



CLASS OF 2026

SENIOR AWARDS LUNCHEON

Friday, May 15, 2026

Washington College
Chestertown, Maryland

PROGRAM

- Greetings **Bryan Matthews,**
Ed.D., '75 M'86 P'12
President
- Welcome..... **Zach Tipton '27**
Student Government
Association President
- Remarks..... **Sergio Cilla '26**
- Presentation of Awards..... **Kiho Kim, Ph.D.**
Provost and Dean of the College
- Aaron Lampman, Ph.D.**
Dean of Student Achievement
and Success, Professor of
Anthropology & Archaeology
and International Studies
- Toast to the Class of 2026..... **Provost Kim**
- Closing Remarks **President Matthews**



SENIOR HONORS AND PRIZES

Department of Anthropology

Anthropology Achievement Award

Given to the graduating major or majors who, in the opinion of the department, have demonstrated superior scholarship in the field of anthropology.

Anthropology Service Award

Given to the graduating major who demonstrates the greatest dedication to leadership, service, and public education in anthropology at Washington College.

Lambda Alpha Gamma of Maryland Chapter Senior Award

Awarded to the graduating senior in anthropology who, as a member of Lambda Alpha, demonstrates exceptional promise as a research scientist in anthropology.

Department of Art & Art History

Lynette Nielsen Juror's Choice Award

Awarded annually by an invited guest juror, the award is given to the artist presenting the most outstanding work of art in the Senior Capstone Exhibition.

Lynette Nielsen Professional Practice Award

Awarded annually by the department faculty to the studio art senior who demonstrates the most engaged, dedicated, and consistent creative practice over the course of the SCE year.

Art History Award

Presented annually to acknowledge excellence in the field of art history.

Department of Biology

Department of Biology Academic Achievement Award

Awarded to the graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and exceptional depth of understanding in the field of biology.

Department of Biology Research Award

Awarded to the graduating senior who has demonstrated excellence in academics and undergraduate biological research.

Department of Biology Special Recognition Award

Awarded to the graduating senior who has demonstrated academic strength in the field of biology and has shown exceptional engagement in the classroom, laboratory, and department.

Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Program - Interdisciplinary

Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Graduation Award

This award recognizes a graduating senior who has demonstrated exemplary knowledge and understanding in the field of biochemistry and molecular biology. The recipient has excelled in coursework and/or research, showcasing both intellectual curiosity and a mastery of the discipline.

Department of Business Management

Department of Business Management Award

Given to a graduating business major who has demonstrated outstanding qualities of scholarship, character, and leadership.

Department of Business Management Senior Capstone Experience Award

Awarded to a graduating business major with the most outstanding senior research project demonstrating high scholarship and analytical skills.

Rebecca Corbin Loree Business Leadership Award

Awarded to a Washington College senior who has demonstrated outstanding academic ability and leadership potential for business.

Department of Chemistry

Joseph H. McLain '37 Prize

Awarded to the graduating senior who, in the opinion of the Department of Chemistry, shows the greatest promise for making a future contribution to human understanding of chemistry.

Endowed in 1982 by members of the American Pyrotechnics Association.

James R. Miller '51 Award for Excellence in Chemistry

Given annually to an outstanding senior majoring in chemistry or a pre-medical student who has demonstrated special interest and high academic achievement in chemistry.

Department of Communication & Media Studies

Communication & Media Studies Senior Capstone Award

Given to the graduating senior majoring in Communication and Media Studies whose Capstone project best encompasses the program's commitment to original research that contributes to public discourse by embracing difference and fostering progressive social change.

Communication & Media Studies Outstanding Scholar Award

The award is given to the graduating senior majoring in Communication and Media Studies who has demonstrated high academic achievement; superior oral and written abilities; a commitment to diversity, inclusion, and interventional work; and leadership among their peers.

Department of Economics

Dr. Davy H. McCall Prize in Economics

Awarded to a graduating senior majoring in economics who has demonstrated special interest and high academic achievement and superior oral and written abilities in international economics.

Economics Department Award

Awarded to a graduating senior for outstanding academic performance and the potential for high achievement in the field of economics.

Department of Education

Community Educator Award

Awarded to a graduating senior in the Museum, Field, and Community Education minor who, in the judgment of the Education Department, best exemplifies a commitment to fostering deep and transformative learning in community contexts.

Education Department Award

Awarded to a graduating senior who, in the judgment of the department, has shown the promise of meaningful contributions to diversified pedagogy, cultural sensitivity, and global awareness within the fields of education and the liberal arts.

