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Outstanding Achievement Awards

The faculty of the Department of Business & Economics recognizes graduating seniors for outstanding work in the majors of accounting, business administration and economics. Each student receives an individual commemorative plaque and the names of all recipients are inscribed on a departmental plaque displayed in Smiddy Hall. This year's award winners are:

Outstanding Achievement in Accounting

Christopher John McKnight is a native of St. Paul, Virginia and son to Laurie Marie and Gregory Lynn McKnight, Sr. (now deceased). As a result of his academic success and professionalism since coming to the College in fall 2018, the Department of Business and Economics has selected Christopher as this year's recipient of the Outstanding Achievement in Accounting award. He is an accounting major and computer science minor. In addition to making the Dean's list, he was a member of the college's Darden Honor Society and was selected for the SPEC 2020 program. Prior to coming to the College, Christopher completed 63 credit hours in high school. While performing strongly academically at UVA Wise, he has worked three jobs throughout his undergraduate career. Christopher is grateful for his professors at the college and in his own words says: "I came here and tried my hardest to get a degree and learn as much from my amazing professors as I could. I'm very grateful for the wonderful professors and staff that UVA Wise has." Upon graduation, Christopher plans to either pursue a full-time accounting position or attend graduate school for computer science.

Outstanding Achievement in Business Administration

Andrew Dennis Greene, the son of Scott and Corey Greene and a native of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, is this year's recipient of the Outstanding Achievement in Business Administration award. In addition to making the Dean's List, his academic success has been further demonstrated by the scholarships and honors he has received. During his freshman year, Drew received the Tice Achievement Award Scholarship, made the SAC-Academic Conference Honor Roll, and was a featured student for the

UVA Wise website. During his sophomore year, he received the Napoleon Hill Scholarship, was honored as the student spotlight athlete of the week, and was featured for his student leadership on the college's website. In addition to performing well academically, Drew was also on the UVA Wise men's basketball team and interned at the Multi-Cultural Center. Upon graduation, Drew plans on pursuing his M.B.A. in the fall and continuing his basketball career at Bethel University, IN. Drew says he is proud to become an alumni of UVA Wise.

Outstanding Achievement in Economics

Matthew Robert Van Horn, the son of Dorian and Thomas Van Horn and a native of Dumfries, Virginia, is this year's recipient of the Outstanding Achievement in Economics award. Since enrolling at the College in fall 2017, he has excelled both in and outside the classroom, as evidenced by making the Dean's List, earning the 9th Annual Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity Hawpe-Donathan Alumni Scholarship, serving as treasurer for Pi Kappa Phi and as senior senator for the Student Government Association as well being an active participant in Club Volleyball. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in economics, he plans to attend George Mason University in the fall to pursue a Master of Science degree in Management. In addition, he is currently studying for the LSAT to enable him to pursue a law degree in fall 2022.

David W. Roane Award in Business Ethics

The David Whitfield Roane Award in Business Ethics was created in memory of a businessman whose behavior throughout his life was aligned to a high degree with his commitment to ethical business practices and his personal honor. It is presented annually by the Department of Business & Economics to a senior who has practiced the highest level of integrity and honesty in his or her interactions with the department's faculty with respect to coursework and extra-curricular activities. This student has also displayed the same level of behavior in his or her interactions with fellow students and the staff of the College, and exhibited to the department faculty a deep understanding of what it means to be ethical. This year's recipient is **Danielle Nicole Nottingham**.

Danielle, a native of Duffield, Virginia and the daughter of Robyn and Robert Chapman and wife to Lawrence Nottingham, is this year's recipient of the David W. Roane Award in Business Ethics. Her academic success is demonstrated by her membership in the college's

Darden Honor Society. Upon graduation, she plans to continue working in the HR department at Northampton County Public Schools while pursuing a graduate degree in the hopes of becoming the HR Director at NCPS. Danielle would like to thank her parents, husband, and daughter for their support; she says she could not have done it without them.

Napoleon Hill Achievement Award

Napoleon Hill, a native of Pound, Virginia, devoted his life to developing a philosophy of success that people of all walks of life could emulate. It was his goal to articulate the universal principles that, if applied correctly, would help every person achieve his or her major purpose in life. The Department of Business & Economics recognizes one graduating senior pursuing a major in accounting, business administration or economics who most embodies Mr. Hill's principles. This year's recipient is **Kristen Blake Freeman**.

Kristen, a native of Wise, Virginia and daughter to Julie and Matthew Mullins, is this year's recipient of the Napoleon Hill Achievement award. Her academic success is demonstrated by making the Dean's List every semester since enrolling at the College as well as being inducted into the college's Darden Honor Society. She accomplished all this while being a mom, a wife, and working two jobs, one for the accounting firm of Rodefer and Moss and the other for a local Chinese restaurant. She is also completing two majors, accounting and business administration to earn a Bachelor of Science degree. In addition to her stellar academic record, she is also known for her exceptional generosity, as evidenced by regularly bringing cupcakes and snacks to her classes and extending an invitation to all of the accounting majors and the College's two accounting instructors for pictures on graduation day.

Communication Studies

Amy Clark, *Department Chair*

Senior Seminar Award

Molly Elizabeth Frazier is a dual-major studying communication studies and business

administration. She is from Bristol, Tennessee and is currently working in a social media internship position. Molly intends to graduate in 2022 after completing both degrees. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in media relations and to travel at both local and international levels to help promote organizations that are truly making a difference in their communities and to see where she can make a difference in the world.

Ronald Heise Award for Excellence in Communication Studies

This award was established in honor of Associate Professor Emeritus Ronald Heise, who was responsible for establishing the concentration in communication that is now the Department of Communication Studies. Professor Heise was an innovator, teaching journalism, media studies, rhetorical analysis, business communication, and public speaking. The Ronald Heise award is given to students who demonstrate proficiency in the three areas of communication studies offered at UVA Wise: rhetorical studies, interpersonal communication, or journalism/media studies.

Emilee Grace Helbert is a graduating senior, majoring in communication studies and minoring in Spanish. She is a native of Southwest Virginia, born and raised in Lebanon. She is the current president of the National Society for Leadership and Success, vice president of Circle K International, and vice president of Lambda Pi Eta (the communication honor society). Emilee is a member of the Baptist Collegiate Ministries and the Darden Society and previously served on the Honor Court. She is a recipient of both the Carl W. Smith Bicentennial Scholarship and the Napoleon Hill Scholarship. One of Emilee's proudest accomplishments has been conducting research for her capstone paper and Research Day presentation, titled "Understanding Teacher Perceptions of the Central Appalachian Accent in Relation to Misdiagnosis of Speech Impediments." Emilee will be attending Radford University in the fall to obtain a Master's Degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders with the intent to become a speech pathologist in a school system.

Rian Fitzgerald Moore, of Clintwood, Virginia, is a senior communication student and president of the Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society. Rian works as a video production assistant at UVA Wise while maintaining a 4.0. Upon graduation, he plans to pursue a career in radio/

television/film.

Education

Paul Andrew “Andy” Cox, Department Chair

Jack M. Holland Award in Education

The Jack M. Holland Award is named in honor of the former chair of the Department of Education and Professor of Education at the College. It is given to a rising senior who shows remarkable potential as a future elementary teacher. This year's recipient is **Hannah Nicole Barnett**.

Hannah is a liberal arts and science major who also serves as a member of the Napoleon Hill Scholarship Program and the National Science Teachers Association. Hannah's strong work ethic and devotion to each task have enabled her to succeed in all aspects of her life, including balancing school and work. Hannah is an energetic, caring, and dedicated future teacher, seeking ways to enhance children's knowledge and confidence. Furthermore, Hannah demonstrates empathy and concern for all individuals with whom she interacts, both children and adults. In conclusion, she exhibits all of the characteristics of a very successful and compassionate teacher, and so Hannah Barnett is perfectly deserving of the 2021 Jack M. Holland Award.

Lois P. Lowry Award in Language Arts

The Lois P. Lowry Award, in honor of the longtime devoted service of Professor of Education Lois Lowry, is given to the student who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance, creative ability, and great promise as a future teacher in the field of language arts. This year, we are pleased to recognize **Jessica Danielle Hibbitts** with this award.

Jessica is a very focused student who balances classes as well as work obligations to sustain wonderful grades. Jessica has a love of teaching language arts combined with a compassionate focus on those who struggle with learning. She is particularly interested in finding ways to ensure reading and learning are accessible to all students. Jessica is eloquent in articulating her insights and creativity about how children's literature can be used to teach children to become effective readers, writers, and thinkers. Jessica is an excellent role model for other students in the department, and we expect her to distinguish herself as a Pre-K-6 teacher for a very long time. It is, indeed, an

honor for all of us in the education department to present Jessica Hibbitts with the 2021 Lois P. Lowry Award.

Richard A. Davidson Education Award

The Richard A. Davidson Education Award honors Professor Emeritus Richard Davidson's thirty-six years of service at The University of Virginia's College at Wise and recognizes his leadership, guidance, vision, support, and care at the College and in the education community at large. The award is presented to the graduating senior who best exemplifies the potential to carry on those qualities demonstrated by Professor Davidson. This year's recipient is **Ryan Nathaniel Wright**.

