



HONORS NIGHT CONVOCATION

Schomburg Auditorium

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

7:00 p.m.

HONORS CONVOCATION PROGRAM 2023-24

Defiance College graduates students to lead distinctive lives in their chosen professions through a spirit of service by preparing them To Know, To Understand, To Lead, and To Serve.

Processional

Invocation.....*Rev. Ann Wasson*

Welcome.....*Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell, EVP*

Presidential Welcome.....*Dr. Richanne C. Mankey, President*

TO KNOW

We believe that the liberal arts form a broad basis for all learning. We affirm that academic excellence demands a committed search for truth, competency in research and other problem-solving methods, the ability to synthesize knowledge from many sources, and a capacity for self-directed learning.

Division of Arts & Humanities.....*Dr. Kathryn Phillips, Chair*

Calista Olds Award for Excellence in Religious Studies.....*Dr. Kathryn Davis*

Caia Bevins

Elizabeth Rimer Latchaw Award in Music.....*Professor Tracy Hilaire*

Xavia Borden

Music Programs Director's Award.....*Professor Cody Thomas*

Sydney Fogt

Reeder C. Hutchinson Assistantship in the Humanities.....*Dr. Kathryn Phillips*

Alexandra Bevins

Outstanding Senior in Communication Studies.....*Dr. Kimberly Kuiper*

Dana Peterson

- Outstanding Senior in Design**.....*Dr. Kathryn Phillips*
Oliver Monte
- Outstanding Senior in English**.....*Dr. Steven Engel*
Dana Peterson
- Outstanding Senior in History**.....*Dr. Steven Bare*
William Garlock
- Division of Business, Education, & Social Work**.....*Dr. Clarissa Barnes, Chair*
- Outstanding Senior in Accounting /Finance**.....*Dr. Nady El-Zayaty*
Jeremy Russo
- Outstanding Senior in Business Administration**.....*Dr. Brett Decker*
Colton Nutter
- Outstanding Senior in Sport Management**.....*Dr. Yohan Lee*
William McNamara
- Joan Gerken Alpha Delta Kappa Scholarship in Education**.....*Dr. Carla Higgins*
Kaylynn Wellman
- Alpha Delta Kappa Award**.....*Dr. Carla Higgins*
Courtney Daeger
- Outstanding Senior in Adolescent to Young Adult Education**.....*Dr. Carla Higgins*
Kayla Boettger
- Outstanding Senior in Middle Childhood Education**.....*Dr. Carla Higgins*
Michael Joseph
- Outstanding Senior - K-12 Intervention Specialist**.....*Dr. Carla Higgins*
Opal Thomas
- Schauffler Award in Social Work**.....*Professor Alesia Yakos-Brown*
Logan Gray

Top Scholar in Social Work.....*Professor Tess Salisbury*

Logan Gray Eden Harter Conner Pool

Division of Natural Science, Applied Science, & Math.....*Dr. Timothy Rickabaugh, Chair*

Outstanding Senior in Biology.....*Dr. Mollie Sorrell*

Olivia Rayk

Outstanding Senior in Criminal Justice.....*Dr. Sheldon Goodrum & Dr. Steven Sondergaard*

Sloane Livingston

Outstanding Senior in Cyber Forensics.....*Professor Timothy Wedge*

Corey Gibson

Outstanding Senior in Environmental Science.....*Dr. Sabrina Brown*

Clover Worrell

Outstanding Senior in Exercise Science.....*Dr. Olivia Lozar*

Adam Tobin

Outstanding Senior in Molecular Biology.....*Dr. Nathan Griggs*

Rylee George

Outstanding Senior in Nursing.....*Dr. Heidi DeSota*

Mackenzie Duncan

Outstanding Senior in Psychology.....*Dr. James Sliwinski*

Hope Yost

Outstanding Senior in Restoration Ecology.....*Dr. Sabrina Brown*

Hallie Webb

Scholastic Excellence in Digital Forensics and Cyber Security.....*Professor Timothy Wedge*

