



Friday April 28, 2023 | 4:00 p.m.

University Hall



COLUMBUS STATE
UNIVERSITY

Scholastic Honors Convocation 2023

Welcome..... Dr. Cameron Williams; 2020-2021 Educator of the Year
Dr. John Fuchko, III; Interim President, Columbus State University
Jordan Allen; President, Student Government Association

Announcement of Tower Day Award Winners..... Dr. Sharon Welburn; Tower Day Coordinator

College of the Arts Awards

Department of Art

B.A. Studio Art Award Ava Jenkins
B.F.A. Studio Art Award..... Campbell Eubanks
Art History Award Kennedy Williams
Art Education Undergraduate Award..... Noah Shedd
Art Education Graduate Award..... Kayla Whitmire
Student of Excellence Award..... Ian Dooley

Presented by Professor & Interim Chair Nick Norwood

Department of Communication

Communication Student of the Year Award Rae Palmer
Student of Excellence Award..... Elizabeth Nesbitt

Presented by Professor & Chair Danna Gibson

Schwob School of Music

Senior Music Major Award..... Spencer White
Presser Scholar Award..... Austin Murray
Outstanding Freshman Music Major Award Cole Zelman
Student of Excellence Award..... Spencer White

Presented by Professor & Director Scott Harris

Department of Theatre

Theatre Arts Award..... Ian Rossin
Theatre Arts: Performance Award Keenan Pasqua
Theatre Arts: Design & Technical Award..... Sun Lindstrom
Theatre Arts: Education Award Storm Cole
Student of Excellence Award..... Storm Cole

Presented by Professor & Chair Larry Dooley

D. Abbott Turner College of Business Awards

Department of Accounting & Finance

Accounting Award Carley Canzoneri
Finance Award..... George Ryker Singer
Student of Excellence Award..... Brody Goebel

Presented by Professor & Chair Tesa Leonce

Department of Management & Marketing

Management Award.....	Edwin Johns
General Business Award	Joseph Borchardt
Marketing Award	Taylor Parker
Management Information Systems Award.....	Zeanne Janine Albano
Student of Excellence Award.....	Edwin Johns

Presented by Professor & Chair John Finley

Graduate Business Program

Master of Business Administration Award.....	McKenzie Doran
Master of Science in Organizational Leadership Award.....	Sara Ramirez Goncalves

TSYS School of Computer Science

B.S.in Computer Science: Software Systems Track Award	Donghyeon Park
B.S.in Computer Science: Web Development Track Award.....	Austin Lee
B.S.in Computer Science: Games Programming Track Award	Eriq Robicheaux
B.S.in Information Technology Award	Peyton Daniel
B.S.in Computer Science: Cybersecurity Track Award	Noah Neundorfer
B.S.in Computer Science: Enterprise Computing Track Award	Tashema Johnson
B.S.in Cybersecurity Award.....	Eboni Franklin
M.S. in Applied Computer Science: A.I.& Machine Learning Track Award.....	Mayank Gaba
M.S. in Applied Computer Science: Software Development Track Award	Harika Bhemidi
M.S. in Applied Computer Science: Traditional Track Award	Vamsi Krishna Bhagavathula
M.S in Applied Computer Science: Cybersecurity Track Award	Itorobong Udo
M.S.in Cybersecurity Management Award.....	Joel Frimpong
Student of Excellence Award.....	Eriq Robicheaux