The Richard A. Davidson Award is presented each year to a student who best represents the love of teaching as portrayed by the former professor. The Education Department selects a graduating senior who has excelled in coursework and has surpassed the highest expectations during the teaching internship. The department looks for a person who shares some of the same characteristics and ethics as Professor Davidson. This year's recipient is a very caring and compassionate person.

Ryan's dedication to engaging and teaching each student in the classroom is equal to Professor Davidson's. He completed his secondary Spanish teaching internship at J.W. Adams Combined School and Central High School, and he spent hours creating fun and dynamic Spanish lessons and speaking exercises for his secondary students. Ryan's lesson plans and lesson delivery were exceptionally well done. His Spanish lessons were designed to be informative as well engaging, and he always motivated his students to stay on task and do their best. No other student this year represents what Professor Davidson valued in an effective teacher more than Ryan. It is indeed an honor to present the 2021 Richard A. Davidson Award to Ryan Wright.

Beulah M. Johnson Secondary Teaching Award

The Beulah M. Johnson Secondary Teaching Award was established in honor of Beulah M. Johnson of Lee County, for her life-long commitment to teaching. Through Ms. Johnson's unselfishness, positive attitude, courage and dedication, she enriched the lives of many people, young and old alike. The recipient of this award must demonstrate academic excellence and show

commitment to a life-long career in teaching.

The Beulah M. Johnson award is given to a student who has excelled in his or her teaching internship for grades 6-12 in history or English. We are honored to nominate **Sophie Elise Mullins England** for the 2021 Beulah M. Johnson Secondary Teaching Award.

Sophie consistently demonstrated exceptional focus, skill, and creativity during her teaching internship. While at Central High School, Sophie worked tirelessly to establish a wonderful rapport with her mentor teachers and her students, as well as mentoring and coaching the junior varsity girls' volleyball team. She prepared intriguing and challenging lessons and activities that inspired students to read, write, and expand their knowledge and love of literature. Even during the crisis of schools closing and moving to virtual learning, Sophie prepared engaging online lessons and learning experiences that show she will have a wonderful impact on all of her future students. It is our privilege to nominate Sophie Elise Mullins England for the 2021 Beulah M. Johnson Secondary Teaching Award. Our department is very excited to hear about her successes as a secondary English teacher.

The Virginia Scholars Award

The Virginia Scholars Award is given by The Virginia Iota Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and the Virginia IOTA State Organization International. Delta Kappa Gamma Society promotes quality education internationally. The Virginia Scholars Award honors key women in the field of education. This award is based on classroom performance, employment experience, community service, success in the teaching internship, and character traits that are commensurate with the teaching profession. One outstanding woman graduate is recognized each year from each of Virginia's four-year colleges and universities.

The woman graduate displaying the best overall potential in the field of education at UVA Wise is **Emily Christine Broadwater**, our recipient of the 2021 Virginia Scholars Award.

Emily will be receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree from The University of Virginia's College at Wise in May 2021, as an honors graduate. During her time at UVA Wise, Emily has excelled in coursework, been a supporter of our education department in numerous ways. She created lasting friendships with her classmates, worked in the education department

as a work-study student, and completed a very successful internship within the Pre-K-6 public school setting. As an intern, Emily created engaging lessons focusing on reading and mathematics, then later cultivated a hands-on approach to her science curriculum lesson plans as a way to meet the needs of all of her primary school students. Emily was so successful with her internship within the school that she was recently asked to stay as a long-term substitute. Emily's administrators, colleagues, and students all recognize her compassion, enthusiasm, and commitment to the field of teaching. Our department very enthusiastically recommends Emily Broadwater as a nominee for the 2021 Virginia Scholars Award program as part of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Ray Spenilla Award in Health & Physical Education

This award is named for Ray Spenilla's long-time contributions as teacher, coach, and athletic director and his seminal work in developing and supporting the Health & Physical Education major here at the College. The award is given to the graduating senior who has demonstrated remarkable promise as a future health & physical education teacher. This year's recipient is **Johnathan Robert Baker**.

Johnathan is following in his mother's footsteps as a physical educator, knowing, quote, "for as long as I can remember," that he wanted to be a P.E. teacher. John's diligence and creativity make him an effective and impactful teacher. He is a motivated planner, enthusiastic instructor, and a reflective individual - always looking for new and better ways to reach his students. John balances his academic pursuits with leadership positions in his fraternity and UVA Wise's volleyball club, of which he is co-president and a founding member.

Gilmer Blackburn Award in Sport Management

This award is named in honor of former Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor Gilmer Blackburn, who was instrumental in supporting sport management as a new field of study here at the College. The award is given to a graduating senior who shows outstanding promise in the field of sport management. This year's recipient is **Dalten Jesse McCoy**.

Dalten is driven to make this world a better place through kinesiology. Teaching Dalten is quite the experience even before he opens his mouth. He has a steely focus as the

teacher lectures, his body language making it clear that he doesn't intend to let a single bit of knowledge slip past him. He means business, and helping others, particularly those coming from challenging backgrounds, is also extremely important to him. Dalten plans to attend graduate school before pursuing a career in physical therapy and coaching.

History & Philosophy

Cindy Wilkey, Associate Professor of History

Heather Markusich Scholarship

Heather Markusich '89 was an exemplary history major at the College. The summer following her graduation, and just before her departure for graduate school, she was fatally injured in an automobile accident on her way to work at the Pentagon. A flood of memorial contributions came to the College from all over the country, sufficient to establish a permanently endowed scholarship in her memory. The Heather Markusich Scholarship is awarded to history majors of unusual talent and promise. This year's recipients are **Chloe Paige Allen, Dakota Blake Cantrell and Joshua Ty McCray**.

Chloe Paige Allen comes from Bluefield, Virginia. She came to us as a University of Virginia deferred admission student and has decided to stay. She is an excellent student and writes very well. She is working on a project to contextualize the life and career of Thomas Jefferson, and will be engaged in helping to develop a diversity timeline for the College this summer. Chloe is concentrating in intellectual history/philosophy.

Dakota Blake Cantrell is an outstanding student who first attended UVA Wise as part of the Early College Academy. Dakota is unique, however, because he is equally gifted in both his science classes, where he is a biochemistry major, and in the humanities, where he is also majoring in history. Possessing exceptional writing and analytical skills, Dakota is always a stand-out in any course that he takes. Dakota's current post-graduation plans are to attend medical school.

A native of Wise, Virginia, **Joshua Ty McCray** first joined UVA Wise as part of the Early College Academy where he excelled in all of his classes. Josh is currently double majoring in both history and biochemistry. Josh is also an active member of Phi Alpha Theta, is part of

the Peake Honors Program, and is president-elect of the Student Government Association. Josh is also a Napoleon Hill Scholar. Josh has presented at numerous conferences in both of his chosen fields, and upon graduation he hopes to attend medical school.

Edward L. "Buck" Henson, Jr. History Scholarship

Edward L. "Buck" Henson was a devoted and valued member of the history faculty at The University of Virginia's College at Wise for thirty-three years. This scholarship in his memory is awarded to students who are recommended by the history faculty as outstanding junior history majors. This year's recipients are **James Wesley Campbell, Shayleigh May Cire, Emily Leeann Mullins and Math Rowe**.

James Wesley Campbell is a junior history major. A native of Norton, he is an engaged and talented student who came to us as a member of the Early College Academy. Having been interested in history from an early age, he quickly declared his major. Engrossed in military history, Wes has excelled in all of his classes, and his writing abilities are considered among the best in the department. An excellent critical thinker, Wes has earned the confidence of his professors who feel that he has great potential in the field.

The History Department has been happy to welcome **Shayleigh May Cire** to the major this year. From Montvale, Virginia, Shayleigh brings a number of credits from Central Virginia Community College, and has made her mark with the quality of the work accomplished here since the fall. Entering fully into her class work, Shayleigh seeks to do the very best she can with each assignment; she not only wants to learn history, she wants to do history *right*, with attention to sources, detail, and interpretation. Her work for her introductory research class has suggested that she will be a good researcher, one able to balance a number of factors in her considerations. The department is proud to award Shayleigh with this scholarship.

Last year a recipient of the Glenn Blackburn Award, this year **Emily Leeann Mullins** is being given a Buck Henson Scholarship. Hailing from Clintwood, Emily is double majoring in history and English. That dual perspective enables Emily to understand the often complex relationship between historians and their subjects. She has excelled in courses such as African-American Writers

and the History of Appalachia.

Math Rowe hails from Duffield, Virginia, and is a graduate of Union High School in Big Stone Gap, Virginia. In May 2019, Math received an Associate's Degree in General Studies from Mountain Empire Community College. He graduated Summa Cum Laude. Math is gifted in the sciences and mathematics, but his love of history, and especially the Civil War, steered him into the history department in the fall of 2020. Math is double majoring in history and government with concentrations in public history and foreign affairs. Last summer he interned with the Miller Center at the University of Virginia. This summer he has been selected as a UVA Wise Slemp Summer Scholar to develop a National Register Nomination for a historic property in Wise County.

William Elbert Fraley Awards

The William Elbert Fraley Awards in History and English are presented yearly in memory of William Elbert Fraley by his children. Mr. Fraley was born in Duffield, Virginia in 1883, attended the College of William and Mary, and taught for several years in the public schools in Southwest Virginia. He later founded and operated hardware and furniture stores in Cleveland, Norton, and Clintwood. He remained supportive of public education throughout his life. The Fraley Award in History recognizes a student who has demonstrated unusual academic ability and promise in the field. This year's recipients are **Zoe Grace Cribfield**, **Georgia Elizabeth Horne** and **Mackenzie Rose Mason**.

