

PRECOMMENCEMENT

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY | CLASS OF 2023



ORDER OF EXERCISES

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GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 2023

MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY

DEANS AND GUESTS

INVOCATION

Daniel Smith, Ph.D.

Department of Theological Studies

GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Donna LaVoie, Ph.D., Interim Dean

RECOGNITION OF HONOR SOCIETY
AND SPECIAL AWARD GRADUATES

Donna LaVoie, Ph.D., Interim Dean

FACULTY ADDRESS

Elena Bray Speth, Ph.D.

*2023 Recipient of the William V. Stauder, S.J. Award for Excellence
in Undergraduate Teaching in the Natural Sciences*

Presentation of Candidates

PRESENTATION OF
DOCTORAL DEGREE GRADUATES

Donna LaVoie, Ph.D., Interim Dean

PRESENTATION OF
MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES

Donna LaVoie, Ph.D., Interim Dean

PRESENTATION OF
BACHELOR'S DEGREE GRADUATES

Donna LaVoie, Ph.D., Interim Dean

CLOSING REMARKS

Donna LaVoie, Ph.D., Interim Dean

RECESSIONAL

GRADUATE HONOR SOCIETIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS

MATTHEW J. MANCINI AWARD - AMERICAN STUDIES

The Matthew J. Mancini Award for Outstanding American Studies Dissertation or Thesis was established to honor the contributions of Matthew Mancini, department chairperson from 2000 to 2015. The annual award recognizes graduate-level scholarly achievement.

Graduate: **Tandra Taylor**

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD - BIOLOGY

In recognition of outstanding research performance by a graduate student in the Department of Biology.

Graduates: **Leticia M. Classen-Rodríguez, Anthony Macchiano, Yongjun Tan**

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT TEACHING AWARD - BIOLOGY

In recognition of outstanding teaching by a graduate student in the Department of Biology.

Graduate: **Andrew J. Wall**

KATHLEEN FARRELL OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD - COMMUNICATION

Award given to recognize an outstanding graduate student who has promoted public welfare, political enlightenment, or social awareness in community, civic or academic arenas.

Graduates: **Harsirat "Sirat" Kaur, Aubra H. Ladd**

LAMBDA PI ETA - COMMUNICATION

Lambda Pi Eta, a national honor society in communication, recognizes, fosters, and rewards outstanding scholastic achievement.

Graduates: **Shuwei Huang, Harsirat "Sirat" Kaur, Grace Makaza**

SIGMA TAU DELTA - ENGLISH

Sigma Tau Delta is the international honorary society for students of English. A select organization open to both undergraduate and graduate students, Sigma Tau Delta recognizes significant scholastic accomplishment and seeks to provide a context in which students can find their interests in and enthusiasm for the study of English nurtured and stimulated.

Graduate: **Andrew Sweeso**

THE REV. WALTER J. ONG, S.J. AWARD - ENGLISH

The Rev. Walter J. Ong, S.J., Award, named in honor of a long-time SLU faculty member and one of the great scholars of the twentieth century, is presented annually to a doctoral student in English in recognition of genuinely exceptional research as well as scholarly achievement and promise.

Graduates: **Laura Hardin-Marshall, Matthew Holder**

THE LUCIEN FOURNIER AWARD - ENGLISH

The Fournier Award is given annually to a Graduate Student in English in recognition of teaching excellence.

Graduate: **Matthew Holder**

THE MCCARTHY OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD - HEALTH CARE ETHICS

Thanks to a gift from the Msgr. Robert L. McCarthy Trust, this award is presented by the faculty to a graduating doctoral student in Health Care Ethics who exemplifies excellence in scholarship, teaching, and service.

Graduate: **Jordan Mason**

THE THOMAS P. NEILL DISSERTATION AWARD - HISTORY

The Department of History bestows this award annually on a doctoral dissertation in History judged to be outstanding.

Graduate: **Nick Lewis**

THE JOSÉ SANCHEZ GRADUATE TEACHING AWARD - HISTORY

The Department of History bestows this award annually on a graduate student whose efforts as a Teaching Assistant have been recognized as exemplary.

Graduate: **Thomas Barrows**

PI MU EPSILON - MATHEMATICS

Membership in this honor society indicates outstanding academic achievement in mathematics.

