Friday, April 19, 2024

9 a.m. :: Concurrent Sessions :: Crispin and McGaw

11:15 a.m. :: Music Honors Recital :: Rammelkamp Chapel

1 p.m. :: Art Exhibition :: Woodcock Gallery - McGaw

1 p.m. :: Concurrent Session :: Sibert Theatre

2 p.m. :: Poster Session :: King Field House, Bruner Fitness and Recreation Center

3 p.m. :: Honors Convocation :: Sherman Gym

4:15 p.m. :: Division Awards :: Bruner Fitness and Recreation Center

Division I :: Sherman Gym
Division II :: Multipurpose Room
Division III :: King Field House

4:45 p.m. :: Reception :: Bruner Concourse

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Piano Sonata “Tempest” Op. 31, No 2 ............................................................. Ludwig van Beethoven  
I. Largo-Allegro  
Kailee Eldridge, piano

Ave Maria .......................................................... Franz Schubert  

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
Now and at the hour of our death.

Wendy Doolittle, mezzo-soprano  
Dr. Nichol DelGiorno, piano

Sonate Op. 168 ........................................................ Camille Saint-Saëns  
2. Allegro scherzando  
Devin Boggs, bassoon  
Dr. Nichol DelGiorno, piano

Spring Has Come ........................................................ Fumihiro Ono  
Jewelianna Fuqua, marimba; Kailee Eldridge, piano

“Tell My Father” from The Civil War ................................................. Murphy/Wildhorn, arr. A. Ramsay  
Blue Tie Affair:  
Luis Avila Alvarez, Blake Buckles, Christopher Jones (soloist), Luke Laurenzana,  
Haydn Leonard, Ekko Nguyen, Jacob Petrovich, Benjamin Rhea  
Dr. Nichol DelGiorno, piano

Dean Town ................................................................. Vulfpeck  
Will Jurgens, electric guitar; Jewelianna Fuqua, bass guitar;  
Miles Atkins, keyboard; Prof. Tyler Carpenter, drumset
CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE 2024
Senior Showcase: With A Touch of Style

Presenting “A Touch of Style,” where the Department of Communication Arts proudly exhibits the culmination of efforts from two graduating seniors in Art and Design in Visual Studies. These students have dedicated countless hours to shaping their unique artistic sensibilities and convictions.

“A Touch of Style” showcases the versatility in subject matter, medium, and style, seamlessly blending the digital realm with the physical, handmade aspect of art creation. Drawing from personal experiences, each student delves into their chosen medium, merging years of education to explore a central theme for their thesis work. This collection not only reflects a commitment to the relationship between thought and creation but also highlights the fusion of digital innovation with traditional craftsmanship.

Throughout the exhibition, students will share their journey of exploration, research, and experimentation with digital tools and traditional materials. They invite viewers to witness the convergence of technology and handmade artistry, emphasizing the significance of trusting the creative process. Each stroke and pixel contributes to the evolution of their artistic vision, marking a unique path forward in the world of contemporary art.

ARTISTS:
Noah Postin
Tony Loaiza

CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE 2024
Art Exhibition

1 to 1:55 p.m. :: McGaw Lobby, McGaw

Additional student work is showcased in the McGaw Art Lobby. These works highlight moments of visual and creative excellence.

ARTISTS:
Ella Middleton
Leslie Earles
Edris Roman
Ekko Nguyen
Rylee Dood

Shannon Engman
Isabella Aguirre
Aaron McBridge
Chisato Saiki
Sarah Alexander

Lucas Schultz
Valentine Orizi
Tatum Wimbrow
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Concerto Grosso in C, George Frideric Handel

Processional (please stand) ............................................................ Overture, George Frideric Handel

Welcome ............................................................ Catharine E. O’Connell, Ph.D.

Provost and Dean of the College

Reflections on Excellence ............................................................ Provost O’Connell

Don P. Filson Faculty Award for Vision for the Future ........................................ Provost O’Connell

2024-2025 Class Marshals Announcement ........................................ Provost O’Connell

Rammelkamp Honor Scholars ........................................................ Provost O’Connell

Phi Beta Kappa, Academic National Honor Fraternity Announcement ............... Bernd Estabrook, Ph.D.

Professor of Global Studies-German

The Enkyklios Professor Award ........................................................ Laura Corey, Ph.D.

Dean of Faculty

Julian M. Sturtevant Campus Leadership and Service Award ......................... Jessica Edonick, Ph.D.

Dean of Students

Lincoln Laureates Announcement ....................................................... Barbara A. Farley, Ph.D.