Zoe Grace Cribfield is another outstanding student who comes to the college from the local community of Wise. Since choosing history as her major, Zoe has never failed to impress her professors with her intellect and her hard work. Zoe is particularly good at synthesizing details while also understanding the larger historical framework, and this nice blend always makes her work stand out. Zoe spent the past year engaging in research of the history of Wise County lynchings, for which she received the Chancellor's Medal for Excellence in Undergraduate Research. She also completed an analysis of Dr. Miriam Fuller—an accomplished educator who was also the first African American to attend the College. After completing her degree, Zoe will be attending the University of Tennessee next fall to study public administration.

A native of Wise, Virginia, **Georgia**

Elizabeth Horne first came to UVA Wise to attend the Early College Academy, where it quickly became apparent that she excelled at history and had a particular interest in women's history. Over the past few years Georgia has sharpened her skills and become particularly adept at presentations and debates. A strong writer and excellent critical thinker, Georgia's papers encompass a variety of fascinating topics and are always a pleasure to read. Georgia will be attending the University of Denver next fall.

Mackenzie Rose Mason comes from

Rocky Mount, a small town in Franklin County Virginia. She chose to attend UVA Wise after coming here on her first official college tour and finding that none of the other schools she subsequently looked at could compare. She has lived on-campus all four years and has worked on the Highland Cavalier Newspaper, is a member of Phi Alpha Theta, the History Honors Society, and the Darden Society. History is her first love. She is an excellent student who writes very well and has great critical analytical skills. She has completed a thesis on Jim Crow imagery in contemporary commentary for the Peake Honors Program. After graduation, she will be attending James Madison University to study for a masters in history with a concentration in United States history.

Glenn Blackburn Scholarship for Intellectual History and Philosophy

Glenn Blackburn joined the faculty of Clinch Valley College in 1969 and played a major role in the College's transition to a four-year institution. He served as chair of the Department of History and Philosophy for many years, and as Dean of the Faculty from 1995 until his retirement in 2000. This scholarship is awarded to rising junior or senior history majors who demonstrate outstanding ability in their studies. Preference will be given to history majors taking the concentration in intellectual history/philosophy or philosophy minors. This year's recipient is **Jeron Neal Stidham**.

Born and raised in Pound, Virginia, **Jeron** grew up with a deep love and appreciation for the beauty and people of Southwest Virginia. He graduated from Central High School in Norton, Virginia and joined UVA Wise in 2019. Jeron immediately set himself apart with his sharp mind, impressive work ethic, and admirable aspirations. Jeron has a broad

range of academic interests. He is majoring in psychology, and minoring in philosophy. He is working towards his goal of attending graduate school and earning his doctorate in clinical psychology. It is clear from his work in his philosophy courses, that he is one of the premier philosophy minors. He recognizes that the critical thinking skills and broad perspectives of life he is studying in philosophy will help him understand the motives of others and aid him in administering the best care possible. Jeron has a bright future. His sharp mind, work ethic, kind personality, and stellar work in philosophy have earned him this year's Glenn Blackburn Award.

The David Rouse Minor Award

In keeping with the College's commitment to a broad liberal arts education, each spring the Department of History and Philosophy awards a prize to the outstanding student who is minoring in one of the minor programs directed by department faculty: Appalachian studies, philosophy, religious studies, or women's studies. This year's recipient is **Abagale Dawn Johnson**.

A native of Clintwood, Virginia, **Abagale** is the first in her family to attend college. She came to UVA Wise to follow her dream to become a nurse, and she would like to work in an intensive care unit in the future. Over the past years, Abagale not only excelled in our challenging nursing program, but decided to add a minor in religious studies, which she finished with excellent grades. As she explained, her motivation to join this minor was "to be able better understand the cultural and spiritual needs of patients and take care of them holistically."

L. Stanley Willis Award

The L. Stanley Willis Award in History was established by the Department of History and Philosophy and friends to honor Professor Stan Willis, who taught history at the College from 1969 to 1996. It is awarded annually to a rising senior history major who demonstrates outstanding ability in his/her studies. Preference is given to students from far Southwest Virginia, but students from outside the area may be considered. This year's recipient is **Cory Scott Belcher**.

Cory, of Grundy, Virginia, is a triple-hitter at UVA Wise. A double major in history and business administration, Cory is also earning secondary teaching licensure at the same time. Cory has done solid work in his majors, performing well in research and working widely

in European history. Cory has a wide array of talents, and it is fitting that he is the winner of an award named for another historian who refused to be pigeon-holed: Cory is this year's recipient of the L. Stanley Willis Award in History.

N. Brent Kennedy Scholarship in Appalachian Studies

The N. Brent Kennedy Scholarship in Appalachian Studies was created by the Department of History and Philosophy, friends, and alumni to honor N. Brent Kennedy, an alumnus and former employee of the College. Kennedy's research into his ancestry resulted in new information about the Melungeons and led to several publications. Kennedy played a key role in establishing the sister city relationship between Wise, Virginia and Cesme, Turkey. The intent of the scholarship is to encourage further student work in a variety of fields associated with the Appalachian region. This award is given to a student who minors in Appalachian studies with preference to history majors. This year's recipient is **Hannah Elizabeth Robinson**.

Hannah is a native of Wise and a junior History major. Interested in American history and women's studies, she is an excellent student possessing a seriousness about the subject. A strong writer and skilled researcher, she has drawn the attention of her professors as one of the department's most reliable students. In addition to her coursework, Hannah works for the Center for Appalachian Studies on a project archiving local history sources at UVA Wise.

The Lu Ellsworth Scholarship in Public History

The Lu Ellsworth Scholarship in Public History was established in 2017 by Tom Costa and Lu Ellsworth. The Lu Ellsworth Scholarship in Public History will be awarded to rising junior or senior history majors who have demonstrated outstanding ability in their studies. The scholarship honors Lu Ellsworth who is a graduate of the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio earning his Master of Arts Degree and PhD. in American history from the University of Delaware. He is a former faculty member and administrator at UVA Wise. Preference will be given to majors pursuing a concentration in Public History. This year's recipient is **Aidan Riley Wells**.

Aidan is a Norton, Virginia native and graduate of John Burton High School. He is currently a junior pursuing his BA in history with a minor in education and concentration in public

history. He has an equally strong interest in the fine arts, however, and is considering a second major in that field. Mr. Wells has a lifelong passion for paleontology and dinosaurs. His career aspirations blend all of these interests as he plans to attend graduate school to become an archaeologist.

Preston Mitchell Scholarship

The Preston Mitchell Scholarship was established in 2017 by Tom Costa, family and friends in honor of Preston Mitchell, who taught history at UVA Wise for a number of years. In addition, Mitchell served as the Head Coach for Women's Basketball at the College from 1989-1992 and the Head Coach of the Men's program from 1992-1995. The Preston Mitchell Scholarship will be awarded to students who major in History, and are student-athletes with preference given to those who participate on the men's or women's basketball teams. This year's recipient is **Austin Ray Yeary**.

Central High School's **Austin** joined the history department three semesters ago and has brought a wealth of talents with him, including a block of credits from Mountain Empire Community College. A member of the cross-country team, Austin is also working on secondary education teaching licensure. He balances a major, a minor, and athletics, and makes it look far easier than it is. Austin's work is consistently very good indeed; his observations in papers and essays, sound and well-stated. Austin is adventurous in his class choices, never shying away from courses that promise to be challenging. Instead he embraces the work, and demonstrates a real talent for the field. His students will be lucky to have him in their classroom.

CVC History Award

The CVC History Award is given to a promising history major who exhibits great enthusiasm in his or her classes. This year's recipient is **Grant Thomas Quinn**.

Grant is a history major working toward licensure as a high school teacher. A volunteer for his Kingsport, Tennessee church, he has assisted with their backpack and "laundry day" programs, and will spend the upcoming summer putting his Skills, USA training to work when he helps with the church's building construction programs. Grant has been a participant in College service programs, and is also a member of the college's new chess club. Grant's genuine enthusiasm for the subject matter always shines

through, conveying an excitement about the subject that his instructors are confident he will convey to his students. Grant plans to teach in Japan after graduation, where he says he hopes to gain "a lot of new knowledge about a whole other culture."

Language & Literature

John Cull, *Department Chair*

Language and Literature Award for French

This award is to recognize outstanding work in French language and literature. This year's recipient is **Morgan (Mo) Lees**.

Mo is a highly accomplished and engaged student on our campus whose work in the fields of chemistry, French, and theater is a testament to her diverse interests and many talents. Mo has been involved in numerous theatrical productions, engaging her creative passion of lighting design. She is the founder of DevHub@Wise, a newly chartered organization on our campus seeking to teach all students about app development and technology-based community outreach. Additionally, Mo is in the Honors Program and Darden Society and has participated in our campus Research Day. Her work in French is as impressive as her many other accomplishments.

Augusto Portuondo Award in Spanish

The Augusto Portuondo Award in Spanish honors Professor Portuondo's years of service to the College. The award recognizes a Spanish major whose demonstrated aptitude for Spanish and for teaching places him or her among those who will carry on the tradition of academic excellence and who will continue Professor Portuondo's dedication to the promotion of Spanish language, literature, and culture. This fund is made possible with support from Daisy Portuondo, Maria-Elena Portuondo Nootbaar and Cristina Portuondo Marcus. This year's recipient is **Abigail Dominique Castro**.

