



Friday, April 23, 2021 | 4:00 p.m.

University Hall Auditorium



COLUMBUS STATE
UNIVERSITY

Scholastic Honors Convocation 2021

Welcome..... Dr. Deborah Bordelon; Provost & Executive Vice President, Columbus State University
Dr. Christopher Markwood; President, Columbus State University
Curtis Walker; President, Student Government Association

Announcement of Tower Day Student Awards..... Dr. Deborah Bordelon

College of the Arts Awards

Awards announced by Dr. Pat McHenry; Interim Dean of the College of the Arts

Department of Art

B.A. Studio Art Award Taylor Mills
B.F.A. Studio Art Award..... Kate Scrivner
Art History Award Skyler Williams
Art Education Award (Undergraduate)..... Saleah Dawson
Art Education Award (Graduate).....Howard Willis, Jr.
Student of Excellence Award..... Cierra Fountain

Department of Communication

Communication Award..... Aspen Popowski
Student of Excellence Award..... Sydney Collier

Schwob School of Music

Senior Music Award.....Matthew McDowell
Presser ScholarMargaret Archer
Student of Excellence Award.....Samuel Vargas Teixeira

Department of Theatre

Theatre Arts Award..... Carter Whiddon
Theatre Arts: Performance Award Gabrielle Story
Theatre Arts: Design & Technical Award..... Emma Wigington
Theatre Arts: Education Award Victoria Turk
Student of Excellence Award..... Victoria Turk

D. Abbott Turner College of Business Awards

Awards announced by Dr. Linda Hadley; Dean of the D. Abbott Turner College of Business

Department of Accounting and Finance

Accounting AwardMegan Head
Finance Award..... Tristan Shytle
Student of Excellence Award.....Rebecca Christopher

Department of Management and Marketing

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| Management Award..... | Madeline Goodfellow |
| General Business Award | Johnathan George |
| Marketing Award | Reina Mendez-Arellano |
| Management Information Systems Award..... | Tatseyana Taylor |
| Student of Excellence Award..... | Madeline Goodfellow |

Graduate Business Program

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| Master of Business Administration (Georgia WebMBA Award)..... | Brittney Herrin |
| Master of Business Administration Award..... | John Noblitt |
| Master of Science in Organizational Leadership Award..... | Lauralin Innis |

TSYS School of Computer Science

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| M.S. in Applied Computer Science Award | Patrick McNamee |
| B.S. in Computer Science: Games Programming Award | Maranda Daugherty |
| B.S. in Information Technology Award | Patrick White |
| B.S. in Computer Science: Software Systems Award | Peter Keres |
| B.S. in Computer Science: Cybersecurity Award | Elijah Neundorfer |
| B.S. in Computer Science: Web Development Award..... | Kody Martinolich |
| B.S. in Computer Science: Enterprise Computing Award | Kyle Martinolich |
| B.S. in Computer Science:Computer Teacher Education Award | Anthony Obando |
| M.S. in Cybersecurity Management | Steven Manderson |
| Student of Excellence Award..... | Kyle Martinolich |

College of Education and Health Professions Awards

Awards announced by Dr. Deirdre Greer; Dean of the College of Education and Health Professions

