

Scholastic Honors Convocation

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Friday
April 22, 2022
4:00 p.m.
Blanchard Hall at the
Cunningham Center

Scholastic Honors Convocation 2022

Welcome

Dr. Barbara Johnston; Co-Chair of the Scholastic Honors Committee
Dr. Christopher Markwood; President, Columbus State University
Curtis Walker; President, Student Government Association

Announcement of Tower Day Award Winners

Dr. Deborah Bordelon; Provost and Executive Vice
President

College of the Arts Awards

Department of Art

B.A. Studio Art Award.....MaxineRose Sanchez
B.F.A. Studio Art Award.....Bridget Brown
Art History Award.....Karina Jackson
Art Education Undergraduate Award.....Noah Shedd
Art Education Graduate Award.....Marlana Hurst
Student of Excellence Award.....Carlie Hedges

Presented by Professor Barbara Johnston

Department of Communication

Communication Award.....Laura McKenna
Student of Excellence Award.....Tamera Wilkerson

Presented by Professor & Chair Danna Gibson

Schwob School of Music

Senior Music Major Award.....Samuel Vargas Teixeira
Presser Scholar.....Nathaniel Parker
Outstanding Freshman Music Major Award.....Daniel Cruz
Student of Excellence Award.....Samuel Vargas Teixeira

Presented by Professor & Director Scott Harris

Department of Theatre

Theatre Arts Award.....Lauren Alexandra Pollock
Theatre Arts: Performance Award.....Tatiana Grace
Theatre Arts: Design & Technical Award.....Wesley Martinez
Theatre Arts: Education Award.....Sierra Farmer
Student of Excellence Award.....Wesley Martinez

Presented by Professor & Chair Larry Dooley

D. Abbott Turner College of Business

Department of Accounting & Finance

Accounting Award.....Grace Cotton
Finance Award.....Alvaro Resendiz
Student of Excellence Award.....Grace Cotton

Presented by Professor & Chair Fonda Carter

Department of Management & Marketing

Management Award.....Lauren Benefield
General Business Award.....Maria Kilset
Marketing Award.....Hannah Patchin

Management Information Systems Award..... Alden Mercer
Student of Excellence Award.....Maria Kilset

Presented by Professor & Chair John Finley

Graduate Business Program

Master of Business Administration Award..... Victoria Libaak
Master of Science in Organizational Leadership Award.....Zachary Whaanga

TSYS School of Computer Science

B.S.in Computer Science: Software Systems Track Award.....Tyler Wenndt
B.S.in Computer Science: Web Development Track Award..... Brandon Corn
B.S.in Computer Science: Games Programming Track Award.....Suhev Shakya
M.S.in Applied Computer Science AwardSahana Deb
B.S.in Information Technology Award.....Daniel Hill
B.S.in Computer Science: Cybersecurity Track Award.....Summra Akalework
B.S.in Computer Science: Enterprise Computing Track Award.....Nicholas Daut
M.S.in Cybersecurity Management Award..... Shetia Butler
Student of Excellence Award.....Suhev Shakya

Presented by Professor & Chair Shamim Khan

College of Education and Health Professions

Department of Teacher Education, Leadership and Counseling

School Counseling Graduate Award..... Asia Sickelbaugh
Clinical Mental Health Counseling Graduate Award.....Heather Sigmund
Educational Leadership Graduate Award.....Elizabeth Morris
Educational Leadership – Higher Education Graduate Award.....April McNiff
Doctor of Education – Educational Leadership Track Award.....Gloria Askew
Doctor of Education – Curriculum Track Award.....Engracia Barnes
Doctor of Education – Higher Education Administration Award.... Marian Sample
Elementary Education Undergraduate Award.....Emma Wetherington
Elementary Education Graduate Award.....Azriel Pitts
Middle Grades Education Undergraduate Award.....Shayla Foston
Middle Grades Education Graduate Award.....Junnie McKay
English Education Undergraduate Award.....Natalie Neill
English Education Graduate Award.....Jalin Murphy
Spanish Education Undergraduate Award.....Lindsey Clifton
Secondary Mathematics Education Graduate Award.....Shirley Baugher
UTeach Mathematics Education Undergraduate Award.....Danelle Spalla
UTeach Science Education Undergraduate Award.....Hannah Butenschon
Secondary Science Education Graduate Award.....Thomas A. Johnson
History Education Undergraduate Award.....Jacklyn Brasher
Social Science Education Graduate Award.....Kristin Andris
Special Education Undergraduate Award.....Allison Shiver
Special Education Graduate Award..... Brooke Smallwood
Curriculum & Instruction in Accomplished Teaching Graduate
Award.....Gina Jones
Teacher Leadership Graduate Award.....Joshua Alsup
Student of Excellence Award.....Danelle Spalla