Abigail, a junior from Wise, Virginia, is a Spanish major with a minor in education. Academically, she is interested in linguistics and Hispanic literature. She is a member of the Darden Society, the Student Government Association, and the Spanish Honor Society, Sigma Delta Pi. After graduation, Abigail plans to pursue a master's degree and teach Spanish

at the high school or university level. Abigail studied for a semester abroad in Spain and was honored last year as the winner of one of the two Spanish awards.

Language and Literature Award for Spanish

This award is to recognize outstanding work in Spanish language and literature. This year's recipients are **Ryan Nathaniel Wright** and **Madison Noel Collins**.

Ryan Nathaniel Wright is a senior from Wise County, Virginia who will be graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and minor in secondary education. He will be receiving his license to teach Spanish in Virginia shortly after graduation. He plans to teach for a few years before attending graduate school. He was last year's winner of the Portuondo Scholarship as well as the German Award. We reiterate our assessment of Ryan's proficiency with foreign languages: "Ryan combines an exceptional linguistic talent with a good ear, enthusiasm for language learning and an emphatic desire to expand his rapidly growing knowledge..." He will be an outstanding teacher.

Madison Noel Collins, identified as a rising star by her Spanish professors, is a sophomore from Wise County, Virginia. She is a Spanish major with a minor in education. Academically, she is interested in Spanish conversation and grammar, and plans to practice her Spanish degree in the summers by taking a trip to Nicaragua and possibly studying abroad in the fall of 2022. After graduation in 2023, Madison plans to become a high school Spanish teacher and to later pursue a master's degree to teach college courses at the high school level.

Language and Literature Award for German

This award is to recognize outstanding work in German language and literature. This year's recipient is **Ryan Nathaniel Wright**.

Frances Currie Peake Scholarship

Frances Currie Peake taught in the mountains of Tennessee and instilled in her students and her children a love of literature. The Frances Currie Peake Scholarship is awarded to a rising junior or senior English major who has demonstrated excellence in literary studies. The 2021-2022 scholarships are awarded to **Jessica Faith Wells** and **Trevor Wesley Meade**.

Jessica Faith Wells is an English major from Wise County, Virginia. She is a rising senior with an interest in French and creative

writing, taking creative writing in the English department, as well as playwriting in performing arts, and contributing poetry to the literary journal, *Jimson Weed*. She has served on the editorial staff of *Jimson Weed*, and will take over as its arts editor next year.

Trevor Wesley Meade

Trevor Wesley Meade is an English major from Scott County, Virginia, with a minor in secondary education. He is a rising senior with an interest in film, having recently taken Global Cinema in the English department and a practicum in filmmaking in performing arts. He is a member of the Peake Honors Program and a recent inductee into the Darden Society, the College's academic honor society. He has served on the editorial staff of the literary journal, *Jimson Weed*, for which he will assume the duties of assistant managing editor next year.

Outstanding Senior English Major

This award recognizes a student who has exhibited outstanding academic merit in the study of English literature. This year's recipient is **Autumn Stover-Bailey**.

Autumn

Autumn is an English major from Bland County, Virginia, with a minor in German. For two years, she served as managing editor of the literary journal, *Jimson Weed*, to which she also contributed. She has presented papers and chaired panels at the College's Medieval Renaissance Conference and won the Alfred and Shirley Wampler Caudill Best Paper Award for her Research day presentation. Autumn is a member of the Peake Honors Program, the English honors society, Sigma Tau Delta, and a recent inductee of the College's academic honor society, the Darden Society. After graduation, she will be attending James Madison University to pursue a master's degree in English.

William Elbert Fraley Award in English

This award recognizes a student who has exhibited outstanding academic merit in the study of English. This year's recipient is **Autumn Stover-Bailey**.

Language and Literature Senior Thesis Distinction

In honor of Professors M. John Mahony and Richard H. Peake, who designed the Department of Language & Literature's senior thesis, the English faculty recognize students who have distinguished themselves in this capstone course. Majors who enroll in senior thesis conduct research in literature and write

a scholarly essay. Students are also required to give two public presentations of their projects. This year's recipient is **Emily Gordon-Proffitt**.

Emily is an English major from Russell County, Virginia. She is a senior who has excelled in both British and American literatures from Chaucer to the contemporary. Her deeply researched senior thesis, titled "Morrison's Methodology: The Literary Function of Black Youth in The Bluest Eye," received warm praise from the English faculty for its sustained insight and careful attention to a deeply nuanced work of literature.

Mathematics & Computer Science

Jacob Somervell, *Department Chair*

The Department of Mathematics and Computer Science recognizes graduates who have distinguished themselves in their majors. These awards are given at the discretion of faculty to graduating seniors especially deserving of recognition. This year's award winners are:

Outstanding Senior in Computer Science

Anastasia Eden Smith is this year's recipient of the Outstanding Senior in Computer Science Award. Ana came to Wise from Mountain Empire Community College to complete her degree. She made an immediate impact on the faculty through her work ethic and commitment. She worked as an intern at the Department of Mines Minerals and Energy (DMME) and parlayed that experience into a position at OnePartner, a tech firm in Kingsport, Tennessee. Ana graduated in December 2020, and is still working with OnePartner.

Outstanding Senior in Mathematics Award

Georgia Lynn Smith is this year's recipient of the Outstanding Senior in Mathematics Award. Her intelligence in combination with her work ethic makes Georgia one of the strongest Math students our department has ever seen. A testament to her skill is that she will be attending the University of Colorado's Anshutz Medical Campus to study biostatistics in pursuit of her Ph.D. The department is very proud of Georgia and we are excited to see what wonderful things she will accomplish.

Outstanding Senior in Management Information Systems Award

Erik Montgomery Howard is this year's recipient of the Outstanding Senior in Management Information Systems Award. Erik has an excellent work ethic with the capabilities to excel in the classroom. He has impressed the faculty with his easy going attitude and willingness to work with others. Eric plans to go to graduate school at Old Dominion University this coming fall. It is our pleasure to present Erik with this award.

Outstanding Senior in Software Engineering Award

Jackson W. Erb is this year's recipient of the Outstanding Senior in Software Engineering Award. Jackson's work ethic and keen mind help him to stand out among his peers. He worked diligently with his software engineering teammates to update and improve an augmented reality, campus navigation application for Android (Google) devices. It is our pleasure to present this award to Jackson.

Outstanding Senior Double Major Award

Buddy John White is this year's recipient of the Outstanding Double Major Award. Buddy double majored in Computer Science and Software Engineering. Buddy's most outstanding characteristics are his hard work and diligence. He is not shy about asking questions and seeking help when he doesn't understand something, and it is that approach that impacted the faculty. That skill, knowing when to seek assistance, is invaluable and will serve him well as he pursues graduate studies this fall. It is our pleasure to present the Outstanding Double Major award to Buddy.

Inspirational Award

Timothy Justin Conner is a bit shy and doesn't really talk about his path to graduation. He started college several years ago and struggled a bit. He took time off and dealt with some difficult personal situations. With his return to study, Justin has shown a remarkable turnaround in his work ethic and dedication. He has completed a double major in computer science and software engineering and has really impressed the faculty with this change. This award is unique and is not often awarded, but Justin is truly an inspiration, showing that hard work and perseverance always lead to success. It is our pleasure to present the department's Inspirational Award to Justin.

Natural Sciences

Robin Woodard, Department Chair

CRC Freshman in Chemistry Award

Each year the chemistry faculty selects the student judged to be most outstanding in freshman chemistry. The student receives a copy of the CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics. This year's recipient is **Kert Lance Gibson**.

Kert came to UVA Wise after graduating as valedictorian of Gate City High School's class of 2020. Upon enrolling, he decided to major in biochemistry with his eye on medical school. Although Kert has excelled in all of his studies while attending UVA Wise, he has shown particular aptitude for both the course work and hands on laboratory aspects of college chemistry. For this reason, the faculty of the Department of Natural Sciences has awarded Kert Gibson the Freshmen Chemistry Award in recognition of his accomplishments.

J. Rex Baird Outstanding Biologist Award

This award was created in recognition of Professor J. Rex Baird for his outstanding contribution to the Department of Natural Sciences during thirty years of service. Professor Baird was a devoted and passionate teacher and, as a founding member of the department, he was instrumental in the design and implementation of the first undergraduate curriculum in biology. This award recognizes the accomplishments of a graduating senior in biology whose efforts express the exhilaration and rigor of investigative work that marked Professor Baird's career. This year's recipient is **Morgan Danielle Blair**.

Morgan will earn a Bachelor of Science in Natural Science with a concentration in cellular and molecular biology in May 2021. Morgan has an exemplary academic record and is a Peake Honor student. She has actively integrated her love of biological sciences into an interdisciplinary course of study that has expanded her perspectives on the interface of biology and society. Morgan is an active student researcher, and was an active author on a successful grant application to the Commonwealth Health Research Board to support her research on the molecular mechanisms of DNA repair in humans. One of the most superlative aspects of Morgan is her interactions with her fellow students. It is not uncommon to find Morgan tutoring, assisting, and encouraging her classmates. Overall, Morgan's

collegial approach to her college career has earned her admission to the doctoral program in the Life University Chiropractic College.

