STUDENT HONORS CELEBRATION

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PRESIDING

Steven Girardot
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AWARDS PRESENTATION

Recognition of College Academic Awards
- College of Computing
- Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts
- College of Design
- Ernest Scheller Jr. College of Business
- College of Sciences
- College of Engineering

Recognition of Institute Awards
Donald V. Jackson Fellowship
Tanya Garg, Tan Gemicioglu, Alex Yang
This award was established by Jeannie Jackson in memory of her husband Donald, who graduated with a master's degree in information systems in 1971 and a bachelor's degree in mathematics. This award supports the College's master's program and is awarded to a well-rounded, first-year master's student. Awards should go to students who best embody Donald's values of academic excellence and leadership.

Marshall D. Williamson Fellowship
Yingchen Ma, Gayathri Rajakumare, Khalil Sayid, Raj Sanjay Shah
This award was established by Billie I. Williamson in memory of her husband, Marshall Williamson, a 1969 master's graduate of information systems. The award supports this master's program and is awarded to a well-rounded, second-year master's student who best embodies Marshall's values of academic excellence and leadership.

Outstanding Graduate Head Teaching Assistant Award
Ruijia Wang
This award is given for outstanding performance as a graduate head teaching assistant. Considerations when making a nomination include effective management of other teaching assistants, exemplary communication with the course instructor, and other contributions to course organization or processes. The recipient receives $1,000.

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award
Marina Vemmou
This award is presented to the outstanding graduate teaching assistant in computer science who has shown enthusiasm in teaching, knowledge of subject matter, interest in making an impact, excellent communication skills, and thorough engagement with students. The recipient receives $1,000.

Outstanding Undergraduate Head Teaching Assistant Award
Akshay Patil
This award is given for outstanding performance as an undergraduate head teaching assistant. Considerations when making a nomination include effective management of other teaching assistants, exemplary communication with the course instructor, and other contributions to course organization or processes. This recipient receives $1,000.

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Award
Liam Jones
This award is given for outstanding performance as an undergraduate teaching assistant. Considerations when making a nomination include enthusiasm in teaching, knowledge of the subject matter, thorough engagement with students, course enrichment activities developed, process enhancements implemented, and other impactful contributions. This recipient receives $1,000.

The Bellon Award
Emma Menardi, Jacob Young
The Bellon Award is given in memory of the late Professor Bernard P. Bellon to a Bachelor of Science in History and Sociology student who has distinguished themselves in the areas of academic achievement, leadership, research, and personal integrity. The recipient receives $1,000.

History and Sociology Chair’s Award
Jacob Young
The School of History and Sociology presents the Chair’s Award annually to the History, Technology, and Society major who wrote the best research paper during the previous academic year. The recipient receives $250.

International Affairs Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award
Anelise Laracuente
The Sam Nunn School of International Affairs awards an outstanding undergraduate student based on faculty recommendations and academic records. The recipient receives $500.

International Affairs Outstanding Graduate Student Award
Leslie Dwolatzky
The Sam Nunn School of International Affairs awards an outstanding graduate student based on faculty recommendations and academic records. The recipient receives $1,000.

James Dean Young Writing Award
Abbie Reams
This award recognizes the best essay written by a School of Literature, Media, and Communication (LMC), or computational media major in a 3000 or 4000 level LMC course. The recipient receives $500.

Outstanding Economics Student Award
Samuel Ellis
This award is presented to the economics major who demonstrates not only outstanding scholarship but also service to the School of Economics. The award consists of $300 and a certificate.
AIA Medal for Academic Excellence

Hasrat Kaushal, Anna Rogers

Each year, the American Institute of Architects (AIA) awards an engraved medal and certificate of merit to the top-ranking graduating student in each architecture program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board. Since its inception in 1914, the program has honored thousands of students and has conferred one of the most prestigious awards given to a graduating student in the discipline.

Alpha Rho Chi Medal

Vanessa Saad

Since 1914, Alpha Rho Chi, the national professional fraternity for architecture and the allied arts, has promoted the profession of architecture by encouraging students to excel. To honor students’ achievements, the Alpha Rho Chi Medal is offered each year to more than 100 schools of architecture where faculty select a graduating senior they feel best exemplifies excellence.

