NEWCOMB-TULANE COLLEGE

SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY

Friday, May 13, 2016
4:30 P.M.
McAlister Auditorium, Tulane University

Welcome
James M. MacLaren, Dean of Newcomb-Tulane College

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THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

The Alpha Rho Chi Medal
GAVIN NORTHCOTT WEST
Gavin has demonstrated exceptional leadership and commitment through his work with student organizations and the Tulane Regional Urban Design Center. He has worked closely with this center to develop a master plan for the city of Gretna, LA.

The American Institute of Architects
Henry Adams Certificate
GAVIN NORTHCOTT WEST
Gavin has received the second highest cumulative GPA of his graduating class, and made great accomplishments inside and outside of the classroom.

The American Institute of Architects
Henry Adams Medal
KYLE WALKER GRAHAM
Kyle has achieved the highest cumulative GPA of his graduating class, and served as president of Alpha Rho Chi. His accomplishments in the design studio have been many, with the latest being a commendation on his capstone thesis design project.

The John William Lawrence
Memorial Medal
SAMUEL SNOWDEN NAYLOR
As a top designer, Sam’s demonstrated skills are the epitome of the design excellence that this award looks for. His commitment and leadership to The Charrette, a student publication, has shown his willingness to support and be an active member of the design studio culture. He was also awarded a travel fellowship in 2015 to study the urban transformation in America.
The Program in Africana Studies

The Award for Distinguished Accomplishment in Africana Studies

SHELDON RYAN HITCHENS

At Tulane, Ryan has blended his academic work in Africana Studies, specializing in African-American literature, with a variety of community interests both on and off campus, through the Offices of Multicultural Affairs and Gender and Sexual Diversity, and at the Akili Academy of New Orleans, where he has done internship work as an aspiring future teacher. He exemplifies interdisciplinary scholarship and citizenship in the liberal arts.

NATHAN LEO TREACY

As an Africana Studies major with a focus on Africa, and a coordinate major in International Development, Nathan has excelled in courses across many fields. He has also independently pursued summer projects on African history and contemporary conflict resolution, both in European archives and on site in central Africa. Nathan has been a model of academic excellence and commitment to the study of some of the most challenging problems in African experience.

The Department of Anthropology

The Arden R. King Award for Excellence in Anthropology

MONIKA DENISE DANIELS

Monika excelled in a wide range of courses across the broad discipline of anthropology, including “Anthropology of Women and Men,” “World Prehistory,” “Forensic Anthropology,” “Diasporic Yoruba,” “Human Osteology,” “Bones, Bodies, and Disease,” “The History of Writing,” “Cultural Anthropology” and the “Bioarchaeology of Mummies,” ultimately earning a stellar 3.9 GPA in her major.

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

BRIA ANGELLE TROSCLAIR

Bria is well known by anthropology faculty across the subdisciplines, a fact that is a testimony to her well-rounded anthropological training, her academic aptitude, and her amicable nature. She enrolled in almost every biological/physical anthropology course offered during her tenure at Tulane, and attained top grades in these classes. The anthropology faculty have thoroughly enjoyed having Bria as a student in their classes, and this award is made in direct recognition of her outstanding achievements.
The Robert Wauchope Award for Excellence in Anthropology

JOSHUA DAVID KIRBENS

Joshua is an exemplary student in anthropology, and is extremely deserving of this award. In addition to his strong academic performance on exams and other graded assignments, he is an engaged scholar with a passion for learning about human diversity. He brought a keen analytical mind and innovative approaches to the complexity of the human problems examined within the field of anthropology.

The Victoria Reifler Bricker Award for Excellence in Linguistics

MEGAN ANNA HARVEY

Megan has three majors, anthropology, linguistics, and French. She has blended these into a coherent program that focused on language, society, and cultural empowerment. She also took "Tunica: Louisiana’s Sleeping Language," a service learning component which entailed teaching Tunica-Biloxi children to speak Tunica while participating in heritage crafts, dances, and songs. Megan joined Kuhpani Yoyani Luhchi Yoroniko, continuing to work on language standardization, codification, planning, and dissemination. She also took over the project of creating an interactive video game to teach vowel blending, assimilation, and apocope, while also running the Tunica Tumblr, a vocabulary building website. Megan is already an actively engaged anthropological linguist, a fine young scholar.

The Newcomb Department of Art

The Alberta “Rusty” Collier Award for Outstanding Studio Art Major in 2-Dimensional Work

DARRELL MADELINE SCHWARTZ

Throughout her time at Tulane, Darrell has exhibited outstanding dedication to her pursuits in photography. Consistently ambitious and professional, she has worked diligently to develop three new bodies of work over the course of the past year. Her artistic projects integrate both historical and experimental methods, and speak to her growing mastery of photographic processes.

The Alberta “Rusty” Collier Award for Outstanding Studio Art Major in 3-Dimensional Work

CLAIRE E. BEAUCHAMP

Claire has been a very dedicated and hardworking art student. She creates imaginative and ephemeral sculpture using glass, traditionally viewed as a craft material, along with other materials. Her current installations of woven wooden baskets and cast glass are humanist expressions of personal feelings and experiences. The Department of Art expects to hear about and see good work from Claire throughout her art career.
**The Class of 1949 Prize in Art - Drawing**

**EMILY VICTORIA JOHNSON**

Emily is a consistently outstanding student and an amazing draftsman. She approaches her art skillfully, stylishly, and with dedication. The Department of Art anticipates excellence in Emily’s future endeavors.

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

**DANA NOELLE LYNCH**

This award, which goes the undergraduate who has written the best paper on an art historical topic, is presented to Dana for her paper, “Jasper Johns' Racing Thoughts.”

**The Juanita Gonzales Prize in Ceramics**

**LIAM MARONEY TRAINOR**

Like Juanita Gonzales herself, Liam draws from sculptural traditions and sources in his ceramic art. His work is wide ranging, inventive and direct. His pieces often utilize the human figure and incorporate Liam’s interests in history, culture and the environment. Liam has a remarkable facility in sculpting and forming clay, and a dedication to seeing his works through to completion, in spite of whatever obstacles may occur in the often demanding field of ceramics.

**Outstanding Art History Major Award**

**JAMES JOSEPH DAVENPORT NEWTON**

The Department of Art is pleased to recognize James as the Outstanding Art History Major.

**The Program in Asian Studies**

**The Japan-Tulane Friendship Award**

**LEAH MARIE FOX**

Leah is an outstanding scholar of Japanese language, with a dedication to foreign language education. She spent a semester in the Kansai Gaidai study abroad program in Japan. After that, she taught English in a Japanese high school. She is also the first-place winner in the advanced-speaker category of the Eighth South Central Japanese Speech Contest. She has been accepted by two prestigious teaching programs, the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program and the Fulbright U.S. International Student program.

**The Department of Classical Studies**

**The Ernest Henry Riedel Classical Studies Prize**

**ASHLEY NICOLE GAUDLIP**

Ashley wins this prize for her consistently fine work in courses on archaeology and ancient history. She is using her knowledge from the department as a springboard to a career in architectural preservation.
The George H. Terriberry Classical Prize  EMMA JOHANNA CRAMER

Emma receives this prize in recognition of her excellent work in Roman art and archaeology. She skillfully deployed both archaeological and epigraphic evidence to analyze the complex status of honorary statues in the Roman Forum.

The Judah Touro Medal  COREY DAVID SMITH

The Judah Touro Medal, established in 1856, is awarded for excellence in ancient history, Greek, Biblical Hebrew, or Latin. Corey, a double major in neuroscience, wins this prize – the oldest at Tulane – because of his superior work, both in courses on the ancient Greek language and on Roman history and society.

