

# WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024 HARBISON CHAPEL 6:30 PM • PRELUDE 7-8 PM • CEREMONY

Recognition Convocation

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Bryna Wilson '24, Senior Chair

Caroline Dawson '25, Junior Chair

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'Mid the pines in columns growing, By the stream so deeply flowing, Dear to hearts with mem'ries glowing, Stand the Halls we love,

Dear to hearts with mem'ries glowing, Stand the Halls, the Halls, we love.

Hail to thee our Alma Mater,

Praises from each son and daughter,

Pledges of love and honor

Grove City still shall own,

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Tho' the land and sea may part us, Far remove thy towers and campus, Staunch and true there dwells within us, All the spirit of thy life, Staunch and true there dwells within us, All the spirit of thy life.

Program Order

Prelude   6:30 p.m.			
	Violin I: Cat Runion '26		
	Violin II: Mollykate Miner '26 Viola: Anne Leaman '24		
	Cello: Emma Danielson '26		
	Ceno. Emma Dumerson 20		
	Dr. Bradley Fitch, Organist		
Announcements	. Bryna Wilson '24		
	Senior Chair, Recognition Convocation		
Welcome	. The Honorable Paul J. McNulty '80		
	President		
Prayer	. Jackson Romo '24		
	President, Omicron Delta Kappa		
Hymn	. "Take My Life and Let it Be" (Hymn #585)		
Scripture	. Ethan David '24		
	President, Mortar Board		
Presentation of the Professor of the Year Award	. The Honorable Paul J. McNulty '80		
Remarks	. Dr. Michael Falcetta		
	Professor of Chemistry		
Recognition of the Academic Award Recipients	. Dr. Peter M. Frank '95		
	Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs		
Presentation of the Frederick S. Kring	. Dr. Eric Potter		
Leadership Award	Professor of English and		
	Omicron Delta Kappa Faculty Secretary		
Presentation of Senior Woman of the Year and Senior Man of the Year Awards	. The Honorable Paul J. McNulty '80		
Singing of the Alma Mater (Lyrics on page 3)			
Closing	. Bryna Wilson '24		
Following the Proposition Convertion places is in us for a recention			
Following the Recognition Convocation, please join us for a reception			

in the Morledge Great Room in Rathburn Hall.

Professor of the Year · Dr. Michael J. Falcetta



Professor of Chemistry since 2003, Dr. Falcetta has taught a variety of courses over the years and advised several student organizations, most recently Phi Omega Sigma.

Dr. Falcetta earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry with a minor in Mathematics from SUNY College at Oswego and a Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh. He has also completed graduate work toward an M.A. in New Testament Studies from Alliance Theological Seminary.

An expert in physical chemistry, Dr. Falcetta is an active researcher, who publishes regularly in the leading journals in his field, such as *The Journal of Physical Chemistry*, and who has been invited to speak at the National American Chemical Society meeting and a Telluride Science Research conference. He has also been a research associate at the University of Pittsburgh.

Here at the College, Dr. Falcetta regularly supervises student research, providing students with the opportunity to collaborate on his projects. As one of these researchers explains, he "makes sure his research students truly understand the science behind what they are completing and not just how to carry out processes."

At Grove City College, Dr. Falcetta teaches courses in general chemistry, physical chemistry, and molecular modeling, as well as the chemistry seminar. He also teaches a chemistry course for non-majors, formerly during the January and May intersessions and currently during the winter and summer online sessions. Whether teaching non-STEM students, engineers, or chemistry majors, he is known for his "ability to explain complicated ideas in a way that makes chemistry both understandable and engaging." Even those who are not taken with chemistry are taken with Dr. Falcetta. As one senior explained, though some students may confess, "I hate chemistry," they quickly add "but I LOVE Dr. Falcetta." And another admires the way he "takes time to get to know his students and displays genuine care for them and their wellbeing." As part of that care, his upper-level classes enjoy "celebrating 'mini-muffin Mondays' with Dr. Falcetta's homemade mini-muffins every week."

Genior Noman and Genior Man of the Year

The awards for Senior Woman of the Year and the Senior Man of the Year are presented jointly by Mortar Board and ODK. The selections are made on the basis of scholarship, leadership and service. It is one of the highest honors that the College can bestow.

# SENIOR WOMAN FINALISTS



From Wheeling, WV, **Annalese Aderholt** will graduate with a degree in Biblical and Religious Studies. She has served in SGA and Young Life throughout her college career and is currently the President of Young Life. She spent two years writing for *The Collegian*, served as editor for *The Quad* during her junior and senior years, and served for two years on a committee to interview prospective Biblical and Religious Studies faculty. Annalese was also a field starter and worship leader on the Women's Soccer Team. She has been inducted into Pi Alpha Theta, Theta Alpha Kappa, Mortar Board, and Omicron Delta Kappa and is the recipient of the Thelma Baltz Morrow Award.





From East Earl, PA, **Alarie Findley** will graduate with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. A Trustee Fellow and gifted violinist, she played for three years in the String Quartet and is currently the concertmaster for both the Symphonic Orchestra and the Chamber Orchestra. She has served as a leader in Orientation Board, Senior Women's Bible Study, MECE Student Leadership Club, and her Senior Capstone Research Group. Alarie has worked as a Physics TA and exam proctor for Disability Services, participated in the Deeply Rooted mentorship program, and served on ICO Ashland. She also played IM Spikeball for three years and participated in the Ultimate Frisbee Club and the Human Powered Vehicles Club.

From Pompey, NY, **Megan Gagnier** will graduate with a degree in Spanish Secondary Education and a minor in Musical Theatre. A trustee scholar, she has studied abroad at the University of Salamanca, served as a research assistant in the Modern Languages Department, and presented at several conferences. Megan has worked as a Student Ambassador for the Admissions Office, a PFAC Student Technician, a Spanish Tutor, and a Teaching Assistant for the Spanish Department. She also directed both the APO One Acts Festival and the APO 24-Hour Theatre. Megan has held leadership roles in Orientation Board, the IM Spikeball Team, 24-Hour Worship, The Well Bible Study, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Alpha Psi Omega Theatre Honorary. She has also participated twice in ICO Dominican Republic.





From Hillsborough, NC, **Caroline Garrett** will graduate with a degree in Biology. A member of the Gamma Sigma Phi sorority, she has served as a Teaching Assistant in the BARS department, Team Leader for ICO Chattanooga, mentor in the Deeply Rooted program, and volunteer with the Hillcrest PCA Youth Group. During summer 2023, she served as a ministry volunteer in Cambodia with the Global Outreach Program. Caroline has also been a leader in Orientation Board, the Senior Women's Bible Study, and New Life. She is a recipient of the Dr. William and Kathleen Hinton Scholarship and the Morledge, Hodge, Michaelian Christian Servant Award.

From Oxford, MS, **Carolyn Scott** will graduate with a dual degree in Philosophy and French. A Trustee Scholar, she serves on SGA and is a fellow with the Institute for Faith & Freedom. Cara writes and edits for Checkpoint News, *Cogitare*, and the GCC Law Journal. She is Vice President of the French Club, Secretary of Alpha Mu Gamma language honorary, TA for Dr. Bandy, and founder of the Russian Language Tables and the International Student Buddy Program. Cara is also involved in the Women's Discipleship Group, the Imago Dei Advisory Council, the Lux Mea Film Festival, the International Discipleship Group, the Deeply Rooted mentorship program, Homecoming Committee, and the Curriculum Review Committee.

