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# Washington College

243RD COMMENCEMENT



SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

10:00 A.M.

CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND

# WASHINGTON COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

PROCESSIONAL.....	Richard C. De Prospo, Ph.D. <i>Marshal, Professor of English and American Studies</i>
PRESIDING .....	Bryan Matthews, Ed.D., '75 M'86 P'12 <i>President of the College</i>
INVOCATION .....	The Reverend Caitlan Gartland <i>Associate Pastor, Presbyterian Church of Chestertown</i>
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM .....	Stevie Lyles '26
WELCOME .....	President Matthews
SENIOR CLASS SPEAKER .....	Mia Snyder '26
ALUMNI CITATION .....	Eddie Raleigh '08 <i>Chair, Washington College Alumni Board</i>  Phillip LeBel '64, Ph.D. <i>Emeritus professor of economics at Montclair State University</i>
GREETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD .....	Rick T. Wheeler '86 <i>Chair, Board of Visitors and Governors</i>
GRADUATION OF THE CLASS OF 2026	
The Mandamus .....	Chair Wheeler
Conferring of Degrees .....	President Matthews
Presentation of Candidates .....	Kiho Kim, Ph.D. <i>Provost and Dean of the College</i>
HI JUVENES, CANDIDATI ALUMNI SUNT .....	Marshal De Prospo
MANDAMUS FOR COLLEGE HONORS.....	Chair Wheeler

**CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE . . . . .**President Matthews

**RESPONSE & ADDRESS . . . . .**Governor Lawrence J. Hogan Jr.  
*Honorary Degree,*  
*State of Maryland, 2015-2023*

**THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION’S AWARD . . . . .**Provost Kim  
**FOR DISTINGUISHED TEACHING**

**THE CAROLYN EMORY GOLDING ’74 . . . . .**Chair Wheeler  
**JUNIOR FACULTY DISTINGUISHED  
TEACHER-SCHOLAR AWARD**

**THE STEPHEN T. GOLDING ’72 . . . . .**Chair Wheeler  
**FACULTY LEADERSHIP AWARD**

**SENIOR HONORS AND PRIZES . . . . .**Provost Kim

**Jane Huston Goodfellow Memorial Prize**

To a graduating senior, majoring in science, who has an abiding appreciation of the arts and humanities and has shown scholastic excellence.

**Gold Pentagon Awards**

To one alumnus, faculty or staff, selected by the Omicron Delta Kappa Society, in recognition of meritorious service to Washington College.

**Sophie Kerr Prize**

To the senior having the best ability and promise for future fulfillment in the field of literary endeavor.

**AWARDS CONFERRED BY THE ENTIRE FACULTY . .** Provost Kim

**Louis L. Goldstein ’35 Award**

To the graduating senior who, in the opinion of the faculty, has demonstrated unusual interest, enthusiasm, and potential in the field of public affairs.

**Eugene B. Casey Medal**

To a senior woman voted by the faculty to be outstanding in the qualities of scholarship, character, leadership, and campus citizenship.

**Henry W.C. Catlin 1894 Medal**

To a senior who has demonstrated significant growth and perseverance in and out of the classroom.

**Clark-Porter Medal**

To the student whose character and personal integrity, in the opinion of the faculty, have most clearly enhanced the quality of campus life. Presented by Charles B. Clark, class of 1934, in memory of Harry P. Porter, class of 1905.

**George Washington Medal and Award**

To the senior who shows the greatest promise of understanding and realizing in life and work the ideals of a liberal education.

**CLOSING REMARKS**.....President Matthews

**ALMA MATER** .....Stevie Lyles

**BENEDICTION** .....Rev. Gartland

**RECESSIONAL**.....Marshal De Prospo

*Reception to follow on Owings Library Terrace.  
A closed-captioned simulcast of this event is available  
in Decker Theatre, Gibson Center for the Arts and  
Norman James Theatre, William Smith Hall.*

# OLD WASHINGTON

*Charles L. Atwater, 1926*  
*Arr. Garry E. Clarke H'88, 1995*

By the gleaming blue Chester River  
On the Maryland Eastern Shore,  
Stands a glorious Alma Mater  
Whose name we will ever adore.  
'Tis a name that shone high in glory  
When our country her freedom won.  
And our College alone  
Was the first one to own  
To the fair name of Washington.