Presented by Professor & Chair Deniz Peker

Department of Kinesiology and Health Sciences

Student of Excellence Award (Health & Physical Education).....Jessica Anderson
Student of Excellence Award (Health Science).....Kyla Mims

Student of Excellence Award (Kinesiology).....Adriana Tenorio-Zelada
Student of Excellence Award (Public Health).....Michael Lambert
Presented by Professor & Chair Clay Nicks

School of Nursing

Outstanding Nursing B.S.N. Award.....Alexis Lyon
Outstanding Nursing M.S.N. Award.....Christina Deturris
Outstanding Nursing R.N.-B.S.N. Award.....Tiffany Cranmer
Outstanding Nursing F.N.P. Award.....Jennifer Green
Student of Excellence Award.....Taylor Mattson
Presented by Professor & Interim Director Tamara Condrey

College of Letters and Sciences

Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology

Student of Excellence Award (Criminology).....Heidi Parsons
Student of Excellence Award (Sociology).....Julia Lawyer
Presented by Professor & Interim Chair Kimberly Gill

Department of English

Literature Award.....Sidney Ducleroir
Professional Writing Award.....Jasmyn Middleton
Creative Writing Award.....Maja Dearing
Student of Excellence Award.....Sidney Ducleroir
Presented by Professor & Chair Judith Livingston

Department of History and Geography

Student of Excellence Award (History).....Sophia Brown
Student of Excellence Award (Geography).....Landon Bray
Presented by Professor & Chair Gary Sprayberry

Department of Modern & Classical Languages

Outstanding Senior Teacher Education Track Award.....Lindsay Clifton
Outstanding Literature & Culture Track Award.....Debrinja Watts
Student of Excellence Award.....Eleanor Lamb
Presented by Professor & Chair Joelle Bonamy

Department of Politics, Philosophy and Public Administration

Outstanding Political Science Major Award.....Belem Gonzalez Castaneda
Mario Mion Political Science Honors Scholarship
Award.....Belem Gonzalez Castaneda
Master of Public Administration Award.....Paul Gurski
Philosophy Award.....MaxineRose Sanchez
Student of Excellence Award.....Timothy Sabau
Presented by Professor & Chair Kimberly Gill

Department of Biology

Cellular & Molecular Biology Award.....Jacob Woessner
Biology Education Award.....Elva Lucero
George Stanton Biology Award.....Chelsea Nguyen
Organismic Biology Award.....Heather Tolbert
Ecological & Evolutionary Biology Award.....Samuel Dixon
Student of Excellence Award.....Chelsea Nguyen
Student of Excellence M. S. Natural Sciences (Biology Track)
Award.....Julie Wilson
Presented by Professor & Chair Monica Frazier

Department of Chemistry

Outstanding Freshman Chemistry Major Award.....Presley Simmons
Excellence in Chemistry Research Award.....Dominic Fico
Student of Excellence Award.....Kristina Armstrong
Student of Excellence M.S. Natural Sciences (Chemistry Track)
Award.....Jihyeon Park

Presented by Professor Kerri Taylor

Department of Earth and Space Sciences

Geology Award.....Mackenzie Coffee
Astronomy Award.....Devin Janeway
Physics Award.....Jonathan Demont
Environmental Science Award.....William Whisnant
Student of Excellence Award.....Sharmaine Olivia Motin
Student of Excellence M.S. Natural Sciences (Geo-Science Track)
Award.....Jeremy Wiles
Student of Excellence M.S. Natural Science (Environmental Science Track)
Award.....Juliana Giles

