2023 Arts & Sciences Honors Convocation

A celebration of student achievement

Friday, April 14, 2023
Camp Concert Hall, located in the Booker Hall of Music
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Prelude
Piano Trio in C Major, Op. 87 ........................................... Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
I. Allegro

Esther Kim, violin
Brianna Cantrall, cello
Christine Gyure, piano

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

Student Address .................................................................Yueyi (Pheebe) Fan, ‘23

Special Music
For You There Is No Song .............................................H. Leslie Adamsi (b. 1932)

Donte’ Thompson, baritone

Dr. Joanne Lan-Funn Kong, piano
Director of Accompaniment, Coordinator of Chamber Ensembles
Presentation of David C. Evans Award ........................................... Dr. Jennifer Cavenaugh
Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences

David C. Evans Award.................................................. Quang Minh (Harry) Dang
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Michael Leopold
Floyd D. and Elisabeth S. Gottwald Professor of Chemistry

Presentation of Symposium Paper Competition Award .......... Dr. Kelling Donald
Associate Dean, School of Arts & Sciences   Clarence E. Denoon Jr., Chair in
Natural Sciences

Symposium Paper Competition Award.................................Jonah Reisboard
“No Strings Attached: Learning and Collaboration in the Sino-Zimbabwe
Surveillance Relationship.”
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Dan Chen, Assistant Professor of Political Science

Symposium Paper Competition Award.................................Maniha Akram
Olivia Barlow
Connor Gasgarth
Leah Ghazali
“No Modeling the Opioid Crisis in Virginia: A Differential Equations Model of the
Impact of Medication-Assisted Treatment in Correctional Facilities on the Opioid
Epidemic.”
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Joanna Wares, Associate Professor of Mathematics
Presentation of Symposium Arts Competition Award ........... Dr. Sharon Feldman
Associate Dean, School of Arts & Sciences
William Judson Gaines Chair in Modern Foreign Languages

Symposium Arts Competition Award ........................................... Helene Leichter
Faculty Mentor: Anne Norman Van Gelder, Director of Dance

Presentation of Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award ............. Dr. Manuella Meyer
Associate Dean, School of Arts & Sciences, Associate Professor of History

Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award ........................................ Dr. Jennifer Bowie
Associate Professor of Political Science

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

Student Poetry Reading............................................................... Simone Reid, ‘23

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

Shira Greer

Department of Art and Art History

Philip Frederick, Jr. Memorial Award in Art

Sophia McClellan

The Bobby Chandler Award in Art and Music

Jocelyn Hernandez

Bailey Santaguida

Department of Biology

John Neasmith Dickinson Award

Christopher Rawson

Willie M. Reams Award

Narmeen Rashid

Robert F. Smart Award

Elizabeth Forrey, Sophia Jackson,
Maddie Olvey, Dominique Pham, Nina Price,
Wesley Tsai, Elena Zerkin

Clarence Denoon Scholarship Award

Chris Rawson

Cole Memorial Scholarship Award

Olivia Beatty

Department of Classical Studies

Tanner Award

Will Roberts

Mary Madison Bowen Award

Emily Dixon

The Howland Award

Emily Dixon
Department of Computer Science

Mary Church Kent and Joseph F. Kent
Computer Science Prize ............................................................. Angela Stefanovska
Nikita Morozov

B. Lewis Barnett, III Award for Outstanding Service ......................... Paean Luby

Outstanding Academics in Computer Science Award ..................... Ying Zhu
Caitlin Sales

Outstanding Research in Computer Science Award ....................... Camryn Carter

Environmental Studies Interdisciplinary Program

Christopher L. Stevenson Award
for Excellence in Environmental Studies........................................ Violet Jetton
Will Heinle

Department of Geography, Environment, and Sustainability

Outstanding Senior Geographer .................................................. Tereza Hernandez

Exemplary Service Award .......................................................... Sydney Thomas

Exemplary Geography Research Award ........................................ Charles Mullis

Outstanding Service to the Spatial Analysis Lab .............................. Will Heinle

Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

Outstanding Senior Award

Arabic ......................................................................................... Esther Helm
Chinese ..................................................................................... Hannah Hald
French ......................................................................................... Natalie Larson
Italian ......................................................................................... Caroline Bisese
Russian ...................................................................................... Rosa Lovo
Julia Stevermer
Department of Latin American, Latino, and Iberian Studies

Outstanding LALIS Major ................................................................. Lily Miller
Outstanding Service to the Richmond Hispanic Community............. Leah Kulma
Outstanding Assistant Teacher......................................................... Nicky Ramirez

Department of Mathematics and Statistics

James D. Crump Prize for Excellence in Mathematics ..................... Anna Fortunato
Rilyn McKallip
Outstanding Student in Mathematics Award .................................... Nicolas Ferré
The Dr. William Jason Owen Prize ................................................. Acacia Wyckoff
Mengle Hu
Outstanding Student in Mathematical Economics Award ................. Cheryl Yan

Department of Music

Bobby Chandler Award ................................................................... Donte’ Thompson
C.J. Hesch Award ........................................................................ Mattie Williams
Roy Jesson Music Prize ................................................................... Christian Conte

Department of Political Science

Spencer Albright Book Award ......................................................... Nico Ellis, Ava Gural
Emma Hickerson, Serena Pollard, Adam Webster

Spencer Albright Scholarship.......................................................... Trevis Stevens, Nikki May
Victoria Moullin, Claire McGuire
Anna Ptak, Emma Miller
May Thompson Evans and William Ney Evans Scholarship ............ Lauren Oligino
Cheryl Chan, Emma Mecklenburg
Anum Merchant, Campbell Finch

The Richmond Award .......................................................... Alexis Cobbs, Lily Miller

