# Senior Awards Ceremony

Friday, May 17, 2013  
4:30 P.M.  
McAlister Auditorium, Tulane University

## Welcome

James M. MacLaren, Dean of Newcomb-Tulane College

## Announcement of Awards

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## Closing Remarks

Dean MacLaren
A.B. Freeman School of Business
Academic Coordinator Tamar Starck
Associate Dean of Students Jill Stoll

Architecture
Professor Adeline Masquelier
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Professor Teresa Cole
Professor Michael S. Wood
Professor Thomas Frazel
Professor Constance Balides
Professor Jonathan Pritchett
Professor Peter Cooley
Professor Adam N. McKeown
Professor Linda Carroll
Professor Fayçal Falaky
Professor Nancy Maveety

African and African Diaspora Studies
Professor Adeline Masquelier

Anthropology
Professor Adeline Masquelier

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Biomedical Engineering

Cell and Molecular Biology

Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Chemistry

Earth and Environmental Sciences

Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Mathematics

Neuroscience

Physics and Engineering Physics

Professor Donald P. Gaver
Professor Meena Vijayaraghavan
Professor Anne Robinson
Professor Michael Herman
Professor Torbjörn Törnqvist
Professor Caroline M. Taylor
Professor Morris Kalka
Professor Benjamin Hall
Professor Fred Wietfeldt
THE A.B. FREEMAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

The BSM Scholastic Achievement Award

AARON PETER COULON

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

TATUM TULANE BASS
JAMIE BETH BERKOWITZ
LAUREN ELIZABETH HOLLAWAY

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

MATTHEW ALEXANDER BARON

This award is presented each year to an outstanding member of the graduating class in honor of Evelyn and William Burkenroad. The award is chosen by the senior class on the basis of scholarship, integrity, amiability, and contributions to the professional, social, and academic quality of the business program.

The Tulane Association of Business Alumni Award

AARON PETER COULON

Established to recognize an outstanding graduate of the BSM program, this award is presented each year to the graduating senior who ranks in the top 10 percent of his or her class and, in the opinion of the administration and the officers of the Tulane Association of Business Alumni, has displayed exceptional intellectual ability, leadership, self-motivation, and a sense of responsibility to peers, the school, and the community.
The TABA Community Service Award

JON G. ANDERSEN  TAYLOR LYNN GEIGER
XIAO BAI  JACOB ADAM KRAMER-GOLINKOFF
TATUM TULANE BASS  EMILY NANETTE SAMPSON
SIMRAN KAUR CHAWLA  MAI KIM VU

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, under the auspices of the Institute and mentored by TABA members, 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 SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

The American Institute of Architects Certificate  JOHN STEPHEN GARBUTT

John has worked with an exemplary discipline during his five years at the Tulane School of Architecture, with a work ethic that is recognized by his faculty and peers. He has demonstrated depth and breadth in his accomplishments both as a designer and a scholar.

The American Institute of Architects Medal and Certificate of Merit  JOHN F. NELSON

John has distinguished himself both in his academic achievement and in the creative insight he brings to the design field. He has been an exceptional student, with the highest GPA in his class. His entry into the Honors Program is testament to his dedication. Undoubtedly a class leader, John is responsible, generous, and of a personal caliber that speaks to a promising future.
The Program in African and African Diaspora Studies

The Outstanding Student in African and African Diaspora Studies

Samantha Alexis Kaplan

Samantha took a wide variety of courses in the program and excelled in all of them. She studied for a year in Tunisia in the wake of the Arab Spring, and was able to witness ongoing transformations of this post-revolutionary society. A gifted photographer, she developed a stunning portfolio of images from her travels throughout Africa. Next year, she will continue her studies at the International Center of Photography for Documentary Photography and Photojournalism.

The Department of Anthropology

The Arden R. King Award for Excellence in Anthropology

Alexa Carroll Schwartz

Alexa is a triple major in anthropology, Spanish, and Latin American Studies, with a minor in business. As a Newcomb Scholar who lived in several Latin American countries, she wrote a fascinating thesis on “hurricane chasers,” Latin American migrants who seek jobs in the construction industry in the wake of natural disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina. Alexa is a gifted student who has demonstrated outstanding creativity, engagement, and dedication to anthropology and social justice in classroom settings and beyond.

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

Erin Leigh MacDougal

A double major in anthropology and neuroscience, Erin has excelled in all her anthropology coursework, earning a 4.0 grade-point average. She did particularly well in physical anthropology, especially with courses in bone biology and human evolution. Erin is also a superb writer, excelling in her writing-intensive course, which she fulfilled in one of her physical anthropology courses.
The Robert Wauchope Award for Excellence in Anthropology

REbecca JOHNSON HOWSAm

Becky, who is double majoring in anthropology and English, demonstrates a genuine passion for the field of anthropology as a whole. She recently completed an honors thesis on a controversial government intervention in the lives of Aboriginal children in Australia, and the effects that anthropological literature has had on Aboriginal Australian policy. She is an outstanding student, and her wide-ranging academic pursuits, seriousness of purpose, and professional demeanor are exemplary among undergraduates.

The Special Recognition Award for Excellence in Anthropology

mAThew prEston Dobbins

Matthew has demonstrated an impressive capacity to produce insightful work that fully engages with the project of cultural anthropology. He had an uncanny knack of distilling complex arguments into cogent presentations, often drawing on ethnographies assigned in previous semesters. That he can speak so eloquently about these ethnographies in a wholly different context is a testament to how his thinking has been shaped by his training in cultural anthropology, and thus merits special recognition of excellence in anthropology.

The Newcomb Department of Art

The Alberta “Rusty” Collier Memorial Award in 2-D Studio Art

Samuel Ruskin Crosby

Sam has stewarded his four years in the art department with a seriousness and ambition that has inspired many of his peers. He has labored relentlessly over his undergraduate work, often yielding that which is ready and suitable for exhibition beyond an academic context. His instructors believe that Sam is talented and focused enough to sustain himself as an artist well beyond his undergraduate education.