The Department of Communication

The Ashton Phelps Sr. Memorial Award  SAMANTHA MARIE PATEL

Samantha has distinguished herself for achieving excellence in communication studies. Faculty members highlight her ability to develop complex and refined examinations of communication phenomena. Her research papers have always placed media and technology within broader social, economic, political, and cultural contexts, demonstrating unusual and sophisticated analytical skills.

The Glendy Burke Medal in Communication  LEAH MARIE FOX

Leah has combined an outstanding academic performance with a strong service record to communities in the field of communication. Her impressive GPA speaks to the clarity and sophistication of her classwork and research papers. As a volunteer for the Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans, she has taught English to adult learners and tutored native Spanish speakers.

The Department of Economics

The J. Ernest Tanner Award for Excellence in Economics  GABRIELLA CHAVIVA RUNNELS

This award is given to the student with the highest GPA among all graduating economics majors. Gabriella has earned a perfect overall GPA of 4.0 at Tulane, graduating with a double major in economics and mathematics, and also with a minor in Gender Studies. She has received numerous academic honors, has written an original and creative honors thesis, and has taken the lead in campus organizations that address such vital issues as economic and educational inequality.
The Mary B. Scott Memorial Prize

Endowed in 1909 by Mary M. Scott in memory of her mother, this prize recognizes the best essay showing original research in history, economics, or political science written by a junior or a senior. Gabriella’s honors thesis examined the impact of public school restarts in New Orleans on various teacher characteristics. Economics professor and chair James Alm said, “Gabriella’s work makes an important contribution to the ongoing debates about the impacts of school reforms in the New Orleans public education system.”

GABRIELLA CHAVIVA RUNNELS

The Mathematical Economics Award

This award is given to the student with the highest GPA among all graduating economics majors, with also a significant concentration in mathematics. Joel earned an overall GPA of 3.93 at Tulane, combining a major in economics with a major in mathematics.

JOEL DOMENIC FERGUSON

The Newcomb College Award in Economics

This award is given to Ella as an outstanding female economics major, and she has earned an overall GPA of 3.90 at Tulane.

ELLA RAINÉ BARTLETT

AMANDA EARL

This award is given to Amanda as an outstanding female economics major. She has earned an overall GPA of 3.91, graduating with a B.S. degree in economics and also political science.

CHEYENNE LEE SWANSON

The Paul Tulane College Award in Economics

This award is given to Connor as the outstanding male economics major. He has earned an overall GPA of 3.996 at Tulane, graduating with a B.S. degree in economics and also fine arts.

CONNOR KELLY

JAMES CASAS

EVAN MURRAY WALTER

This award is given to Evan as the outstanding male economics major. He has earned an overall GPA of 3.92 at Tulane, while also playing on Tulane’s ultimate Frisbee team.
The Research Award in Economics  
ADAM COREY YOHANAN

This award is given to a graduating economics major who has demonstrated outstanding research performance. Adam has written an excellent and original honors thesis, “A Multi-Speed Consumer Surplus Approach to Net Neutrality.” In his paper, he examines the debate over whether the government should continue to enforce net neutrality among Internet service providers or shift to an alternative policy. He has also earned an overall GPA of 3.82.

The Department of English

A Studio in the Woods Residency  
for an Outstanding Senior in Creative Writing  
ANNA ELIZABETH TORCSON

Anna writes beautiful prose, deeply committed to personal feeling and to the environment.

The Award for Service to the Literary Community  
CAROLYN MADISON CANULETTE

Carolyn has been praised by the director of Lusher Charter School’s Creative Writing Program as one of the finest interns he has seen from Tulane. She is sensitive to students, extremely diligent in following through on tasks assigned to her, and enormously intelligent and perceptive in responding to their work.

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

Heather has been selected to receive this award in recognition of her superb essay on *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* entitled, “Everything Is Funny Until Someone Gets Hurt.”

The Dale Edmonds Prize for Best Short Story by an Undergraduate  
ANNA BARBARA CURREY

Anna is a writer mature beyond her years. Her stories exhibit great insight, style, and range.

The Donald Pizer Award in American Literature  
MITCHELL GREY THERIEAU

This award recognizes excellence in the field of American literature. Mitch has earned this distinction for his outstanding work in the department, and especially for his thesis, “The Technological Construction of American Realism.”
The Henry Clay Stier Award in English CAROLYN MADISON CANULETTE

This award is presented to the graduating senior in the English department who has maintained the highest GPA. Carolyn has earned a 4.0 GPA during her four years at Tulane.

The Pierce Butler Prize for Excellence in English ALLISON HALEY SAFT

This award recognizes the student whose work is consistently excellent across the discipline. Allison has maintained a perfect GPA in English, and is graduating summa cum laude overall. She wrote brilliant essays on topics from Shakespeare and Milton to Southern literature and graphic novels, culminating in her honors thesis, “Myth & Multiplicity: Superheroine Comics as Feminine Writing.”

The Senior Achievement Prize for Excellence in Creative Writing JUSTIN ARMAND PICARD

Justin’s book of original poetry contains poems exhibiting a wide range of techniques, forms, and voices, and dense textures and imagery which reflect a voice all his own. His essay on poetics accompanying the thesis reflects the range and vitality of his talent.

The Virginia Gleaves Lazarus Memorial Award RACHEL MARGARET MARSH

This award recognizes the best essay written by a junior or senior woman. Rachel’s extraordinary achievements, while perhaps best quantified in her near perfect cumulative GPA, are expressed nowhere more clearly than her essay, “Frogs, Cats, and a Way Out: An Exploration of Kafka-esque in-Between-ness.”

The Department of French and Italian

The Alcée Fortier Memorial Prize JAMES JOSEPH DAVENPORT NEWTON

James is an exceptionally engaged student of French, and has excelled in all the courses he has taken in the department. He also gave a memorable performance as Joseph Garcin in Jean-Paul Sartre’s play, No Exit. The department is pleased to recognize his accomplishments with this award, named in honor of one of Tulane’s most illustrious language professors.
The Charles Oscar Maas Prize in French and Italian

VALENTINA MARIA GYARFAS

Valentina's professors describe her as thoughtful, inspired, and intellectually generous. Her command of French is superb, and she wrote an exceptional essay on French New Wave cinema.

STEPHANIE REBECCA SHEA

Stephanie is a bright, dedicated, and accomplished student, and she wrote a distinguished essay on clandestine abortions in Morocco.

MARLEE SOPHIA SHNITKIN

Marlee is an exceptional student, praised by her professors for her engaging personality, thorough preparation, and consistently active participation in class. She also wrote a superb essay on the evolution of narcissism in medieval poetry.

HELENA EVE SOREO

A double major in mathematics and French, Helena wrote a comparative study of narcissism in Chateaubriand and Ovid. She demonstrates that one can both have a logical mind for science and show great sensitivity for literature.

SHAKTHI UNNITHAN

Shakthi is recognized for her exceptional command of the French language, as well as her outstanding research paper for the senior seminar on the symbolism of the ring in medieval poetry.

The French Government Prize

MEREDITH MICHAEL ALONGI** EDITH LOGAN DAVIS

This award honors students who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the study of French and exceptional proficiency in the language.

The Italian Government Prize

MEGAN ELAINE CELONA

Megan is recognized for her strong dedication to the Italian program, which includes the completion of an Italian major and the participation in the study abroad program in Bologna for a full academic year. While studying abroad, she attended a high number of literature courses at the University of Bologna with excellent results.