*(Chorus)*

So Washington, old Washington,  
Our Washington we do adore.  
We will fight for her honor,  
As her sons and daughters have before.  
So Washington, old Washington,  
Our Washington forevermore,  
She's our dear Alma Mater  
On the old Eastern Shore.

# HONORARY DEGREE

## Governor Lawrence J. Hogan Jr.

*State of Maryland, 2015-2023*



**Larry Hogan** is a dynamic leader with a successful record of leadership in the private sector and public service. As a two-term Governor of Maryland, he set a national example on bipartisan governance, economic reform, and crisis management.

In 2014, Hogan became only the second Republican governor elected in Maryland in 50 years. Once in office, Hogan accomplished what many believed was no longer possible: bipartisan, common-sense solutions and results. Hogan was overwhelmingly re-elected in 2018, making him only the second Republican to do so in the entire history of the state. In 2020, he was elected unanimously by his colleagues as the Chairman of the National Governors Association where

he launched a chair's initiative on infrastructure and led America's governors through the global pandemic.

Hogan finished his second term in 2023 and left office with the highest approval rating of any governor in America. His tenure as governor offers a case study in successful leadership in the areas of economic development, fiscal management, and crisis response.

# ALUMNI CITATION

**Phillip LeBel '64, Ph.D.**

*Emeritus professor of economics at Montclair State University*



**Dr. Phillip LeBel** is emeritus professor of economics at Montclair State University where he began as an associate professor of economics in 1981. He previously served as the dean of the business school and the chair of the department of economics and finance. He also founded the school's Center for Economic Research on Africa. Originally from the Eastern Shore, LeBel majored in economics at Washington College before earning both his master's and Ph.D. in economics from Boston University. He spent four years in Africa with the Peace Corps, as a teacher for the Ethiopian Ministry of Education, and did field research in Senegal under a grant from the National Science Foundation, where he also served as a consultant to UNESCO. He received two Senior Fulbright Fellowships, one for research and

teaching in the doctoral program (in French) at the University of Dakar in 1984, and another for research and teaching in the master's program in economics at Addis Ababa University.

Outside the academic community, much of LeBel's professional activity has been associated with work in Sub-Saharan Africa, building on his initial experience with the Peace Corps. Addressing issues such as globalization risk, energy, natural resources, education, and the economics of developing countries, he has provided professional consulting services to a variety of organizations including The World Bank, UNESCO, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the U.S. Agency for International Development, and the U.S. State Department.

LeBel has published on energy and natural resource economics, institutional risk assessment, and management of financial institutions in the U.S., Africa, and Asia. In 2021, he published *Risk and the State: How Economics and Neuroscience Shape Political Legitimacy to Address Geopolitical, Environmental, and Health Risks for Sustainable Governance.*

# CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE

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Department of Anthropology & Archaeology

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## Anthropology (B.A.)

**Amy B. Cannon**, *Lambda Alpha Gamma of MD Chapter Senior Award No. 2011*

**Daniel William McDowell**

**Klara Rose Coss Pecher**, *Summa cum laude, Double major in German Studies, Lambda Alpha Gamma of MD Chapter Senior Award No. 2011, German Studies Alumni Award, Outstanding Dance Minor*

**Macallan Douglas Lehnert Sansbury**, *Summa Cum laude, Double major in Philosophy*

**Melchior Marea Amelia Tuerk**, *Summa cum laude, Double major in Environmental Studies, Anthropology Achievement Award, S.E.E.D Award*

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Department of Art & Art History

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## Art & Art History (B.A.)

**Ziggy Love Angelos**

**Elizabeth Claire Fitzpatrick**, *Summa cum laude, Minnie Knipp Award*

**Roselyn Nicol Garcia-Mendoza**, *Summa cum laude, Lynette Nielsen Juror's Choice Award*

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Latin Honors

Latin Honors in this program are based on cumulative GPA as of Fall 2025. Diplomas and transcripts will list Latin Honors based on final GPA.