Margaret Ellen Spacapan

Margaret has shown great initiative and ingenuity in her art practice. Artistically, she cultivates aesthetic tensions by divorcing strictly functional objects from their intended purpose, creating glass forms that are all at once imposing and fragile, and prints that are both complex and subtle. Imaginative and creative, Margaret has shown great dedication to her art and exploration.

The Edmond Lester Lacoste III Memorial Award in Painting

Molly Elizabeth KnoBLOCH

Not only has Molly excelled in coursework during her four years at Tulane, she has hit a stride in her last semester in a more independent studio practice. Her commitments to the studio and to her work are manifest in the quality and quantity of her production, and she seems to make formal and conceptual decisions out of personal convictions. These convictions hold potential for a rigorous and fruitful studio practice beyond her formative years.
The Henry Stern Prize for the Best Paper in Art History

RACHEL DAPHNE WEISS

Rachel's paper, “The Stained Glass of Lincoln Cathedral: Conceptions of the Jews in a Medieval Pilgrimage Church,” presents a sophisticated and nuanced analysis of the way Christian imagery expressed ambivalence towards Jews. Her paper is an original contribution to the field that complicates our understanding of seemingly straightforward biblical imagery, and places it in the context of medieval pilgrimage culture in England.

Outstanding Art History Major Award

SAMUEL RUSKIN CROSBY

Sam's performance in his art history courses has been exemplary. In both lecture courses and seminars, he has distinguished himself by the quality of both his written work and his participation in class discussions. Sam's writings on the contemporary artistic work of both Jim Dine and David Hockney reveal his ability to dissect and analyze visual material in a manner that is impressive and reflects the thoughtfulness that he brings to the study of art history.

JOSEPH ALEXANDER RAMSEY

Joseph's professors regard him as one of the strongest students in their upper-level art history seminars. As stated by one professor, “Not only did he consistently raise the level of class discussion through his insightful comments and thoughtful questions, but he wrote an outstanding final paper. Joseph seems genuinely excited to engage with complicated material, and his final paper was very carefully researched, well-argued, and compellingly written.”

The Sandy Chism Memorial Award in Painting

MADELINE CLAIRE MARAK

Madeline receives the first Sandy Chism Memorial Award in Painting due to her handling the medium of paint over the course of her four years at Tulane with a sense of wonder and faith. She has explored diverse applications in her craft and taken initiative to immerse herself in its vast vocabulary. Sandy Chism was able to manipulate the medium with a wise and seemingly effortless facility, and Madeline's instructors see her as having the potential to follow in such footsteps.

The Program in Asian Studies

The Japan-Tulane Friendship Award

BROOKE ADAMS SCHUELLER

The Department of Classical Studies

The Classical Studies Prize

JONATHAN SCOTT SALMAN

Jonathan has focused on Roman society in his Classical Studies major. In his honors thesis, “The Economic Effects of Civic Generosity in the Roman Empire,” Jonathan examines upper-class civic generosity to determine whether it resulted in an improvement of quality of life for the poorer people in the Roman Empire.

The George H. Terriberry Prize

JENNIFER ELISE TRIPLETT

Jennifer has focused on Roman history in her Classical Studies major. In her honors thesis, “Policy over Personality: Nero’s Contributions to Rome’s ‘Grand Strategy’,” she investigates whether Rome developed a consistent long-term military strategy by examining the emperor Nero’s policies in the Near East.

The Judah Touro Medal

RACHEL LILLEY LOVE

The Judah Touro Medal, established in 1856, is awarded for excellence in ancient history, Greek, Hebrew, or Latin. Rachel wins this prize – the oldest at Tulane – not simply for her excellence in both Greek and Latin, but especially for her honors thesis on the Roman historian, Sallust. Rachel shows, persuasively and with great learning, that Sallust used oratory to comment upon the fall of the Roman Republic at the hands of Caesar.

The Department of Communication

The Ashton Phelps Award

RAPHAEL RAMIL ROSALIN

Raphael offered consistent excellence in his classes, and his research projects were always thoughtful considerations—well formulated, developed, and supported with appropriate academic literature. Throughout his years at Tulane, Raphael has been very involved with undergraduate student life, especially with the undergraduate residential community as a Resident Advisor. He’s interested in marketing and making movies. His evident career focus is taking what he’s learned in our communication courses into those professional spheres.

The Glendy Burke Medal in Communication

CLAIRE FRANCES GOODILL

As both a young scholar and a woman committed to making the world better, Claire brings a remarkable work ethic and engagement. Along with her academic acumen, she served as the Communication Majors Society president for two years, as an officer with her sorority, as marketing representative for Universal Pictures, and as a volunteer with both Habitat for Humanity and New Orleans Catholic Charities. Claire’s style is collaborative and participatory, and she has made her time at Tulane count on all fronts.
The Department of Economics

The J. Ernest Tanner Award for Excellence in Economics JOSHUA MARCUS POLLACK

This award is given to the student with the highest GPA among all graduating economics majors. Joshua has an outstanding record at Tulane, and has earned an overall GPA of 3.947. He wrote an original class paper that examined the benefits and costs of China’s Three Gorges Dam. He also wrote a novel honors thesis that combined economics and psychology in an experimental analysis of how individuals balance notions of interpersonal equity and personal gain in their decisions.

The Mathematical Economics Award EMILY ANNE BRECHLIN JESSICA BERNARDINE FEAGLES

The Mathematical Economics Award is given to the student with the highest GPA among all graduating economics majors with a significant concentration in mathematics. The award is shared by Emily Brechlin and Jessica Feagles. Emily has earned an overall GPA of 3.879, combining a major in economics with a major in mathematics. Jessica has a GPA of 3.774, with a double major in economics and mathematics.

