

# HONORS CONVOCAATION

LAFAYETTE  
COLLEGE

May 4, 2025

# All-College Honors Convocation

Sunday, May 4, 2025, 1 p.m.

Colton Chapel



## ORDER OF PROGRAM

### WELCOME

**Laura McGrane**—Provost

### REMARKS

**Nicole Farmer Hurd**—President of the College

### GUEST SPEAKER

**Amanda Pisetznier '10**

Amanda Pisetznier '10 is an Emmy Award-winning producer, Emmy-nominated writer, and documentary storyteller. She has worked on series and specials for Showtime, HBO, NBC, Discovery Channel, and more. Her work spans from character-driven profiles to complex historical documentaries.

Pisetznier is a storyteller at heart, driven by a desire to bridge communities and cultivate empathy in an increasingly divided world. By centering characters' stories and creating safe spaces for authentic interviews, she embraces documentary filmmaking's power to foster understanding, offer fresh perspectives, and inspire action.

Before working in film and television, Pisetznier studied the lived experiences of incarcerated and low-income women in California and Pennsylvania. She was awarded a Kathryn Wasserman Davis Project for Peace Grant and named a 2014 New Leaders Council Fellow, and has served as an associate board member for Lafayette College.

In 2024, Pisetznier became an end-of-life doula, gaining insight into the full spectrum of human experience. She teaches storytelling workshops for students and those nearing the end of life.

As an English and equality and social justice dual major at Lafayette, Pisetznier was awarded a Fulbright Award and the Gilbert Prize in English. She was a finalist for the Pepper Prize and Harry S. Truman Scholarship.

### AWARDING OF PRIZES

**Benjamin Jahre**—Head of Collections Strategies, Skillman Library

**Gabrielle Kelenyi**—Assistant Professor of English and

Assistant Director of the College Writing Program

### CLOSING REMARKS

**Ingrid Furniss**—Dean of the Faculty

### RECEPTION

**Daniel P. O'Neil '06 Plaza**

# 2025 AWARD DESCRIPTIONS AND RECIPIENTS

## ADVISING AND CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

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### **JAMES F. BRYANT '40 EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Awarded to a junior student who meets standards of excellence, as did James F. Bryant, by demonstrating high academic achievement, lettering in at least one varsity sport and showing noticeable and noteworthy evidence of community service.

**Eric Axtman '26**

### **POSSE LEADERSHIP & ENGAGEMENT AWARD**

Presented annually to senior Posse Scholars who have made outstanding contributions to the Lafayette community through their engagement and leadership within the College and/or surrounding communities.

**^Ronnie Ward '25**

**^Yaseen Saleh '25**

**^Thania Hernandez '25**

### **PROFESSOR CAROLYNN VAN DYKE PRIZE**

Awarded annually in honor of Carolynn Van Dyke, March Professor of English, to a student majoring in any subject (preference for computer science) to provide funds for a nontraditional learning experience.

**Mita Crane '26**

## AFRICANA STUDIES

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### **AFRICANA STUDIES SCHOLASTIC AWARD**

Awarded to students, selected by Africana Studies program faculty, who have demonstrated academic excellence and potential for future leadership in American society.

**^Akeena Hall '26**

## ALUMNI RELATIONS

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### **LAFAYETTE ALUMNI OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Awarded annually to Lafayette seniors either residing in the greater Lehigh Valley, or who graduated from a greater Lehigh Valley high school, who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement.

**Grace Comfort '25**

**§Grace Sanborn '25**

**Liliana Roginski '25**

**Rebecca Koury '25**

**Rylee Bordwick '25**

### **THEODORE J. VERESINK '68**

### **PERFORMING ARTS AWARD**

Awarded annually to a Lafayette senior either residing in the greater Lehigh Valley, or who graduated from a greater Lehigh Valley high school, who has made a significant contribution to Lafayette's performing arts program while demonstrating academic achievement.

**†«Christopher Taverner '25**

## ANTHROPOLOGY & SOCIOLOGY

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### **AMANDA MINER '18 AWARD FOR CAMPUS AND DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY LEADERSHIP**

This award is given to a senior A&S major selected by A&S majors and minors in recognition of their significant engagement in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology and Lafayette campus and their leadership in promoting the welfare of others. This award is in memory of Amanda Miner '18, an A&S major with a contagious love of learning about the world, exploring community, and fostering positive change through anthropology and sociology.

**Kat Flanders '25**

### **CAROLYN BYINGTON '15 AWARD FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP**

This award is given to a senior A&S major selected by department faculty for outstanding service and/or scholarship aimed at enhancing transnational and intercultural understanding. This departmental award is in memory of Carolyn Byington '15, a double IA/A&S major passionate about responsible global citizenship.