# **SENIOR MAN FINALISTS**



From Memphis, TN, **Ari Campbell** will graduate with a degree in Biology/Health and a minor in Biblical and Religious Studies. A Trustee Scholar, he volunteered for two months in Cambodia with the Global Outreach Program, led ICO Chattanooga for three years, served as President of New Life, worked as a freshman RA, led 24-Hour Worship, and participated in the MENtorship program. Ari conducts research with Dr. Yowler and is a Student Ambassador for the Pre-Health Society, as well as an active member of TriBeta Biology Honor Society. He has played on the Men's Soccer Team and participated in multiple IM sports leagues since his freshman year. Ari has been inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa and is the recipient of the Frederick S. Kring Leadership Award.



From Mars, PA, **Ethan David** will graduate with a degree in Entrepreneurship and a minor in Biblical and Religious Studies. Ethan is the co-founder of Resense, an award-winning company that helps dementia patients and their caregivers. He is also a Team Leader for ICO Tucson, Vice President in the Alpha Epsilon Chi housing group, Sunrise Service leader for Orientation Board, President of Mortar Board Honor Society, and Vice President of the CEO Club. He has worked as a TA for Professors Smith and English and was a Desk Assistant in the President's Office. Ethan has been inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa and is a recipient of the Andrew S. Korim Original Thought Scholarship.



From Warminster, PA, **Timothy Gibson** will graduate with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. A member of the Omicron Xi fraternity, he has served as Team Leader for the Outer-Mountain Outreach Service Trip, participated in the Global Outreach Program, and volunteered as a Youth Group Leader and Sunday School Teacher at Grace Anglican Church. Tim has also played varsity football, club ice hockey, and multiple IM sports. He has been inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa and Mortar Board and is a recipient of the Edward G. Young Scholarship.



From Lowell, MI, **Collier Kaufman** will graduate with a degree in Exercise Science. He has served as Captain of the Varsity Tennis Team, Vice President of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, and Chaplain for Round Table Honor Society. Collier has also served with New Life Ministries, ICO Dominican Republic, Orientation Board, the MENtor Project, and Residence Life. Additionally, he has played IM sports since his freshman year and is a member of the Exercise Science Club and Omicron Delta Kappa.



From Trafford, PA, **Kristopher Sekera** will graduate with a degree in Finance. A leader in the Beta Sigma fraternity, he also serves as Captain of the Men's Club Volleyball Team, Vice President of New Life Ministries, Executive Leader of Orientation Board, and Trip Leader for ICO Atlanta. Kristopher has also worked as a TA and been involved in 24-Hour Worship, Met By Love, IM sports, and inter-fraternal sports.

Academic Honoraries

# ALPHA THETA MU CHAPTER OF MORTAR BOARD

Mortar Board is the national senior honorary on campus. Annually, junior men and women with high scholastic achievement who have contributed outstanding leadership and service to the College are tapped for membership.

~New Members~

Lydia Bennett	Janelle Hickly
Jonah Bock	Evelyn Hutchens
Caroline Dawson	Makenna Isles
Samuel Distefano	Mikaela Jenkins
Mara Donley	Brooke Johncour
Molly Galbreath	Luke Kimmich
Abby Gehman	Sophie Kirk
Lauren Glickert	Jenna Knepper
Abigail Haught	Sarah Kuchma
Will Herman	Britta Lagerquist

Adam Nicholson Ryan "Piggy" Pirger Emma Plank Abi Ruhl Maiah Serazin Alexa Steighner Noah Vesey Kendra Wales Ainsley Weigle Virginia Williams

# BETA MU CIRCLE OF OMICRON DELTA KAPPA

Omicron Delta Kappa recognizes seniors and juniors for their outstanding leadership to the College in the areas of scholarship, athletics, social service, religious activities, campus government, journalism, speech, mass media, and the creative and performing arts.

~New Members~

Jonathan Allarassem	Isaac Herrenbruck	Adam Nicholson
Julia Bauer	Ellie Herrle	Emma Plank
Lydia Bennett	Makenna Isles	Carolyn Scott
Jonah Bock	Mikaela Jenkins	Maiah Serazin
Lauren Border	Brooke Johncour	Judah-David Shay
Kelly Calawa	Kaylynn Johnson	Kaitlyn Sipes
Isabel Church	Sarah Kuchma	Ainsley Weigle
Kaitlyn Constantino	Britta Lagerquist	Jonathan Weir
Caroline Dawson	Eleah Leng	Emma Will
Katelyn "KR" Emmons	Samantha Logue	Virginia Williams
Ezekiel Esteban	Matthew McCaslin	Evan Wright
Timothy Gibson	Molly McCommons	Olivia Zook
Abigail Haught	Harrison McEwen	

# SCROLL AND KEY

Scroll and Key is the highest scholastic honorary on campus. Annually, senior men and women with high scholastic achievement who have contributed outstanding leadership and service to the College are tapped for membership.

~Members~

Daniel Beevers Douglas Bell Katherine Bennett Kaylin Boring Emily Cress Jacob Feiser Alarie Findley Amber Flynn Olivia Foster Megan Gagnier Julianna Gong Holly Grose Ryan Heckathorn Charles Hubbell Anna Jenkins Aidan Kramer Daniel Mathes Abbey McFeely Kristopher Sekera Evalyn Summers Robert Tamburrino Olivia Zook

Awards and Recipients

# **OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN BIOLOGY**

This award is given each year to an outstanding Biology major as determined by members and faculty advisors of TriBeta, the national biology honor society. The student selected for this award is an active member of TriBeta and has demonstrated excellence in service to the Biology Department and TriBeta as well as a commitment to research in their field of interest.

#### Bryna Wilson | Laconia, New Hampshire

Bryna Wilson is a Biology major and English minor from Laconia, New Hampshire. At Grove City College, she serves as President of TriBeta Biology Honor Society, Vice President of Mortar Board Honor Society, Senior Chair of Recognition Convocation, Methods Editor for the Eta Zeta Biology Journal, and Teaching Assistant for freshman biology labs. She has conducted research with Dr. Stephen Jenkins on social interactions of *Formica subintegra* ants and participated in the 2023 Population Biology of Infectious Diseases REU at the University of Georgia. She also works off-campus as an Emergency Medical Technician for Butler Ambulance Service.

# **OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY**

This award is given each year to an outstanding Molecular Biology major as determined by members and faculty advisors of TriBeta, the national biology honor society. The student selected for this award is an active member of TriBeta and has demonstrated excellence in service to the Biology Department and TriBeta as well as a commitment to research in their field of interest.

#### Ceanna Cooney | Sykesville, Maryland

Ceanna Cooney is a senior molecular biology major from Sykesville, Maryland. She has plans to continue in graduate school for microbiology and immunology, but in the immediate future, she will be working as a post-bac at the NIH studying humoral immunity to HIV. She is involved in many research projects on campus currently working on the HeLa cell project, DWV bee project, and *Drosophila* gene annotations. Ceanna can usually be found in the biology department wing studying or in the lab when she is not in classes.

