# NEWCOMB-TULANE COLLEGE

## SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY

**Friday, May 19, 2017**  
**4:00 P.M.**  
**McAlister Auditorium, Tulane University**

### Welcome

James M. MacLaren, Dean of Newcomb-Tulane College  
Robin Forman, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

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### Closing Remarks

Dean MacLaren
DEPARTMENTS AND PRESENTERS

A.B. Freeman School of Business
Associate Dean Michael H. Hogg

Architecture
Director of Undergraduate Advising and Student Affairs Emily Parsons

Africana Studies
Program Director Laura Rosanne Adderley

Anthropology
Professor and Chair Trenton W. Holliday

Art
Professor and Chair Elizabeth Boone

Classical Studies
Professor and Chair Thomas Frazel

Communication
Professor and Chair Dr. Mauro Porto

Economics
Professor and Chair Mary Olson

English
Professor Peter Cooley

Associate Professor Michelle Kohler

French and Italian
Professor Edwige Tamalet Talbayev

Gender and Sexuality Studies
Professor Nancy Maveety

Germanic and Slavic Studies
Professor and Chair Brian Horowitz

History
Associate Professor Brian DeMare

Jewish Studies
Professor and Chair Brian Horowitz

Linguistics
Professor and Chair Olanike Orie

Medieval and Early Modern Studies
Professor and Director Dale Shuger

Murphy Institute – Political Economy
Professor and Associate Director
John Louis Howard

Music
Professor and Chair C. Leonard Raybon

Payson Center for International Development
Senior Professor of Practice
Dr. Dauphine Sloan

Philosophy
Professor and Chair Bruce W. Brower

Political Science
Professor Nancy Maveety

Sociology
Professor and Chair Michele Adams

Spanish and Portuguese
Professor and Chair Jean Dangler

Theatre and Dance
Professor and Chair Martin Sachs

Public Health and Tropical Medicine
Professor Barbara Hayley

Cell and Molecular Biology
Associate Dean Joseph Keating

Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Professor of Practice Elizabeth Abboud

Chemistry
Professor and Chair Anne Robinson

Computer Science
Professor and Chair Brent Koplitz

Earth and Environmental Sciences
Professor Anastasia Kurdia

Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
Professor Brent M. Goehring

Professor and Chair Thomas W. Sherry
THE A. B. FREEMAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

The Evelyn and William Burkenroad Award

AMANDA WHITMAN              MARSHALL WADLEY

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

SYDNEY BERGER              MARSHALL WADLEY
NIDA FARHOUD

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

SABRINA SOMERS

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

The Tulane Association of Business Alumni Award

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

DANIEL BARRACH    ANDREW H. NGUYEN
KATHERINE BLOCK   JULIA NOVACK
JACK GOLDBERG     AUDREY PRESTON
SAVANNAH JOHNSTON-SCHMIDT  JESSICA RUBINSKY
SEAN KEATING       JEFFREY SPENCE
ERIC MARCH         AMANDA WHITMAN

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 ARCHITECTURE

Alpha Rho Chi Medal

CHESLEY JEAN MCCARTY

Chesley McCarty’s tenure at Tulane University has personified collegiate engagement and leadership. She has contributed to the School of Architecture as a talented designer, provided leadership as President of the Architecture Student Government, gotten her hands dirty in UrbanBuild, and studied abroad in our Rome Program. Her accomplishments stretch into the larger campus community as she serves as Vice President for Academic Affairs for the Undergraduate Student Government, and assisted in re-branding for this year’s Crawfest. These reasons, along with many others, are why the School of Architecture has chosen to honor Chesley with the Alpha Rho Chi Medal.

American Institute of Architects

Henry Adams Certificate

CHRISTOPHE G. BLANCHARD

Similar to the AIA Henry Adams Medal, this certificate was established to honor the second highest ranking student within each School of Architecture nationwide. With many talented students and what sometimes is a mere hundredth of a point separating these GPAs, it is necessary to recognize these accomplishments. Christophe Blanchard is this year’s recipient of the AIA Henry Adams Certificate. His 3.82 cumulative GPA sets him apart from his classmates and is a testament to not only his skill as a designer, but as a dedicated academic who continually strives for excellence.
American Institute of Architects
Henry Adams Medal

GIANNA MARIE MORELLI

This medal is awarded annually to the top-ranking student from each accredited Architecture program. This award was established in 1914 to recognize academic excellence throughout the course of one's architecture education. This year's recipient, Gianna Morelli, will graduate with an impressive 3.87 cumulative GPA after five years of intensive study. Gianna's accomplishment comes as no surprise to her colleges or instructors who recognize her quiet intelligence and commitment to excellence.

John William Lawrence
Memorial Medal

MATTHEW RAYBON

The John William Lawrence Medal is an honor chosen by the School of Architecture faculty to recognize excellence in design. While highest cumulative Studio GPA was a baseline consideration for this honor, more important was evidence of a clear drive in the work that moves beyond grades. Through design, he continually strove to engage theoretical underpinnings of architecture and to link relevant contexts of surroundings, histories, and futures. With a distinctive attention to detail at multiple scales, he has an ability to forge connections that are architecturally evocative and poetic. It is a pleasure to announce that Matthew Raybon is the 2017 recipient of the John William Lawrence Medal.

THE SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS

Africana Studies

Felipe Smith Jr. Award for Excellence in Africana Studies

OLIVIA WREFORD

Olivia Wreford distinguished herself as an Africana Studies student, excelling in classes from multiple disciplines, notably English and History. In 2015 she served as a student assistant during a Caribbean Studies conference hosted in New Orleans, and Olivia was intellectually curious and poised in conversation with the scholars in attendance. Olivia also studied abroad in Ghana and completed an internship at the Amistad Research Center, both with her characteristic diligence and excellence.
The Department of Anthropology

The Arden R. King Award for Excellence in Anthropology  WAYNE J. HAHNEBOHM

Wayne Hahnebohm has become fluent in bioarchaeology and the study of health and violence in past societies, and he has also cultivated abiding interests in the archaeology of ancient civilizations of Mexico and Mesoamerica. He asks perceptive questions and develops insightful interpretations about the comparative study of culture in the past and present. He will complete an MA in Anthropology here at Tulane in Fall 2017.

The Elizabeth S. Watts Award for Excellence in Physical Anthropology  MIKAYLA R. STERN-ELLIS

Mikayla Stern-Ellis is a double-degree student earning a BA in Anthropology and a BS.C. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. In her junior year, Mikayla spent 5 months in Costa Rica collecting original field data for her honors thesis, which examines the effects of drought on the behavior of wild white-faced capuchin monkeys.

The Robert Wauchope Award for Excellence in Anthropology  TYLER C. MICHAEL

Tyler Michael has excelled in the archaeology of tangible material culture, and the study of intangible culture as an intern with American Routes. Tyler has participated in Tulane excavations at an ancient city in Mexico and a mid-sixteenth-century Spanish fort in western North Carolina. His future interests focus on archaeology of Native Americans and Spanish conquistadors and colonists in southwestern North America, and he will soon be entering the Ph.D. program in Anthropology at Harvard.