Department of Teacher Education, Counseling, and Leadership

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| School Counseling (Graduate) Award..... | Candice Stevens |
| Clinical Mental Health Counseling (Graduate) Award..... | Cayla Doolittle |
| Educational Leadership (Graduate) Award..... | Brian Thomas |
| Educational Leadership – Higher Education (Graduate) Award..... | Marisa Benitez |
| Doctor of Education – Educational Leadership Track Award..... | Ginnette Bartlett |
| Doctor of Education – Curriculum Track | Allyson Douthit |
| Doctor of Education – Higher Education Administration Award | Amber Dees |
| Elementary Education (Undergraduate) Award | Miranda Santiago |
| Elementary Education (Graduate) Award..... | Tessa Davis |
| Middle Grades Education (Undergraduate) Award | Sydney Garner |
| Middle Grades Education (Graduate) Award | Alexis Wells |
| English Education (Undergraduate) Award | Shari Shleibak |
| English Education (Graduate) Award | Keisha Williams |
| Spanish Education (Undergraduate) Award | Elica Ortega |
| Secondary Mathematics Education (Graduate) Award | Victoria Johnson |
| UTeach Mathematics Education (Undergraduate) Award..... | Leroy Ward |
| UTeach Science Education (Undergraduate) Award..... | Melody Golden |
| Secondary Science Education (Graduate) Award..... | Terrance Lewis |
| History Education (Undergraduate) Award | Matthew Wacter |
| Social Science Education (Graduate) Award..... | Meredith Donovan |
| Special Education (Undergraduate) Award | Shannon Eshman |
| Curriculum & Instruction in Accomplished Teaching (Graduate) Award | Christopher Wascak |
| Teacher Leadership (Graduate) Award..... | Karla Buckholz |
| Student of Excellence Award..... | Shannon Eshman |

Department of Kinesiology and Health Sciences

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| Student of Excellence Award (Health Science) | Kyla Sumter |
| Student of Excellence Award (Kinesiology)..... | Tanya Miller |
| Student of Excellence Award (Health & Physical Education)..... | La'Tasha Morgan |
| Student of Excellence Award (Exercise Science) | Giorgia Vitale |

School of Nursing

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| Outstanding Nursing B.S.N. Award | Jessenia Rodriguez |
| Outstanding Nursing M.S.N. Award..... | Jon Kearns |
| Outstanding Nursing R.N.-B.S.N. Award..... | Caroline Chambers |
| Outstanding Nursing F.N.P. Award..... | Vasilina Johnson |
| Student of Excellence Award..... | Carissa Beckett |

College of Letters and Sciences Awards

Awards announced by Dr. Eliot Rendleman; Associate Dean of the College of Letters and Sciences

Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology

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| Student of Excellence Award (Criminology)..... | Horacio Enriquez |
| Student of Excellence Award (Sociology)..... | Harriet Stephens |

Department of English

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| Literature Award | Joseph Evangelista |
| Professional Writing Award..... | Anayia Cook |
| Creative Writing Award..... | Dillon Power |
| Student of Excellence Award..... | Jessica DeMarco-Jacobson |

Department of History and Geography

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| Student of Excellence Award (History)..... | Vivian Leonard Walker |
| Student of Excellence Award (Geography)..... | Samuel Belisle |

Department of Modern & Classical Languages

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| Outstanding Senior Teacher Education Track Award..... | Elica Ortega |
| Outstanding Literature & Culture Track Award | Marianela Cruz |
| Student of Excellence Award..... | Meredith Cohen |

Department of Politics, Philosophy and Public Administration

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| Outstanding Political Science Major Award | Sarah Holden |
| Mario Mion Political Science Honors Scholarship Award..... | Belem Gonzalez-Castaneda |
| Master of Public Administration Award | Karl Ivey |
| Philosophy Award..... | Sheridan Harris |
| Student of Excellence Award..... | Jana Talley |

Department of Biology

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| Cellular & Molecular Biology Award..... | Abigail Abernathy |
| Biology Education Award..... | Emily Smith |
| George Stanton Biology Award | Meenal Joshi |
| Organismic Biology Award | Jim Taylor Lewis |
| Ecological & Evolutionary Biology Award | Emily King |
| Student of Excellence Award..... | Meenal Joshi |
| Student of Excellence M. S. Natural Sciences (Biology Track) Award | Esteban Pinto Landeta |

Department of Chemistry

Outstanding Freshman Chemistry Major Award Rahul Clamor
Excellence in Chemistry Research Award..... Shyrisse Ramos
Student of Excellence Award..... Zi Jie Lin
Student of Excellence M.S. Natural Sciences (Chemistry Track) Award Jihyeon Park

