

**2025 Arts & Sciences  
Honors Convocation**  
*A celebration of student achievement*

Friday, April 18, 2025  
Camp Concert Hall, located in the Booker Hall of Music  
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.







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## **Prelude**

Four Pictures from New York ..... Roberto Molinelli  
II. Tango Club (b. 1963)

Tim Wen, saxophone  
Ben Nguyen, piano

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

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

**Student Poetry Reading**..... Bella Stevens

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

## **David C. Evans Award**

**for Outstanding Scholarship**.....Holly Wemple  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Julie Pollock, Associate Professor of Chemistry

Maya Casillas  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Pippa Holloway, Cornerstones Chair in History

**David C. Evans Award**

**for Outstanding Artistic and Creative Work**.....Adam Huffman  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Timothy Barney  
Professor of Rhetoric & Communication Studies

**Special Music**

Love, Let the Wind Cry.....Undine Smith Moore  
(1904 – 1989)

Pearce Burlington, soprano  
Dr. Joanne Kong, piano  
Director of Accompaniment, Coordinator of Chamber Ensembles

**Introduction of Student Speaker**..... Dr. Kelling Donald  
Associate Dean, School of Arts & Sciences  
Clarence E. Denoon Jr., Chair in Natural Sciences

**Student Address** ..... Doro

**Introduction of**

**URAA Board of Directors Member**.....Dr. Jennifer Cavanaugh  
Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences

**Presentation of A&S Outstanding Senior Awards**.....Lisa Gray, W'93  
Board of Directors

**A&S Outstanding Senior Awards**..... Doro  
Bella Stevens

**Presentation of Symposium Paper Award**.....Dr. Manuella Meyer  
Associate Dean, School of Arts & Sciences  
Associate Professor of History

**Symposium Paper Award**.....Maria Byrnes  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Michelle Kahn, Associate Professor of History

Maria Zambrano Davila  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Erkulwater, Professor of Political Science

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

**Symposium Artist Award**.....Hannah Zaheer  
Faculty Mentor: Anne Norman Van Gelder, Director of Dance  
Senior Teaching Faculty of Theatre & Dance

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

**Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award** .....Dr. Elena Calvillo  
Associate Professor of Art History

Dr. Laura Knouse  
Professor of Psychology

**Presentation of John R. Rilling Award  
for First-Year Seminar Writing** .....Dr. Jennifer Cavanaugh  
Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences

**John R. Rilling Award for First-Year Seminar Writing**.....Owen Hoover  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Nathan Snaza, Director, Humanities Center  
Assistant Professor of English

Hallie Muniz  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Arryn Robbins, Assistant Professor of Psychology

**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

**Dobro Slovo** — *Russian*

Founded at the University of California at Berkeley, 1926

**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.....Rilwan Akinola  
Maggie Crowe, Jessica Durrett

**Department of Art and Art History**

Philip Frederick, Jr. Memorial Award.....Lucy McGinnis  
Alexandra Gramuglia

The Bobby Chandler Award in Art and Music.....Adam Huffman

**Department of Biology**

John Neasmith Dickinson Award .....Noelle Ledoux

Willie M. Reams Award.....Lindsey Abellard, Kalynn Cheeks

Robert F. Smart Award.....Judith Asare, Grace Park  
Moriann Animashaun, Kalynn Cheeks  
Amy Jablonski, Lindsey Abellard

**Department of Classical Studies**

Tanner Medal for Excellence in Greek.....Qianling Liang

Mary Madison Bowen Award for Excellence in Latin .....Ava Scott

Howland Award .....Tucker Radtke, Bella Warren

## **Department of Computer Science**

University of Richmond Computer Science Prize.....Anatolii Evdokimov  
B. Lewis Barnett, III Award for Outstanding Service Prize.....Jack DuPuy  
Outstanding Academics in Computer Science Award.....Win Aung, Kritim Rijal  
Outstanding Research in Computer Science Award.....Paean Luby