Philip C. Shelton Outstanding Environmental Science Award

This award is given to a graduating senior in environmental science who has demonstrated outstanding environmental leadership and vision. The award is named in honor of Professor Emeritus of Biology Philip C. Shelton who, through his teachings and lifestyle, promotes a better balance between the advance of technology and preservation of the environment. The recipient of this award embodies Professor Shelton's lifelong commitment to stewardship of the land. This year's recipient is **Caleb Zachary Mullins**.

A passion for fieldwork is expected of most any Environmental Science major, but **Caleb** has displayed a drive for field studies that is unmatched among our students in recent memory. Whether it has involved belly-crawling through rhododendron to search for salamanders, assisting in cave surveys, or volunteering to dive into a sediment-choked river to measure boulders, Caleb has displayed a unique knack for translating the knowledge he has learned in the classroom into real-world scientific inquiry. That work is already producing tangible results: Caleb's FINS research is being used to improve the sustainability of a timber management project planned for the Jefferson National Forest, and the data he has collected on the Eastern Hellbender habitat is currently being used by engineers to design a nearly \$1M river restoration project at a working farm in Smyth County. Simply put, these are the kinds of real-world impacts that we tell our students they might one day be able to achieve in their careers, but Caleb has done it all as an undergraduate. He is both an outstanding ambassador of the college and Southwest Virginia and a deserving recipient of the Phillip C. Shelton Environmental Science Award.

Bruce William Crystal Award

The Bruce William Crystal Award was established in 2013 by the family of Bruce William Crystal, a retired optometrist; a veteran of the Korean War, having served in the U.S. Air Force; an alumnus of Michigan State Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University) and of the University of California at Berkeley and a world traveler. While growing up in Brooklyn,

New York, Mr. Crystal developed a love for the natural sciences. He was an avid butterfly collector as a child and a serious seashell collector as an adult. The award is based on merit and is granted to seniors majoring in the natural sciences. This year's recipient is **Marcus Jerryd Meade**.

Jerryd began his college career at UVA Wise with the desire to work in a scientific field and he has taken advantage of numerous opportunities to make it a reality. Shortly after his freshman year he began a mentorship with Professor Bruce Cahoon to learn how to conduct research in molecular genetics. For three years he conducted several projects where he learned how to manipulate and sequence DNA and RNA to explore the unusual genomic structures of algal organelles and how they process messenger RNAs. He presented his discoveries at four scientific conferences in the Southeast and New England and helped author three peer-reviewed published scientific studies, a remarkable accomplishment for an undergraduate scholar. He plans to take a year off and then continue his work in biochemistry and molecular biology by attending a graduate program.

American Institute of Chemists Award for Biochemistry

The American Institute of Chemists Foundation annually honors seniors majoring in biochemistry. The award is also based on the student's ability, character, scholastic achievement and potential for advancement in the field of chemistry. This year's recipient is **Madelyn Leigh Lawrence**.

Dr. Autumn Starnes and Dr. Christopher Starnes Medical Award

Established by Dr. Christopher Starnes, this award recognizes the accomplishments of a graduating senior in the natural sciences who is entering a professional program in medicine, and his/her potential to have a positive impact on the citizens of this region. Dr. Starnes is a 1998 alumnus of the College and the Department of Natural Sciences and a 2002 graduate of the University of Virginia School of Medicine. He and his wife, Dr. Autumn Starnes, founded Cutting Edge Dermatology in Norton, Virginia, in 2011. This year's award goes to **Ashlyn Nikole Jones**.

Ashlyn is a Bachelor of Science Biochemistry major from Wise. Her first experience at UVA Wise came when she applied to the Early College Academy during her junior

year of high school. The ECA was a cohort of high achieving high school students who took college chemistry, college chemistry lab, and American history together during their senior year of high school. Ashlyn's hard work and determination ensured that she did well in the ECA, and she was awarded a Chancellor's Scholarship. As a result, she decided to stay at UVA Wise as she prepared herself for medical school. Ashlyn has been accepted to West Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine, and she (along with her cats) has already located an apartment. Ashlyn is eager to start the next phase of life as a first year medical student.

American Chemical Society Outstanding Chemist Award

The Northeast Tennessee section of the American Chemical Society annually recognizes senior chemistry majors in Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia for their outstanding achievements in chemistry. This year's recipient is **Jesse Wayne Shaffer**.

Jesse, from Bristol Virginia, came to UVA Wise as a transfer student from the Virginia Highlands Community College system. Always interested in science, Jesse found a place in the UVA Wise Department of Natural Sciences and developed a true passion for chemistry. Jesse will be graduating with an American Chemical Society (ACS) certified Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry this spring, and has already been offered employment at the Eastman Chemical Company after graduation. In recognition of his accomplishments and dedication to the field of chemistry, the faculty of the Department of Natural Sciences has awarded Jesse Shaffer the ACS Outstanding Graduating Senior Award. This award was also recognized by the ACS at the regional Northeast Tennessee section's annual awards ceremony on April 21st 2021.

Joseph C. Smiddy Science Award

The Natural Sciences faculty presents an award to the most outstanding senior in natural sciences in honor of Joseph C. Smiddy, the College's first biology professor and chancellor. The award was established by the department and members of Chancellor Smiddy's inaugural biology class in recognition of his years of service and commitment to the academic integrity of the College and the department. This year's recipient is **Madelyn Leigh Lawrence**.

Madelyn will earn a Bachelor of Science

in Natural Science with a concentration in biochemistry in May 2021. She has an unimpeachable academic record in a very rigorous degree program. Madelyn has been an extremely active and productive student researcher, collaborator, and mentor, resulting in a first-author manuscript published in the journal *Inorganica Chimica Acta*, and she has presented her research in a variety of national and regional venues. These accomplishments are even more impressive as Madelyn is a student athlete and key player/leader of the UVA Wise Volleyball team. Madelyn's exceptional work ethic and high academic standards exemplify the archetype of a student-scholar. Her holistic efforts and dedication to scholarly excellence have been rewarded by admission to the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry.

Nursing

Nancy Haugen, Department Chair

Outstanding Graduate in Nursing

The Department of Nursing faculty established the Outstanding Graduate in Nursing Award in honor of the inaugural graduating class, which earned Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees in 1996. The award is presented annually in recognition of academic performance, College and community service, and commitment to the nursing profession. This year the award goes to **Anthony Mason Phillips**.

Mason is an excellent student. He exemplifies what a nursing student should be. He works hard at all aspects in his life and juggles many roles at the college including Student Government Association Body President, Student Conduct Board Chief Justice, a freshman seminar mentor, and a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success. He excels in the classroom, in clinics and in doing things for the college community. Mason engages in community service with Samaritans Purse and goes on medical mission trips. It has been a joy and pleasure to work with Mason. He was a Ballad intern and will work in the ICU/CCU at Clinch Valley Medical Center. Congratulations, Mason!

Velta Collins Holyfield Memorial Scholarship

The Velta Collins Holyfield Memorial Scholarship was established by family members and friends in 1991, shortly after Mrs. Holyfield's

death. Mrs. Holyfield graduated from the University of Virginia School of Nursing in 1957 and served the health care community in Wise, Virginia, for many years as a noted teacher and nurse.

The Department of Nursing honors Mrs. Holyfield by awarding scholarships to nursing students who exhibit academic achievement, leadership potential, motivation, and the talent to achieve excellence in nursing practice. This year we have two students who will receive this award, **Ethan Matthew Ray** and **Alexandra Fay Willis**.

Ethan Matthew Ray is a great student who actively participates in all learning activities in both the classroom and in clinical environments. He often assumes a leadership role when working in student groups. Ethan is a member/coordinator in Alpha Gamma Omega, the National Society of Leadership and Success, and a member of the Student Nurses Association. He will spend this summer working as an extern at Pikeville Medical Center in Kentucky. In the future, Ethan plans to work as a traveling nurse to enable him to care for diverse populations and plans to pursue a graduate degree in nursing. Congratulations, Ethan!

Alexandra Fay Willis is consistently in the top five of her nursing cohort academically. She is proactive in the clinical environment, receives exemplary feedback from her preceptors and serves as a resource for other students. Alex exhibits a positive attitude, has excellent communication and teamwork skills, and goes above and beyond to maximize her learning in and outside the classroom. Alex is the president of the junior class for the Student Nursing Association, is a freshman mentor and also volunteered STEM-H for two years. She was awarded an internship with Ballad Health this year to continue her clinical learning while in the nursing program. Alex intends to further her career as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. Congratulations, Alex!

Karen Denice Lane Nursing Challenge Award

This award was established by friends and family in memory and honor of Karen Denice Lane. The award will be made to a graduating senior who plans to attend graduate school and who, faced with the challenges of a non-traditional student, achieved a high level of academic performance while promoting and supporting his/her classmates and emulating excellence in nursing practice, and is committed to community service and life-long learning. This year's recipient is **Jill Renee Talbert**.

Jill is a fabulous student. Although she experienced challenges which lead her to withdraw from the program, she returned to fulfill her goal of receiving a BSN degree. She worked diligently to excel in her coursework while maintaining her professional leadership role. Congratulations, Jill!