Presented by Professor & Chair Shamim Khan

College of Education and Health Professions Awards

Department of Teacher Education, Leadership and Counseling

School Counseling Graduate Award.....	Allyn Jones
Clinical Mental Health Counseling Graduate Award.....	Samantha Twaddell
Educational Leadership Graduate Award.....	Heather Melton
Educational Leadership – Higher Education Graduate Award.....	Sasshay Tremble
Doctor of Education – Educational Leadership Track Award	Gloria Bernal Askew
Doctor of Education – Curriculum Track Award	Bridget Smith
Doctor of Education – Higher Education Administration Award	Kendall Forde
Elementary Education Undergraduate Award	Chloe Torres
Elementary Education Graduate Award	Robert Tumpalan
Middle Grades Education Undergraduate Award	Abigail Lewis
Middle Grades Education Graduate Award	Timetrice Thomas
English Education Undergraduate Award	Lydia Strueker
English Education Graduate Award	Rebecca Winterling
Spanish Education Undergraduate Award	Esmima Vital-Vences
Secondary Mathematics Education Graduate Award	Cynthia Scheuermann
UTeach Mathematics Education Undergraduate Award.....	Danelle Spalla
UTeach Science Education Undergraduate Award.....	Ashleigh Drew
Secondary Science Education Graduate Award	Thomas Johnson
History Education Undergraduate Award	Jacklyn Brasher
Social Science Education Graduate Award.....	Wesley Daniel
Special Education Undergraduate Award	Curtissia Penamon
Special Education Graduate Award.....	Caroline Walker
Curriculum & Instruction in Accomplished Teaching Graduate Award	Daphne Snowden

Teacher Leadership Graduate Award..... Amber Terrell
Student of Excellence Award..... Kimberly Apple

Presented by Professor & Chair Deniz Peker

Department of Kinesiology and Health Sciences

Student of Excellence Award (Undergraduate Health Science) Dominique Webb
Student of Excellence Award (Undergraduate Kinesiology)..... Josie Williams
Student of Excellence Award (Graduate Health & Physical Education) Derrick Sands
Student of Excellence Award (Masters of Public Health)..... Michael Lambert

Presented by Professor & Chair Clay Nicks

School of Nursing

Outstanding Nursing B.S.N. Award..... Kaila Rogers
Outstanding Nursing M.S.N. Award..... Megan Lawrence
Outstanding Nursing R.N.-B.S.N. Award..... Pamela Zasucha
Outstanding Nursing F.N.P. Award..... Myranda Harbuck
Student of Excellence Award..... Anna Fugh

Presented by Professor & Director Tamara Condrey

College of Letters and Sciences Awards

Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology

Student of Excellence Award (Criminology)..... Melissa Stokes-Martinez
Student of Excellence Award (Sociology)..... Wendy Brundage

Presented by Professor & Interim Chair Kimberly Gill

Department of English

Literature Award Jaycee Morrison
Professional Writing Award..... Naomi Masuoka
Creative Writing Award..... Molly Foster
Student of Excellence Award..... Destinee Williams

Presented by Professor & Chair Judith Livingston

Department of History and Geography

Student of Excellence Award (History)..... Lucy Clarke
Student of Excellence Award (Geography)..... Bailey Melton

Presented by Professor Bryan Banks

Department of Modern & Classical Languages

Outstanding Senior Teacher Education Track Award..... Esmima Vital-Vences
Outstanding Literature & Culture Track Award Kayah Young
Student of Excellence Award..... Raquel Aponte

Presented by Professor & Chair Joelle Bonamy

Department of Politics, Philosophy and Public Administration

Outstanding Political Science Major Award Timothy Sabau
Mario Mion Political Science Honors Scholarship Award..... Kaylee Wyatt
Master of Public Administration Award Meagan Santana Peters
Philosophy Award..... William Blake Lowry
Student of Excellence Award..... Joanelys Lamberty

Presented by Professor & Chair Kimberly Gill

Department of Biology

Cellular & Molecular Biology Award.....	Zoe Vazquez
Biology Education Award.....	Lizbeth Medrano
George Stanton Biology Award.....	Andrew Holmes
Organismic Biology Award.....	Ryan Page
Ecological & Evolutionary Biology Award.....	Elizabeth Lambert
Student of Excellence Award.....	Andrew Holmes
Student of Excellence Award (M. S. Natural Sciences Biology Track).....	Edison Rea

Presented by Professor & Chair Monica Frazier

Department of Chemistry

Outstanding Freshman Chemistry Major Award.....	Gabriela Hernandez
Excellence in Chemistry Research Award.....	Imani Rogers
Student of Excellence Award.....	Kristina Armstrong

Presented by Professor & Chair Floyd Jackson

Department of Earth and Space Sciences

Geology Award.....	James Mills
Astronomy Award.....	A'naja Houston
Physics Award.....	Kayleen Linge
Environmental Science Award.....	Rashalyn Smith
Student of Excellence Award.....	Sabrina Fisher
Student of Excellence Award M.S. Natural Sciences (Geo-Science Track).....	Brendon O'Keefe
Student of Excellence Award M.S. Natural Science (Environmental Science Track).....	Sarah Tash