## **Department of Education**

Academic Excellence in Education.....Ashley Wilson  
Outstanding Teacher Intern.....Christina Caluori

## **Environmental Studies Interdisciplinary Program**

Christopher L. Stevenson Award  
for Excellence in Environmental Studies .....Rowan Keller, Laneah Gordon

## **Department of Geography, Environment, and Sustainability**

Outstanding Senior Geographer.....Nathan Winiarski  
Exemplary Service Award.....Grace Thrope  
Exemplary Geography Research Award.....Michelle Quach, Jack DuPuy  
Outstanding Service to the Spatial Analysis Lab.....Evelyn Zelmer  
Sustainability: Acting for Positive Change.....Sophie Tanner

## **Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures**

Outstanding Senior Award  
Arabic.....Maya Casillas  
Chinese .....Mary Manching  
French.....Emi Iguchi, Katherine Thomey  
German.....Alex Broening  
Italian.....Max Gagnon, Ava de Palo  
Russian.....Kenedee Westberry

**Department of Latin American, Latino, and Iberian Studies**

- Modern Languages Award,  
Latin American, Latino, & Iberian Studies Outstanding Major.....Kerin Debany
- Outstanding Service to the Richmond Hispanic Community...Karina García Rivera
- Outstanding Assistant Teachers in LALIS.....Sydney Dwyer  
Ava Boghosian
- The Progress Award.....Jaize Francis
- The Multilingualism Award.....Delaney Forrestall

**Department of Mathematics and Statistics**

- James D. Crump Prize for Excellence in Mathematics.....Eric Neuhaus
- Outstanding Student in Mathematics Award.....Vikhyat Agarwal
- Dr. William Jason Owen Prize.....Katherine Thomey
- Outstanding Student in Mathematical Economics Award.....Dhruvam Desai  
Konstantinos Anagnostopoulos

**Department of Music**

- Bobby Chandler Award .....Pearce Burlington
- C.J. Hesch Award.....Esther Kim
- Roy Jesson Music Prize.....Benjamin Stalder

**Department of Physics**

- Robert Edward Loving Award in Physics.....Paige Delsa, Reid Koutras
- Jackson J. Taylor Best Senior Seminar in Physics Award .....Christine Gyure  
Eric Neuhaus
- Cornelius Beausang Memorial Award.....Po Huang
- Cole Memorial Scholarship ..... Michael Bo
- The Clarence Denoon Jr. Award.....Mariona Giner Mascarell

**Department of Political Science**

Spencer Albright Book Award.....Alex Broening, Maria Zambrano Davila

Spencer Albright Scholarship...Chrissy Bertrand, Cristalla Chapman, Sean Herndon  
Liberty Jenkins-Wilson, Morgan Knoop, Gurbani Makar  
Aj Mazzariello, Devin Morgan, Isabella Sabogal, Natali Sabri

May Thompson Evans and William Ney Evans Scholarship.....Chrissy Bertrand  
Morgan Knoop, Abby Landa, Ina Loka, Isabella Sabogal

The Richmond Award.....Zoe Beede, Pinar Yalcin

**Department of Psychology**

Austin E. Grigg & Helen W. Grigg Award ..... Shea Baker

Outstanding Service ..... Yamir Chapman

Outstanding Psychology Student..... Katie Hong, Amaree Walker

Outstanding Psychology Research .....Paean Luby, Aditya Narayanan

**Department of Religious Studies**

The Lynn C. Dickerson Award .....Jessica Durrett

The Philip R. Hart Prize.....Ava Scott

**Department of Rhetoric and Communication Studies**

Academic Excellence Award.....Claire Binkley, Emma Walsh

Leadership Award.....Ethan Vroom

**Department of Sociology & Anthropology**

The James A. Sartain Award..... Morta Jankauskaite

**Department of Theatre and Dance**

Myra Delang Award .....Maggie Crowe

## Notable Scholarships, Grants, and Awards\*

Barry Goldwater Scholars ..... Phoebe Rubio  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Christopher Shugrue, Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Arielle Vinnikov  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Michael Leopold  
Floyd D. and Elisabeth S. Gottwald Professor of Chemistry