**Ella Dalglish '25**

### **PAUL BERNON MEMORIAL PRIZE IN SOCIOLOGY**

Awarded each year by the faculty in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology to the graduating senior most outstanding in sociology.

**Blake Hyatt '25**

**Grace Comfort '25**

## ART

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### **ARTHUR J. '55 AND BARBARA S. ROTHKOPF AWARD IN ART HISTORY**

Awarded to outstanding seniors focusing on art history.

**§Isabella Lu '25**

**Zoe Meyer '25**

#### **THE ED KERNS AWARD**

This award recognizes a senior student working with the Department of Art for excellence in interdisciplinary approaches to the practice of art and/or art history.

**Amara Almodovar '25**

**Aviv Stringer-Galst '25**

#### **FREDERICK KNECHT DETWILLER PRIZE**

Awarded to senior art majors for distinguished work in art and art history.

**Taylor Campbell '25**

#### **THOMAS G. YOHE MEMORIAL PRIZE IN STUDIO ART**

Awarded to students who display creativity in drawing and illustration.

**Alexandra Erickson '25**

#### **VIVIAN B. NOBLETT PRIZE IN STUDIO ART**

Awarded to art majors—with preference given to students with an interest in studio art—who have demonstrated proficiency in painting and drawing, and who show potential for future achievements.

**Ethan Riddle '25**

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### **ASIAN STUDIES**

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#### **OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN ASIAN STUDIES AWARD**

This award is given to one or more majors in the Asian Studies Program who have demonstrated excellence in academic work in the field of Asian Studies in an interdisciplinary setting.

**§Stephen Bleistine '25**

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### **BIOLOGY**

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#### **DAVID M. NALVEN '88 PRIZE**

Awarded to a junior biology major who has demonstrated curiosity in the laboratory as well as motivation and passion for field work, performed commendably in the classroom, shown self-reliance and personal growth, and displayed a commitment of character to the wider campus community.

**‡Maria Soukup '26**

#### **WILLIS ROBERTS HUNT BIOLOGY PRIZE**

Awarded annually to senior biology students, felt by the members of the department, to be most deserving.

**Erica Weaver '25**

**Julianna Hoitt '25**

**Melinda Ramovic '25**

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### **CHEMICAL & BIOMOLECULAR ENGINEERING**

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#### **AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS DONALD F. OTHMER AWARD**

Given to the junior majoring in chemical and biomolecular engineering who has attained the highest grade point average after the first two years of study.

**Aidan Stewart '26**

#### **AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTS AWARD**

Presented by the Philadelphia Chapter of the Pennsylvania Institute of Chemists to a senior chemical and biomolecular engineering major in recognition of a demonstrated record of leadership, character, and scholastic achievement.

**§«Ryan Pignotti '25**

#### **CARL J. STASKA PRIZE**

Awarded each year to a student who has demonstrated a high degree of proficiency in chemical laboratory skills.

**Anna Mastrogiovanni '25**

#### **CHARLES DUNCAN FRASER PRIZE**

Awarded annually to the seniors who, in the judgment of the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, are best qualified for advanced work in materials science and engineering.

**‡«Finlay Smith '25**

**†§«Virginia Parparcén '25**

#### **DONALD U. NOBLETT PRIZE IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING**

Given to a chemical and biomolecular engineering major based on high academic achievement with outstanding promise of future career excellence.

**†«Aidan McElroy '25**

#### **DR. E. L. McMILLEN-K. K.**

#### **MALHOTRA '49 PRIZE**

Awarded to two juniors who have attained a high cumulative grade point average in chemical and biomolecular engineering and who have demonstrated a high level of proficiency in the Unit Operations Laboratory.

**«Madison Horvath '26**

**«Sarah Sergi '26**

#### **LEHIGH VALLEY SECTION OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY AWARD**

Given to the outstanding senior chemical and biomolecular engineering major for achievement in chemistry.

**William Bryce Gallie '25**

#### **LEHIGH VALLEY SECTION OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS AWARD**

Presented to the seniors in the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering who have compiled an impressive record in their undergraduate years in chemical and biomolecular engineering and who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in one or more extracurricular activities.

**‡«Finlay Smith '25**

**Paige Griggs '25**

**†§«Virginia Parparcén '25**

**LEHIGH VALLEY SECTION OF THE  
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF METALS AWARD**

Awarded annually to the students who have attained the most impressive record in the introductory materials course.

«Alexa LaSasso '26

†Anna Van Wyk '27

**LUTHER F. WITMER PRIZE**

Awarded annually to the chemical and biomolecular engineering senior with the most outstanding accomplishments in materials science and engineering.

