sophomore from Cumberland, Maryland who is majoring in psychology and minoring in studio art. She is being awarded the prize for her work in PHIL 203 Philosophical Issues in Feminism.

**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. **Emily Dettbarn** is this year's winner.

Emily was born and raised in Northern Virginia and is currently a third-year student at Hood College, studying to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Emily has a variety of passions including athletics, academics and volunteering. She is a member of the Hood College women's soccer team, a member of the Ionic Honors Society, and a volunteer at FHH administering COVID-19 vaccines to the community. Emily has a strong desire to help others and advocate for those in need. This summer she will work at Shady Grove Medical Center in Rockville, Maryland, as a nurse extern. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with friends, going to runs and coaching youth soccer.

## 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 **Juliet Traini**.

Juliet is a senior math major who has taken several PE courses in her time at Hood. She has also served as a TA for several PE courses. She has a true understanding of the importance of lifelong health and wellness.

## DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

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

Since transferring to Hood College her junior year, Kim has consistently pursued and achieved academic excellence in her coursework. She graduates with the highest GPA amongst political science majors. Kim's Departmental Honors project examines the effect of ideological cues on elite attitudes, a project inspired by her own service on the Washington County Democratic Central Committee.

**THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT AWARD** was established in 2018 by the Department of Political Science and is awarded to an outstanding student who has shown exceptional commitment to inspiring public engagement and raising the political awareness of the Hood College community. This prize is awarded to **Jacob Keith**.

Jacob has initiated and led civic engagement opportunities since his first year at Hood College. From planning and administering political club debates, to inviting speakers and hosting events, Jacob has provided

opportunities to keep our community engaged and informed about politics. As a leader in the Maryland Student Legislature, he has been recognized with numerous awards and currently serves as the governor of the organization. He plans to attend the law school at the University of Maryland next fall.

**THE AWARD IN NONPROFIT AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT STUDIES** is given to an outstanding student who has minored in nonprofit and civic engagement studies. This award acknowledges the outstanding contributions of students to the study of nonprofit organizations and their commitment to civic engagement and active citizenship. **Sarah Murphey** is this year's winner.

Sarah is a political science major and a nonprofit and civic engagement minor. Sarah has excelled in her studies and is deeply interested in the role that nonprofits play in addressing community problems. Her keen interest in the third sector compelled her to work with Target Community and Educational Services (a nonprofit that works with people with disabilities). While there, she wrote a successful grant and conducted research to expand their list of potential donors. Her Departmental Honors project examines the saliency of the coronavirus and its impact on charitable giving.

**THE LINDA WYATT '68 AND MARLEEN SPRIGGS '69 AWARD IN AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES** is given to an outstanding student who has minored in African American studies. This book award honors the lives and memory of the first two African American students to graduate from Hood College. **Jordan Bailey, Kiara Brown and Celestria Hill** are the recipients of this award.

Jordan is a senior psychology major and an African American studies minor. Jordan has shown exceptional interest in African American studies since she arrived at Hood College. Jordan has consistently achieved academic excellence in her courses and has earned the highest GPA of all African American studies minors.

Kiara "Kiki" is a senior political science major and an African American studies minor from York, Pennsylvania. During her years at Hood, Kiki has been dedicated to the study of African American life, history, culture and politics. She has also consistently been a student leader. During her two years as a resident assistant, she has helped to create a culture of respect and support for students living on campus. She has also been the president of Sisters Aspiring to Success (SAS) and a participant in the 2019 Alternative Spring Break service/learning trip to the Virgin Islands.

Celestria is a senior education major and an African American studies minor. While at Hood, Celestria excelled in her coursework and was a student leader. Celestria was a participant in the Community Ambassador Program and worked for more than a year to create a club that would allow Hood students to continue to mentor young people at the Housing Authority. She was also very active in the Black Student Union. Celestria has shown dedication and a deep commitment to African American studies and has been an important advocate for the African American Studies Program.

## 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 student must have been a student at Hood for at least four semesters and must have taken a minimum of 30 hours of psychology at Hood. This prize is awarded to **Nikita Johnson**.