WILLIAM PATRICK GILLISPIE

William achieved a very high GPA in his Italian minor. He also demonstrated a strong dedication to the Italian program through his participation in the study abroad program in Bologna, the Italian Table, and his co-presidency of the Italian Club.
MOLLY FIONA PECHUKAS-SIMONIAN

Molly is recognized for her excellent dedication and participation in her upper-level Italian courses as an Italian minor, and her consistent devotion to the Italian Table and other activities related to the Italian program, both in and outside of class. She also actively fosters and improves the exchange between the American Italian Cultural Center of New Orleans and Tulane University.

The Jonathan Lorino Memorial Prize

FATIMA GUADALUPE SALCIDO

Through her pursuit of excellence, her unflagging enthusiasm, and her dedication to the study of French language and literature, Fatima wonderfully embodies the spirit of Jonathan Lorino, and is most deserving of this prize named in his honor.

The Louis Bush Medal

KAITLIN ELIZABETH MAHEU

Kaitlin is an outstanding scholar who demonstrated her commitment to her study of French by participating in study abroad programs in Belgium and Quebec. She receives this award in recognition of her passion for the French language and her strong work ethic.

The Program in Gender and Sexuality Studies

The Award for the Outstanding Senior in Gender and Sexuality Studies

NINA ELENA BAUMGARTNER

Nina’s work across gender studies and neuroscience emphasizes the strengths of interdisciplinary research. In addition, her focus on sexual violence prevention and education on campus reflects an attention to service and activism worthy of recognition. In short, Nina is the model of a student-scholar and engaged citizen.

The Department of Germanic and Slavic Studies

The Ann Royal Arthur Memorial Award

NICHOLAS BRADLEY BALLOU

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.” Nicholas embodies these traits through his talent, dedication, and enthusiasm for German studies, which complemented his majors in linguistics and environmental studies. The department wishes him good luck for the upcoming year when he will move to Vienna and work as an au pair.
JAMES JOSEPH DAVENPORT
NEWTON

James is recognized for his superlative record of academic achievement at Tulane. Minoring in German has helped to supplement his majors in art history, French, and medieval & early modern studies. Next year, he will teach English in Lille through the Teaching Assistant Program in France (TAPIF), a French government fellowship.

The John T. Krumpelmann Award

JENNIE LYNN BARKER

This award honors the female or male German major with the highest scholastic record, and Jennie has certainly excelled in the program with a 4.0 GPA. As a junior, she spent six months in Berlin, taking classes at Humboldt University and interning with a German political party. Next year, Jennie will teach English in Germany for her Fulbright Teaching Assistantship.

The Russian Award

ANTON SERGEYEVICH KRAYNIY

Anton is recognized as the best speaker, and has built upon a fine base to become a true scholar of Russian. He set a goal for himself to become one of the best scholars, and he achieved his goal.

The Russian Book Prize

ANDREA JOYCE PAULA ARONSKY

Andrea had a very high GPA and a well-rounded interest in Russian Studies, including culture, politics, and history. She is a rare student who combines her interests while bringing a mature focus to her studies.

The Sally Reed Atkins Award

KELSEY ELISE LACOURREGE

This award supports female undergraduate students of German literature, and Kelsey has had a stellar career as a German minor, graduating with a 4.0 GPA. She had a very productive stay in Vienna in 2014, where she completed a diplomatic internship with the U.S. Department of State. Next year, Kelsey will return to Vienna on a Fulbright Study/Community Service Grant, after which she will return to New Orleans and begin an MD/MPH program.

The Department of History

The Charles Till Davis Prize

for Excellence in European History

CARSON WILLIAM FALLO

This prize goes to the student who has written the best undergraduate paper in European history. Carson earned this prize for his paper, “Prosecuting Arson in 18th Century England.”
The Chi Omega Prize in History

TARA ALAYNA WILSON

Tara is recognized as the female history major with the highest GPA this year.

The Montgomery History Award

WILLIAM PATRICK GILLISPIE

William is recognized as the male history major with the highest GPA this year.

The Prize for Excellence in Latin American, Middle Eastern, African, or Asian History

BETHAN KATHLEEN CORYELL MEYER

This prize goes to the student who has written the best undergraduate paper in Latin American, Middle Eastern, African, or Asian history. Bethan earned this prize for her paper, “Literature and Oral History: Memories of an Occupied Okinawa.”

The S. Walter Stern 1905 Memorial Medal

EMILY BLYTHE LUBIN

This prize is awarded to the best essay on a subject connected with some phase of the government of the United States. Emily’s paper, “The American Invasion of Grenada, 1983,” examines how the invasion affected both international relations and American politics, while making excellent use of newspaper databases and sources.

The Sidney Beyer Prize for Excellence in American History

EMILY BLYTHE LUBIN

This prize goes to the student who has written the best undergraduate paper in U.S. history. Emily earned this prize for her paper, “The American Invasion of Grenada, 1983.”

The Program in International Development

The Eamon Kelly Prize

NATHAN LEO TREACY

By his study and service, Nathan has distinguished himself as the undergraduate student in international development who best reflects the values of leadership and academic rigor in development that Dr. Eamon Kelly’s life and work exemplify.

The International Development Director’s Prize

JUAN FERNANDO GÓMEZ LÓPEZ

Juan’s senior honors thesis was about building self-sufficient schools in Colombia as a solution to those displaced by the country’s civil war. His thesis showed imagination and the ability to integrate ideas and approaches from different disciplines.
The International Development Undergraduate Prize

ERIN NICOLE PLATT

In her study and service, Erin has consistently demonstrated a commitment to solve international development challenges, notably those concerning the physical and built environments in poor countries.

The Department of Jewish Studies

The Dr. Bernard Kaufman Essay Contest Award

BENJAMIN JEFFREY SIGAL

Benjamin is receiving this award for his excellent essay on “Conservative Halacha.” In this work, he explores the Conservative movement’s law committee’s approaches to Jewish law, and he analyzes how these approaches have shaped the conservative movement’s umbrella of members. Benjamin also has one of the highest GPAs among Jewish Studies majors, and his professors have universally appreciated his presence in class.

The Ephraim Lisitzky Memorial Award

VICTORIA TRESSA BERGER

Tori’s professors are impressed by the ways in which she solves problems, and they think very highly of her analytical skills. Her approach strengthens classroom discussion, and she helps to make her peers even better students.

SPENCER LANE FRANKSTON

Spencer has been integral to Jewish Studies, both as a student and in growing the department. His professors appreciate his analytical skills, and his approach enriches the educational experience for his peers.

TAYLOR HANNA WOLF

Taylor has been an excellent addition to Jewish Studies, and she has been very active in growing the department. Her professors universally praise her work, and her perspective broadens classroom discussion. Her work in the New Orleans community has also been exemplary.

The Dr. Lawrence J. Kanter and Julie Kanter Award

HEATHER NICOLE GILLIES

The Jewish Studies department is honored to present Heather with this award, in recognition for her excellent work and contributions to classes.

CLARA ROSE MALKIN

Clara’s 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.
The Program in Linguistics

The Excellence in Linguistics Award
SIMON JOSEPH EDBER

Simon has simultaneously studied Spanish, Portuguese, and Chinese with remarkable success, having studied abroad in both Brazil and China during his time at Tulane. He has also put his studies to practice by working in English as a Second Language classrooms, while also preparing himself for a future career in medical school through theoretical studies of neurolinguistics.

