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.
Prelude
Concerto for Two Trumpets in C Major ........................................... Antonio Vivaldi (1678–1741)
I. Allegro
II. Andante
III. Allegro
Andrew Magrane, trumpet
Jack Brickleymer, trumpet
Dr. Joanne Kong, piano
Director of Accompaniment, Coordinator of Chamber Ensembles

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

Introduction of Convocation Poet ........................................... Dr. Jennifer Cavenaugh
Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences

Student Poetry Reading............................................................. Kathleen Firment

Presentation of David C. Evans Awards............................... Dr. Jennifer Cavenaugh
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 Address .................................................................................. Lesley Boadu

Introduction of  
URAA Board of Directors Member .......................................Dr. Jennifer Cavenaugh  
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 Societies .............................................. Dr. Jennifer Cavenaugh
                                            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 Cavenaugh
Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences

American Studies Interdisciplinary Program
Outstanding Senior Award
Mia Lazar

Department of Art and Art History
Philip Frederick, Jr. Memorial Award
Ali Mills
Emma Miller

The Bobby Chandler Award in Art and Music
Eva Steinitz
Fabianna Morell Santiago
Department of Biology

John Neasmith Dickinson Award .........................Zhiang (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 Prize .........................Caitlin 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
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 Beeede, 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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12:30–5:30 P.M.
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A&S RECEPTION
5:30 - 7:00 PM
EVERYONE
DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE & DANCE PERFORMANCE
7:30 PM
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