



April 26, 2019 | 2:00 p.m.
University Hall Auditorium



COLUMBUS STATE
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Scholastic Honors Convocation 2019

Processional Pavan Academica, K. S. Hansen
The Schwob Brass Quintet directed by Dr. Robert Murray

Welcome..... Dr. Christopher McCollough; Chair of Faculty Senate
Dr. Deborah Bordelon; Provost and Executive Vice President
Winston Black; President, Student Government Association

College of the Arts Awards

Department of Art

B.A. Studio Art Award Tyler Hiroms
B.F.A. Studio Art Award..... Yun Praught
Art History AwardAmber Edmond
Art Education Award (Undergraduate)..... Kasey Powell
Art Education Award (Graduate)..... Laszlo Olah
Student of Excellence Award.....Amber Edmond

Presented by Professor & Interim Chair Ron Wirt

Department of Communication

Communication Award.....Hannah Holland
Student of Excellence Award.....Kimberly Clark

Presented by Professor & Chair Danna Gibson

Schwob School of Music

Senior Music Award..... Ying Xu
Presser Scholar Jonas Lonzanida
Student of Excellence Award..... Jonas Lonzanida

Presented by Professor & Director Scott Harris

Department of Theatre

Theatre Arts Award.....Conner Douthit
Theatre Arts: Performance AwardMargaret Cook
Theatre Arts: Design & Technical Award..... Grace Crumbley
Theatre Arts: Education AwardAlyssa Cooper
Student of Excellence Award.....Alyssa Cooper

Presented by Professor & Interim Chair Tim McGraw

D. Abbott Turner College of Business Awards

Department of Accounting & Finance

Accounting Award Kayla Henderson
Finance Award.....Autumn Wilson
Student of Excellence Award.....Julissa Santoyo

Presented by Professor & Chair Fonda Carter

Department of Management & Marketing

Management Award.....	Sade Dantzler
General Business Award	Nina Nguyen
Marketing Award	Gabrielle Chan
Management Information Systems Award.....	Michael Oresteen
Student of Excellence Award.....	Gabrielle Chan

Presented by Professor & Chair John Finley

Graduate Business Program

Master of Business Administration Award.....	Robert McGoe
Master of Science in Organizational Leadership Award.....	Nathan Catching

TSYS School of Computer Science

Applied Computer Science Award	Rachael Strehlow
Computer Science: Games Programming Award	Johnathan Kimbro
Information Technology Award	Charles Little
Computer Science: Software Systems Award	Kristen Wright
Applied Computer Science, M.S. Award	Daniel Rockwell
Computer Science: Cybersecurity Award	Matthew Bowen
Student of Excellence Award.....	Gabriel Bello

Presented by Professor & Chair Wayne Summers

College of Education and Health Professions Awards

Department of Counseling, Foundations, and Leadership

School Counseling Award.....	Candice Stevens
Clinical Mental Health Counseling Award	Shereen Khouri
Educational Leadership Award	Cameron Andrews
Doctor of Education – Educational Leadership Track Award	Amy Miller
Doctor of Education – Curriculum Track	Devon Lassetter
Doctor of Education – Higher Education Administration Award	Dawn Nguyen
Student of Excellence Award.....	Shereen Khouri

Presented by Professor & Chair Deniz Peker

Department of Teacher Education

Early Childhood Education (Undergraduate) Award	Gina Williams
Early Childhood Education (Graduate) Award	Corey Vernon
Middle Grades Education (Undergraduate) Award	Madison Ramirez
Middle Grades Education (Graduate) Award	Bertram Harris
English Education (Undergraduate) Award	Rebekah Young
English Education (Graduate) Award	Margie Lacy
Spanish Education (Undergraduate) Award	Patrick Murphy
Secondary Mathematics Education (Graduate) Award	Alison Edwards
UTeach Mathematics Education (Undergraduate) Award.....	Zachary Folt
UTeach Science Education (Undergraduate) Award.....	Brianna Dent
Secondary Science Education (Graduate) Award.....	Amber Sanderson
Social Science Education (Graduate) Award.....	David-Edward Adkins
Special Education (Undergraduate) Award	William Chandler
Special Education (Graduate) Award	Nicole Naylor
Curriculum & Instruction in Accomplished Teaching (Graduate) Award	Karlyn McConnell
Teacher Leadership (Graduate) Award.....	Paul Meunier
Student of Excellence Award.....	Brianna Dent