Stanley, Love-Stanley, P.C. Award

Christopher McCrary, Shomari Sekou Samuels

The architectural firm of Stanley, Love-Stanley, P.C. awards an internship and cash prize to the most improved undergraduate and graduate students of African descent in the School of Architecture. In 1972, William J. “Bill” Stanley III, Fellow of the American Institute of Architects (FAIA), became the first African American graduate at Georgia Tech to receive the professional Bachelor of Architecture degree. In 1977, his future wife and business partner, Ivenue Love, FAIA, was the first African American woman from Georgia Tech to receive a Bachelor of Architecture degree. At the time, it was the 12th degree to be awarded in architecture in the United States to a woman of color.

AICP Outstanding Student Award

Yasamin Khorashahi

This award from the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) recognizes excellence in the study of planning by students graduating from Planning Accreditation Board-accredited planning programs during the academic year.

Industrial Designers Society of America Student Merit Award

Claudia Ross

In an effort to encourage, reward, and celebrate excellence in industrial design education in the U.S., the Industrial Designers Society of America encourages each design program to nominate the best and brightest undergraduate and graduate students representing the program. The Student Merit Award (SMA) winner will represent the School of Industrial Design at Georgia Tech and will compete with other SMA winners at regional and national conferences.

John and Joyce Caddell Student Merit Award

Steven Kangisser

This award recognizes students who are enrolled in one of the programs in the School of Building Construction who excel in their academic studies and service to the School in alignment with the vision, mission, and core values of the program.

Kim Scott Logan Award

Natanya Norry

Named after a loyal music graduate, the Kim Scott Logan Award is given to an undergraduate music technology major who excels in their academic studies, research, and service to the School of Music.
Dow Chemical-P.C. McCutcheon Prize for Outstanding Student Achievement in Business

Jason Jung

This award recognizes a third-year Scheller College of Business student with a history of leadership and service at Georgia Tech and in the greater community. The $1,500 prize is funded by the Dow Chemical-P.C. McCutcheon Endowment Fund in honor of Dow Chemical and P.C. McCutcheon, who worked to establish the relationship between Dow Chemical and Georgia Tech.

Jennifer R. and Charles B. Rewis Award for Student Excellence in Accounting

Lindsay Johnson, Ruth Lim

This award recognizes two Georgia-resident undergraduate students who demonstrate exceptional academic performance in the area of accounting (with preference for students pursuing accounting careers). The $2,500 award for each recipient is funded by Jennifer R. Rewis, MGT 1992, past member of the Scheller College Advisory Board, and Ernst & Young partner in Northern Virginia; and the late Charles B. Rewis, MGT 1992, former CEO of CBR Enterprises LLC.

John R. Battle Award for Student Excellence

Ramy Bassil, Lauren Gordon, Emmett Halloran, Meah Konstanzer

This award recognizes four outstanding graduating Scheller College of Business seniors who demonstrate the highest scholastic achievement and a history of involvement on campus and in the community. The $2,125 award for each recipient is funded by Lewis A. Patterson, IM 1968, CEO (retired) of BPU Associates LLC, and past member of the Scheller College Advisory Board. He created it in memory of John R. Battle, a chemical engineering graduate from Cornell University and former vice president of The Dow Chemical Company, who made it financially possible for Lewis to attend Georgia Tech.

Naresh K. Malhotra Scholarship for Marketing Research

Cindy Qiu

This $500 scholarship recognizes an undergraduate Scheller College of Business student who has demonstrated exceptional academic performance and interest in the area of marketing research.

A. Joyce Nickelson and John C. Sutherland Prize

Lance Lampert

This award was established by John C. Sutherland (PHYS 1962, M.S. PHYS 1964, Ph.D. PHYS 1967). It is presented to a top student in the College of Sciences who is studying at the intersection of physics and mathematics.

Cynthia L. Bossart and James Efron Scholarship

Veronika Vessigault

Cindy Bossart (BIOL 1974) and James Efron established this scholarship. It recognizes high academic achievement by a non-Georgia resident in the College of Sciences.

Mehta Phingbodhipakkiya Undergraduate Memorial Scholarship

Saima Firoj

This scholarship was established by Meranee Phingbodhipakkiya to honor her father, Mehta Phingbodhipakkiya. The award is presented to a junior or senior in the College of Sciences based on academic merit.