The Outstanding Scholar in Linguistics Award
BRETT CASWELL NELSON

Brett is actively involved in the ongoing language revitalization collaboration between Tulane’s linguistics program and the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana. In addition, Brett has studied and mastered Kaqchikel, an indigenous language of Guatemala. He is an accomplished scholar who is making contributions both to the theoretical fields of linguistics and to the endangered language communities with whom he works.

The Program in Medieval and Early Modern Studies

The Medieval and Early Modern Studies Prize
JAMES JOSEPH DAVENPORT

James is an exemplary undergraduate whose intellectual curiosity and enthusiasm is apparent to all who have taught him. This year, he completed a truly outstanding undergraduate honors thesis on the visual and material culture of the hunt at the fifteenth-century Burgundian court, consulting (and translating) multiple early modern French sources. His advanced work in German, French, English, and Spanish art and history makes him an ideal candidate for this interdisciplinary program award.

The Newcomb Department of Music

The Sarah I. Nadler Memorial Award in Music
BENJAMIN JULIAN BATALLA

Benjamin is an outstanding and hardworking student who has represented Tulane on national and international levels. He won first place in the Orfeo International Concerto Competition in Italy, as well as in the Steinway Competition in Alabama and the Music Teachers National Association state piano competition.
MOHAMED AMINE BELKHOUCHE

Amine embraced his education in the music department with a rare intensity. Nearly all of the faculty can relate stories of his dedication to music making and scholarship. While pursuing a BFA in music composition with a minor in music science and technology, he has established a reputation as a composer, multi-instrumentalist, vocalist, producer, music technologist, and scholar. His remarkable breadth of dedication and proficiency demonstrated over the last four years distinguish him from his peers.

The Department of Philosophy

The Anne Butler Hess Award

ZOË BRUMFIELD-MEYERS

Zoe has consistently overachieved in her philosophy courses, exhibiting deep analytical skills and rigorous argumentative abilities. Her dedication to doing well was evident in every course taken.

The Murphy Institute – Political Economy

The Anthony F. and Mary Anne Corasaniti Award

SAMUEL BENNETT FISHMAN

Samuel has demonstrated a strong interest in international affairs, focusing his studies on world politics and social justice issues while completing a Spanish language minor during his study abroad experience in Cuba. After completing his Fulbright grant to teach English in Venezuela, Samuel plans to attend law school and become a diplomat. He has recently passed the competitive Foreign Service exam, and is working through the process to become a Foreign Service Officer when he returns from Venezuela.

The Charles H. Murphy Prize in Political Economy

EMILY BLYTHE LUBIN

Emily earned a double major in political economy and history, and a minor in Urban Studies, while maintaining an overall GPA above 3.9 and a major GPA above 3.9.

ELEANOR CALDWELL SEMMES

Eleanor is a dual degree double major in political economy and neuroscience, and achieved an overall GPA of 3.993 and a major-best GPA of 3.975. She completed over 150 credit hours in her undergraduate career with only a single course not graded as an A. Her overall GPA is the highest recorded by a political economy major in the last 21 years.
GAETANO LAZIO
TRACHTENBERG

Tano completed his major in political economy along with two minors, in Social Innovation & Social Entrepreneurship and Latin American Studies. He also compiled an outstanding overall GPA over 3.9 and a major GPA over 3.9.

The Murphy Institute
Public Service Award

ELEANOR CALDWELL
SEMMES

Eleanor volunteered in both the Emergency Department and the Hematology and Oncology Department at Children’s Hospital of New Orleans. She served as the assistant to the administrative director for the Tulane Stroke Survivors Support Group, supporting community outreach to patients, families, and caregivers, and participating in monthly meetings on rehabilitation, reintegration, holistic treatment, public health education, and future stroke prevention.

The Political Economy Program
Senior Scholar Award

ELEANOR CALDWELL
SEMMES

Eleanor’s continuing research connects topics in medical research and public health with issues in politics and economics, all of which have deeply informed her undergraduate academic work. She will continue in the joint M.D./Ph.D. program at Duke University School of Medicine, where she has been accepted on full scholarship.

The Department of Political Science

The Charles E. Dunbar Jr.
Fellowship in Political Science

RYAN ONEILL POCHÉ

Ryan’s passion for political science was evident from the moment he arrived on campus. He was among the best students in his class, and has managed to maintain an extremely high GPA. He also worked in a job that allowed him to explore his interest in the subject further, as a personal assistant to professor of practice James Carville.

ALISON PEARL REIP

For her honors thesis, Alison conducted extensive primary research on New Orleans charter schools, surveying parents online and in person. Among her findings, she showed that higher-performing schools are significantly less likely to advertise widely, while lower-performing schools have to spend more time and resources to market themselves across the city. Her thesis director said that “Alison's data collection efforts were more extensive than almost any other student I have directed in my twelve years at Tulane.”
The Class of 1935 – Ned Putzell Memorial Prize  
**MIRIAM MEYER COHEN**

Miriam spent a great deal of her time at Tulane involved in public service – including coaching middle school debate, tutoring high school students, volunteering at a local microfinance nonprofit, and studying social justice and its applications as a CPS Public Service Fellow – while managing to maintain a 3.84 GPA. She is a stellar student and citizen.

The Mary B. Scott Memorial Prize  
**JENNIE LYNN BARKER**

Endowed in 1909 by Mary M. Scott in memory of her mother, this prize recognizes the best essay showing original research in history, economics, or political science written by a junior or a senior. Jennie’s paper on Chancellor of Germany Angela Merkel was described by Newcomb College Institute Executive Director Sally Kenney as “one of the best I have read. Her ability to read and analyze scholarship in German coupled with her superior writing and analytical skills make this paper particularly strong.”

The Pi Sigma Alpha Award  
**KATHERINE SOPHIA KODNER**

Sophie is one of the most well-rounded students the political science department has produced in years. She is very active in her community, having spent an extraordinary amount of time volunteering with a variety of organizations, including the Louisiana Center for Children’s Rights, Propeller (a social entrepreneur organization), Katrina 10, and John Dilbert Middle School. Her academic performance, where she earned a 3.85 GPA, was just as strong.

The Shirley Wiel Greengus Memorial Award for Achievement in Political Science  
**JENNIE LYNN BARKER**

Not only did Jennie carry the highest GPA of all graduating political science majors, but she impressed every professor with whom she came into contact with her intelligence, work ethic, and sunny demeanor. No less than four of her present and former teachers wrote to nominate her for end-of-year awards, which is believed to be a political science department record.
The Department of Sociology

The Outstanding Student in Sociology Award

Dillon Bennie Nuanes

Dillon is an engaged scholar, who has compiled an excellent GPA and done first-rate work in sociology. He has produced an outstanding honors thesis that his advisor claims is one of the best and most mature pieces of scholarship that he has seen at Tulane. Dillon was also president of the Tulane Sociology Club for several years, organizing and facilitating numerous excellent events. He intends to pursue a PhD in sociology after working for a year or two after graduation.

The Phi Mu Award in Sociology

Sarah Bloom

Sarah is a dedicated student who has made the Dean's List every semester. Beyond her exemplary academic performance, she is deeply engaged in the broader community, where she has worked at the Fuel the Future Foundation and the A's and Aces nonprofit organization. Sarah recently established a new club on campus called After School Allies. As the club's president, she has organized 30 Tulane students to serve as mentors to elementary school students in understaffed after-school care programs.

The Department of Spanish and Portuguese

The Hispano-American Studies Prize

Emma McFetridge Ernst

As her 4.0 GPA reflects, Emma is an incredibly dedicated, hard-working, and intellectually gifted student. In her coursework and her senior honors thesis on post-dictatorship counter-monuments in Argentina, Emma has impressed faculty in the department with her dedication, work ethic and, most of all, her elegant, flawless writing. Her honors thesis is a model of clear, comprehensive, and compelling prose.