President of the College
Harry Joy Dunbaugh Distinguished Professor Award .................................................. President Farley

Closing ...................................................................................................................... President Farley

Alma Mater (please stand) .................................................................................... Ruth Badger Pixley
Music by A. Boyd Pixley

Illinois dear Alma Mater
Ivy’d Beecher, Sturtevant
   Here we sign thy
   Loving praises,
   Here, renew our covenant.

Hail forever, Alma Mater
   May thy children
   Bring thee fame.
   Hail forever, Illinois
   In our hearts shall live thy name.

Recessional (please stand) .......................................................... La Rejouissance and Minuet Finale,
   George Frideric Handel
ART AND DESIGN IN VISUAL STUDIES HONORS

Elizabeth Caine Art Award
Awarded to an outstanding senior art major

Noah Postin

Carlson-Damsgaard Family Award in Art
Awarded to two students in the visual arts program with excellent original work

Leslie Earles and Patricia Rivera

Mary Capps and Samuel N. Osborne Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to a student entering the junior year with the intention of majoring in art

Leslie Earles

Wilburn Art Award
Awarded to the most promising beginning student in studio art or art history

Tony Loaiza
### COMMUNICATION AND RHETORICAL STUDIES HONORS

**William Jennings Bryan Professional Promise Award**
Awarded to the seniors who have demonstrated extraordinary potential for integrating professional excellence, active citizenship and servant leadership

- Macie Beer, Grant James, Dariana Libreros,
- Carlos Limon and Anna McKee

**Communication & Rhetorical Studies Academic Excellence Award**
Awarded each year to a student who has demonstrated overall excellence in terms of classroom performance in the Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies in their previous year(s) at Illinois College.

- Sarra Faust

**National Communication Association Outstanding Senior Award**
Awarded to an outstanding senior in the communication studies department

- Thomas Menke

**George Gridley Wood Award in Speech**
Award is given each year for excellence in speech and debate.

- 1st place: Roxann Richardson
- 2nd place: Emily Brimer

**Adrienne E. Hacker Daniels Award**

- Jack Pickerill

**Lambda Pi Eta (Communication Studies)**
- Macie Beer, Paige Bruce, Matthew Hill, Grant James, Dariana Libreros, Thomas Menke, Aniya Pallera, Kayla Piper and Emma Trumann

### ENGLISH HONORS

**Achievement Award in Creative Writing**

- **Fiction:** Danielle Simpson
- **Poetry:** Zach Steinkamp

**Helen Conlee Curtis Prize in English**
Awarded to the outstanding senior English majors

- Edris Roman

**Elma Shipe Savage Dixson Scholarship**
Awarded to a student majoring in English education

- Katelyn Phillips

**Wilma Leslie Garnett Endowed Scholarship**
Awarded to the student entering the junior year who has proven scholarship in English literature

- Olivia Joy

**Roscoe G. Linder Scholarship in English**
Awarded to an English major exhibiting academic excellence, growth, dependability, leadership and service to the community

- Abby Cantrell

**Mary Wade Seybold Prize in English**
Awarded to a student who has the best research paper in an advanced course in English

- Edris Roman

**Thomas Smith Prize in English**
Awarded for excellence in one or more courses in advanced composition

- Olivia Joy

**Margaret Foley Johnson Endowed Scholarship**
Awarded to the rising senior female English major who excels in literature

- Edris Roman

**Sigma Tau Delta (English)**
- Madeline Benson, Sierra Brewer, Jaycie Edwards, Olivia Joy, Claire Peters, Kate Phillips, Rachael Rosenstengel, Zach Steinkamp and Serenity Vasquez
### MUSIC HONORS

**Ruth Melville Bellatti Music Honor Scholarship**  
Awarded to major or minor for excellence in music performance and scholarship  
*Jewelianna Fuqua*

**Roscoe G. Linder Band Scholarship**  
Awarded to leading instrumental musicians in the Illinois College Wind Ensemble  
*Anja Muller, Alexis Gil-Ayala and Gabe Minton*

**Robert and Loreene Ray Music Scholarship**  
Awarded for outstanding vocal or instrumental performance  
*Kailee Eldridge*

**Jonathan Edward Spilman Choral Award**  
Awarded to leading vocal musicians in the choirs  
*Jacob Petrovich, Christopher Jones and Benjamin Rhea*

**Mary C. Stetson Music Scholarship**  
Awarded for outstanding participation in music  
*Haydn Leonard and Elise Griffin*

