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James M. MacLaren, Dean of Newcomb-Tulane College

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The School of Architecture

The American Institute of Architects Certificate of Merit

KATHLEEN AUDREY PEADEN

The AIA Certificate of Merit is awarded to the fifth-year student in architecture with the second-highest cumulative GPA.

The American Institute of Architects Medal

PATRICK JAMES FRANKE

The AIA Medal is awarded to the fifth-year student in architecture with the highest cumulative GPA.

The A.B. Freeman School of Business

The BSM Scholastic Achievement Award

ARIELLE KARINNE DRUCKER

Established in 1997, this award recognizes excellence in academics, and is presented to the graduate of the Bachelor of Science in Management program with the highest cumulative GPA.

The Dean’s Service Award

DYLAN PAUL LeCORGNE

Established in 1991, this award recognizes those graduating students who, in the opinion of the administrative staff and the dean, have added dimension to the School through outstanding contributions of time and effort.

The Evelyn and William Burkenroad Award

STEPHEN GRAGE DENIS

Established in 1982, the Evelyn and William Burkenroad Award recognizes the one graduating student in the Bachelor of Science in Management program who has an outstanding record of scholarship and personal integrity and whose activities have contributed to the professional, social, and/or academic quality of the business program.

The Tulane Association of Business Alumni Award

CHRISTINE MARIE OUDER

Established to recognize outstanding undergraduate and graduate students, this award is presented to students who rank in the top ten percent of their classes and, in the opinion of the administration and officers of the Tulane Association of Business Alumni, have displayed exceptional intellectual ability, leadership, self-motivation, and a sense of responsibility to peers, the school, and the community.

The TABA Community Service Award

MYLES JAMES HILL+++.

The Levy-Rosenblum Institute for Entrepreneurship established this award in 1993 which, in partnership with the Tulane Association of Business Alumni, recognizes those graduates who have completed at least twenty-five hours of pro bono service with a disadvantaged business or a not-for-profit organization in the New Orleans area.
The Program in African and African Diaspora Studies

The Outstanding Student in African and African Diaspora Studies  
MELANIE ELIZABETH SCHATZ

During her career at Tulane, Melanie took a wide variety of ADST courses and excelled in all of them. She developed a sophisticated grasp of social and cultural analysis pertaining to African and diasporic populations in the U.S., the Caribbean, and Latin America. Her enthusiastic presence in the classroom enlivened and enriched group discussions. Combined with her degree in public health, Melanie’s work in ADST has prepared her to make splendid contributions in a variety of contexts.

The Department of Anthropology

The Arden R. King Award for Excellence in Anthropology  
CATHERINE ISABELLE EMILY RICH

Catherine is a triple major in Anthropology, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, and French. She achieved a 4.0 GPA in anthropology and 3.977 overall. While she has completed coursework in all of the anthropological subfields, Catherine is particularly interested in primatology. She spent a summer studying capuchin monkeys in Costa Rica, and is authoring a manuscript based on these data. Her boundless energy and genuine enthusiasm made her a joy to have in the classroom and in the forest.

SAMANTHA ANNE SAHL

Samantha is a double major in anthropology and international development, and her honors thesis is an exploration of the impact of colonialism and poverty on the learning experience in Ghanaian schools. She is a stellar student who reads voraciously, writes flawlessly, and works tirelessly. In addition to earning a perfect 4.0 GPA in the major, Sam also has demonstrated outstanding creativity, engagement, and dedication to anthropology in classroom settings and beyond.

The Elizabeth S. Watts Award for Outstanding Achievement in Physical Anthropology  
LAURA CHIEKO MATTHEWS

Laura is a double major in anthropology and ecology and evolutionary biology. Her honors thesis was a bold undertaking of her own design, involving computer simulations of genetic changes occurring in populations undergoing multiple bottlenecks, and the implications of such bottlenecks for the genetics of living
Native Americans. Laura has frequently outperformed the doctoral students in her numerous courses, even as a first-year undergraduate. She will begin graduate study in molecular anthropology at NYU on a full five-year fellowship.

**The Robert Wauchope Award for Excellence in Anthropology**  
**CAROLYN LAUREL**  
**MORRISON BLESSING**

Carolyn is a double major in anthropology and Spanish. She demonstrates commitment and creativity in all her scholarly undertakings, and brings energy and enthusiasm to the classroom. In her Urban Latin America course, she explored the role of sugar in Mexican culture in a fascinating course project on culture, sweetness, and death, for which she presented a poster.

**The Victoria Reifler Bricker Award for Excellence in Linguistics**  
**BRADEN GARY O’GUINN**

Braden is a double major in anthropology and urban studies. He is a scholar and an intellectual for his peers. As one of his professors stated, “he performed as well as any graduate student in the written work. In class participation, he outshone both his peers and most of the graduates. His written critiques of the reading show perspicacity and a breadth of linguistic and social knowledge that enriches his argumentation.”

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**The Newcomb Department of Art**

**The Alberta “Rusty” Collier Memorial Award in 2-D Studio Art**  
**SARAH BETH SIMPKINS**

Sarah’s ability and technical precision make her artwork a visual marvel. Her sensitive use of materials and imagery draw the viewer into her thoroughly articulated worlds. She is constantly drawing and sketching, always improving her craft.

**The Henry Stern Prize for the Best Paper in Art History**  
**ANNA BLUM**

Anna’s project analyzed the work of painter Joan Mitchell within the context of Abstract Expressionism in New York during the 1950’s. Her account of Mitchell’s relationship to this art movement and its practitioners was illuminating and insightful. As a double major in French, Anna was able to examine Mitchell’s life and work in Paris. Her paper was also informed by contemporary French feminist theory, which she used to elucidate Mitchell’s achievements within the context of feminine subjectivity.

**The Juanita Gonzales Prize in Ceramics**  
**KATHRYN DIANE WHISTLER**

Kathryn has distinguished herself as a master fabricator in clay with a keen eye for lifelike and nuanced detail. Her presence in the studio has not only been that of a master ceramist, but as a facilitator and mentor to other students. We look forward to Kathryn’s future achievements as a working artist.
## The Department of Classical Studies

**The Classical Studies Prize**

BRITTANY ELIN OWENS

Brittany has compiled an outstanding record as a major in classical studies. She was consistently among the very best students in every course she took, and showed a high degree of intellectual curiosity and rigorous thinking.

**The George H. Terriberry Prize**

MICHELLE TU ANH NGUYEN

Michelle has been a truly exceptional student in all of the classes she has taken for her classical studies major, and she wrote an excellent honors thesis on “Religion and Reason in the Treatment of Diseases in Classical Antiquity.”