Presented by Professor Warren Church

Department of Mathematics

Student of Excellence Award.....Felicity Acosta

Presented by Professor & Interim Chair Guihong Fan

Department of Psychology

Psychology Academic Achievement Award.....Jonathan DeRouen
Student of Excellence Award.....Natasha Tillmon

Presented by Professor & Chair Mark Schmidt

Honors College Awards

Interdisciplinary Studies Award.....Youbin Park
Scholarly Activities in Fine and Performing Arts Award.....Emma Wigington
Scholarly Activities in Humanities Award.....Meredith Cohen
Scholarly Activities in Professional Studies Award.....Suhev Shakya
Scholarly Activities in Science Award.....Nameera Khan
Scholarly Activities in Social Science Award.....Sophia Brown

Presented by Professor & Dean Cindy Ticknor

Presentation of Honor Cords

**Presented by Professor & Dean Cindy Ticknor
and Dr. Christopher Markwood**

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 Senior Award.....Dr. Margie Yates; President, CSU
Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi

University Awards

Academic Recognition Award.....Dr. Christopher Markwood

Educator of the Year Award.....Gabrielle Dixon; Student Government
Association Vice President of Scholastics
Dr. Gina Sheeks; Vice President for Student Affairs

Faculty Cup Award.....Dr. Deborah Bordelon

Closing Remarks.....Dr. Barbara Johnston

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A reception follows this ceremony in Blanchard Hall.
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2021-2022 Scholastic Honors Committee

Dr. Hyeran Choi	Mr. Robert Lindsey, Co-Chair
Ms. Suzy Gunnels	Dr. Nick Norwood
Dr. Mary Beth Hendricks	Dr. Cheryl Smith
Dr. Barbara Johnston, Co-Chair	Dr. Markus Weidler

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Dr. Jordan Brasher is an Assistant Professor of Geography in the Department of History & Geography. After receiving his B.S. degree from Middle Tennessee State University and his M.S. degree from Oklahoma State University, Dr. Brasher completed his Ph.D. in Geography at the University of Tennessee.

Since joining the Columbus State University Faculty in 2020, Dr. Brasher has instructed courses in World Regional Geography and Introductory, Intermediate and Advanced courses in Geographic Information Systems (GIS). He also oversees the GIS Certificate Program, and is a Research Fellow with Tourism RESET, a multi-university interdisciplinary initiative to identify, study, and challenge inequality in the tourism industry. His research focuses on the memorialization of slavery and settler colonialism in the Americas, especially in the United States and Brazil. His work has appeared in peer reviewed journals such as *Social & Cultural Geography*, *The Journal of Heritage Tourism*, and *Memory Studies*, as well as news outlets such as *The Washington Post*.

Dr. Patrick Jackson is a Professor of English in the Department of English. Dr. Patrick Jackson joined the CSU Faculty in 2008, a year after completing his Ph.D. at the University of Oregon. Since then, he has taught a wide variety of courses and topics, including classes on modern poetry, First World War literature, Nigerian literature, the poetry of Emily Dickinson, the detective novel, and J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*.

For his teaching, he has won the Outstanding Teaching of Writing Award and the Honors College Award for Excellence in Teaching. He has taught study abroad programs multiple times, both in England and Italy, and he has been heavily involved in student-run organizations such as the university's student newspaper and CSU's English honors society, Sigma Tau Delta. He is currently finishing a two-year fellowship with the Honors College. In his research, Dr. Jackson has focused primarily on British poetry of the twentieth century, publishing on the works of Wilfred Owen, the works of Ted Hughes, and the history of blank verse. He was promoted to Professor of English in 2019.

Dr. Kerri Taylor is an Associate Professor of Organic Chemistry in the Department of Chemistry. Dr. Taylor obtained her Ph.D. in Chemistry from The University of Akron and M.S. in Chemistry from The University of Kentucky.