Mason Stickle

Mathematics Award.....*Professor David Stuckey*

Natalee Cooper

Outstanding Senior Mathematics Award.....*Dr. Seonguk Kim*

Sherod Brooks

Cum Laude

Genesis Brooks	Natalee Cooper	Tyrel Goings
Taylor Greulich	Teagan Hunt	Michael Martin
Savannah McCoy	Oliver Monte	Cole Mortemore
Michael Myers	Dana Peterson	Madison Schoenauer
Olivia Wagner		

Magna Cum Laude

Hannah Amrich	David Andrew	Xavia Borden
John Brancel	Matthew Christiansen	Levi Dirig
Chelsea Dockery	Mackenzie Duncan	Branden Durkee
Brent Eicher	William Garlock	Rylee George
Riley Hensley	Gabriella Herod	Michael Joseph
Orry Killam	Cameron Kruyer	Megan Leichty
Brooke Silcox	Devon Smith	Sara Stark
Emily Vargo	Ethan Weber	

Summa Cum Laude

Kayla Boettger	Courtney Daeger	Logan Gray
Laney Grimwood	Eden Harter	Jordyn Jury
Sloane Livingston	Alex Morr	Colton Nutter
Eleanor Pease	Conner Pool	Jeremy Russo
Opal Thomas	Adam Tobin	Brandon Unverferth
Hallie Webb	Clover Worrell	Hope Yost

Carolyn M. Small Honors Program Seniors.....*Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell*

Hannah Amrich	Kayla Boettger	Xavia Borden
Genesis Brooks	Natalee Cooper	Courtney Daeger
Chelsea Dockery	Rylee George	Logan Gray
Evan Gregory	Laney Grimwood	Eden Harter
Gabriella Herod	Teagan Hunt	Michael Joseph
Sloane Livingston	Colton Nutter	Eleanor Pease
Paige Rohloff	Noelani Schmidt	Sara Stark
Adam Tobin	Emily Vargo	Hallie Webb
Clover Worrell	Hope Yost	

Highest Ranking Senior Scholar(s).....*Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell*

Kayla Boettger	Courtney Daeger	Logan Gray
Eden Harter	Conner Pool	Adam Tobin
Hallie Webb		

Outstanding FYE Inquiry Paper.....*Mrs. Lisa Crumit-Hancock, FYE 100 Coordinator*

Outstanding Orator in World Issues.....*Dr. Steven Bare, Global Studies Coordinator*

Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award.....*Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell*

TO UNDERSTAND

We provide opportunities for students to perceive and make connections between the intellectual realm and the world. We strive to develop awareness of and sensitivity to global interdependence and diverse cultures.

First Year McMaster Researchers.....*Mrs. Bridgette Winslow,*
Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

Jazmine Hoffman	Jacob Martinez	Nevaeh Schiffhauer
Abigail Sprow	Taylor Stull	Orlando Villanueva

McMaster Scholars.....*Mrs. Bridgette Winslow*

(Underclassmen)

Alexandra Bevins	Caia Bevins	Emma Bonnell
Jazmine Hoffman	Zadria King	Abigail Sprow
Mallory Timbrook	Cassady Van Dyke	Kirsten Vanisacker
Orlando Villanueva		

Senior McMaster Scholars.....*Mrs. Bridgette Winslow*

William Garlock	Logan Gray	Michael Joseph
Colton Nutter	Eleanor Pease	Dana Peterson
Conner Pool	Olivia Rayk	Jaylen Redd
Rontonio Scott	Adam Tobin	Emily Vargo
Hallie Webb	Clover Worrell	

McMaster Certificate Completers.....*Mrs. Bridgette Winslow*

William Garlock	Logan Gray	Colton Nutter
Olivia Rayk	Rontonio Scott	Adam Tobin
Hallie Webb		

Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition Award.....*Professor Aaron Napierala*

David Andrew	Thomas Coltrain	Jaron Gase
Colton Nutter	Devon Smith	Mason Stickley
Thomas Troxtle		

TO LEAD

We are committed to the betterment of the community, the nation, and the world through the development of leadership skills and abilities. We create opportunities for students to initiate and facilitate beneficial action in and out of the classroom and encourage self-reflection on the role of the dedicated leader.