Graduates: **Thalavinne G. Bandara, Călin Belean, Jacob Kapita, Jae Hyeong Lee, Zachary Sarvis, Mary Silverglate, Emily Twardy**

THE ANDREWS AWARD - MATHEMATICS

Established by a bequest from Dr. John J. Andrews, a former faculty member. Awarded to an outstanding graduate student to scholarship and service to the department.

Graduates: **Mary Silverglate, Emily Twardy**

THE COLLINS AWARD FOR GRADUATE STUDENT EXCELLENCE - PHILOSOPHY

The Collins award celebrates general excellence in graduate student performance.

Graduate: **William Hannegan**

STEVEN PURO AWARD - POLITICAL SCIENCE

In honor of Dr. Steven Puro, former faculty member. Awarded to an academically outstanding Political Science M.A. student.

Graduate: **Hunter Jordan**

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Awarded to a clinical psychology student in recognition for excellence in clinical psychology.

Graduate: **Austin Burns**

GRADUATE HONOR SOCIETIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS

HAROLD AND MARY JANE TALL AWARD - PSYCHOLOGY

Awarded in recognition of the accomplishments of a graduate student in the clinical program who has significantly impacted the morale of other students and demonstrates excellence in both the classroom and clinical practice.

Graduate: **Tanesha Johnson**

MARILYN K. RIGBY AWARD - PSYCHOLOGY

Presented in recognition of a student from the Industrial-Organizational and/or Experimental Psychology program who best exemplifies dedication to scholarship and excellence in teaching and service.

Graduates: **Ashley Doonan (Experimental Program) and Lauren D. Murphy (Industrial Organizational Program)**

THE NAPOLI ENDOWED TEACHING AWARD - PSYCHOLOGY

Recognizes the accomplishments of outstanding teachers in training in our graduate programs.

Graduate: **Clint Johnson**

THE JAMES GILSINAN AWARD - PUBLIC AND SOCIAL POLICY STUDIES

In honor of Dr. James Gilsinan, former faculty member, awarded to an academically outstanding Public and Social Policy Studies Ph.D. student.

Graduate: **Sarah Frye**

THE GEOSPATIAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AWARD

This award recognizes scientific, methodological and visualization innovations in geospatial science. The award is given annually to a graduate student who has demonstrated significant creativity in applied research demonstrated by peer-reviewed publications, conference presentations, thesis or dissertation research, and other creative works.

Graduate: **Laura Burnett**

UNDERGRADUATE HONOR SOCIETIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS

ALPHA DELTA SIGMA - COMMUNICATION

Alpha Delta Sigma recognizes and encourages scholastic achievement in advertising studies. Alpha Delta Sigma is the only national, professional advertising honorary society in American higher education. The organization dates back to 1913.

Graduates: **Anisa Abdijanovic, James A. Duda, Jada Griffin, Emily Groark, Annaly Izurieta, Megan Moran, Jack Nikolai, Mary Beth Pierce, Lucie Ramsey, Ann Schultz, Jenna Snyder, Zachary Spears**

ALPHA KAPPA DELTA - SOCIOLOGY

Alpha Kappa Delta is the international sociology honor society. The society's goals are to study humankind for the purpose of service, to promote human welfare and to develop scientific knowledge that may be applied to the solution of social problems. To be inducted in AKD, students must have exemplary academic records and exhibit leadership and service commitments.

Graduates: **Paige Heckler, Emma Teske**

ALPHA PSI OMEGA - THEATRE

Alpha Psi Omega is the national theatre honor society. Founded in 1925, the society acknowledges those demonstrating a high standard of accomplishment in theatre. Members of Alpha Psi Omega enhance their knowledge of theatre and prepare for professional work through a variety of theatrical activities. To be initiated, students must maintain a level of academic excellence and participate in University Theatre productions in multiple areas of theatre.

Graduates: **Benjamin Hopkins, Bryce Palmer, Grace Wallis, Madelin Wysocky**

BETA BETA BETA - BIOLOGY

Tri Beta Biological Science Society seeks to encourage scholarly achievement in this field of learning by reserving its membership for those undergraduates who have superior academic records and have a special aptitude and interest in the life sciences. Names marked with * denote past or current president.

Graduates: **Harsha Bollepalli, Joy Chi, Logan Evans*, Patrick Hunt, Aselle Kuldjanov*, Christina Pham, Abby Mitchell, Ashleigh Niklaus, Abhinav Rajasekhar, Cathy Taylor, Mazan Umar, Meredith Vieson, Rouzi Warrad, Brianna Werling**

DELTA DELTA EPSILON - FORENSIC SCIENCE

The national honor society dedicated to recognizing and encouraging excellence in scholarship in the Forensic Sciences, Delta Delta Epsilon also promotes leadership, attitudes of professional responsibility for the public good, and encourages high standards of practice and ethical behavior.