The Victoria Reifler Bricker Award for Excellence in Linguistics  EVA FRANCES

JOY HITCHCOCK

Eva Frances Joy Hitchcock is a triple major in Linguistics, French and Anthropology. She has melded these three fields into a coherent approach to language and culture. In the eponymous class, Language and Culture, her research exemplifies this theoretical and analytic integration as she explores differences in British and American humo(u)r. In class, her comments are insightful and articulate, qualities that shine in all her written work as well.
The Newcomb Department of Art

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

**MARISA CHAFETZ**

Marisa Chafetz’s tremendous production at Tulane has yielded a definitive photographic style that is at once raw and descriptive - as well as languid and symbolic. Her second book, *We Are Ugly But We Have The Music*, is part of her BFA exhibition and speaks to her outstanding commitment to a singular vision.

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

**LILITH WINKLER-SCHOR**

Lilith is a bright and creative artist, and a graduating BFA student whose ambitions have yielded stellar work both inside and outside of the art department. She uses a variety of processes and materials to transform her ideas and thoughts into meaningful sculpture and two-dimensional forms. Her work incorporates the space around her art, and allows the viewer to move and interact with the piece. Lilith has challenged all of us to think differently.

Outstanding Art History Major Award

**XIAOCHEN (COCO) ZHANG**

Coco Zhang has demonstrated outstanding commitment to academic standards, high work ethos, and profound ambition. These are all qualities we highly cherish, but Coco’s actual signature virtues are intellectual eagerness, presence of mind, and what could be called academic moxie. She took charge of setting up on-site viewing sessions at the New Orleans Museum of Art and the Kurt and Alice Gitter collection and overtly delighted in her quest for new insights.

The Sandra “Sandy” Chism Memorial Award in Painting

**ADHIRA DIVAGARAN**

Adhira Divagarlan is a graduating BS student that has coupled a passion and pursuit of painting with a Cell and Molecular Biology degree and plans to enter medical school. Her painting practice is one marked with curiosity, investigation into the possibilities and limitations of her materials, and a devotion to the communicative possibilities of abstraction. Her hungry and teachable spirit will be missed following her graduation.

Class of 1914 Prize in Art

**ELIZABETH B. CAREY**

Eliza Carey is a graduating BFA student whose work focusing on pattern and the human figure is currently on display in the Carroll Gallery. Eliza stepped into her own as a senior, confidently pursuing a direction that arose from a variety of trial runs. Her paintings picture the tension between interior and exterior, surface and structure, and what is apparent and hidden.
The Department of Classical Studies

The Ernest Henry Riedel Classical Studies Prize

MADELEINE A. GROVE

Madeleine A. Grove is awarded the Riedel Classical Studies Prize for her consistently excellent work in the study of Greek and Roman culture, literature, and archaeology. Her intellectual curiosity, work ethic, sensitivity to the material, and ability to reflect critically on her studies made her a student who raised the standard of any class in which she was enrolled.

The George H. Terriberry Classical Prize

JIMMY BROWN

Jimmy Brown receives the Terriberry Classical Prize in recognition of his excellent work in Greek art and archaeology. Combining archaeological evidence with his natural passion for Greek literature, Jimmy has achieved an excellent sense of the discipline as well as a refined understanding of its methodologies and future directions.

The Judah Touro Medal

JOSEPH P. BARDOT

The Judah Touro Medal (est. 1856) is awarded for excellence in Greek, Biblical Hebrew, Latin, or ancient history. Joseph P. Bardot wins this prize – the oldest at Tulane – because of his superior work both in courses on the ancient Greek language and on Greek history and culture.

The Department of Communication

The Ashton Phelps Sr. Memorial Award

SAMANTHA C. KRUPICKA

Samantha Krupicka has distinguished herself for achieving excellence in communication studies, with the highest cumulative GPA among graduating seniors. Faculty members highlight her ability to develop complex and refined examinations of communication phenomena, always placing media and technology within broader social, economic, political, and cultural contexts. We commend Samantha for her academic achievements.

The Glendy Burke Medal in Communication

ELEYNA D. LANGLEY

Eleyna Langley has distinguished herself by combining an outstanding academic performance with a strong service record to communities in the field of Communication. She is a dedicated scholar who has done exemplary work for our communities, including delivering food and support to the homeless. She has employed her communication and cultural expertise for the Coushatta Tribal Council, including video production and social media outreach. We commend her for her academic and service achievements.
The Department of Economics

The J. Ernest Tanner Award for Excellence in Economics

RUOXI (ROSIE) LI

The J. Ernest Tanner Award for Excellence in Economics is given to the student with the highest GPA among all graduating Economics majors. Rosie Li has an outstanding record at Tulane University, and has earned an overall GPA of 3.98 in her years at Tulane. She also wrote an original honors thesis exploring how the No Child Left Behind Act affected high school graduation rates.

The Mathematical Economics Award

ALEC T. STEWART

The Mathematical Economics Award is given to the student with the highest GPA among all graduating Economics majors who also had a significant concentration in Mathematics. This award goes to Alec Stewart, who had an overall GPA of 3.95 and majored in both Economics and Mathematics.

The Newcomb College Award in Economics

NATALIE H. GEORGE
BROOKE A. SATTERFIELD

The Newcomb College Award in Economics is given to the outstanding female Economics major. The award is shared by Natalie George and Brooke Satterfield. Natalie George earned a GPA of 3.95 and majored in economics. Brooke earned a GPA of 3.94 and majored in Finance and Economics.

The Paul Tulane College Award in Economics

ALEC T. STEWART
COPELAND W. WHITNEY

The Paul Tulane College Award in Economics is given to outstanding male Economics majors. This award is shared by Alec Stewart and Copeland Whitney. Alec had a GPA of 3.95 and majored in both Economics and Math. Copeland had a GPA of 3.91 and majored exclusively in Economics.

The Research Award in Economics

MAGGIE M. ZHANG

The Research Award in Economics is given to the student who produced an exemplary honors thesis. Maggie Zhang has earned this award. Her thesis investigated the impact of the Medicaid Expansion Component of the Affordable Care Act on health and economic outcomes using the natural experiment generated by the expansion of the ACA in only certain states. Maggie has shown great energy and enthusiasm for research. She took the initiative to seek out data for this study and developed the necessary econometric skills to be able to undertake the analysis. As further evidence of her scholastic abilities, Maggie’s overall GPA is 3.94.
The Department of English

The Class of 1903 Shakespeare Prize
for Best Shakespearean Essay by a Woman  KATHY Q. LE

Kathy Le’s paper “The Widowed Queen” draws attention to conflicting accounts of Gertrude as manifested not only in what various characters say about her but also in competing versions of Gertrude in the quarto and folio printings of Hamlet. The paper is especially admirable for its engagement with textual variants, “unediting” Gertrude, as it were, and its resistance to simplifying what the play might be saying about gender roles and religious change.

The Dale Edmonds Prize for Best Short Story Written by an Undergraduate  JEREMY W. ARNOLD

Jeremy Arnold writes with a calm, understated candor that gains the reader’s trust and holds their attention.