The Newcomb College Award in Economics EMILY ANNE BRECHLIN

This award is given to the outstanding female economics major. Emily has earned an overall GPA of 3.879 in her years at Tulane, combining a major in economics with a major in mathematics. She also participated in the Tulane Research Experience for Undergraduates, a summer research program for undergraduates in the Department of Economics.

The Paul Tulane College Award in Economics CHARLES EARLE GABER JOSEPH FREDERICK LUSTIG

The Paul Tulane College Award in Economics is given to the outstanding male economics major. The award is shared by Charles Gaber and Joseph Lustig. Charles has earned an overall GPA of 3.932, combining a major in economics with a major in the School of Public Health. Joseph has earned an overall GPA of 3.923 in his years at Tulane.
# The Department of English

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<td>ELIZABETH RYAN MARDIKS</td>
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<td>Liz, an accomplished poet in her own right, has served as Poetry Editor for The Tulane Review, actively soliciting student work and bringing her own creative and critical skills to bear on editing student work in order to prepare it for publication.</td>
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<td>Engram has earned a 4.0 major GPA and a 3.88 overall GPA. He was noted as one of the most outstanding undergraduate scholars in the English department, and set an example of departmental service that will be difficult to follow.</td>
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<td>M.K., as she is known in creative writing classes, has distinguished herself by her far-flung imagination and innovations in form.</td>
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<td>Athena has been chosen to receive this award in recognition of her essay, “The Desired Aim in Henry James’ The Portrait of a Lady, F. Scott Fitzgerald’s The Great Gatsby, and Vladimir Nabokov’s Lolita.”</td>
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The Studio in the Woods Residency Award for an Outstanding Senior in Creative Writing

Engram Weatherford Wilkinson

Engram is a gifted writer in both poetry and prose, and an equally gifted reader of others' work.

The Department of French and Italian

The Alcée Fortier Memorial Prize

Meagan Jean Gross Knowlton

Meagan is an exemplary and avid student of French who has excelled in all the courses she has taken in the French department. We are pleased to recognize her accomplishments by awarding her 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

Margaret Yvonne Osburn Tanvi Mukesh Shah

Margaret has demonstrated and shared her passion of the French language throughout her years at Tulane, and as the author of an exceptionally fine honors thesis. Tanvi has also been selected to receive this award, in recognition of her outstanding honors thesis in French, an essay on the effects of Arabisation and perceptions of identity in Morocco.

The France-Amérique Award

Tanvi Mukesh Shah

Tanvi is an outstanding scholar and an exemplary student in the French department. Her commitment to French and her overall academic excellence make this Louisiana native an ideal recipient of the France-Amérique Award.

The French Government Book Prize

Casey Howell Boersma Anne Elizabeth Lootens Madeleine Grace Tideman

This award is being shared by Casey, Anne, and Madeline. Casey is recognized for her love of the French language, her outstanding scholarly ability, and her excellent honors thesis on Clarice Lispector and Marguerite Duras. Anne is an outstanding scholar with a strong work ethic who demonstrated her commitment to the study of French by spending a junior year abroad in Paris. Madeline's passion for and dedication to French language and literature ranges from Flaubert to Parisian street slang. This enthusiasm has led her to spend her junior year abroad in Paris and, as one of her professors stated, "to study and live French 24/7." We are pleased to award these students with the French Government Prize.
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The John T. Krumpelmann Award  DAVID RUSSELL EWENS
This award honors a superior graduating German major at Tulane for her or his superlative record of academic achievement. David, a double major in German and English, wrote an honors thesis on aspects of race, gender, and sexuality in the poetry of the African-American feminist Audre Lorde and the Afro-German poet May Ayim. We wish David good luck next year in Germany, where he will be teaching English on a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship.

The Russian Book Prize for Achievement in the Russian Language  JANE EMILY HAYASHI
Throughout her Russian studies, Jane has shown talent, dedication, and enthusiasm. In addition to her successes in the department, Jane spent her junior year at the rigorous Bard-Smolny Program in St. Petersburg, ultimately taking classes with native speakers. She exemplifies the best a liberal arts education can provide: solid knowledge, a keen mind, and a curious spirit. We are confident that Jane will continue to make a difference wherever she goes.

The Department of History

The Aline MacKenzie Taylor Award in Intellectual History  WILLIAM DOUGLAS JONES
William's essay on the influence of scientific racism on the early development of Tulane University was judged to be the best essay in intellectual history written by a history major this year.

The Charles Till Davis Prize for Excellence in European History  SARAH LOUISA SKLAW
This prize is awarded annually to the best student in European history. It is awarded on the basis of cumulative GPA and GPA in history courses, and on the writing of an honors thesis judged to be especially meritorious. Sarah was the clear leader among graduating seniors in all of these categories.

The Chi Omega Prize in History  MALLORY ELEANOR WEST
This prize is awarded to Mallory for being the female senior history major with the highest GPA.

The Mary B. Scott Memorial Prize in Social Studies  JANE EMILY HAYASHI
Jane's honors thesis, “More than Maoism: Youth Travel During the Chinese Cultural Revolution, 1966-67,” is a tour de force that blends the methodologies and sensibilities of history, political science, and anthropology. Each chapter meets the criteria for this award: the best essay showing original research in history, economics, or political science written by a junior or a senior.
The Montgomery History Award  SCOTT ARAN SIGMAN
This prize is awarded to Scott for being the graduating male senior with the highest GPA in the department.

The Sidney Beyer Prize for Excellence in American History  ALLISON ELIZABETH PALMER
This prize is awarded to Allison for her paper, entitled “The Rise and Fall of the First Great Professional American Athletes: The Black Jockeys,” which was judged by a committee of U.S. historians to be the best undergraduate paper in the American history department by a graduating senior.