Presented by Professor & Chair Deniz Peker

Department of Health, Physical Education and Exercise Science

Student of Excellence Award (Health & Physical Education).....Kristin Studds
Student of Excellence Award (Health Science) Drew Fidler
Student of Excellence Award (Exercise Science) Kimberly Jackson

Presented by Professor & Chair Clay Nicks

School of Nursing

Outstanding Nursing B.S.N. Award.....Aaliyah Yarbrough
Outstanding Nursing M.S.N. Award..... Heather Thompson
Outstanding Nursing R.N.-B.S.N. Award.....Angela Steinbrecher
Outstanding Nursing M.S.N.-F.N.P. Award..... Caroline DiGiacomo
Student of Excellence Award.....Aaliyah Yarbrough

Presented by Professor & Director Janet Alexander

College of Letters and Sciences Awards

Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology

Student of Excellence Award (Criminology).....Rebekah Cummings
Student of Excellence Award (Sociology)..... Erin Horan

Presented by Professor & Chair Annice Yarber-Allen

Department of English

Literature Award Taylor Aspinwall
Professional Writing Award..... Scott DeClue
Creative Writing Award..... Steven Reynolds
Student of Excellence Award..... Steven Reynolds

Presented by Professor & Chair Judith Livingston

Department of History and Geography

Gullo Prize in Historical Research & Writing AwardTiffany Morgan
Student of Excellence Award (History).....Meredith Donovan
Student of Excellence Award (Geography).....Micah Arnholt

Presented by Professor & Chair Doug Tompson

Department of Modern & Classical Languages

Student of Excellence Award..... Lester Orellana

Presented by Professor & Chair Joelle Bonamy

Department of Politics, Philosophy and Public Administration

Outstanding Political Science AwardMegan Santana-Peters
Mario Mion Political Science Honors Scholarship Award..... Chricha Minnifield
Master of Public Administration Award Molly Estes
Philosophy Award..... Cole Trahan
Student of Excellence Award..... Catherine Davidson

Presented by Professor & Chair Kimberly Gill

Department of Biology

Cellular & Molecular Biology Award.....	Candice Tate
Biology Education Award.....	Brianna Dent
George Stanton Biology Award.....	Cherish Jordan
Organismic Biology Award.....	Zachary Gallatin
Ecological & Evolutionary Biology Award.....	Mary Claire Halbrook
Student of Excellence Award.....	Cherish Jordan
Student of Excellence M. S. Natural Sciences (Biology Track) Award.....	Rachel Pearson

Presented by Professor Brian Schwartz

Department of Chemistry

Outstanding Freshman Chemistry Major Award	Shyrisse Ramos
Excellence in Chemistry Research Award.....	Shaquithea Harris
Outstanding Graduate Chemistry Student Award	MD Abdul Hakim
Student of Excellence Award.....	Tracee Guthrie
Student of Excellence M.S. Natural Sciences (Chemistry Track) Award	John Davis Gary

Presented by Professor & Chair Floyd Jackson

Department of Earth and Space Sciences

Geology Award.....	Stephanie Thompson
Engineering Award.....	Dawson Dooley
Astronomy Award	Paul Halford
Physics Award.....	Ivy Do
Environmental Science Award.....	Dominika Sherwood
Student of Excellence Award.....	Ivy Do
Student of Excellence M.S. Natural Sciences (Geo-Science Track) Award	Jason Neale
Student of Excellence M.S. Natural Science (Environmental Science Track) Award	Brice Lawley

Presented by Professor & Chair Clinton Barineau

Department of Mathematics

Student of Excellence Award.....	Bao Do
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Presented by Professor & Chair Ben Kamau

Department of Psychology

Psychology Academic Achievement Award.....	Jenna Gaskins
Psychology Undergraduate Research Award	Lacey Little
Student of Excellence Award.....	Madison Harris

Presented by Professor & Chair Mark Schmidt

Honors College Awards

Interdisciplinary Studies Award.....	Elijah Neundorfer
Scholarly Activities in Fine and Performing Arts Award.....	Joshua Redmond
Scholarly Activities in Humanities Award.....	Jacquelyn Hutchinson
Scholarly Activities in Professional Studies Award.....	Gabriel Bello
Scholarly Activities in Science Award.....	Zijie Lin
Scholarly Activities in Social Science Award	Stephanie Clarke

Presentation of Honor Cords

**Presented by Dr. Cindy Ticknor; Dean, Honors College
Dr. Deborah Bordelon**

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. Christopher McCollough; President, CSU
Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi

University Awards

Academic Recognition Award Dr. Deborah Bordelon

Educator of the Year Award Mercedes Dickerson; Student Government

Association Vice President of Scholastics
Dr. Gina Sheeks; Vice President for Student Affairs

Faculty Cup Award Dr. Christopher McCollough

Recessional Fanfare on "Columbus New" K. S. Hansen
The Schwob Brass Quintet
Directed by Dr. Robert Murray



A reception follows this ceremony in the Davidson Center Student Lounge.



