

2024 Arts & Sciences Honors Convocation

A celebration of student achievement

Friday, April 19, 2024
Camp Concert Hall, located in the Booker Hall of Music
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.



UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND
School of Arts & Sciences™



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Prelude

Concerto for Two Trumpets in C Major Antonio Vivaldi
I. Allegro (1678–1741)
II. Andante
III. Allegro

Andrew Magrane, trumpet
Jack Bricklemeyer, trumpet
Dr. Joanne Kong, piano
Director of Accompaniment, Coordinator of Chamber Ensembles

Welcome.....Dr. Jennifer Cavanaugh
Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences, Professor of Theatre

Introduction of Convocation PoetDr. Jennifer Cavanaugh
Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences

Student Poetry Reading..... Kathleen Firment

Presentation of David C. Evans Awards.....Dr. Jennifer Cavanaugh
Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences

David C. Evans Award

for Outstanding Scholarship..... Robert Bentley
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Michelle Kahn, Associate Professor of History

Vicky Osenga
Faculty Mentor: Miles Johnson, Associate Professor of Chemistry

David C. Evans Award

for Outstanding Artistic and Creative Work Eva Steinitz

Faculty Mentors: Dr. Elena Calvillo, Associate Professor of Art History
Dr. Nathan Snaza, Assistant Professor of English,
and Dr. Erling Sjovold, Professor of Art

Special Music

“In That Place Wholly Far Away” Chinese Folk Music
(在那遥远的地方) transcribed by Zhao Zhang (2011)

Xipeng Ke, piano

Introduction of Student Speaker..... Dr. Kelling Donald

Associate Dean, School of Arts & Sciences
Clarence E. Denoon Jr., Chair in Natural Sciences

Student AddressLesley Boadu

Introduction of

URAA Board of Directors Member.....Dr. Jennifer Cavanaugh

Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences

Presentation of A&S Outstanding Senior Awards.....Sally Yates Wood

W’69, G’71, L’80
Board of Directors

A&S Outstanding Senior Awards.....Lesley Boadu

Kathleen Firment

Presentation of Symposium Paper Award.....Dr. Manuella Meyer

Associate Dean, School of Arts & Sciences, Associate Professor of History

Symposium Paper Award..... Emma Miller

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Najung Kim, Assistant Professor of Art History

Presentation of Symposium Arts Award.....Dr. Sharon Feldman
Associate Dean, School of Arts & Sciences
William Judson Gaines Chair in Modern Foreign Languages

Symposium Artist Award..... Alex Broening
Faculty Mentor: Anne Norman Van Gelder, Director of Dance

Presentation of Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award.....Dr. Patricia Herrera
Associate Dean, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB)
Professor of Theatre

Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award Dr. Michelle Kahn
Associate Professor of History

Recognition of Honor SocietiesDr. Jennifer Cavanaugh
Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences

Alpha Kappa Delta — *Sociology*
Founded at the University of Southern California, 1920

Alpha Psi Omega — *Dramatics*
Founded at the State College, Fairmount, West Virginia, 1905

Beta Beta Beta — *Biology*
Founded at Oklahoma City University, 1922

Delta Phi Alpha — *German*
Founded at Wofford College, 1929

Eta Sigma Phi — *Classics*
Founded at the University of Chicago, 1914

Gamma Theta Upsilon — *Geography*
Founded at the University of Chicago, 1924

Golden Key — *Scholarship*
Founded at Georgia State University, 1977

Kappa Delta Pi — *Education*

Founded at the University of Illinois, 1911

Lambda Alpha — *Anthropology*

Founded at Wichita State University, 1968

Lambda Pi Eta — *Communication Studies*

Founded at the University of Arkansas, 1985

Mortar Board — *Scholarship, Leadership, Service*

Founded at Syracuse University, 1918

Omicron Delta Epsilon — *Economics*

Founded at the University of Wisconsin and Harvard University, 1963

Omicron Delta Kappa — *Leadership*

Founded at Washington and Lee University, 1914

Phi Alpha Theta — *History*

Founded at the University of Arkansas, 1921

Phi Beta Delta — *International Scholars*

Founded at California State University, Long Beach, 1986

Phi Beta Kappa — *Scholarship*

Founded at the College of William and Mary, 1776

Phi Eta Sigma — *First Year Honors*

Founded at the University of Illinois, 1923

Phi Kappa Mu — *Music*

Founded at the University of Richmond, 1977

Pi Mu Epsilon — *Mathematics*

Founded at Syracuse University, 1903

Phi Sigma Iota — *Modern & Classical Languages*

Founded at Allegheny College, 1922

Phi Sigma Tau — *Philosophy*

Founded at Muhlenberg College, 1930

Pi Sigma Alpha — *Political Science*
Founded at the University of Texas, 1920

Psi Chi — *Psychology*
Founded at the University of Kansas, 1929

Sigma Delta Pi — *Spanish*
Founded at the University of California, Berkeley, 1919