*Summa cum laude 3.875-4.000*  
*Magna cum laude 3.750-3.874*  
*Cum laude 3.625-3.74*

**Lindsay Raye Hamilton**,  
*Summa cum laude*

**Morgan Marie Link**, *Summa cum laude, Art History Award*

**Ava Edmunds MacKinnon**, *Magna cum laude*

**Rebekah Naomi McCreary**,  
*Double major in Hispanic Studies, Lynette Nielsen Juror's Choice Award*

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Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Program - Interdisciplinary

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## Biochemistry & Molecular Biology (B.S.)

**Claire Elizabeth Cammer**, *Summa cum laude, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Graduation Award*

**Skylar Ann Fairbee**

**Akshara Oruganti**, *Cum laude, Tai Sung An Memorial Prize*

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Department of Biology

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## Biology (B.S.)

**Lauren Elizabeth Albert**, *Cum laude*

**Jocelyn Anne Aquilino**, *Summa cum laude, Pre-Health Professions Program Pre-Veterinary Award, Dept. of Biology Award of Special Recognition*

**Cameron Matthew Carrigan**

**Matthew Charles Corda**

**Michael John Daniello**, *Summa cum laude, Pre-Health Professions Program Pre-Medical Award*

**Madeleine Grace Gaydon**, *Cum laude*

**Graham Francis Halfpenny**, *Summa cum laude, Dept. of Biology Research Award*

**Ella Elizabeth Jendrek**, *Magna cum laude, Double major in Art & Art History, Lynette Nielsen Professional Practice Award*

**Eva Anette Kading**

**Connor Samuel Kravitz-Yoffee**

**Justin Richard Looper**, *Summa cum laude, Dept. of Biology Research Award, Jonathan A. Taylor Jr. Leadership Award*

**MacKenzie Leigh MacDonald**

**Yarivel Mazariegos-Bartolon**

**Allison Cecyle McKechnie**

**Lori Christina Mislak**, *Double major in Environmental Science*

**Heather Lynn Moffatt**

**Kaitlyn Rose Murphy**

**Lauren Elizabeth Paules**, *Summa cum laude, Pre-Health Professions Program Pre-Veterinary Award*

**David Kohl Perkins**, *Cum laude*

**Danielle Elizabeth Simmons**, *Magna cum laude, Double major in Environmental Science, Dept. of Biology Academic Achievement Award*

**Christian Davidson von Schnell**

**Julia Abigail Weglarz**, *Summa cum laude, Pre-Health Professions Program Pre-Allied Health Award*

**Anna Belle Wilson**

**Isabella 공주 Karalee Yim**

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Department of Business  
Management

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### **Business Management (B.A.)**

**Malery Patricia Andrews**, *Summa cum laude, Dept. of Business Management Award*

**Shane Louis Brace**, *Cum laude*

**Elaine Margaret Campbell**, *Magna cum laude*

**Tyler James Davidson**, *Summa cum laude, Rebecca Corbin Loree Business Leadership Award*

**Dominic Frank Digrazio**

**Ty James Everitt**, *Cum laude*

**Avery Reid Flubacher**

**Landon William Friedman**, *Magna cum laude*

**Christopher William Glendenning**, *Double major in Environmental Studies*

**Adil A. Hall**

**Reese Michael Hirsh**

**Corey Lee Jackson**

**Braeden Johns Kasemeyer**

**Giselle Figueiredo Kleinbussink**

**Assou S. Kowo**

**Hunter C. Mansfield**, *Business Management Senior Capstone Experience Award*

**Emily Grace Marson**, *Magna cum laude*

**Grant Franklin Matthews** (*in absentia*)

**Mia Rose Mavoides**, *Magna cum laude*

**Ahmad Nasir Mays**

**Katim Njie**

**Hannah Lauren Pacholok** (*in absentia*)

**Alan Robert Platt** (*in absentia*)  
*Summa cum laude*

**Chase Ross Ruppel**, *Double major in Communication & Media Studies*

**John Jason Skidmore**

**Grant S. Sopa**

**Tyler Shipp Tate**

**Tyler Richard Titus**

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Department of Chemistry

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### **Chemistry (B.S.)**

**Rebecca Elizabeth Foulk**, *Summa cum laude, Double major in Biology, Pre-Health Professions Program Pre-Allied Health Award, James R. Miller '51 Prize for Excellence in Chemistry*