Nikita is a senior in the Honors Program double-majoring in psychology and law and criminal justice. Nikita is also a member of ROTC. Following graduation, Nikita will be an active 2nd Lieutenant Ordinance Officer stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

**THE DANA CABLE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD IN PSYCHOLOGY**, named in honor of the late Professor Dana Cable who taught psychology at Hood from 1972 through 2010, is awarded to the student who, in the judgment of the psychology department faculty, has demonstrated significant community service and leadership during the current academic year. **Eikaiva Boyer** is the recipient of this award.

Eikaiva is a junior majoring in psychology as well as law and criminal justice. She enjoys volunteering throughout the community, including activities such as collecting supplies for menstruation, spending time with animals at the animal shelter, and volunteering at soup kitchens.

**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. **Mikaili Robertson** is this year's winner.

Mikaili is a senior in the Honors Program majoring in psychology with a minor in business administration. Mikaili plans to become a sports psychologist. Through his outstanding contributions on multiple and award-winning research projects, all of which needed readjustment due to COVID restrictions, his investment in his classes, his optimistic attitude in spite of major challenges as a student-athlete, his terrific teamwork, and the time he has spent mentoring high school students and research team members, the psychology and counseling department is honored to present Mikaili with this year's exceptional achievement award.

**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 **Mikaili Robertson**.

Mikaili is a senior in the Honors Program majoring in psychology with a minor in business administration. Mikaili is a research assistant with Dr. Graves and completed a summer research institute project. Mikaili conducted Departmental Honors research on the experiences of Division III athletes during COVID-19. Mikaili's won a best poster award at the Maryland Collegiate Honors Council. Mikaili also presented two posters at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference of Undergraduate Scholarship based on research tracking the experiences of underrepresented students participating in Hood's S-STEM program.

**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. **Mikaili Robertson** is the recipient of this award.

Mikaili is a senior in the Honors Program majoring in psychology with a minor in business administration. He is a member of the baseball team and he has always had a passion for sports and fitness. Mikaili experienced a season-ending injury his sophomore year, and then his junior year season abruptly ended due to COVID restrictions. He used his experiences as inspiration for an exciting research project exploring the impact of COVID-19 on student athletes. Mikaili is currently applying for graduate school in sports psychology while making the most of his final season playing baseball at Hood.

**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 **Rylie Benoit-Nobis**.

Rylie is a senior psychology major with a pre-professional practice social work minor. Rylie has overcome many obstacles in her path towards her Hood degree and has demonstrated tremendous personal growth along the way.

**THE LINDA SCOTT OUTSTANDING MENTORSHIP AWARD IN PSYCHOLOGY**, named in honor of 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. **Christopher Briggs** is this year's recipient.

Chris is a senior psychology major with a Spanish minor. Chris has spent the last academic year tutoring students in psychology and has always been willing to help a classmate understand difficult material. Chris is planning to apply to counseling graduate school programs.

**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 recipients are **Tashera Dean** and **Emily Loveless**.

Tashera is a sophomore in the Honors Program majoring in Spanish with a minor in African American studies.

Emily is a sophomore majoring in nursing.

**THE WANDA RUFFIN TREASURED WISDOM AWARD IN PSYCHOLOGY**, named in honor of 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. **Greighson Rowe** is the recipient of this award.

Greighson is a junior in the Honors Program, double majoring in psychology and Spanish. She has served as a research assistant with Dr. Moreland and Dr. Graves. Greighson plans to become a bilingual clinical psychologist. Greighson is a passionate advocate for underserved communities and is committed to making a difference for students in the Frederick area and beyond.

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

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

Paola has completed the requirements for the sociology major, the Honors Program, and the minor in criminology and juvenile justice. She has initiated and completed independent projects as part of her undergraduate studies and has been a leader among her peers. For example, she single-handedly completed a 20-page program evaluation for the Fredrick Community Action Agency. In addition to course work, Paola remained involved with her local Adventist church volunteering and participating in community service projects. Paola hopes to start her career within a local non-profit organization, preferably one that addresses the mental health needs of those it serves.