«Lily Snyder '25

**PROFESSOR POLLY R. PIERGIOVANNI AWARD**

The Professor Polly R. Piergiovanni Award is presented annually to a graduating senior (preference given to a chemical engineering student) who has shown great perseverance, overcome obstacles, and successfully progressed in the engineering curriculum from first year to graduation.

Tara Whipkey '25

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**CHEMISTRY**

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**AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY  
UNDERGRADUATE AWARD IN  
BIOCHEMISTRY OR CHEMICAL BIOLOGY**

The American Chemical Society Undergraduate Award in Biochemistry or Chemical Biology is intended to recognize a graduating senior who displays a significant aptitude for biochemistry or chemical biology and to encourage further interest in the field.

‡Tyler Roberts '25

**AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY DIVISION OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY UNDERGRADUATE  
AWARD IN ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY**

Presented to a student who has demonstrated excellence in research, coursework and motivation in the study of environmental chemistry.

Makenna Miller '25

**AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY DIVISION OF  
INORGANIC CHEMISTRY UNDERGRADUATE  
AWARD IN INORGANIC CHEMISTRY**

Presented to a student who has demonstrated excellence in research, coursework and motivation in the study of inorganic chemistry.

Martin Familetti '25

**AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY DIVISION  
OF ORGANIC CHEMISTRY UNDERGRADUATE  
AWARD IN ORGANIC CHEMISTRY**

Presented to a senior chemistry or biochemistry major who has demonstrated excellence in organic chemistry based upon a combination of research experience, coursework and a desire to pursue a career in chemistry.

Ethan Junk '25

**AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY DIVISION  
OF PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY UNDERGRADUATE  
AWARD IN PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY**

Presented to the student who has demonstrated excellence in research, coursework and motivation in the study of physical chemistry.

Phường Nam Vu '25

**AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY PRIZE**

Given by the Lehigh Valley Section of the American Chemical Society to the outstanding senior chemistry major for achievement in chemistry.

†Gillian Schwanitz '25

**AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY  
UNDERGRADUATE AWARD IN  
ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY**

Presented to the chemistry major with the greatest achievement in the study of analytical chemistry.

Katherine Pappas '26

**AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTS  
AWARD (BIOCHEMISTRY)**

Presented by the Philadelphia Chapter of the Pennsylvania Institute of Chemists to a senior biochemistry major in recognition of a demonstrated record of leadership, character and scholastic achievement.

Max Gianakopoulos '25

**AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTS  
AWARD (CHEMISTRY)**

Presented by the Philadelphia Chapter of the Pennsylvania Institute of Chemists to a senior chemical engineering major in recognition of a demonstrated record of leadership, character and scholastic achievement.

Martin Familetti '25

**CARL J. STASKA PRIZE**

Awarded each year to a student who has demonstrated a high degree of proficiency in chemical laboratory skills.

Sarah Beitel '25

Emily Kessler '25

^Kelsey Chai Wen Wong '25

**J. HUNT WILSON 1905 PRIZE IN  
ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY**

Awarded annually to the senior chemistry major with the highest ranking in courses and research in analytical chemistry.

Brian Henesey Jr. '25

**ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY  
CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE**

Given to a senior for superior academic work in chemistry and promise of future excellence.

Chloe Jeanmonod '25



### **WILLIAM FORRIS HART '27 CHEMISTRY PRIZE**

Presented to junior or senior chemistry majors for proficiency in organic chemistry and potential for further achievement in chemistry.

**Ian Kish '25**

### **CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING**

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#### **B. VINCENT VISCOMI CIVIL ENGINEERING STUDENT PRIZE**

Awarded to a civil and environmental engineering student based on demonstrated academic achievement and leadership during the first three years of study.

**«Sean Walshe '25**

#### **CARROLL PHILLIPS BASSETT PRIZE**

Awarded annually to senior students deemed most outstanding by the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

**‡«Jillian Landon '25**

**«Jonathan Moya '25**

**«Julia Greeley '25**

**‡«Kathryn Wright '25**

**«Sean Walshe '25**

**Zoe Ohl '25**

#### **RUSSELL C. BRINKER PRIZE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING**

Awarded to a junior in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department who, in the opinion of that department's faculty, is deemed most deserving on the basis of self-reliance, scholarship and student activities.

**§«Thomas Wright '26**

### **COMPUTER SCIENCE**

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#### **JAMES P. SCHWAR PRIZE**

Awarded annually to a deserving computer science student in honor of James P. Schwar, Professor of Computer Science from 1962-2000.

**Leah Boyle '26**

### **ECONOMICS**

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AWARD FOR SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE**

Awarded to a student for outstanding academic performance in economics and business, and for leadership in departmental activities.