**Fred Stanford Drumeline Award**  
Awarded for outstanding performance or leadership in the Drumline  
*Jewelianna Fuqua*

### THEATRE HONORS

**John G. Anderson Award in Theatre**  
Awarded to a student who demonstrates dedicated and consistent excellence in theatre productions  
*Olivia Joy*

**Diana Dawdy Chesley Award in Technical Theatre**  
Awarded for outstanding achievement in technical theatre  
*Allyson Holste*

**Dennis J. Ryan Memorial Drama Award**  
Awarded for an outstanding single achievement in the dramatic arts  
*Sam Morgan*

**Gerald and Dorothy Staley Senior Award in Theatre**  
Awarded to a senior demonstrating growth and accomplishment both onstage and backstage  
*Victor Yang*

**Illinois College Theatre Patrons Scholarship**  
Awarded to theatre majors whose performance work onstage and in the classroom demonstrates both accomplishment and devotion to the performing arts  
*Mickey Sanders*
Edith Rammelkamp Elliott Memorial Award
in Modern Languages
Awarded to outstanding sophomore students who have declared a major in a modern language and demonstrated knowledge and interest in the activities, accomplishments and problems of other human beings home and abroad, and have the ability to function well in various social and academic settings

Cassandra (Bunny) Little and Bianca Popet

Ruth L. Fosnaugh Award
Awarded for outstanding achievement in elementary Spanish

Emily Guest

Frances Frisch Memorial Award
Awarded to a student desiring to travel abroad

Isaac Phillips

Martha L. Behr-Miller and William R. Miller Award for Foreign Study
Awarded to a junior or senior student desiring to study abroad

Noah Horsman

Gordon Seator Foreign Travel Award
Awarded to a student desiring to travel abroad

Tega Ekasa

Miguel and Carmen Arce Student Award
Awarded to a student studying Spanish abroad who demonstrates high achievement.

Tega Ekasa

Carlea Melissa Steinmacher Wiedner Travel Award
Awarded to a rising junior or senior student studying Spanish abroad

Tega Ekasa
Elaine Chapman Award for Outstanding Health Sciences Major
Josh Platzbecker

Willis DeRyke Prize in Biology
Awarded to the best students in introductory biology
Jenna Sharp and Juliana Rensing

Friedrich Engelbach, MD Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to students exhibiting an aptitude in the sciences who intend to pursue a degree in a health related field
Kacey Swisher and Ella Argianas

Lucas Memorial Science Award
Awarded to an outstanding senior pre-medical student
Max Balding

Gerald A. Lucas Prize in Biology
Awarded to a senior major with the highest average in biology
Isabella Aguirre and Rebecca Hudson

Sokolis Prize in Ecological Consciousness
Awarded to the seniors who have demonstrated a concern for preserving the natural environment and a desire to enter the field of ecological conservation
Jordan Morgan, Shannon Engmann and Ally Wiseman

Ray and Irene Steinheimer Scholarship
Awarded to a sophomore majoring in a health science - medicine, dentistry, veterinary, nursing, medical technology, occupational therapy or physical therapy
Marvin Romo

Dr. Fred E. Deatherage Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to a student entering the junior year majoring in biology or chemistry
Paola Gonzalez and Sam Hannig

Dr. Robert R. and Beatrice H. Hartman Scholarship
Awarded to a worthy senior student majoring in pre-medicine
Bella Aguirre

Beta Beta Beta (Biology)
Anthony Aguilar, Max Balding, Abigail Beddingfield, Kate Burr, Ashly Cedeno Mawyin, Riley Chitwood, Stephanie Flores, Alexis Gil-Ayala, Hugo Gil-Diaz, Kendra LaMarsh, Emily Maag, Michelle Maag, Isabelle Norris, Chukwuka Nwaokolo, Zach Renken, Logan Schweigert and Ashlyn Wightman
CHEMISTRY HONORS

ACS Collegiate Scholastic Award
Awarded to recognize outstanding undergraduate chemistry students and promote interest in chemistry as a profession

Zachary Dimond

ACS POLYED Organic Chemistry Achievement Award
Awarded for outstanding performance by an undergraduate chemistry major in the two semester organic sequence

Ali Daoud

American Institute of Chemists Outstanding Senior Award (Biochemistry)
Awarded to an outstanding senior(s) majoring in biochemistry in recognition of a demonstrated record of ability, leadership and professional promise

Devin Boggs

American Institute of Chemists Outstanding Senior Award (Chemistry)
Awarded to an outstanding senior majoring in chemistry in recognition of a demonstrated record of ability, leadership and professional promise