Graduates: **Sruthi Ainapurapu, Ian Fairchild, Stella Henline, Kaitlynn Schantz**

DELTA PHI ALPHA - GERMAN

The national German honor society, Delta Phi Alpha, seeks to recognize excellence in the study of German. The society aims to promote the study of German language, literature and civilization and endeavors to emphasize those aspects of German life and culture which are of universal value and contribute to humanity's eternal search for peace and truth.

Graduates: **Zuzanna Bereszczuk, Alexander Christian, Christian Henkel, Lejla Ugarak, Jaelyn Whitaker**

LAMBDA ALPHA - ANTHROPOLOGY

Lambda Alpha National Collegiate Honors Society for Anthropology was founded on March 15, 1968, at Wichita State University. It offers opportunities for both student and professional publication in the Lambda Alpha Journal as well as scholarships for undergraduate students and Graduate Overseas Grants to help support thesis and dissertation research overseas. To qualify for membership, anthropology students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.2 and a minimum GPA of 3.6 in anthropology.

Graduates: **Emily Albers, Jackson Ashley, Isaac Drysdale, Miranda Jenkins, Chloe Kepros, Colette Manahan, Emma Murphy**

LAMBDA PI ETA - COMMUNICATION

Lambda Pi Eta, a national honor society in communication, recognizes, fosters, and rewards outstanding scholastic achievement.

Graduates: **Anna Baugher, Mark Burbridge, Faith Caruso, Krysta Couzi, Jada Griffin, Annaly Izurieta, Diana Jakovcevic, Lucas Martínez Arregui, Megan Mendenhall, Megan Moran, Anna Morrow, Mary Beth Pierce, Sanjott Singh, Jenna Snyder, Madelin Wysocky**

OMICRON DELTA EPSILON - ECONOMICS

Omicron Delta Epsilon, one of the world's largest academic honor societies, recognizes scholastic attainment and the honoring of outstanding achievements in economics. The society encourages closer ties between students and faculty in economics within colleges and universities.

Graduates: **Joseph Feder, Paul Gillam, Claire Heggie, Jackson House, Lauren Michalick, Molly Moon, Clara Quick**

UNDERGRADUATE HONOR SOCIETIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS

NU RHO PSI - NEUROSCIENCE

Nu Rho Psi is the National Honor Society in Neuroscience, founded in 2006 as an independent non-profit, grass-roots organization composed of neuroscientists and students interested in the field. The SLU NRP chapter was founded in 2018 to provide a universal resource for SLU undergraduate students to achieve academic, professional, and personal success. By combining exposure, mentorship, and networking, members are thoroughly prepared during and beyond their undergraduate careers. The organization also strives to promote SLU's neuroscience program and the field as a whole.

Graduates: **Isabelle Baugh, David Gosser, Julia Lanfersieck, Jamie O'Hara, Justin Samanta, Cody Schrock, Catherine Simon**

PHI ALPHA THETA - HISTORY

Phi Alpha Theta, founded in 1921, is an international honor society in history. Its membership is composed of students and faculty elected on the basis of excellence in the study and writing of history. The society seeks to bring students, teachers and writers of history together both intellectually and socially and provides assistance in research and publication. The Mu Alpha Chapter at Saint Louis University was chartered in 1966.

Graduates: **Tarek Baig, Kathleen Godar, Rana Issa, Sophia Kaltsas, Marybeth Pierce, Vanessa Reger, Nicholas Schwarzen, Drue Young**

PI DELTA PHI - FRENCH

Pi Delta Phi is the national French honor society founded at the University of California in 1906. The aim of the society is to promote and recognize excellence in French Studies. Students initiated into the society must be enrolled in upper division French courses and maintain at least a B average.

Graduates: **Tony Buttice, Carmen Folsom, Madeline Gloriod, Arina Martin, Sean Stuart, Jessie Williams**

PI MU EPSILON - MATHEMATICS

The Missouri Gamma Chapter of Pi Mu Epsilon was established at Saint Louis University in 1945. Missouri Gamma superseded a local mathematics honor society, Rho Theta, that was founded in June 1936. Pi Mu Epsilon is a national honor society whose aim is to promote scholarship and high achievement in mathematics.