While at Columbus State University, Dr. Taylor has supervised at least 21 undergraduate students and 3 graduate students. Of those 24 students, 75% identify as minority or under-represented groups. She has a broad knowledge and varied skill set in the field of synthetic medicinal chemistry and material science, which enables her to be a significant contributor in the scientific community. Her exposure to multiple areas of chemistry, ranging from organic synthesis, drug efficacy, art restoration and material science, has led to strengthened synthetic skills and increased her chemical knowledge as an academic researcher.

Dr. Taylor has presented at more than 30 local, regional, and national scientific conferences and received the Young Chemist Committee (YCC) Leadership Development Award, Buchi 2020 Scholar Award, and Outstanding Faculty Award at The University of Akron. Dr. Taylor has also been a member of the American Chemical Society (ACS) and Georgia Academy of Science (GAS). As of 2022, she has published 8 peer-reviewed manuscripts/creative endeavors.

Calvin Bradford is pursuing a B.A. in Communication, and currently has a 4.0 GPA. In addition to being focused on achieving excellence in his educational career, Calvin is also a Sergeant First Class in the U.S. Army on active military duty. He has had several deployments in recent years while he was also earning an Associate degree in Small Group Management from Purdue Global. Calvin is a student leader in the Green to Gold program in CSU's ROTC program, and has proven his strong leadership skill in this and all facets of his life, career, and education. He is an active volunteer with Adopt a Space and a coach for the Columbus Youth Soccer Association. Calvin is also a serious scholar with a robust research program and he is enthusiastic when discussing his projects.

Sophia Brown will graduate in May with a perfect 4.0 GPA and three degrees: a Bachelor of Arts in History, and minors in Political Science and Sociology, as well as a certificate in International Studies. She is a member of CSU's Honors College and multiple honor societies, including Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Alpha Theta, and Pi Sigma Alpha. Sophia has received numerous state and university awards and scholarships for her research in the fields of both the Social Sciences and Humanities. She is extremely active in several CSU organizations, including Presidential Envoys and the Model U.N., and she is a Global Ambassador for the Center for Global Engagement. Sophia founded the student organization Cougars for Autonomy and Agency for All People, which works for universal social justice.

Sidney Ducleroir has maintained a 4.0 GPA while pursuing a Bachelor of Arts major in English with a focus on Literature, a minor degree in Theater Arts, and a certificate in Medieval and Renaissance Literature. Sidney has received numerous awards and honors, including invited presentations of her scholarship, and three Carson McCullers Literary Awards for her poetry and prose. She has been on the President's List for four years, and is a member of Sigma Tau Delta and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies. She is an active member of seven CSU organizations including The CSU Press, CSU's online student newspaper *The Uproar*, and the Creative Cougar Coalition, of which she is a founder and the current director. Following graduation, Sidney will be pursuing a doctoral degree in Medieval Literature and History.

Taylor Mattson currently has a 3.81 GPA, and will graduate in May from CSU's School of Nursing Prelicensure program with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She completed her first two years at CSU while still in high school through the Dual Enrollment program, and she maintained excellent grades in both schools despite the workload. She is a member of the Honors College, and has received multiple scholarships during her four years at CSU. Taylor has been an active member of the Student Nursing Association, serving as Vice President since 2020 and has proven her leadership abilities by directing meetings, establishing community service initiatives, and mentoring Junior Nursing students. Taylor is very active in Community Service and Leadership roles, and has contributed over 300 hours of volunteer work at Magnolia Manor Retirement Community.

Kyla Mims is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Science, and is in the highly competitive Pre-Medical Studies program. Her goal is to become a physician. Kyla has a 4.0 GPA in her major and a 3.73 cumulative GPA. Kyla is a member of numerous organizations, including Honoris Causa, the National Society of Leadership and Success, the Georgia AHEC Scholars Program, and CSU Honors College. She is also a member of CSU's Camp P.R.O.W.L Team, which helps freshmen transition into the college setting. She has received numerous scholarships and awards, and has already been accepted into the Medical School of the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine. As the Vice President of Presidential Envoys, Kyla works closely with President Markwood and Provost Bordelon to promote the mission of CSU and to assist with the university's improvement and advancement. In addition, Kyla is very involved in several medical organizations in Columbus, including Mercy Med, Piedmont Regional Hospitals, and American Family Care. In all of these capacities, Kyla assists the medical professionals with patient care in a variety of ways. She also works in the ER at Saint Francis Hospital as a medical scribe.