#### **OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN BIOLOGY HEALTH**

This award is given each year to an outstanding Biology-Health major as determined by members and faculty advisors of TriBeta, the national biology honor society. The student selected for this award is an active member of TriBeta and has demonstrated excellence in service to the Biology Department and TriBeta as well as a commitment to research in their field of interest.

#### Eloise Sutter | Lebanon, Ohio

Eloise Sutter is a senior Biology-Health major from Lebanon, Ohio, who is interested in pursuing a future in midwifery. She thoroughly enjoys stress-baking, hosting friends, exploring the outdoors and creation, and playing Spikeball or volleyball. She looks forward to continuing a life of learning and investing in the people that God places in her path.

#### **OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN CONSERVATION BIOLOGY**

This award is given each year to an outstanding Conservation Biology major as determined by members and faculty advisors of TriBeta, the national biology honor society. The student selected for this award is an active member of TriBeta and has demonstrated excellence in service to the Biology Department and TriBeta as well as a commitment to research in their field of interest.

#### Etienne Pienaar | Maineville, Ohio

Etienne Pienaar is a senior Conservation Biology major from southwest Ohio, where he attended a K-12 Classical Christian school called Mars Hill Academy. He grew up fishing and hunting with family and friends and became interested in conservation after meeting professionals from the Ohio Division of Wildlife and observing their work. Currently, Etienne is completing undergraduate research with Dr. Darren Wood concerning the distribution of the Eastern Sand Darter (Ammocrypta pellucida) in western PA. This summer, Etienne will be working as a fisheries technician in Sandusky, Ohio, with the Ohio Division of Wildlife, after which he plans to pursue a master's degree in fisheries management with the long-term goal of becoming a fisheries biologist on Lake Erie. Etienne would like to thank the members of the GCC biology department, especially Dr. Darren Wood, for their interest and mentorship of him in his classes and undergraduate research while at Grove City.

#### FRESHMAN BIOLOGY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award is presented to a freshman biology major based upon scholastic performance.

#### Lauren Gunning | Perkasie, Pennsylvania

Lauren is a freshman Conservation Biology major who is fascinated with the natural world and the creation that God gave us to steward and appreciate. Here at GCC, she loves being a part of Engineers With a Mission, the theater program, and swing dancing. In the future, she plans to direct her studies towards pollinator science and conservation efforts, and she hopes to someday be a part of the GCC Bee Program.

#### WALTER E. PAGE SCHOLARSHIP - BIOLOGY

This award is presented to a junior biology major on the basis of GPA and academic performance.

# Ainsley Weigle | Richmond, Virginia

Ainsley Weigle is a Junior Biology/Health major from Richmond, Virginia, with a Psychology minor and a concentration in Scientific Writing. She has been a Teaching Assistant and Grading Assistant for five freshman and sophomore level biology classes, as well as a tutor and the TriBeta Biological Honor Society Historian and Tutoring Coordinator. She is a member of Dr. Pazehoski's research team as well as ODK, Mortar Board, Eta Zeta Biology Journal, and Orientation Board. After graduation, Ainsley plans to take a gap year to gain further medical experience before going to physician assistant school to become a Pediatric PA.

# **RICHARD A. LEO SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is awarded to a junior physics major who has demonstrated academic excellence and exceptional potential in the field of physics.

#### John Treusch | Girard, Pennsylvania

John is a junior physics major from Girard, PA. He somehow manages to excel in his courses and play numerous intramural sports while synthesizing and studying gallium oxide nanowires (and this since his freshman year). John plans to pursue a doctoral degree, perhaps in elementary particle physics, followed by a teaching position at a Christian university.

# EDWARD & SARA NAEGELE AWARD

This scholarship award is presented annually to a junior majoring in the chemistry, biology or physics department who has demonstrated outstanding major QPA achievement. This year, two students have been selected for this award.

# Grace Beach | Franklin, Pennsylvania

Grace Beach is from Franklin, Pennsylvania. She is a junior conservation biology major/chemistry minor and in her free time she enjoys going to swing dance club and the campus garden. She loves spending time outside, whether it be camping, kayaking, or backpacking. After graduation, Grace currently plans on pursuing a career in aquatic biology.

#### Ezekiel Esteban | Weyers Cave, Virginia

Ezekiel is a junior from the rural town of Weyers Cave, VA, looking to pursue a career in the medical field. He recently returned from a semester abroad in Quito, Ecuador, and hopes to use his future career interculturally in communities here and abroad to spread Christ's love. On top of academics, he loves being involved in ODK, IM sports, the Wind Ensemble, and other campus activities. This summer, Ezekiel looks forward to interning in a craniofacial development lab as part of the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship program at Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

# Alexa Steighner | Olean, New York

Alexa Steighner is a Junior Biology-Health Major from Olean, NY. She is the treasurer of the Tri-Beta Biology Honor Society and loves being involved in the sciences. She has aspirations to be a pediatric Physician Assistant and serve others around her.

# SWEZEY-JANICKI SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AWARD

This award is given to the student who performed the best research in the natural sciences under the auspices of a Grove City College faculty member.

# Etienne Pienaar | Mason, Ohio

This year's SJRC is awarded to Etienne Pienaar, a conservation biology major, for his research entitled "Spatial Distribution of Eastern Sand Darter (*Ammocrypta pellucida*) in Western Pennsylvania." His results are the culmination of field and laboratory work that began in the summer of 2023 performed under the guidance of his research advisor, Dr. Darren Wood. His parents are Marius and Amanda Pienaar from Mason, OH who immigrated to the US from South Africa in the late 1990s. After graduation, he plans to take on a seasonal position as a Lake Erie fisheries technician with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to assist fisheries biologists with game fish management. Afterwards, he will pursue a master's degree in fisheries management and aims to work as a fisheries biologist on the Great Lakes.

# **BECHTELL AWARD**

Established in 1951, this annual award is given to the best overall graduating student in the natural sciences (biology, chemistry, and physics) as nominated by the faculty of the department corresponding to the student's major.

#### Brynn Graybill | Charles Town, West Virginia

This year's Bechtell Award is given to physics major Brynn Graybill. Brynn is from Charles Town, WV, and her parents are Keith and Gwen Graybill. During her tenure in the physics department, she worked for over two years with Dr Shane Brower on two separate research projects in optics. In the summer of 2023, she was selected for an REU at Penn State in nonlinear optics. Brynn has also been actively involved in the life of the physics department by serving as a teaching assistant and grader for many courses, participating in numerous recruiting and outreach events, and acting as an officer in the Physics Club. After graduating, Brynn will be getting married and attending Penn State University for a Ph.D. in physics.

# **ROGER CLARK DAWES AWARD**

This annual award is presented to the most outstanding engineering graduate.

#### Katherine Bennett | Roseville, California

Katherine is an Electrical Engineering major with a concentration in Computer Engineering. She is also completing a minor in Computer Science. She has achieved a 3.99 CQPA & 4.00 MQPA which is outstanding. Her hometown is Roseville, CA.