**The Judah Touro Medal**

PATRICK THOMAS MURPHY***

Patrick has an excellent record as a student of classical studies. He has demonstrated a mastery of Latin, and has written a distinguished honors thesis on “Monarchy and Religion in Ptolemaic Egypt.”

## The Department of Communication

**The Ashton Phelps Award**

MORGAN LEIGH RIBERA

Morgan has a rare quality that is seen in most highly accomplished people. Her range of interests is broad, and she is able to generate rich connections across areas. Morgan approaches her work with care, precision, and generosity. Her strong ability to formulate critical readings of course materials is matched by open-mindedness when encountering new or challenging ideas. We will undoubtedly continue to hear great things about Morgan for years to come.

**The Glendy Burke Medal in Communication**

SARAH TEDDI MANDEL

Sarah has exemplified the model of an engaged student at Tulane and in the community. She has completed several service learning projects, including original archival research for the MediaNOLA public history project. The New Orleans Video Access Center found her such an asset to their organization, the institution invited her as a staff intern. She has also worked in labor relations in the city, most recently as an organizer for the Tulane University Peace Action Committee.
The Department of Economics

The J. Ernest Tanner Award for Excellence in Economics

EVAN VICTOR GOLDSTEIN

This award is given to the student with the highest GPA among all graduating economics majors. Evan has an outstanding record, and has earned an overall GPA of 3.916 in his years at Tulane.

The Mathematical Economics Award

ZACHARY LEE FLYNN

This award is given to the student with the highest GPA among all graduating economics majors with also a significant concentration in mathematics. Zachary's overall GPA is 3.885, and he has helped economics graduate students with mathematical issues in their courses in the department’s doctoral program.

The Newcomb College Award in Economics

VERONICA ELIZABETH ARGUDO

This award is given to the outstanding female economics major or majors. Veronica has earned an overall GPA of 3.897 in her years at Tulane. She has also written an outstanding honors thesis, which decomposes the change in poverty between 2000 and 2010 in Ecuador and estimates the incidence of the main cash transfer program. This work required her to assemble household surveys, learn the methodologies, apply the relevant statistical programs, and interpret the results.

The Paul Tulane College Award in Economics

ZACHARY LEE FLYNN

This award is given to the outstanding male economics major. Zachary wrote an excellent honors thesis (“Nonparametric Estimation of Binary Dependent Variables in the Presence of Dimensionality”), which bridges the gap between the theory and the application of nonparametric estimators. He plans to pursue a doctoral degree in economics at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in the fall.

The Senior Scholar Award for Research in Economics

CAROLINE GAITHER HELLER

This award is given to a graduating economics major who has demonstrated outstanding research performance. Caroline has written an excellent honors thesis (“Barriers to Reducing Maternal Mortality in Sub-Saharan Africa”). She has also earned an overall GPA of 3.816 in her years at Tulane.

The Department of English

The Award for Service to the Literary Community

SOPHIA MARIE UNTERMAN

A gifted writer of both fiction and nonfiction, Sophie has helped foster a community of writers at Tulane and in New Orleans in general through her work in organizing
the 1718 Reading Series, whose well-attended events are an inspiration to all involved. Even more inspiring was a talk Sophie gave at Tulane this spring with her grandmother, a Holocaust survivor, in conjunction with her honors thesis. In word and deed, Sophie has made our community immeasurably richer.

**The Class of 1903 Shakespeare Prize for Best Shakespearean Essay by a Woman**

TERESA JOYCE CLIFTON

Teresa’s insightful, well written, and creative essay, entitled “Drowning in Tears in Titus Andronicus,” was written for Professor Ashley Bender’s fall semester Shakespeare class. It examines the interchangeability of blood and tears in Shakespeare’s gruesome play, suggesting that tears function as a “lethal” force that instigates much of the play’s violence, including Lavinia’s death.

**The Donald Pizer Award in American Literature**

DERRICK PROSPER TOUPS

Derrick is awarded the Pizer Award for his outstanding coursework in American literature and for his senior honors thesis, directed by Professor Michelle Kohler. The thesis project combines research into the contested editorial history of Emily Dickinson’s manuscripts with Derrick’s own meticulous editing and archiving of approximately 60 poems handwritten by his grandmother.

**The Henry Clay Stier Award in English**

NICOLE MARIE NOLAN

This award is given annually to the graduating senior with the highest GPA in the English major.

**The Quarante Club Prize for Best Short Story by a Woman**

EMMA PLEYDELL-BOUVERIE BOYCE

Emma’s short story “Fender Bender” is an original and audacious take on contemporary American life. With a sensibility entirely its own, Emma’s story – like all her work – is constantly surprising. May this award encourage her to continue making such funny, fearless, and original work.

**The Senior Achievement Prize for Excellence in Creative Writing**

SAMUEL FULLER EMANUEL THOMAS

Sam’s honors thesis in creative writing is an extraordinary display of imaginative power and linguistic flair. Surreal, odd, funny, sad, deeply human – the many short pieces add up to a portrait of a mind we are delighted to have encountered. May this award inspire Sam to continue writing.

**The Virginia Gleaves Lazarus Memorial Award**

LAUREN HOPE MENKING

This prize is awarded each year to an outstanding essay written by a senior or junior woman. Lauren’s essay, “Indeterminate Mantras: Finding Autonomy in Slaughterhouse-Five and A Clockwork Orange,” was written for Professor Rebecca Mark’s fall semester Capstone Seminar. Focusing on each novel’s use of mantras, Lauren’s interpretation reads both works as advocating free will rather than the determinism most critics have found in them.
The Writer’s Residency Award for an Outstanding Senior in Creative Writing  ANNA JILL SHULTS

In her writing, Anna has shown a liveliness of expression and a persistent gift for characterization – the emotional conflicts that create drama – that set her work apart. Her stories are marked by a deep curiosity about human relationships and a firm grasp of the American idiom, the way we actually speak about our lives. It is our hope that this award will encourage Anna to continue the good work she has done here so far at Tulane.

The Department of French and Italian

The Alcée Fortier Memorial Prize  PAIGE DAVIS

Paige is an avid student of French, who spent a successful year on Tulane's Junior Year Abroad Program in Paris and wrote an excellent honors thesis for her degree in French. Her fine academic qualities and accomplishments make this Louisiana native the ideal recipient of the Alcée Fortier Memorial Prize, named in honor of one of Tulane’s most illustrious language professors.

The Charles Oscar Maas Prize in French and Italian  DANA GRACE HAUCK

Dana has demonstrated her love of the French language throughout her years at Tulane. As the author of an exceptionally fine honors thesis, she is an especially deserving recipient of this award.

ANDREA ERIN LLOYD

In recognition of Andrea’s outstanding essay written as an honors thesis in French, we are pleased to present her with this award.