**Maryland Association of Teacher Educators
Award for Distinguished Teacher Candidates**

Given to the student teaching intern whose work in a Pre-K-12 environment most demonstrates a commitment to student learning and a practice of self-reflective, responsive teaching.

Minnie Knipp Award

Awarded to the student who shows the greatest ability and commitment to a career in teaching at the elementary, middle, high school, or college level. The student must also express desire to advance their education with a pursuit of a master's and/or doctorate degree.

Seán O' Connor Teaching Award

Awarded to a graduating senior who, in the judgment of the Education Department, has consistently displayed outstanding performance in teaching and authentic student engagement.

Department of English

Bennett Lamond Senior Capstone Award in English

Awarded annually to a student with a superior Senior Capstone in the Department of English.

Emil J. C. Hildenbrand Memorial Medal

*Awarded to the senior who attains the highest average in English during the four years of study.
Given by the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the Alumni Association.*

Maureen Jacoby Prize

Awarded to the graduating senior who has demonstrated dedication to student publications at Washington College and has strong potential for a future in the field of editing or publishing.

The Writers' Union Award

Given for outstanding service to the Writers' Union. A gift of Robert L. Chamberlin, Jr. '48 in memory of Mary Lou Chamberlin '49.

Department of Environmental Science & Studies

Department of Environmental Science & Studies Research Potential Award

This award is given annually to the student who demonstrates excellent leadership, organization, initiative, and skill in laboratory, field, and/or computer modeling research.

Environmental Science & Studies Award

This award is given annually to the student who has demonstrated through action or scholarship an abiding interest in promoting environmental awareness.

Middendorf Award for Academic Excellence in the Study of the Environment

This award is given annually to the students who have exhibited outstanding academic accomplishments in environmental science or studies.

Department of History

Arthur A. Knapp '39 Memorial Prize in History

Awarded to the graduating history major who, in the opinion of the department, has displayed unusual interest, enthusiasm, and ability in the field of history.

Department of Humanities

Norman James Humanities Award for Excellence

Given by the James Family to the senior majoring in humanities who has shown academic distinction and represents the ideals of humanistic society. When there is no graduating Humanities major, the program awards the funds to a senior whose Senior Capstone Experience (any field) demonstrates research within the humanities consistent with the standards established by this award.

International Studies Program—Interdisciplinary

International Studies Award

Given to the graduating major who, in the opinion of the International Studies Steering Committee, demonstrates an exceptional understanding and interest in the interdisciplinary field of international studies.

Tai Sung An Memorial Prize

Awarded to the graduating international student who, in the opinion of the faculty of the international studies interdisciplinary major, has exemplified in an exceptional manner the benefits of intercultural education on our campus.

Department of Mathematics & Computer Science

William Gover Duvall '30 Prize

Awarded to a graduating senior who, in the judgment of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, has demonstrated outstanding achievement and shows great promise in the field of mathematics.

Department of Music

Alpha Chi Omega Music Award

Given to a senior in recognition of excellence in music

**Department of Music Award for Professional Promise
in Research and Creative Achievement**

Presented to a graduating music major who demonstrates professional promise in the field of music. In addition to excelling in the classroom, recipients of this award will have independently pursued professional and creative co-curricular opportunities beyond the classroom.

Garry E. Clarke Performance Prize

Awarded annually to the graduating senior who has demonstrated excellence in musical performance or music composition. The recipient must have shown leadership in departmental ensembles and excelled in the performance of their senior recital or in applied music composition, as part of their Senior Capstone Experience.

Neuroscience Program

Neuroscience Excellence Award

Given to a graduating student in the Neuroscience major who has demonstrated academic or research excellence and has engaged actively in a liberal arts education.

Department of Physics

John S. Toll Prize in Physics

Awarded to a graduating senior showing exceptional promise in the field of physics.

Department of Political Science

Political Science Award

Given to a graduating major who, in the opinion of the department, demonstrates a superior theoretical and practical understanding of political life.

Pre-Health Professions Programs

Pre-Health Professions Program Pre-Allied Health Award

Awarded to the graduating senior who has demonstrated academic excellence, who is pursuing a degree in an allied health field, and who shows outstanding promise for success in this field.

Pre-Health Professions Program Pre-Medical Award

Awarded to the graduating senior who has demonstrated academic excellence, who is pursuing a degree in medicine, dentistry, optometry, or podiatry, and who shows outstanding promise for success in one of those fields.

Pre-Health Professions Program Pre-Nursing Award

Awarded to the graduating senior who has demonstrated academic excellence, who is pursuing a nursing degree, and who shows outstanding promise for success in the field of nursing.