Civic Engagement.....*Mrs. Bridgette Winslow*

Xavia Borden	William Garlock	Tyrel Goings
Logan Gray	Dana Peterson	Noelani Schmidt
Adam Tobin		

Senior Service Leaders.....*Mrs. Bridgette Winslow*

Natalee Cooper	Courtney Daeger	William Garlock
Logan Gray	Laney Grimwood	Gabriella Herod
Jordyn Jury	Oliver Monte	Eleanor Pease
Jaylen Redd	Noelani Schmidt	Sara Stark
Emily Vargo	Olivia Wagner	

TO SERVE

We encourage our students to be of service to their fellow students, their chosen fields of study, their communities and the world. We provide opportunities for students to transform society through civic engagement along with application of their knowledge and understanding to service.

Charles J. Ping Student Community Service Award.....*Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell*

Logan Gray

Wanda May LeMaster Service Award.....*Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell*

Senior Honored Veterans.....*Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell*

Corey Gibson

Tallon Meyer

Devon Smith

Joseph Spradlin

Thomas Troxle

Gerald E. Mallott Outstanding Senior Service Award.....*Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell*

Outstanding Staff Service Award.....*Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell*

Outstanding Faculty Service Award.....*Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell*

Adjunct Faculty of the Year Award.....*Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell*

Harold A. McMaster Life is Action Award.....*Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell*

Dr. Richard W. Stroede Distinguished Faculty Citation.....*Dr. Richanne C. Mankey &*

Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell

Benediction.....*Rev. Ann Wasson*

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OTHER ACADEMIC AND MISSION RECOGNITIONS

Honor Societies

Omicron Mu of Phi Alpha (Social Work)

Seniors

Xavia Borden

Logan Gray

Taylor Greilich

Tyrel Goings

Eden Harter

Sloane Livingston

Kairston Moorer

Conner Pool

Kaitlin Paul

Joseph Spradlin

Sara Stark

Libby Trejo

Olivia Wagner

Juniors

Aubrey Bujalski

Kelly Limbaugh

Tau Mu (Social Work)

Xavia Borden

Eden Harter

Kaitlin Paul

Olivia Wagner

Logan Gray

Sloane Livingston

Conner Pool

Tyrel Goings

Kairston Moorer

Sara Stark

Phi Alpha Theta (History)

Alexandra Bevins

Mallory Timbrook

Branden Durkee

William Garlock

Dr. Richard W. Stroede Distinguished Faculty Recipients

1984-85 Dr. James R. Frey	2004-05 Mr. Steven J. Smith
1985-86 Dr. Bernard C. Mikula	2005-06 Mr. Frank O. Sanders
1986-87 Dr. Darnell H. Clevenger	2006-07 Dr. Jo Ann Burkhardt
1987-88 Dr. Margaret M. Noble	2007-08 Dr. Steven Sondergaard
1988-89 Mr. Richard M. Small	2008-09 Dr. Timothy Rickabaugh
1989-90 Dr. Davina M. Brown	2009-10 Dr. Susan Wajert
1990-91 Dr. Richard W. Stroede	2010-11 Dr. Mary Catherine Harper
1991-92 Mrs. Carolyn M. Small	2011-12 Dr. Gregg Gunsch
1992-93 Dr. Robert A. Kohl	2012-13 Mrs. Alesia Yakos-Brown
1993-94 Mr. Jeffrey S. Weaner	2013-14 Dr. Nathan Griggs
1994-95 Mr. Randall L. Buchman	2014-15 Mrs. Amy Drees
1995-96 Dr. Bonnie J. Sloan	2015-16 Dr. Fred Coulter
1996-97 Dr. Joe Coley	2016-17 Dr. Doug Kane
1997-98 Dr. Donald S. Knueve	2017-18 Dr. Marian Plant
1998-99 Dr. Kenneth Christiansen	2020-21 Prof. David Stuckey
1999-00 Mr. David L. Reed	2021-22 Dr. Donald Buerk
2000-01 Ms. Duane Hocking	2022-23 Dr. Clarissa Barnes
2001-02 Dr. Michael Soper	
2002-03 Ms. Jo A. McCormick	