The France-Amérique Award  SAMANTHA DALE COOK

Samantha has successfully combined her passion for French with her many other interests, including history and international development. We are pleased to recognize her commitment to French and her overall academic excellence by presenting her with this award.

The French Government Book Prize  JENNIFER JOY KILBOURNE

Jennifer is an outstanding scholar who demonstrated her commitment to the study of French by spending her junior year in Paris, and by completing her service learning in a French immersion program in a New Orleans public school.

ROBIN MARIE PACKER

In recognition of her outstanding scholarly ability, her passion for the French language, and her highly original honors thesis on Mardi Gras in New Orleans, we are pleased to award Robin with this prize.
ABIGAIL POLLOKOFF

Abigail is an exemplary student of languages who has a triple major in French, English, and Italian. As someone with great talent and passion for French, and as the author of a fine honors thesis, she is a most deserving recipient of this award.

The Jonathan Lorino Memorial Prize

CATHERINE ISABELLE
EMILY RICH

Catherine has the highest GPA of any graduating French major in 2012. Through her excellence in French and her great enthusiasm for the language, she wonderfully embodies the spirit of Jonathan Lorino and is most deserving of this prize, named in his honor.

The Louis Bush Medal

KATHARINE BEATRICE
FISCHMAN

Katharine is an outstanding student of French language and literature and the author of a fine honors thesis. We are pleased to recognize her accomplishments by awarding her the Louis Bush Medal.

The Program in Gender and Sexuality Studies

The Award for the Outstanding Senior in Gender and Sexuality Studies

JACOB WAYNE McCARTY

This award for achievement in grade point average goes to the student in the major who, on the recommendation of the program faculty, is recognized as having made a contribution to the program. We honor this year’s recipient for his active engagement in gender studies scholarship and program community-building, both academic and extracurricular.

The Department of Germanic and Slavic Studies

The Anne Royal Arthur Memorial Award

JOHN TANNER BURNETT

This award honors a student of German “who is distinguished not only by his or her achievements, but also by dedication and sense of duty.” John embodies these traits through his interest in German culture, and as the German minor with the best academic record in the department.

The John T. Krumpelmann Award

LANCE WILLIAM WATERS

This award honors the top graduating German major at Tulane for her or his superlative record of academic achievement. Lance, a double major in German and political science, has excelled in scholarship, leadership, and academic integrity. His honors thesis examined the role of historiography in East Germany; he was chosen to be a DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Young Ambassador during his senior year at Tulane. We wish him good luck in his future career in law.
The Russian Book Prize for Achievement in the Russian Language

GRACE ANN KENNEALLY

Grace is a dedicated student of Russian language and culture. She spent her junior year at the KORA Center for Russian Language in Vladimir, excelled in her classes at Tulane, and wrote an honors thesis on the conflict between Vladimir Putin and Mikhail Khodorkovsky. We commend her enthusiasm and commitment, and we look forward to hearing about her future accomplishments.

The Department of History

The Charles Till Davis Prize for Excellence in European History

JULIE ANN JOHNSON

Julie was selected because she is the best student in European history, with a history major GPA of 3.995. Julie also wrote an excellent honors thesis on “The Salvation and Ruin of Society: Victorian Prostitution, Rehabilitation, and Containment 1840-1880.” The thesis imaginatively reconstructs the fraught tension between domestic morality and public sexuality. Julie analyzes the debates about and the efforts to address the “prostitution problem,” unraveling how prostitution became a way to criticize perceived flaws in Victorian society.

The Chi Omega Prize

LAURA C. CANNON

This prize is awarded to the female student with the highest GPA in the department.

The Mary B. Scott Memorial Prize in Social Studies

SAMANTHA DALE COOK

Samantha’s honors thesis “Power, Agency, and Voice in the Rwandan Refugee Camps of Zaire from 1994 to 1996” examines female refugees in the Rwandan crisis during that time, an issue largely neglected by scholars. Through a thoughtful analysis of memoirs, reports, and oral interviews with Rwandan refugees, Sam reconstitutes the ways in which refugees – especially female refugees – created empowered spaces for themselves within refugee camps.

The Montgomery History Award

MATTHEW DAVIS TURNER

This award is given to the male student with the highest GPA in the department.

The Sidney Beyer Prize for Excellence in American History

MATTHEW DAVIS TURNER

Matthew was chosen for the quality of his honors thesis chapter on the development of “petro-populism” in Louisiana, 1915-1924. In a beautifully written and incisive analysis, he explores the developments in Louisiana’s tax structure during the governorship of John M. Parker, changes which served as the foundation for Huey Long’s programs, and explains why the tax structures of Louisiana and Texas differ so markedly.
The Dr. Bernard Kaufman Essay Contest

KAYLA WINARSKY GREEN

Kayla is receiving this award for her excellent essay, “Image v. Reality: An Illumination on Holocaust Portrayal and its Implications.” In it, she explores Holocaust education on a global scale to find a manner of teaching that dispels stereotypes and reduces anti-Semitism. She analyzes different approaches in places such as Poland, Lithuania, Hungary, France, and America, and concludes by arguing that in using education to close the gap between image and reality, we can create a better and more tolerant future.

The Dr. Lawrence J. Kanter and Julie Kanter Award

ROBERT SAMUEL KURMAN***

Robert has been very active in growing Tulane Jewish Studies. His professors are impressed by the ways in which he solves problems, and they think very highly of his analytical skills. His approach enriches classroom discussion, and helps to make his peers even better students.

ALLISON HOPE MARMON

Allison has one of the highest GPAs among Jewish Studies majors. Her professors give universal praise to her written work, participation in classroom discussion, and her base of knowledge and excellent analytical skills. She is a model Jewish Studies student.

The Ephraim Lisitzky Memorial Award

CELIA H. FEUER++

Celia has been an excellent addition to the Jewish Studies program. Her professors continually commend her work and her excellent contributions to classes, and are honored to present her with this award.

MITCHELL SCOTT GREENBERG

Mitchell has been very active in growing Tulane Jewish Studies, becoming a leader in the Jewish Studies Student Organization and a model student in the program. His professors are consistently impressed by his ability to frame problems in new ways, and his approach has earned him the respect of both his peers and professors.

The Murphy Institute – Political Economy

The Anthony F. and Mary Anne Corasaniti Award

KATELYN RENE SMALLEY

Katelyn worked in El Salvador as a Spanish language medical translator and doctors’ assistant on the San Bartolo Sister Parish Medical Mission. She has also served on the advisory board of Birthing without Tears, a maternal-child health organization in Nigeria, and as an intern consultant for Birthing Project Honduras. As a consultant, she wrote grants and communicated with doctors at a local hospital supporting an indigenous population to send them medicines and supplies, particularly those that promote healthy birth outcomes.
The Charles H. Murphy Prize in Political Economy

KATELYN RENE SMALLEY

Katelyn earned a 3.9 GPA overall and in the major. Her honors thesis, “Birth and Life in Unequal Societies,” explored the correlation between social capital and low birth weight as a demonstration of the interrelated effects of social determinants of health in OECD countries.