Betty M. Johnson Clinical Excellence Award

This award honors Professor Betty Johnson, the Department of Nursing's founding chair. Professor Johnson worked to bring a quality baccalaureate nursing program to Southwest Virginia, and continues to be an advocate for excellence in nursing education. She was a founding member of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's accrediting body, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, of which the Department of Nursing has been a member since inception. This award is given to a student who exhibits the highest standard of care in clinical practice. This year the award goes to **Burley Walter Ball**.

Burley is an awesome student. He has always been an astute critical thinker, being able to connect manifestations and patient interventions in the "early" part of his medical surgical clinical. He is a natural leader with a vivacious personality that allows his "soft skills" to innately emerge when caring for his patients. Burley has always taken initiative in his academic studies and has always been "up for any challenge" given to him. In fact, I have been told that Burley loves a challenge, which again is appreciated and seen through the eyes of his clinical instructors when he is taking care of more patients requiring more complex care. Burley plans to pursue a nursing profession in critical care with the ambition of becoming a Certified Nurse Anesthetist. Congratulations, Burley!

Social Sciences

Bryan Hoyt, Department Chair

Outstanding Graduate in Administration of Justice

The Outstanding Graduate in Administration of Justice Award is presented to a graduating senior based on academic performance, College and community service, and commitment to the administration of justice profession. The award was established in honor of the first administration of justice graduates who

completed degrees in 1999. This year's award is presented to **Charlotte Jane Inman Hess**.

Charlotte, a native of Trabuco Canyon, California, is a lacrosse player, a member of the executive board for Student Athlete Advisory Council and a member of Phi Sigma Sigma. Following graduation, Charlotte plans to become a member of the San Diego Police Department. Congratulations to Charlotte.

Outstanding Research Contribution in Psychology Award

During each academic year, psychology students have original research accepted in a competitive review process at national conferences. The department congratulates these students for their excellent work and recognizes this work with a plaque. This year's recipient is **Katherine Grace Pridemore**.

This award goes to a student who came from Pennington Gap, Virginia. She graduated in 2020 with a BS in Psychology. She currently works at Farmers and Miners Bank. Her hobbies include local community theater and volunteer coaching soccer for Lee Middle School. This student, under the mentorship of Dr. Madelynn Shell, has conducted research on predictors of bullying and victimization, social factors in predicting college graduation rates, has presented at five conferences, and is working on a manuscript with Dr. Shell for publication. Graduate school is also in her plans. Congratulations to **Katherine**.

Leon and Helen Lederer Memorial Award in Applied Psychology

The Leon and Helen Lederer Memorial Award is presented to a graduating senior, based on academic performance, College and community service, and commitment to the psychology major and to counseling in particular. The award was established to honor the most promising student who intends to pursue counseling as a profession. This year's award is presented to **Andrei Sergeyevich Tregubov**.

This student is a second generation American Citizen, who graduated from Staunton River High School in Moneta, Virginia with an advanced degree. At UVA Wise, he became a founding member of the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia fraternity, became a resident assistant and became RA of the year. He also served as vice president of Psi Chi, and the International Honor Society of Psychology. He participated in

three research projects with Dr. Kristina Feeser dealing with student stress. Upon graduation, this student plans to go to a graduate school counseling program. Congratulations to **Andrei**.

Outstanding Non-traditional Student in Psychology Award:

Students who return to college after leaving to work, joining the military or raising families have special challenges. Often they work or have other obligations in addition to attending class. Because the faculty realize the special contributions that these students make and the exceptional effort they exhibit, an outstanding non-traditional student award was created in 1992. This year's recipient is **Nicole Yvonne Sexton**.

This student is married and has three children and began her college journey 20 years ago. During her senior year, she left college to become a stay-at-home mom. After her children began school, she started working for the school system and is currently a Registered Behavior Technician in Wise County. She returned to college to finish her degree. Her goal upon graduation is to become a special education teacher and later a Board-Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst. Congratulations to **Nicole**.

Scholar in Sociology Award

The Scholar in Sociology Award is presented to a graduating senior who has excelled in academics, scholarship, service to the community, student leadership, and the study of sociology. This year the department is pleased to recognize **Jayme Leigh Salyers**.

This award goes to a student who came from St. Paul, Virginia. She is a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success and a Napoleon Hill Scholarship Recipient. Her leadership roles at UVA Wise have included freshman seminar student mentor, a 2021 student representative on the Women in Leadership and Gender Issues Committee, and a current student liaison for the UVA Wise CONNECTS Initiative for promoting campus-to-community engagement. Upon graduation, this student plans to attend Western Kentucky University and obtain a degree in speech and language pathology. Congratulations to **Jayme**.

Joseph M. Scolnick Jr. Excellence in Government and Public Service Award

This award honors Joseph M. Scolnick Jr., a longtime professor of political science

at The University of Virginia's College at Wise. Professor Scolnick valued service to the community and modeled this both in his writing and public addresses designed to promote understanding of political issues outside the classroom. The Excellence in Government and Public Service Award goes to a senior who has served the College community in a variety of posts, guarding the values of the institution and promoting the well-being of its student body. The recipient of this honor is **Conor Nash Jessee**.

Conor is from Fredericksburg, Virginia. His family, however, is from Wise County so he chose UVA Wise as a second home. He is a member of the ROTC and places great importance on leadership and accountability. Following graduation, he will report to Ft. Campbell and serve as a medical service officer in the U.S. Army. Congratulations to **Conor**.

Joseph M. Scolnick Sr. Memorial Pre-Law Award

This award is named for Joseph M. Scolnick Sr., who attended the University of Virginia and George Washington University and made his career as a lawyer in Norfolk and New York City. Mr. Scolnick valued education throughout his life, especially higher education. This award was created in his honor because of the great pleasure he would receive from knowing he had a hand in encouraging an outstanding undergraduate who will pursue a career in the field of law that he loved so much. The recipient of this honor is **Amelia Morgan Strouth**.

Amelia is from Monticello, Georgia. She graduated from Ridgeview High School as valedictorian and graduated from Mountain Empire Community College at the same time. At UVA Wise, she won the Constitutional Jeopardy in the fall of 2020. After graduation, she plans to attend Appalachian School of Law. Congratulations to **Amelia**.

Visual & Performing Arts

Ben Mays, Department Chair

Roxbury Hyde Crystal Music Scholarship Award

The Roxbury Hyde Crystal Music Scholarship Award was established in 2017

by Roxbury and her children. Born in 1928 and reared in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Roxbury Maclay Hyde attended Brown University where she majored in music, accompanied the Brown University Chorus, and won the 1949 Hope Chatterton Award for Piano Performance. After graduating in 1950, she attended the University of California at Berkeley where she studied for a master's degree in music and met her future husband, Bruce William Crystal. Following Dr. Crystal's graduation from the U.C.-Berkeley's School of Optometry in 1956, the young couple moved to Longmont, Colorado. There, Ms. Crystal raised three children while teaching private piano lessons, playing organ at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, serving as the youth choir director at the First Congregational Church, working as an accompanist, and playing percussion for and managing the Longmont Symphony Orchestra for many years. Until her passing on March 27, 2020, Roxy lived in Charlottesville, Virginia. Roxy was a patient, kind, generous and cheerful spirit who had a deep love and respect for music. The Roxbury Hyde Crystal Music Scholarship Award is presented to a music major who has demonstrated the strongest commitment to learning and the broadest understanding of the theoretical, historical, and/or pedagogical underpinnings of the discipline. **Haley Alexis Barker** receives this year's award.

Haley is a senior music major as well as a psychology minor. Her primary instrument is the soprano clarinet. She has been a musician in the College's Highland Cavalier Marching and Pep Bands, Highland Winds concert bands, clarinet choir, and a musician in several college theatre productions. Haley's musical accomplishments before her higher education include: performing in Virginia Tech's honor band programs in 2015 and 2016, and participating in the highest-ranked Golden Hokie Band in 2017. As for her accomplishments at the College, she was chosen by the music faculty to perform in the 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 Honors Recitals featuring the best performers in the music department. Additionally, in 2019, she became a sister of Phi Sigma Sigma. Haley plans to attend graduate school at Radford University to obtain her Master of Science in Music Therapy. Until then, she will be teaching private clarinet and flute lessons to children and young adults who wish to use music to help them through their struggles in life.

Music Scholarship Award

This award recognizes the music major who, in the past academic year, has demonstrated the strongest commitment to learning and the broadest understanding of the theoretical, historical, and pedagogical underpinnings of the discipline. **Ashlyn Gabrielle Mullins** receives this award.

Ashlyn is a sophomore from Wise, Virginia majoring in both theatre and music, with a minor in psychology. Ashlyn is a member and section leader of the UVA Wise Concert Choir, a member of the UVA Wise Madrigal Singers, and a recent inductee of the Darden Society. Ashlyn has performed most recently in several professional theatrical productions with The Appalachian Center for the Arts (The App) in Pikeville, Kentucky, including two of her favorite shows, Alice in Wonderland and A Christmas Carol. She is excited to perform in both a feature film Directed by David Alford, and in The Marvelous Wonderettes this summer at The App. After graduating from UVA Wise, Ashlyn hopes to continue performing professionally and plans to attend graduate school where she will pursue a degree in music therapy.

Music Leadership Award

This award recognizes the music student who has best exemplified commitment, cordiality, and competence in their leadership role in the music program during the past academic year. We are pleased to present this year's award to **Tyler Dean Widener**.