Graduates: **Sruthi Ainapurapu, Trevor Andershock, Nathanael Bolin, Claire Calhoun, Joseph Feder, Dawson Getts, Anna Goranski, Rachel Higgs, Robby Kevlishvili, Kaitlyn A. Lampe, Marcus Lespasio, Claire Lois, Allison Osowski, Madelyn Person, Nikolaus Ryczek**

PI SIGMA ALPHA - POLITICAL SCIENCE

Pi Sigma Alpha is the national political science honor society. Its chapters are established in colleges and universities offering political science programs that meet the standards of the society. Membership is determined by the political science faculty solely on the basis of high academic achievement.

Graduates: **Dylan McConnell Curry, Haley Gray, Emma Murphy, Shelby Poore, Nicholas Schwarzen, Hannah Stark, Grace Wallis, Charles Zimmerman**

PSI CHI - PSYCHOLOGY

Psi Chi is the national honor society in psychology, founded in 1929 for the purpose of encouraging, stimulating, and maintaining scholarship in the field of psychology. Psi Chi serves two major goals: to provide academic recognition to students who excel in the field of psychology and to nurture the spark of academic accomplishment by providing congenial and stimulative environment for learning.

Graduates: **Nick Ashton, Hamzah Bari, Joy Chi, Juliana Cortese, Kennedy Crye, Elizabeth Goddard, Maddie Greenhill, Margaret Grundy, Lauren Handy, Melissa Holland, Nina Huynh, Rana Issa, Sydney Jackson, Megan Kimberling, Danielle Nixon, Olivia Cruz Oyola, Benjamin Pollman, Sara Qalbani, Abby Rellinger, Elizabeth Sanders, Cody Schrock, Andrew Shapiro, Madison Smith, Ashley Storz, Sean Stuart, Benny Sylar, Anna Teien, Emma Teske, Grace Wilken, Sylvia Young, Trinity Zwiefel**

SIGMA IOTA RHO - INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Sigma Iota Rho is the national honor society in International Studies. SLU's chapter was newly established in 2013, but since 1984, the purpose of this organization has been to promote and reward scholarship and service among students and practitioners of international studies, international affairs, and global studies and to foster integrity and creative performance in the conduct of world affairs.

Graduates: **Anton Blaho, Karen Hoshino, Abigail Maloney, Charles Zimmerman**

SIGMA TAU DELTA - ENGLISH

Sigma Tau Delta is the national honorary society for students of English. A select organization open to both undergraduate and graduate students, Sigma Tau Delta recognizes significant scholastic accomplishment and seeks to provide a context in which students can find their interests in and enthusiasm for the study of English nurtured and stimulated.

Graduates: **Tarek Baig, Riley Demo, Kellin Jeffries, Amanda VanNierop**

THETA ALPHA KAPPA - THEOLOGY

Theta Alpha Kappa is the national honor society for academic studies in Religion and Theology and Religious Studies. It was founded in 1976 to encourage, recognize, and maintain excellence in such studies within baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate degree programs, but also within the academic profession more broadly understood.

Graduates: **Sean Feltz, Grant Gottschalk, Emily Kolb, Katya Konopacki, Jacob Sellinger, Sophie Thibault**

PHI BETA KAPPA

Founded in 1776, the Phi Beta Kappa Society is the oldest honor society for the liberal arts and sciences in the United States. Phi Beta Kappa aims to promote and advocate excellence in the liberal arts and sciences. Invitations into Phi Beta Kappa are extended to members of the top 5% of the Junior class and the top 10% of the Senior class.

Graduates: **Ellen Heinrichs, Karen Hoshino, Chloe Kepros, Tran Quach, Sophia Swarthout, Amanda VanNierop, Grace Wallis**

JAMES D. COLLINS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

The College of Arts and Sciences annually presents the James D. Collins Awards for Excellence in Student Academic Achievement to recognize scholarship and creative achievements among undergraduate students. One student is chosen by faculty in each department and three programs of the college.