MATTHEW DAVIS TURNER

Matthew is a double major in history and political economy, and he wrote his honors thesis on the history of tax policy in Louisiana. Matthew’s GPA of 3.9 overall and in the major placed him among the top group of seniors in our major.

LAURA ELIZABETH WHITE

Laura’s honors thesis on human development, early childhood education, and education policy was brilliant and innovative. She earned a 3.9 GPA in her courses, and also maintained a 3.9 GPA in the major.

The Murphy Institute Public Service Award

LAURA ELIZABETH WHITE

Laura is a widely recognized and respected student leader at Tulane and in the New Orleans community. She works in many different areas, but her two main activities are the AshokaU Changemaker Campus Initiative for Social Entrepreneurship and her work in many local schools, including Lusher and Banneker. She has been committed to public education in New Orleans, and has helped the schools in both teaching and administrative areas.

The Newcomb Department of Music

The Sarah I. Nadler Memorial Award in Music

ANNA KATHERINE CARGILL***

Anna Cargill is a charismatic soprano who has appeared in numerous Tulane Musical Theatre Workshop performances. She was honored as a 2012 winner of the regional round of Classical Singer’s National Competition, and also won the spring 2012 Junior Philharmonic Society of New Orleans competition.

NATHANIEL ALEXANDER EISEMAN

Nathaniel is an imaginative composer and pianist. His creativity is evident in his honors thesis, “An Algorithmic Approach to Melodic Harmonization,” which proposes an automated method of harmonizing musical melodies in the style of a four-part chorale characteristic of the German Baroque.
The Department of Philosophy

The Anne Butler Hess Award

KELLY ELIZABETH MARTIN

Kelly’s outstanding work has impressed all who have had the pleasure of teaching her—in seventeen philosophy courses, including six at the graduate level. Lucidity, elegance and cogent argument have characterized her many papers on a wide variety of philosophers and problems. She is a dedicated student, who takes philosophy seriously as a way of life.

GEORGE EDWARD RHEIN

George has distinguished himself through the industry, intelligence, and sincerity with which he has pursued his philosophical interests. He is able to pose difficult questions and address them with precision and clarity, in a spirit of impartial respect for truth. We commend his appreciation of the intrinsic value of philosophical understanding and its contributions to the betterment of daily life.

The Senior Scholar Award

KELLY ELIZABETH MARTIN

Kelly’s ability to explore a text with philosophic depth, insight, and originality is vividly displayed in her honors thesis, focusing on Emerson’s account of the ideal human being.

The Department of Political Science

The Charles E. Dunbar Jr. Fellowship in Political Science

LAURA C. CANNON

Laura has a superb academic record, and has exhibited her devotion to public affairs through participation in a number of campus organizations and extracurricular pursuits. She enjoyed widespread support among faculty for her academic achievement and excellence in work related to public affairs.

LANCE WILLIAM WATERS

Lance has written an excellent honors thesis in our department and has earned the highest GPA of any graduating senior. He enjoyed widespread support among faculty for his academic achievement, original research, and excellence in work related to public affairs.

The Class of 1935 – Ned Putzell Memorial Prize

KATIE A. LUCKY-HEARD**

Katie is recognized for her community service in New Orleans’ Lower Ninth Ward neighborhood. She successfully connected her service and her scholarship, something that few students can accomplish, and she did so while graduating in three-and-a-half years.

The Pi Sigma Alpha Award

JOSEPH RAY STEVENS

The department recognizes Joseph for his dedication to promoting the public understanding of politics. He has helped to bring a number of important political
figures to Tulane, and contributed to deepening public discussion of important political issues in the broader community.

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<td>Peter graduates with a perfect 4.0 average overall and in the sociology major. His instructors have expressed appreciation for his articulateness and his intellectual vitality. Peter has been an energetic participant in education, inside and outside of the classroom.</td>
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<td><strong>The Phi Mu Award in Sociology</strong></td>
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<td>Anna has been one of the most outstanding students in the sociology program. Her work has been praised by all of her professors, and she wrote an excellent honors thesis. She is an active participant in her classes, and in the life of the university.</td>
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<td>An anthropology major with an abiding interest in issues of social justice, Tobin has conducted extensive research in Salvador, Bahia, focusing on Arte Consciente, a cultural organization that provides educational and social services to at-risk youth. This research served as the basis of an honors thesis, “Helping Out: An Ethnography of Foreign Assistance to a Brazilian Cultural Group,” which examines the complex relations between this cultural group and international organizations.</td>
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<td><strong>The Dan Heiple Award for Excellence in Iberian Studies</strong></td>
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<td>Marc majored in Spanish and completed the pre-medical curriculum at Tulane. Marc’s fluency in Spanish, competence with academic research methods, profound</td>
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knowledge of literature, and his excellent linguistic skills have impressed the faculty. He spent his junior year abroad in Madrid, where his focus was on contemporary Spanish culture and cinema.

**RONALD JOSEPH LURASCHI**

Ron’s profound interest in Spain and Spanish culture is reflected in both his coursework and the topic of his honors thesis, which is about Spain’s reorientation toward Europe after the Franco era. His hard work paid off in the completion of this thoughtful study on Spain’s international relations and immigration policy post-Franco, as it seeks to align with Europe rather than North Africa.

**The José Hernández Award in Spanish American Literature**

**JILL MARGIT NEITZEL**

Jill had the imagination and perseverance to turn a personal experience, her study abroad semester, into a sociolinguistic study on a fringe group of young people who speak a distinct dialect of Chilean Spanish. In her honors thesis, she locates this phenomenon within a larger context of marginalized youth who create their own unique subculture as a way of claiming power with respect to a dominant culture that denies them that power. Her creativity and intellectual curiosity exemplify the qualities recognized by the Hernández Award.

**The Newcomb Department of Theatre and Dance**

**The Garrick Barranger Award for Best Actor in a Supporting Role**

**DERRICK PROSPER TOUUPS**

Derrick showed great versatility this year performing in two very different roles in two very different productions, from a scene stealing “hag” in a Greek comedy, to a demented and demonic boyfriend in a fantastical fairy tale. Regardless of the role, his good attitude and good humor in rehearsal and backstage this year have contributed to the success of each play and to the camaraderie of the ensembles.

**The Garrick Barranger Award for Best Actress in a Supporting Role**

**SUSAN HELEN LANIGAN**

Susan’s upbeat and energetic persona contributes to a positive and productive rehearsal process. Her generosity on stage with her fellow actors and in her theatre classes makes her a pleasure to work with. We look forward to following her future achievements.

