



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

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

Magna Cum Laude

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| 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

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| Kayla Boettger | Courtney Daeger | Logan Gray |
| Evan Gregory | 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*

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| 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*

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| 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*

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

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

(Underclassmen)

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| 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*

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| 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*

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

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

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| 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*

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

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

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| 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

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| 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 | |