The Donald Pizer Award in American Literature  ROSE R. ROBINSON

Rose Robinson’s intellectual sophistication, enthusiasm, and tenacity is inspiring. Her groundbreaking independent research on Clara Erskine Clement Waters, a forgotten nineteenth-century American woman writer, has made an exciting new contribution to American literary scholarship.

The Henry Clay Stier Award in English  XIAYUE (JOHN PAUL) LI

John Paul Li is a truly extraordinary writer and student of literature who always performs at the highest level. He reads and writes with a rare brilliance and precision, and with an intellectual creativity that has inspired many of his professors.

The Pierce Butler Prize for Excellence in English  CHARLES CODY SILER

Charles Cody Siler is an exceptional student of literature and literary theory. Rarely has a student engaged as deeply in classwork, pursued as much independent reading, or written with such originality and substance, and always at the highest level.

The Senior Achievement Prize in Creative Writing  MAEVE T. HOLLER

Maeve Holler’s poems are richly imagistic and mythic and very much of her own individuated speaking. She is a master of the innovative prose poem.
The Senior Service Award in Creative Writing  
KAYLA M. JACKSON

Kayla Jackson, one of the founders of The Spoken Word Organization at Tulane, has been instrumental in developing new directions for creative writing at Tulane and expanded poetry’s audiences both in Louisiana and beyond.

The Studio in the Woods Fellowship in Creative Writing  
JAMIE D. LOGAN

Jamie Logan’s stories follow in the footsteps of William Faulkner, creating a mosaic of connected lives in a more recent Mississippi. All of her characters are rendered with a precocious authority that cuts across age, race, class and gender to produce fiction of unusual vitality and depth.

The Department of French and Italian

The Alcée Fortier Memorial Prize  
BRETT D. LEVINSON

Brett Levinson is a hard-working and committed student with a thirst for knowledge and understanding. He demonstrates a constant desire for self-improvement, and he always comes to class well-informed and well-prepared. We are pleased to recognize his accomplishments by awarding him the Alcée Fortier Memorial Prize, named in honor of one of Tulane’s most illustrious language professors.

The French Government Book Prize  
REBECCA G. MURPHY

The French Government Prize honors students who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the study of French and exceptional proficiency in the language. This year’s recipient is Rebecca Murphy. Her professors describe Rebecca as a serious, reflective student. An astute reader of literary texts and a careful writer, she always does her work thoroughly, as her excellent performance in her classes indicates.

The Italian Government Prize for Excellence in Italian  
JAMES A. CAPUZZI

James Capuzzi has shown unusual enthusiasm and diligence over the years as an Italian major. He is a close and intelligent reader of the texts and makes important contributions to the class discussions enriched by his broad knowledge of cultural fields.

GABRIEL R. RODRIGUEZ

Gabriel Rodriguez has been an excellent student of Italian, showing genuine interest and curiosity for Italian language and culture, not only in class but also through his engagement in extracurricular activities, such as his participation in the Italian Table or the organization of an Italian concert on campus. He has distinguished himself in every respect, demonstrating constant engagement and maturity as an Italian major.
JAMES M. SCOTT

James Scott has distinguished himself as an Italian minor while also majoring in Architecture. The quality and volume of his work has largely exceeded the requirements of each course in the Italian minor. The dedication that he has shown to his Italian minor is exemplary, since completing his minor has required him to take several courses as independent studies due to schedule conflicts with his architecture courses.

The Jonathan Lorino Memorial Prize  GRACE M. LEYRER

Grace Leyrer is in many ways the ideal student of French. She took the initiative to found the French Undergraduate Association and she has proved to be a bright, dedicated, passionate student, who has the potential to become a scholar in the field of French studies. She excelled in the Senior Seminar by writing two particularly strong papers. In the first paper, Grace used Montaigne’s “On Cannibals” to question the selective usage of the term “barbarism” in today’s media discourse. In the second, she analyzed Aimé Césaire’s Discourse on Colonialism in light of American interventionist history. We are pleased to present her with the Jonathan Lorino Memorial Prize.

The Louis Bush Medal  JENNA L. MILLER

A high-spirited and strongly motivated student, Jenna Miller is a delightful presence in the classroom. Among her greatest assets is a natural ability to immerse herself in French culture. In recognition of her passion for the French language and her strong work ethic, we are pleased to present Jenna with the Louis Bush Medal.

The Charles Oscar Maas Prize in French and Italian  GABRIELLE MARIE GARDINER

The Maas prize recognizes exceptional essays written in French. Born into a family with several French speakers, Gabrielle Gardiner is a bright, dynamic, and enthusiastic admirer of France. Her written French is excellent and she should also be recognized for an exceptionally fine paper where she used Frantz Fanon’s Black Skins, White Masks to analyze the struggles of French youth living in the French suburbs.

EVA FRANCES JOY HITCHCOCK

The Maas prize recognizes exceptional essays written in French. Eva Hitchcock is an amazing learner, with superior cognitive and linguistic abilities. We are pleased to recognize her for her superb command of the French language as well as her outstanding piece written for the Senior Seminar on the evolution of the notion of mediocritas from the 17th century to the present.
The Program in Gender and Sexuality Studies

The Award for the Outstanding Senior in Gender and Sexuality Studies  MAEVE HOLLER

Maevé’s intellectual curiosity, collegiality, and demonstrated capacities as a critical thinker make her an exceptional student scholar.

The Department of Germanic and Slavic Studies

The Ann Royal Arthur Memorial Award  SEAN S. BRAY

This award honors a student of German “who is distinguished not only by their achievements, but also by dedication and sense of duty.” Sean Bray embodies these traits through his talent, dedication and enthusiasm for German studies. We wish him good luck with his graduate studies in German at the University of Colorado after he spends the 2017-2018 academic year at the University of Regensburg on a Max Kade Fellowship.

ASHTON M. ROBINSON

This award honors a graduating German student at Tulane for their superlative record of academic achievement. Ashton Robinson minored in German (taking a range of courses, from medieval travel literature to life in East Germany) which helped complement his major in History. The department wishes him good luck for the fall term when he will enroll at Tulane Law School.

The John T. Krumpelmann Award  CLAIRE E. DOCKERY

This award honors the female German major with the highest scholastic record. Claire Dockery, this year’s award winner, has excelled in the program with a 4.0 GPA. Claire served as President of the Tulane German Club and had a very successful study abroad period in Berlin. We wish Claire good luck next year in Germany, where she will be teaching English on a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship.

The Russian Book Prize for Achievement in the Russian Language  ANDREW CRAWFORD

Andrew Crawford has produced a brilliant senior thesis on the use of children’s stories in the construction of the political legitimacy of the Soviet Union. One of his advisers calls it a one-in-twenty-year thesis. Andrew has not only learned Russian, but mastered the culture. His is a rare achievement.
The Russian Award

IAN ROHR

Ian Rohr has achieved a rare level of proficiency in Russian. He has made multiple trips to Russia, including one supported by a Critical Languages Scholarship. He also won a scholarship to fund a weekly Russian conversation group open to all students—a superb contribution to our program! The faculty beam with pride when reflecting on his accomplishments.

The Sally Reed Atkins Award

CLAIRE E. DOCKERY

The Sally Reed Atkins Award was endowed in order to support “female graduate or undergraduate students of German Literature” and assist with travel expenses for their studies in Germany. Claire has had a stellar career as a German major, while also majoring in Economics and minoring in English. She will take classes next year in Germany while also teaching English in North Rhine-Westphalia.