Elena has completed the requirements for the sociology major and the minor in public relations. Elena has demonstrated leadership qualities in many different capacities while at Hood. She has served as a staff writer, distribution manager, co-editor-in-chief and public relations manager for The Blue and Grey Newspaper and has worked for three years in Hood's marketing department. She has also contributed to several student organizations including the Circle K Service Club, The Black Student Union, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship (vice president and community service chair), and The Ionic Society (events coordinator). Elena has been accepted to and will serve as an educator in the District of Columbia public school system's City Year AmeriCorp program upon graduating.



**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. **Caitlin Gosline** is this year's recipient.

Caitlin is extraordinarily passionate about social work practice. While many other students take the minimum two electives in the major, Caitlin has taken seven! She has taken her classroom learning to the field as an intern at New Market Middle School's Pyramid program. Social workers must have excellent time management skills, which Caitlin models as she juggles the demands of coursework, fieldwork, softball and involvement in student organizations. She plans to return home to New York to pursue her master's in social work.

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AWARDS

**THE BROMER PEACE AWARD** was established in 2012 by Sara Peterson Anderson, Ray Anderson, and Flora Peterson Smith in memory of Dr. Edward S. Bromer, former chair of the Board of Trustees; Frances Bromer Peterson, Class of 1925; Edna Bromer Morehead, Class of 1911; Dorothy Bromer Reinhart, Class of 1929; and Anna M. Peterson, Class of 1927. The prize is awarded annually to a student(s) who, through coursework, individual initiative, or participation in a relevant student organization, does significant work developing and implementing tools for non-violent conflict resolution, reconciliation, and a solutions-based approach to peace maintenance either on the Hood campus or in a neighboring school or community group, or whose academic research on peace is presented in a public forum. This year's recipient is **Nia English**.

Nia is a global studies major and women and gender studies minor. She is a member of Mortar Board and Sigma Iota Rho, Davis Project for Peace grant recipient, Tischler Scholar and Spires Scholar. Born in Indonesia, Nia has contributed her time and talents to many non-profit organizations. In the U.S., she volunteers for Moms Demand Action, Rotary Gaithersburg and the Asian American Center of Frederick. In Indonesia, she works with FKWI, a community support center for elderly trans people. In addition, she works with SOPAN, a solidarity group for women and children in Sumba Island, providing preventive education on rape and sexual assault to eradicate the bride kidnapping culture. After graduation, she plans to expand upon the project in Sumba, by adding computer and English literacy education components. Finally, upon graduation in May 2021, Nia is interested in seeking employment at USAID and/or the U.S. Department of State and plans on pursuing a post-graduate degree.

**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 **Nia English** and **Caylee Winpigler**.

Nia is a global studies major and women and gender studies minor. She is a member of Mortar Board and Sigma Iota Rho, Davis Project for Peace grant recipient, Tischler Scholar and Spires Scholar. Born in Indonesia, Nia has contributed her time and talents to many non-profit organizations. In the U.S., she volunteers for Moms Demand Action, Rotary Gaithersburg and the Asian American Center of Frederick. In Indonesia, she works with FKWI, a community support center for elderly trans people. In addition, she works with SOPAN, a solidarity group for women and children in Sumba Island, providing preventive education on rape and sexual assault to eradicate the bride kidnapping culture. After graduation, she plans to expand upon the project in Sumba, by adding computer and English literacy education components. Finally, upon graduation in May 2021, Nia is interested in seeking employment at USAID and/or the U.S. Department of State and plans on pursuing a post-graduate degree.

Caylee is a Chair of the Board Scholar and an Honors Program student. She is a double major in history and global studies. Caylee has collaborated with Dr. Champion in the Summer Research Institute and will

continue research on WWI after graduation. In addition, she will assist Drs. Campion and Dodman with their National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Seminar on the first World War. Caylee has been active in co-curricular programming on campus such as serving as the editor of *Wisteria*, which is Hood College's student literary magazine. She is president of the History Club, served as a head delegate for Model United Nations, and now serves on the Board of Trustees for the Ausherman Family Foundation. Caylee plans on attending graduate school to further her academic studies in history and/or international relations.