Graduates: **Rebecca Townley (African American Studies), Taylor Stalling (American Studies), Merideth Vieson (Biology), Grant Gottschalk (Catholic Studies), Lauren Morby (Communication), Vanessa Perou (English), Serina Daniels (Fine and Performing Arts), Kaitlynn Schantz (Forensic Science), Mia Romero (Health Care Ethics), Patrick Bausch (History), Sylvia Young (Languages, Literatures, and Cultures), Kaitlyn A. Lampe (Mathematics and Statistics), Julia Lanfersieck (Neuroscience), Michael Cruz (Philosophy), Grace Wallis (Political Science), Margaret Grundy (Psychology), Elise Pinsonneault (Sociology and Anthropology), Katya Konopacki (Theological Studies), Shirley Syed (Women's and Gender Studies)**

SPECIAL AWARDS - AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

THE KARLA SCOTT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

This award, established in 2018, is presented to the graduating student(s) with the highest GPA in African American Studies.

Graduate: **Rebecca Townley**

SPECIAL AWARDS - BIOLOGY

THE MEDOFF TEACHING AWARD

honors Judith Medoff, Ph.D., Professor 1973-2004.

Graduates: **Bridget Hickey, Sruthi Ainapurapu**

THE KEATH RESEARCH AWARD

honors Elizabeth J. Keath, Ph.D., Professor 1990-2004.

Graduates: **Sam Hogue, Jake Woods**

SPECIAL AWARDS - CATHOLIC STUDIES

CATHOLIC STUDIES SENIOR LEADERSHIP AWARD

Catholic Studies Senior Leadership Award honors students who have exercised special leadership in either the academic or co-curricular program of the Catholic Studies Center.

Graduates: **Sean Feltz, Paul Gillam, Grant Gottschalk, Madeline Hammell, Emily Kolb**

CATHOLIC STUDIES SENIOR SERVICE AWARD

Catholic Studies Senior Service Award recognizes students who have distinguished themselves by their service to the Catholic Studies Center.

Graduates: **Emma Alexander, Kylie Barta, Tim Baumann, Isaac "Ike" Beck, Zachary Berning, Maddie Campbell, Helen Daly, Hayden Eckstein, Clarissa Emanuel, Elaina Falconer, Joseph Feder, David Gosser, Patrick Gosser, Carolyn Griffin, Kateri Heithaus, Isabelle Hotard, Dominic Kolthoff, Katya Konopacki, Natalie Malloy, Clare Ni'Shuilleabhain, Joseph Pollnow, Mia Romero, Jack Ryan, Kate Schoenherr, Caroline Smith, Nicholas Sullivan, Colleen Wheadon, Audrey Williams**

SPECIAL AWARDS - COMMUNICATION

THE JOHNSTON AWARD is named in honor of the Rev. Robert A. Johnston, S.J., who was the first chairperson of the Department of Communication. It is an annual award given to the outstanding graduate of the department chosen by the faculty.

Graduate: **Krysta Couzi**

UNDERGRADUATE HONOR SOCIETIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS

THE JOHN J. PAULY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

honors graduating seniors who hope to put their communication education in the service of democracy. To be considered for this award, students must demonstrate academic excellence as well as interest in a career that enhances the quality of public life.

Graduate: **Mark Burbridge**

AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE - COMMUNICATION

This award is presented to graduating seniors in communication who achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for all their course work at Saint Louis University.

Graduates: **Anisa Abdijanovic, Anna Baugher, Mark Burbridge, Faith Caruso, Krysta Couzi, James A. Duda, Jada Griffin, Madeline Hammell, Annaly Izurieta, Lucas Martínez Arregui, Megan Mendenhall, Lauren Morby, Anna Morrow, Jack Nikolai, Mary Beth Pierce, Lucie Ramsey, Kenzie Rodgers, Ann Schultz, Sanjott Singh, Jenna Snyder, Zachary Spears, Lily Welti, Madelin Wysocky**

SPECIAL AWARD - ECONOMICS

LEROY J. GROSSMAN OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD - ECONOMICS

Leroy J. Grossman, Ph.D., was a teacher and mentor of students, and a compassionate colleague to the faculty and staff of the John Cook School of Business. In recognition of his service to the university community, the Department of Economics established the Leroy J. Grossman Outstanding Student Award. The award recognizes a graduating senior(s) majoring in economics whose dedication to scholarship and service best exemplifies Dr. Grossman's commitment to value-based teaching and learning.

Graduate: **Paul Gillam**

SPECIAL AWARDS - ENGLISH

THE HELEN MANDEVILLE PRIZE IN ENGLISH STUDIES

presented annually by the English Department, recognizes the student judged by the English faculty as exhibiting excellence within the discipline of English / Literary Studies.