Presented by Professor Stacey Blersch

Department of Mathematics

Outstanding Mathematics Student Award.....	Nicholas Dunn
Calculus Award.....	Rohan Patel
Student of Excellence Award (Mathematics).....	Thomas Merino
Student of Excellence Award (Data Science).....	Justin Ludwig
Student of Excellence Award (Applied Mathematics).....	Brady Hampel

Presented by Professor & Chair Guihong Fan

Department of Psychology

Psychology Academic Achievement Award.....	Alaysia Brown
Psychology Undergraduate Research Award.....	Taneshia Wakefield
Student of Excellence Award.....	Youbin Park

Presented by Professor & Interim Chair Aisha Adams

Honors College Awards

Interdisciplinary Studies Award.....	Sonya Mahon
Scholarly Activities in Fine and Performing Arts Award.....	Keenan Pasqua
Scholarly Activities in Humanities Award.....	Destinee Williams
Scholarly Activities in Professional Studies Award.....	Kaylee Day
Scholarly Activities in Science Award.....	Sabrina Fisher
Scholarly Activities in Social Science Award.....	Timothy Sabau

Presented by Professor & Dean Cindy Ticknor

Presentation of Honor Cords

**Presented by Professor & Dean Cindy Ticknor
and Dr. John Fuchko, III**

Honors Societies Recognition

Recognition of Honors and Academic Societies

Honoris Causa
Phi Beta Delta
Phi Kappa Phi

Members are asked to stand as each Society is recognized.

Phi Kappa Phi Outstanding Student of the Year Award Dr. Alicia Bryan; President, CSU
Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi

University Awards

Academic Recognition Award.....Dr. John Fuchko, III
Educator of the Year Award Ma'Lon Lane; Vice President, Student Government Association
and Dr. Cameron Williams
Faculty Cup AwardDr. Pat McHenry; Interim Provost and Executive Vice President
Closing Remarks..... Dr. Cameron Williams



A reception follows this ceremony in the Schuster Student Success Center.



2022-2023 Scholastic Honors Committee

Ms. Suzy Gunnels	Dr. Nick Norwood
Dr. Mary Beth Hendricks	Dr. Cheryl Smith
Dr. Barbara Johnston	Dr. Markus Weidler
Mr. Bobby Lindsey	

Our Special Thanks for Your Contribution:

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Dr. Jonathan Meyers is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry. After receiving his B.S. degree with American Chemical Society Certification from the University of West Georgia, Dr. Meyers completed his Ph.D. in Biological Chemistry at Indiana University.

Since joining the Columbus State University Faculty in 2014, Dr. Meyers has instructed courses in Biochemistry and the Principles of Chemistry. During that time, his student review average on the Rate My Professor platform has remained 5 out of 5 – the highest ranking. He was the petitioner for a chapter of the Chemistry Honor Society, Gamma Sigma Epsilon, at CSU. He has been diligent in providing opportunities to students through mentorship of over 25 student research projects, 50 honors contracts and 8 honors theses. As winner of the On-Campus Advisor of the Year Award from Student Life & Development, Dr. Meyers has proven that he wants all students he comes into contact with to succeed.

Dr. Ryan Lunch is an Associate Professor of History in the Department of History & Geography. After receiving two B.A. degrees in History and Religious Studies from Stetson University, Dr. Lynch earned a Masters of Letters in Middle Eastern History and Culture (University of St. Andrews), a Masters of Philosophy in Islamic Studies and History (Pembroke College – University of Oxford) and a Doctor of Philosophy in Oriental Studies (Pembroke College – University of Oxford).

Dr. Lynch joined the CSU Faculty in Fall 2016. He has taught introductory classes on World History to 1500 CE, foundational classes on Historical Methods and the Digital Humanities, as well as seminar classes on early Islam, Late Antiquity, jihadism, and the Caliphates. Dr. Lynch is a specialist of Islamic history, specifically the Islamic conquests and the establishment (and representation) of the first Islamic states throughout history. He is also the Program Coordinator for the CSU Digital Humanities program, along with serving the Columbus State University Honors College as Interim Associate Dean. In the Honors College, he advises and teaches honors students throughout their time in Columbus.

