



University AWARDS GALA

Gala Opening.....Ms. Amber Sandvig
2023-2024 Student Government Association (SGA) President

Master and Mistress of Ceremonies.....Mr. Patrick Shremshock, Ms. Madeline Cooper

Welcome and Remarks from the Vice President for Student Affairs.....Dr. K.C. White

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Each academic achievement award is determined by the departmental faculty and is presented to the graduating senior in each academic major based on academic achievement, character, professionalism, and potential.

COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCES, AND ENGINEERING

PRESENTED BY DR. RYAN ZAYAC, INTERIM DEAN

- Art.....Alexandra R. Esteve
- Biology.....Helena Heiberger
- Chemistry.....Thomas Dowis
- Cinematic Arts and Theatre.....Ella Neal
- Communication Arts.....Anna Grace Rye
- Criminal Justice.....Mackenzie Nelson
- Culinary Arts Management.....Makiya Padgett
- Engineering Technology.....Mario Sanchez-Salcedo
- English.....Jillian Oliver*
- Entertainment Industry.....Evan Bowers
- Fashion Merchandising and Design.....Erin Simpson*

Foreign Languages.....	Ted Herndon
Geography.....	Michael Chase Mathis*
Geographic Information Science.....	Jeffery Ethan Burbank*
German.....	Sidney Heinrich*
History.....	Charles Makowski
Hospitality and Events Management.....	Shion Hata*
Interdisciplinary Studies.....	Kristen Retherford
Interior Architecture and Design.....	Kylie Henderson
Marine Biology.....	Amber Prescott
Mass Communication.....	Virginia Posey
Mathematics.....	Anna Katie Cantrell*
Music.....	Kevin Dover
Occupational Health Science	Brian Sloan Stafford
Physics.....	David King
Political Science.....	Zayra Lynette Perez Cuenca
Psychology.....	Callie Loncar*
Social Work.....	Jamia Jackson
Sociology.....	Lindsey L. Byrge*
Spanish.....	Philip Irions
Sustainability.....	Katie Saxon

DEAN'S AWARD

OLIVIA MORRIS

ANDERSON COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

PRESENTED BY DR. TERA KIRKMAN, DEAN

Pre-Licensure BSN.....	Maci Allen
Post Licensure RN-BSN.....	Charlene Cramer*
BS Applied Health Science - Health Administration Track.....	Haley Carr*

DEAN'S AWARD

SAGE BETTS

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES

PRESENTED BY DR. MATT GREEN, INTERIM DEAN

Willingham Award in Elementary Education.....	Lauren Sturdivant Wallace
Willingham Award in Secondary Education.....	Katy Elise Dyar
Exercise Science.....	Emma Morgan
Sport and Recreation Management.....	Bradyn P. Rogers

DEAN'S AWARD

BROOKLYN PAIGE PRINCE

SANDERS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

PRESENTED BY DR. GREG CARNES, DEAN

Accounting.....	Christopher Jude Thomas
Computer Information Systems.....	David Slade Berryman
Computer Science.....	Cooper Vandiver
Data Analytics.....	Elliott Johnson
Finance.....	Jacob Harris
Information Technology.....	Tram Anh Nguyen
Management.....	Carson Partain
Marketing.....	Colby Johnson

DEAN'S AWARD

TALON PRITCHARD

DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Presented by Dr. Katie Kinney, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.....
 Sydney Borden Scott, Alisha Boren, Logan Drake*, Jaiden Farnetti, Jamia Jackson,
 Ella Neal, Alyssa Nuss*, Lucas Parker, Timothy Posey, Braden Sellers

UNIVERSITY AWARDS

THE LION'S CUP

Presented by Juliette Butler, Senior Administrative Assistant, Student Engagement.....Navigators

FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE AWARDS

Presented by Anna Leigh Rossi, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life

Fraternity Man of the Year.....Ryne McGuyer, Lambda Sigma Phi

Sorority Woman of the Year.....Jada Mitchell, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Daniel R. Leasure Fraternity Chapter of the Year.....Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Daniel R. Leasure Sorority Chapter of the Year.....Zeta Tau Alpha