**The Janice Torre Perky Award for Most Original or Creative Writing**

**HOPE ASHLEIGH BARNARD**

Hope tackled a difficult task for her honors thesis: writing and producing a play. She not only assembled her cast, but also gathered together her design team and technical staff, in addition to acting in the show herself and serving as its director. Her hard work and professionalism throughout paid off in a successful weekend of
shows. In addition, Hope has been an active performer in department productions during her time here.

OFIR ESTHER CASPI

Ofir, along with a number of her undergraduate colleagues, decided to start an improv group this year. She has been instrumental in leading and crafting this group, which has put on productions each semester. She has started what we hope will be a lasting legacy to what student initiative can create.

The Jill Karp Prize for Outstanding Dance Student RACHEL LAUREN CLARK

Rachel is a dedicated and accomplished student of dance, theatre, music, and scholarly research. She is a double major in gender and sexuality studies and dance, and also has her own band and performs at various venues in New Orleans.

The Milton Latter Award for Best Overall Contribution to the Department STEPHEN MITCHELL ECKERT***

To say that Stephen is ambitious in his desire to do theatre would be an understatement. During his time at Tulane, he has acted, directed, and found time to do costume design. In addition, he can always be depended upon in a pinch, whether it is for his fellow students or for the department. He is a dedicated young professional whose voice in the theatre will be heard for years to come.

The Minnette L. Starts Award for Excellence in Choreography and Performance RACHEL LAUREN CLARK

Rachel was selected for this award based on the exceptional artistry shown in her work as a performer with the Newcomb Dance Company and numerous theatre productions, as well as her role as choreographer for works presented in Young Performer’s Concerts.

THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND TROPICAL MEDICINE

The Dean's Undergraduate Public Health Scholastic Award ANNA JANE CHANG

As well as completing internships at the Public Health Bureau of Taipei, and with USAID in Amman, Jordan, Anna completed an honors thesis which analyzed Jordanian women’s educational outcomes using extensive qualitative research. Anna has won numerous awards including the Newcomb Fellows Grant, the Minority Health International Research Training Grant, and is one of this year’s Tulane 34 winners. She finished her double major in public health and sociology magna cum laude.
Andrew completed an honors thesis, which analyzed self-reporting of health care problems among differing socioeconomic statuses, and worked as an assistant on a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation research grant. Andrew is a Presidential Scholar, Phi Eta Sigma, and winner of a departmental summer research grant. He also helped lead three summer service trips to an orphanage in Guatemala. He finished his BSPH degree with a major in public health and minor in Spanish magna cum laude.

**The Outstanding Undergraduate Public Health Student Leadership Award**

**MEREDITH MARIE STANLEY**

Meredith has been deeply involved as a student leader for her fellow undergraduate public health students at Tulane. She helped organize two student trips to the largest annual public health conference in the world, a peer-advising system, a graduate fair, and networking and educational opportunities for her peers. She has also been active as a peer leader in New Orleans area schools. Meredith served as president of Undergraduate Public Health Student Government, and as vice president of the Public Health Society.

**The Outstanding Undergraduate Public Health Student Service and Volunteerism Award**

**PRAPHOPPHAT (ART) ADHATAMSOONTRA**

In the summer of 2010, Art completed an internship at the VA DC Hospital. In 2010-11, he became involved in the Louisiana Himalaya Association. In summer 2011, he developed a public hygiene program in a monastery in India. This fall, he co-founded the Humanure Power Project, which won the Dell Social Innovation prize. This summer, he will co-lead a summer service project for Tulane students in Bihar, India, to field this innovative program, which uses human waste to generate electrical power for underserved schools.

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**THE SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING**

**The Department of Biomedical Engineering**

**The Biomedical Engineering Outstanding Senior Award**

**MATTHEW JAMES GIANNETTI**

This award is presented to the outstanding senior in biomedical engineering with the highest scholastic GPA.

**The Joyous and William C. Van Buskirk Scholarship in Biomedical Engineering**

**ELLIOT GEORGE NEAL**

The biomedical engineering faculty selected Elliot for his outstanding achievement in biomedical engineering studies.
The Kenneth H. Kuhn Sr. Memorial Award – Senior Team Design Project
First-Place Winners

TEAM NAME: LAMINAR FLOW
ATMAN ASHWIN DAVE
KRISTINA FARRAGUT+
MATTHEW JAMES GIANNETTI

The students were selected by a panel of judges as the first-place winners of the Senior Team Design Project for their ability to integrate the scholarship of discovery, learning, and service, by applying biomedical engineering to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities in the New Orleans metro area.

The Nissim Nathan Cohen Memorial Award

MARGARET ROSE KELLY-GOSS

This award is presented to a graduating senior in biomedical engineering who has contributed most to his or her class, school, and the profession of biomedical engineering, as voted on by the senior class.

The Department of Cell and Molecular Biology

The Cell and Molecular Biology Prize

DOUGLAS JOSEPH CHAPSKI

While Doug earned a modest 3.4 GPA, in classroom discussions, he demonstrated more scientific sophistication, conceptual mastery, and enthusiasm than most of his peers. Over the last two years, Doug has made significant research contributions in Dr. YiPing Chen’s laboratory. As a student worker, Doug reliably goes out of his way to contribute his time and energy to the cell and molecular biology department. He has served as an ambassador for the PhD program, and has been accepted to the PhD program at UCLA, where he plans to study signal transduction.

The Gerald S. Gussack ’75 M.D. Award

WILLIAM DANIEL ZEICHERNER

Daniel is an outstanding student who has excelled in his class work, and has done an outstanding honors thesis on characterizing a protein that is hoped to lead to a vaccine for the HIV virus. He exemplifies the best of the students in the Department of Cell and Molecular Biology, and will graduate with an excellent 3.8 GPA.

The Honors Thesis Award in Cell and Molecular Biology (Female)

TERRA EVELYN WHITE

Terra completed her honors thesis in the lab of Professor Laura Schrader, who found Terra a joy to mentor. Her thesis project investigated the interaction of KChIP3 with transcription by the estrogen receptor. She exhibits persistence and dedication, which will serve her very well in her future endeavors. Terra earned an outstanding GPA of 3.98 while double majoring in cell and molecular biology and neuroscience, and she plans to attend graduate school.
The Honors Thesis Award in Cell and Molecular Biology (Male)  
DANIEL NGUYEN

Daniel is a quiet, pleasant young man with excellent research skills. His senior honors thesis this year was entitled “INSM1 in Neuroblastoma Differentiation.” He is also a very meticulous, hard-working student with a precision-like mind that grasps details and learns quickly. Professor Leonard Thien offered him much praise when he said Daniel was one of the best students that he has encountered at Tulane University in 20 years. Daniel earned an outstanding GPA of 3.94.