Pre-Health Professions Program Pre-Pharmacy Award

Awarded to the graduating senior who has demonstrated academic excellence, who is pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy, and who shows outstanding promise for success in the field of pharmacy.

Pre-Health Professions Program Pre-Veterinary Award

Awarded to the graduating senior who has demonstrated academic excellence, who is pursuing a degree in veterinary medicine, and who shows outstanding promise for success in the field of veterinary medicine.

Department of Psychology

Psychology Department Award

Given to the senior psychology major who shows outstanding promise in the field of psychology.

Psychology Department Capstone Experience Award

Presented to the graduating senior majoring in psychology who, in the opinion of the department, should be recognized for successful completion and presentation of an exceptional capstone project.

Psychology Department Outstanding Achievement Award

Given to senior psychology majors in recognition of exceptionally high levels of performance in the field of psychology.

Virginia M. Conner '85 Psychology Award

Presented annually to the graduating senior or seniors majoring in psychology who, in the opinion of the department, have demonstrated superior scholarship and service to the department and to the College.

Department of Sociology

Margaret Horsley Award

Given to the graduating major or majors who, in the opinion of the faculty and students of the Department of Sociology, have shown in his or her work the clearest understanding of human social behavior.

Sociology Service Award

Awarded to the graduating senior who, in the opinion of the department and its students, has made, through service, the greatest contribution to the sociology program at Washington College.

Department of Theater & Dance

Outstanding Dance Minor Student Award

Awarded to a graduating dance minor for excellence in their education, including service activities, scholarship, and artistry.

Pearl Griffin Stewart '05 Theatre Award

Given annually to a senior who has made outstanding contributions to the College through dramatic and speaking ability. Endowed by Pearl Griffin Stewart, class of 1905.

Department of World Languages & Cultures

Erika and Henry Salloch Prize

Given by the Department of World Languages and Cultures in memory of Erika and Henry Salloch, to the student whose achievement and personal commitment have contributed to the understanding of other cultures.

German Studies Alumni Award

Given annually to the senior who, in the opinion of the faculty of the Department of World Languages and Cultures, has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and a depth of understanding in the field of German studies.

Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience

Holstein Program in Ethics Senior Prize

The Holstein Program in Ethics Senior Prize: Awarded to the graduating senior who puts ethics into action, applying their chosen field of study to build with others a better campus, community, and world.

Student Government Association

Jonathan A. Taylor, Jr. Leadership Award

Given to the member of the Washington College Student Government Association who diligently and effectively incorporates progressive thought when addressing the needs and demands of the modern collegiate environment.

Karen Kaitz Emerick Award

Awarded to one or more senior students, chosen by the Executive Committee of the Student Government Association, who have demonstrated strong character and good academic standing, and who have been leaders in community and volunteer service.

Penny J. Fall Award

Given annually by the Washington College Student Government Association to the female athlete who most successfully continues, through service to the College, the tradition and legacy set by Professor Fall. The recipient is chosen for her leadership on campus and her ability to conceive, organize, and execute academic and extracurricular activities that have benefited the entire Washington College community.

S.E.E.D. Award (Successfully Educating and Empowering for Diversity)

The recipient of this award must be a graduating senior who has made especially noteworthy contributions to Washington College that result in significant change in the campus climate and/or that enhance diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives.

HONORARY SOCIETIES

SENIOR MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

ALPHA KAPPA DELTA is an international honor society dedicated to the investigation of humanity for the purpose of service and the acknowledgement and promotion of excellence in scholarship in the study of sociology.

OLIVIA MING LONG

BROOKE SKYLAR THOMAS

ALPHA MU ALPHA is a national marketing honorary society, recognizing qualified undergraduate students for their outstanding scholastic achievement in the area of marketing.

MALERY PATRICIA ANDREWS
PEYTON ANN BALDWIN
AVERY REID FLUBACHER
REESE MICHAEL HIRSH
COREY LEE JACKSON

ASSOU S. KOWO
EMILY GRACE MARSON
GRANT S. SOPA
TYLER SHIPP TATE

BETA BETA BETA, RHO Iota Chapter, is a national honor society for students dedicated to improving the understanding and appreciation of biological study and extending the boundaries of human knowledge through scientific research.