Currin Sharkey Wallis

Currin is an extraordinary student among a talented and hardworking group. She is not afraid to voice her own opinions in an intelligent, clear way, but is always respectful of others’ opinions as well. Currin always finds an original focus for her papers, which are characterized by academic rigor and near-perfect Spanish proficiency.

The Iberian Studies Prize

Andrew Carlos del Valle

Andrew's passion for Spanish began in his junior year, when he studied in Granada, Spain, where he hopes to return. Reading works by Lorca, Machado, and Unamuno inspired him to dive further into a world beneath the surface of the text. Andrew's comments in class discussions always revealed sharp literary perception and an ability to grasp the more obscure nuances of a work. The faculty is impressed by his strong work ethic and seriousness about his academic pursuits.
The Luso-Brazilian Studies Prize  

DANIEL JOSEPH GORE

Daniel excelled in the joint Spanish and Portuguese major during his stellar career. His honors thesis, “The Influences of Carioca Carnival on the Intersecting Professional and Social Engagements of the Travesti and Gay Male Communities,” is a model of interdisciplinary research combining insights from history, anthropology, public health, and cultural studies. In this thesis, Daniel explored the complex relationship between middle-class gay men and lower-class travestis, a male-to-female subgroup within the transsexual community of Rio de Janeiro.

The Newcomb Department of Theatre and Dance

The Monroe Lippman Founders Award for Excellence in Original or Creative Writing  

JOSHUA BERNARD***

Joshua brought hard work, dedication, and keen insight to all projects he undertook while working in the theatre department. For his constant and consistent drive to better his craft, he is recognized with this award.

The Elizabeth B. Delery Award for Outstanding Achievement in Dance  

MARGARET MALLORY HARLAN

Meg, who will receive dual degrees in environmental science and dance, is honored for her commitment to the dance program, her dedication to the choreographic process, and her attention to the intellectual and physical nuances of the dance form. She has an insatiable curiosity and an unrelenting desire for clarity and precision. Meg always enters the dance studio with a smile, and a willingness to contribute.

SAMANTHA ARIEL JANFAZA

Samantha was selected for this award for her major advancement as a dancer during her time in the program. She is a lovely dancer, and has demonstrated her support for the program and its students by devoting time above and beyond requirements. As a neuroscience and dance major, she embraced the interdisciplinary aspect of the dance major with a presentation on dance movement therapy as a method for mind-body connection to promote emotional and mental health.

MIRIAM MAE LOBRANO

Mae receives this award for her passion for dance, and for her dedication to progressing through the curriculum with brilliance. Her dancing is powerful, and she takes every opportunity to explore various pathways in dance – writing about dance, research, media and choreography, composition, and building community, among others. She is a risk taker and a bold young artist.
The Janice Torre Perky Memorial Award for Excellence in Original or Creative Writing

DOUGLAS ABRAHAM
HILTON KMIOTEK

Doug has been a dedicated theatre major, performing in the plays Almost, Maine and Still Life with Iris, before turning his attention to comedic writing. As president of the Tulane sketch comedy group Cat Mafia Comedy, he helped produce three sketch comedy shows in his senior year alone. He also wrote two original one-act plays and a full length comedic play. Doug hopes to pursue a master’s degree in playwriting, and forge a career writing for theatre and television.

The Jill Karp Prize in Dance Choreography

BROOKE ANNE DUARTE

Brooke is a talented choreographer and lovely to behold as a dancer. Her choreography for Above the Oaks, titled Arrange to Fit the Shape, was selected for adjudication at the South Regional American College Dance Festival. Her choreography is both thoughtful and thought provoking. She has been a strong contributor to the Newcomb Dance Company as both performer and collaborator in faculty choreography. The department looks forward to her next steps.

The Jill Karp Prize in Dance Performance

MARGARET ROSE KOLINA

Maggie receives this award as an exceptional dancer. She has a striking, commanding presence on stage, and moves like the wind. This year, she performed in three student choreographies for Above the Oaks and the American College Dance Festival, and she performed in two faculty pieces for the Newcomb Dance Company spring concert. Maggie regularly works in the community, and has taken advantage of every dance opportunity at Tulane. The department looks forward to her future dance career.

The Minnette L. Starts Award for Excellence in Dance

NOELLE KRISTINA RAYMOND

Noelle is selected for this award for her commitment and dedication to dance. As a model student, she is passionate about her work in dance, and has expanded her range and versatility by dancing in pieces ranging from contemporary ballet to contemporary modern dance. She is brave and a risk-taker, working successfully through projects and curricula that were not in her comfort zone. Noelle brings her intelligence, work ethic, and artistry to the concert stage.
THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND TROPICAL MEDICINE

The BSPH Outstanding Service Award
ADAM ZACHARY
McGUIRE KLINE

For his work with the New Orleans Workers’ Center for Racial Justice, as well as his service in starting the first on-campus service dog training program, Adam deserves the highest praise and honors.

The Dean’s Undergraduate Scholastic Award
RACHEL KARYN COLLER

Rachel has the highest GPA of all graduating Bachelor of Science in Public Health students, and is very deserving of the highest academic honors.

The Outstanding Undergraduate Public Health Student Leadership Award
TREY PHILLIP
ROYAL HOLMES

In recognition of his outstanding leadership efforts across Tulane’s campus and in the student government organization, Trey deserves the highest acclaim.

The School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine Undergraduate Alumni Award
KATHERINE ELIZABETH BRUCE

For her outstanding academic, service, and leadership accomplishments, Kayla deserves the highest recognition by the Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine Alumni Association.

THE A. B. FREEMAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

The BSM Scholastic Achievement Award
NUSRAH NAVEED MALIK

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

ROBERT MICHAEL IVEY  
DANIEL LOUIS LAWRENCE  
NUSHRAH NAVEED MALIK

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

### The Evelyn and William Burkenroad Award

DAVID WILLIAM LEVY  
MAX ALEXANDER MOLINSKY

Established in 1982, the Evelyn and William Burkenroad Award recognizes the graduating students in the Bachelor of Science in Management program who have 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 recipients are chosen by the senior class.

### The Tulane Association of Business Alumni Award

LENA JUSTINE FRANKLIN

Established to recognize an outstanding graduate of the BSM program, this award is presented each year to the graduating senior who exhibits, in the opinion of the school's administration, outstanding intellectual ability, leadership, self-motivation, and responsibility to peers, the school, and the community.

### The Tulane Association of Business Alumni Community Service Award

JONATHAN Y. AFRA  
GREGORY DAVID BROUSSE JR.  
EVAN QUINN KOLLATH

MADELYNN McVEIGH LANCASTER  
ETHAN SANFORD LEVY  
NUSHRAH NAVEED MALIK  
STEVEN McCONVILLE  
MAX ALEXANDER MOLINSKY

Established in 1993 by the Levy-Rosenblum Institute for Entrepreneurship and conducted in partnership with the Tulane Association of Business Alumni, this award recognizes those graduates who, under the auspices of the Institute and mentored by TABA members, have completed at least 25 hours of pro bono service with a disadvantaged business or a not-for-profit organization in the New Orleans area.
The School of Science and Engineering

The Department of Biomedical Engineering

The Biomedical Engineering Outstanding Senior Award  REED MICHAEL GIOE
This award is presented to Reed, as selected by the biomedical engineering faculty, for his outstanding achievement in biomedical engineering studies.