The Liz Earley Prize for Proficiency in Laboratory Science  
BONNIE LIZBETH BULLOCK

Bonnie maintained an excellent 3.67 GPA while double majoring in cell and molecular biology and history. She has done independent study research in Professor Frank Jones’ lab, and wrote an excellent paper on refractory breast cancer.

THOMAS EMORY GURLEY III

Thomas has performed independent research on the rapid, non-genomic actions of estrogens on kinase activation in a hypothalamic cell line. He has independently developed a “feel for research,” and optimized several antibodies on western blots because of his interest in thinking and troubleshooting a scientific problem. Thomas has an excellent GPA of 3.73, and plans to apply to PhD programs, with an interest in pursuing microbiological research.

KOUROSH SEAN KHATAMI

Sean has worked in Professor Ben Hall’s laboratory, and has been instrumental in advancing the lab’s collaboration with Dr. Michael Moore in the biomedical engineering department, by generating data from in vitro tissue culture constructs grown in micro-engineered 3D environments. He is one of the first people to successfully record compound action potentials from these constructs. Sean is applying to medical school, and will join Dr. Darwin Berg’s neurobiology lab at the University of California, San Diego.

The Professor Erik G. Ellgaard Award for Excellence in Cell and Molecular Biology  
DANIELLE JULIE FASSLER

Danielle has worked on limb regeneration and has been the primary researcher involved with a project that seeks to optimize mesenchymal stem cell participation in bone regeneration. She has developed into an excellent researcher, and has attained the critical thinking needed to make her an excellent future clinician. Danielle aims to continue her research in the field of regenerative medicine before entering medical school. She earned an excellent 3.5 GPA while double majoring in cell and molecular biology and neuroscience.

RICHARD GUY HELD

In the spring of 2011, Richard began working on his own laboratory project, using biochemistry and immunohistochemistry to examine protein translation in neuronal dendrites and its regulation by NMDA receptors. Richard was awarded a Tulane Neuroscience Summer Program Fellowship in 2011. As well as being quite
successful in the lab, he has also maintained an excellent 3.86 GPA, and was recently accepted into the Neurobiology PhD Program at Harvard University.

The Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

The American Institute of Chemical Engineers Activity Award

JORDAN ALEXA RISSOLO

The student chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers awards Jordan for outstanding services to the profession.

The American Institute of Chemical Engineers Senior Scholarship Award

BEAU PATRICK PRITCHETT

The New Orleans section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers is pleased to honor Beau as the senior in chemical and biomolecular engineering with the highest scholastic average.

The American Institute of Chemists Award

SHIN-YEH MICHELLE PARK

The American Institute of Chemists Student Award is presented to the student selected by the department faculty as the outstanding senior in chemical engineering for ability, character, scholastic achievement, and potential advancement in the field of chemical and biomolecular engineering.

The Francis M. Taylor Award

JORDAN ALEXA RISSOLO

The faculty of the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering established this award to honor the late Professor Emeritus Taylor, who was head of the department for many years. This year’s award is presented to Jordan, as a senior selected by the faculty for outstanding citizenship, for professional attitudes and accomplishments, and for positive contributions to departmental and university programs.

The Department of Chemistry

The Advances in Biological Chemistry Award

MONICA ANN SCHWARZ

In addition to an exceptional performance in her academic coursework supporting her biochemistry degree, Monica has made significant contributions in her independent research. Her project involves developing a commercially relevant, rapid synthesis of hyperbranched polymers to act as carriers for targeted drug delivery.
The American Chemical Society Award  BEAU PATRICK PRITCHETT

Beau is an outstanding student in chemistry. As he heads off to Caltech subsequent to graduation, his achievements at Tulane mark only the beginning of what should prove to be an extraordinary scientific career.

The American Institute of Chemists Award  CLIFFORD MATTHEW NELSON

Cliff has been an outstanding student in all the undergraduate chemistry courses he has taken at Tulane. His performance has been as consistent as it has been excellent. Cliff clearly epitomizes the high standard of achievement that the AIC award is meant to recognize. If the future may be judged by Cliff’s current record, then he will contribute great things to the science of chemistry.

The Ann Hero Northrup Prize in Chemistry  SOOJUNG SAMANTHA LEE

Sam’s high level of scholarship throughout her time at Tulane makes her an ideal recipient of this high honor.

The Merck Index Award  SOOJUNG SAMANTHA LEE

In addition to outstanding performance in the classroom, Sam’s thesis work was stellar. Collectively, her superior efforts are recognized with the Merck Index Award.

The Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences

The Harold E. Vokes Award  EMILY LEWIS CARDARELLI

Emily is a top graduate in environmental science, with a minor in geology. She wrote an honors thesis on a scientifically and logistically challenging project, focusing on nitrogen dynamics in a freshwater diversion along the Mississippi River. Her research found changes in nitrate concentrations and stable nitrogen isotope composition in particulate matter that seems indicative of seasonality of flow through the diversion.

The Reinhard A. Steinmayer Award  HOLLY ANN JEFFRIES

Holly is the top graduating senior in the geology program this year. She has excelled in her coursework and has greatly increased her knowledge of the Earth. She is the most enthusiastic student we have had in the department in a number of years. The faculty of the department and her fellow students all consider her a delight to work with.

The Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

The Fred R. Cagle Memorial Prize  BENJAMIN THOMAS JONES

Ben was selected for this award for his outstanding performance as an undergraduate
student majoring in ecology and evolutionary biology. Ben had one of the highest 
GPAs in our department, despite a challenging curriculum that included a double 
major in mathematics. He completed an excellent honors thesis jointly in the two 
departments, demonstrating great enthusiasm, maturity, and dedication.

**The Gerald E. Gunning Memorial Award**  
**CATHARINE ISABELLE**  
**EMILY RICH**

Catherine has been selected to receive this award to recognize her exceptional scholarship. She has consistently distinguished herself in coursework in this field, and has completed her undergraduate major in ecology and evolutionary biology – one of her three majors at Tulane – with the highest GPA in the department. She is an engaged and thoughtful student who clearly understands how to manage and accomplish her goals successfully.

**KAITLIN ALLISON**  
**ARFORD TASKER**

Kaiti has been selected to receive this award for her outstanding performance as an environmental biology major. She stands out among her peers as a well-rounded scholar, excelling in her coursework while also balancing scholarship with service to her school and community. Kaiti designed, found funding for, carried out, and defended an outstanding honors thesis, which focused on tropical landscape ecology and conservation in Panama. She also served as a Teaching Fellow in the department.

