



DREXEL UNIVERSITY

College of

Arts and Sciences

HONORS DAY

2021

Congratulations!

Although we could not be together for a traditional Honors Day celebration, we are so proud to recognize the hard work of our standout students — students who innovate in research, produce quality work and display uncommon creativity.

Drexel University's College of Arts and Sciences comprises over 2,300 undergraduates in 17 majors and nearly 400 graduate students in 21 programs. Many of the students recognized at this ceremony have been nominated by faculty members based on contributions in the classroom, the lab and the community; others have written essays or theses that were selected by department committees; and all have maintained impressive records that set the students apart from their peers.

We will likely hear of these students again over the years, featured in magazines or published in journals, accepting fellowships, becoming experts, running for office and making an impact on the world around them. We extend our thanks to the faculty who nominated students and support them in their endeavors; and to the donors who have made many of these awards possible.

Congratulations to our student honorees and their families.



Norma Bouchard, PhD
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Biological Sciences

History

Chemistry

Mathematics

Communication

Philosophy

Criminology and Justice Studies

Philosophy, Politics & Economics

English

Physics

Environmental Science

Political Science

Environmental Studies and Sustainability

Psychology

Geoscience

Sociology

Global Studies

AFRICANA STUDIES

VP Franklin Award

Named for one of the founders of the Africana Studies program at Drexel University, the VP Franklin Award recognizes the best essay that highlights critical issues within Africana studies and the African diaspora.

Amanda Lyles

ANTHROPOLOGY

Barbara Hornum Prize for Achievement in Anthropology

Awarded to a junior or senior who has demonstrated excellence in unifying anthropological theory and methods in the understanding of human behavior at the broadest level.

Isabella Wilson

Excellence in Ethnographic Research Award

Awarded to a junior or senior who has exhibited the ability to use ethnographic methods in a specific research project.

Nathan Kinsey

BIODIVERSITY, EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Cheryl Gross Award

Awarded to an outstanding senior in environmental science.

Lex Wiley

Espenschade Outstanding Undergraduate Research Achievement Travel Award

Awarded to support the research of an outstanding undergraduate student studying environmental science.

**Akilah Chatman
Maz Mazuchowski
Naomi Wilson**

BIODIVERSITY, EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE (CONTINUED)

First-Year Honors

**Will Hooker
Sam Weinstein**

BIOLOGY

Mary K. Howett Memorial Scholarship in Biology

To support outstanding senior biology majors and to encourage women in pursuit of graduate school in the life or medical sciences.

Hannah Johnson

CHEMISTRY

AIC Baccalaureate Award

Tori Jacob

American Chemical Society Philadelphia Section Baccalaureate Award

Presented annually to a chemistry major maintaining a strong GPA.

Johnathan Torikashvili

American Chemical Society Undergraduate Award in Analytical Chemistry

Awarded to a chemistry major who has demonstrated excellence in analytical chemistry.

Joy Baek

American Chemical Society Undergraduate Award in Physical Chemistry

Presented to a chemistry major who has demonstrated excellence in physical chemistry.

Joy Baek

CHEMISTRY (CONTINUED)

Bruce and Cynthia Maryanoff Chemistry Prize

Presented to outstanding undergraduate chemistry majors in recognition of academic achievement.

Jesse Parks

ChemSpec Award

Lin Choi

Distinguished Alumnus Award

Nic Natale

I. Sasimovich Research Prize

Presented to an undergraduate chemistry major in recognition of achievement in research.

Osmar Torres

RSC Merck Index Award

Anxin Xie

COMMUNICATION

The Cannone Family Scholarship in Communications

Presented to a junior or senior communication major with a concentration in public relations who has demonstrated excellence in writing.

Amanda Milo

CRIMINOLOGY & JUSTICE STUDIES

Honorable William F. Hall Jr. Award

Presented in memory of the Honorable William F. Hall, Jr. to a criminal justice major who has demonstrated outstanding scholarship and service to the community.

Anna Kulach

ENGLISH & PHILOSOPHY

Drexel Philosophy Award

Presented to the senior philosophy majors who best exemplify the philosophical ideal of “the examined life,” joining intellectual accomplishment with service to others and to the program.

Catarina Kissinger

Ralph C. Most Memorial Scholarship

Presented to a freshman major in the English and Philosophy Department who has demonstrated excellence in the study of the humanities as indicated by written expression and classroom performance.

Mia Rheineck

Thao Nguyen Award

Presented to sophomore or junior in recognition of academic achievement.

Randee Wismer

The English Program Award

Presented to an advanced English major who has demonstrated excellence and promise in the study of literature and writing.

Samantha Johnson

The Literature Essay Prize

Awarded to an outstanding essay written by a Drexel student for a literature course in ENGL 200 or above.

Samantha Johnson

GLOBAL STUDIES & MODERN LANGUAGES

A. William Salomone Award for International Area Studies

Presented annually to students majoring in international area studies with GPAs of 3.0 or higher who have made an outstanding contribution to the department.

**Chloe Richardson
Diane Nguyen**

A. William Salomone Award for Italian Studies

Awarded annually to a student in international area studies or history-politics who has an outstanding record in Italian studies at the University.

Zack Levy-Dyer

Vivien M. Thweatt International Scholarship

Presented annually to an international area studies major who plans to enroll in an international study or internship program or who wishes to accept a cooperative education position abroad or to undertake a project on an international level in connection with the major.

**Ashley Wu-Zheng
Serena Hermitt**

HISTORY

A. William Salomone Prize

Awarded to students demonstrating outstanding academic achievement in the study of history.