**‡Alexandra Darrah '25**

**Mukamani Luchera '25**

#### **ECONOMICS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE**

Awarded to a student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service in the field of economics, exemplifying a commitment to academic excellence, community engagement, and impactful contributions to the discipline.

**§Claire Weitzmann '25**

### **ECONOMICS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH**

Awarded to a student whose work exemplifies excellence in economic research. This award recognizes originality, depth, and strong analytical skills. It honors outstanding contributions, including exceptional honors theses, EXCEL research, and independent study projects.

**Jacqueline Britton '25**

#### **J. H. TARBELL AWARD**

Awarded to a student who demonstrates an understanding of financial operations and institutions.

**Grace Boghosian '25**

**Hank Skatoff '25**

#### **JOHN H. ALLEN PRIZE**

Awarded to the author of the best essay in public finance, as judged by a committee of the Department of Economics.

**Andrei Kovalchuk '25**

**John Blazakis '25**

#### **ROBERT F. HUNSICKER EDUCATIONAL PRIZE**

Awarded to a student who has done meritorious work in entrepreneurship, financial, business or otherwise, that advances the private benefits and/or the public good of society.

**Grace Ouko '25**

### **ELECTRICAL & COMPUTER ENGINEERING**

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#### **FINLEY W. & ETHELWYNE H. SMITH ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING PRIZE**

Awarded annually to the electrical and computer engineering senior who has earned, at the end of the junior year, the highest cumulative average attained by any senior who is working toward department honors with a project in the electronics or communications field.

**Padmanabh Kaushik '25**

#### **J. J. EBERS MEMORIAL AWARD**

Given to a student, selected by the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, based on high academic achievement and noteworthy professional interest in the field of electrical engineering.

**Nicholas Sorak '25**

#### **LAWRENCE J. CONOVER '24 ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING PRIZE**

Presented each year to a senior in electrical and computer engineering upon recommendation of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

**‡§«Priscilla Wu '25**

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## ENGINEERING DIVISION

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### **DANIEL P. O'NEIL MEMORIAL PRIZE**

Awarded to an engineering student pursuing senior projects such as individual research, honors work, or design projects, and who is also actively engaged with the arts and other co-curricular experiences.

**Charles Mann '25**  
**Phuong Nam Vu '25**

### **WILLIAM G. MCLEAN TAU BETA PI PRIZE**

Awarded annually to sophomore engineering students based on academic performance, campus citizenship, and professional orientation.

**Katharine Schucht '27**  
**Brian Morris '27**  
**Derrin Lerner '27**

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## ENGINEERING STUDIES

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### **CHARLES L. BEST MEMORIAL PRIZE IN ENGINEERING STUDIES**

Awarded annually to the senior who best exemplifies the ideals behind the Bachelor of Arts in Engineering degree and has demonstrated leadership in the Bachelor of Arts in Engineering program.

**Duly Olivert '25**  
**§Emily Mastroly '25**

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## ENGLISH

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### **CLASS OF 1883 PRIZE**

Awarded to a senior who, in the opinion of the faculty in the Department of English, has demonstrated excellence in English.

**Isabella Gaglione '25**  
**§Grace Sanborn '25**

### **GILBERT PRIZE**

Awarded annually to students who, in the judgment of the Department of English, have demonstrated superiority in English.

**Abigail Pingpank '25**  
**Emma Sylvester '25**  
**Isabella Gaglione '25**  
**§Grace Sanborn '25**  
**Kristen Vincent '26**  
**McKenna Graf '26**  
**Vanessa Manning '26**  
**Abigail Howard '27**  
**Allison Stein '27**  
**Jessi Kleiber '27**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND STUDIES

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### **THE COLE FAMILY PRIZE IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

This award is presented to a junior or senior environmental studies major that has excelled academically and who has also contributed to extracurricular programs in environmental stewardship and sustainability and/or conducted research in environmental studies.

**§Analise Draghi '25**

### **THE MEGAN ROTHENBERGER PRIZE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE OR STUDIES**

This award is presented to a junior or senior environmental studies or Science major that has excelled academically and who has also contributed to extracurricular programs in environmental stewardship and sustainability and/or conducted research in environmental studies/science.

**Eurnett Christopher '25**

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## FORENSICS

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### **BENJAMIN F. BARGE ORATORICAL PRIZE**

Awarded annually to rising or current seniors who display competitive oratorical excellence while competing for the Lafayette College Forensics and/or Mock Trial teams.