Thomas McCluskie

CRC Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award
Awarded to a first-year student demonstrating significant achievement in the general chemistry course

Melisa Stillo

Arthur C. Hart Prize in Chemistry
Awarded to an outstanding student entering the junior year majoring in chemistry who shows promise of academic achievement in the field

Jacob Petrovich

Leo F. and Lorraine O. Heneghan Chemistry Prize
Awarded to a chemistry major completing his/her senior year, who has been accepted by a graduate school and plans to pursue the Ph.D. degree in chemistry or the molecular sciences

Emma Green

ACS Undergraduate Award in Inorganic Chemistry
Awarded to recognize achievement by undergraduate students in inorganic chemistry and to encourage further study in the field

Sam Hannig

Dr. Fred E. Deatherage Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to students entering their junior year majoring in biology or chemistry

Paola Gonzalez and Sam Hannig

Jeanne Rantz Rammelkamp Scholarship
Awarded to a female student(s) entering the junior year majoring in one of the sciences (chemistry, physics or astronomy) or mathematics

Ashly Cedeno and Katie Mae Milhiser

COMPUTER SCIENCE HONORS

Levi, Ray & Shoup Scholarship
Awarded to a rising sophomore, junior, or senior declared computer science major who has demonstrated academic excellence

Kevin Lopez

Outstanding Graduate in Computer Science
Awarded to the graduating seniors who have demonstrated outstanding performance in the computer sciences

Kati Casey

Ts'ing-Hi Tong Computer Science Award
Awarded to a junior computer science major

Aniya Pallera

MATHEMATICS HONORS

Charlotte E. Hart Prize in Mathematics
Awarded to an outstanding sophomore mathematics major who shows promise of academic achievement in the field

Glenn Conway

Earle B. Miller Scholarship in Mathematics
Awarded to a junior for outstanding achievement in mathematics courses who gives promise of future usefulness

Arnaud Rioual

Thomas Smith Prize in Mathematics
Awarded to a first-year and a sophomore showing the greatest promise in mathematics

1st year: Robby Biesenthal and Lucia Sanchez Blanco

Sophomore: Cameron Knapik
NURSING HONORS

Nursing Professionalism Award
Awarded to a student with exceptional professional and personal characteristics

Maggie Merwin

Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing Award
Awarded to a student with excellence in their rotation in psychiatric nursing

Lacey Folger

Nursing Academic Award
Awarded to a student with an exceptional accumulative GPA

Maggie Merwin

Community Service Award
Awarded to a student with exceptional community service during clinical rotations and volunteer clinics

Abigail Divjak

Nightingale Award
Awarded to a student who possesses a strong knowledge base, works well with other students and staff, demonstrates strong leadership capability, demonstrates responsibility and accountability for providing quality patient care, employs the nursing process in daily care, demonstrates a definite commitment to the nursing profession, promotes self-care in all areas of nursing, and is an advocate for patients.

Aly Perdue

PHYSICS HONORS

H. L. Caldwell Prize in Physics
Awarded to a student completing either a four year physics major at IC, or simultaneous dual degrees in liberal arts from Illinois College and in engineering from an accredited engineering school, and who shows the greatest promise in future success in physics or engineering

Carson Beyers

George W. Horton Sr. Prize in Physics
Awarded to students completing first-year sequence of physics courses who shows greatest promise for future achievement in physics

Caitlyn Borst and Caden Tinsley

PSYCHOLOGY HONORS

Richard McGeath Honor Award
Awarded to a graduating senior who demonstrates exceptional interest in the clinical counseling area of psychology

Shannon Cadagin

Louis F. Meek Prize in Psychology
Awarded to the student with the highest grade in introductory psychology

Sophia Kriegesmann and Emily Brimer

Eleanor O. Miller Award in Psychology
Awarded to the psychology department’s most outstanding senior

Payton Radcliffe

Psi Chi (Psychology)

BUSINESS HONORS

Merrill Barlow Scholarship
Awarded to the student who has completed at least two years at Illinois College and are majoring in business or finance

Anna McKee

Carlos Campbell Scholarship
Awarded to a senior economics student with an outstanding grade point average

Dane Huber

James R. and Edward T. Duewer Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to a junior or senior accounting major demonstrating academic excellence

Brock Kennell

Eric R. and Harry F. Hofmann Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to a student entering the junior year who has declared an accounting concentration

Alyvia Burr

Roscoe G. Linder Scholarship in Business
Awarded to an economics and business major displaying academic excellence, growth, dependability, leadership and service