The Department of History

Chi Omega Prize

MADELINE M. GOEBEL        ALLISON S. HEAD

The Chi Omega Prize is given to the female History major with the highest GPA in the department and who has exhibited excellence in the study of History.

The Montgomery History Award

ASHTON N. ROBINSON

The Montgomery Award is given to the male History major with the highest GPA in the department and who has exhibited excellence in the study of History.

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

GRACE LEYRER

Awarded annually for the best undergraduate paper in Latin American, Middle Eastern, African, or Asian history. Grace Leyrer is receiving this award for her paper entitled, “The Ban on Homosexuality in Cameroon: A Modern Crisis?”

The Sidney Beyer Prize for Excellence
in American History

MADELINE M. GOEBEL

Awarded annually for the best undergraduate paper in U.S. History. Madeline Goebel is being awarded this prize for her thesis chapter entitled, "De-Politicized Postwar Relief: The Friends of Widows and Orphans of the French Resistance."
The Department of Jewish Studies

The Dr. Bernard Kaufman
Essay Contest Award

ELLIS ADLER

Ellis wrote a wonderful thesis on the image of women in the Bible. He worked hard and with passion. It was a pleasure to teach such an intellectually curious student.

The Dr. Lawrence J. Kanter
and Julie Kanter Award

SHELBY GADOL

Shelby 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 is a model Jewish Studies student.

REBECCA SHAFRON

Rebecca is a wonderful student and a terrific addition to any class. She has a strong personality, an engaging brilliance, and tenacity. We expect very big things from her.

The Ephraim Lisitzky Memorial Award

ALEXA DAYAN

Alexa has been an excellent addition to the Jewish Studies program. Her professors have universally praised her work and her excellent contributions to classes, and are honored to present her with this award.

MAX LIPPMAN

Max has been an excellent addition to the Jewish Studies program. His professors have universally praised his contributions to classes, and they have been impressed by the perspectives he offers. We are honored to present him with this award.

PAIGE SKINNER

Paige's professors are impressed with her problem solving and analytical skills. Paige enriches classroom discussion and encourages her peers to be even better students.

The Department of Medieval and Early Modern Studies

The Medieval and Early Modern Studies Prize

SARAH WIELY

Sarah Wiely is an idealistic person with a passion for learning and a strong commitment to serving others through teaching. Her professors describe her as “hard-working,” “curious,” and “a pleasure to teach.” In her time at Tulane she has pursued her academic interests while also preparing for her career by working many hours at the Lafayette Charter Academy, a primary school near Tulane that caters primarily to low-income minority students.
The Murphy Institute – Political Economy

The Charles H. Murphy Prize in Political Economy

**ROBERT O. KELLNER**

With an overall and major GPA of 4.0, Rob is the first Political Economy major since 1989 to achieve a perfect GPA, and only the third student in the 31-year history of the program to achieve that distinction.

**DANIELLE T. ROOF**

As a Political Economy major with a concentration in law, economics, and policy, Danielle achieved a 3.7 overall GPA while taking a variety of challenging courses, completing a minor in Spanish, spending a semester abroad in Cuba, and earning her secondary education teaching certificate.

The Murphy Institute Public Service Award

**MAYA Y. WELCH**

Maya completed a double major in Political Economy and Mathematics. She served as a community outreach intern with the Tulane University Environmental Law Clinic, and as a team leader for the Tulane Environmental Justice Summer Intensive program. She spent a semester abroad at the IES Center in Rabat, Morocco, pursuing research on the effect of climate change on water resources.

The Newcomb Department of Music

The Sarah I. Nadler Memorial Award in Music

**ALYSSA R. CRUSE**

Alyssa Cruse has been an outstanding student in the Newcomb Department of Music. Through all four years of her undergraduate career, Alyssa has participated in orchestra, concert band, chamber ensembles and special events. She has always exhibited the highest level of standards in performance and research, through detailed preparation, which has inspired her colleagues to do the same. Her dedication and reliability in the vital position of principal oboe has singularly allowed for a broader selection of ensemble repertoire, thereby enhancing the experience for all musicians and their audiences.

**NICHOLAS M. FERREIRAE**

Nick Ferreirae has been an outstanding performer and scholar in the Newcomb Department of Music. He contributes to at least four ensembles each semester, comes prepared to each, and is an excellent citizen. His exemplary performances in the New Orleans community reflect well on the university and department.
The Payson Center for International Development

The Eamon Kelly Prize

**LESLIE A. SCHWED**

The Eamon Kelly Prize is given to the undergraduate student in International Development who, in the judgement of the faculty, best reflects the values of leadership and academic rigor in development that Dr. Kelly’s life work exemplifies. Dr. Kelly is a former President of Tulane and co-founder of the International Development Studies program.

The Director’s Prize for Best Paper

**IRENA G. BRATES**

The Director’s Prize is given to the undergraduate student whose paper on a topic of International Development, in the judgement of the faculty, constitutes an original contribution to the literature and shows great promise for a future career in development work.

The Director’s Prize for International Development Work

**SOPHIA R. LOVE**

The Director’s prize is awarded to the student who, in the judgement of the faculty, demonstrates the greatest potential to make a significant contribution to international development work.

The International Development Undergraduate Prize

**MEREDITH C. MCINTURFF**

The International Development Undergraduate Prize is for the graduating undergraduate student who has distinguished themself by a commitment to international development work.

The Department of Philosophy

The Anne Butler Hess Award

**CARY D. KRONGARD**

Cary Krongard distinguished himself in philosophy courses by caring deeply about the issues, writing excellent papers, and making points that led some professors to rethink their own views. His work was so good that he was invited to join pure graduate level courses, where he did work superior to that of several graduate students. A superb philosophical conversationalist, his probing, analytical thinking made working with him a genuine pleasure.
The Department of Political Science

The Charles E. Dunbar Jr. Fellowship in Political Science

MARGARET MARTIN

In the last year, Margaret has worked with Title IX Coordinator Meredith Smith in Tulane's Title IX office assisting with the implementation of the sexual assault climate study. She has also been selected by Chief of Staff & Vice President Tania Tetlow as a research assistant on her project related to gender discrimination by police departments. She is an outstanding student and leader of her peers.

CONNOR MULVEY

Described by one of his professors as “undoubtedly the strongest legal mind I have taught at Tulane...Connor was the student who, when other students came to class unprepared, would rescue them from Socratic method questions about case law...If the Political Science department were giving out only one award, based on all the students I have taught at Tulane, this is the student I would reward.”

The Class of 1935 – Ned Putzell Memorial Prize

GIULIA D. CLERICI

Giulia devoted more time to others during her four years at Tulane than most people do in an entire lifetime. Among her many experiences has been as Southeastern Regional Organizer for the STAND Student-led Movement to End Mass Atrocities, intern/Social Media Manager for the Child Protection Learning Network at Columbia University, and center manager for the Educational Project in NeaKavala refugee camp, the largest refugee camp in northern Greece.