**Anna Fenkel '25**  
**Brenna Girard '25**  
**Jessie D'Avignon '25**  
**Olivia Puzio '25**

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## GEOLOGY & ENVIRONMENTAL GEOSCIENCES

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### **GERMANOSKI STUDENT AWARD IN EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**

This award is given to a student majoring in geology or environmental science who achieves high academic standing through hard work and diligence, and demonstrates a particular interest in environmental systems, earth surface processes, or hydrogeology.

**Jamie Bryan '25**

### **GUY AND JOYCE HOVIS GEOLOGY AWARD**

Awarded annually to a student majoring in geology and environmental geosciences who, by dedicated effort in a rigorous academic program, has achieved distinction in science and math throughout their academic career, or who has come to achieve such distinction through steady improvement. This award is given to a student who is seen by faculty as a potential partner in collaborative geoscience research or in recognition of research already accomplished.

**Adam Sinkway '25**

### **JAMES L. DYSON GEOLOGY AWARD**

Presented annually to students majoring in geology and environmental geosciences who, by academic achievements and character, exemplify the ideals by which James L. Dyson lived and worked.

John Kammerer '26  
Liana Wijentunga '26

### **DRS. LAWRENCE L. AND MARYANN L. MALINCONICO AWARD**

Awarded to a student to encourage participation in and in recognition of personal growth and academic achievement in geology off-campus courses.

‡Jillian Landon '25  
Rylee Bordwick '25

### **TED AND GEORGIA METROPOLIS PRIZE IN GEOLOGY**

Awarded to a junior or senior geology and environmental geosciences major who has exhibited high academic achievement and demonstrated enthusiasm for geology and environmental geosciences both inside and outside the classroom and through service.

Elise Walsh '25

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## **GOVERNMENT & LAW**

### **EUGENE P. CHASE GOVERNMENT PRIZE**

Awarded annually to the student who has, in the judgment of the Department of Government and Law, submitted the best written exposition in the field of political science during the academic year.

‡Alex S. Hunter '24

### **MINERVA & EMIL V. NOVAK PRIZE IN GOVERNMENT AND LAW**

Presented annually to students majoring in government and law based upon overall excellence in academic work and citizenship in the campus community.

‡\$Tara Amidon '25  
Ella Dalglish '25  
Liliana Roginski '25

### **PAUL TULLY MEMORIAL PRIZE**

Presented to student(s) who best exemplify the progressive principles of social and political service—democratic ideals to which Paul Tully devoted his life.

Erica Nimbley '25  
Alana Kipnis '26

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## **HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

### **DR. AND MRS. SCHWIMMER '35 PRIZE IN HONOR OF THEODORE A. DISTLER**

Awarded to that Lafayette pre-medical student(s) who best represents humanitarian, cultural, and scientific qualities required of the true physician.

Eva Mei Vogt '25  
\$Melissa Lass '25

### **JOSEPH WATT KUEBLER JR. MEMORIAL PRIZE**

Presented to the senior(s) in any major who has the highest scholastic average and will be entering a medical or other health professions school (veterinary, optometry, or dental school).

Gillian Boulé '25

### **THE MARK I. KOSHAR, M.D. '70 AWARD**

Awarded to the senior who has performed commendably in the classroom and/or laboratory, and will be pursuing further study in the health professions with preference to a student interested in advancing global health and/or primary care.

Ryan Park '25

### **SANFURD G. BLUESTEIN '42 AWARD**

The Bluestein Award is special recognition for a senior or junior planning a career in medicine who, in the opinion of the Health Professions Advisory Committee, has distinguished themselves academically and contributed variously to college life, especially through participation in athletics, student government, or music or arts programs.

Lauren Stewart '25  
‡Tyler Roberts '25

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## **HISTORY**

### **CLASS OF 1910 PRIZE**

Awarded annually by the Department of History to a senior who has excelled in the study of history or in an allied field of humanities and who, in the determination of the department, manifests the greatest promise for responsible civic leadership and public service.

Christina Burrows '25  
Olivia Puzio '25

### **COLONEL WILSON B. POWELL '32 AWARD**

Awarded annually to the student who authored the best paper in an advanced history seminar in the previous calendar year.

Rebecca Filiato '25

### **THE DIANE WINDHAM SHAW PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN HISTORICAL METHODS**

Awarded annually to a first- or second-year student in recognition for excellence in the theoretical and practical aspects of historical practice, as demonstrated by extraordinary achievement in the department's required methods course.

Antanas Arvystas '25  
Lillian Sampson '27

### **THE PHI ALPHA THETA BETA XI CHAPTER PRIZE FOR BEST INTRODUCTORY SEMINAR PAPER**

Awarded annually to the student who authored the best research paper in an introductory history seminar. The winner was selected by members of Phi Alpha Theta, Beta Xi Chapter, the Lafayette College history honors society.