**Gianna Nichole Maggi**, *Magna cum laude, Double major in Biology, Joseph H. McLain Prize*

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Department of Communication  
& Media Studies

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### **Communication & Media Studies (B.A.)**

**John Colby Andrews**, *Alpha Chi Omega Music Award*

**Peyton Ann Baldwin**, *Summa cum laude, Double major in Business Management*

**Faye Anne Dorman**, *Summa cum laude, Double major in Economics, Dr. Davy H. McCall Prize in International Economics, Communication & Media Studies Outstanding Scholar Award*

**Thomas Dario Kesey**, *Summa cum laude, Communication & Media Studies Senior Capstone Award, Holstein Program in Ethics Senior Prize*

**Celia Long**, *Summa cum laude, Double major in Sociology, Margaret Horsley Award*

**Grace Anne Walton**, *Magna cum laude*

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Department of Economics

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### **Economics (B.A.)**

**Joseph James Bond**

**Madison Flynn Maguire**, *Double major in Business Management*

**Ronan Joseph Miller**

**Ygue Ndinayo**

**Elias Mihran Philiposian**, *Magna cum laude*

**Ryan Matthew Sharpley**, *Magna cum laude*

**Isabella Maria Sorhegui**, *Summa cum laude*, Economics Department Award

**Jack Andrew Smith**

**Kendal Dian Thomson**, *Summa cum laude*, Double major in Experimental Psychology, Economics Department Award

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## Department of Education

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### Human Development (B.A.)

**Davis Keel Bland**

**Kaitlyn Dawn Boggs**, *Magna cum laude*

**Jack Stevens Fried**, *Double major in Communication & Media Studies*

**Dahlia Anne Kuzemka**, *Summa cum laude*, Seán O'Connor Teaching Award

**Isabel Slifer Lopez**, *Cum laude*

**Gianna Nicole Romano**

**Victoria Renee Trice**

**Sydney Alexis Walker**, *Cum laude*, Education Department Award

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## Department of English

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### English (B.A.)

**Elizabeth Truth Bogue**

**Jove DiFiore Gleason**, *Cum laude*, Bennett Lamond Senior Capstone Award

**Quinley Hammon**, *Summa cum laude*

**Seth Patrick Horan**, *Double major in Communication & Media Studies*, Writers' Union Award

**Melinda Mary Kern**, *Summa cum laude*, Double major in Psychology, Psychology Department Outstanding Achievement Award

**Ella Sophia Kozlowski**, *Double major in Environmental Science*

**Evelyn Lee Lucado**, *Summa cum laude*, Maureen Jacoby Prize

**Emmeline Grace Meeks**

**Logan Isabella Monteleone**, *Magna cum laude*, Karen Kaitz Emerick Award

**Savannah Lynn Nies**, *Summa cum laude*

**Karlis Ivar Pavisils**, *Magna cum laude*

**Andraya Chantai Sudler**, *Magna cum laude*

**Sheri-Ann Janise Swayne**, *Magna cum laude*, Maureen Jacoby Prize, Norman James Humanities Award

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## Department of Environmental Science & Studies

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### Environmental Science (B.S.)