2018-2019 Scholastic Honors Committee

Dr. Tina Butcher, Co-Chair
Dr. John Davis
Dr. Mary Beth Hendricks
Dr. Barbara Johnston

Dr. Nick Norwood
Dr. Ed O'Donnell, Co-Chair
Dr. Alfredo Perez
Dr. Carrie Reif-Stice

Dr. Cheryl Smith
Mr. Robert Lindsey

The Schwob Brass Quintet

Dylan Boyd
Christopher Campbell

Leanne Hanson
Andres Padilla

Harold Villalta Matamoros

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Dr. Rachel Blackburn is a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Theatre. She obtained her Ph.D. in Theatre & Performance Studies from the University of Kansas, and her M.F.A. in Theatre Pedagogy from Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. Blackburn is a passionate advocate for performance as a tool for social change. She is an instructor, theatre director and performer whose stage work has led her around the globe. Her research and academic writing currently live at the intersections of stand-up comedy, race, gender, sexuality, class, (dis)ability, transnational and performance studies.

Dr. William Gunter is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Earth & Space Sciences. He obtained his Ph.D. in Geosciences and his M.S. in Atmospheric Science from Texas Tech University. Dr. Gunter has received a Provost Seed Grant, Columbus State University Faculty Development Grant and a National Center for Atmospheric Research Educational Deployment Loan since coming to CSU. He has instructed a variety of classes, including Understanding the Weather, Global & Climate Change, Severe & Hazardous Weather and Research in Atmospheric Science. He is the author of several journal reviews, and is also a member of the American Meteorological Society.

Dr. John Hanson is a Limited Term Lecturer in the Department of Biology. He obtained his Ph.D. in Zoology from Texas Tech University and an M.S. in Biological Sciences from Angelo State University. His courses of instruction at CSU include Anatomy & Physiology, Select Topics in Organismal Biology Mammalogy, Organismic Biology II and Principles of Biology. He has contributed reviews to the *Journal of Mammalogy* and the *Journal of Natural History*, and has had several grants funded during his career. At CSU, he has served on the Ad Hoc Committee to Investigate Undergraduate Research (Biology Department), the Ad Hoc Committee to Evaluate Undergraduate Internships (Biology Department), the University's Ad Hoc Committee to Evaluate Graduate Faculty Membership Requirements, and as an Alternate on the Graduate Council.

Dr. Vanessa Hicks is an Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing. For six years, Dr. Hicks has been sharing knowledge and skills to the next generation of nurses, focusing on instructional strategies that facilitate student learning and being a role model for students guiding them through the challenges of learning. Before her role as an educator, Dr. Hicks worked at The Medical Center (currently known as Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown) as the Administrative Supervisor, collaborating with the health care team to ensure patients were admitted to the appropriate levels of care. Dr. Hicks graduated from the University of North Alabama with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Grantham University with a Master of Science in Nursing and South University with her Doctor of Nursing Practice.

Dr. Uma Sridharan is a Professor of Accounting and Finance at the Turner College of Business. She earned her Ph.D. in Business Administration from the University of Iowa, and has maintained a strong record in teaching, service and research for the past three decades. Dr. Sridharan joined Columbus State University in 2016. Prior to joining CSU, Dr. Sridharan taught at Clemson University, Kennesaw State University, Lander University and Presbyterian College. She has taught a wide variety of subjects including Managerial Finance, Investments, Financial Markets and Institutions, Risk and Insurance, Real Estate Principles and International Business. She has taught Finance and International Business both at the graduate and undergraduate level. At CSU, she has taught Accounting Information Systems, Managerial Accounting, Income Tax for Individuals and Foundations of Fintech. Dr. Sridharan received the Outstanding Teaching Award at the College of Business at Clemson University and the Outstanding Woman Faculty Award at Clemson University. She also received the Lander Foundation Award for Research and Scholarship at Lander University. Dr. Sridharan maintains an active research agenda and has presented her research at prestigious forums such as Financial Management Association and American Accounting Association.