Alex Johnson

John H. McNaughton Prize in Accounting
Awarded to superior accounting majors

1st: Ainsley Mahoney
2nd: Camille Lyons
3rd: Alyvia Burr

Martin and Jeanne Newman Scholarship
Awarded to a female junior or senior majoring in economics and business administration demonstrating scholastic excellence and departmental involvement

Lauryn Dambacher

Lt. Charles William Sanders Scholarship
Awarded to a junior majoring in economics and/or business administration

Paige Walker

Outstanding Graduating Seniors in Accounting
Awarded to a senior who has displayed overall academic excellence, leadership and service to the accounting department

On campus: Alex Harden and Lauryn Dambacher
Online: Kenneth Sharpless

Outstanding Graduating Senior in Finance
Awarded to a senior who has displayed overall academic excellence, leadership and service to the finance department

Laten Wayer

Outstanding Graduating Senior in Marketing
Awarded to a senior who has displayed overall academic excellence, leadership and service to the marketing department

Mira Shabolli

Outstanding Graduating Senior in Human Resources
Awarded to a senior who has displayed overall academic excellence, leadership and service to the human resources department

On campus: Dylan Kavish and Carlos Limon
Online: Dusstiee Avendano

Outstanding Graduating Senior in Economics
Awarded to a senior who has displayed overall academic excellence, leadership and service to the economics department

Dane Huber

Outstanding Graduating Senior in Agribusiness
Awarded to a senior who has displayed overall academic excellence, leadership and service to the agribusiness department

On campus: Allison Mortland
Online: Lowell Sparrow

Outstanding Graduating Senior in Sports Management
Awarded to a senior who has displayed overall academic excellence, leadership and service to the sports management department

Jack Rohn

Outstanding Graduating Senior in Management
Awarded to a senior who has displayed overall academic excellence, leadership and service to the management department

On campus: Sarra Faust and Taylor Bentley
Online: Mandy Macomb
Outstanding Graduating Senior in Business Administration
Awarded to a senior who has displayed overall academic excellence, leadership and service to the business administration department

On campus: Victoria Joseph and Carly Karhliker
Online: Bekka Fesser

Howard and Pearle Selcke and Bill and Sandy Selcke Gussner Endowed Scholarship in Economics
Awarded to a junior economics major with an understanding of the nature, operation and problems of the global economy and modern business

Arnaud Rioual

Davee Foundation Scholarship Fund
Awarded to a rising senior who is majoring or minoring in accounting or entrepreneurship

Alexander Harden

Omicron Delta Epsilon (Economics)
Chase Blanquart, Abby Buchanan-Kenzinger, Dane Huber, Odosa Imasuen, Haydn Leonard, Allison Mortland, Tobin Nell, Hunter Newbold, and Valentine Orizi

Delta Mu Delta (Business)
Matea Aleksandrovksa, Dusstiee Avendaño, Taylor Bentley, Bekka Fesser, Victoria Joseph, Thomas Menke, Allison Mortland and Paige Walker

EDUCATION HONORS

Norman J. and Virginia Marsh Gore Scholarship
Awarded to the education major demonstrating outstanding scholarship, with preference given to a student from Decatur

Katherine Milbiser

Roscoe G. Linder Education Scholarship
Awarded to a junior education major preparing to become a teacher who exhibits academic excellence, growth, dependability, leadership and service to the community

Kate Burr

Dr. Thomas L. Smith Teacher Education Memorial Award
Awarded to the education major entering the senior year demonstrating outstanding scholarship, campus and local community involvement

Kate Burr

Bright Beginnings Child Care Center Award
Awarded to a junior education major with an early childhood or elementary education concentration

Lania Brown

Bernice Strubinger Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to an education major entering the junior year planning to teach in public schools, with preference to elementary teaching

Josie Pals

Kappa Delta Pi (Education)
Lauren Brown, Kinley Bruens, Kate Burr, Jordan Engwall, Payton Lanning and Lynzie Luster
William Jennings Bryan Award in Political Science
Awarded for the best written work in political science
  Graham Foster for paper titled:
  “A Political Risk Analysis of Kenya”

Distinguished Senior Award
Awarded to outstanding graduating seniors in the department
  Elise Eyler, Elise Griffin, Brock Neel, Shaun Oderio,
  Monika Poudel, Isaac Schreacke and Brayden Weaver

Raymond L. Gillmore, II Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to an outstanding sophomore majoring in history
  Theodore Biela

Helen Walton Hackett Scholarship
Awarded to a full-time history and/or international studies student in
their 3rd or 4th year
  Arnaud Rioual