LAUREN ELIZABETH ALBERT
MARYCATHERINE ANSON
JOCELYN ANN AQUILINO
CLAIRE ELIZABETH CAMMER
MICHAEL JOHN DANIELLO
SKYLAR ANN FAIRBEE
REBECCA ELIZABETH FOULK
MADELEINE GRACE GAYDON
ELLA ELIZABETH JENDREK
THOMAS MATTHEW LIZARRALDE

JUSTIN RICHARD LOOPER
GIANNA NICHOLE MAGGI
SAMANTHA ASHLEY MCMAHON
ABBY ELIZABETH MEREDITH
LORI CHRISTINA MISLAK
AKSHARA ORUGANTI
LAUREN ELIZABETH PAULES
DANIELLE ELIZABETH SIMMONS
JULIA ABIGAIL WEGLARZ

DELTA PHI ALPHA, the National German Honor Society, seeks to recognize excellence in the study of German and to provide an incentive for higher scholarship. The society aims to promote the study of the German language, literature and civilization and endeavors to emphasize those aspects of German life and culture which are of universal value and which contribute to man's eternal search for peace and truth.

KLARA ROSE COSS PECHER

GAMMA SIGMA EPSILON, Gamma Eta Chapter is the national honor society in chemistry at Washington College recognizing outstanding students demonstrating exceptional ability and interest in the field of chemistry.

MARYCATHERINE ANSON
JOCELYN ANN AQUILINO
CLAIRE ELIZABETH CAMMER
MICHAEL JOHN DANIELLO
REBECCA ELIZABETH FOULK
MADELEINE GRACE GAYDON

JUSTIN RICHARD LOOPER
ABBY ELIZABETH MEREDITH
AKSHARA ORUGANTI
LAUREN ELIZABETH PAULES
JULIA ABIGAIL WEGLARZ

KAPPA ALPHA OMICRON, Iota Chapter, is an interdisciplinary environmental honor society for students who excel in their academic studies as an environmental studies or science major. The students have interests ranging from economics to the natural sciences and share a common goal to better the environment through community service and education.

MARYCATHERINE ANSON
OWEN RAY BOONE
ZOE LURAE BROOKBANK
MAURA RUTHANN COLLINS
ANDREW HANSON ELLESTAD
THOMAS MATTHEW LIZARRALDE

LORI CHRISTINA MISLAK
RACHEL CHRISTINE MORGEN
DANIELLE ELIZABETH SIMMONS
MIA NICOLE SNYDER
MELCHIOR MAREA AMELIA TUERK

LAMBDA ALPHA is the National Collegiate Honor Society for Anthropology. It was founded for the purpose of encouraging and stimulating scholarship and research in anthropology by recognizing and honoring superior achievement in the discipline among students, faculty, and other persons engaged in the study of anthropology.

KYARAN SARAH BALIN-BROOKS
AMY B. CANNON
NYAMEKYE COLES CALLOWAY
ANDREW HANSON ELLESTAD

DANIEL WILLIAM McDOWELL
KLARA ROSE COSS PECHER
MACALLAN DOUGLAS LEHNERT SANBURY
MELCHIOR MAREA AMELIA TUERK

OMICRON DELTA EPSILON is an international honor society recognizing high achievement and strong personal interest in economics.

FAYE ANNE DORMAN
TYLER J. LITTLE
RYAN MATTHEW SHARPLEY

ISABELLA MARIA SORHEGUI
KENDAL DIAN THOMSON

OMICRON DELTA KAPPA is a national leadership honor society recognizing and encouraging the achievement of exemplary character and superior quality in scholarship and learning.

MALERY PATRICIA ANDREWS
ERIN GABRIELLE HELGERMAN

SAMANTHA ASHLEY McMAHON
SHERI-ANN JANISE SWAYNE

PHI ALPHA THETA is a national honor society for students in the upper third of their class who have demonstrated excellence in research and writing in the field of history.

MADÉLINE M. GILLIAM
SAMUEL WRIGHT HUTCHISON
NICHOLAS CHESTER LITTLETON

OLIVIA MING LONG
HAILEY ELISA SHARPE

PHI BETA KAPPA, Theta of Maryland, sheltered at Washington College, the oldest undergraduate honors organization in the United States, celebrates and advocates excellence in the liberal arts and sciences.

MARYCATHERINE ANSON
JOCELYN ANN AQUILINO
JAYA BASU
ZOE LURAE BROOKBANK
HANNAH MEI CHOI
MAURA RUTHANN COLLINS
MICHAEL JOHN DANIELLO
FAYE ANNE DORMAN
ELIZABETH CLAIRE FITZPATRICK
REBECCA ELIZABETH FOULK
ROSELYN NICOL GARCIA-MENDOZA

MELINDA MARY KERN
DAHLIA ANNE KUZEMKA
MORGAN MARIE LINK
CELIA LONG
EVELYN LEE LUCADO
STEVIE ESTELLE CECILIA LYLES
HAILEY ELISA SHARPE
ISABELLA MARIA SORHEGUI
KENDAL DIAN THOMSON
BRYCE SAMUEL WIDDOSS

PHI SIGMA TAU, Delta Chapter, is the national honorary mathematics society. The purpose of the organization is to promote scholarly activity in mathematics among students in academic institutions.