**MaryCatherine Anson**, *Summa cum laude*, Double major in Biology, Middendorf Award for Academic Excellence in the Study of the Environment, Dept of Biology Academic Achievement Award

**David Louis Audette**

**Jessica Ann Barr**, *Cum laude*

**Maya Shane Betley**, *Summa cum laude*, Environmental Science & Studies Award

**Zoe Lurae Brookbank**, *Summa*

*cum laude*, Environmental Science & Studies Award, Community Educator Award, Holstein Program in Ethics Senior Prize

**Maura Ruthann Collins**, *Summa cum laude*, Double major in Data Science, Dept. of Environmental Science & Studies Research Potential Award, William Gover Duwall '30 Prize

**Andrew Hanson Ellestad**, *Summa cum laude*, Double major in Anthropology, Environmental Science & Studies Award

**Ryan Charles Hardy**

**Michael Jonathan Hudak**, *Magna cum laude*, Middendorf Award for Academic Excellence in the Study of the Environment

**Colin Krug**

**Liam A. Lesko**, *Cum Laude*

**Vincent Alexander Lindstedt Eremus**

**Tyler J. Little**

**Thomas Matthew Lizarralde**, *Double major in Biology*

**Sarah Elisabeth Martin**, *Magna cum laude*, Double major in French Studies, Erika & Henry Salloch Prize

**Connor Joseph Philistine**

**Mia Nicole Snyder**, *Cum laude*

### Environmental Studies (B.A.)

**Owen Ray Boone**, *Cum laude*

**Brendan Maxwell Brock**

**Tiana Imani Edwards**

**Hannah Mei Choi**, *Summa cum laude*

**Evan Lawrence Cooley**

**Luke William Herz**

**Mia Rose Salvatierra**

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Department of History

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### History (B.A.)

**Nyamekye Coles Calloway**, *Double major in Anthropology, Anthropology Service Award*

**Benjamin Sawyer Erickson**

**Isabelle Ocile Kayla Farber**

**Madeline M. Gilliam**, *Cum laude, Double major in Art & Art History*

**Finnian Patrick Holland**

**Samuel Wright Hutchison**

**Nicholas Chester Littleton**

**Olivia Ming Long**, *Cum laude*

**Hailey Elisa Sharpe**, *Summa cum laude, Arthur A. Knapp '39 Memorial Prize in History*

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International Studies Program—  
Interdisciplinary

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### International Studies (B.A.)

**Kyaran Sarah Balin-Brooks**, *Double major in Anthropology*

**Kyla Ann Paloma Trinidad**, *Summa cum laude, Double major in Political Science, International Studies Award*

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Department of Mathematics &  
Computer Science

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### Computer Science (B.S.)

**Douglas Victor Hewes**, *Cum laude*

**Andrew Nicklaus Kinsey**, *Magna cum laude*

**Emma Lorraine Robinson**, *MATE Award for Distinguished Teacher Candidates*

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### Data Science (B.S.)

**Ryan Benjamin Lang**, *Summa cum laude, Double major in Economics*

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### Mathematics (B.S.)

**Hayley Elaine Covington**, *Cum laude*

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Department of Music

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### Music (B.A.)

**Stevie Estelle Cecilia Lyles**, *Summa cum laude, Garry E. Clarke Performance Award, Award for Professional Promise in Research & Creativity Award*

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Neuroscience Program—  
Interdisciplinary

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### Neuroscience (B.S.)

**Samantha Ashley McMahon**, *Magna cum laude*

**Abby Elizabeth Meredith**, *Summa cum laude, Neuroscience Excellence Award*

**Laila Michelle Stewart**

**Bridget Frances Whiteside**, *Pre-Health Professions Program Pre-Nursing Award*

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Department of Philosophy &  
Religion

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### Philosophy (B.A.)

**Nora Rose Beebe**

**Dylan Michael Gargulinski**

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Department of Physics

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### Physics (B.S.)

**Christopher McDade Johnson**

**Rachel Christine Morgen**, *Summa cum laude, Double major in Environmental Science, Environmental Science & Studies Research Potential Award, John S. Toll Award in Physics*

**Bailey Robert Vogt**, *Magna cum laude*

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Department of Political Science

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### Political Science (B.S.)

**Vincent John Conte**

**Keegan Axel Maust Enzor**

**Gracelyn Star Goforth**

**Paul Bennetch Hazlehurst**, *Cum laude, Double major in Computer Science*

**Carlos Antonio Miguel Lopez**

**Soleil Sibongile Namunyola**

**Bryce Samuel Widdoss**, *Summa cum laude, Double major in Computer Science, Political Science Award*

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Department of Psychology

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### Psychology with Behavioral Neuroscience Concentration (B.S.)