# **OUTSTANDING COMPUTER SCIENCE SENIOR**

This award is made in recognition of a graduating senior's academic achievements and service to the department and community.

#### Caleb Frey | Marriottsville, Maryland

Caleb will graduate with honors, earning a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with a minor in Artificial Intelligence and Data Science. He has demonstrated an exceptional record of academic achievement and collegiality with both faculty and peers. His senior capstone project helps recruiters at a local company track, maintain, and provide feedback on prospective students at career fairs.. He has participated in a research project with Dr. Brian Dickinson, investigating the utility of graph theory and clustering algorithms in relation to historical political data, to predict Senator voting behavior. In addition, he has served as an exemplary grading assistant over the past few years for several computer science faculty. Caleb has been active outside of his classes as well, helping with prospective student day and tutoring for Intro to Programming classes. He has interned for four years at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab (JHU/APL), where in one of his projects, he explored quantum optimization for graph analytics, and the application of large language models to government problem sets. After graduation, he will be working as a Software Engineer at JHU/APL.

#### PHILIP N. CARPENTER SENIOR MATHEMATICS AWARD

The Philip N. Carpenter Senior Mathematics Award is given by the faculty of the Department of Mathematics to the senior mathematics major who, in the opinion of the department, possesses the highest achievement and potential of the graduating mathematics majors. This award is based on high mathematics major QPA and overall QPA with extracurricular activities and moral character also considered.

# Douglas Bell | Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Douglas is a Mathematics/Computer Science double major from Lancaster, PA, who earned a perfect 4.00 QPA in Mathematics and a 3.99 QPA overall. He will be employed as a junior software engineer at Clark Webstaurant Store after graduation.

# FRANKLIN C. KETLER MATHEMATICS PRIZE

The Franklin C. Ketler Mathematics prize, a monetary award, established by the estate of Dr. Franklin C. Ketler Jr., is awarded to the graduating senior who has completed at least 28 credit hours in mathematics and has earned the highest GPA in these courses.

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#### THE J.P. HASSLER PRIZE

This scholarship award is presented annually to a student majoring in Economics who shows outstanding achievement in the field. This year, two students have been selected to receive this award.

#### Anna Agresti | Conroe, Texas

Anna is more than an outstanding student. She has distinguished herself in her service to the department and her fellow students at the college. Her tireless efforts to benefit others serve as a shining example of a Christlike spirit, and we are eager to hear about the abundant life in Christ she is on the path to live.

# WALTER E. PAGE SCHOLARSHIP - PHYSICS

This award is presented to the top junior physics major as determined by GPA.

# John Treusch | Girard, Pennsylvania

John is a junior physics major from Girard, PA. He somehow manages to excel in his courses and play numerous intramural sports while synthesizing and studying gallium oxide nanowires (and this since his freshman year). John plans to pursue a doctoral degree, perhaps in elementary particle physics, followed by a teaching position at a Christian university.

# SWEZEY-JANICKI SCHOLARSHIP

This award is presented to a deserving STEM major as selected on a rotating basis between the STEM departments.

# Emma Plank | Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania

Emma is a junior in the Exercise Science program with a 4.0 GPA. In addition, she is pursuing a minor in Nutrition and Psychology. Emma is always the first student to volunteer her time and energy on projects, whether for the department or within the community. Her positive energy and eagerness are perhaps her most distinctive traits. She has worked with the Exercise Science faculty on multiple research projects and played an instrumental role in the planning of the 2024 Exercise Science Symposium. Emma is also a member of the Grove City College varsity women's swim team.

# AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY (ACS) UNDERGRADUATE AWARD IN ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY

ACS approved Chemistry departments can nominate one student to receive from the ACS Division of Analytical Chemistry a certificate of recognition. The student must have demonstrated a significant aptitude for chemistry, completed one semester of analytical chemistry, and be a registered student at GCC for 2023-24. As well as receiving the certificate, the student receives one free year of membership in the Division of Analytical Chemistry and will receive the monthly Division of Analytical Chemistry Newsletter for one year.

#### Reilly Welsh | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Reilly Welsh is a freshman Chemistry major with an Entrepreneurship minor. She is a member of the American Chemical Society and began doing research this semester. Additionally, she plays flute in Concert Band and participates in a community service club. Reilly would like to thank all of her chemistry professors for allowing her to have this opportunity.

# AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY (ACS) DIVISION OF ORGANIC CHEMISTRY UNDERGRADUATE AWARD

ACS approved Chemistry departments can nominate one student to receive from the ACS Division of Organic Chemistry a certificate of recognition. The student must be a graduating senior who has demonstrated a significant aptitude for organic chemistry. As well as receiving the certificate, the student receives one free year of membership in the Division of Organic Chemistry.

# Anne Leaman | Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Anne Leaman is a senior biochemistry major from Lancaster, PA. She is involved in many campus-wide activities including research with Dr. Kriley, American Chemical Society, Omicron Delta Kappa Honorary, Mortar Board Honorary, Tri-Beta biological honorary, lab prep for general chemistry labs, Phi Sigma Chi sorority, Symphony and Chamber Orchestra, Grove City String Quartet, and the Grove City College Trustee Scholarship Program. Anne enjoys spending time with her friends and family with her mother, Alison (McCann) Leaman '96, her father, Chris Leaman '95, and her sister Laura. Anne wishes to thank the Chemistry department for honoring her with this award, and she is excited to continue her education at Purdue University in the Borch Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology graduate program.

# AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY (ACS) DIVISION OF PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY UNDERGRADUATE AWARD

ACS approved Chemistry departments can nominate one student to receive from the ACS Division of Physical Chemistry a certificate of recognition. The student must have demonstrated a significant aptitude for physical chemistry. As well as receiving the certificate, the student receives one free year of membership in the Division of Physical Chemistry.

# Trey Zabroski | Mountain Top, Pennsylvania

Trey grew up in Northeastern Pennsylvania along with a younger brother and younger sister. He is on the men's lacrosse team at Grove City College and plans to pursue a research-based career where he can use his science background to help others.

# SACP (SOCIETY FOR ANALYTICAL CHEMISTS PITTSBURGH) AWARD

This award is given annually to the top graduating senior from the Chemistry Department. It comes with a monetary prize from the Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh.

# Daniel Mathes | Charlottesville, Virginia

Daniel Mathes is a senior biochemistry major from Charlottesville, VA. In his time at Grove City, he has been a member of ODK and the men's soccer team. Additionally, he is part of the Sigma Alpha Sigma fraternity, serving as their president this past year. Upon graduating, he plans on pursuing a degree in medicine.

# WALTER E. PAGE SCHOLARSHIP - CHEMISTRY

This award is given to the student who has demonstrated the most outstanding academic achievement by the end of the junior year.

# **Riley McCullough | Houston, Texas**

Riley McCullough is a junior from Houston, Texas, who is pursuing a biochemistry major and biology minor. She is a current member of the GCC varsity women's water polo team and is involved in multiple clubs around campus such as the American Chemical Society and the Tri-Beta Biological National Honor Society. After graduation, she hopes to complete her graduate studies and participate in academic or corporate research.