Kevin Nusom '27



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## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS HATFIELD AWARD FOR GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded annually to a junior or senior majoring in International Affairs based on overall excellence in international or global scholarship and global citizenship, selected by the International Affairs Advisory Committee.

Naya Kurdy '25

### RADO PRIBIC PRIZE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Awarded to a junior or senior who has exhibited high academic achievement in the coursework and study of international affairs as determined by the faculty associated with the program.

‡\$Tara Amidon '25

†\$Paige Lavelanet '25

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## INTERNATIONAL AND OFF CAMPUS EDUCATION

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### DAVID A. PORTLOCK STUDY ABROAD MEMORIAL PRIZE

Awarded annually to an outstanding student who will benefit from studying abroad.

Syed Sehar Bukhari '28

### STUDY ABROAD GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Presented to students who have achieved a high degree of personal and intellectual growth as a result of study abroad, and who have given generously of their time and energy in support of the program, its director, and their classmates to ensure the quality and success of the study abroad experience for all involved.

Antanas Arvystas '25

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## JEWISH STUDIES

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### LUDWIG AND BEATRICE B. MUHLFELDER PRIZE

Awarded to recognize a student who has made a significant contribution to the field of Holocaust studies.

Melissa Burstein '27

Sophia Gal '27

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## LANDIS CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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### COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING AND RESEARCH PRIZE

This award is given annually by the Center for Community Engagement to seniors who have made significant contributions to the community through course projects, an honors thesis, EXCEL Scholar work, or some other form of academic community engagement.

\$Emily Mastroly '25

### ELEANOR WINKEY PRIZE

Awarded annually to the senior selected by the Landis Center for Community Engagement who has been most committed to service and the residents of the Easton Area Community.

Erin Caputo '25

### JEREMY SAXE AWARD

Awarded to a graduating senior who best exemplifies the ideals of academic achievement and intellectual curiosity, personal engagement in the community, and a commitment to making the world a better place.

Cameron Adler '25

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## LANGUAGES & LITERARY STUDIES

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### FRANK KLINE BAKER SPANISH & LATIN AMERICAN CIVILIZATION AWARD

Awarded annually to students who attain the greatest proficiency in the study of Spanish and Latin American civilization.

\$Elsa Mosholder '25

\$Emily Aulisio '25

^Kelsey Chai Wen Wong '25

Sophie Schaeffer '25

\$Phillip Peiffer '26

### RADO PRIBIC PRIZE IN BEGINNING RUSSIAN LANGUAGE

Awarded to a student who demonstrates excellence and promise in beginning Russian language studies.

Daniela Spera '26

### GEORGE H. CATLIN PRIZE

Awarded to the seniors with the highest average in the study of the classics.

Brenna Girard '25

### JAMES ALEXANDER PETRIE PRIZE IN FRENCH

Awarded annually to students demonstrating a high degree of proficiency in French.

Grace Boghasian '25

Katherine Martin '25

†Luke Merrill '25

Virginia Sacotinga '25

### REXROTH PRIZE IN GERMAN—CULTURE/ LITERATURE STUDIES AWARD

Awarded to students for meritorious achievement in German.

Shahking Gomez '25

Benito Hergert '25

### REXROTH PRIZE IN GERMAN - LANGUAGE STUDIES AWARD

Awarded to students for meritorious achievement in German.

Abigail Harr '25

Grant Ely '25

### REXROTH PRIZE IN GERMAN— OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD

Awarded to a student for meritorious achievement in German.

Mia Trani '25

Noah Seaner '25

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## MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

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### **BENJAMIN F. BARGE MATHEMATICAL PRIZE**

Awarded annually to non-seniors in recognition for excellence in mathematics. Students are selected after competition among the members of their class for meritorious solutions of original problems.

**Vladimir Necula '27**

### **GERTRUDE M. COX STATISTICS AWARD**

Awarded to a junior or senior who has exhibited high academic achievement in advanced statistical coursework, research projects, and other areas involving applications of statistical methods.

**Baris Yazici '25**

### **PROFESSOR JAMES P. CRAWFORD PRIZE IN MATHEMATICS**

Awarded to a student who has made a special contribution to the mathematics community at Lafayette by participating in, and providing leadership for, the cocurricular activities of the department.

**Gina Root '25**

### **WESLEY S. MITMAN PRIZE**

Awarded to a graduating senior most outstanding in mathematics.

**Baris Yazici '25**

**Gina Root '25**

**Michael Murray '25**

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## MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

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### **CARL G., JR. '67 AND DEBORAH B. ANDERSON P'OI MECHANICAL ENGINEERING PRIZE**

Awarded to a mechanical engineering major on the strength of high academic achievement and promise for career excellence.