**Brigid Grace Baldwin**, *Summa cum laude, Virginia M. Conner '85 Psychology Award*

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**Psychology with Clinical  
Counseling Concentration  
(B.A.)**

**Finneas Jack Biles** (*in absentia*),  
*Summa cum laude*

**Kaela Madison Cincotta**, *Summa  
cum laude, Psychology Department  
Outstanding Achievement Award*

**Isabella K. Hickman**

**Jamira Venise Hutt-Robles**, *Double  
major in Human Development*

**Heather Noel Lamont**, *Penny J. Fall  
Award*

**Benjamin James McCumber**, *Magna  
cum laude*

**Rebecca Joan Moore**

**Catherine Mesa Parker**

**McKenna Delaney Smith**, *Cum  
laude, Psychology Department  
Award, S.E.E.D. Award*

**Lillian Caroline Wenzel**

**Experimental Psychology  
(B.A.)**

**Arianna Michele Smith**

**Sara Lorean Sypolt**, *Magna cum  
laude, Pre-Health Professions  
Program Pre-Pharmacy Award,  
Psychology Capstone Award*

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Department of Sociology

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**Sociology (B.A.)**

**Kiara Isamar Buruca Ortega**, *Magna  
cum laude*

**Piper Erin Evans**

**Erin Gabrielle Helgerman**, *Magna  
cum laude, Double major in Art &  
Art History, Sociology Service Award,  
Lynette Nielsen Professional Practice  
Award*

**Corey Michael Miceli** (*in absentia*)

**Cara Leighanne Olivarez**

**Faith Anderson Poulton**

**Brooke Skylar Thomas**, *Summa  
cum laude, Double major in Human  
Development, Sociology Service  
Award*

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Department of Theatre & Dance

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**Theatre (B.A.)**

**Jaya Basu**, *Summa cum laude,  
Double major in English, Emil J.  
C. Hildenbrand Memorial Award,  
Stewart Theatre Award*

**Isabelle Kathleen Bindewald**, *Double  
major in Communication & Media  
Studies*

**Sergio Ruben Cilla**, *Summa cum  
laude*

**Jenna Elyse Harper**, *Double major in  
Mathematics*

**Katherine Theresa Pagano**, *Cum  
laude*

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Department of World  
Languages & Cultures

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**German Studies (B.A.)**

**Cole Michelle Davis**, *Alpha Chi  
Omega Music Award*

**Hispanic Studies (B.A.)**

**Kaya Samuel Horvath**, *Erika &  
Henry Salloch Prize*

# OTHER SENIOR HONORS AND PRIZES

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Department of Anthropology

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## **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.*

MELCHIOR MAREA AMELIA TUERK

## **Anthropology Service Award**

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

NYAMEKYE COLES CALLOWAY

## **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.*

KLARA ROSE COSS PECHER

AMY B. CANNON

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Department of Art & Art History

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## **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.*

ROSELYN NICOL GARCIA-MENDOZA

REBEKAH NAOMI MCCREARY

## **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.*

ELLA ELIZABETH JENDREK

ERIN GABRIELLE HELGERMAN

## **Art History Award**

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

MORGAN MARIE LINK

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Department of Biology

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**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.*

MARYCATHERINE ANSON  
DANIELLE ELIZABETH SIMMONS

**Department of Biology Research Award**

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

JUSTIN RICHARD LOOPER  
GRAHAM FRANCIS HALFPENNY

**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.*

JOCELYN ANN AQUILINO

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Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Program - Interdisciplinary

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**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.*

CLAIRE ELIZABETH CAMMER

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Department of Business Management

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**Department of Business Management Award**

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

MALERY PATRICIA ANDREWS

**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.*

HUNTER C. MANSFIELD

**Rebecca Corbin Loree Business Leadership Award**

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

TYLER JAMES DAVIDSON

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Department of Chemistry

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**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.*