# JOHN T. SHAW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This award is given as a memorial to longtime Organic Chemistry professor Dr. John Shaw, who retired in 1991, and is presented to the top chemistry student(s) at the completion of Organic Chemistry I and II. This year, two students are receiving this award.

# Cameron DeCarlo | Chagrin Falls, Ohio

Cameron is a junior studying biochemistry and aspiring to attend medical school after he graduates from Grove City College. He is involved with the American Chemical Society, Pre-Health Society, and Tri-Beta Biological Honorary Society on campus, and works off campus as an emergency medical technician. He is also involved in researching organic synthesis of anti-carcinogenic compounds, a topic he hopes to continue studying throughout his academic career. Cameron would like to thank his organic chemistry professors and the entire chemistry department for their incredible contributions to his education and the honor of this award.

# Alexandar Fix | Altoona, Pennsylvania

Alexandar Fix is a sophomore Biochemistry major with a health concentration. On campus, he is involved in solid state battery research, Newman Club, American Chemical Society, and Pre-Health Society. He also volunteers at the Grove City Area Pet Rescue shelter, and serves as a teaching assistant for a chemistry lab on campus. Outside of college, he runs his own engraving business. After graduation, he plans to attend medical school.

# DR. HAROLD L. CONDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This award is given in memory of Dr. Harold L. Conder, who served as a Chemistry professor from 1973 to 2016. It is presented to a Chemistry major enrolled in inorganic chemistry who shows seriousness of purpose in the study of inorganic chemistry and creative potential and likelihood of success in the field of chemistry. This year, two students are receiving this award.

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Alexandar Fix is a sophomore Biochemistry major with a health concentration. On campus, he is involved in solid state battery research, Newman Club, American Chemical Society, and Pre-Health Society. He also volunteers at the Grove City Area Pet Rescue shelter, and serves as a teaching assistant for a chemistry lab on campus. Outside of college, he runs his own engraving business. After graduation, he plans to attend medical school.

# Reilly Welsh | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Reilly Welsh is a freshman Chemistry major with an Entrepreneurship minor. She is a member of the American Chemical Society and began doing research this semester. Additionally, she plays flute in Concert Band and participates in a community service club. Reilly would like to thank all of her chemistry professors for allowing her to have this opportunity.

# OUTSTANDING EXERCISE SCIENCE SENIOR AWARD

This award is presented to a senior based upon outstanding academic and scholarly achievements. Criteria include GPA, research participation, and service

# Anna Jenkins | Forest, Virginia

Anna Jenkins is a Senior Exercise Science Major with a psychology and nutrition minor (3.96 GPA). Anna has served as a research assistant for various studies ranging from the effects of low carbohydrate diets on physical performance and cardiometabolic health to the effects of chronic exogenous ketone supplementation on various physiological, metabolic, perceptual, respiratory and performance outcomes. In addition to her outstanding performance in the classroom, she was also a starter for the varsity women's soccer team. After graduating from Grove City College, Anna will further her education by studying to become a physician assistant.

# **EXCELLENCE IN EXERCISE SCIENCE**

This award is based on excellence in research, as well as demonstration of integrity and a strong commitment to excellence both in and outside the classroom.

# Holly Grose | Burke, Virginia

Holly Grose is senior Exercise Science student with a bright future! Since stepping onto campus, she has demonstrated excellence, integrity, leadership, and discipline in and out of the classroom (3.97 GPA). Holly has served the department in numerous ways, including working as the department's lab technician; aiding in faculty research; and assisting in organizing, as well as participating in, several Exercise Science Club events. Holly is passionate about human and sport performance and is currently pursuing related career/academic opportunities upon graduation. Wherever she lands, we are sure she will add value to all those with whom she interacts.

# OUTSTANDING EXERCISE SCIENCE SERVICE AWARD

The recipient of this award is selected on the basis of distinguished service to the exercise science major, club, and lab, and has been instrumental to the success of the program.

#### Joseph DeLuca | Gibsonia, Pennsylvania

Joseph DeLuca is a Senior Exercise Science Major (3.75 GPA). Joe has demonstrated a high level of commitment to his studies throughout his four years. Due to exceeding expectations in the classroom, Joe was selected, two years in a row, to be a teaching assistant for the exercise science department. In addition to his academic achievements, Joe was a four-year member of the varsity football team. After graduating from Grove City College, Joe will be furthering his education by pursuing a master's in Sports Science at the University of Pittsburgh.

#### DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT & MARKETING OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD

This award is presented by the faculty of the Department of Management and Marketing to the senior who most exemplifies the Department's commitment to academic excellence, leadership, and Christian service.

# Alexie Auth | Mercer, Pennsylvania

Alexie "Lexie" Auth is a Marketing and Communications double major. Lexie has been deeply involved in the Grove City College community on multiple fronts over her fouryear college career. She has been involved in campus organizations including the Gamma Sigma Phi sorority, women's volleyball team, Homecoming committee, and the GCC Marketing club. Following graduation, Lexie will begin her career as a Marketing Coordinator at Andocia Creative Agency, collaborating directly with clients to enhance their branding strategies.

#### PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS EXCELLENCE IN ACCOUNTING AWARD

This award is given to an outstanding accounting student who has demonstrated superior achievements over his/her college career. It includes a monetary award, an inscribed medal, plaque recognition and a one-year membership to the PICPA.

# Kelsey Coleman | Findlay, Ohio

Kelsey is graduating with a major in accounting and a minor in business analysis, as well as with 150 credit hours to be licensed as a CPA. Kelsey has excelled academically while also being part of the women's varsity tennis team. She has completed multiple internships during her college years, including corporate accounting, tax accounting, and audit assurance services. Kelsey looks forward to sitting for the CPA exam and continuing her accounting career.

#### INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS AWARD

Superior achievement in the field of accounting is the basis for this award. It includes a monetary award and plaque recognition.

# Anna DeGraaf | Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania

Anna is graduating with majors in both accounting and philosophy, as well as with 150 credit hours to be licensed as a CPA. Anna has excelled academically while also being part of the women's volleyball team. She has completed multiple internships during her college years, including internships in banking and public accounting. Anna looks forward to sitting for the CPA exam and starting her accounting career at a local regional CPA firm.

# FUTURE LEADERS IN FINANCE AWARD

This award is given to a graduating senior who has demonstrated superior academic achievement and shows outstanding promise as a future finance professional. It includes a monetary award. This year, two students are receiving this award.

# Kristopher Sekera | Rock Creek, Ohio

Kris is graduating at the top of his class with a degree in finance. He has completed multiple internships during his college years, gaining experience in both the banking and the financial planning industries. Kris is passionate about biblically-based financial planning. He is currently taking additional courses specific to financial planning in order to start a career in this field after college.

# Robert Tamburrino | Rock Creek, Ohio

Robert is graduating at the top of his class with a degree in finance, while also participating on the men's varsity football team. He has completed multiple internships during his college years, gaining experience in both investment banking and corporate finance. Robert is looking forward to furthering his finance experience after graduation.

# PERMELIA BALDWIN SHOEMAKER AWARD

This award is given to the student or students whose essay, chosen by Biblical and Religious Studies faculty, best represents "the nature, purpose, or consequences of a Christian education in contemporary society – Christian principles and values that contribute to one's life in society, such as those that Grove City College tries to endow in its students." This year, two recipients have been selected for this award.