**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 Communications Arts, and The George B. Delaplaine Jr. School of Business. **Emily Savona** is this year's winner.

Emily is a senior integrated marketing communications major, with a minor in graphic design. She is a four-year member of the Hood College women's soccer and lacrosse teams, the Hood College Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, the Hidden Opponent (Campus Captain), the Hood College Mortar Board, the Hood College Ionic Society and a volunteer with Girls on the Run of Mid-MD. Emily also completed an internship with Sky Blue FC, where among many accomplishments she helped develop their 2020 media guide.

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

Madelyn is a first-year student majoring in business administration, with concentrations in accounting and human resource management. She is in the Honors Program and maintains a 4.0 cumulative GPA. Her nominator wrote that she is a thoroughly dedicated and motivated student, is consistently present and engaged, and serves as a leader at Hood.

**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 the student shows outstanding career attitude and professionalism. This year's recipient is **Jordan Reed-Estes**.

Jordan is a senior completing her bachelor's degree in environmental science and policy with concentration in chemistry. In the 2020 fall semester, she served as an intern with Department of the State, Office of Water and Conservation (ECW). In that role, Jordan took on and excelled at multiple tasks assisting members of the water team on projects large and small. These included collaboration with the OES Water Team to design water security webinars tailored to specific regions of the world. This effort supported informational meetings with prospective partners within and outside the State Department and preparation of multiple concept notes tailored to Latin America and the Caribbean, Southeast Asia, West Africa, the Middle East and North Africa. Jordan also provided support for State Department leadership on international collaboration activities in support of the U.S. Government's Water Reuse Action Plan (WRAP). This effort included engaging with WRAP federal and private sector partners, submitting a proposal for the International Visitors Leadership Program, and researching water reuse strategies. She provided support for public diplomacy efforts by assisting with social media posts and live webinar logistics. In the words of her internship site supervisor, "Jordan consistently demonstrated high attention to detail and an exceptional eagerness to learn as evidenced by her taking initiative and bringing enthusiasm to her work. In all she does, she exhibits professionalism and is a clear communicator. We were very pleased to count Jordan as member of our team this fall, and we thank both Hood College and Ms. Reed-Estes for her contributions."

**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. **Gavin Turowski** is the recipient of this award.

Gavin is a junior double majoring in art with a concentration in archaeology and history who has a particular interest in ethno-historical and bio-archaeological research and methodologies. The Volpe Scholar award will afford him the opportunity to pursue these interests at the Military and African American Diaspora Archaeology Field School in Carbondale, Illinois. During his summer experience, Gavin will be under the supervision of leading field researchers working at three historic period sites. These include a French colonial fort, the American fort Kaskaskia II visited by the explorers Lewis and Clark in 1803, and a pre-Civil War African American community believed to have been involved in the Underground Railroad Movement helping runaway slaves on their path to freedom. Gavin's passion for archaeology emanates from a desire to be a vessel for the authentic voices of individuals and communities whose histories have been interpreted by predominately white Western European perspectives. This experience will further his future career in archaeology by giving him training with traditional and modern methods and equipment including ground penetrating radar, remote sensing, and drone technology.

### STUDENT LIFE AWARDS

**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 **Mikaili Robertson**.

Mikaili, a graduating senior from Ellicott City, Maryland, and member of the Honors Program, is majoring in psychology with a minor in business administration. He is a member of the men's baseball team, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and the Student-Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB). Additionally, he has volunteered with Frederick Rescue Mission Kickball, Breast Cancer Awareness 5K, Candy Cane Dash to benefit Girls on the Run, and Oktoberfest at Schifferstadt.

**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 Mrs. Margaret Rose, who served as the College 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. **Tori Green** is this year's recipient.

Tori, a graduating senior from Ellicott City, Maryland, majoring in elementary/special education with a minor in mathematics education, has served as an orientation coordinator and orientation assistant and as a member of Sisters Aspiring to Success (SAS), Hood College Musical Theater and Hood College Choir.

