



**CELEBRATION OF  
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

**2025**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 4**

**4:00 p.m.**

The Clayton Center for the Arts  
Ronald & Lynda Nutt Theatre

# PROGRAM

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## PROCESSION\*

Dr. Gabie Kerr, Assistant Professor in Management  
Runner-Up, Outstanding Teacher Award for 2024

## INVOCATION\*

Rev. Jessica Lewis '07, Chaplain, Campus Ministry Director

## WELCOME

Dr. Bryan F. Coker, President

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

### ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS IN ACADEMIC FIELDS

Dr. Liz Perry-Sizemore

Vice President & Dean of the College

Core Curriculum	Dr. Bill Swann, Chair
Behavioral Sciences	Dr. Crystal Colter, Chair
Education	Dr. Cynthia Gardner, Chair
Fine Arts	Dr. Adrienne Schwarte, Chair
Health Sciences & Outdoor Studies	Dr. Traci Haydu, Chair
Humanities	Dr. Phillip Sherman, Chair
Languages & Literature	Dr. Will Phillips, Interim Chair
Mathematics & Computer Science	Dr. Jeff Bay, Chair
Natural Sciences	Dr. Jennifer Brigati, Chair
Social Sciences	Dr. Sharon May, Chair

## HONOR SOCIETY RECOGNITION

Dr. Liz Perry-Sizemore

*\*Please stand during procession, invocation & recession.*

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**ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS IN LEADERSHIP**

Dr. Ben Stubbs

Vice President & Dean of Students

Community & Belonging Aja Rodriguez '04, Director

Global+ Dr. Ariane Schratte

Community Engagement Chris Freeman, Director

Student Ambassador Awards Catherine Jahns, Assistant Director

Residence Life Daniel Roselli '14, Assistant Director

Student Organization of the Year Lexi Thomas '15, Coordinator

**RYAN NEWHOUSE AWARD**

Dr. Sarah Clinton, Associate Professor of Finance

**THE JACKSON OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT**

Dr. Ariane Schratte

**THE SHARON A. MURPHY CRANE AWARD**

Dr. Bryan F. Coker

**THE LEQUIRE AWARD**

Dr. Bryan F. Coker

**THE OUTSTANDING STUDENT LEADER AWARDS**

Dr. Bryan F. Coker

*[Visit the website to see a full descriptions of each reward.](#)*

# PROGRAM

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## CARL '63 & JEAN McDONALD OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD

Dr. Bryan F. Coker

### SENIOR FINALISTS & PRESENTERS

Kaylee Savell	Dr. Rachel Ponder
Hannah Phillips	Dr. Jennifer Brigati
Abby Diggs	Brittney Washington
Michael Bailey	Dr. Chad Schrock
Jewell West	Dr. Mark O'Gorman

### ABOUT CARL '63 & JEAN McDONALD

Alumnus **Carl McDonald '63** and wife Jean McDonald quietly funded the Outstanding Senior Award for 26 years before permanently endowing it, ensuring it would be presented annually to a deserving student.

"It was important to me and Jean to establish an endowment that would provide funding for the Outstanding Senior Award for the life of the College," Carl says. "Jean and I are both grateful and privileged to be involved with the Outstanding Senior Award that recognizes and rewards students for their achievements and success."

The McDonalds married in 1968 and had three children. A 1970 graduate of the Florida State University College of Law, Carl practiced with the Maryville-based Goddard & Gamble law firm for almost 50 years, making partner in 1983. His contributions to the profession, the community, and the College were recognized with an Alumni Citation in 2010. Jean spent her career as a public school teacher, including 31 years with the Maryville City School System. Sadly, she passed away in 2023.

### BENEDICTION

Rev. Jessica Lewis '07, Chaplain, Campus Ministry Director

### RECESSION\*

Dr. Gabie Kerr, Mace Bearer

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# CELEBRATION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

## 2025

### ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS IN ACADEMIC FIELDS

#### CORE CURRICULUM

Glenn Hewitt Award in Ethics	Meredith Howell
Liberal Arts Award	Anna McCormick, Gabrielle Noonan, Elizabeth Shwaiko

#### BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

American Sign Language Outstanding Senior Award	Emmett Roden
David H. Briggs Award	Elise Acuff
Counseling Psychology Award	Emily Large, Sharon Melton
Developmental Psychology Award	Sarah Jacobs
Irma Young Outstanding Senior Award in Interpreting	Elizabeth Shwaiko
Lori A. Schmied Neuroscience Award	Michael Bailey

#### EDUCATION

Outstanding Preservice Teacher - Elementary	Macey Harbin
Outstanding Preservice Teacher - Secondary	Ryley Huskey
Outstanding Preservice Teacher - P/K-12	Kade Beeler
Kyle and Roberta Myers Petree Endowed Award	Laura Diamond

#### FINE ARTS

Arrowmont School of Art and Crafts Scholarships	Katie Hale, Avery Shellist
Barracough Choir Award	Claire Pinkston, Colin Hood
Clark Family Prize	Abby Diggs, Brant Jones
Evelyn Seedorf Prize in Dramatic Arts	Colin Hood
Outstanding Senior Design Student Award	Jamarcus Dunn
Outstanding Senior Theatre Student Award	Olivia Cameron
Sarah Hardrath Kramer Art History Award	Tona Guerrero Juarez
The Bates Forensics/Drama Award	Aaliyah Bowman