Professor Beth Reeves is a Part Time Limited Term Faculty Member in the Department of Theatre. She is also a singer, actor, director and teaching artist. She received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Columbus State University Department of Theatre and Dance. Her thesis was titled *Preserving West African Storytelling in the Pittsburgh Cycle*.

Professor Reeves has worked with Dalton Little Theatre, The Creative Arts Guild, The Springer Opera House, Fountain City Poetry Slam, among other arts organizations throughout the years. She has also worked with after school programming such as Girls Inc. of Columbus Boys and Girls Club of Chattahoochee Valley, New Horizons, and Empowered Youth of Columbus. Over the years, Professor Reeves has developed programming for children with behavior disorders using techniques of West African Storytelling as a form of catharsis, and also used the pedagogy of Theatre of the Oppressed as a paradigm for curriculum development for young adults dealing with substance abuse issues.

Katie Cummings graduated Summa Cum Laude in Fall 2022 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting. She received the Student of Excellence Award for the Department of Accounting and Finance. Katie was on the President's List and the Dean's List, is a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society, and held leadership roles with several campus organizations. She also volunteered for the United Way and Grace House Ministries, among others. She currently is an intern at a local asset management firm.

Grace Davin is receiving a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing. She has received many scholarships, often multiple times. She was awarded the Zell Miller Scholarship and the W. L. Amos, Sr., Scholarship as well as scholarships from the Turner College of Business and the National Association of Purchasing Managers. Grace has been on the President's List four times and was chosen as a Dean's Ambassador twice. She was an officer for the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society and involved in numerous service projects through the Turner College of Business.

Campbell Eubanks is receiving a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with a Ceramics major. Campbell has been involved in numerous art exhibitions since 2021, both as an exhibitor and as a curator. She is the recipient of numerous awards and honors including a Friends of Art Scholarship, a Mary Passailaigue Scholarship, The President's Award for the Columbus Artists Guild, and many more. Campbell has been extremely active in service both to the community, including painting murals around the city, and to the university and the Department of Art.

Sabrina Fisher is receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Earth and Space Science. She began at CSU as a dual enrollment student, taking college classes while still in high school, and was accepted into the Honors College as an incoming CSU freshman. Her research received awards as well as grants and scholarships, including a NASA STEM Grant. She was a member of several honor societies and held leadership roles in both CSU's Geology and Astronomy Clubs. Sabrina also volunteered at local food drives and the Sweep the Hooch event to clean the Chattahoochee River near CSU.

Jacob McCallister has been in the ROTC Program while at CSU and will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing with a minor in Military Science and Leadership. He attended Leadership Training through the U.S. Army Reserves at Fort Knox, and was able to use that training as an intern at the Martin Army Hospital at Fort Benning, where he collaborated with nurses to treat soldiers injured during training. He will graduate as a commissioned officer and hopes to be an ICU RN with the U.S. Army Nursing corp.

Taylor Parker is a Marketing major and receiving a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. She was the President of the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society, an Ambassador for the Turner College of Business, and the President of the Marketing Organization that she helped found. Taylor is the recipient of the W.L. Amos Scholarship Endowment, the Evelyn Crowley Scholarship, the Berkman Foundation Scholarship, and was on the President's List for Spring of 2021 and 2022. She has had numerous leadership roles and been involved in many service activities.

Kaitlyn Shepherd is receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology. She is the recipient of numerous awards including Zell Miller and Honors College scholarships and three Servant Leadership stipends. Kaitlyn is a member of the Honors program, the Honoris Causa society, and volunteered over 350 hours at places such as the Ronald McDonald House, Mercy Med, and Hope Harbor. She recently presented her research at the American College of Sports Medicine annual conference and has been accepted into the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Georgia Southern University.

Spencer White will receive both a Bachelor of Science degree in International Business and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music, along with certificates in International Studies, Latin American Studies, Public Musicology, and TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages.) He is a member of the CSU Honors College and the CSU Trombone Ensemble and serves as the President of the CSU Model United Nations. Spencer was the student leader of study abroad trips to Guatemala and Tunisia, and has received several internships including Development Assistant for the Aspen Music Festival and the Resource Development Intern for Habitat for Humanity. He has been offered a position with the Peace Corps in Guatemala after graduation.