GIANNA NICHOLE MAGGI

**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.*

REBECCA ELIZABETH FOULK

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Department of Communication & Media Studies

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**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.*

THOMAS DARIO KESEY

**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.*

FAYE ANNE DORMAN

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Department of Economics

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**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.*

FAYE ANNE DORMAN

**Economics Department Award**

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

ISABELLA MARIA SORHEGUI

KENDAL DIAN THOMSON

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Department of Education

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**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.*

ZOE LURAE BROOKBANK

**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.*

SYDNEY ALEXIS WALKER

**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.*

EMMA LORRAINE ROBINSON

**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.*

ELIZABETH CLAIRE FITZPATRICK

**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.*

DAHLIA ANNE KUZEMKA

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Department of English

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**Bennett Lamond Senior Capstone Award in English**

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

JOVE DiFIORE GLEASON

**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.*

JAYA BASU

**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.*

EVELYN LEE LUCADO  
SHERI-ANN JANISE SWAYNE

**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.*

SETH PATRICK HORAN

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Department of Environmental Science & Studies

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**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.*

RACHEL CHRISTINE MORGEN  
MAURA RUTHANN COLLINS

**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.*

ZOE LURAE BROOKBANK  
MAYA SHANE BETLEY  
ANDREW HANSON ELLESTAD

**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.*

MARYCATHERINE ANSON  
MICHAEL JONATHAN HUDAK

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Department of History

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**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.*

HAILEY ELISA SHARPE

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Department of Humanities

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**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.*

SHERI-ANN JANISE SWAYNE

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International Studies Program—Interdisciplinary

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**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.*

KYLA ANN PALOMA TRINIDAD

**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.*

AKSHARA ORUGANTI

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Department of Mathematics & Computer Science

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**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.*

MAURA RUTHANN COLLINS

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Department of Music

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**Alpha Chi Omega Music Award**

*Given to a senior in recognition of excellence in music*

COLE MICHELLE DAVIS

JOHN COLBY ANDREWS

**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.*

STEVIE ESTELLE CECILIA LYLES

### **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.*

STEVIE ESTELLE CECILIA LYLES

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Neuroscience Program

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### **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.*

ABBY ELIZABETH MEREDITH

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Department of Physics

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### **John S. Toll Prize in Physics**

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

RACHEL CHRISTINE MORGEN

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Department of Political Science

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### **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.*

BRYCE SAMUEL WIDDOSS

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Pre-Health Professions Programs

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### **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.*

JULIA ABIGAIL WEGLARZ

REBECCA ELIZABETH FOULK

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### **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.*

MICHAEL JOHN DANIELLO

**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.*

BRIDGET FRANCES WHITESIDE

**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.*

SARA LOREAN SYPOLT

**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.*

LAUREN ELIZABETH PAULES

JOCELYN ANN AQUILINO

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Department of Psychology

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**Psychology Department Award**

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

MCKENNA DELANEY SMITH

**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.*

SARA LOREAN SYPOLT

**Psychology Department Outstanding Achievement Award**

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

MELINDA MARY KERN

KAELA MADISON CINCOTTA

**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.*

BRIGID GRACE BALDWIN

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Department of Sociology

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**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.*

CELIA LONG

**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.*

BROOKE SKYLAR THOMAS  
ERIN GABRIELLE HELGERMAN

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Department of Theater & Dance

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**Outstanding Dance Minor Student Award**

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

KLARA ROSE COSS PECHER

**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.*

JAYA BASU

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Department of World Languages & Cultures

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**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.*

SARAH ELISABETH MARTIN  
KAYA SAMUEL HORVATH

**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.*

KLARA ROSE COSS PECHER

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Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience

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**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.*

THOMAS DARIO KESEY  
ZOE LURAE BROOKBANK

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Student Government Association

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**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.*