Sigma Pi Pi — *Chemistry*
Founded at the University of Richmond, 2010

Sigma Pi Sigma — *Physics*
Founded at Davidson College, 1925

Sigma Tau Delta — *English*
Founded at the Dakota Wesleyan University, 1924

Upsilon Pi Epsilon — *Computing and Information Disciplines*
Founded at Texas A&M University, 1967

Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Founded at the University of Richmond, 1990

Recognition of Student Achievement.....Dr. Jennifer Cavanaugh
Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences

American Studies Interdisciplinary Program

Outstanding Senior AwardMia Lazar

Department of Art and Art History

Philip Frederick, Jr. Memorial AwardAli Mills
Emma Miller

The Bobby Chandler Award in Art and Music..... Eva Steinitz
Fabianna Morell Santiago

Department of Biology

- John Neasmith Dickinson AwardZhiang (John) Fan, Amy Jablonski
Jerry He, Chloe Ngo
- Willie M. Reams Award Chris Rawson
- Robert F. Smart Award Katie Baker, Charlotte Brand
Elliot Delroba, Camille Walsh-Antzak
Emi Iguchi, Sarah Marsden

Department of Computer Science

- University of Richmond Computer Science PrizeCaitlin Sales
Andrew Brady
- B. Lewis Barnett, III Award for Outstanding Service Prize.....Elizabeth Smith
- Outstanding Academics in Computer Science Award.....Ioana-Andreea Cristescu
Jenna Donaldson
- Outstanding Research in Computer Science Award..... Kritim Rijal
Vikhyat Agarwal

Environmental Studies Interdisciplinary Program

- Christopher L. Stevenson Award
for Excellence in Environmental Studies..... Katherine Baker

Department of Geography, Environment, and Sustainability

- Outstanding Senior Geographer.....Matteo Gonzalez
- Exemplary Service Award Eli Beech-Brown
- Exemplary Geography Research Award..... Shaoting Wen
- Outstanding Service to the Spatial Analysis Lab Caitlin Fay

Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

Outstanding Senior Award

Arabic	Sumayya Coovadia, Syd Serio
Chinese	Zazi Halla
French.....	Fiyin Tunji-Ekundayo, Na'Dyah Wynn
German.....	Peyton Sisson
Italian.....	Will Johansen
Russian	Lillian Tzanev

Department of Latin American, Latino, and Iberian Studies

Outstanding LALIS Major	Ava Halstead Rachel Matthews
Outstanding Service to the Richmond Hispanic Community.....	Karthik Lalwani
Outstanding Assistant Teacher.....	Dani Valderrama-Avila
Modern Languages Award, LALIS.....	Hailey Williams
The Progress Award	Katiana Isaac
The Multilingualism Award.....	Jordan Jones

Department of Mathematics and Statistics

James D. Crump Prize for Excellence in Mathematics	Andrew Brady Caitlin Sales
Outstanding Student in Mathematics Award.....	Leah Ghazali Pierce Chancy
The Dr. William Jason Owen Prize.....	Bailey Rossenfeld Taylor Herndon
Outstanding Student in Mathematical Economics Award.....	Maniha Akram Abby Letocha

Department of Military Science and Leadership

Distinguished Military Graduate	Benjamin Lee Nathaniel Bloom
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Department of Music

Bobby Chandler Award Cameron Peterson
C.J. Hesch Award..... Andrew Magrane
Roy Jesson Music Prize Tim Wen

Department of Political Science

Spencer Albright Book Award Eli Chancey
Spencer Albright Scholarship..... Walezka Abdala, Emma Alatzas
Luke Arnowitt, Lily Bartlett, Steph Bird
Ava Boghosian, Annie Clarkson, Anne-Valerie Clitus
Emily Daniel, Laneah Gordan, Rodrigo Herrera
Jun Kim, Mary Manching, Dev Patel
Kevin Ramirez, Brendan Redell
May Thompson Evans and William Ney Evans Scholarship Emma Alatzas
Amal Ali, Zoe Beede
Emily Daniel, Alexia Leca, Mary Manching
The Richmond Award Jordan Jones

Department of Religious Studies

The Lynn C. Dickerson Award Lillian Tzanev
The Philip R. Hart Prize..... Matthew Rooney

Department of Rhetoric and Communication Studies

Academic Excellence Award..... Kerry-Ann Moyo
Engaged Leader Award..... Lily Stevenson