Fred C. Kirkman Award
Awarded for the best written work in history
  Emily Pursley for paper titled:
  “Telling a Story of Freedom: The Preservation
  and Interpretation of New Philadelphia as a Site of
  Public History”

James A. Meeks Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to an outstanding rising junior in the department
  Cole McDannald and Arnaud Rioual

Judge Richard Mills Scholarship
Awarded to an outstanding junior with intentions to attend law school
  Elisabet Eyler

Mary Ruth Mundinger Scholar
Awarded as the department’s highest honor to the most
outstanding graduating senior(s)
  Isaac Schreacke and Brayden Weaver

Howard E. Schuchmann Award in Public Affairs
Awarded to a senior on the basis of scholarship, character
and participation in public affairs
  Elise Eyler

Joe Patterson Smith Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to outstanding rising seniors in the department
  Elizabeth Chamberlain, Elisabet Eyler, Halle Maul,
  Monika Poudel, Emily Pursley, Isaac Schreacke
  and Brayden Weaver

Paul C. Verticchio Scholarship
Awarded to a rising senior who plans to attend law school
  Jordan Morgan

David S. Watson History Award
Awarded to an outstanding sophomore majoring in history
and/or political science
  Emily Guest and Theodore Biela

Mabel Kampert Koss Memorial Award
Awarded to a sophomore or junior majoring in the humanities
  Bianca Popet

Sokolis Prize in Comparative Religions
A student who has demonstrated a strong interest in study of
comparative religions
  Dominique Koch

Outstanding First Year Students in History and
Political Science
  Payton Johnson, Ryan Kuchar and Roxann Richardson

William Ireland Prize in Philosophy
Best paper on assigned topic in philosophy
  Ainsley Mahoney for paper titled:
  “Business in a Good Human Life”

Honors for Outstanding Performance on the Senior
Capstone Essay in History
Awarded to seniors who wrote outstanding senior essays
  Kellen Peterson, Emily Pursley and Brayden Weaver
ASA Student Department Prize
Awarded to a student in sociology who has done particularly well on a paper, thesis, field study or performed special service to the department

*Isabella Aguirre and Payton Lanning*

Excellence in Sociology Award
Awarded to the graduating sociology major for outstanding academic achievement in sociology courses

*Marissa Mueller*

Excellence in Criminal Justice
Awarded to a graduating criminal justice major for outstanding academic achievement in criminal justice courses.

*Elise Eyler*

Deputy Taylor H. Briggs Memorial Award
Awarded to a criminal justice major who demonstrates academic achievement, leadership and a commitment to physical fitness

*Blake Bratt*

Criminal Justice Achievement Award
Awarded to a criminal justice major for academic achievement in the face of adversity or practical achievement that serves the ends of justice

*Devontay Davis*

Alpha Kappa Delta *(Sociology)*

*Isabella Aguirre, Payton Lanning, Payton Mueller, and Marissa Mueller*

Alpha Phi Sigma *(Criminal Justice)*

*Jade Champley, Oscar Espinoza, Sophia McWard, and Maya Stovall*
Interdisciplinary Studies

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES HONORS

Outstanding Majors in Environmental Studies
Awarded to majors who have earned at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA as well as a 3.0 GPA within the major

Miranda Araujo, Peter Hauser, Jordan Morgan, Zachary Renken and Ashlyn Wightman

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES HONORS

Robert M. Bellatti International Studies Award
Awarded to encourage and assist students with opportunities to study in a foreign country.

Odosa Imasuen

Alice H. Engelbach Peace Studies Award
Awarded to a student whose activities encourage, demonstrate or deepen our understanding of conflict resolution and reconciliation

Kairy Mercado-Ramos

Frayn and Clifton Utley Foreign Studies Award
Awarded to support students who have projects involving travel and/or study outside of the United States

Claire Peters and Tega Ekasa

Trish Reynolds International Studies Honor Award
Awarded as the department’s highest honor to a senior majoring in international studies who has combined academic excellence and demonstrated promise in the field

Arnaud Rional

GENDER AND WOMEN’S STUDIES HONORS

Martha E. Church Award for Excellence in Gender and Women’s Studies
Outstanding scholarship and activism

Ava Maria Mendoza

Iota Iota Iota (Gender and Women’s Studies)

Ava Maria Mendoza
**Student Marshals**

*Anna McKee and Thomas Menke*

**Barbara Heintz Albach Memorial Award**
Awarded to a female junior possessing good character and personality, leadership in campus and community activities, and contributes to college ideals