# Mia Gallagher | Mogadore, Ohio

Mia is a sophomore Molecular Biology major with minors in Psychology, Chemistry, and Professional Writing. She is a Trustee Scholar, serves as a staff writer and copy editor for the Collegian, and is a member of Tri-Beta, Psi Chi, and the Tri-Zeta Sorority. She also is also a goalie on the Varsity Women's Lacrosse team. After college, she hopes to attend medical school and eventually work in pediatrics.

# Julia Sikora | Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania

Julia Sikora is a sophomore Science and History Middle Level Education major. She is involved in the Student Government Association, Orientation Board, Fellowship of Christian Educators, and Lambda Epsilon Delta. Julia also enjoys playing clarinet in the symphony orchestra and wind ensemble. After graduation, she is excited to teach students at the middle level and help them as they learn more about their world.

# **ROSS A. FOSTER SCHOLARSHIP**

The Ross A. Foster Scholarship honors Dr. Ross Foster who for more than 30 years at Grove City College showed excellence in teaching and administration. The award is given to a senior student of proven ability in Christian Thought who will be entering an approved seminary upon graduation. This year, two students have been selected for this award

# Gavin Miller | Clayton, North Carolina

Gavin Miller is a senior Biblical and Religious Studies major from Clayton, North Carolina. He is a member of the men's tennis team and serves as its chaplain. In his free time, he enjoys watching movies, spending time with friends, and being outdoors. Following graduation, he looks forward to attending seminary at Reformed Theological Seminary– Charlotte to pursue a master's in divinity and serving the Lord and his people in pastoral ministry.

# Bryant Moreno | Miami, Florida

Bryant is a senior Biblical and Religious Studies major from Miami, Florida. Having been raised in an unbelieving family, he was called by the grace of God to saving faith in Christ when he was 15. And, by the grace of God, with a willing heart, Bryant will pursue training for pastoral ministry at Reformed Theological Seminary–Charlotte. He is committed to serving and loving Christ and his church, the propagation of the gospel, and the teaching of the Christian faith as articulated by the Reformed tradition, all for the glory of God. Bryant enjoys reading books, spending time with friends and church family, going on walks, and singing Psalms with grace in his heart.

# **OLECHOVSKY SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is awarded to a worthy student who demonstrates an interest in the study of the languages, history, and culture of the ancient world. This year, two recipients have been selected for this award.

# Brynn Graybill | Grove City, Pennsylvania

Brynn is a senior physics major with minors in Computer Science and Biblical and Religious Studies. With a strong work ethic, she is committed to achieving her goals and making a positive impact in the world. In her free time, she enjoys playing piano, taking care of chickens, and spending lots of time outdoors. She hopes to use her passion for physics to point others to the Lord. After graduation, she plans to attend graduate school to get her Ph.D. in physics with a focus in optics.

# Annelise Vannoy | Waldoboro, Maine

Annie is a sophomore from Waldoboro, Maine, currently studying Biblical and Religious Studies and English. She is a member of the women's soccer team and has been a part of the ICO Chattanooga missions trip for the past two years. Annie loves all things outdoors along with good food and merry friends. After college, she is interested in writing, teaching, coaching, and overseas mission work.

#### SYDNEY MCCORMICK MEMORIAL AWARD

This award recognizes the outstanding senior educator who has shown dedication, excellence and enthusiasm in the student teaching experience and throughout campus life. It is awarded in the memory of Sydney McCormick by college friends and the sisters of Gamma Chi sorority. This year, two students have been selected for this award.

#### Alyssa Brower | Lebanon, Pennsylvania

Alyssa is a pre-service teacher who taught in Mrs. Delaney's classroom at Shenango this past fall semester. Mrs. Delaney rarely takes a student teacher, but we promised that we had a good one for her, so she agreed to take one on. After working with Alyssa, Mrs. Delaney told us that we had come through on that promise, and that she "had never had a pre-service teacher with the ability to lead a classroom like Alyssa." Additionally, Alyssa did not just get involved with her students (attending multiple sporting events) at Shenango, she also got involved with the teachers by attending several "ladies' events." To Alyssa's credit, she earned enough trust from Mrs. Delaney that she was even able to do some interactive lessons that Mrs. Delaney would typically never allow to occur in her classroom. Mrs. Delaney even shared that she liked the things Alyssa brought to the classroom and is considering incorporating them into her future lessons.

# Allison "Allie" Thomas | Butler, Pennsylvania

Allie is a pre-service teacher who completed her student teaching in the fall at the Grove City College Early Education Center. Allie exhibited dedication and made a lasting impact on her students. Her lessons and activities were always above and beyond. She created an atmosphere of love and kindness by introducing affirmations into her morning routine. She built a class community that has lasted the entire year, even after she left her placement. Students and families still ask about her.

# JAMES D. THORNE EDUCATION AWARD

This award is presented to a junior Education major with outstanding achievements in his or her major and Christian service.

# Molly Castina | Butler, Pennsylvania

Audrey is a junior English Education major who plans to teach in Pennsylvania public schools upon graduating from GCC. She is involved with the Fellowship of Christian Educators, the Secondary Education Society, and The Echo. She aspires to be a witness for Christ in her future classroom by ensuring that she provides a place of peace and comfort for her students.

# KAPPA DELTA PI AWARD

The Kappa Delta Pi Award is voted on by the members of Grove City College chapter of the international Kappa Delta Pi Education Honorary.

#### Nathan Jones | Girard, Pennsylvania

Nate Jones has been an involved member of Kappa Delta Pi since 2021. In his time with the honor society, he has served in multiple roles on the executive team including Fundraising Chair and Membership Chair. He has been a trustworthy and dedicated leader who has the gift of bringing people together. His passion for teaching is a wonderful example to those around him.

# DAVID AND KATHLEEN CASHDOLLAR SCHOLARSHIP

This Scholarship was established by the generosity of Trustee David '71 and Kathleen (Pickens '70) Cashdollar to support the College in its mission. Mr. Cashdollar coached football at the College. The scholarship will be awarded to a qualified Education major, with preference to students who desire to be an athletic coach.

#### Nicholas "Nick" Petucci | Altoona, Pennsylvania

Nick is a junior Secondary Education pre-service teacher with a passion for both teaching and coaching. His vision as a future teacher and coach is simple: to make his class period and or practice the best part of the student's day. Nick is a worthy recipient of the scholarship and will be a dynamic contributor to his community, school, and students.

#### MUSIC EDUCATION AWARD

This award is presented to two music education majors who have completed student teaching during the current school year and have demonstrated excellence in the field of music education.

#### Brooke Litzinger | Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Brooke is a Music Education major with a concentration in violin. During her time at GCC, she has actively participated in Orchestra, Band and Jazz Band. She is the past president of the GCC Chapter of the Pennsylvania Collegiate Music Educators Association. She is completing her student teaching at the Sharon City and Wilmington Area School Districts and plans to teach music.

#### Logan Green | Franklin, Pennsylvania

Logan is a Music Education major with a concentration in percussion. During his time at GCC, he has actively participated in Orchestra and Band and served the music department as a department assistant. He is the treasurer of the GCC Chapter of the Pennsylvania Collegiate Music Educators Association. He is currently completing his student teaching at the Laurel Area and Sharon City School Districts and plans to teach music.