Department of Earth and Space Sciences

Geology Award.....Alphonzo Dyser
Engineering Award..... Cody Ellis
Astronomy Award Skyler Vaughn
Physics Award.....Benjamin Crane
Environmental Science Award..... Madelyn Eysel
Student of Excellence Award.....Stephanie Thompson
Student of Excellence M.S. Natural Science (Environmental Science Track) Award..... Lauren Moore

Department of Mathematics

Student of Excellence Award..... Nolan Bidleman

Department of Psychology

Psychology Academic Achievement Award..... Kathleen Rhinebolt
Psychology Undergraduate Research Award Erin Daniel
Student of Excellence Award.....Stephanie Clarke

Honors College Awards

Awards announced by Dr. Cindy Ticknor; Dean of the Honors College

Interdisciplinary Studies Award Les Anderson
Scholarly Activities in Fine and Performing Arts Award..... Molli McGinnis
Scholarly Activities in Humanities Award..... Jessica DeMarco-Jacobson
Scholarly Activities in Professional Studies Award Elijah Neundorfer
Scholarly Activities in Science Award.....Meenal Joshi
Scholarly Activities in Social Science AwardAshlyn Dewberry
Presentation of Honor Cords

University Awards

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| Phi Kappa Phi Senior Award | Dr. Deborah Bordelon |
| Academic Recognition Award..... | Dr. Christopher Markwood |
| Educator of the Year Award | Curtis Walker |
| Faculty Cup Award | Dr. Deborah Bordelon |
| Closing Remarks | Dr. Deborah Bordelon |



2020-2021 Scholastic Honors Committee

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| Dr. Hyeran Choi | Mr. Robert Lindsey (Co-Chair) | Dr. Cheryl Smith |
| Ms. Suzy Gunnels | Dr. Nick Norwood | Dr. Markus Weidler |
| Dr. Mary Beth Hendricks | Dr. Alfredo Perez | |
| Dr. Barbara Johnston (Co-Chair) | Dr. Carrie Reif-Stice | |

Our Special Thanks for Your Contribution:

- Synovus Bank
- Columbus State University Student Government Association
- Columbus State University Office of Student Affairs

Dr. Courtney George has served as an Associate Professor of English at Columbus State University for over 10 years. She teaches courses at nearly every level, including First Year Composition, Interdisciplinary Studies, Perspectives courses, upper-level English courses and 5000-level courses required for M.A.T. students. Also, Dr. George serves on many department, college, and university committees. Outside of her teaching responsibilities, she also volunteers with the Literacy Alliance Pre-K Reading Buddies Program and with Muscogee County School District's annual Academic Decathlon. As a result of her teaching and service, Dr. George has received two "Outstanding Teacher of Writing" Awards, CSU's "Teacher of Excellence" Award, and has been nominated for the University System of Georgia's Felton Jenkins, Jr. Hall of Fame Faculty Awards. She also has been recently published in the first volume of a scholarly journal article titled "Engaged Student Learning: Essays on Best Practices in the University System of Georgia."

Dr. Troy Keller has served as a Professor of Environmental Science at Columbus State University for 15 years. During this time, he has held the positions of Assistant, Associate, and currently Full-time Professor of Environmental Science. Dr. Keller also serves as the Students for a Sustainable World founding faculty advisor, and holds many university committee assignments. His reach extends into the community by serving as a member of Muscogee County Extension Agricultural and Natural Resources Program Development Team, American Association of University Professors Budget Committee, and Future Farmers of America Advisory Council. Dr. Keller has been aided by his students in sustainability-related research projects and continues to publish his findings of these studies.

Dr. Cameron Williams is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Columbus State University. He teaches a range of classes from Introduction to Sociology to higher level Sociology courses like Urban Sociology, Rural Sociology, and Social Stratification and Inequality. Dr. Williams puts a strong emphasis on his research and student mentorship. Whether at Columbus State or the other established universities where he has served and studied, Dr. Williams has made an impact on communities by studying urban issues related to housing, gentrification, and the criminalization of Blacks and Latinos to support public policy. He incorporates his students into his research by using his findings in his course lectures and even employing students to aid him in various parts of his studies. He has recently been approved at Columbus State University to conduct a summer research program.

