College of Arts and Letters Awards Day 2016
Message from the Dean

None of our college responsibilities is more important than the education of our students, and no award or ceremony is more gratifying than this one, in which we recognize and applaud Arts and Letters’ students’ outstanding academic achievements.

These awards—for outstanding research projects, notable service, and overall excellence—acknowledge the best work by our best students. They underscore the impressive dedication of undergraduate and graduate students to their discipline, their department, and their individual work. These are merely a few of the accomplished A&L students who have thrived under the classroom teaching, research supervision, and mentoring of the similarly impressive faculty of the college.

We proudly usher these students into their advanced education, their assuredly successful careers, and their lives as lifelong learners and engaged citizens. Congratulations to them, their families, and the faculty members who have supported them.
Schedule of Events

Welcome from the Dean
Dr. Maureen Ryan

Recognition of Student Awardees
Dr. Maureen Ryan

Recognition of Faculty and Staff Awardees
Dr. Maureen Ryan

Conclusion
DEPARTMENT OF
Anthropology and Sociology

Shann MM Winn Outstanding Anthropology Student of the Year
Rebecca Aucoin

Irmgard H. Wolfe Award for Best Graduate Paper in Anthropology
Shalonda Collins

Lambda Alpha Award for Best Undergraduate Paper in Anthropology
Joshua Caves

Anthropology and Sociology Outstanding Service Award
Sara Jordan Banks

Sociology Student of the Year
Amber Bynum

Alpha Kappa Delta Award for Best Undergraduate Paper in Sociology
Emily Kate Ratliff

Sociological Imagination Paper Award
Latoya Brown

DEPARTMENT OF
Art and Design
Outstanding Student Award in Graphic Design
Cody Bass
Kacey Holifield

Outstanding Student Award in Drawing and Painting
Magen Pierce
Alex Townsend

Outstanding Student Award in Sculpture
Tirza Legg

Outstanding Student Award in Art BA
Michael Lynch

DEPARTMENT OF
Communication Studies

Communication Studies Department Service Award
Austin Allen

Don George Award for Academic Excellence
Andrew Wade Johnson
Marissa C. McGillis

Siltanen-Hosman Scholarship Endowment
Ashley McDonald

Elliott and Bonnie Pood Communication Studies Scholarship Endowment
Jonathan Bridenbaker
Madison Clark
Lakelyn Taylor
DEPARTMENT OF
Dance

Outstanding Freshman in Dance
Jennifer Alafat

Outstanding Sophomore in Dance
Cassidy Simmons

Outstanding Junior in Dance
Destiny Ponville

Outstanding Senior in Dance
Alexandra Robinson

DEPARTMENT OF
English

Mary Maude T. Jordan Scholarship
William Clark

Wilbur & Polly Stout English Scholarship
Hannah Baker
Heather Miller
Lindsay Patrono
Emma Reeves
Ashley Yount

Linwood E. Orange Scholarship
James Baker
Charles Hunter Joplin

Howard Wilson & Helen Bahr Scholarship
Mary Ryan Karnes
Corley Longmire

Howard W. Bahr Achievement Scholarship
Stacie Covington
Paige Gray

Garth Avant Memorial Endowment
Monic Ductan
Joe Holt

Florence Burrow Pope Endowed Scholarship
Katherine Abel
Katelyn Ladner

Shannon O’Hara & Henry Mackaman English Scholarship
Madison Etheridge
Mary Ryan Karnes
AmyJoy Sedberry
Mary Spooner

Janet Sims English Scholarship
Jana Ishee
AmyJoy Sedberry

Joan Johnson Writing Award
Michael Goodwin
Joseph Todd Gray
Ben Mitchell
Anastasia Stelse

Ben Mounger Rawls Award
Jennifer Brewington
Hannah Dow

DEPARTMENT OF
Foreign Languages and Literatures

Outstanding Student in German
Zach B. Howell

Outstanding Student in Classics
Jon Michael Platt

Outstanding Student in French
Marlena Barron

Outstanding Student in Spanish
Joshua Polk

DEPARTMENT OF
History

Graduate Student Teaching Award
Tyler A. Rotter
John E. Wallace Award
Jamie Henton
Outstanding Senior in International Studies
Anna Kate Baygents