The Mary B. Scott Memorial Prize

EMMA HURLER

During her time at Tulane, Emma was nominated for two Newcomb College Institute awards enabling her participation in Public Leadership Education Network (PLEN) seminars in Washington D.C. on law, legal advocacy, and global policy. Emma worked with Professors Lay and Holman on research regarding women's legislative caucuses. They anticipate co-authoring an article with her on the progression of women co-sponsored bills through state legislatures.

The Pi Sigma Alpha Award

STEPHEN SAMOLSKY

Stephen is a student especially interested in a career in politics and law. Stephen evolved as a student, earning As in Courts and Politics, and (currently) Criminal Justice. In Courts and Politics, Stephen's final paper was absolutely the most well-written in that class. His writing and research skills are strong, but his speaking and communication skills shine. When participating in class discussions he easily assumes the role of discussion leader, conveying confidence and sincere interest in the subject matter (especially issues and processes that involve lawyers).
The S. Walter Stern 1905 Memorial Medal  
**ANNA BAUMAN**

Anna has written an excellent honors thesis on how charter school boards govern education policy in New Orleans. She collected original data on boards’ compliance with state law and analyzed over 300 board meeting minutes to determine boards’ priorities. Her attention to detail and willingness to dig deeply into this project has produced an outstanding thesis.

The Shirley Wiel Greengus Memorial Award for Achievement in Political Science  
**LILITH WINKLER-SCHOR**

Lilith Winkler-Schor not only carried a 3.975 grade point average, but did it with a triple major in Political Science, Social Policy and Practice, and Studio Art, and took a semester off from Tulane to start a non-profit (which she continues to direct).

The Department of Sociology

The Outstanding Student in Sociology Award  
**RUOXI (ROSIE) LI**

Ruoxi (Rosie) Li has been an excellent student, with a grade point average of 3.984 while completing a double major in Sociology and Economics. Her professors speak glowingly of her work in all her classes. She has a special interest in education, notably on educational problems in New Orleans. Rosie served as a Tulane Global Ambassador, as a Research Assistant on the Tulane Commitment to Equity Institute, and as a Public Service Fellow for the Center for Public Service. She has excelled in every area as a student at Tulane.

The Phi Mu Award in Sociology  
**SAMANTHA E. DIETZ**

Samantha Dietz is an outstanding student, ambitious, driven, a fast learner, and an extremely hard worker with a tireless dedication to her scholarly work. Not only is Samantha a talented student who truly shines in the classroom, she is also passionate about social justice and exhibits a deep commitment to community improvement. She is a well-respected departmental citizen who is an ideal recipient of this prestigious award.
### The Department of Spanish and Portuguese

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<td>Julia Mudd combines her interest in Spanish with her commitment to environmental studies and issues of environmental justice. While studying in Cuba, she made a concerted effort to take coursework at the University of Havana in science-related fields and connect with Cuban students with similar interests. Julia’s professors, both in Cuba and at Tulane, commended her for her convictions about environmental issues and for her commitment to Spanish in helping her to address those topics.</td>
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<td>Jonathan Rizner has a double major in Spanish and Music. A pre-med student already admitted to Tulane’s School of Medicine, Jon understands the importance of the humanities in the formation of a scientist, and the crucial role his proficiency in Spanish will have in his career as a physician. He studied abroad in Cuba, and in the future plans to volunteer as a doctor in Latin America and serve the Spanish speaking community in the U.S.</td>
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<td>Eva Stoops consistently weaves her interest in Spanish and Gender and Sexuality Studies in her intellectual pursuits. Professors praise her keen eye for literary analysis, her prodigious skills in Spanish which she perfected while on a summer study abroad program in Buenos Aires, and her full engagement in classes as a leader in discussion and debate.</td>
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<td>Micayla Mead is an intellectually curious student, a sophisticated thinker, and an elegant writer. She has a gift for languages, and has studied Spanish, Portuguese, French, Italian, and Japanese. Micayla is passionate about the liberal arts and loves to learn, exchange ideas, and engage in debate. A dynamic presence in the classroom, she often brings new insights based on erudition and personal maturity. She is also a wonderful photographer and devoted music aficionado who hosts a jazz program on Tulane’s radio station WTUL.</td>
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The Newcomb Department of Theatre and Dance

The Dorothy Young Memorial Award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role

KEYARA MILLINER

Dorothy Young Memorial Award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role goes to Keyara Milliner, a senior Performance major, for the body of work she amassed this past year. She magnificently played the role of Goneril in the original production of Storm, Still, last fall and this past semester performed in Eric Overmyer’s On the Verge. We have every confidence that the great depth of Keyara’s talents will take her far.

The Janice Torre Perky Memorial Award for Excellence in Original or Creative Writing

ELIZABETH WITTENBERG

The Janice Torre Perky Memorial Award for Excellence in Original or Creative Writing goes to Elizabeth Wittenburg, a senior majoring in Theatre and International Development. She has written two one-act plays produced on campus in the last year: Sheetcake and Giftcards and Alaskan Singles Soup Cruise. This award is in recognition of that achievement and Elizabeth’s hard work and dedication.

The Elizabeth B. Delery Award for Outstanding Achievement in Dance

ANNIE CEICEL GAMBINO

Annie receives this award for the refreshing brightness she brings to each project in which she is a part. She has a true interest in learning and expanding her understanding of performing, choreography, and the world of art, and approaches her creative projects with drive. Annie’s delightful demeanor will guide her well as she leaves Tulane and heads into her creative future. The Theatre and Dance Department knows she will represent us well.

ELEYNA D. LANGLEY

Eleyna receives this award for her vision and the unifying force she brings to choreographic projects. She is intelligent in the choices she makes, both artistically and academically. She is also our timekeeper, making sure we are never behind! Eleyna is a strong performer and works well with dancers to find common ground. Given her Native American heritage, she is devoted to work that honors her ancestors through honesty, creativity and joy of life.
The Jill Karp Prize in Dance Performance  ILANA A. RUBEN

Ilana Ruben is receiving this award for the talent and growth she has shown both in the studio and on the stage. Her peers describe her dancing to be ‘smooth as silk’ and many have said that the way she dances inspires them. Ilana has performed with the Newcomb Dance Company throughout her years at Tulane, and she brought a solid technique and beautiful artistry to each performance. She shines on the stage.

The Minnette L. Starts Award for Excellence in Dance  KEIKO M. LEONG

Keiko is a beautiful and versatile dancer with intellectual curiosity, exceptional musicality, and a generous spirit. An outstanding member of the Newcomb Dance Company, she has performed in more than a dozen works by guest artists, faculty, and students. Keiko exemplifies the Renaissance performer with a triple major in Biology, Public Health, and Dance. She will certainly continue to weave her love of the arts and sciences as she begins medical school in the fall.

Garic K Barranger Award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role  MACKENZIE HIVELY

The Garic K. Barranger Award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role goes to Mackenzie Hively for her work on stage in Brian Friel’s Dancing at Lughnasa. Playing the role of Christina, Mackenzie beautifully captured a woman torn between her responsibilities to her child and her desire for a more carefree existence. Her dedication to the role, including her game attitude toward learning complicated dance moves and willingness to laugh at herself when that task proved challenging, exemplified a spirit of goodwill, collaboration and cooperation that will serve her in all her future endeavors.

THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND TROPICAL MEDICINE

The Outstanding Undergraduate Public Health Student Leadership Award  ELIZABETH ALDRIDGE

With her extraordinary leadership as a Student Government Senator for two years, a peer health educator, and intern at Planned Parenthood, Elizabeth has demonstrated that she is deserving of an award. Her four years as president of Tulane Lives Beyond Breast Cancer show that she is committed to service through leadership as well.
The Outstanding Undergraduate Public Health Student Scholastic Award  
KATHERINE J. CHAN

Katherine is at the top of her Bachelor of Science in Public Health cohort of 2017. Every year the Dean gives an award for the highest GPA among our graduating class. Katherine squeaked in with a perfect 4.0.

The Outstanding Undergraduate Public Health Student Service and Volunteerism Award  
RAHUL R. POLU

Rahul Polu has helped lead Tulane EMS for 3 years, and served as an Emergency Medical Tech during that time. He spent a school year as clinical operations volunteer for Bridge House, helping deliver free addiction recovery services. He has also worked as a research assistant in a vector-borne disease lab. Clearly Rahul deserves an award for his commitment to service at Tulane.

The Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine Alumni Association Student Recognition Award  
MAGGIE M. ZHANG

This award is for a student who is excels in academics as well as leadership and service. Maggie Zhang meets those highest standards, graduating magna cum laude, with departmental honors. She has led the Asian-American Student Union, written guest op-eds in Colorado, worked on a healthy eating campaign in underserved New Orleans neighborhoods and worked on Capitol Hill for U.S. Senator Michael Bennet.

THE SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

The Department of Biomedical Engineering

The BMES Scholarship Award for an Outstanding Senior  
ALLEN D. ZHANG

The Joyous & William C. Van Buskirk Scholarship in Biomedical Engineering  
DANIEL CAPONE  
SAM LUETHY

The James A. Cronvich Award  
CODY O’CAIN

The Nissim Nathan Cohen Memorial Award  
JOY JASON
The Kenneth H. Kuhn Sr. Memorial Award BME Design Competition: 1st Place
Improved Naso Gastric Tube to Reduce Never Events Associated with Intubation

TEAM NOSE GOES:
SAM LUETHY
ZACH MURDOCK

The Department of Cell and Molecular Biology

The Cell and Molecular Biology Prize
DILLON D. HUTSON
Dillon distinguishes himself as a student interested in learning more than what is required for the exam. He has his own project working in a pharmacology lab at the medical school campus on the G protein-coupled estrogen receptor and its activity in vascular smooth muscle.

The Gerald S. Gussack ’75 M.D. Award
ADAM N. FALETSKY
Adam is a bright, friendly, and accomplished young man. He has excelled in Cell and Molecular Biology, with a GPA of 3.9. He is a courteous and inquisitive student, always willing to help his peers. Adam is highly involved in the Tulane community, currently serving as Academic Council Chair in the Student government and a board member of Tulane Chabad. During his academic career at Tulane, he was a 2013 Tulane Community Service Fellow and participated in the 2014 Medical/Dental Brigade to Honduras. After several years of serving with TEMS, Adam is heading on to attend Tufts University School of Medicine in the fall, where he will pursue his dream of becoming a physician.

The Liz Earley Prize in Cell and Molecular Biology
GARRETT M. BARTOLETTI
Garrett has worked and studied in the CMB labs for the last three years under the instruction and supervision of Professors Nancy Hopkins and Elizabeth Abboud. His extensive knowledge of laboratory procedures and willingness to help with anything asked of him has been an invaluable asset to the department. He has also been an engaging contributor and an inspiration to the students and their learning experience.

ADHIRA DIVAGARAN
Adhira worked in Professor Jeffrey Tasker’s laboratory for four years. She worked as if she was performing an independent study project, becoming responsible for animal husbandry, genotyping, and basic molecular biology techniques for the lab. Adhira was highly dependable, reliable, punctual, and friendly, and a real asset to the Tasker lab during her undergraduate pursuits.
The Professor Erik G. Ellgaard Award for Excellence in Cell and Molecular Biology

**RAVEN A. BAILEY**

Raven is a highly motivated, conscientious and persistent student, with formidable academic accomplishments. She earned the highest GPA of graduating seniors in the Cell and Molecular Biology department. Her dedication to the community is evident through her service work tutoring with the Roots of Music marching band, giving her the privilege of working with the New Orleans music culture. She plans to pursue her endeavors as a musician and producer while also continuing her education in medicine and research.

**MAGDALENA S. HECHT**

Magdalena has shown unique academic curiosity and outstanding dedication to her learning in science. Her understanding of cell and molecular biology extends far beyond the standard for Tulane students. By taking on a vigorous course load each semester, Magdalena completed the prerequisites and core courses for each of her degrees early on, enabling her to take advantage of the graduate level courses available to undergraduates. Finally, Magdalena has extended her academic repertoire beyond biology as evidenced by her dedication to service, a semester abroad in Costa Rica, and her secondary major in Environmental Studies.

The Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

The American Institute of Chemical Engineers Senior Scholarship Award  

**YUKIHIRO KURUSU**

Awarded to the senior with the highest grade point average.

The American Institute of Chemists Student Award

**HAYDEN HOUSER**  

**KATHERINE ROBERTS**

Chosen by the faculty, this is awarded to an outstanding senior for having demonstrated leadership ability, character, high scholastic standing and potential for advancement in the chosen profession.

The Francis M. Taylor Award

**MARY KATE HOLLERAN**

Chosen by the faculty, this is awarded to a senior for outstanding citizenship based upon professional attitudes 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
Outstanding Senior Award - HARRISON RAHN

Harrison Rahn is receiving this award for his outstanding undergraduate research in chemistry. He has been synthesizing various organic dye molecules and studying their molecular recognition abilities with synthetic host/receptor molecules. Specifically, Harry has synthesized and characterized a series of novel luciferin analogues that can be used to detect host-guest interactions in complex aqueous environments, via bioluminescence.

The American Institute of Chemists Award - ALEXANDER M. KULIK

For high academic achievement in a Chemistry major.

The Merck Index Award - ELIZABETH L. PREJEAN

This award is given in recognition of Elizabeth's demonstrated record of scholastic achievement, leadership, character and research ability.

The William L. Alworth Prize for Biological Chemistry - NATHAN SANDERS

This award is given annually to an outstanding graduating Biological Chemistry major. Nathan Sanders has not only demonstrated exceptional performance in his classes but also in his laboratory research.

The Department of Computer Science

The Award for Outstanding Service to Department of Computer Science - XIAOXIAO (CAROLYN) MA

Carolyn, thank you very much for everything you have done for UPE, the Department of Computer Science, and for promoting diversity and participation in computing!

The Award for Academic Excellence in Computer Science - LAURA EDINGTON

In her studies Laura has demonstrated outstanding academic performance, enthusiasm about learning, and has gladly shared her knowledge with other students in our program.