Jewish Studies

The Dr. Bernard Kaufman Essay Contest Award  ELI JOSEPH KAMEROW
Eli’s thesis examines Maimonides’ views on the relationship between the intellect and the imagination, and its role in apprehending knowledge of God. The paper develops this relationship on the basis of the corporeal terms that Maimonides uses to describe angels in Part I, Chapter 49 of The Guide of the Perplexed.

The Dr. Lawrence J. Kanter and Julie Kanter Award  NATHAN JUDAH JABLOW  EMILY LAUREN SEYBURN
Nathan has been an excellent addition to the Jewish Studies program, and his professors have universally praised his contributions to classes. Emily has one of the highest GPAs among Jewish Studies majors. Her professors think very highly of her base of knowledge and excellent analytical skills, and her written work is universally praised. She enriches classroom discussion, and she is a model Jewish Studies student. We are honored to present them both with this award.

The Ephraim Lisitzky Memorial Award  RONALD MICHAEL KANTER  BENJAMIN LAWRENCE SAMUELS
Ronald and Benjamin have both made wonderful contributions in their Jewish Studies courses, and their professors are consistently impressed with the perspectives they offer. We are honored to present them with this award.
### Linguistics

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Zachary has written an outstanding thesis, collecting vibrant primary data and showing true insight in his analyses. His work within the major has consistently illustrated his understanding of the basic framework of the discipline and his ability to apply this knowledge to “real world” data. He approaches linguistics with good humor, as well as finely honed skills.

### The Murphy Institute - Political Economy

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Charles achieved the highest major GPA, a 3.97, of all graduating seniors in political economy. He is well-known among the department's faculty for his intellectual acuity and scholarly aptitude. Hillary is an outstanding scholar, a deep thinker, and an active student leader. Her contributions to the program and to the Tulane community have been immensely valuable.

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Mathew was a leading member of the Tulane University Peace Action Committee (TUPAC) and Students Organized Against Racism (SOAR). His efforts to promote peace and social justice have extended from New Orleans, where he has worked for the locally-based social justice nonprofit Voice of the Ex-Offender, to Bosnia and Herzegovina, where he has taught English and participated in rebuilding and ethnic reconciliation efforts.

### The Newcomb Department of Music

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Phillip studied and conducted two significant works, Arthur Honegger's Symphony no. 3, and L'Histoire du Soldat by Igor Stravinsky. For this program, he was awarded a grant so that he could hire professional musicians, which these intricate pieces required.
The Sara I. Nadler Memorial Award in Music

PHILLIP CHARLES LARROQUE

Phillip is a remarkable musician and an invaluable contributor to the Tulane orchestra, both as a principal oboist and as de-facto assistant conductor. He excelled in his conducting studies and was awarded a Gordon Summer Fellowship. Phillip has also contributed to virtually all ensembles in the department at various times. He has been accepted into prestigious summer conducting programs, such as Conductors’ Retreat at Medomak and the Waterville Valley Conducting Workshop. And he has won a principal oboe position with a professional orchestra, the Rapids Symphony.

MICHAEL CARL PEPPER

Michael, a double major in music composition and mathematics, has already enjoyed success as a composer on the international level. Michael won the MTNA Music Competition Contests in 2010, 2011, and 2012. He also won the Young Artist South Central Division Competition, and was selected as one of seven national finalists in the Music Teachers National Association Composition Contest in 2011. As a result of international calls for scores, Michael was invited to participate as a fellow in the Atlantic Music Festival, and the West Point Quintet selected his work for performance in New York City. He has also recently developed a hip hop flow-mapping software, which has become his honors thesis.

The Department of Philosophy

The Anne Butler Hess Award

VICTORIA JOANNE KANE

Victoria has distinguished herself among the 2013 philosophy graduates through the enthusiasm and commitment with which she has pursued her philosophical interests. We commend her for her willingness to address difficult theoretical and moral problems, and to pursue them in a spirit of impartial respect for truth. Victoria’s achievements reflect an appreciation of the intrinsic value of philosophical understanding and its contributions to the betterment of daily life.

The Department of Political Science

The Anthony F. and Mary Anne Corasaniti Award

NICOLE SYDNEY LONDON

Nico is one of the best students that the department has seen in a few years. Her thesis director says, “She was outstanding in my classes, and I’m enjoying her as a student even more now that she is writing her thesis on post-earthquake reconstruction in Haiti. Getting good data on Haiti’s reconstruction is terribly difficult, and I’ve never seen an undergraduate dig into material like Nico has. I have no doubt that she will be an expert on the topic when she is done.”
The Charles E. Dunbar Jr. Fellowship in Political Science

AMELIA GRACE CONRAD

As one of her professors states, “Amelia is a top-notch student who carries an extremely high GPA. In her Latin American International Relations class, she wrote an excellent comparative study exploring the role of U.S. foreign policy in the perpetuation of human rights abuses, specifically against women, in the dirty wars of Chile and Guatemala. In addition, Amelia has committed herself to serving disadvantaged women and children in the Canas province of Peru.”

JOSEPH FREDERICK LUSTIG

Joe’s well-written honors thesis was about how the changes in campaign finance law since Citizens United affected the 2012 presidential election. His thesis incorporated game theoretic models of individual behavior under the new campaign finance system.

The Class of 1935 –

Ned Putzell Memorial Prize

PAIGE MARIE BOETEFUER

In addition to her outstanding academic record, Paige is also the co-founder and president of Harambee Sustainability Project at Tulane, which encourages sustainable development in South Africa. She has also served as the Vice President of Philanthropy and Service for her sorority, and has interned with Oportunidades NOLA as a teaching assistant for one of the English as a Second Language classes.

The Mary B. Scott Memorial Prize

DARCEY DILLON TINDALL

Darcey’s exceptional work in the classroom led her to be nominated by three of her professors. She performed at the top of every class she took at Tulane, and was a leader in and out of the classroom. As one professor said, “Darcey was the best student in my graduate level course on Public Opinion. She is primarily interested in international issues, and brought her interests and knowledge about international development to a course examining individual political behavior.”