**†«Chase Barley '25**

### **KARL J. AMMERMAN PRIZE**

Awarded annually to the "most deserving student" in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, selected by the faculty of the department.

**†§«Izz Zuber '25**

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## MILITARY SCIENCE

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### **AMERICAN LEGION AWARDS FOR GENERAL MILITARY EXCELLENCE**

Presented to an MS I, II, III, or IV cadet who is in the top 25 percent of his/her class in academics and ROTC and demonstrates outstanding leadership, discipline, character, and citizenship.

**Aiden Michell '25**

**Raymond Kerrison '26**

### **LAFAYETTE COLLEGE LEOPARD AWARD**

Awarded to the first-year cadet who contributes the most to the advancement of Army ROTC at Lafayette College. The cadet must be academically in the top 10 percent of their ROTC class and the top 25 percent of their academic class. The award is made possible through the generous contributions of Harry M. Jones '66, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army (retired).

**Copper Pitts '28**

### **LAFAYETTE COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S AWARD**

Awarded annually to outstanding cadets for overall achievement measured by scholastic excellence, leadership, military performance, and extracurricular involvement.

**Samantha Becker '25**

**Raymond Kerrison '26**

**Marin Rosser '27**

**Charles Derivaux '28**

### **MILITARY ORDER OF FOREIGN WARS**

Presented to a MS III or MS IV for military and scholastic excellence.

**Joseph White '25**

### **MILITARY ORDER OF WORLD WARS AWARD**

Presented to a MS III or MS IV for military and scholastic excellence.

**Daniela Spera '26**

**Marin Rosser '27**

### **RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (ROA) AWARD**

Presented to the outstanding senior, junior, and sophomore cadets who have demonstrated academic excellence, outstanding qualities of leadership, high moral character, and high aptitude for military service.

**Emma Elmen '25**

### **SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS AWARD (S.A.M.E.) PHILADELPHIA POST**

Nominees must have successfully completed at least one year of study in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM). Nominees must be in their junior or senior year only. The criteria is based on grade point average and leadership/citizenship.

**Samantha Becker '25**

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## MUSIC

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### **JOHN D. RAYMOND MUSIC AWARD**

Awarded annually by the Department of Music to deserving music students.

**Alex Granville '25**

**^Damoi Morgan '25**

**Samantha Semsel '25**

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## NEUROSCIENCE

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### **WILLIAM C. RAPPOLT '67 AND WALTER OECHSLE '57 NEUROSCIENCE PRIZE**

Awarded to outstanding seniors based upon scholarship in the classroom and laboratory, and service to the major, College or community.

**Abigail Harr '25**  
**Tess Stanley '25**

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## PHILOSOPHY

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### **LOUISE M. OLMSTED PRIZE IN ETHICS**

Awarded to the students who, in the judgment of the members of the Department of Philosophy, have done outstanding work in theoretical ethics, applied ethics or a related field.

**Tess Stanley '25**

### **LOUISE M. OLMSTED AWARD IN PHILOSOPHY**

Awarded to a junior or senior student majoring in philosophy, who, in the judgment of the members of the Department of Philosophy, has produced outstanding work in the discipline, exhibiting excellence and future promise at bringing the values and methods of philosophical inquiry to bear onto the investigation of increasingly complex issues relevant to the individual or society.

**Rebecca Koury '25**

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## PHYSICS

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### **PHYSICS DEPARTMENT SCHOLASTIC AWARD**

Awarded to an outstanding senior based upon an honors research project and scholarship in and out of the classroom, as determined by a vote of the Physics Department faculty.

**‡Aidan Wensel '25**  
**Jared Sofair '25**

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## PROVOST'S OFFICE

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### **CLAY KETCHAM AWARD**

The Clay Ketcham Award is presented to a student who has excelled in education coursework at Lafayette and who plans to enter the teaching profession at the K-12 level.

**Chelsey Cochran '25**

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## PSYCHOLOGY

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### **BURTON H. COHEN MEMORIAL PRIZE**

Awarded annually to senior psychology majors who have demonstrated the necessary inclination, intellectual curiosity, determination, and potential to become dedicated, creative, selfless teachers. The term "teacher" is to be interpreted in the broadest sense of the word.

**Lauren Daniels '25**

### **HERBERT W. ROGERS PSYCHOLOGY PRIZE**

Awarded annually to an outstanding senior psychology major who is judged by the department to be the most deserving.

**Grace Comfort '25**

### **SHAW FAMILY PRIZE IN PSYCHOLOGY**

Awarded annually to one or two senior psychology majors who have made an outstanding contribution in the area of student mental health and/or student wellness through their class work, honors thesis, other types of research, internships, extracurricular activities, or service activities within Lafayette College or the broader community.