Anna Shetler

Raymond M. Lorantas Endowed Prize in World History

Presented in honor of this *emeritus* faculty member to outstanding undergraduates, based on academic performance, an interest in world history, and submitted papers.

**Karen Li
Matthew Plesco**

MATHEMATICS

Busby Endowed Award for Mathematics

Presented annually in honor of Dr. Robert C. Busby to a high-achieving mathematics student who volunteers their time as a mentor or tutor.

Ken Deng

Frank H. M. Williams Endowed Scholarship in Mathematics

Presented annually in recognition of academic achievement in mathematics.

Yimei Li

Robert J. Bickel Scholarship

Presented in honor of Robert J. Bickel, who was a member of the Mathematics Department from 1946 to 1987.

**Omesh Dwivedi
Chelsea Gravereaux
Justin Gliksman
Liane Lech
Mikey Becht
Pedro Frazao
Rishi Patel
Sadia Afrin
Sopheap Kim**

Yang Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research in Mathematics

Presented annually in honor of Ms. Yilin Yang to an undergraduate mathematics major who has conducted outstanding research in the field.

Nicholas DeFilippis

PHYSICS

Henry S.C. Chen Memorial Award for Physics

Presented to undergraduate students doing exceptional work in physics.

Soukayna Mardas

PHYSICS (CONTINUED)

Lorenzo M. Narducci Memorial Scholarship

Presented to outstanding undergraduate students who show initiative and enthusiasm in the study of physics and demonstrate academic achievement in physics research.

**Chris Morris
Lucia Vina Lopez
Trevor McCaffrey**

M. Russell Wehr Physics Award

Presented to senior physics majors who show promise or potential for teaching or for advanced work in the history of science.

**Brij Patel
Nick Giardetti
Steve Windle
Zev Imani**

Susan and Donald Larson Scholarship

Presented to an outstanding student in physics with an interest in experimental science.

**Helen Rosenbrien
Omesh Dwivedi**

Walter R. Coley Award

Presented to outstanding physics majors who have achieved academic excellence.

**Adam Ikehara
Manjinder Oueslati
Tara Feenan
Tom Reese**

POLITICS

Department of Politics Outstanding Graduate Award

Presented to the most exceptional graduating senior in the Department of Politics.

Gwen Ljung-Barth

POLITICS (CONTINUED)

Department of Politics Community Engagement Prize

Presented to the Department of Politics students whose outstanding work in service, activism or community- building best represents the department.

Evan Colchamiro

Department of Politics Research Prize

Presented to students who conducted research of the highest quality in political science courses.

Medina Talebi

Department of Politics Writing Prize

Awarded to the student(s) who submitted a paper of the highest quality in a political science course in the current academic year.

Gwen Ljung-Barth

PSYCHOLOGY

Dr. Paul and Monica Gondek Award

Awarded to a student demonstrating outstanding work in the area of psychology and neuroscience.

Adaeze Uwaomah

Jeanne D. Brugger Award for the Outstanding Junior Psychology Major

Presented annually in recognition of excellence in the study of psychology.

Hailey Henteleff

Outstanding Graduating Senior Award

Presented to a psychology senior who has demonstrated excellence in research and academics.

Saniya Soni

PSYCHOLOGY (CONTINUED)

Promising Leadership Award

Presented to psychology majors for their significant contributions to enhancing the visibility of psychology across campus.

Atoosa Scheuer

Psychology Senior Research Award

Presented to a Psychology Student for having developed an outstanding senior thesis.

Emily Hostetter

SOCIOLOGY

Arthur B. Shostak Endowed Award for Outstanding Achievement in Sociology

Presented to a senior sociology major who has demonstrated outstanding creativity in sociology coursework.

Kevin Romine

COLLEGE AWARDS

Benjamin J. Rothberg Memorial Award

Presented to a freshman majoring in humanities or the social sciences in memory of Benjamin J. Rothberg for his dedicated service in the Department of Humanities and Communications. The award is based on academic achievement and personal character.

Amani Risal

Gary and Marla Colton Scholarship

Presented to a College of Arts and Sciences student who demonstrates academic excellence and participates in Drexel's wrestling program.

Jared Donahue

General Electric College Bowl Award

Presented to students majoring in humanities and social science disciplines in recognition of academic excellence.

Giovani Padovano

Jamie B. Fields '88 Memorial Scholarship

Presented to pre-law junior or senior students enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences who maintain a grade point average of 3.2 or above.

Kelly Odoro

Josephine and Julius Cohen Award in Judaic Studies

Presented to a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the Judaic studies program. This award is named for Dr. D. Walter Cohen's grandparents, immigrants to the United States who demonstrated great love and respect for learning.

Jonathan Parker

Martha Montgomery Award for Excellence in Women's Studies

Presented to the student who has written the best essay in a Women's Studies course.

Sylvie Cherry

Senior First Honors

Graduating seniors who have achieved the highest GPAs in their majors

Zachary Hecht	Anthropology
Shikha Patel	Biological Sciences
Sachinthani Arambepola	Biological Sciences
Johnathan Torikashvili	Chemistry
Hana Graybill	Communication
Jason Stales	Criminology & Justice Studies
Sarah Goldberg	English
Elizabeth Taylor	Environ Studi & Sustainability
Julianna Smith	Environmental Science
Anna Shetler	History
Zack Levy-Dyer	Global Studies
Rishi Patel	Mathematics
Olivia Menture	Philosophy
Nickolas Giardetti	Physics
Gwen Ljung-Baruth	Political Science
Emily Hostetter	Psychology
Briana Leone	Sociology