The Pi Sigma Alpha Award

CLAIRE ELISABETH GALLEY

As a sophomore, Claire founded a student-run course that ran as an Honors Colloquium, and oversaw the development of all aspects of the course including the syllabus, assigned readings, grading rubric. She won a grant to fund a trip to India, where she vetted potential venues for the public service component of the student-run course, and was part of the student fellows program with Tulane’s Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching.

S. Walter Stern 1905 Memorial Medal

JOSEPH FREDERICK LUSTIG

The department is pleased to recognize Joe for outstanding work on his solidly researched honors thesis.

The Shirley Weil Greengus Memorial Award for Achievement in Political Science

NICOLE SYDNEY LONDON

The department is pleased to recognize Nicole for her outstanding work on her honors thesis.
The Department of Sociology

The Outstanding Student in Sociology Award  ALLISON LEE MADERA

Allison's honors thesis, “Professional Women's Experiences and Decision-Making during Hurricane Isaac,” examines how professional women experienced difficulties during and after Hurricane Isaac. This thesis exemplifies Allison's exceptional ability in empirical research, as well as her keen intellectual curiosity and scholastic independence. Allison will pursue her graduate career in sociology at the University of Boulder, where she will be working with prominent scholars in the sociology of disaster. She is also a member of the international Sociology Honor Society, Alpha Kappa Delta.

The Phi Mu Award in Sociology  SARA MARIA JACOB

Sara's honors thesis, “Men's Gendered Attitudes toward Women's Participation in Basketball,” examines the association between men's attitudes about their masculinity and traditional gender roles to evaluate reasons for women's treatment as “second-class” citizens in intramural basketball. Sara is a skilled empirical researcher, as well as an intellectually gifted student, which earned her the highest GPA in the department's graduating class this year. She is also a member of Alpha Kappa Delta, the international Sociology Honor Society, and will be going to medical school in the fall.

The Department of Spanish and Portuguese

The Hispano-American Studies Prize  SALLY BRAND FRIEDMAN

Sally is a double major in Spanish and ecology and evolutionary biology. While at Tulane, she excelled in all of her work in Latin American literature and film. She studied abroad in Argentina, where she participated in a project to provide free health care in isolated rural locations. Sally currently performs volunteer work at Children's Hospital and with the Latino Health Outreach Program, a free clinic in Algiers.

JONATHAN DAVID MUNNS

During four fruitful years at Tulane, Jonathan has enjoyed studying both biology and Spanish. The two fields have allowed him to study abroad and perform independent research in Chile, as well as complete his honors thesis in Dr. Chen's cellular biology lab. Additionally, he has been active at the Tulane Wesley Foundation, where he has had the joy of partaking in and translating for three missions to Guatemala. His next goal is to master Portuguese, and he is starting dental school in Denver in the fall, where he will continue his studies and research interests.
**The Iberian Studies Prize**

**AMANDA CLAIRE FOY**

As an undergraduate at Tulane, Amanda has majored in Spanish and mathematics. Her intellectual interests and her profound knowledge of literature and cinema have impressed the faculty since she first started taking classes in the department. She completed her honors thesis on transnationality and modernization in selected works of Spain’s foremost film director Luis Buñuel, and is interested in continuing in that area of research. She is also devoted to playing music, having performed with the Tulane Percussion Ensemble and the rock band Curie for several years.

**The Luso-Brazilian Studies Prize**

**AILENE MARY ORR**

Ailene pursued a joint major in Spanish and Portuguese together with a major in Latin American Studies. She wrote a stellar honors thesis about recent affirmative action initiatives in Brazil that are designed to broaden access to higher education among previously marginalized racial and social groups. Her commitment to public service went far beyond the curricular requirements at Tulane. Among other service contributions, she taught English as a Second Language for three years for the Catholic Charities Hispanic Apostolate.

**The Newcomb Department of Theatre and Dance**

**The Dorothy Young Memorial Award for Best Performance by an Actress**

**EMILY CLARE RUSSELL**

Emily’s consistent development and growth as a young actor, paired with her enthusiasm and strong work ethic, have distinguished her from her peers. Her skilled performances this year in the roles of The Student in *The Lesson* and the roles of Rhonda and Glory in *Almost, Maine*, have demonstrated not only Emily’s talent, but also her dedication and commitment to the craft of theatre.

**The Stephanie “Stevie” Dawson Memorial Award for Excellence in Technical Theatre**

**ERIN ELIZABETH CESSNA**

This award is given to the student who exemplifies continuous dedication and service to the performing arts while maintaining a positive and professional attitude in the face of challenging obstacles. Erin embraced the many considerable challenges of producing, writing, and performing an original solo show. Technical and design obstacles arose along the way, but Erin persevered and worked through the problems, never losing her spirit of experimentation. The result of her process was a vibrant work of theatrical ingenuity and humanism.
The School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

The Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine Alumni Association Student Recognition Award

KATE GIULIANA BAQUIS

Kate was chosen for this award because of her outstanding service to Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. She has served as president of the Public Health Undergraduate Student Government and was selected to represent the BSPH program for the routine five-year review of Dean Pierre Buekens. For a service internship at Ochsner Health System's Women's Services, Kate worked with a breastfeeding study. Also, she represented the student government at the department's annual alumni reception at the American Public Health Association conference.

ALEC DARIO BARBER GROSSI

Alec is being recognized for this award because of his outstanding service to Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. He has served as president of the Tulane Public Health Society and organized on-campus public health events. He was chosen to represent the undergraduate student government at the department's annual alumni reception at the American Public Health Association conference, and will pursue an MPH at Tulane in the fall.

The Outstanding Undergraduate Public Health Student Leadership Award

KATE GIULIANA BAQUIS

Kate has been a deeply involved 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 represented her Tulane colleagues at the centennial alumni celebration of the School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine at the APHA conference. She also completed an honors thesis this spring.