Micah Arnholt is a senior earning a B.A. in History and Geography. He is a member of three Honor Societies at Columbus State University, and has numerous academic achievements, including making both the Dean's List and the President's List every semester that he has been enrolled. He is also a semi-finalist for the 2021 Fulbright Scholarship. His research focuses on the integration of cultural and spatial mapping phenomena.

Stephanie Clarke is a Senior earning a B.S. in Psychology PreMed. She has collaborated with faculty in authoring two articles published in peer-reviewed journals of the Teaching of Psychology. She also presented a poster at a major conference that received a prestigious award. She has earned the Annual Scholarly Activities in Social Sciences Award presented by Columbus State University's Honors College. Stephanie has also contributed significantly to seven undergraduate research programs. This year, she was selected as the Student of Excellence by the Department of Psychology.

Jessica DeMarco-Jacobson is a Senior receiving a B.A in Literature. She is a published author and the recipient of numerous awards and scholarships, most notably the Carson McCullers Literary Award, which has recognized her talents as a poet and playwright three times. However, one of her most significant achievements has been working with *The Uproar*, CSU's student newspaper. Jessica began working at the paper during her first semester, and as a result of her contributions and leadership, she has worked her way up to her current position as Editor in Chief. Jessica has participated in several student organizations, and is a member of two Honor societies. This year, she was selected as the Student of Excellence by the Department of English, and was also awarded the Scholarly Activities in Humanities Award by the Honors College.

Emily Earnest is a Senior graduating with a Bachelor of Music in Music Education—Choral Voice. She has been the recipient of numerous state, national, and international awards for her performance abilities and her research. Emily has received the prestigious Presser Scholarship, which was awarded to her by a unanimous vote of the faculty of CSU's Schwob School of Music. She is widely praised by her teachers, not only for her musical talent but for her professionalism and as a leader among her peers. Emily has also been involved in community outreach and has shared her great passion for music with both school children and adults across the Columbus community

William Gustafson is a Senior graduating with a B.S. in Mathematics. He is praised for his diligence and commitment to his course work and his enthusiastic engagement with complex mathematical problems and theories. Many of his weekly assignments were of such a high caliber that they were nearly to the level of a publishable paper.

Harriet Stephens graduated with a B.S. in Sociology and has entered the Master's Program in Christian Ministry at Mercer McAfee School of Theology. Despite working full time and carrying a full load of classes while at CSU, Harriet was also extremely involved in community programs on campus and across the city, many of which she initiated to provide support during the pandemic. One program was "Happy Hour at the Clock Tower" where CSU students were invited to share poems, stories, and songs in the hope of inspiring resilience and providing an outlet for student expression during a time of crisis. This year, Harriet was selected as the Student of Excellence for Sociology by the Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology.

Honor Cord Recipients

Abigail Abernathy
Micah Arnholt
Savannah Bridges
Joshua Butler
Stephanie Clarke
Ashlyn Dewberry
Vivian Duncan
Cortland Ellis
Shannon Eshman

Domenica Fertal
Macy Frazier
Bailey Gaines
Meenal Joshi
Breena Kincaid
Jim Lewis, Jr.
Zi Jie Lin
Ashley Mayer
Molli McGinnis

Jennifer Musgrove
Elijah Neundorfer
Erin Perry
Grace Pippas
Kathleen Rhinebolt
Caitlin Schwartz
Tatseyana Taylor
Lyndi Whetzel

Honor Society Inductees

Honoris Causa

Kelsey Amon
Olympia Badwan
Jordan Banitt
Isabella Bankston
Christopher Bates
Jacob Bland
Nathaniel Blevins
Vienne Borg
Jackson Bortz
Rhiannon Bowie
Georjetta Braddy
Jacklyn Brasher
Syntia Brewer
Avery Brook
Mary Buchanan
Walker Burns
Anthony Cangemi
Sarah Beth Cardin
Kaleb Carter
Marsalis Causey
Simran Chhina
Rahul Clamor