Honor Cord Recipients

Fall 2021

Samuel Belisle
Savannah Bridges
Meredith Cohen
Jessica Odum
Ainsley Steeves

Spring 2022

Sophia Brown
Dorothy Caughey
Jessica DeMarco-Jacobson
Samuel Dixon
Carlie Dollar
Alexis Eubanks
Ariadna Gastou

Spencer Gilland
Jali Hoehn
Kailey Katzfey
Nameera Khan
Maria Paula Loria Valerin
Katherine Lovern
Chelsea Nguyen
Heidi Parsons
Dillon Power

Honor Society Inductees

Phi Kappa Phi

Charles J. Baima
Ryan Boles
Shetia Butler Lamar
Jill Carroll
Lisa L. Freeman
Carlyle A. Giannars
Meghan A. Hershman
Adverlyn Ivey-Waters
Grant B. Kennedy
Elizabeth Lambert
Michael F. Lee
Rachel E. Lee
Thomas J. McCormack
Christopher M. Mescher
Gracie Metcalf

Ensley D. Russell
Heather Sigmund
Victoria L. Stephenson
Alexandria A. Threatt
Havahna S. Wilker
Julie A. Wilson

Honoris Causa

Felicity Acosta
Mitdalia Alonso
Courtney Anderson Davis
Lon'ae Anwoju
Oluwatimilehin Banjo
Isabella Bankston
Danielle Bodney
Henry Boemer
Georjetta Braddy
Jacklyn Brasher
Megan Brenner
Nathan Brooks
Tyler Brown
Sa'myra Brown-Williams
Anna Bruner
Kennedy Buckner
Tatianna Bulens

Amanda Byars
Victoria Canedo
Tyler Cannon
Sarah Beth Cardin
Kayla Carter
Marsalis Causey
Alicia Celestine
Seongmi Chung
Rahul Clamor
Alyssa Cornelius
Chancellor Daniel
Earnest Davis
Kelsey DeCuir
Leandra Douds
Chassidy Edwards
Mick Etchison
Campbell Eubanks

Israel Florence
Erin Fowler
Madison George
Jalin Graham
Zachary Griffin
Noah Gullekson
Brady Hampel
Hayden Hardy
Eriyana Hayes
Schaefer Hogan
Dormarco Howard
Jarrett Huckaby
Michael Hurst
Mojan Jamshidi Barzi
Justin Jessie
Kelsey Johnson
Garrett Jones

Kangin Joo
Lauren Katzfey
Alexandria Kelly
Samuel Kimball
Jaieminence Kirk
Hannah Kuehler
Ma'Lon Lane
Samiera Lanier
Miche Layman
Jurnee Lester
Mariah Lewis
Mary Lewza
Mary Litz
Tercori Mack
Sonya Mahon
Paola Mancini
Rakaiya Martin
Moriah Mayo
Mary Mercer
Destinee Mims
Linda Montgomery
Brian Moore
Melina Mueller
Shawn Mynatt
Noah Newsome
Linda Nguyen
Wesley Parker
Lillian Patterson
Sydney Perez
Aaliyah Phillips
Nicholas Phillips
William Porter
Arianna Poveda
Owen Quimbayo
Bryan Ramirez-Benitez
Benjamin Richardson
Jacob Richardson
Kailey Ricks
Jonathan Robertson
Karder Samson
Benjamin Saxon
Alyssa Schmitz
Chayce Schuler
John Schwartz
William Selby
Marcellus Sells
Stormie Smith
David Sparkman
Oscar Spencer
Sheniya Stepp
Autumn Swift
Ta'Mya Talley
James Tate
Alexandra Tatton
Elisabeth Taylor

Aajay Thiruppathi
Drevianna Thomas
Rachel Turner
Jada Washington
Christina Wells
Leila Wheaton
Kristen Williams
Hiyori Williams
Luka Wilmick
Lashanti Woods
Matthew Woods
Chalyse Workman
Ryan Zimmerman