The Outstanding Undergraduate Public Health Student Scholastic Award

BROOKE HALL BENTON

Brooke is graduating with honors in her BSPH Public Health degree and continuing into a Tulane Global Health MPH program. She pursued her interests in Spanish, public health, and Latin America through a very successful thesis, “The Role of Intercultural Healthcare in Improving Indigenous Health Status in South America.” Brooke used several international study programs to pursue her interests, including gathering qualitative interview research in remote Andean indigenous communities in Peru.
The Outstanding Undergraduate Public Health Student Service and Volunteerism Award   BIJAN BEHZAD RIZI

Bijan has served the Tulane community tirelessly for his entire four years here by leading the Tulane EMS. As a volunteer, then a supervisor, and finally as director, Bijan has always been on-call to help his fellow students, and the Tulane and New Orleans communities in any crisis. Through his tireless work at fundraising and advocacy, Tulane EMS was able to upgrade its primary medical unit to a brand new state-of-the-art Emergency Medical transport vehicle.

THE SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

The Department of Biomedical Engineering

The Biomedical Engineering Outstanding Senior Award   AUBREY AISLING KRAFT

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   KEVIN BURKWEI CHIU

The biomedical engineering faculty selected Kevin for his outstanding achievement in biomedical engineering studies.

The Kenneth H. Kuhn Sr. Memorial Award – Senior Team Design Project First-Place Winners

TEAM EASY BREEZY 548:
GISELE AMANDA CALDERON
CARRIE MARETTA GRIFFITH
YONATAN BENJAMIN KAPLAN
ELSIE MINNA RODEBECK
KELLY ANN SMITH

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   ANGELA MAE CZESAK

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
**MELISSA RAYE GOLDMAN**

In the classroom, Melissa aggressively takes charge of her own learning, asking pertinent questions. She did her honors thesis research at Johns Hopkins over the course of multiple summers in the lab of Dr. Seydoux, studying protein-protein interactions in *C. elegans* development. She sought out this opportunity, driven by her excitement about research and a desire to learn from people with diverse viewpoints. She plans to continue pursuing research at Harvard starting this summer.

## The Gerald S. Gussack ’75 M.D. Award
**JONATHAN DAVID MUNNS**

Jonathan is an outstanding student who earned a near perfect 3.93 GPA. He is a double major with a love of science, and excelled as a cell and molecular biology major. He often spent significant time mentoring his fellow students, and was extremely involved with community service, having gone on several mission trips to Central America during his time at Tulane. He is an outstanding person, scientist and scholar.

## The Honors Thesis Award in Cell and Molecular Biology (Female)
**KATHERINE CAMILLE BARNETT**

Katherine is an impressive young person, dedicated to a career in research. She completed her thesis at the Tulane National Primate Research Center under Dr. Kuroda, working on an in vitro screen to identify immunogenic peptides. This fall, she will begin her doctoral training in virology at Harvard University. Cheerful and outgoing, she works well in group settings, and fosters exchanges of ideas and perspectives.

## The Honors Thesis Award in Cell and Molecular Biology (Male)
**DARREN BARNEY ABBAS**

Darren worked for two years in the laboratory of Professor Muneoka and produced an honors thesis that is publishable. His GPA was 3.59, and he was an outstanding researcher in the lab. He is headed for medical school in Texas.

## The Liz Earley Prize for Proficiency in Laboratory Science
**RACHEL ALEXANDRA SABOL**

Rachel is a highly motivated and gifted student whose enthusiasm for science is evident in her approach to research. She is a creative student who works methodically through problems, and is always ready to find a new approach to answer questions that might arise in her research. Her honors thesis was entitled “The Role of Shox2 in Thalamic Development.”
The Professor Erik G. Ellgaard Award for Excellence in Cell and Molecular Biology  KRISTIN MARIE ATES

Kristin worked in the laboratory of Professor Hall and wrote an outstanding honors thesis. She is a bright, hard-working researcher who interacts well with everyone in the lab. With minimal assistance, she and another undergraduate student developed a reliable assay for recording and analyzing ultrasonic vocalizations in postnatal mice. In addition to her hard work in the lab, Kristin is also a student athlete and a Tulane Presidential Scholar.

ZACHARY JOSEPH SOLOMON

Zach thrives on intellectual challenges. In classroom discussions, he is the first to make connections between various concepts, and before presenting a seminar paper, he can be relied upon to master every detail. Zach has demonstrated his ability to work well in groups. He responds quickly to constructive criticism and is a quick learner. Zach is also planning to apply to medical school.

The Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

The American Institute of Chemical Engineers Activity Award  JONATHAN DAVID LUCIO

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

The American Institute of Chemical Engineers Senior Scholarship Award  JOSEPH PAUL GREENE

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

The American Institute of Chemists Undergraduate Award  ETHAM ELIEZER FRENKEL

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 for advancement in the field of chemical and biomolecular engineering.

The Francis M. Taylor Award  NICHOLAS DOMINIC ALTIERI

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 Nick, as the 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 American Chemical Society Award  SCOTT SPENCER KOLMAR
Scott is a truly outstanding scholar, well deserving of the ACS Award. He has demonstrated a consistently exceptional performance in his classes, and stood out among the large group of talented peers. He has carried out an independent research project involving the separation and characterization of isozymes, using fundamental chemical principles. Scott represents the finest of Tulane's undergraduate scholars.

The American Institute of Chemists Award  CLARA MICHELLE NYBY
Clara Nyby is an exceptionally talented, enthusiastic, and hardworking student. She demonstrated excellence in several graduate-level chemistry classes and did outstanding research, working on developing a fully automated two-dimensional infrared spectroscopy instrument. Clara did an oral report of her research results at the 2013 Annual Meeting of Louisiana Academy of Sciences, and presented a poster at the ACS meeting in New Orleans.