## **HEALTH SCIENCES & OUTDOOR SCIENCES**

Health Sciences & Outdoor Studies      Gabrielle Noonan  
Outstanding Senior Award

Health Sciences & Outdoor Studies      Montina Jones  
Outstanding Junior Award

## **HUMANITIES**

Frank A. Kramer Student Award      Dante Roddy  
Otto P. Pflanze Prize for Excellence in History      Joseph Mathews  
T.T. Alexander Award      Grace Rubel  
Verton M. Queener Award in History      Stan Pennington, Sam Goins  
Bates Bible Award      Adrian Pierce

## **LAUNGUAGES & LITERATURE**

Alexander English Prize      Julia Jeffress  
Charlotta Cook Hensley Memorial Award      Marlee Giles  
Outstanding Achievement Award - French      Madison Crabtree  
Outstanding Achievement Award - Italian      Ella Morse  
Outstanding Achievement Award - Latin      Madeline Spraul  
Outstanding Achievement Award - German      Christian Goethert  
Outstanding Achievement Award - Japanese      Conner Beddingfield  
Outstanding Achievement Award - Spanish      Emma Hamby  
Impressions - Best Art or Photography      Ansley Sizemore  
Impressions - Best Poetry      Kayana Donegan  
Impressions - Best Prose      Karla Garcia-Martinez  
Outstanding Spanish Minor Award      Lily Petree  
Ruth Lloyd Kramer Student Award      Samantha Swann  
Edwin R. Hunter Award for Excellence in      Julia Jeffrees  
Research in English or American Lit

## **MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCES**

George A Knapp Mathematics Award      Kyla Pressnell, Chapel Shortt  
Jerry Pietenpol Computer Science Award      Matthew Hurst  
John Nichols Statistics Award      Meghan Kimbirl  
Russel N. & Frances Lane Edwards &      Chance Loveday  
Troy Bell Lane Waggoner Award  
West Chevrolet Academic Award      Eden Carnes, Alyssa Hummel  
William H Dent Calculus Award      Kylynd Reagan

## **NATURAL SCIENCES**

A. Randolph Shields Award	Kaitlin Koster
Distinguished Achievement in Chemistry Award	Reese Bailey
Elizabeth Hillman Chemistry Award	Lily Petree
Outstanding Performance in General Chemistry Award	Elaina Beckwith
Outstanding Performance in Organic Chemistry Award	Emma Patterson
Robert K. Godfrey Freshmen Biology Award	Zoe Lotters
Sophomore Biology Award	Mackenzie Pope
Susan Allen Green Award	Diya Patel

## **SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Agnes Thornton-Bird Endowed Memorial Award	Clara Webster
Hall Ethical Thinking Award 1st	Macey Harbin
Hall Ethical Thinking Award 2nd	Bridget Requejo
Hall Ethical Thinking Award 3rd	Sarah Bauknight
John W. Burgess Award	Avalon Beggs
Judson B. Murphy Endowed Business Award	Sydney Mahr, James White
Kyle and Roberta Myers Petree Endowed Award	Ashley Nolazco
The Ryan Newhouse Award	Lauren Huffstetler
Gina Benedict Outstanding Senior in Criminal Justice	Kaylee Savell
Outstanding Student in Environmental Studies	Eli Preswood, Jewell West
Outstanding Senior Award in Sociology	Avalon Beggs

## **ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS IN LEADERSHIP**

### **COMMUNITY & BELONGING**

Sojourner Truth Award	Vanessa LaGuerre
W.E.B DuBois Award	Montina Jones

### **GLOBAL+**

International Student Leader of the Year	Valerie Gako
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### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

2025 Newman Civic Fellowship	Abhilasha Ghosh
Student Volunteer of the Year	Kaleb Burke

## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS IN LEADERSHIP CONT.

### STUDENT AMBASSADOR

Ambassador of the Year Kaylee Savell  
The Closer Award Meghan Kimbirl

### RESIDENCE LIFE

Residence Life Distinguished Service Award Kaylee Savell  
Resident Assistant of the Year Katie Parnell

### STUDENT ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

Student Organization of the Year Black Student Alliance (BSA)  
Advisor of the Year Aja Rodriguez

### RYAN NEWHOUSE AWARD

Lauren Huffstetler

### THE JACKSON OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AWARD

Jared Schoeman

### THE SHARON A. MURPHY CRANE AWARD

Sasha Hoenie

### THE LEQUIRE AWARD

Grace McDonald

### THE OUTSTANDING STUDENT LEADER AWARD

Outstanding First-Year Leader Savannah Latham  
Outstanding Sophomore Leader Romina Reyes  
Outstanding Junior Leader Rukshona Ismova

### CARL '63 & JEAN McDONALD Outstanding Senior Finalist

Michael Bailey, Abby Diggs, Hannah Phillips, Kaylee Savell

### CARL '63 & JEAN McDONALD Outstanding Senior Winner

Jewell West