Tyler is a senior music major, with a primary focus on voice, as well as a French minor. They are the current president of the UVA Wise Concert Choir, as well as section leader. They are also a member of Ars Nova, Highland Chorale, and is the current vice president and music director of the Sigma Omicron chapter of Phi Mu Alpha. In past years, Tyler has held the positions of FEO of the Sigma Omicron chapter of Phi Mu Alpha, and Guard Captain in the Marching Highland Cavaliers. While at UVA Wise, Tyler has had the honor of performing in the 2021 Honors Recital. Outside of performances, Tyler had the opportunity to present their research, "The Neurological Effects of Singing" for Research Day 2021. After graduation, Tyler plans to attend graduate school to pursue a master's degree in vocal pedagogy. Their goal is to help individuals find their voice and show that anyone and everyone has the capacity to create music.

Musicianship Award

The Musicianship Award recognizes the music major who has not only excelled as a performer in the past academic year, but who has demonstrated the strongest work ethic and dedication to the study of their principal instrument. We are pleased to present this award to **Timothy Seth Boyd**.

Seth is a junior music education major, with a primary focus on clarinet. Seth is a member of several performing groups at the college and in the community. He has performed in multiple honor bands and recitals. Seth is also a staff member at several music camps during the summer. After graduation, Seth plans to teach music in the area and hopes to grow music education in Southwest Virginia.

The Alfred and Shirley Wampler Caudill Fund

The Alfred and Shirley Wampler Caudill Fund was established in 2015 by Dr. Donald W. Caudill, in honor of his mother and in memory of his father. Dr. Caudill has received many educational and personal rewards as a result of the sacrifice made by his parents, and in establishing these awards he expresses his profound appreciation and gratitude to Alfred and Shirley Wampler Caudill. Dr. Caudill is a professor of marketing in the Broyhill School of Management in the Godbold School of Business at Gardner-Webb University. A panel of faculty judges selected by the Office of Academic Affairs chooses the recipients.

The Alfred and Shirley Wampler Caudill Best Paper Award

The Alfred and Shirley Wampler Caudill Best Paper Award honors a scholarly essay in any discipline that has been presented at an academic conference.

The Alfred and Shirley Wampler Caudill Best Presentation Award

The Alfred and Shirley Wampler Caudill Best Presentation Award honors a scholarly/creative presentation in any discipline given at a regional or national undergraduate research conference.

The Alfred and Shirley Wampler Caudill Best Poster Award

The Alfred and Shirley Wampler Caudill Best Poster Award recognizes the best demonstration of research, innovation, and intellectual synthesis by a poster presentation at an academic conference or meeting.

Each year in the spring, the College holds Research Day, a day when all classes are canceled and students and faculty present the results of their scholarly work. We were unable to hold this widely attended event in our normal format this spring because of COVID-19 and the need to keep our community safe. As the recipients of all three Alfred and Shirley Wampler Caudill Awards are determined by members of the Undergraduate Research Council based on student presentations during Research Day, it was impossible to make the determinations necessary to confer these awards this year.

Graduation with College Honors

John Mark Adrian, Director

The mission of the Peake Honors program is to provide academically-motivated students with further opportunities for intellectual growth. Students graduating with Peake Honors have maintained a 3.5 grade point average. In addition to their regular degree requirements, students are required to take three interdisciplinary honors seminars, attend eight honors cultural events, and conduct independent research with faculty mentors. Their hard work is worth celebrating not only because of the personal achievement that it represents, but also for the contribution that it has made to the intellectual climate of UVA Wise as a whole.

The following students have completed all requirements necessary to graduate with college honors. Each one will receive a Peake Honors medallion to wear in their graduation ceremony.

Bailey Rhianna Anderson

For her first project, Bailey collected data on the fireflies of High Knob. She and Wally Smith were particularly interested in documenting the local mating patterns of

Photinus carolinus, famed for its synchronous mating “light shows.” Her second project, under the direction of Cody Sanders, examined the lower-than-average support for physical education in Southwest Virginia public schools, and identified administrative strategies that could improve these programs.

Coursework: A.I. in Film (Ray); Sixth Extinction (VanGundy); Magic (McNulty)

Morgan Danielle Blair

Morgan’s first project probed the collaborative roles of XPC proteins and XPA sensors in the body’s repair of DNA. Her second project examined the bone-setting and massage methods of traditional Tongan healers and evaluated them in relation to modern medical practices. Under the direction of Mike Shell and Ryan Huish, respectively.

Zoe Grace Crihfield

For her first project, Zoe researched three early twentieth century lynchings in Wise County and worked with community leaders to document and commemorate these events. Her second project chronicled the life and career of Miriam Delois Morris Fuller, the first African American student to attend UVA Wise (in 1960). Both projects were mentored by Tom Costa. Coursework: Sixth Extinction (VanGundy), Making of the Working Class (Leech); Cataclysm & Cultural Memory (Clark)

Georgia Elizabeth Horne

Georgia’s capstone project conducted a historical analysis of the Church of Satan, founded by Anton LaVey in 1966. Unlike theistic Satanism or “devil worship,” LaVey’s rationalistic philosophy sees Satan as an archetype—rather than a literal figure—who is associated with pride, individual empowerment, vital existence, and undefiled wisdom. Georgia’s paper explored how theistic and rational Satanism became conflated by mainstream culture and media; she then attempted to untangle the two in order to provide a critical analysis of the history and religious philosophy of LaVey’s church. Co-directed by Cindy Wilkey and Anthony Cashio. Coursework: End of the World (Wolny, Huish, Purscell); Love, Sex, & Friendship (Cashio); Politics of *Game of Thrones* (Evans)

Madelyn Leigh Lawrence

Madelyn’s first project explored the potential use of carbon monoxide releasing

molecules (CORMs) in cancer treatments. Working with Floyd Beckford, she synthesized and characterized CORM complexes and then attempted to determine their anti-bacterial and cytotoxicity functions. Her second project, under the direction of Ryan Huish, examined the efficacy of medicinal plants used by traditional healers in Tonga for treatments of common dental ailments.

Coursework: A.I. in Film (Ray); Sixth Extinction (VanGundy); Magic (McNulty)

Mackenzie Rose Mason

For her first project, Mackenzie studied historical caricatures of African Americans and demonstrated the ways in which many of them—including the infamous cartoon of Serena Williams following the 2018 U.S. Open—persist in American culture. For her second project, Mackenzie interviewed teachers and students in local high schools in order to determine the strengths and weaknesses of virtual education during the pandemic (with an eye towards possible improvements for the future). Under the direction of Tom Costa and Elizabeth Dotson-Shupe, respectively.

Coursework: A.I. in Film (Ray); Religion & Pop Culture (Wolny); Italian Renaissance (Adrian)

Autumn Brooke Stover-Bailey

Autumn’s first project examined the nature of Fortune in Boethius’s *Consolation of Philosophy* and then showed how the medieval *Pearl* poet used the classical tradition and also combined it with providence in order to Christianize the convention. For her second project, Autumn wrote an essay in which she analyzed the tension that Chaucer creates between religious and secular themes in *Troilus and Criseyde*. Both projects were directed by Ken Tiller.

Coursework: Newsreal (McNulty); A.I. in Film (Ray); Italian Renaissance (Adrian)

Rachel Alexis Ward

For her capstone project, Rachel examined the effects of the pandemic on the friendship relationship. She worked with Anthony Cashio to identify the philosophical underpinnings of friendship as well as the ways in which these relationships are traditionally maintained. Rachel then looked at the particular challenges posed by COVID-19, including the effects of prolonged social distancing. Finally, under the direction of Kristina Feeser, she used the principles of social psychology to identify strategies—

communication, listening, nonverbal expression, empathy, etc.—for maintaining meaningful connections.

Coursework: Italian Renaissance (Adrian); Love, Sex, & Friendship (Cashio); Magic (McNulty)

Chancellor's Medal for Excellence in Undergraduate Research

The College recognizes and honors students who have attained a high level of scholarship as undergraduates. To that end, the Chancellor's Medal is awarded annually to a student who has demonstrated excellence in the pursuit of knowledge beyond the classroom. To be eligible for the Chancellor's Medal, a student must have been nominated by a faculty mentor in response to an exceptional project, and members of the Undergraduate Research Council must have judged the student's work to be particularly meritorious and deserving of public recognition.

This year's recipient is **Zoe Grace Crihfield**.

Zoe is an outstanding student who comes to the college from the local community of Wise. A major in history with a minor in women's studies, she has become an impressive scholar. She is particularly good at synthesizing details while also understanding the larger historical framework, and this nice blend always makes her work standout. She is receiving this well-deserved award for her research and publications on the three Wise County lynchings.

In summer 2019, she was one of a team of three students who worked with Professor Tom Costa on researching the three lynchings that occurred in Wise County in 1902, 1920, and 1927. Her work resulted in the publication of an essay on the lynchings on the "Racial Terror: Lynching in Virginia," hosted by Professor Gianluca DeFazio of James Madison University. She is currently working with Professor Costa to revise a chapter on the Wise lynchings for a book to be published by the University of Virginia Press.

Her research was part of a larger effort, the Wise County Community Remembrance Project to memorialize the historical injustice of lynching. As a member of the Community Remembrance Committee, she is part of a group which partnered with the Equal Justice Initiative of Montgomery,

Alabama, a foundation established by Civil Rights lawyer Bryan Stevenson that addresses the historical roots of current injustices African Americans face across the country.