Department of Sociology & Anthropology

The James A. Sartain Award Enrique Kotera

Department of Theatre and Dance

Myra Delang Award Zara Duboyce
Ariana Sosa

University Museums

Joan Maitre Award for Outstanding Museum Attendant Leah Lamont

Notable Scholarships, Grants, and Awards*

Barry Goldwater Scholars Sophie Goldberg
Jamie Kaplan
Holly Wemple

Beckman Scholars Aine MacDermott
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Melinda Yang, Assistant Professor of Biology
Marcos Hendler
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Carol Parish,
Floyd D. and Elisabeth S. Gottwald Chair in Chemistry

Boren Scholars Eli Chancey
Luke Orris

Davis Projects for Peace Grant Anush Margaryan
Jeff Tsai

National Science Foundation Graduate Fellow Evelyn Ramirez

Newman Civic Fellow Beza Mulatu

*Notable scholarships, grants, and awards announced during the 2023-2024 academic year.

Postlude

Romance for Violin and Piano, Op. 23 Amy Beach
(1867 – 1944)

Noah Robinson, violin
Ben Nguyen, piano

Please remain seated through this selection.

Student and faculty musicians are from the Department of Music.

Student Speaker Lesley Boadu

Lesley Boadu is a Ghanaian student for whom Baltimore, Maryland, is a second home. A senior at the University of Richmond (UR), she is completing a major in biology with a minor in women, gender, and sexuality studies, reflecting the interdisciplinary nature of her academic interests. Through her many roles across and beyond the UR campus (as a student ambassador, resident assistant, and involvement in local healthcare initiatives), she has developed a robust skill set, balancing scientific inquiry with community engagement. Her passion for scientific inquiry led her to undergraduate research at the VCU Decision Neuroscience Laboratory and with Professor Colleen Carpenter in our Biology department at UR using a zebrafish model to study seizures. Beyond the classroom and research laboratory, she believes in engaging actively in the community to solve problems. She launched the EndoEcho Initiative to raise awareness and support for endometriosis, ensuring those affected, particularly those whose voices are often unheard, receive the attention they deserve. As she prepares to graduate from UR, she plans to complete a medical degree, specialize in obstetrics and gynecology, and, in time, transform women’s healthcare.

Student Poet Kathleen Firment

Kathleen Firment is a senior at the University of Richmond (UR). She graduates this spring with a double major in visual media and arts practice (VMAP) and English and a minor in creative writing. Kathleen spent a semester abroad at Goldsmiths University of London, where she studied English and visual cultures. Later this year, after graduating from UR, she will begin graduate school at the Brandcenter at VCU, where she will pursue a master’s degree in brand strategy. Kathleen currently works as a gallery assistant at Palette Home, an art gallery in Richmond, with a special focus on curatorial studies and artist relations. She is a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority here at UR, where she serves as the vice president of community relations. She has always had a passion for the arts but traces the development of her interest in writing to taking the Introduction to Creative Writing course with Professor Brian Henry, to whom she owes, she says, much of her growth as a poet. She has been featured in publications such as *The Messenger* and *Virginia Literary Review* for her exploratory and abstract poetry.





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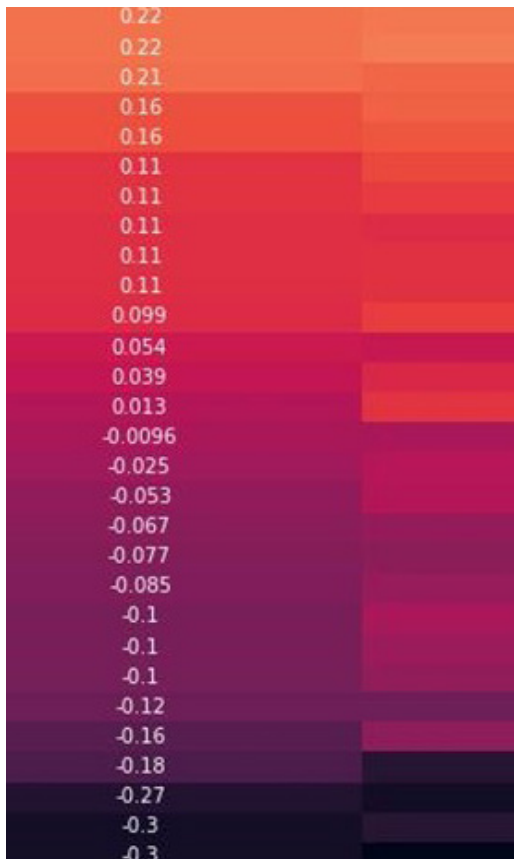
FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024
12:30–5:30 P.M.

MODLIN CENTER FOR THE ARTS

A&S RECEPTION
5:30 - 7:00 PM

EVERYONE

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE &
DANCE PERFORMANCE
7:30 PM



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