JUSTIN RICHARD LOOPER

**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.*

LOGAN ISABELLA MONTELEONE

**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.*

HEATHER NOEL LAMONT

**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.*

MELCHIOR MAREA AMELIA TUERK  
MCKENNA DELANEY SMITH

# 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

REESE MICHAEL HIRSH

EMILY GRACE MARSON

PEYTON ANN BALDWIN

COREY LEE JACKSON

GRANT S. SOPA

AVERY REID FLUBACHER

ASSOU S. KOWO

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

REBECCA ELIZABETH FOULK

ABBY ELIZABETH MEREDITH

MARYCATHERINE ANSON

MADELEINE GRACE GAYDON

LORI CHRISTINA MISLAK

JOCELYN ANN AQUILINO

ELLA ELIZABETH JENDREK

AKSHARA ORUGANTI

CLAIRE ELIZABETH CAMMER

THOMAS MATTHEW LIZARRALDE

LAUREN ELIZABETH PAULES

MICHAEL JOHN DANIELLO

JUSTIN RICHARD LOOPER

DANIELLE ELIZABETH SIMMONS

SKYLAR ANN FAIRBEE

GIANNA NICHOLE MAGGI

JULIA ABIGAIL WEGLARZ

SAMANTHA ASHLEY MCMAHON

**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

REBECCA ELIZABETH FOULK

AKSHARA ORUGANTI

JOCELYN ANN AQUILINO

MADELEINE GRACE GAYDON

LAUREN ELIZABETH PAULES

CLAIRE ELIZABETH CAMMER

JUSTIN RICHARD LOOPER

JULIA ABIGAIL WEGLARZ

MICHAEL JOHN DANIELLO

ABBY ELIZABETH MEREDITH

**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  
SANSBURY  
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.

MADELINE 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  
MADELINE M. GILLIAM

ERIN GABRIELLE HELGERMAN  
DAHLIA ANNE KUZEMKA  
HEATHER NOEL LAMONT  
EMMELINE GRACE MEKS

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  
SANSBURY

**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

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## THE ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The history of academic dress reaches back into the early days of the oldest universities. A statute of 1321 required that all “Doctors, Licentiates, and Bachelors” of the University of Coimbra (Portugal) wear gowns. Gowns have identifying characteristics. Sleeves are pointed on the bachelor’s degree gown, oblong on the master’s, and bell-shaped on the doctor’s. Full-length velvet panels also appear on the doctor’s gown: these may be in black, or if the wearer prefers, the color associated with the department of learning.

Hoods denote scholarly achievement. The lining is dyed in the official colors of the college or university where its wearer earned the degree. The color of the velvet represents the department of learning: Arts, Letters, and Humanities-white; Economics-copper; Education-light blue; Music-pink; Philosophy-dark blue; Physical Education-sage green; Science-gold-yellow; Social Science-citron.

## THE MACE

Originally a Medieval weapon, the mace has become a symbol of high office and is traditionally carried by the Marshal who precedes the President in academic processions. The Washington College mace is heavily worked with silver and contains six matched garnets mounted in a circle around the silver head. Historical insignia are engraved on the head in three silver rings on the ebony staff. On the head are the seal of Kent County, the seal of the College, a silhouette of George Washington, and Washington’s coat of arms. In a circle on the head, under the garnets, is inscribed “Washington College, Founded in Chestertown, Kent County, Maryland, 1782.” The upper ring on the staff bears engravings of the book of learning and an astrolabe. The second ring depicts the terrestrial globe and Washington’s shield, and the bottom one bears a flaming torch on one side, matched on the other by a crest and motto of Dr. William Smith, founder of the College. The donor’s name, Henry Powell Hopkins, appears on the bottom.

## INTERNATIONAL FLAGS

Washington College fosters an international community of learning. Decorating the stage are flags representing the countries of the graduating class and of all students currently enrolled at Washington College. Lining the walkway are flags representing the nations of both students and alumni who have made Washington College their home since 1782.

*“It affords me great pleasure to know that the Seat of Learning  
under your direction hath attained such proficiency ...  
and I sincerely pray that the Great Author of the Universe may  
smile upon the institution and make it an extensive blessing.”*

GEORGE WASHINGTON

IN A LETTER TO THE BOARD OF VISITORS AND GOVERNORS  
OF WASHINGTON COLLEGE, JULY 11, 1789.



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