#### HILDA ADAM KRING AWARD

This scholarship is awarded annually to a junior English major for use in the senior year. Selection criteria include academic achievement and creative potential for professional success in the student's chosen field. This year, two students have been selected to receive this award.

#### Noah Koons | Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Noah Koons, an English Education major and Theater minor, hopes to teach drama and literature after graduation. He is heavily involved with the theater department, participating in every production since the fall of his freshman year, including directing *Miss Nelson Is Missing!*, a Children's Theatre show geared towards children in the community. Noah currently serves as the Treasurer of the Alpha Psi Omega Theater Honorary and as a production technician for the Pew Fine Arts Center.

#### Susan Meland | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Susan is pursuing a degree in English with an emphasis in creative writing. When she's not in school indulging her love for classic literature and the pleasures of storytelling, she is working as a nanny. On graduating, she hopes to have a career in professional childcare, reading the best stories to children, fostering in them a love of storytelling, and helping them to live out their own bright stories. Someday, she hopes to be an author, illustrator, and editor of children's and juvenile literature. She currently works as a teaching assistant for Dr. Harvey, and you can sometimes find her singing and acting over in Pew.

#### THELMA BALTZ MORROW AWARD

The Morrow Award is presented annually to the three students who, in the judgment of the English faculty, have consistently demonstrated the highest standards of excellence in the use of the English language.

#### Alexandra Frank | Asheville, North Carolina

Alexandra Frank is pursuing an English degree with minors in Creative Writing and Spanish. She plans to teach English at the university level and hopes to publish her poetry and short stories. She is on the varsity swim team, serves as team Chaplain, works as a TA for Dr. Mayo, and will be Senior Editor of the Quad Magazine next year. In her free time, she likes to paint, run, read, do crossword puzzles, and journal. Alex's goal in college has been to commit herself fully to her passions of academia, athletics, faith, and community, and she hopes to graduate next year having done at least one of those well.

# Molly McCommons | Ellwood City, Pennsylvania

As an aspiring child advocacy lawyer, Molly is pursuing a double major in English and Business, with a psychology minor. Her on-campus involvements include serving on the executive team of the Orientation Board, Grove City Law Journal, and THRIVE Organization. Molly is also passionate about serving local domestic violence shelters. She leads on-campus initiatives as well, such as the "Pinwheels for Prevention" campaign to spread awareness about child abuse.

# Ruby Ramgren | Springfield, Massachusetts

Ruby is currently working towards an English major and a philosophy minor, primarily because she loves to read. She is a TA for Dr. Shepherd and a writing tutor at the Writing Center. When not reading for school, she reads for fun or plays ultimate frisbee for the Grove City club team, of which she is the women's captain.

#### **BOCKES AWARD**

This award is a scholarship presented to honor academic achievement and the prospect of success in graduate study. It is awarded to a senior English major who has been accepted into an accredited graduate program in English.

# Lillian Steinhauser | Concord, New Hampshire

Lillian graduated in December with a degree in English and a minor in Classical Studies. She will be attending the Villanova University Classical Studies MA program in the fall with the end goal of earning a Ph.D. in Classics and, through teaching, helping to transform the world of Classical academia into a more accessible and inclusive one. She currently works as a tutor and substitute teacher in her hometown of Concord, NH, and in her spare time enjoys reading, creating writing, and spending time with her wonderful parents, brothers, and fiancé.

# DIANE DIXON SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established by the generosity of Dr. Diane Dixon and is awarded to the junior student who, in the judgment of the Theatre and English faculty, has demonstrated the highest aptitude and achievement in the study of literature, with a special emphasis on the literature beyond the canons of English and American lit.

# Abigail Fisher | Columbia Falls, Montana

Forever on the hunt for stories, Abigail is pursuing an English degree with a Creative Writing minor in the hopes of publishing a novel (better yet, a whole series). She has held numerous positions in the Sigma Delta Phi sorority, been a member and leader in *The Echo Literary Magazine* for three years, designed costumes for *How I Became a Pirate* and managed the shop for *Kiss Me, Kate*, and works as a TA for Dr. Barbour and a Resident Assistant. In her (slim) free time, she indulges in a plethora of hobbies, the most consistent of which are studio art and film making.

# JAMES DIXON SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established by the generosity of Dr. James G. Dixon III and is awarded to the junior student who, in the judgment of the Theatre and English faculty, has demonstrated the highest overall aptitude, achievement, and leadership in the academic and/or creative areas of theatre at GCC.

#### Mary Margaret Bargery | Alexandria, Virginia

For the past three years, Mary Margaret has thoroughly enjoyed making the most of the ample academic and extracurricular opportunities Grove City has to offer! She has been blessed to spend much of her time in the Pew Fine Arts Center, taking part in several Grove City productions and growing in knowledge and love for the performing arts. Mary Margaret has also treasured her time in the English Department thus far, appreciating the intentional and encouraging environment and reveling in a community that so appreciates the power and beauty of words and stories. This year, Mary Margaret is privileged to serve as a member of the Alpha Psi Omega Theatre Honorary, a member of the Theta Alpha Pi Sorority, and the Senior Head of Orientation Board. Moving forward, Mary Margaret hopes to attend graduate school to receive a masters in professional counseling.

# **ROBERT H. SISLER MEMORIAL AWARD**

The Robert H. Sisler Award is presented by Alpha Mu Gamma, the national foreign language honorary, to an outstanding modern language senior who has demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, concern for others and *joie de vivre*.

# Olivia Zook | Willow Street, Pennsylvania

Olivia Zook demonstrates academic excellence by how diligently and enthusiastically she contributes to her classes. She leads others with kindness and humility, as seen by her presidency in Alpha Mu Gamma, and she is as stellar role model as a Teaching Assistant for the department. Her concern for others is evident in how she empathetically listens to fellow students. Moreover, she exudes joie de vivre in her conversations and self-expressiveness among both fellow students and faculty—as well as via her connection with her Spanish-language partner through the Latino Community Center. We especially appreciate the laughter she brings to the Modern Languages suite.

# JONATHAN B. LADD AWARD

This award is presented in honor of Dr. J.B. Ladd, who served the College for 30 years both as a professor of French and chair of the Department of Modern Languages, to the winner of this year's French junior competition.

#### Samantha "Sammie" Leebrick | West Linn, Oregon

Sammie Leebrick is the junior winner of this year's French essay competition for her reflection on how successful communication does not require absolute perfection. While in France in Fall 2023, she made connections with international classmates and provided directions to tourists, learning that others value effort more than flawless grammar, and they welcome conversations with kindness and patience. Sammie is a French and Management double major.

# ELINOR M. CARUTHERS FRENCH PRIZE

This award honors the senior winner of the French Essay Competition.

# Carolyn "Cara" Scott | Oxford, Mississippi

Cara Scott, double majoring in Philosophy and French, submitted a thoughtful composition recommending Victor Hugo's poem "*Demain, dès l'aube*" ("Tomorrow, at Dawn") as essential reading for students of French due to its haunting emotional depth accomplished by masterful shifts in tone.