**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 **Brooks Anderson, Lanre Aribisala, Lily Bean, Anna Eyler, Caroline Jeranek, Elile Kebede, Jordan Reed-Estes** and **Caylee Winpigler**.

Brooks, a graduating senior from Huntington, West Virginia, majoring in political science, has served as vice president of College Democrats, treasurer of SPARC (Student-Led Peer Advocacy for Healthy Relationships and Consent) and a member of the men's swimming team and Hood College Musical Theater. Brooks represented the College as a member of the Maryland Student Legislature, including serving in the statewide leadership roles of Speaker of the Assembly and Attorney General.

Lanre, a graduating senior from Waldorf, Maryland, majoring in computer science with a minor in mathematics, has served as the Student Government Association traditions chair, head resident assistant, and a member of the men's lacrosse team, African Student Union and Black Student Union.

Lily, a graduating senior from Thurmont, Maryland, dual-majoring in business administration and law and criminal justice with a concentration in marketing, has served as president of the Student Government Association, president of Blazer Radio, treasurer of Mortar Board, head resident assistant and member of SPARC (Student-Led Peer Advocacy for Healthy Relationships and Consent).

Anna, a graduating senior from Woodsboro, Maryland, majoring in mathematics with a minor in chemistry, has served as president of Mortar Board and Least Squares Math Club, vice president of Ionic Society and House Forum, a blazer ambassador, and a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, Free Radicals and the women's swimming team.

Caroline, a graduating senior from Warrington, Pennsylvania, majoring in history with a concentration in public history and minors in non-profit/civic engagement studies and Spanish, has served as president of Circle K and a blazer ambassador, and a member of dance ensemble, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Alpha Lambda Delta, Ionic Society and History Club.

Elile, a graduating senior from Silver Spring, Maryland, majoring in business administration with a minor in Middle Eastern studies, a concentration in accounting and certification in advanced French has served as the vice president of the Black Student Union, the treasurer and a founding member of the African Student Union, an orientation assistant, and a member of the Dean's Advisory Council, Feminist Student Union and La Comunidad.

Jordan, a graduating senior from Reisterstown, Maryland, majoring in environmental science and policy with a concentration in environmental chemistry has served as president and secretary of HEAT (Hood Environmental Action Team), historian of Mortar Board, secretary of the Ionic Society, and a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, Buddy Club, Enactus, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and Queer Student Union.

Caylee, a Chair of the Board Scholar and graduating senior from Walkersville, Maryland, is a member of the Honors Program dual majoring in global studies and history with a focus on global governance and conflict. She has served as a Blazer Ambassador, president of History Club and Wisteria, vice president of Colleges Against Cancer and the Hood College Democrats, and a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, Archaeology Club, Ionic Society, Model UN, Mortar Board and SPARC (Student-Led Peer Advocacy for Healthy Relationships and Consent).

**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. Ms. 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 **Erin Lafferty**.

Erin, a graduating senior from New Market, Maryland, majoring in early childhood with a focus in special education, has served as vice president of Buddy Club and Colleges Against Cancer, treasurer of the Student Education Association, as a Blazer Ambassador and orientation assistant, and as a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, Ionic Society and Mortar Board. As a teacher, Erin hopes to shape and inspire young minds, helping children find their voices, while making sure they know they are valued, important and loved. Erin has a passion for community service and has volunteered with Warrior Canine Connection – an organization that trains service animals, Blessings in a Backpack, the Frederick Rescue Mission and United Way of Frederick

County. She volunteered with Alternative Break trips, helping to build homes in Key West, Florida, and locally in Frederick, where she learned about food security. Erin is a lifetime adult member of the Girl Scouts of America and has earned the organization's highest award – the Gold Award.

**THE DR. CHRISTINE MCHENRY CORDE, MENTE ET MANU AWARD** is established in honor of Dr. Christine McHenry, Class of 1973, and 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 recipients are **Mitchel Chalk** and **Elena Rowe**.