**Jess Heske '25**

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## RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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### **DAVID FOWLER ATKINS JR. PRIZE**

Presented to the student who, in work during the junior or senior year in the department of religious studies, gives promise of future usefulness in service to religious communities.

**Zoe Meyer '25**  
**Elise Trocker '26**  
**Zoey Osho '26**

### **FRANCIS SHUNK DOWNS AWARD**

Awarded to the senior who, in the judgment of the Department of Religious Studies and the chaplain's office, has shown the best all-around growth and development in academic and extracurricular activities while exercising outstanding leadership and influence upon the campus.

**Dina Azar '25**  
**Evan Prince '25**

### **LYMAN COLEMAN PRIZE**

Awarded annually to the senior who has demonstrated broad interest and superior performance in the Department of Religious Studies.

**Christina Athene Thoen-Nilsen '25**  
**Lauren Novak '25**

### **REV. J. W. AND R. S. PORTER BIBLE PRIZE**

Awarded annually to a student judged by the Department of Religious Studies who has demonstrated high proficiency in the study of religion, based upon work done in the first and second years.

**Ivan Tejada '27**  
**Piper Cinti '27**  
**Sidney Jones '27**

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## SKILLMAN LIBRARY

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### **DAVID BISHOP SKILLMAN 1913 LIBRARY PRIZE**

Awarded to graduating senior library assistants who, by exemplary performance, skill, and dedication, have enhanced the library's educational role.

**Grace Ouko '25**  
**Mukamani Luchera '25**

## THEATER

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### **I. CLINTON KLINE PRIZE**

Awarded to the seniors who have demonstrated excellence in acting, directing, or technical theater.

^Lily Groff '25  
Marisa Carroll '25

## WOMEN'S, GENDER & SEXUALITY STUDIES

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### **PROFESSOR MARY A. ARMSTRONG AWARD IN LGBTQ+ STUDIES**

Presented to a student for their significant contribution in the area of LGBTQ+ studies through academic research or a project related to advancing the interests of the LGBTQ+ community with preference to a student whose work reflects personal courage.

Jess Heske '25

### **PROFESSOR SUSAN A. BASOW PRIZE FOR WOMEN'S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES**

Awarded to a graduating senior who has made a significant contribution to the field of women's and gender studies.

Lucy McShane '25

### **†MARQUIS SCHOLAR**

Selected at the time of admission to the College, Marquis Scholars are exceptional students who have distinguished themselves through academic achievement and have demonstrated intellectual curiosity through involvement in school and community programs.

### **‡MARQUIS FELLOW**

Selected at the time of admission to the College, Marquis Fellows are among the most outstanding students recognized for their academic achievements, scholarly pursuits, leadership, and involvement in school and community programs.

### **^POSSE SCHOLAR**

Selected at the time of admission in consultation with the Posse Foundation, Posse Scholars are identified for their leadership ability and overall motivation to succeed. Posse Scholars head campus organizations, encourage dialogue and programs that foster an inclusive campus environment, and achieve high levels of academic success.

### **§PHI BETA KAPPA**

Phi Beta Kappa is a national honorary organization for outstanding undergraduate students of liberal arts and sciences. As the oldest and most exclusive honor society in the country, only 10 percent of colleges have chapters. Membership criteria are established by the local chapter, not by the College. Students noted as Phi Beta Kappa were invited to join this spring.

### **«TAU BETA PI**

Tau Beta Pi is a national engineering honor society whose members have conferred honor upon their alma mater by distinguished scholarship and exemplary character as students in engineering. Founded in 1885.

## PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP/FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

These awards are highly competitive and prestigious. Students are subjected to rigorous selection criteria and compete against candidates from across the U.S. These scholarships include opportunities to study abroad, and finance their current or postgraduate studies. (Listed as is at time of print)

**Steve Bleistine '25:** Saint Andrew's Society of the State of New York, finalist

**Eva Mei Vogt '25:** Fulbright Study/Research Award for Jordan, current semifinalist, currently awaiting final award outcome

**Rylee Bordwick '25:** Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship for Romania, current semifinalist, currently awaiting final award outcome

**Olivia Puzio '25:** Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship for Poland, current semifinalist, currently awaiting final award outcome

**Tess Stanley '25:** Goldwater Scholar, awarded April 2024; Gates Cambridge Scholar awarded for postdoctoral study at Cambridge University; National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship, honorable mention

**Max Gianakopolous '25:** Goldwater Scholar, awarded April 2024

**Naya Kurdy '25:** Public Policy & International Affairs Junior Summer Institute scholar, awarded for summer 2024



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