*Paige Walker*

**Vithal Ayyagari Science Award**
Awarded to the outstanding senior in the science division displaying the greatest promise in the field of scientific research

*Emma Green*

**Dean H. Baldwin Scholar Athlete Award**
Senior male and female athlete who is determined to have excelled in scholarships (based on GPA) and in athletics

*Josh Platzbecker and Sydney Kuper*

**Charles and Dorothy Frank Travel Award**
Awarded to students submitting the most imaginative and creative proposal for travel planned to enhance their academic studies or for personal enrichment

*Ashby Cedeno*

**Helen Grandcolas Foreign Travel Award**
Awarded to a student to study outside the United States with priority given to studying in France or Japan

*Claire Peters*

**Fred Hoskins Christian Influence Award**
Senior with effective Christian influence on campus

*Madison Webb*

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Peacemaker Award**
Awarded to the student making significant efforts at peacemaking

*Shya Prescott*

**Lincoln Academy Student Laureate**
Presented annually to an outstanding senior from each of Illinois’ four-year degree-giving institutions to honor a student’s overall academic excellence and extracurricular activities

*Marvin Romo*

**Midwest Conference Elite 20**
The Elite 20 Award is presented to the participating student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade point average in the Midwest Conference competing in his or her respective sport’s championship event

*Isabella Aguirre, Carson Beyers and Blake Bratt*

**Richard L. Pratt Memorial Award**
Awarded to a student studying pre-law

*Elise Eyler*

**William ’66 and Vicki Hood Global Citizens Scholarship**
Awarded to benefit students who travel internationally by participating in study abroad programs or BreakAway trips

*Devontay Davis, Morgan Doyle, Alexandria Johnson, Estefania Sosa Juarez, Cassandra Little, Ella Middleton, Payton Mueller, Serenity Vasquez and Phoebe Williams*

**Rammelkamp Honor Scholars**
Awarded to the students with the highest cumulative grade point average in each of the first-year, sophomore and junior classes for the 2021-2022 academic year

*First Year: Alexis Blackley, Brooke Oakley and Jacob Petrovich*

*Sophomore: Stephanie Flores*

*Junior: Carson Beyers*

**Julian M. Sturtevant Campus Leadership and Service Award**
Awarded to outstanding graduating seniors who are visible leaders on campus and in the organization(s) they serve

*Anthony Aguilar, Isabella Aguirre, Luis Avila-Alvarez, Kristen Costa, Shannon Engmann, CJ Liddell, Jr., Carlos Limon, Edris Roman, Rachael Rosenstengel, Kenzie Strong and Madison Webb*

**Nancy Watters Widmaier Award**
Awarded to a female student who has reached high academic achievement studying English, gender and women’s studies or pre-med

*Asia Madkins*

**Robert C. Widmaier and Nicholas J. Capo Academic Achievement Award**
Awarded to a first-year, first-generation college student who has demonstrated excellence in the classroom

*Ariana Luna*

**George William Curry Jr. International BreakAway Award**
Awarded to a student who is participating in an international BreakAway Trip

*Christopher Jones*
Steven F. Ross BreakAway Travel Award
Awarded to a student to assist with expenses of a BreakAway trip outside of the United States with preference given to travel in China, Japan, Asia, Iceland or the United Kingdom.

Leslie Earles, Kaydence Haag, Minerva Hernandez, Riley Chitwood and Edris Roman

Walter Bellatti Sr. Honor Scholar Award
Awarded to one female and one male from the senior class for outstanding scholarship, participation in co-curricular activities and demonstrated interest in the welfare and progress of Illinois College.

Carson Beyers and Trenton Terry

Carole Ann Ryan Fine Arts Prize
Awarded to a student who has contributed a major interest and participation in one or more of the fine arts offerings of Illinois College and community arts organizations.

Jewelianna Fuqua

Marilyn Johnson Hassenger Award
Awarded to students who shows outstanding achievement in music, art, theatre, or literature.

Kailee Eldridge

Illinois College Scholars Honors Program
Graduating Seniors:
Isabella Aguirre, Carson Beyers, Abbie Divjak, Kailee Eldridge, Shannon Engmann, Sarra Faust, Brady Fletcher, Steph Flores, Camryn Fryrear, Emma Green, Dane Huber, Rebecca Hudson, Ava Maria Mendoza, Katherine Monier, Devan Morgan, Jordan Morgan, Josh Platzbecker, Rachael Rosenstengeln and Ainslee Stroup

Phi Beta Kappa Academic National Honor Fraternity
Phi Beta Kappa is the nation’s oldest and most prestigious honorary college society. It recognizes the highest scholastic distinction by electing members from among the leading candidates for college degrees in the liberal arts and sciences.