KYLA ANN PALOMA TRINIDAD

PI LAMBDA THETA is a national honor society recognizing high standards in the study of education.

KATELYN DAWN BOGGS
ANDREW HANSON ELLESTAD
MADÉLINE M. GILLIAM
ERIN GABRIELLE HELGERMAN
DAHLIA ANNE KUZEMKA

HEATHER NOEL LAMONT
EMMELINE GRACE MEEKS
BROOKE SKYLAR THOMAS
KYLA ANN PALOMA TRINIDAD
SYDNEY ALEXIS WALKER

PI MU EPSILON, *Maryland Iota Chapter*, is the national honorary mathematics society. The purpose of the organization is to promote scholarly activity in mathematics among students in academic institutions.

HAYLEY ELAINE COVINGTON
JENNA ELYSE HARPER
AKSHARA ORUGANTI

EMMA LORRAINE ROBINSON
MACALLAN DOUGLAS LEHNERT SANBURY

PI SIGMA ALPHA is a national honor society in political science recognizing students in the upper third of their class who have demonstrated productive scholarship and personal interest in government, international relations, or public administration.

HAILEY ELISA SHARPE
KYLA ANN PALOMA TRINIDAD

BRYCE SAMUEL WIDDOSS

PSI CHI is an international honor society in psychology, awarding distinction to students in the upper 35 percent of their class who have demonstrated productive scholarship in psychology.

BRIGID GRACE BALDWIN
KAELA MADISON CINCOTTA
MELINDA MARY KERN
BENJAMIN JAMES MCCUMBER

McKENNA DELANEY SMITH
SARA LOREAN SYPOLT
KENDAL DIAN THOMSON

SIGMA BETA DELTA is a national honor society in business, recognizing students in the top 20 percent of their class who aspire toward personal and professional improvement and a life distinguished by honorable service to humankind.

PEYTON ANN BALDWIN
TYLER JAMES DAVIDSON

KENDAL DIAN THOMSON

SIGMA TAU DELTA is an international honor society whose central purpose is to confer distinction upon outstanding students of the English language and literature.

JAYA BASU
ELIZABETH TRUTH BOGUE
JOVE DIFIORE GLEASON
QUINLEY HAMMON
SETH PATRICK HORAN
MELINDA MARY KERN
ELLA SOPHIA KOZLOWSKI

EVELYN LEE LUCADO
LOGAN ISABELLA MONTELEONE
SAVANNAH LYNN NIES
KARLIS IVAR POVISILS
ANDRAYA CHANTAI SUDLER
SHERI-ANN JANISE SWAYNE

SIGMA DELTA PI is a national honor society honor in Spanish recognizing students in the upper 35% of their class who have demonstrated superior academic achievement and commitment to the study of Spanish language, and Hispanic literature and culture.

JESSICA ANN BARR
SHANE LOUIS BRACE
JENNA ELYSE HARPER
KAYA SAMUEL HORVATH

REBEKAH NAOMI MCCREARY
ARIANNA MICHELE SMITH
ISABELLA 공주 KARALEE YIM

ATHLETIC AWARDS

Alfred Reddish Award

The senior male with the highest cumulative average who has won a varsity letter during the year.

MICHAEL JOHN DANIELLO

Doris T. Bell '50 Award

The senior female with the highest cumulative average who has won a varsity letter during the year.

MAURA RUTHANN COLLINS

Eldridge Eliason Award

The senior male student and female student who, with scholastic standing in the upper half of the class, has accomplished the most in the field of athletics.

ANDREW NICKLAUS KINSEY

MIA ROSE SALVATIERRA

Goose Nation Award

Given annually to the senior male student and the senior female student who, in the opinion of the department, by cooperation, loyalty, sportsmanship, spirit, and industry, contributed the most to the development of athletics at Washington College.

TY JAMES EVERITT

GRACELYN STAR GOFORTH

Senior Athletic Awards

Given annually to the male student and the female student who, in the opinion of the department, achieved the most in athletics at Washington College.

CHRISTOPHER MCDADE JOHNSON

KAITLYN DAWN BOGGS

Thomas Redder Spedden Medal

Presented to one or more senior student-athletes for academic standing and outstanding achievement in athletics.

CHASE ROSS RUPPEL

MARYCATHERINE ANSON