The Joyous and William C. Van Buskirk Scholarship in Biomedical Engineering  KATHRYN MORGAN ROBISON
The biomedical engineering faculty selected Kathryn for her outstanding achievement in biomedical engineering studies.

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

TEAM HEALTH.e:  
MADELINE BISHOP-VAN HORN  
CHRISTOPHER THOMAS MILLER  
VICTORIA LYNN MORRIS  
JONATHAN VAN NGUYEN
These 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  CHRISTOPHER THOMAS MILLER
This award is presented to the 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

JESSE DANIEL COREN

Jesse has a cheerful enthusiasm for science, and earned a GPA over 3.9. He enjoys skiing and mountain biking, and has completed wilderness first responder training. He plans to work with Médecins sans Frontières after completing medical school and establishing his practice.

CHRISTIAN NGOC NGUYEN

Christian is one of the department’s most impressive students, both in terms of academics and extracurricular achievement. He has a GPA of 3.984. His memory is astounding, and he is able to apply knowledge to unfamiliar problems with a remarkable acuity. He brings his energy to multiple projects, working with a clinical research project on strokes and public health, shadowing an orthopedic surgical team, and mentoring local youth at a non-profit urban farm. Christian is pursuing medicine after graduation.

The Gerald S. Gussack Award

BRETT J. BARRILLEAUX

Brett began working in Professor Laura Schrader’s lab during the summer of his sophomore year, and he quickly involved himself in an ongoing project with molecular mechanisms of stress and how chronic stress progresses to pathological conditions. He became a mainstay in the lab as he ran behavioral paradigms and performed surgeries. He also investigated biochemical regulation of plasticity pathways in the prefrontal cortex after stress. Brett is an extremely bright and innovative young man, and he made various technical suggestions that improved the overall output of the Schrader lab. Brett is a quiet, thoughtful, and disciplined individual with an overall GPA of 3.9. He plans to go on to medical school.

The Honors Thesis Award in Cell and Molecular Biology

RACHEL ROSE HILL

Rachel completed an honors thesis project in Professor Frank Jones’ lab on an extremely complex bioinformatics project. In an amazing example of self-directed learning, Rachel taught herself bioinformatics and completed an impressive amount of analysis on breast tumor expression data from the Cancer Genome Atlas. Her ability to formulate and test hypotheses and interpret results shows sophistication unusual in an undergraduate. In addition to time-consuming research, Rachel maintained a GPA in excess of 3.9, and plays saxophone with the marching band and a jazz ensemble. She has been accepted at multiple medical schools, and is in the enviable position of deciding between Brown and Tufts to continue her career.
The Liz Earley Prize in Cell and Molecular Biology

KOLE PRASAD AKULA

Prasad is a friendly, outgoing student, excited about biology and learning. He participates in laboratory research, working on the organic synthesis of carrier-shaped molecules called cavitands. He is careful at the laboratory bench, and makes connections between the chemical details and the larger picture. He is also a natural scholar who makes community service and outreach priorities, such as offering informal tutoring to local high school students.

JOSHUA A. MANSFIELD

Josh did three semesters of independent research with Professor Zhouru Wu. He stood out in his understanding and his ability to carry out experiments involving multiple difficult procedures. Josh is also exceptional at addressing novel biological questions by designing his own experiments, and was awarded a Lurcy Grant from Newcomb-Tulane College to test one of his ideas.

JILLIAN NICOLE ROSENBERG

Jill completed her honors thesis research at Tulane School of Medicine in the biochemistry lab of Dr. Heather Machado, where she developed multiple assays to investigate the signal transduction pathways downstream of GAS6 binding its receptor AXL – important in the microenvironment of certain cancerous tumors. A well-rounded student, Jill enjoys painting and riding horses. She plans to continue studying cancer biology, and will be pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of Chicago.

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

JONATHAN MICHAEL KATZ

Ever an enthusiastic student and driven by a bottomless curiosity, Jonathan will be graduating with a GPA of 3.987. He is a tireless worker and has a wide range of interests, ranging from organizational policy to computer science. He plans to pursue a career in medicine where he can continue to solve problems from his unique perspective, seamlessly integrating both direct and creative strategies.

KELSEY ELISE LACOURREGE

Kelsey is an exemplary student, regularly earning the top grade in even her most challenging cell biology courses, and graduating with an unblemished 4.0 GPA. She is interested in many subjects, ranging from public health policy to vaccine development. She is well traveled and is fluent in German. A very well-rounded young person, she also enjoys ballet.
The Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

The American Institute of Chemical Engineers Activity Award  
SAMANTHA ROSE BUDIN
Samantha receives this award in recognition of her outstanding services to the profession.

The American Institute of Chemical Engineers Senior Scholarship Award  
COLE HAMILTON ASHMAN
Cole is recognized as the senior in chemical and biomolecular engineering with the highest cumulative GPA.

The American Institute of Chemists Student Award  
APRIL MARIE MIGUEZ
This award is presented to April as the outstanding senior who has demonstrated leadership ability, character, high scholastic standing, and potential for advancement in the chosen profession.

The Francis M. Taylor Award  
WILSON JETER
This award is presented to Wilson as the senior with outstanding citizenship based upon professional attributes and accomplishments, ability to interact with colleagues and faculty, and positive contributions to departmental and university programs.

The Department of Chemistry

The American Chemical Society Award  
LIVIA JULIA LINDEN
Livia has terrific chemical intuition, and has excelled in all of her coursework throughout her time at Tulane. She was recently honored by the local section of the American Chemical Society for her achievements.

The American Institute of Chemists Award  
EMMA ANNE JOHNSON
Emma’s high academic performance stands out, and merits this award from the American Institute of Chemists.

The Ann Hero Northrup Prize in Chemistry  
SARA JEAN HAYS
Sara is an outstanding scholar who has demonstrated consistently exceptional performance in her classes and in the laboratory.
The Merck Index Award

**BENJAMIN THOMAS SKETCHLER**

Benjamin is an outstanding student who has demonstrated outstanding performance in his classes. He stands out among the large group of talented peers.

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The Department of Computer Science

**The Academic Excellence in Computer Science Award**

**LUCIANNA CARVALHAES KIFFER**

Lucianna has demonstrated exceptional performance in every computer science course she has taken, as reflected in her 3.9 coordinate major GPA. She completed several outstanding interdisciplinary mathematical and computer science research projects. Her most notable work involves developing a learning algorithm for compound screening using Gaussian process regression that aims to optimize the process of computational drug discovery.

**The Outstanding Service to the Department of Computer Science Award**

**SARAH ELIZABETH LOHMEIER**

As the vice president of the Computer Science Club and Tulane University Women in Technology organization, Sarah has dedicated countless hours to promoting computer science education, cutting-edge technology, and diversity in computing. The Department of Computer Science sincerely thanks her for her great work.

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The Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences

**The Harold E. Vokes Award**

**ETHAN BRETT ADER**

Ethan is earning degrees in environmental science and music. He is in the honors program and he excels in the classroom, as illustrated by his continual presence on the Dean’s List since his first semester at Tulane. Ethan has also taken advantage of numerous opportunities to apply and expand his knowledge of Earth science beyond the classroom, including an on-campus research project and service learning project, along with an outside summer internship and K-12 environmental education.