Department of Physics

Robert Edward Loving Award in Physics .................................. Brianna Cantrall
Nicolas Ferree

Jackson J. Taylor Best Senior Seminar in Physics Award ............... Charles Mullis
T.J. Kade

Cornelius Beausang Memorial Award........................................ Christine Gyure

Cole Memorial Scholarship ..................................................... Bruno Nowak

The Clarence Denoon Award ................................................... Daniel Kliebhan

Department of Religious Studies

The Lynn C. Dickerson Award ................................................. Natalie Schaus

The Philip R. Hart Prize .......................................................... Matt Rooney

Department of Rhetoric and Communication Studies

Academic Excellence Award.................................................... Caroline Bisese

Engaged Leader Award .......................................................... Yueyi Fan, Leo Piazza

Department of Sociology & Anthropology

The James A. Sartain Award .................................................... Simone Reid
Department of Theatre and Dance

Myra Daleng Award ............................................................................. Aiko Decker
Helene Leichter

University Museums

Joel and Lila Harnett Summer Research Fellow .................................. Ali Mills
Joan Maitre Award for Outstanding Museum Attendant ...................... Reide Petty
Doris and Warren Dieterich Award for Outstanding Service .......... Sophie McClellan

Notable Scholarships, Grants, and Awards*

Barry Goldwater Scholar ...................................................................... Paige Delsa
Helen Xia

Beckman Scholars ...................................................................................... Abigail Ali
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Isaac Skromne, Associate Professor of Biology
Auden Wilson
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Julie Pollock, Associate Professor of Chemistry
Benjamin A. Gilman Scholar ................................................................. Lizet Garcia

Davis Projects for Peace Grant .............................................................. Ngan Bui
Elspeth Collard

Hollings Scholar ...................................................................................... Emily Lekas

Luce Scholar ........................................................................................ Elspeth Collard

Newman Civic Fellow ........................................................................... Anum Merchant

*Notable scholarships, grants, and awards announced during the 2022-2023 academic year.
Postlude

From Three Jazz Vignettes.................................................................Sylvia E. Hazlerig
III. Sax-a-dance (b. 1934)

Rilyn McKallip, flute
Tim Wen, saxophone
Ben Nguyen, piano

Please remain seated through this selection.

Student and faculty musicians are from the University of Richmond Department of Music.

Convocation Poet Simone Reid is a major in sociology and a creative writing minor.

Following the Convocation, we invite everyone to celebrate with lunch in the Heilman Dining Center. A group of tables has been reserved in the dining room. If you are not on a meal plan you may pick up a ticket as you leave the Camp Concert Hall.

Student Speaker .................................................................Yueyi (Pheebe) Fan, ‘23
Our student convocation speaker has a record of academic accomplishment in different departments and divisions in our school. Along with majors in both psychology and rhetoric and communication studies, she has managed to incorporate as well a minor in data science and statistics. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Psi Chi (The International Honor Society in Psychology), Lambda Pi Eta (The National Honor Society in Communication), and Omicron Delta Kappa (The National Honor Society in Leadership), Pheebe has presented her scholarly work at conferences in both of her major academic disciplines. A senior honors student like so many of her peers being celebrated here today, Yueyi (Pheebe) Fan comes to us from Beijing, China, and has aspirations — and scholarship offers, we are told — to attend graduate school in mental health counseling. All that, with an eye toward providing high-quality care to communities in need, especially Asian immigrants and the Mandarin-speaking community in the U.S. Pheebe is already putting into practice her desire to support and engage productively with others in her local community. She has served as a psychology teaching fellow, peer support specialist for the CAPS Warmline, and as vice-president of the Chinese Students and Scholars Association. The faculty in the psychology department describe Pheebe as, “exceptional… bright, dedicated, creative, and ambitious in her pursuit of knowledge.”

Student Poet.................................................................................................................. Simone Reid, ‘23

As a tribute to her senior class, and in celebration of the mission of the School of Arts & Sciences, Simone Reid accepted our invitation to serve as the inaugural student poet at our annual honors convocation. Majoring in sociology with a minor in creative writing, Simone is a leader, a creative thinker, and a celebrated poet in our undergraduate community. Her creative work has already received national recognition: she was a finalist for the feminist journal’s *So to Speak* nonfiction prize, a semi-finalist for the Adroit Prize for Poetry, and has published in various journals including *Obsidian: Literature and Arts in the African Diaspora*. In the words of her academic mentor, Professor Brian Henry, “Her writing deftly balances stylistic innovation, literary ambition, and thematic urgency, whether she is writing about current events, personal experience, or family lore.” One of Simone’s poems was recently selected for the Academy of American Poets University Prize for the University of Richmond. An Oliver Hill Scholar, Simone has written for *The Collegian* and published an op-ed in the *Pretoria News* entitled, “The race question remains after 28 years of democracy in South Africa.” For us today, she reads our first poem for honors convocation.
Before WWII: Japanese chose to be silent

When the U.S. government issued an order that all Japanese Americans living in the West Coast must leave their homes and relocate to internment camps, many Japanese Americans chose to remain silent. This silence was not due to a lack of empathy or concern for their fellow Americans. Rather, it was a strategic decision to protect their families and communities from further harm.

The internment camps were not just places of confinement. They were also places where Japanese Americans preserved their identity and culture. In the camps, they created schools, clubs, and other organizations to maintain their cultural heritage.

The cultural consumption was a way of their survival. It helped them to resist the pressures of assimilation and maintain their identity. It was a way to keep their culture alive and to pass it on to future generations.

Incorporation Rate and Death Rate due to Opioids

Based on 2018 data from various counties in Virginia

Incarceration Rate (per 100,000 people)

Death Rate

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023
12:30–7:30 P.M.
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