Gabriel Bello graduates with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science specializing in Cybersecurity. He is an honors student and is the leader of the Presidential Envoys. Gabriel has a publication at the Computer Machinery Southeast Conference and a best paper at the Georgia Honors Collegiate Conference (GHCC). In addition, he is a participant in the South East Cyber Defense Competition (SECCDC). He worked at Aflac as a co-op student in Global Security, and is now an intern at Synovus. He is a volunteer for Aflac's Cancer Center and is President of the Black Box Society and the Association of Computing Machinery. Gabriel is also the recipient of the 2018-2019 Student of Excellence Award from the TSYS School of Computer Science and the Scholarly Activities in Professional Studies Award presented by the Honors College.

Hannah R. Holland graduates with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication with a concentration in Public Relations. She is scholar athlete on CSU's golf team. Hannah has worked with the Athletic Director to improve CSU Athletics' social media promotions and outreach. Furthermore, she is involved in the social media activities for the ANNIKA and Fred Haskins Award. Hannah is a junior golf intern at the Columbus Country Club and teaches at risk children the game of golf. Hannah is also the recipient of the 2018-2019 Communication Award from the Department of Communication.

Cherish H. Jordan graduates with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. She is retired military and is the past recipient of the Air Force Good Conduct and Joint Service Commendation Medals. She has had four research grants, has made three oral research presentations, and is working on three research manuscripts for publication. Cherish was a 911 dispatcher and is currently the founder and administrator of the Breast Cancer Straight Talk Step Group. She will be working on her master's degree in Alaska with a goal of working for an environmentally focused agency. Cherish is also the recipient of the 2018-2019 George Stanton Biology Award.

Steven Reynolds graduates with a Bachelor of Science degree in English and Creative Writing. He is a full time mechanic at Toyota of LaGrange. Steven was CSU's nominee in poetry for the Southern Library Festival. Moreover, he has a publication in CSU's literary journal, Arden. Steven is an invited reader at the Schwob School of Music's Salon at Six Program and the David Diamond Reading and Recital Series. Steve is also the recipient of the 2018-2019 Student of Excellence Award from the Department of English.

Honor Society Inductees

Honoris Causa

Hope Adams
Dorothy Caughey
Emily Davis
Robert Higgins
Kailey Katzfey
Nameera Khan
Kiera King
Ivey Milam
Chelsea Nguyen
Sneha Rajeev
Nicole Rocheteau
Brianna Sattinger
Gabrielle Tucker
Terrell Tuggle

Phi Kappa Phi

Abigail Abernathy
David-Edward Adkins
Pinaki Banerjee
Brittany Beauchamp
Jianan Britt
Gregory Bryant
James Callahan
Nathan Catching
James Clark
Kimberly Clark
Spencer Cruz
Catherine Davidson
Javon Davis
Jenn Delaney
Meredith Donovan
Cortland Ellis
Drew Fidler
Jacob Fowler
Juliana Giles
Gabriel Hart
Amanda Hay
Hannah Holland
Renee Holloway-Vaughan

Erin Horan
Jennifer Jiles
Glenneisha Jones
Zijie Lin
Jonas Lonzanida
Jessica Loomis
Christopher Lovelock
Sean Magee
Dianne Maldonado
Yvonne Marshall
Stephen Marusa
Daniela Merida Taborda
Samantha Miller Gurski
Amanda Miller
Chrisha Minnifield
Tiffany Morgan
Jalin Murphy
Elijah Neundorfer
Victoria Neundorfer
Nina Nguyen
James Ositis
Molly Parker
Tracy Payton
Rachel Pearson
James Reichhold
Charles Rowe
Laura Solomons
James Stephenson
Steven Sweatt
Sharon Terry
William Thomas
Persia Tillman
Mellen Townsend
Justin Underwood
Larry Weaver
Adam White
Denise White
Ann Williamson
Courtney Wright
Alissa Zimmet
Esther Zuiderveen

Phi Beta Delta

William Birkhead
Rebeckah Duggan
Amanda Ellenburg
Kevin Fabery
John Finley
Angel Gray
Rania Hodhod
Susan Hrach
Wendi Jenkins
Kyongseon Jeon
Robert Kemp
Elizabeth King
Laurence Marsh
Heather McKeen
Thomas McCormack
Korie MacDougall
Faith Odutola
Rebecca Pursley
Victor Salazar
Christine Shaw