Crihfield completed several other research projects while engaged with the Community Remembrance Committee including work on a biography of Dr. Miriam Delois Morris Fuller, the first African American student to attend what was then Clinch Valley College (1960).

She has presented her work on various projects at regional and national conferences, including the Phi Alpha Theta History Conference, meetings of the Appalachian Studies Association, and the regional COPLAC conference. She has also presented here at UVA Wise for Black History Month and Research Day.

Graduation with Academic Distinction

Students graduating with honors are distinguished by the wearing of gold tassels with the Honors charm at Commencement.

Grade point averages for honors status include courses completed at The University of Virginia's College at Wise as well as coursework transferred from other institutions. For purposes of this publication only, honors designations are based on coursework completed at the end of the Fall 2020 semester and may be adjusted based on all reported college coursework. Final honors will be published on all official transcripts.

Summa Cum Laude ("With highest honor")
3.900-4.000 grade point average

Magna Cum Laude ("With high honor")
3.700-3.899 grade point average

Cum Laude ("With honor")
3.500-3.699 grade point average

Summa Cum Laude
Sydney Elise Bates
Emilee Grace Helbert
Conor Nash Jessee
Madelyn Leigh Lawrence
Rian Fitzgerald Moore
Georgia Lynn Bolling Opalesky

Ryan Nathaniel Wright

Magna Cum Laude

Morgan Danielle Blair
Zoe Grace Crihfield
Lenora Wynn Dingus
Logan Daniel Dollarhide
Megan Elizabeth Greear
Andrew Dennis Greene
Mitchell Blake Tanner Holbrook
Georgia Elizabeth Horne
Ashlyn Nikole Jones
Mackenzie Rose Mason
Sophie Elise Mullins
Devin Sean Patrick
Anthony Mason Phillips
Katherine Grace Pridemore
Jayme Leigh Salyers
Makenzie Carson Sheets
Anastasia Eden Smith
Kaitlyn Nicole Stapleton
Blake Allan Stinson
Autumn Brooke Stover-Bailey
Caleb Aaron Street
Kira Alixandrya Rene Sturgill
Nicholas Vinson Trosper

Cum Laude

Claudia Jane Alsup
Bailey Rhianna Anderson
Johnathan Robert Baker
Burley Walter Ball III
Haley Alexis Barker
Aleksander Tobias Belcher
Emily Christine Broadwater
Haley Rebecca Caudill
Andrea Ellen Church
Cameron B. Cowan
Kaitlyn Davis
Hunter Braydon Dorton
Erik Montgomery Howard
Kalee Colleen Johnson
Aundrea Renee Jones
Casey Marie Kelly
Logan Tyler Lane
Raychel Lynn Lapallo
Noah Aaron Maxfield
Dalten Jesse Liam McCoy
Elizabeth Christine Moore
Alexandria Gale Mullins
Bryson Cole Mullins
Hanna Leigh Oliver
Madison Layne Ray
Kelsey Madison Sexton
Sierra Nicole Thacker

Andrei Sergeyevich Tregubov

Richard Hugh Turner

John Bryce Varner

Rachel Alexis Ward

John Tyler Webb

Haley Elizabeth Wright

Honor Societies

Alpha Phi Sigma

The mission of **Alpha Phi Sigma** is to promote analytical thinking, rigorous scholarship and lifelong learning, to keep abreast of the advances in scientific research, to elevate the ethical standards of the criminal justice professions, and to sustain in the public mind the benefit and necessity of education and professional training. The inductee for 2020-2021 is:

Kellie Suzanne Henderson

The Darden Society

The Darden Society, the College's oldest honor society, is named for Colgate W. Darden, president of the University of Virginia when the College was founded. Criteria for membership requires that students be on the Dean's List for their first three full-time semesters (a grade point average of 3.500 or higher). Juniors and seniors may be nominated for selection by their departments. Darden Society inductees for the 2020-2021 academic year are:

Destiny Savannah Addair
Chloe Paige Allen
Megan Brooke Austin
Diamonta Levare Ball
Cory Scott Belcher
Abigail Grace Blankenship
Adam Drake Bowen
Dakota Blake Cantrell
Rachel Kerr Cohen
Molly Elizabeth Frazier
Rachel Paige Gibson
Amanda Dawn Greear
Andrew Dennis Greene
Jessica Danielle Hibbitts
Mitchell Blake Holbrook
Brittany Briana Horton
Keaton Seth Ingle
John Robert Kilgore
Logan Cade Lagow
Kaeli Rosse McKinney
Christopher John McKnight

Kayleigh Danielle McNew
Trevor Wesley Meade
Rian Fitzgerald Moore
Ashlyn Gabrielle Mullins
Olivia Faith Mullins
Danielle N. Nottingham
Anthony Mason Phillips
Zoe Brooke Phillips
Haley Katherine Quillen
John Luke Sage
Saidee Leigh Sexton
Katerina Fern Sheads
Connor Ray Short
Amelia Morgan Strouth
Haley Ann Sykes
Kaley Brook Sykes
Clara Isabel Taylor
Jordan Marshall Wampler
Emily Sierra Ward
Rachel Alexis Ward

Lambda Pi Eta

Lambda Pi Eta is the honor society of the National Communication Association, whose purpose is to recognize, foster and reward outstanding scholastic achievement in communication studies. The Rho Xi Chapter inductees for the 2020-2021 academic year are:

Cameron Bailey Cowan
Leroy Green III
Laura Kate Love
Haley Katherine Quillen

Phi Alpha Theta

Phi Alpha Theta, one of the nation's largest honor societies, is devoted to excellence in the study of history. Requirements for induction include an overall grade point average of 3.00 and a minimum of 3.00 in history classes. Inductees for the 2020-2021 academic year are:

Chloe Paige Allen
James Wesley Campbell
Dakota Blake Cantrell
Shayleigh May Cire
Elizabeth Grace Dingus
Mitchell Blake Holbrook
Alexis Grace Horton
Sydney Paula Laney
Joshua John Miklandric
Makayla Danielle Mitchell
Benjamin Bryce Moore
Hannah Elizabeth Robinson
Kaitlyn Nadara Smith
Kailyn Joyce Spencer

Pi Sigma Alpha

Pi Sigma Alpha is a national honor society for the study of political science. Members must have completed at least ten semester credits of work in political science including at least one upper-division course, with an average grade of B or higher in those courses. They must have achieved an overall GPA placing them in the top one-third of their class.

Bryson Patrick Roberson
Math Rowe
Amelia Morgan Strouth

Psi Chi

Psi Chi is a national honor society founded to encourage, stimulate and maintain excellence in scholarship and to advance the study of psychology. Psi Chi members for the 2020-2021 academic year are:

Noah Jason Anderson
Leah Katherine Baker
Sydney Vail Collins
Sarah Margaret Crawford
Matelyn Buchanan Gibson
Colleen Elizabeth Gilliam
Alexis G. Horton
Shimon Chrisophe Hunt
Courtney Emalee Johnson
Cassidy Faith Owens
Hannah Brooke Phelps
Kaylee Faith Sexton
Alexander Elizabeth Sturgill
Sierra N. Thacker
Marshara Nicole Thompson
Andrei Sergeyevich Tregubov
Kaitlyn Denise Wagoner
Rachel Alexis Ward

Sigma Tau Delta

Sigma Tau Delta's central purpose is to confer distinction upon students of the English language and literature. Sigma Tau Delta inductees for the 2020-2021 academic year are:

Chloe Rebecca Collins
Emily P. Gordon-Proffitt
Trevor Wesley Meade
Alli Marie Miller
Emily Mullins
Jessica Faith Wells

Sigma Theta Tau

The mission of Sigma Theta Tau, the Honor Society of Nursing, is advancing world health and celebrating nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service. Members must have a grade point average of at least 3.500 and be in the top 35 percent of their class. Inductees for the 2020-2021 academic year are:

Claudia Jane Alsup
Burley Walter Ball
Haley Rebecca Caudill
Hunter Braydon Dorton
Ericka Brooke Fisher
Anthony Mason Phillips
Kaitlyn Nicole Stapleton
Jill Renee Talbert

Sigma Zeta

Sigma Zeta is a national honor society whose purpose is to promote interest in the study of mathematics, computer science and the sciences, and to recognize students who have attained outstanding achievement in those fields. To be eligible for membership, students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 in all math and science courses completed. Alumni of the Alpha Xi Chapter of UVA Wise include physicians, dentists, engineers, scientists, teachers, and professionals in many other fields. The Alpha Xi chapter inductees for the 2020-2021 academic year are:

Landon Jeffery Elkins
Michaela Faith Hall
Logan Tyler Lane
Raychel Lynn Lapallo
Morgan G. Lees
Andrew Kinnel Mullins
Caleb Zachary Mullins

UVA Wise College Board

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Marcia A. Gilliam '82, *Chair*

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Leton L. Harding Jr. '78

George E. Hunnicutt Jr. '72

Fran G. Hunt '80

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Joseph F. Smiddy, M.D. '60

Robert F. Stallard '76

Jeffery A. Sturgill '74

J. Michael Thomas

Roger C. Viers '64

Dawneda F. Williams

Elizabeth M. Cranwell, *Board of Visitors Representative*

Joseph R. Carico '95, *Alumni Association Board Representative*

Madelyn L. Lawrence '21, *Student Member*

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