From Middletown, Maryland, Mitchel is a special education major who will work for the Frederick County Public School System upon graduation. He was President of Ionic Society for the Class of 2021 coordinating Hood's opioid awareness program, Frederick County Goes Purple and Red Cross blood drives that advocated for the lifting of restrictions to make drives more inclusive for all people who choose to donate. Mitchel has also been a student leader in Hood's mindfulness meditation program.

Elena is a sociology major and public relations minor from Takoma Park, Maryland. While at Hood, Elena has been a student leader with The Blue and Grey Newspaper, Circle K Service Club, Black Student Union, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and the Ionic Society. She has volunteered with Blessings in a Backpack and the Frederick Community Action Agency, as well as with the L.E.E.P to College Foundation, a nonprofit in Prince George's County dedicated to cutting high school drop-out rates.

**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 **Bahador Bemani**.

Bahador is a sophomore from Mount Airy, Maryland, completing his second semester of the nursing program. His instructors say he espouses many of the attributes they look for in future nurses - professionalism, diligence, curiosity, passion for learning and a willingness to help others.

**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. **Jenna Frick** and **Jake Howell** are the recipients of this year's award.

Jenna is a graduating senior from Clermont, Florida, with a double major in business administration and mathematics. She has served as a member of the Least Squares Math Club, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), Student Government Association (SGA), Maryland Legislative Club (MSL), Blazer Ambassador and the president of Enactus. Jenna has also acted as an orientation assistant on campus. She belongs to the Pi Mu Epsilon Math Honor Society, as well as Mortar Board, Ionic Society, Alpha Lambda Delta and Chi Alpha Sigma honor societies. Jenna has volunteered for several events throughout her four years at Hood, including the Enactus Breakfast with a Purpose Event, the Financial Advisory Fair, Hood College Scholars Day, Clean up the Creek Service Day and Cradles to Crayons. She also co-authored the article titled "Global Challenges in Sustainable Public Health," which was published in the Eubios Journal of Asian and International Bioethics. Jenna is also an exceptional athlete, holding school records in women's golf for career-best scoring average with 97.75 in 20 rounds as well as the season-best scoring average with 95.2



in nine rounds. She earned Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) All-American Scholar Honors in 2020 and was named to the MAC Sportsmanship Team. Jenna was also named to the MAC Academic Honor Roll three times.

Jake is a graduating senior from Severna Park, Maryland, with a major in computer science. He has served as the vice president of the Student-Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) as well as a member of Students Providing Understanding and Resources (SPURS) and the Student-Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB). He is also one of three student-athletes who represent Hood College in the Middle Atlantic Conference SAAC. Jake has also acted as an orientation assistant and peer mentor on campus. He received the 2017-18 Computer Science Chair's Fund Prize and was invited to join both the Upsilon Pi Epsilon Honor Society for the Computing and Information Disciplines as well as the Epsilon Chapter of Chi Alpha Sigma, the honor society for student-athletes. As a member of the Hood College Honors Program, Jake also spends his time volunteering at the Frederick Rescue Mission, preparing meals, stocking food and interacting with residents at the mission house. In addition to his volunteer work at the Rescue Mission, Jake also volunteers with the Special Olympics swim practices. Jake and his teammates from the Hood College baseball team volunteer frequently for different races around Frederick, raising funds for several causes around the city. Jake is also an outstanding athlete, holding school records for most single-season strikeouts per nine-inning game with 8.71 as well as most single-season appearances with 22. He ranks second in school history for most single-season games finished with 11, and is tied for second in most single-season saves (four), career saves (six) and career games finished (19). He has picked off five runners in his career, which is tied for third in school history. Jake was named to the MAC Academic Honor Roll two times and was named MAC Commonwealth Pitcher of the Week in April 2018.

### MORTAR BOARD AWARDS

**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, **Thomas Chatfield** and **Ronnie Taylor** were chosen for this award.

**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, **Dr. Ann Stewart** was chosen for this award.

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AWARDS

**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 recipient is **Caroline Jeranek**.

**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 **Dr. George Dimitoglou** as the adviser of the year.