**The Phi Beta Phi Award**  
**FRIDA ANNA ZINK**

Frida has demonstrated remarkable commitment to pursuing a career in ecology and evolutionary biology. During her junior and senior years, she undertook advanced research on the ecology and conservation genetics of amphidromous gastropods native to the Hawaiian archipelago. After completing her degree at Tulane, Frida will pursue a doctoral degree at the University of Connecticut, where she will undertake research on the molecular basis of bioluminescence in cephalopods.

**The Stuart S. Bamforth Prize for Excellence in Environmental Studies**  
**CASSANDRA PARRAN**  
**CAMPBELL**

In pursuing a degree that draws from both ecology and environmental science, Cassie has demonstrated an exceptional ability to undertake advanced research that spans fields that many find difficult to marry. Following a philosophy of “try, try again”, Cassie initially began independent research on salt marsh responses to oil exposure, which, like many ambitious undertakings, became logistically intractable. Undeterred, Cassie went on to complete an outstanding project on the ecology of salt marsh seed banks. Her success stands out as a model for overcoming adversity in research.

**The Zoology Prize**  
**DANIELA ROSE KURZBAN**

Daniela is awarded this prize for her outstanding performance, and promise, in zoological scholarship and research. She is an extremely well rounded student, who has performed among the top of her class in all her courses, and has assisted the department in both teaching and service. Coupled with her intelligence and communication skills, Daniela has the discipline and creativity to excel as a biologist and mentor.
## The Department of Mathematics

### The Glendy Burke Medal in Mathematics

**ABRAHAM ERICSON ENGLE**

Abe's mathematical education at Tulane included an amazing average of over 3.8 in 23 mathematics courses. (The requirement for the mathematics major is ten courses.) The range of his coursework is equally impressive: it includes several courses in each of the areas of statistics, discrete mathematics, and differential geometry, and also five graduate courses. Abe also completed an honors thesis under the director of Professor Dagang Yang on left-invariant Riemannian metrics of positive sectional curvature on the 3-sphere.

### The Kappa Kappa Gamma Prize in Mathematics

**LU LIANG**

Lu's senior thesis, directed by Professor Gustavo Didier, studied the mathematical theory behind rational economic decision-making. This involved using ideas from advanced calculus such as Lagrange multipliers, tangent vector spaces, and the implicit function theorem to model the problem of maximizing financial gain under a given set of economic constraints. She earned an average of over 3.5 in her mathematics courses.

### The Terry C. Lawson Prize in Mathematics

**NATHANIEL ALEXANDER EISEMAN**

This award honors Nathaniel's honors thesis, which combines mathematics, music, and computer science in a novel way. He studied harmony and the question of whether one could devise an algorithmic method for producing harmonies for a given melodic theme. He focused on Bach's four-part chorales and, using probability theory, created software that automatically produces the three harmonic voices corresponding to the main melodic line. The measure of Eiseman's success is how well his result approximates Bach's original composition in sound and structure.

**BENJAMIN THOMAS JONES**

This award recognizes Ben's honors thesis research on an ecological model analyzing the population connectivity of blue crabs in the northern Gulf of Mexico. Carried out under the direction of Professor Mac Hyman, Ben integrated the hydrodynamics, climate, spawning, and larval behavior of blue crabs into a single mathematical model to simulate the dispersal of blue crab larvae during the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

## The Department of Physics and Engineering Physics

### The Elsie Dupre Award in Physics

**TERI JEAN PRICE**

Teri has earned this award for her exemplary academic achievements. Her senior project about Hamiltonian dynamical systems, Lie groups, and modern differential
geometry demonstrates her scientific maturity, including reasoning at a high level of mathematical abstraction. Teri’s accomplishments in physics, and her intellectual curiosity, and independent judgment, epitomize the College’s high academic aspirations.

The Joseph J. Kyame Physics Award

ZACHARY ALAN ULRICH

Zachary’s academic career has shown wide-ranging intellectual curiosity in physics and high achievement to match. He has explored areas of physics beyond the normal curriculum, and also worked on applied research in the summer. He has always demonstrated a deep understanding of scientific and mathematical concepts.

The Department of Psychology and The Neuroscience Program

The Aaron Hartman Medal for Excellence in Research and Academic Scholarship in Psychology

LAUREN ANN EIERMAN

Lauren is a great student who possesses a quiet unassuming manner that is endearing. She performs her assignments with confidence, efficiency and composure. She is a superb writer who expresses her ideas with unusual clarity and directness. Lauren has crafted an honors project that addresses an important policy issue: single gender schools and classrooms. In her research, she examines the behavioral and social sequelae of segregating classrooms by gender in middle school.

SARA JESSICA KAPLAN

Sara completed an honors thesis that examined concurrent and longitudinal associations of exposure to stressful life events and alcohol experimentation in African American adolescents. By examining if support from family members buffers this relation, she found that students who are exposed to stressful events tend to make compromising decisions about alcohol experimentation. The well-written and conceptualized thesis has implications for future research as well as prevention programs that focus on healthy behavior habits.

MADELINE JOANNA SCHWARTZ

Madeline participated in an international research project focused on promoting children’s psychological well-being. As part of a graduate research team, she contributed to data analysis and dissemination, and co-authored a presentation to the International School Psychology Association. She completed an honors thesis in psychology on the topic of stress and coping among adolescents in Sri Lanka.

The Arnold Gerall Prize for Neuroscience

SARAH CATHERINE HUNT***

Sarah is an exceptional researcher, who embodies the best of neuroscience and psychology. In her research, she has developed innovative methods to study handwriting in young children. She has presented her research at two major professional meetings: the Society for Research in Child Development and the Cognitive Development
Society. A gifted classical singer, Sarah is obtaining a BFA in addition to majoring in neuroscience. She will be pursuing a doctorate in neuroscience next year.

**MICHAEL NORTH MAINGUY**

A student-athlete and scholar, Mike has demonstrated excellence in the classroom and in the laboratory. Results of Mike’s honors thesis research, which are being submitted for publication in a neuroscience journal, demonstrate for the first time that an important growth factor in the brain requires the presence of estrogen to positively impact synapses in neural structures that support memory formation. Mike’s future plans include a career in medicine.

**MICHAEL JAMES SEAY**

The motivation for Mike’s thesis project was an interest in understanding music and the brain. His study on short-term memory for pitch identified one way that the auditory system reconstructs an original experience from memory. His findings not only tell us a lot about music and the brain, but also have wider implications for theories of memory. Along the way, Mike successfully overcame multiple obstacles, and eventually crafted a standout honors thesis project.

**The Rosa Cahn Hartman Prize in Psychology**

**SOPHIA REBECCA OLTON-WEBER**

Sophia is an exemplary honors student. She completed an honors thesis in psychology, examining the relationship between psychological well-being, behavior, and academic achievement among elementary students. She has been a valued member of a graduate research team working in New Orleans schools. Her contributions included both research and service to enhance the well-being of children.