# **BSW SENIOR OF THE YEAR**

This award is presented to a senior Social Work major who demonstrates academic excellence, emotional and spiritual maturity in the classroom and, and a strong ability to promote Christian values in social work practice. This recipient must also be actively involved in the community through connection to local church and service organizations.

#### Grace Anne Shaw | Fawn Grove, Pennsylvania

Grace Anne Shaw is from Fawn Grove, PA and is a double major in Social Work and Biblical Religious Studies with a concentration in Entrepreneurship. Grace Anne has been active with many different campus groups, as well as with YoungLife and Grace Anglican Church. In 2020 she earned 3rd place in the E+I Elevator Pitch Competition's Social Enterprise Category and then presented on her research and experience at the 2022 North American Christian in Social Work Conference in Chicago, Illinois. Most recently, Grace Anne completed her 400 hour social work field placement with Reach One Touch One Ministries (ROTOM), a Christian non-profit in Uganda that supports elderly Ugandans and children in their care. Grace Anne has consistently demonstrated a strong ability to promote Christian values in social work practice and has been an active member of both Grove City and her home community. After graduation, Grace Anne is pursuing her Master's in Social Work from Eastern University while serving in her family's business, Shaw Orchards.

# **PSI CHI SENIOR AWARD**

This award is presented to a senior psychology major who demonstrates excellent scholarship in the discipline of psychology, a good work ethic and passion for the field, and good relationships with faculty and other psychology students.

# Tabitha Morris | Allison Park, Pennsylvania

Tabitha Morris is from Pittsburgh, PA, and is a senior Psychology B.A. major at Grove City College with minors in both Family Studies and Design. She has been actively involved on campus throughout her college career. Tabitha has been a part of the danceline in the Wolverine Marching Band and has served as their dance captain this past fall semester. She is a member of the Alpha Beta Tau sorority and has held multiple officer positions, including President. She is the Vice President and Secretary of the college's Psi Chi chapter and is also a member of Mortar Board. Post graduation, Tabitha plans to obtain a master's degree in counseling, with a concentration in school counseling, at Pennsylvania Western (PennWest) University.

# **RED FRED AWARD IN PSYCHOLOGY / PHILOSOPHY**

This award is presented to the junior psychology or philosophy major with the winning essay as judged by the chairs of these departments. The student must also have a minimum GPA of 3.00.

# Joseph "Joe" Wills | Lynnwood, Washington

Joseph Wills is a junior Philosophy Major. He is from Lynnwood, Washington, and graduated from high school in 2021. With the support of his parents, Mike and Amy Wills, he is exploring the world of philosophy in college. He is excited to keep learning and to see where philosophy takes him.

# PHI ALPHA THETA HISTORY PRIZE

This history award is given to a senior for scholarship, historical research and writing, and contributions to the historical discipline on campus.

#### Brayden Peppo | Dayton, Ohio

A native of Dayton, OH, Brayden Peppo came to Grove City College to study music and quickly added a history major as well. His areas of academic interest include music history, educational history, and classical rhetoric. Brayden contributed to national awards on the speech and debate team during his freshman and sophomore years and has been heavily involved in the music department as a piano accompanist and soloist. Despite all of these achievements, Brayden would rather put his faith and his friends above school any day. After graduating, Brayden plans to return to Dayton and teach music and humanities at a classical Christian school.

#### DAVID E. MCKILLOP SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in memory of Dr. McKillop, who served the College and the History Department for 30 years. The recipient must show seriousness of purpose, creative potential, academic achievement and likelihood of success in the study of law or history. This year, two students have been selected for this award.

# Judah-David "Judah" Shay | Fairmount City, Pennsylvania

Judah-David Shay is a junior History major with minors in Classical Studies and Classical Christian Education and has served as President of Lux Mea as well as the Phi Alpha Theta history honorary. Judah has demonstrated not only academic excellence, but also a high level of commitment to campus activities as well as service in missions. He has been inducted into the Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honorary.

# Lauren Travieso | Edwards, California

Lauren Travieso is a junior History major who has achieved excellence in the study of history and has served as a research assistant in the Department of History and as an officer of the Phi Alpha Theta history honorary. Off campus, Lauren has participated in a summer archeological institute with site visits in both Greece and Italy and has also volunteered with the Grove City Historical Society. Lauren has also achieved high levels of success as a member of the GCC Debate Team.

#### ANDREW S. KORIM ORIGINAL THOUGHT SCHOLARSHIP

This prestigious merit scholarship recognizes up to three outstanding, rising senior scholars who have distinguished themselves by displaying strong academics and evidence of original thought in specific majors across the social sciences, natural sciences and technology, and applied sciences. Eligible participants were invited to compete by submitting an essay focusing on their creative contribution to original thought relevant to their major.

# Caleb Pipes | Dulles, Virginia

Caleb Pipes is a Mechanical Engineer with minors in Math and Robotics. He is involved in research with underwater LIDAR camera with Dr. Rumbaugh, as well as interning with a Navy research lab in Maryland connected to that project, where he has been invited to return for the upcoming summer and offered a full-time job after graduation and tuition assistance for further education. He is also a member of the MECE student leadership team, as well as a regular attendee of Grove City's Swing Dance Club, and a member of the housing group AEX. He plans to pursue further education in either Fluid Mechanics or Control Theory to assist him with a career with the Navy research lab.

# Caroline Dawson | Wexford, Pennsylvania

Caroline Dawson is an Entrepreneurship major with a Business Management minor. She keeps busy as the upcoming senior head of the Fall Orchesis Dance Company, treasurer and assistant social chair for the Theta Alpha Pi sorority, principal cellist in the Symphonic Orchestra, a career ambassador for the Career Services Office, and a member of ODK, Mortar Board, and Crimson and White Society. She has accepted an internship for the upcoming summer as a Corporate Supply Chain Associate at UPMC and is excited to explore the various opportunities in the business world upon graduation that focus on innovation to make people's lives better. She is thankful to her friends and family that have invested in her throughout her life thus far, and most importantly God, for giving her the abilities to glorify Him through it all.

# Liam Grossman | Matthews, North Carolina

Liam Grossman is a Computer Science major with minors in Data Science and Mobile Development. He is involved with the Orientation Board, AEX men's housing group, and ACM (Association for Computer Machinery). With an interest in software engineering, Liam hopes to create solutions in industry or academic research that simultaneously advance technology and God's kingdom. He is thankful to his parents and professors, who have continually challenged and encouraged him to explore.

# FREDERICK S. KRING SCHOLARSHIP

A substantial scholarship awarded annually to an outstanding leader of the junior class for use in the senior year. Selection is based on the leadership criteria of the Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership honorary society.

# Judah-David "Judah" Shay | Fairmount City, Pennsylvania

Judah-David Shay, a junior majoring in History, is an R.A. and president of Lux Mea. He is also president of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honorary, vice president of the Chess Club, a member of The Fugitives and Concert Choir, and a staff writer for Cogitare magazine. In addition he has been a member of the Student Government Association and the Roundtable Men's Honorary.

These awards have been presented to the recipients by representatives from the academic departments, offices, or committees responsible for coordinating the selection process for the respective awards.



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