GARRETT LANGFELD

Throughout his Computer Science studies Garrett has been an engaged, curious, independent learner who held himself to the highest academic standard.
# The Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences

## The Harold E. Vokes Award

**JAMES A. LEON**

The Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences is pleased to present the Vokes Award to James Leon for his outstanding academic record and contributions to undergraduate research. Throughout his tenure at Tulane, he excelled in the classroom and was a valuable member of the research group of Dr. Brent Goehring. James will now take his Tulane preparation to the classroom where he will be invaluable in educating future scientists and non-scientists alike.

## The Reinhard A. Steinmayer Award

**CAROLYN A. SCHAFER**

Carolyn Schafer majored in Environmental Earth Science and Environmental Studies. She is committed to her discipline, as illustrated by completion of two undergraduate research projects, including research from a NASA internship that she presented at the annual meeting of the American Geophysical Union. Carey has also applied her passion in the community, from teaching kids about science to helping improve energy and food efficiency in New Orleans.

# The Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

## The Fred R. Cagle Memorial Prize

**EMMA BETH SALTZBERG**

Emma is graduating with an excellent GPA in the major and successful completion of an honors thesis entitled, “The impact of lead exposure on reproductive success and nestling viability in the Northern mockingbird”. Her professors identify her as an inquisitive, engaged student with excellent analytical reasoning and communication skills.
The Gerald E. Gunning Memorial Award  EMMA A. DARR

Emma has been described as a “rock” in the Van Bael lab, assisting with research on flooding and bald cypress trees with precision and care. She also completed an internship at the Tulane Primate Center in the Division of Bacteriology and Parasitology investigating Lyme disease. She has maintained a strong GPA, has excellent communication skills and is perceived by her professors to be a very promising scientist.

MICHAEL C. MAHONEY

Mike brought real spirit to the EBIO department. His learning extended well beyond his courses as he pursued diverse experiences in the field and local community; from coastal restoration issues and brown pelican research to exploring ecological questions in the tropics. He successfully completed an honors thesis entitled “Investigating the role of animal-mediated seed dispersal for forest regeneration in the Chocó rainforest, Ecuador” and served two semesters as an Undergraduate Teaching Fellow.

The Zoology Prize  GINA GRACE ZWICKY

Gina has a vast store of EBIO knowledge, particularly on the natural history of arachnids, reptiles, mammals, and marine organisms. She spent a summer on a research cruise with NOAA and successfully completed an Honors Thesis entitled “Ecological niche modeling of elasmobranch fishes endemic to the Gulf of Mexico after the Deepwater Horizon oil spill”. Gina is also an adept educator, and was an invaluable mentor with Girls in STEM at Tulane, served two years as an Undergraduate Teaching Fellow, and is currently working as a fisheries biologist with Alaskan Observers, Inc.

The Department of Mathematics

The Glendy Burke Medal in Mathematics  XIAYUE (JOHN PAUL) LI

Professor Michael Joyce writes that Xiayue (John Paul) “was as strong as a typical mathematics graduate student when he started as a freshman,” and that he is now “at an intellectual level comparable to members of our faculty.” In a graduate-level course this semester, he “understands the material covered at a level of depth that only our very best graduate students attain.”

The Kappa Kappa Gamma Prize in Mathematics  HAYDEN E. HOUSER

Hayden Houser’s senior paper, written under the direction of Professor Scott McKinley, applies the theory of branching processes to modern experiments in stem cell dynamics. Biologists want to make predictions that transplanted cells take hold in live tissue under different chemical environments. Hayden’s research tries to quantify how much error is introduced in their predictions by assuming there is no randomness in cell division times and provides a guide for what experimental data is needed to improve these predictions. Hayden also completed a very strong 12 course math program with a 3.75 grade average.
The Terry C. Lawson Prize in Mathematics

ANNE N. NYGARD

Anne M. Nygard wrote her senior paper on the Basel problem under the direction of Professor Kun Zhao. She discussed and compared several proofs in detail using Fourier and complex analysis and explained the problem’s relationship to polylogarithms and the Riemann zeta function. Professor Zhao described Anne as hardworking, self-motivating, and full of intellectual curiosity. She is graduating with an outstanding 3.9 GPA.

EDWARD POINT

Ed Point completed a challenging array of 16 math courses with an astonishing 3.9 grade average. His studies ranged over analysis, algebra, applied math, probability-statistics, information theory, and topology and included participation in the renowned Budapest Semester in Mathematics during his junior year. His professors consistently praised his intelligence, work ethic, and drive to understand.

The Department of Neuroscience

The Neuroscience Faculty Award

JULIA NICOLE CHIMIENTI

Julia has worked in Dr. Shusheng Wang’s laboratory since 2014. Her honors thesis was to understand the mechanism of RPE cell death in response to cigarette smoke extract. Part of her work has been published in a peer-reviewed journal, and more publications are in progress. Julia is an excellent example of great personality, work ethic, and leadership.

TAYLOR FITZPATRICK-SCHMIDT

Taylor worked in Dr. Morava-Kozicz’s laboratory for two years and completed her honors thesis which investigated congenital disorders of glycosylation. Her mentor describes Taylor as “an excellent student and beautiful person who is highly motivated in her studies and ambitious in learning much more than required. Taylor is a very socially sensitive person and is a meticulous and creative young scientist. I’m sure she will change the world and make it a better place.”

SARA KEBEDE

Sara performed her research in a pain clinic under the supervision of a medical doctor over her summers. She designed and executed her research project largely on her own, and was able to propose a new surgical approach to isolate specific nerve branches for the alleviation of back pain. She showed remarkable capacity for self-discipline and self-motivation, and finished by writing a truly outstanding honors thesis. What Sara accomplished is quite remarkable.
The Department of Physics and Engineering Physics

The Elsie Field Dupré Memorial Prize in Physics

ANNE M. NYGARD

Anne M. Nygard has excelled in the Physics classroom and demonstrated a deep grasp of many difficult concepts, with the ability to find appropriate mathematical solutions. With her academic achievement she has earned this year’s Elsie Field Dupré Memorial Prize in Physics.

Joseph J. Kyame Physics Award

XIAYUE (JOHN PAUL) LI

Xiayue (John Paul) Li has shown himself to be a deep thinker in Physics and Mathematics, as exemplified by the exceptional level of both his academic and research work. His instructors and mentors have all been impressed by his physical insights and intuitions and recognize this with the Joseph J. Kyame Physics Award.

The Department of Psychology

The Aaron Hartman Award in Psychology

GABRIEL RODRIGUEZ

Gabriel has excelled at Tulane. His formal classroom experiences are excellent; he has excelled in research and completed a stellar senior honors thesis, and he has balanced academic excellence with social responsibility by serving as a leader in several university co-curricular activities. After graduation Gabriel will be a Fulbright Scholar in Italy. His long term goals include returning to graduate school to earn an advanced degree in Psychology or a related field.

LILY ZMACINSKI

Lily Zmachinski is a Psychology and Spanish double major who explored the relationship between low-income mothers’ and young children’s exposure to trauma and their help-seeking behaviors and service preferences for her honors thesis. Next year, Lily is joining the Peace Corps and will be serving in Peru prior to potentially pursing graduate work in Psychology.