Isabella Aguirre, Carson Beyers, Shannon Engmann, Emma Green, Rebecca Hudson, Arnaud Rioual, Haylee Simmons, Ainslee Stroup and Trenton Terry

Alpha Lambda Delta
Alpha Lambda Delta is a certified national honor society that recognizes academic excellence in the first year of college and promotes leadership and scholarly engagement across campus. Invitation to Alpha Lambda Delta is sent in the spring semester of a student’s first year at Illinois College. Students must possess a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale to be eligible.


Alpha Lambda Delta

National Society of Leadership and Success
National Society of Leadership and Success is a nationally accredited leadership honorary society. Founded in 2001, the NSLS focuses on providing a life-changing leadership program that helps college students achieve personal growth, career success, and empowers them to have a positive impact in their communities. The Illinois College NSLS chapter was founded in 2022. With the exception of the inaugural year, students with a GPA of 2.5 or above receive the invitation to participate in their second year at Illinois College.

Tyler Barker, Theodore Biela, Lania Brown, Alyvia Burr, Kate Burr, Riley Chitwood, Addison Cooper, Madelynn DePover, Caden Dettmer, Megan Doolittle, Wendy Doolittle, Karli Easley, Jordan Engwall, Stephanie Flores, Amy Fowler, Marissa Gonzalez, Emily Guest, Nick Hannig, Alyson Holste, Taylor Jones, Ainsley Mahoney, Ella Middleton, Isabelle Norris, Brooke Oakley, Cameron Patton, Claire Peters, Jake Petrovich, Hannah Pool, Hannah Sitton, Elizabeth Snow, Lucille Snow, Ainslee Stroup, Jose Varela, Paige Walker, Avery Westlake, Tatum Wimbrow, Phoebe Williams
Alice H. Engelbach Peace Studies Award
Awarded to faculty to support activities that encourage, demonstrate or deepen our understanding of conflict resolution and reconciliation
   Cuba Faculty Collaboration

Alice Margaret Engelbach Memorial Endowment for Asian Studies
Awarded to enhance the understanding of Asia at Illinois College
   Gwendolyn Gillson, Assistant Professor of Asian Studies

Arthur E. Hallerberg Award for Development in Mathematics
Awarded to a faculty member to support their professional development or curricular development within the mathematics department
   Cuba Faculty Collaboration

Charles E. Frank Fellowship for Excellence in Teaching
Awarded to faculty for encouraging excellence in teaching undergraduates in the liberal arts, with emphasis on the relationship of the fellow’s field to other fields
   Cuba Faculty Collaboration

Ernest G. Hildner, Jr. Faculty Enrichment Fund
Awarded to faculty to assist in spending time off campus pursuing and developing academic interests
   Cuba Faculty Collaboration
   Jocelyn Lanorio, Associate Professor of Chemistry

Dean Carole Ann Ryan Faculty Award
Awarded to faculty to support professional development activities with an intercultural dimension
   Kara Dorris, Assistant Professor of English

Richard T. Fry Faculty Collaboration Fund
Awarded to faculty to support projects that enhance the College’s academic program through their collaborative efforts
   Jaclyn Tabor, Assistant Professor of Sociology
   Kara Dorris, Assistant Professor of English

   Prasanna Acharya, Assistant Professor of Kinesiology
   Angela Bentley, Director of Nursing
   Alex Wolfe, Assistant Professor of Kinesiology

   Summer Student-Faculty Research Scholarship Program

C. Reed Parker Professional Development Grant
Awarded to faculty to support activities undertaken between commencement and the opening of the academic year
   Lawrence Zettler, Hitchcock Professor of Biology
   Brent Chandler, Associate Professor of Chemistry

Malcolm F. Stewart Faculty Award for Intercultural Education
Awarded to faculty to strengthen and increase the scope and quality of intercultural education through the improvement of existing courses or the establishment of new courses to enhance students’ knowledge and understanding of another people and their culture
   Margaret Marek, Associate Professor of Global Studies-Spanish
   Gwendolyn Gillson, Assistant Professor of Asian Studies
   Cameron Sweatman, Director of Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging
   Brittney Yancy, Assistant Professor of History and African American Studies
   Kierstyn Worthem, Associate Director of Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging

   Cuba Faculty Collaboration
ABSTRACTS

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