Graduate: **Amanda VanNierop**

THE ALBERT J. MONTESI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR CREATIVE WORK

is named for A. J. Montesi, a beloved emeritus professor in the Department of English. It is intended to celebrate the creative work of students at Saint Louis University.

Graduate: **Anissa Mumford**

SPECIAL AWARDS - FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

ART HISTORY: THE MAURICE B. MCNAMEE, S.J. AWARD

is named in honor of Father McNamee, founder of the program in art history. This award is presented each year in recognition of outstanding achievement in Art History.

Graduate: **Claire Fontaina**

MUSIC: THE ARION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATING SENIOR IN THE MUSIC PROGRAM

Chosen by the full-time music faculty, the winner of this award exemplifies the highest attributes of a Saint Louis University graduate in the areas of scholarship, citizenship, leadership, and musicianship.

Graduate: **Conner Weyer**

STUDIO ART: THE MAURICE B. MCNAMEE, S.J. AWARD

is named in honor of Father McNamee, founder of the program in studio art. This award is presented each year in recognition of outstanding achievement in Studio Art.

Graduates: **Lillie Roeover, Stacey Rojas**

THEATRE: THE WAYNE LOUI AWARD

for Outstanding Senior in Theatre is presented annually in honor of Mr. Loui, former chair of the Department of Fine and Performing Arts.

Graduate: **Madelin Wysocky**

SPECIAL AWARD - FORENSIC SCIENCE

FORENSIC SCIENCE OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

This award is given to a graduating forensic science student who has exemplary performance in the classroom as well as in roles serving the forensic science program.

Graduate: **Sruthi Ainapurapu**

SPECIAL AWARDS - MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

THE GARNEAU AWARD is given each year for achievement in mathematics and was established in 1924 by Mrs. James Garneau in memory of her husband.

Graduates: **Kaitlyn Lampe, Claire Lois**

THE FRANCIS REGAN SCHOLARSHIP

is given each year to outstanding Mathematics majors, who are members of Pi Mu Epsilon. The scholarship was established in honor of Francis Regan on his retirement in 1971.

Graduate: **Claire Lois**

THE AL AND SHELLY BERADINO

AWARD is an annual award given each year to an undergraduate math major who has exhibited a collegial spirit within the Department of Mathematics and Statistics with a commitment to its programs.

Graduate: **Nathanael Bolin**

SPECIAL AWARDS - MICAH PROGRAM

RECIPIENTS OF THE MICAH PROGRAM SENIOR LEADERSHIP

AWARD These students have distinguished themselves in studying urban problems or in planning and leading activities for the Program, or both.

Graduates: **Emily Albers, Nicole Balmaceda, Andrea Banda, Patrick Bausch, Rachael Behling, Brette Bostelman, Amy Cook, Cecelia Golinvaux, Margaret Grundy, Anna Hergenrother, Chloe Kepros, Emily Kolb, Christa Lolley, Hannah Nodge, Alayna Roderique, Alexis Schillinger, Madelyn Schur, Andrew Shapiro, Michael Tang, Rebekah Truss, Grace Winters, Isabella Valldeperas, Marcia Vasconcelos.**

OUTSTANDING MICAH STUDENT

Director of college program has named these students as Outstanding Students.

Graduates: **Amy Cook, Rebekah Truss**

SPECIAL AWARD - NEUROSCIENCE PROGRAM

THE DR. WILLIAM S. STARK UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

AWARD was established in 2020 to recognize Emeritus Professor Stark's exemplary contributions to the Neuroscience program. The award honors a graduating neuroscience student who has demonstrated excellence in research.

Graduate: **Laasyapriya Sarva**

SPECIAL AWARDS - POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

GRUEBER AWARD FOR CAMPUS GLOBALIZATION

In honor of Johann Grueber, an early Jesuit of Saint Louis University. Awarded for their contribution to campus globalization.

Graduate: **Karen Hoshino**

THE TIMOTHY LOMPERIS AWARD

honors a former faculty member in Political Science and is given to a Political Science's International Studies student who, like the award's namesake, demonstrates academic excellence, a consistent effort to exceed stated expectations, concern for the education of the whole person, engagement with issues of contemporary relevance, and a commitment to treat others with respect and cordiality.