The Ann Hero Northrup Prize in Chemistry  AN NGOL-MICHAEL NGUYEN
An prepared a half dozen new para-alkylphenols by organic synthesis. The compounds were carefully purified and characterized by a variety of spectroscopic methods, and, more importantly, they proved to be powerful growth inhibitors of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, a common cause of serious infections, in tests conducted by Dr. David Mullin of the biology department.

The Department of Chemistry Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research  SANTHOSH VELAGA
Santhosh has been working on the department's NIH-funded project studying the Hofmeister Effect, and has shown a dedication that is rare for most undergraduates. While researching his honors thesis over the past year, he has toiled—frequently through the night—to collect data on calorimeters. He currently holds the record in the group for the most ITC experiments run in a 24-hour period. He has also presented his research at both the Louisiana Academy of Sciences and at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society.

The William Alworth Prize for Biological Chemistry  MELAINE NICOLE SEBASTIAN
The Alworth Award is presented for excellence in biological chemistry, and Melaine has demonstrated consistently exceptional performance not only scholastically, but also in her approach to research. Melaine has shown a sincere and conscientious dedication to her investigations of the properties of enzymes.
The Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences

The Harold E. Vokes Award

THOMAS PETER SCHRILLA

As an outstanding, well-balanced graduate Tom has demonstrated academic excellence in all aspects of the major. He is also the recipient of the Jules and Olga Braunstein Memorial Scholarship Award for a rising senior from the New Orleans Geological Society.

The Reinhard A. Steinmayer Award

KATIE MARIE AHLSTROM

As the department’s outstanding student for this academic year, Katie has shown considerable academic leadership among her fellow students. She has demonstrated outstanding abilities in the quantitative aspects of the geological sciences, as well as a particular flair for laboratory and field work.

The Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

The Fred R. Cagle Memorial Prize

KYLE EDWARD COBLENTZ

Kyle is awarded the Fred R. Cagle Memorial Prize for his outstanding undergraduate performance. He has excelled academically, majoring in ecology and evolutionary biology with a GPA of 3.92. Kyle has been active in research, obtaining external funding, presenting results at international conferences, and preparing two first-authored papers for publication. Kyle was awarded a prestigious National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, and will start a Ph.D. program at Oregon State University in the fall.

The Gerald E. Gunning Memorial Award

MITCHELL GARRETT HINTON

Mitchell has been selected to receive the Gerald E. Gunning Memorial Award to recognize his exceptional scholarship in the field of ecology and evolutionary biology. He has distinguished himself both in the classroom and through hands-on research. His excellence is reflected in his being selected as a Graduate Research Fellow by the National Science Foundation, being first author on a peer-reviewed publication, and his involvement in a wide range of research projects.

MEREDITH LEIGH KURZ

Meredith has been selected to receive the Gerald E. Gunning Memorial Award to recognize her exceptional scholarship in the field of ecology and evolutionary biology. She completed an honors thesis entitled “Early Life History Changes in an Invading Population of Threespine Stickleback,” thereby earning departmental and university honors. She also presented her research at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Association of Naturalists.
The Phi Beta Phi Award

HANNAH GREER WILLIAMS

Hannah is an ecology and evolutionary biology major whose GPA is 3.838. Hannah started the research for her honors project during her junior year by volunteering in Dr. Caz Taylor’s lab. She developed her own research questions around what she observed from processing samples as a volunteer, and then taught herself the analytical and statistical techniques necessary to do the research. She has written an exemplary honors thesis and defended it successfully.

The Stuart S. Bamforth Prize for Excellence in Environmental Studies

VICTORIA JANE TROEGER

Victoria has been selected to receive the Bamforth Prize for Excellence in Environmental Studies in recognition of the exceptional scholarship she demonstrated in completing an honors thesis entitled “Waterborne Transmission And Cross-Contamination Of Aspergillosis In The Common Sea Fan (Gorgonia ventailina).” With remarkable perseverance, creativity, and investigative skills, she overcame incredible obstacles to discover not only mechanisms for transmission of aspergillosus, but a new disease and first evidence of vegetative reproduction in sea fans.

The Zoology Prize

HANNAH GREER WILLIAMS

Hannah is awarded this prize for her outstanding performance, and promise, in zoological scholarship and research. Hannah has been accepted to the Veterinary School at the University of Florida, where she will start her graduate program.

The Department of Mathematics

The Glendy Burke Medal in Mathematics

XINGHAO GONG

Xinghao completed an amazing 16 mathematics courses with an almost 4.0 average—in only three years. She also did a superb honors thesis in the area of commutative/computational algebra. Xinghao studied graphs, a finite collection of points (vertices) and lines (edges) connecting some of them. Her work relates to the important coloring problem: what is the smallest number of colors that can color the points of the graph so that no two connected points are the same color.

The Kappa Kappa Gamma Prize in Mathematics

ELIZABETH MAE SCOTT

Mae followed an excellent record in her mathematics coursework with an impressive joint mathematics/physics honors thesis. Her thesis began in the summer of 2012 during her physics internship at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, where she did experiments measuring the lifetime of a neutron. During the past year, under the direction of Professor Ricardo Cortez, she wrote a computer program to do the same experiment by simulation. Mae’s program simulates particles entering a chamber from different positions, their subsequent collisions and energy losses, and the time when the energy drops below a threshold.
The Terry C. Lawson Prize in Mathematics  
**DALU YANG**

Dalu completed 11 mathematics courses with an outstanding 3.87 average, as well as a very ambitious senior project. His work goes back to the beginnings of quantum mechanics and one of the subject's main tenets, the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle. Einstein and some of his colleagues believed that the statistical implications of quantum mechanics did not describe local reality. This was eventually phrased in what is called Bell’s Theorem. Dalu’s work explains a theoretical experiment that mathematically disproves Bell’s Inequalities.