Beckman Scholars ..... Brice Di Carlo  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Kelling Donald, Professor of Chemistry  
Eric Zhou  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Wade Downey, Professor of Chemistry

Critical Language Scholars ..... Leo Barnes  
Bonny Bruzos  
Maya Casillas

Davis Projects for Peace Grant..... Minahil Mobeen

Gilman Scholars.....Noor Abdullah  
Sabrina Gaytan Lopez  
Denis Velazquez Mondragon

Gilman-McCain Scholar ..... Glen Kettering

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention.....Paige Delsa  
Christine Gyure

\*Notable scholarships, grants, and awards announced during the 2024-2025 academic year.

## Postlude

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

Esther Kim, violin  
Christine Gyure, piano

*Please remain seated through this selection.*

*Student and faculty musicians are from the Department of Music.*

**Student Speaker ..... Doro**

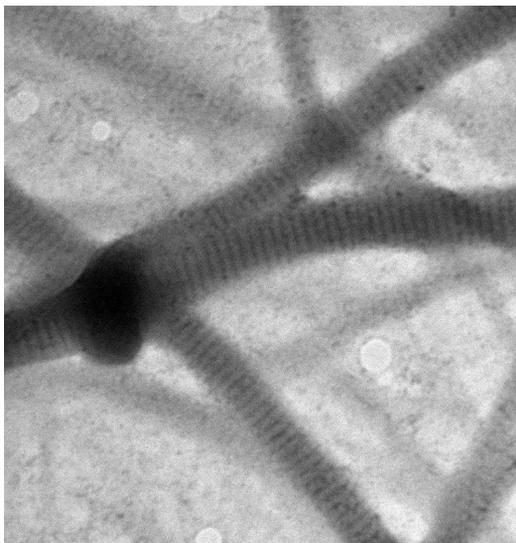
Doro grew up in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He graduated from UWC Robert Bosch College in 2020 before taking a gap year working in the nonprofit and education sectors in his hometown. He came to the University of Richmond (UR) as a Richmond Scholar and is completing a major in interdisciplinary studies, specializing in global and affect performance studies. Some of his fondest memories at UR include serving as an orientation leader in fall 2023 and fall 2024 and working at the Technology Learning Center since his first week on campus. In 2023, he was selected as a Humanities Fellow and researched movement and community-building practices in Malaysia and Indonesia. This work culminated in his senior thesis, a solo performance titled *Denganmu Ibu // With You, Mother*, staged in his hometown in November 2025. A regular in the Department of Theatre and Dance productions and a dedicated member of Gamelan Kesuma Raga, Richmond’s community gamelan group, Doro plans to continue his creative practice in Malaysia, aspiring to become a writer, director, and producer of impactful theater and performances.

**Student Poet..... Bella Stevens**

Bella Stevens is a senior at the University of Richmond (UR), completing majors in creative writing and visual art. Bella is heavily involved in the UR creative writing program, and language arts-related extracurricular activities, such as *The Messenger* magazine, where she has served as editor-in-chief since her junior year. In her practice, she is heavily inspired by film and visual poetry, often drawing insight and inspiration from experimental and grotesque creators. Her work has received recognition in several publications, including *The Messenger* and *Virginia Literary Review*, and she was awarded an honorable mention for the Academy of American Poets University Prize in 2023. A writing consultant at UR since 2022, Bella hopes to continue developing her writing and artistic practices after graduation to create graphic novels and work as a freelance illustrator in the years to come.







# A&S STUDENT SYMPOSIUM 40TH ANNUAL

**FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025**  
1-5:30 P.M.

MODLIN CENTER FOR THE ARTS  
+ OTHER CAMPUS LOCATIONS

## **URINETOWN**

Department of Theatre & Dance performance

Alice Jepson Theatre  
Modlin Center for the Arts  
7:30 P.M.



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