**The Reinhard A. Steinmayer Award**

**CLAIRE E. BEAUCHAMP**

Claire is earning degrees in environmental science and studio art. She is in the honors program and is a member of the leadership fraternity Omicron Delta Kappa. Claire’s enthusiasm for and commitment to environmental science are illustrated by her stellar service record, including work with the Hope Gardens and Tulane Green Club. She also seized on educational opportunities at Tulane, such as field research experience and leadership in service learning courses.
The Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

The Fred R. Cagle Memorial Prize  MYSSIA LYNN DYE

Mysia maintained the highest GPA in the major while completing an exemplary honors thesis on data she collected in Panama, entitled “Variation in advertisement calls among color morphs of a polymorphic poison frog.” She was an invaluable asset to the introductory biology lab as an Undergraduate Fellow, and served as a role model and intern with Girls in STEM at Tulane. She has been on the executive board of Women in Science for four years, and was elected president in her senior year. She has accepted a PhD position to continue her herpetology research at Florida State University.

The Gerald E. Gunning Memorial Award  SARA JEAN HAYS

Sara excelled as a major in the department, earning one of the highest GPAs among graduating seniors. She independently completed an honors thesis, entitled “Population Genetics of the Diphyllobothridae Macroparasite Schistoscephalus solidus Infecting Threespine Stickleback.” Her honors thesis satisfied the requirements for her double major in ecology and evolutionary biology as well as biochemistry. Sara demonstrated the drive and vision to master the necessary skills and knowledge to complete the project.

HANNAH LOUISE WILSON

Hannah has been an exceptional environmental biology student. She maintained a high GPA, conducted botanical and behavior research at Tulane and abroad, was an invaluable asset to the introductory biology lab as an Undergraduate Teaching Fellow, and served several semesters as a role model and intern for Girls in STEM at Tulane.

The Zoology Prize  EMILY SUZANNE NORRIS

Emily is an outstanding and engaged undergraduate student. Among her many accomplishments, she designed and implemented an independent research project on gut microbial diversity in birds, which is at the new interface of research on animal behavior and microbial ecology. Emily also has a certain knack for designing concept maps, and has set a high bar for future students in Theory and Methods.
The Department of Mathematics

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<td>Gabriella achieved an outstanding 4.0 math GPA in 11 mathematics courses. She has also done an honors thesis in economics. This last semester, she completed an independent study course with Professor Scott McKinley, developing a mathematical model for information and uncertainty in elections where the voters have imperfect and temporally staggered information about the candidates.</td>
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The Program in Neuroscience

The Neuroscience Faculty Award

KIMBERLY ANNE MICOTTO

Kim is a powerhouse, and has been invaluable to the Derryberry laboratory over the past two years. She is an outstanding student, who continuously surpasses expectations. Members of the Derryberry lab have come to rely on Kim's positive attitude and willingness to take on any new task. Her independent research project was a testament to her ability to undertake and complete high-caliber work independently.

STUART MOORE ROWE

Stuart did an outstanding job on his honors thesis. He began working in Dr. Laura Schrader's lab the summer before his senior year, and worked extremely hard to learn several new techniques. He was incredibly productive and collegial during his time in the lab. Dr. Schrader wrote that Stuart is one of the best undergraduate students that she has had in her neuroscience research laboratory.

MICHELLE K. SHEENA

Besides Michelle's outstanding performance in her classes, she has conducted important new research on the relation between early motor and cognitive development in human infants. She has shown how babies, just months after birth, already possess planning abilities that enable them to use objects in a skillful manner. Her innovative work also has implications for assessing infants who are at risk for delays in motor development.

LAURA KATHLEEN STANFEL

Laura's honors thesis research advisor, Dr. Jeff Tasker, says, “Laura shows a strong commitment to and considerable aptitude for her research. She rises to the challenge of learning new things in the lab, asking intelligent and thoughtful questions when being instructed, and showing a keen interest in the science behind the lab work. She is also an intelligent and fast learner. She ranks among the best undergrad students to come through my lab.”

NATASHA LORRAINE TOPOLSKI

Natasha’s advisor, Dr. Stacy Drury, says “Natasha is truly remarkable. It has been a wonderful experience to watch her scientific and analytic skills grow over these last four years, but what has been most impressive is her poise and energy. Her multitude of leadership roles speak to her abilities, but beyond that she is genuine, one of those special individuals with talent, compassion, and a desire to change the world. I expect that she will.”
The Department of Physics
and Engineering Physics

The Elsie Field Dupré Memorial Prize  ALYSSA SHAO-SHUAN CHUANG

Alyssa is awarded the 2016 Dupré award for her strong academic performance in engineering physics, as well as for her active research involvement in the area of novel quantum materials, with a special focus on single crystal growth and characterization of electronic material properties. For her senior team design project, Alyssa worked to develop a control module for small-scale hydroponic gardens.

The Joseph J. Kyame Physics Award  SKYLAR DECKOFF-JONES

In 2014, Skylar was awarded the Goldwater Scholarship, and was also selected for the highly competitive NanoJapan REU program. In 2015, Skylar held a fully funded research internship at Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology. He was recently awarded an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship to pursue a PhD in Materials Science. Skylar co-authored several research publications and was the main author of a published peer-reviewed article on non-linear optical properties of atomically-layered indium selenide semiconductor.

The Department of Psychology

The Aaron Hartman Award in Psychology  JAMES MICHAEL FITZPATRICK JR.

James has been active in psychological research since his first year at Tulane, and will graduate with his bachelor’s degree after only three years. During his senior year, he conducted an ambitious honors thesis examining prejudice against atheists, and traveled to a conference where he presented the results of one of his research projects. James plans to follow up on the promising results of his honors thesis and apply to doctoral programs in social psychology.

MEAGAN ELIZABETH MAGALDI

Meagan has been active in psychological research since her sophomore year. Her honors thesis examined how taking the perspective of victims of discrimination affects legal judgments. Meagan traveled to a national conference to present her research. She has also been active in Psi Chi and the Psychology Club, and served as an officer in the School of Science and Engineering Honor Society. Next year, she will pursue a master’s degree in psychology at Tulane.
The Anne M. McPherson Award in Psychology

RAFAELLA JEAN JAKUBOVIC

Rafaela is honored with the McPherson award to support the presentation of her research at a national psychology conference. Her thesis project makes a unique contribution to the literature on best practices for the early identification of students in need of school supports. Rafi demonstrated creativity, insightfulness, and a strong command of the literature in completing the project.

ANNEKE ELISABETH OLSON

Anneke is a double major in psychology and sociology. She is a Newcomb Scholar, and has been involved in research across several labs during her time at Tulane. Her honors thesis explored the relationship between intimate partner violence, parenting behavior, and psychopathology in parents and young children.

The Arnold Gerall Prize for Neuroscience

NINA ELENA BAUMGARTNER

With a double major in neuroscience and gender & sexuality studies, Nina exemplifies the dedication to scholarship and interdisciplinary studies that Tulane has set as a priority. For her senior honors thesis, she investigated how estrogen affects memory and the aging female brain, demonstrating her ability to weave these two fields together. Nina is already a gifted scientist, and will continue to develop her talents as she pursues a PhD in neuroscience.

CARLY MORGAN ROSEN

Carly is an exceptionally accomplished student, both in the classroom and during the course of research that culminated in her honors thesis. She successfully took on the very challenging topic of decoding brain electrical activity to predict future behavior. Her findings have basic importance for understanding the brain, and also will contribute to the development of new rehabilitation methods to treat neurological disorders.