Roger M. Wartell, Ph.D., and Stephen E. Brossette, M.D., Ph.D. Award for Multidisciplinary Studies in Biology, Physics, and Mathematics

Julianne Tijani

This award was established by Dr. Stephen E. Brossette (PHYS 1993), in recognition of the many contributions of Professor Roger M. Wartell to Georgia Tech. The award is made to an undergraduate student in the College of Sciences who has demonstrated accomplishments at the interface of either physics or mathematics with biology.

Robert A. Pierotti Memorial Scholarship

Thiago Esslinger, Andrew Yuan Ji, Lila Nassar

The College of Sciences presents this award in honor of Robert A. “Bob” Pierotti, past dean of the College and founder of the Center for Education Integrating Science, Mathematics, and Computing (CEISMC). The award is presented to a student in the College who has excelled both academically and in research.

Larry S. O’Hara Memorial Scholarship

Xiaonan Liu, Aaron Pfennig

This award was established by Larry S. O’Hara (PHYS 1966). It is made to one or more outstanding graduate students in the College of Sciences.
AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

Aerospace Engineering Outstanding Senior Scholar Award
Satwik Kumar
The School of Aerospace Engineering presents this award to its graduating senior having the highest cumulative GPA, with 112 or more credit hours. The award of $1,000 is funded through an endowment established for the Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering by former School Chair Donnell W. Dutton, AE 1940, and his wife, Ruth.

Donnell W. Dutton Outstanding Senior in Aerospace Engineering Award
Mollie Johnson
This award of $1,000, funded by former School Chair Donnell W. Dutton, AE 1940, and his wife, Ruth, is presented to a senior student who has attained high academic achievement within the School of Aerospace Engineering.

BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

G.D. Jain Outstanding Senior in Biomedical Engineering Award
Kevin Li
This award honors a student who has exemplified all-round excellence through significant accomplishments in several of the following categories: service, academics, research, industry, and entrepreneurship.

Outstanding Academic Achievement in Biomedical Engineering Award
Peter Lais
This award honors a graduating senior who displays an eagerness to pursue knowledge and understanding while holding to high academic standards. This student demonstrates involvement both inside and outside the classroom, while maintaining an excellent GPA.

S.K. Jain Outstanding Research Award in Biomedical Engineering
Sofiya Vyshnya
This award honors a graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding research skills and has shared their work with the broader research community through presentations at local, regional, or national conferences, or through one or more peer-reviewed presentations.

CHEMICAL AND BIOMOLECULAR ENGINEERING

Chair’s Award — Outstanding Chemical and Biomolecular Junior
Lizmarie Chávez
This award honors one chemical and biomolecular undergraduate junior who has demonstrated exemplary overall performance in leadership, philanthropy, service, and entrepreneurial activities, while maintaining an excellent academic record and pursuing work experience through internships, cooperative education, or international experience.

Chair’s Award — Outstanding Chemical and Biomolecular Senior
Kartik Saigal
This award honors one chemical and biomolecular undergraduate senior who has demonstrated exemplary overall performance in leadership, philanthropy, service, and entrepreneurial activities, while maintaining an excellent academic record and pursuing work experience through internships, cooperative education, or international experience.

CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

Buck Stith Outstanding Junior Award in Civil Engineering
Joshua Gargan
This endowed award, established by Buck Stith of Stith Equipment, recognizes juniors in the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering who have demonstrated both strong academic potential and a concern for the development of the School and the profession.

Buck Stith Outstanding Junior Award in Environmental Engineering
Antonia Kopp
This endowed award, established by Buck Stith of Stith Equipment, recognizes juniors in the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering who have demonstrated both strong academic potential and a concern for the development of the School and the profession.

Buck Stith Outstanding Senior Award in Civil and Environmental Engineering
Aidan Labrozzi
This endowed award, established by Buck Stith of Stith Equipment, recognizes the top graduating senior in the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering who has demonstrated both strong academic performance and contributed to the development of the School and the profession.
School Chair’s Outstanding Senior Award in Civil Engineering
Matthew Liu
This award recognizes a senior civil engineering student who exhibits high academic performance, strong citizenship qualities, and leadership with a special emphasis on community service.

School Chair’s Outstanding Senior Award in Environmental Engineering
Caroline Krall
This award recognizes a senior civil engineering student who exhibits high academic performance, strong citizenship qualities, and leadership with a special emphasis on community service.

ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Electrical and Computer Engineering Undergraduate Research Award
Huijin Chung, Xinpei Ni
Undergraduate research is an opportunity for students to grow and mature in the pursuit of knowledge. This award, consisting of a monetary gift and a plaque, recognizes an undergraduate electrical engineering and an undergraduate computer engineering student who have demonstrated an unusually strong aptitude for research.

Outstanding Computer Engineering Senior Award
Ethan Weinstock
Eta Kappa Nu Electrical and Computer Engineering Honor Society recognizes the senior computer engineering student with a very high scholastic average who plays an active role in extracurricular activities. The award consists of a plaque and a monetary gift.

Outstanding Electrical Engineering Senior Award
Felix Pei
Eta Kappa Nu Electrical and Computer Engineering Honor Society recognizes the senior electrical engineering student who has a very high scholastic average and who plays an active role in extracurricular activities. The award consists of a plaque and a monetary gift.

INDUSTRIAL AND SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

Alpha Pi Mu Academic Excellence Award
Khurram Yamin
The Alpha Pi Mu Honor Society presents the award to the industrial engineering senior with the best academic achievement who excels in research and is involved in academic competitions, presentations, or publications. The winner’s name will be added to the perpetual plaque inside the H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering.

Evelyn Pennington Outstanding Service Award
Sydney Mudd
This award recognizes students who provide exceptional service to the industrial engineering community and maintain academic excellence, while committing their time to support activities that contribute to the experience of Georgia Tech’s industrial engineering students.

Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers Excellence in Leadership Award
Isabella Calandrillo, Madeleine Pollack
This award recognizes outstanding leadership of industrial engineering student organizations. Awardees are students who have been instrumental in creating or enhancing an industrial engineering student organization. Recipients are selected based on breadth and depth of involvement and leadership.

MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists (AATCC) Student Chapter Award for Graduating Senior
Jonathan Shaheen
This annual award has been given for over 40 years to the Materials Science and Engineering graduating senior focused on a polymer-fiber-textile career path, and who best meets the AATCC requirements. The award consists of a certificate, a copy of the Color Vision and Technology book, a free one-year AATCC membership, and an AATCC graduation cord. An announcement and profiles of all winners appear in the AATCC Review and/or newsletter, and on the AATCC student website.
School of Materials Science and Engineering

Outstanding Senior Award
Ryan Zhou

This award is presented to a graduating senior who has embodied the characteristics of exceptional scholarship, outstanding academic performance, and overall commitment to service in the School of Materials Science and Engineering, and Georgia Tech. The award consists of a certificate and a monetary gift.

George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering

Outstanding Scholar Award
William-Richard Freidank

This award recognizes a graduating senior who has achieved an exceptional scholastic record in mechanical engineering. The award consists of a monetary gift and an engraved plaque.

George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering

School Chair’s Award
Mitchell Henderlong

On the basis of outstanding scholarship and contributions to the School, especially to its programs — and with regard to external representation — the Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering honors the graduating senior in mechanical engineering who best fulfills these standards. The award consists of an engraved plaque and a monetary gift.

Richard K. Whitehead Jr. Memorial Awards

Eyas Ayesh, Robert Dunning, Rommel Montayre, Dima Tretiak, Sai Varanasi

The Georgia Scientific and Technical Research Foundation established these awards in memory of its first president, Richard K. Whitehead Jr., ME 1957. They are presented to outstanding mechanical engineering seniors who exemplify high standards of scholarship and service. The awards consist of an engraved plaque, monetary gift, and the students’ names added to the Whitehead Plaque displayed in the atrium of the Manufacturing Related Disciplines Complex.

NUCLEAR AND RADIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING

Outstanding Scholastic Achievement Award — Nuclear and Radiological Engineering Program, School of Mechanical Engineering
Caryanne Wilson

This award recognizes a graduating senior who has achieved an exceptional scholastic record in the nuclear engineering program.

COLLEGE-WIDE AWARDS

College of Engineering (COE) Honors Awards
Lianna Arnold, Andrew Chen, Ashley Goodnight, Lauren Horst, Daniel Kuhlman, Ashlyn Merce, Jami Milliken, Mitchell Messer, Vivek Poluru, Anthony Popa, Anugeeth Raghavan

These awards, which include a monetary gift provided through the COE Endowment Funds, are given annually to engineering students with the best academic records at the end of the third year of undergraduate study. Each major within the College of Engineering selects one winner for this award.