**ASHLEI MARGARET PETERSON**

Ashlei has made outstanding contributions to the psychology department and the discipline of psychology through her research discoveries and stewardship of the Tulane chapter of Psi Chi, the national honorary society in psychology. Her research on tool use in young children has been recognized nationally, and will be presented at the meetings of the International Conference on Infant Studies. Ashlei will be pursuing the PhD in developmental psychology at Ohio State University.

**EMMA HOPE ROSS**

Emma is an all-around excellent student. She has excelled in the classroom and in research. She has been engaged in the research process since she was a sophomore. Her interests are in parenting styles and anxiety, and the role that peer support has in this relationship. She will continue to pursue this area of research next year as a student in UNLV’s clinical psychology PhD program.
The distinction of senior honors scholar is bestowed upon the one student (or, occasionally, students) each department of program considers to be their very best, taking into account the quality of the student's senior thesis, the student's performance in courses, and the student's other contributions to his or her field. These outstanding scholars are selected by the faculty of each department or program from among all students graduating with high Latin honors (magna or summa cum laude).

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NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

Newcomb-Tulane College wishes to congratulate the following graduating seniors on receiving prestigious national fellowships.

2012 Critical Language Scholarships
TOBIN ROGERS FULTON
MONICA ANN SCHWARZ

2012 Fulbright Scholarships
TREVOR MATTHEW DODGE
MICHAEL BENJAMIN HOCHBERG
AMY KATHERINE HOLIDAY
RYAN DANIEL JUDD
JEFFREY MICHAEL McINNIS
FRANCES CATHERINE KLEIN WEIL

2011 Udall Scholarship Honorable Mention
KAITLIN ALLISON ARFORD TASKER

PUBLIC SERVICE

The Leaders in Service Award

This award recognizes those students who have committed their Tulane University career to improving the community around them. Whether through service-learning courses, internships, student leadership, or volunteerism, these students have shown dedication to the city of New Orleans and beyond.

TAYLOR LEIGH ADNEY
LEA BOGNER
SAMANTHA DALE COOK
ANN ELIZABETH DAVIS
BRIANNE MICHELE DONOHUE
MICHELLE FAUBER
MICHAELA REA GIBBONI
AVANTIKA HANNA
CATHERINE COOPER HASKINS
COURTNEY KAY HAWKINS
MATTHEW STEPHEN HOLMES
SARAH TEDDI MANDEL
CLAIRE BUTLER McCARTHY
AMBER VICTORIA McKENNA
KYRSTEN LAUREN MELANDER
WILLIAM H. SCHRERO
NICOLE ASHLEY SCHUBERT
ELIZABETH MARY SIMONS
SAM MAHÉ STEPHENS**
SAMUEL HART TABORY**
FRANCES CATHERINE KLEIN WEIL
LAURA ELIZABETH WHITE
The Jim Runsdorf Excellence in Public Service Student Award

LEA BOGNER

Lea co-founded a tutoring program for at-risk youth and chaired the Community Action Council of Tulane University Students, Outreach Tulane, and the USG Community Service Council. During her senior year, Lea endeavored to change the way community service organizations are supported by USG, and was awarded the UGL Services Community Service Scholarship to support her work. She has characterized her role on campus as a bridge, connecting students to educational and service opportunities.

LAURA ELIZABETH WHITE

Laura has been active member of the TUchangemakers, the CPS Public Service Fellows program, and the Benjamin Banneker Elementary School charter board. She founded Swim 4 Success, Inc. and co-founded Citizen Circles, and has conducted research on social innovation opportunities for students. She has advocated for young social innovators and has championed social innovation as a means to improve public education.

STUDENT ATHLETES

The Newcomb-Tulane College Student Athlete Award

This award is given to the graduating senior – or seniors – who best combine success as an athlete with success in the classroom.

MICHAEL NORTH MAINGUY
STEPHANIE ARES WAGSTAFF

Newcomb-Tulane College Service Awards

Dean MacLaren recognizes the following graduating seniors who have shown exemplary leadership, scholarship, honor, service, and commitment to the college and the campus community.

CASSADY ANNE ADAMS
LEA BOGNER
JORDAN TAYLOR PEARSON
JOSHUA ARI MICLEY
SAMUEL HART TABORY**
LAURA ELIZABETH WHITE

COLLEGEWIDE AWARDS

The Isoline Rodd Kendall and John Smith Kendall Award

RECIPIENT TO BE ANNOUNCED AT CEREMONY

This award is given annually to a student who excels in both academic and extracurricular accomplishments. This award alternates yearly between male and female recipients.
The Edward Ambrose Bechtel Medal for Cocurricular Achievement

This medal is awarded to the senior man in the liberal arts and sciences who has made the most significant contributions to the extracurricular life of the college.

The William Wallace Peery Society

The William Wallace Peery Society was established in 1964 by Mrs. Peery in memory of her husband, the late Dr. Peery, professor of English, and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1955 to 1964. Once restricted to senior men in the College of Arts and Sciences, later renamed Tulane College, the Peery Society is now selected from the ranks of all Newcomb-Tulane College undergraduates. Membership is awarded to those students who have earned among the highest cumulative grade point averages over the course of their undergraduate careers, and are writing a thesis.

ANNA JANE CHANG
TERESA JOYCE CLIFTON
ARIELLE KARINNE DRUCKER
PATRICK JAMES FRANKE
PETER AARON GOLD
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MORGAN LEIGH RIBERA
CATHERINE ISABELLE EMILY RICH
SAMANTHA ANNE SAHL
SHYAM SATHYAMOORTHI
YINGJIA WAN
LANCE WILLIAM WATERS
LAURA ELIZABETH WHITE
TERRA EVELYN WHITE

The William Wallace Peery Medal for Academic Excellence

This award is bestowed each year upon the member of the William Wallace Peery Society who has achieved the most distinguished academic record. The recipient is chosen by a special committee, which considers each candidate's grades and course selections, as well as recommendations submitted by faculty members. The Peery Medal is ultimately awarded to the student who best exemplifies Dr. Peery's educational philosophy, which stresses breadth and depth of learning and encourages students to work at the level of their greatest capacity.

All award recipients are May 2012 degree candidates, except where noted as follows:

*Degree requirements completed August 2011
**Degree requirements completed December 2011
***Degree requirements to be completed August 2012
+ All degree requirements to be completed by December 31, 2012
++ All degree requirements to be completed by May 2013
+++Degree requirements for the joint Bachelor of Science in Management/Master of Accounting program to be completed in 2012-2013
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Music performed by THE JESSE MCBRIDE TRIO

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