Kierra Copeland
Micah Courtland
Handglin Dawkins
Kelsey DeCuir
Jordyn Denard
Kaela DuBose
Madalyn Duke
Yolonda Earls
Zoe Economides
Campbell Eubanks
Brissa Fraire
Kameron Freeman
Arman Gallman
Katherine Garner
Benjamin Garrett
Renee George
Brittani Gerkin
Samuel Golden
Celeste Grantham
Aliyah Hall
Hayden Hardy
Tabitha Harper
Eriyana Hayes
Bobbie Jo Haywood

Marinella Hernandez
Katelynn Hoskins
Mary Howard
Sophia Jacobs
Ja'Carria Jakes
Haley Johnson
Kelsey Johnson
Isaac Jones
Morgan Kaplan
Fardeen Khan
Jaieminence Kirk
Dominic Koh
Hannah Kuehler
Samiera Lanier
Miche Layman
Mariah Lewis
Paola Mancini
Rakaiya Martin
Alicia Masdon
Kingslee Mayo
Hannah McAlister
Makenzie McAuliffe
Declan McCahan
Eleanor McCoy

Bailey Melton
Mary Mercer
Destinee Mims
Linda Montgomery
Srihari Muralidhar
Naomi Murata
Austin Murray
Shawn Mynatt
Tamia Nelson
Samuel Owen
Youbin Park
Keenan Pasqua
Nicole Paul
Debra Phelps
Aaliyah Phillips
Heaven Ragland
Brianna Reaves
Evan Rehrauer
Katie Rice
Urayah Richards
Grace Rivord
Eriq Robicheaux
Ebony Robinson
Alyssa Schmitz
Seralyn Scott
Marcellus Sells
Ivy Shannon
Kaitlyn Shepherd
Cynthia Short
Tyler Sierra
David Sparkman
Lane Stone
Autumn Swift
Michael Tatton
Abigail Teal
Don'ya Truesdale
Michelle Tucker
Taylor Ward
Jada Washington
Kierstin Wengryn
Leila Wheaton
Spencer White

Elizabeth Williams
Kristen Williams
Trinity Williams
Luka Wilmick
Lashanti Woods

Phi Beta Delta

Joshua Bravo
Sophia Brown
Omar Castillo
John Finley
Shayla Foston
William Harper
Lauralin Innis
Marta Lopez
Yolanda Monterrosa
Heidi Parsons
Julie Wilson

Phi Kappa Phi

Spring 2020

Tehgan Anguilm
Margaret Archer
Terri Blackmer
Kaylee Brooks
Jessica Burns
Grace Cotton
Amber Dees
Robert Dempsey
David Ellison
John Estrada
Domenica Fertal
Milan Gaines
Megan Head
James Heard
Sashanea Johnson
Brenna Kincaid
Su Mi Kwak
Daniel Leon
Alden Mercer
Ivey Milam

Kayla Newman
Grace Pippas
Andrew Pokora
Christina Schiralli
Caitlin Schwartz
Kate Scrivner
James Shores
Tristan Shytle
Corley Sibold
Haily Smith
Ashlyn Steele
Nicole Tocco
Terry Tuck
Victoria Turk
Rashaard Williams

Spring 2021

Janeil Bell-McKenzie
Monica Benitez
Kimberly Boswell
Amelia Clark
Joni Clay
Sade Dantzler
Jessica DeMarco-Jacobson
Samuel Dixon
Sidney Ducleroir
Julie Fernandes
Jonathan Greem
Jevon Harrison
Abby Hilyer
Michael Hobgood
Andrea Ingram
Vasilina Johnson
Brian Kitchens
Elvery Lewis
Tanya Miller
Elizabeth Morris
Shamauna Peters
Mary Surber
Heather Tolbert
Carl Van Rensburg
Harrison Zeigler



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