LAGRANGE SOCIETY AWARDS

Presented by Mary Harber, Assistant Director of Recruitment and Orientation

Hostess of the Year.....Anna Grace Rye

Host of the Year.....Garret Statom

Rookie of the Year.....Oakley Hurst

HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Presented by Calviee Tandy, Area Coordinator.....Rachel Ackerman

STUDENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Presented by Kelly Thigpen, Senior Financial Aid Counselor.....Garret Statom

DR. GRAHAM L. SISSON, JR. DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES CHAMPION AWARD

Presented by Jeremy Martin, Director of Disability Support Services.....Rishi Doreswamy, Hope Buckley,
Bethany Green

PRESIDENT'S DIVERSITY AWARDS

Presented by Ms. Minnette Ellis, AVP for Student Affairs, Dean of Students, and Chief Diversity Officer

Faculty Diversity Award.....Dr. Pat Sanders

Student Organization Diversity Award.....Navigators

GLOBAL LIONS AWARD

Presented by Dr. Po Hu, Associate Vice Provost for International Affairs.....Diksha Chottani,
Mario Sanchez-Salcedo

ROBERT L. POTTS HALL OF FAME AWARD

Presented by Rebekah Callahan, SGA Vice President.....Amber Sandvig

UNDERGRADUATE SERVICE AWARD

Presented by Dr. K. C. White, Vice President for Student Affairs.....Mia Batchelor, Rebekah Callahan,
Olivia Oliphant, Garret Statom

HALL OF FAME

Presented by Dr. K. C. White, Vice President for Student Affairs.....Abby Eggemeyer,
Talon Pritchard, Amber Sandvig, Meg Wilbanks

UNIVERSITY MAN OF THE YEAR

Presented by Dr. K. C. White, Vice President for Student Affairs.....Mario Sanchez-Salcedo

UNIVERSITY WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Presented by Dr. K. C. White, Vice President for Student Affairs.....Anna Grace Rye

W. T. MCELHENY AWARD

Presented by Amber Sandvig, SGA President.....Dr. K.C. White

DR. KIMBERLY A. GREENWAY OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Presented by Amber Sandvig, SGA President.....Kay Wammack

DISTINGUISHED STAFF EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

Presented by Brian Ford, Staff Senate President.....Randall Phifer, Christy Waters

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

Presented by Dr. Katie Kinney, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Service Award.....McKenzie London

ELEANOR GAUNDER PHI KAPPA PHI EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Presented by Dr. Katie Kinney, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.....

Dr. Alejandra Alvarado-Brizuela

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FACULTY AND STAFF AWARDS

Presented by Dr. Katie Kinney, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Outstanding Advising, Faculty.....Dr. Heather Rhodes

Outstanding Advising, Staff.....Erin Wittscheck

Dr. Jim F. Couch Outstanding Research Award.....Dr. John A. Parnell

Outstanding Service Award.....Dr. Michael Pretes

Dr. Lawrence J. Nelson Outstanding Teaching Award.....Dr. Nikki Davenport

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 Mr. Samuel Thigpen, University Videographer/Photographer
 Ms. Dede Simmons and Ms. Karen Hodges, University Print Shop
 Mr. Ethan Franks, Senior Technical Director and Venue Manager for Norton Auditorium

UNIVERSITY AWARDS GALA COMMITTEE

Ms. Rebecca Bush, Assistant Director, Student Activities
 Ms. Juliette Butler, Senior Administrative Assistant, Student Engagement
 Dr. J. Matthew Green, Interim Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences
 Ms. Kristi Henson, Executive Assistant to the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
 Dr. Tammy Jacques, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
 Ms. Sheryl McMillan, Executive Assistant to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

2023 - 2024 SGA EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Ms. Amber Sandvig, President
 Ms. Rebekah Callahan, Vice President
 Ms. Mia Batchelor, Treasurer
 Ms. Averie Yeager, Secretary

*An asterisk by a name indicates that the recipient graduated either Summer 2023 or Fall 2023.



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