Davidson Family Tau Beta Pi Senior Engineering Award
Madeleine Pollack

This award goes to the engineering student who has demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, and service in the field and to the Institute, as well as potential for continuing growth. The Georgia Alpha Chapter of the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society annually presents an award and a monetary gift. The award is endowed by John Narl and Eugenia P. Davidson.
INSTITUTE AWARDS

Alvin M. Ferst Leadership and Entrepreneur Scholarship Award
Usman Jamal, Maeve Janecka
This award was established by the late Charlotte Ferst as a birthday gift to honor her husband, Alvin, who graduated from Georgia Tech in 1943. The $3,000 award is given to students with vision, a driving force to create a business or organization, the ability to inspire others to reach their potential, leadership skills to anticipate future needs, an optimistic outlook about finding solutions, and character — students who ask: “Why not?” rather than “Why?”

Georgia Tech Faculty Women’s Club Scholarships
Abigail Creyts, Julian Dudley, Daniel Ryan Schultz
These awards are granted to current Georgia Tech undergraduates who have a parent or guardian permanently employed by Georgia Tech or the Georgia Tech Research Institute. Recipients of the $2,000 awards are selected based on academic achievement, Georgia Tech engagement outside the classroom, and their future plans.

Jordan Lockwood Peer Tutor of the Year Award
Stephanie Oliva
The Jordan Lockwood Peer Tutor of the Year award recognizes the undergraduate tutor who most embodies the mission of the Naugle Communication Center — the tutor who supports the students’ interdisciplinary communication needs, fosters trust and inclusivity, seamlessly consults with students at all levels, seeks out leadership opportunities, and innovates in a way that leaves a lasting impact on the center.

Outstanding Tutor Award
Ian Fertig
This award is presented to an outstanding tutor who demonstrates exemplary performance, commitment, and leadership skills. Recipients of this award work individually with students to enhance their understanding of course concepts and to strengthen their metacognitive skills.

Outstanding PLUS Leader Award
Soomin Lee
This award is presented to an outstanding PLUS leader who demonstrates innovation, creativity, and flexibility, fosters a welcoming and supportive environment, and partners with faculty to facilitate collaborative study sessions that increase students’ academic confidence.

Outstanding Student Assistant Award
Neha Jacob
This award is presented to an outstanding student assistant in Tutoring and Academic Support that possesses a comprehensive understanding of academic support services on campus, is committed to excellent customer service, and exemplifies strong work ethic and professionalism.

Honors Program Outstanding Student Award
Sarah Sorme
The Georgia Tech Honors Program fosters curiosity, creativity, and connection amongst a select group of highly motivated students. The Honors Program Outstanding Student Award is given to one graduating senior who best exemplifies excellence in academic achievement, leadership, creative endeavors, and personal integrity.

The University System of Georgia (USG) Academic Recognition Award
Sydney Mudd
This award began over 34 years ago as a celebration of academic achievement among college students from the state of Georgia. Each USG institution selects an undergraduate honoree. Students are chosen based on their outstanding scholastic achievement. Georgia Tech’s honoree is chosen by the Academic Associate Deans of each of the six colleges, in coordination with the Office of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education. Honorees are recognized by a resolution from the Georgia House of Representatives and a letter of commendation from the USG Chancellor.

Provost’s Academic Excellence Award
Elena Cabrera, Arul Gupta, Peter Lais, Kevin Li, Jacob Young
This award was created in 2021 to recognize the remaining five finalists of the Love Family Foundation Award. Each student is a graduating senior and represents the most outstanding scholastic record from their college.

Love Family Foundation Award
Karis Wang
The Love Family Foundation Award, made possible by a generous grant from the Gay and Erskine Love Foundation, is one of the highest academic awards Georgia Tech gives to a graduating senior. The award recognizes the undergraduate student with “most outstanding scholastic record of all members of the class” and includes a $10,000 monetary award. Each of the six colleges nominates its top graduating student, and the winner is ultimately selected by the academic associate deans in coordination with the Office of Undergraduate Education.