The Barbara E. Moely Award for the Application of Psychology

ANNA NASH HAMILTON

During her time at Tulane, Anna made outstanding contributions by applying her knowledge of psychology to helping others. She is being recognized for her work with organizations including the Tulane Parenting Educational Program, Girls on the Run, and Girls in STEM at Tulane. In addition, Anna taught courses on social and behavioral skills to elementary school students at Lawrence D. Crocker College Prep elementary school. Next year, Anna will enter the Counseling Psychology Program at Boston College.
The Faculty Memorial Award in Psychology  CAROLINE ELIZABETH DICKENS

Caroline has been active in psychological research since her sophomore year. Her honors thesis examined how participating in a science outreach program affected girls' identification with the sciences, and demonstrated the critical importance of role models. Next year, Caroline will begin working on a doctoral degree at the PGSP-Stanford Psy.D. Consortium.

The Rosa Cahn Hartman Medal  LAURA ABIGAIL SUTHERLAND

Laura is a psychology major with a strong interest in developmental disabilities. She worked as a research assistant in Dr. Courtney Baker's lab for six semesters, including two terms she devoted to her honors thesis research. Next year, Laura will be completing a master's degree in applied behavioral analysis at Western New England University, while simultaneously working at a best-practice residential school and treatment facility for youth with autism.

SARAH DAVIDSON MARGOLIES

Sarah, a psychology and gender & sexuality studies double major student, has consistently demonstrated excellence and leadership within and outside of psychology. She has excelled at her coursework, completed her honors thesis under the mentorship of Dr. Courtney Baker, and contributed significantly to Dr. Baker's community-based participatory research program. Sarah has been accepted into TeachNOLA, a New Orleans-based alternative certification program for teachers, where she will teach elementary school starting next year.
The distinction of senior honors scholar is bestowed upon the one student (or occasionally, two students) each department or 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.

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

**Critical Language Scholarship**

KATHARINE GRACE
KHAMHAENGWONG
Language: Arabic
Ibri, Oman, Summer 2015
Political Science

**Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD)/German Exchange Service**

JENNIE LYNN BARKER
Undergraduate Scholarship, 2014-2015
Political Science and German

KELSEY ELISE LACOURREGE
Research Internship in Science and Engineering (RISE), 2015
Cell and Molecular Biology
JENNIE LYNN BARKER
English Teaching Assistant Program, Germany
Political Science and German

NATHAN MARSHALL BENJAMIN
Binational Internship, Mexico
Political Science and Business; Management

SAMUEL BENNETT FISHERMAN
English Teaching Assistant Program, Venezuela
Political Economy

LEAH MARIE FOX
English Teaching Assistant Program, Spain
English and Communication

ABIGAIL WAGNER GOODMAN
English Teaching Assistant Program, Taiwan
Political Science and Asian Studies

ALLISON WUN-HUI KOH
English Teaching Assistant Program, Malaysia
Economics and Asian Studies

KELSEY ELISE LACOURREGE
Community-Based Grant, Austria
Cell and Molecular Biology

BRIA ANGELLE TROSCLAIR
English Teaching Assistant Program, Bulgaria
English and Anthropology
Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program

SKYLAR DECKOFF-JONES
Japan, Summer 2014
Physics

CHARLIE JOSEPH DRAUGHTER JR.
Costa Rica, Summer 2015
Philosophy

ALLISON WUN-HUI KOH
China, Fall 2014
Economics and Asian Studies

Barry Goldwater Scholarship And Excellence In Education Program

NINA ELENA BAUMGARTNER
Goldwater Honorable Mention, 2015
Neuroscience and Gender and Sexuality Studies

SKYLAR DECKOFF-JONES
Goldwater Scholar, 2014
Physics

SHREYA NATESH KASHYAP
Goldwater Honorable Mention, 2014
Neuroscience

NATASHA LORRAINE TOPOLSKI
Goldwater Honorable Mention, 2015
Neuroscience and Cell and Molecular Biology

National Science Foundation – Graduate Research Fellowship Program

SKYLAR DECKOFF-JONES
Physics (Materials Research - Photonic materials)
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.

CLAIRE E. BEAUCHAMP
SAMUEL BENNETT FISHMAN
SAMANTHA RUTH FLEURINOR
JULIA ANNA GALLAGHER
REBECCA J. GREANEY
JAZMIA EVON HENRY
SAMUEL ROBERT HEYMAN
TREY PHILLIP ROYAL HOLMES
NICOLE ANN MAGPAYO LIM
PRESTON ANTOINE MILLS
FLORENCE JANE PRATER
LINDSEY ANNE WARD

ALISON PEARL REIP
MARY KATHERINE REYNOLDS
NATALIA LORRAINE TOPOLSKI
RACHEL MARIE RUSSELL CLAYTON
MELISSA Y-LAN HUYNH
JORDYN BREA COHEN
JOSE EZEQUIEL
VELEZ JIMENEZ
EVAN MURRAY WALTER

The Jim Runsdorf Excellence in Public Service Student Award

SAMUEL ROBERT HEYMAN

Samuel has worked his entire Tulane career to bring healthy, affordable food to neighborhoods with limited access to healthy options. In 2013, Sam co-founded Top Box Food – New Orleans, a non-profit organization that buys high quality food, bundles it together in food boxes, and sells it in neighborhoods through houses of worship and community meetings. In addition to his food access work, Sam was a City Council Fellow, tasked with working on community outreach campaigns, and president of his fraternity, Sigma Chi.

NATALIA LORRAINE TOPOLSKI

Natasha has combined her academic and service interests seamlessly. Double majoring in neuroscience and cell and molecular biology, she worked in the Tulane Behavioral and Neurodevelopmental Genetics Laboratory, but also shared her love of neuroscience with public school children through community outreach events planned by the Tulane University Neuroscience Association. Additionally, she co-founded a service organization working in several New Orleans nursing homes. Her nominator noted her “enthusiasm for learning, maturity, leadership experience, and willingness to take risks” as key reasons for her success.
STUDENT ATHLETES

The Newcomb-Tulane College Student Athlete Award

RICHARD DONOVAN CARTHON
MEREDITH LADD MALTBY

This award is given to the graduating male and female seniors who best combine success as an athlete with success in the classroom.

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.

GREGORY DAVID BROUSSE JR.
CAROLYN MADISON CANULETTE
TIMOTHY GEORGE DeCOTIS
ADAM ZACHARY McGUIRE KLINE

STEPHANIE HELEN METHERALL
ELEANOR CALDWELL SEMMES

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

RECIPIENT TO BE ANNOUNCED AT CEREMONY

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 now invites all Newcomb-Tulane College undergraduates in the top 5% of their class to apply. Membership is awarded to those students who have earned among the highest cumulative grade point averages over the course of their undergraduate careers, and who have distinguished themselves academically through an honors thesis or equivalent accomplishment.

JENNIE LYNN BARKER
SKYLAR DECKOFF-JONES
MATTHEW DONALD DUCOTE
EMMA McFETRIDGE ERNST
KYLE WALKER GRAHAM
EMMA ANNE JOHNSON
SHREYA NATESH KASHYAP
NUSHRAH NAVEED MALIK
ANNEKE ELISABETH OLSON

OWEN MICHAEL RICHFIELD
GABRIELLA CHAVIVA RUNNELS
ELEANOR CALDWELL SEMMES
MITCHELL GREY THERIEAU CURRIN SHARKEY WALLIS
TARA ALAYNA WILSON

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 2016 degree candidates, except where noted as follows:

*Degree requirements completed August 2015
**Degree requirements completed December 2015
***Degree requirements to be completed after May 2016
¹Earned jointly with a Master of Accounting
²Degree requirements for the joint Bachelor of Science in Engineering/Master of Science in Engineering program to be completed in 2016-2017
The Newcomb-Tulane College Senior Awards Ceremony is presented by:

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