Outstanding Student Teacher Award
Mallory Lynn Stone

Phi Alpha Theta Award
Jonathan Harton

Treadwell Davis Award
Kelsey Marie Sims

Claude E. Fike Scholarship
Amy Delores Myers

Jay Washam Memorial Scholarship
Samantha Alisha Taylor

John E. Gonzales Senior Award
John Daniel Rimann

John E. Gonzales Undergraduate Scholarship
Jordan Elizabeth Graves

Lamar Powell History Graduate Scholarship
Tracy L. Barnett
Jonathan Mortimer

John E. Gonzales Study Abroad Scholarship
Nicholas John Schaefer
Kelsey Marie Sims
Dr. Kenneth G. McCarty History Scholarship
Amy Delores Myers

DEPARTMENT OF
Interdisciplinary Studies

Outstanding Underclassman
Lindsey Hargrave

Outstanding Senior
Nicole Boisdore

Outstanding Leadership
Haley Martin

SCHOOL OF
Mass Communication and Journalism

Donald M. Dana, Sr. Advertising Award
Ty Bordenkircher

GodwinGroup Public Relations Award
Karrie Mooney

GodwinGroup Advertising Award
Amanda Petit
Parnell McKay, Sr. Photojournalism Award
Courtland Wells

Top News Editorial Student
Madaleine Meeks

Academic Achievement Award
Brittany Amber Stewart

Top Broadcast Journalism Student
Perry Robinson
Katelyn Olivia Roh

Top Film Student
Jennifer Windom

Top Media Production Student
J’Marcus Alfred
Corey Robinette

Top Student in Recording Industry Management
Gabriella Prigmore

Top Student in Recording Industry Production
William Foley

Graduate Student Teacher of the Year
Willie Tubbs

Top Master’s Student
Andrea Shearon

Top Ph.D. Student
Ecaterina Stepaniuc
WUSM-FM 88.5 Top Student Award
Trey Howard

SCHOOL OF
Music

The Presser Foundation Undergraduate Scholar Award
John Eze Uzodinma, II

DEPARTMENT OF
Philosophy and Religion

Outstanding Philosophy Undergraduate
Dylan Kittrell

Outstanding Religion Undergraduate
Karen Schaffer

Forrest Wood Scholarship
David Holladay
Maya Rex

Clayton Sullivan Scholarship
Kimberly Boisseau
DEPARTMENT OF
Political Science, International Development and International Affairs

The William H. Hatcher Award in Political Theory
Lauren Taylor Provencher

The James H. Wolfe Comparative Politics Award
John D. Rimann

The Joseph B. Parker American Politics Award
Nathan Barron

Award for the Outstanding Student in Public Law
Julia Sieben

Award for the Outstanding Student in Political Science Methods
Quentin Welborn

The Atley Graham Memorial Scholarship for Economics
Brandon Nettles

The Mark Klinedinst Distinguished Graduate Award for Economics
Aambre Martocchio

The Ronald G. Marquardt Memorial Award in Paralegal Studies for Service
Dominique Smiley
The Ronald G. Marquardt Memorial Award in Paralegal Studies for Academics – Hattiesburg
Taylor Morgan

The Ronald G. Marquardt Memorial Award in Paralegal Studies for Academics - Gulf Coast
Shelley Zabatani

Political Science Graduate Student of the Year
Vivian Ike

Political Science
Undergraduate of the Year - Gulf Coast
Kaouthar Mejdoubi

DEPARTMENT OF
Theatre

Outstanding Freshman in Theatre
Sloan Garner

Outstanding Sophomore in Theatre
Lorena Cohea

Outstanding Junior in Theatre
Taryn McGee

Outstanding Senior in Theatre
Kensey Coleman

Outstanding Graduate in Theatre
Rebeca Lake
Junior Faculty Member of the Year
Joyce Inman
Department of English

Teacher of the Year
Susannah Ural
Department of History

Researcher of the Year
Jonathan Barron
Department of English

Instructor of the Year
Mary Beth Farrell
Department of History

Service Award
Andrew Haley
Department of History

Staff Person of the Year
Twillia Morgan
Dean’s Office