Graduate: **Abigail Maloney**

Honorable Mention: **Dylan McConnell Curry**

SPECIAL AWARD - RUSSIAN AND EAST EUROPEAN AREA STUDIES

THE FATHER LOUIS BARTH, S.J., AWARD is given to Russian and East European Area Studies graduate who best has achieved interdisciplinary understanding of the former Soviet Union and Central and Eastern Europe. Fr. Barth founded the program in 1968, the first interdisciplinary program in Arts and Sciences, and for many years in the classroom, in administration, and through personal example he fostered knowledge and understanding of the region in the university and wider communities.

Graduate: **Benjamin Hopkins**

SPECIAL AWARDS - SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

THE WILLIAM (BILL) J. MONAHAN

AWARD is presented in honor of Dr. William J. Monahan, former faculty member. This award is presented to a senior student for their contribution to social action and service.

Graduate: **Audra Youmans**

THE GISCIENCE AWARD is presented to an undergraduate student that made a significant contribution in geospatial academic research or service to the Saint Louis University research community.

Graduate: **Ellen Heinrichs**

UNDERGRADUATE HONOR SOCIETIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS

SPECIAL AWARDS - THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

THE SISTER MARY ANTONA EBO

AWARD is given to a senior who has demonstrated excellence both in their academic work and in their commitment to promoting faith and justice in the spirit of the Gospels. Sister Mary Antona Ebo (1924–2017) gained national attention in 1965 when she marched with Martin Luther King, Jr., and other civil rights activists in Selma, Alabama. Her commitments to the pursuit of knowledge and the pursuit of justice in her life of faith guided her through decades of civil rights work, including service on the Human Rights Commission of the Archdiocese of St. Louis and work on the streets of Ferguson during the protests that followed the killing of Michael Brown.

Graduate: **Sophie Thibault**

THE CLAUDE HEITHAUS, S.J.

AWARD is given to a senior who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and desire to pursue advanced study in theology or religion. Claude Heithaus, S.J., (1898–1976) joined SLU's faculty in 1930, and he gave a homily at College Church in 1944 calling for the integration of SLU, which had refused to admit Black students, including Black Catholic students. Fr. Heithaus's homily advanced a theological argument for racial integration, demonstrating how the life of the mind constantly confronts the challenges of human experience and can meet those challenges with integrity and conviction.

Graduate: **Grant Gottschalk**

SPECIAL AWARDS - WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

THE OUTSTANDING ACTIVISM AWARD

recognizes student contributions to efforts for social change both within and beyond the university.

Graduate: **Sara Qalbani**

THE OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD

is given for outstanding excellence by a senior graduating with a Women's and Gender Studies degree.

Graduates: **Lauren Morby, Aman Rahman**

THE OUTSTANDING CREATIVE

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD recognizes a student whose exceptional scholarship has been expressed to multiple audiences in creative, interdisciplinary ways (either over time or for a single project).

Graduate: **Tempest Malone**

THE OUTSTANDING SYMPOSIUM

PROJECT AWARD recognizes a particularly notable, high-quality project presented at the Women's and Gender Studies Symposium that has broader implications for the field of Women's and Gender Studies.

Graduate: **Mikayla McDowell**

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

During all undergraduate years, University Honors Program students engage in demanding courses that require high-levels of academic inquiry and critical interdisciplinary thinking. The honors community represents a variety of colleges, majors, interests, and backgrounds. Students earning the University Honors Program indication on their transcripts have completed the honors curriculum and maintained a final cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Graduates: **Anna Baugher, Patrick Bausch, Rithi Bramanathan, Cormac Brennan, Abigail Chu, Michael Cruz, Riley Demo, Jillian Elsea, Leah George, Grant Gottschalk, Varin Gupta, Emily Haar, Samantha Harrington, Calista Harvey, Claire Heggie, Ellen Heinrichs, Alex Iorfida, Yojana Jagadish, Isha Kalaga, Karly Kauk, Paulina Kempa, Jonah Koch, Skye Kusler, Julia Lanfersieck, Giovanni Lauriello, Seungwon Lim, Katherine Marler, Patrick McLaughlin, Vandana Mishra, Emma Mize, Graham Molinari, Ameena Mozaffar, Emma Murphy, Nitya Nagarajan, Ashleigh Niklaus, Jamie O'Hara, Regan Orr, Meghana Pathapati, Abhinav Rajasekhar, Blake Recupido, Shriya Reddy, Laasyapriya Sarva, Catherine Simon, Meghna Sridhar, Nicholas Sullivan, Shirley Syed, Rebekah Truss, Brianna Upton, Amanda VanNierop, Merideth Vieson**

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION

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