The Anne M. McPherson Award in Psychology

LEAH WALSH

As a graduating senior in psychology continuing on in the department’s accelerated Masters in Behavioral Health, Leah’s long-term goal is to become a practicing clinical psychologist. She is known for her dedicated contributions in conducting research in psycho-oncology, social psychology, and infant development, as well as her prominent roles in grant writing and curriculum development.
The Arnold Gerall Prize for Neuroscience  CLARA HOWELL

Clara Howell is an outstanding student who conducted her undergraduate research on female preferences and cognitive ability using zebra finches, an avian model system in neurobiology. Her tireless work resulted in three successful experiments, one of which she is preparing as a first author publication in a peer-reviewed journal. Ms. Howell is intelligent, motivated, engaging, and has been a joy to work with over the past two years. Ms. Howell’s passion is to combine her interests in neuroscience and in muddy boots field ecology, and she is well on her way to a successful career in research. As a testament to that, Ms. Howell also received an honorable mention for a Barry Goldwater scholarship.

The Barbara E. Moely Award for Psychology in the Public Interest  ASHLEY BEGGIN

As a graduating senior in psychology, Ashley plans to pursue a research coordinator position as a springboard to a Psychology PhD. She is known for her role in conducting community-based participatory research in partnership with Louisiana Public Health Institute and community stakeholders, as well as her leadership in supporting student mental health as a resident advisor.

CHARDEE BRYANT

Chardee Bryant received the Moely Award for exemplary service to the greater New Orleans community. During her time at Tulane, she served as a social skills group facilitator in the Department of Psychiatry at the Tulane School of Medicine. She works with young children to teach them emotion recognition and coping skills. Chardee also works with the Tulane Parenting Education Program (T-PEP) where she is part of a multidisciplinary team to coordinate care for maltreated infants and young children.

The Rosa Cahn Hartman Award in Psychology  SIDONIA COMPTON

Sidonia conducted her honors thesis research under the direction of Dr. Janet Ruscher on how communication goals can prompt verbal aggression toward stigmatized targets, and presented it at a recent psychology conference.

ANNIKA WHITE

Annika’s academic excellence is exceptional not because of her 3.94 GPA, but because she achieved that GPA while being engaged in all aspects of academic life—as a resident advisor, the President of Tulane United for Autism, a vocal advocate for mental health promotion, and a research assistant who goes above and beyond the call of duty. She takes risks in her learning—and those risks have paid off.
The Faculty Memorial Award in Psychology

**JAELYN EDWARDS**

As a writing intensive independent study, Jaelyn conducted research under the direction of Dr. Janet Ruscher on how communication goals can prompt stereotypic statements about stigmatized targets.

**HANNAH SWERBENSKI**

Hannah Swerbinski is graduating with a triple major in Psychology, Cognitive Studies, and Asian Studies and a Philosophy minor. Since her sophomore year, she has been an active member of the Child & Family Lab, which she will be coordinating next year full-time. Hannah hopes to pursue graduate study in Developmental Psychology focused on young children’s emergent self-regulation in contexts of stress.

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### NEWCOMB-TULANE COLLEGE SENIOR HONORS SCHOLARS

The distinction of senior honors scholar is bestowed upon the one student (or, occasionally, 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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- JACLYN TAYLOR COLE
- HANNAH MARTIN DEAN
- CLAIRE ELYSE DOCKERY
- SARAH RUTH HAENSLY
- ALEXA KATHARINA HAVERLAH
- GABRIEL RUBEN RODRIGUEZ
- JESSICA HONG-MY TRAN

**Critical Language Scholarship**

- IAN ROHR
  Language: Russian
  Nizhny Novgorod, Russia
  Political Science-International Relations, Russian

**Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program**

- JOAN ADEBOLA KOMOLAFE
  France, Spring 2016
  Legal Studies in Business

**Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program**

- CLARA RUDI HOWELL
  Goldwater Honorable Mention, 2016
  Neuroscience and English

**Harry S. Truman Scholarship**

- LILITH WINKLER-SCHOR
  Political Science, Social Policy and Practice, and Studio Art

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**COWEN SCHOLARS**

- JUSTIN BARIS
- JAKOB COHEN
- BARRY RUBENSTEIN
- LILY RUBIN-MILLER
- CORINNE WATSON
- BREANNA WHITE
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.

ZOE ALBERT
HAISHAT ALLI
LOUISA BLASIER
IRENA BRATES
CHARDEE BRYANT
EMMA COLBRAN
PHOEBE COUGHLIN
LAUREN DESATNICK
NEEL DHALIWAL
SAMANTHA DIETZ
JULIA ENGLE
ADAM FALETSKY
JAMES FERRARE
JULIA GREENBERG

KIRSTEN HILL
KAYLA JACKSON
JULIA KRAMER-GOLINKOFF
RORY LOO
PHOEBE MENDELSON
BAILEY MONSOUR
LIAT PERLIN
NATALIE PILGERAM
RAHUL POLU
BRANDON PURCELL
WINONA RICHEY
JESSICA RUBINSKY
HANNAH SWERBENSKI
LILITH WINKLER-SCHOR

The Jim Runsdorf Excellence in Public Service Student Award

KAYLA M. JACKSON

As a founding mentor for Her Story NOLA, Kayla Jackson has helped young women of color in New Orleans develop media literacy skills and tell their own stories. Kayla has been an influential and effective member of the Black Arts Festival, the Black Student Union and a regular volunteer tutor in local schools. A Posse Scholar from Edna Karr High School, Kayla has helped to break down walls between Tulane and the New Orleans community.

LILITH WINKLER-SCHOR

Moved to fight the injustices of prison industrial complex and structural violence plaguing New Orleans, Lilith Winkler-Schor co-founded Roots of Renewal, a community development nonprofit training young men recently released from prison in construction arts by renovating blighted homes. Lilith is also civic outreach coordinator for The Blue House, a creative co-working space dedicated to civic engagement and dialogue. Lilith values the personal relationships she has developed and hopes to continue this work after graduation.
**STUDENT ATHLETES**

The Newcomb-Tulane College
Student Athlete Award

**JOY JASON**
**MARRI SH WADLEIGH**
**GARRETT WILLIAMS**

This award is given to graduating 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.

**ALEX BOURGUIGNON**
**KAYLA JACKSON**
**JALIN CARTER**
**MORGAN MOSES**
**RYAN FISHEL**
**MARGUERITE “DAISY” FURLONG**

**COLLEGEWIDE AWARDS**

The Isoline Rodd Kendall and
John Smith Kendall Award

**RECIPIENT TO BE ANNONCED 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 ANNONCED 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 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 who have distinguished themselves academically through an honors thesis or equivalent accomplishment.

MARIE ANNELISE BLANCHARD
ALYSSA CRUSE
MADELINE GOEBEL
LINHUI (ALICIA) HE
ROBERT KELLNER
KATHY LE
RUOXI (ROSIE) LI
XIAYUE (JOHN PAUL) LI

ROSE ROBINSON
IAN ROHR
NATHAN SANDERS
KIDD DUHE SOLOMON
MARSHALL WADLEIGH
ANNIKA WHITE
MAGGIE ZHANG

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 2017 degree candidates, except where noted as follows:

'Degree requirements completed December 2016
"Degree requirements to be completed by December 2017
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