Destinee Williams is receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in English with a concentration in Professional Writing. She graduates Summa Cum Laude with honors, and was chosen unanimously as the Student of Excellence for the Department of English. She has received numerous awards and honors, including an Honors College Tower Scholarship, the Kate Mitchell-Jones Educational Scholarship, and was on the President's List for 2020 and 2021. She is the Editor-in-Chief of *The Uproar*, CSU's student publication and has been heavily involved in Honoris Causa, the student organization for the Honors College.

Honor Cord Recipients

Likhita Aluri
Les Anderson
Ian Becerra
Maya Davis
Kaylee Day
Bradley DeFore

Tasya Diaz
Hannah Dickerson
Molly Foster
Nicole Kincaid
Kayleen Linge

Keenan Pasqua
Richard E. Rodgers, Jr.
Timothy Sabau
Kaitlyn Shepherd
Destinee Williams

Honor Society Inductees

Phi Beta Delta

Saira Gillani

Phi Kappa Phi

Nancy K. Brooks
Lance N. Crane
Kaelyn Decker
Mick William Etchison
Celeste Grantham
Zachary C. Griffith
Cary L. Hill
Joshua K. Ivey
Daphne B. Johnson
Cassidy E. Keres
Megan King
Lizbeth Medrano
Bailey A. Melton
Elizabeth M. Moon
Brendon O'Keeffe
Laura S. Regnere
Julia N. Rodriguez
Stefan Shelling
Tracy C. Stockdale
Elisabeth Taylor
Samuel C. Williams
Jametia N. Wimbush
Carolyn Zidor-Guerrier

Honoris Causa

Manuel Abreu
Alysa Adams
Christian Andre-Mason
Antonio Archuleta
Daniel Argueta
Kira Babbs
Izannah Bailey
Zyan Baptista
Mackenzie Batastini
Kameron Beaufort
Hayden Bennett
Lauren Boggs
Beatrice Brinkley
Imani Brown
Marissa Brown
Chantel Buchanan
Micaiah Byrd
Taylor Carson
Jenifer Castillo
Miya Chambers
Jamie Chappell
Alexis Crawford
Chloe Curbelo
Colin Daniell
Jack Decker
Carter Dennard
Jasmine Derushe
Ahmad Djigal
William Dunagan

Sabria Ellerby
Keir Etchison
Sophia Evans
Cassidy Fine
Savannah Flowers
Claire Foster
Autumn Fouquet
Marlen Franquez Martinez
Hannah Friberg
Johanna Grothen
Caroline Hampton
Mirako Hardy-Loyde
Courtney Harwood
Charlie Hearn
Cesar Herrera Alvarez
Nhien Ho
Adaelia Huffman
Kriston Huling
Zada Ivey
Joshua Jackson
Jaiden Jenkins
SeJoniq Johnson
Trinity Johnson
Fiza Khan
Lynsie Kilgore
Emily Knox
Anna Labarbera
Kennedy Larkin
Karli Lawhorn
Shawn'a Lee

Simone Lett
Richard Lewis
Malaysia Lockett
Lane Lorenz
Tori Luttrell
Holliday Lynn
Desteny Lyons
Carolina Maldonado
Chloe Mason
James Massey
Evan Mathis
Ethan McEntyre
Darryl McNeil
Gabriela Mieles
Paige Miller
Emma Mitchell
Nathan Mitchell
Meghan Moore
Ashlynn Mularchyk
Daniel Oved
Gyu Tae Park

Anna Palmer
Aidan Phillips
Mary Kate Phillips
Nylan Phillips
Kaziah Pinkard
Dale Ploen
Jianelouella Rabara
Rebecca Raley
Zoe Rasso
Jackson Rieves
Yessenia Rivera
Hannah Grace Sayre
Sydney Schilke
Gracie Scoggins
Gernee Scott
Abigail Shepherd
Delmas Shipman
Zowie Shores
Christopher Silva
Emma Silverstein
Jaeyoung Sim

Amiya Smith
Kailaa Smith
Eli Spears
Jacob Tate
Nghì Thai
William Ubah
Gavin Vaverchak
Nicolette Villacorta
Abrianna Walker
Yasmin Walker
Taylor Wicklund
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