The Department of Neuroscience

**The Neuroscience Faculty Award  
IMRAN JOHN ANWAR**

Imran is a creative and dedicated student with an exceptional work ethic, who demonstrated his willingness to put in the long hours required of a researcher. A quick thinker with strong fundamental knowledge in the natural sciences, Imran has written two manuscripts that will be submitted for publication in peer-reviewed journals. He is a team leader with a friendly and cheerful personality who is highly respected by both his professors and peers.

**KRISTIN MARIE ATES**

Kristin is a gifted and hard-working student. With minimal assistance, she developed a technique for recording and analyzing ultrasonic vocalizations in young mice. Her subsequent experiments linked changes in the maturation of the brain to the expression of various complex behaviors. In addition, Kristin is a member of the Tulane women’s swim team and competed in the World Deaf Swimming Championships in Portugal, where she and her teammates recently set a world record.

The Department of Physics and Engineering Physics

**The Elsie Dupre Award in Physics for a Woman Undergraduate  
ELIZABETH MAE SCOTT**

Mae typifies the best of Tulane’s undergraduates, earning a cumulative GPA of 3.81. She is admired by teachers and fellow students for her engaging and conscientious nature and intellectual curiosity. In 2012, she was selected for a prestigious summer fellowship at the NIST Center for Neutron Research in Maryland where she performed sophisticated computational analyses of a novel neutron detector. This was also the basis of her senior honors thesis. She will enter the Ph.D. program at the University of Tennessee to study neutron science and conduct research at the Spallation Neutron Source.
The Joseph J. Kyame Physics Award  
JOHN ELLIOTT ORTMANN JR.
Elliott is an excellent student with a 3.95 GPA and an outstanding record in his coursework. His performance in research has exceeded all expectations for an undergraduate student, and he presented his research results to an enthusiastic audience at the 2013 American Physical Society Meeting.

The Department of Psychology

The Aaron Hartman Award in Psychology  
SOFIA-JEANNE CARING ROGGEVEEN
Sofia-Jeanne is a highly motivated and independent student. Although she had never been formally taught the complex statistical analysis that was necessary to analyze her honors thesis data, she worked tirelessly and independently to learn the necessary statistical techniques. She has a love of learning and consistently performed at a level unexpected of an undergraduate student.

The Rosa Cahn Hartman Prize in Psychology  
NICOLETTE MARIE GUILLOU
Nicolette has seamlessly integrated her scholarly and civic interests in women’s health, performing at the highest levels inside and outside of the classroom. She has been an outgoing student in the classroom, and actively involved in social psychological research. She has worked tirelessly with local and national organizations including Voices for Planned Parenthood and the National Organization of Women. Nicolette will pursue the Masters of Public Health degree in healthcare management at Columbia University.

THE NEWCOMB-TULANE COLLEGE SENIOR HONORS SCHOLARS

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

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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.

WHITNEY ISABELLE ALLEN          REBECCA ANN JACOB
XAIO BAI                          MICHELLE HSIN-HO LIU
KATHERINE ALLENA BEHNKE          ELAYNA ELIZABETH NAPOLI
ILYSE NATASHA BLAZAR             JOLIA KRISTELL RAYMOND
RACHEL CHLOE BROWN                KATHERINE MARIA RYAN
ALEXANDER WEEKS BYO*             TANVI MUKESH SHAH
AMELIA GRACE CONRAD              MEGHAN RACHEL STANGER
MAGGIE MAE DOWNES                SAMUEL RAFAEL TABACHNIK
MICHAEL RYAN EISENSTATT          FABIENNE ALEXIS VAN WAMBEKE
CLAIRE ELIZABETH GALLEY          SANTHOSH VELAGA
MELISSA PAULINE HERMAN

The Jim Runsdorf Excellence in Public Service Student Award

MELISSA PAULINE HERMAN

As a Neuroscience major, Melissa combined her public service interest with her academic pursuits. As president of the Tulane University Neuroscience Association, she worked to incorporate community service into the organization’s mission by developing neuroscience-focused events for public school children. Melissa has also worked with Tulane University’s Stroke Program to conduct public service research on stroke hotspots in New Orleans. This research will lead to increased public awareness and improve stroke prevention efforts.

MICHELLE HSIN-HO LIU

Michelle has been an active member and leader within the Community Action Council of Tulane University Students, volunteering with Swim4Success, Hope House Community Center, and Roots of Music. During her Tulane career, she has also focused her community involvement efforts on the medical field, working with Unity Nursing & and Rehabilitation Center, New Orleans Dream Center HealthREACH Clinic, and Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, with a special interest in senior care.
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.

GISELE AMANDA CALDERON
ETHAM ELIEZER FRENKEL

NEWCOMB-TULANE COLLEGE DEAN’S 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.

COOPER DANIEL CAIN
DAVID RUSSELL EWENS
MORGAN MICHELE FRANKLIN

CATHERINE ELIZABETH ORDEMAN
TANVI MUKESH SHAH
ENGRAM WEATHERFORD
WILKINSON

COLLEGEWIDE AWARDS

The Isoline Rodd Kendall and John Smith Kendall Award

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.

RECIPIENT TO BE ANNOUNCED AT CEREMONY

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.

RECIPIENT TO BE ANNOUNCED AT CEREMONY
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 have written a thesis.

RACHEL ALYSSA BRITTON          RACHELLE LYN MELANCON
AARON PETER COULON               JONATHAN DAVID MUNNS
ELIZABETH AARON HARGRODER       JOHN F. NELSON
ALEXANDER MARK JUSTEN            AILENE MARY ORR
CAROLYN STARK KAUFMAN            JOHN ELLIOTT ORTMANN JR.
AUBREY AISLING KRAFT             JOSHUA MARCUS POLLACK
JACOB CARR KRIEGSFELD           MICHAEL PATRICK ROSS
NICOLE SYDNEY LONDON            TANVI MUKESH SHAH

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 2013 degree candidates, except where noted as follows:

* Degree requirements to be completed August 2013
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