STUDENT HONORS CELEBRATION

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PRESIDING

Roberta Berry
Associate Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, Office of Undergraduate Education

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Director of Student and Academic Affairs, Office of Graduate Education

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

*Maulishri Bhandari, Grace Driskill, Dhyan Gandhi*

Established by Jeannie Jackson in memory of her husband, Don Jackson, a 1971 master’s graduate of information systems and a 1965 bachelor’s math graduate. This award supports the College’s master’s program and is awarded to a well-rounded, first-year master’s student — one from each School within the College of Computing. Awards go to students who best embody Don’s values of academic excellence and leadership.

Marshall D. Williamson Fellowship

*Harshvardhan Baldwa, Mukul Khanna, Abhishek Patil, Mansi Phute*

Established by Billie I. Williamson in memory of her husband, Marshall Williamson, a 1969 master’s graduate of information systems. This award will support the College’s master’s program and be 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

*Christopher Cui*

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.

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award

*Malav Patel*

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.

Outstanding Undergraduate Head Teaching Assistant Award

*Zhixian Christopher Liding, Mohammad Taher*

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.

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Award

*Kasra Sohrab*

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 significant contributions.
Academic Excellence Award for Graduating Students – Economics
*Lindsey Alexander*

This award is given to a graduating undergraduate student in the School of Economics for their outstanding academic scholarship and extracurricular achievement. The recipient is awarded a plaque and $500.

Academic Excellence Award for Graduating Students – History and Sociology
*Emerson Barrett*

This award is given to a graduating undergraduate student in the School of History and Sociology for their outstanding academic scholarship and extracurricular achievement. The recipient is awarded a plaque and $500.

Academic Excellence Award for Graduating Students – International Affairs
*Chase Fletcher*

This award is given to a graduating undergraduate student in the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs for their outstanding academic scholarship and extracurricular achievement. The recipient is awarded a plaque and $500.

Academic Excellence Award for Graduating Students – Literature, Media, and Communication
*Emily Piper*

This award is given to a graduating undergraduate student in the School of Literature, Media, and Communication for their outstanding academic scholarship and extracurricular achievement. The recipient is awarded a plaque and $500.

Academic Excellence Award for Graduating Students – Modern Languages
*Anaïs Acree*

This award is given to a graduating undergraduate student in the School of Modern Languages for their outstanding academic scholarship and extracurricular achievement. The recipient is awarded a plaque and $500.

Academic Excellence Award for Graduating Students – Public Policy
*Olivia Sanford*

This award is given to a graduating undergraduate student in the School of Public Policy for their outstanding academic scholarship and extracurricular achievement. The recipient is awarded a plaque and $500.
SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

AIA Medal for Academic Excellence
Emily Alexander, John Wilson

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 AIA 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
Shaina Lofton

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.

SCHOOL OF CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING

AICP Outstanding Student Award
Leah Cabrera

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.

SCHOOL OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

John and Joyce Caddell Student Merit Award
Blaine Allen

This award recognizes students who are enrolled in one of the programs in 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.
**SCHOOL OF MUSIC**

Kim Scott Logan Award

*Kaitlin Nguyen*

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.

**SCHOOL OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN**

Industrial Designers Society of America Student Merit Award

*John Hill*

In an effort to encourage, reward, and celebrate excellence in industrial design education in the US, the Industrial Designers Society of America (IDSA) 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 Student Merit Award Winners at Regional and National Conferences.
Dow Chemical-P.C. McCutcheon Prize for Outstanding Student Achievement in Business

Journeyne Johnson

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 $2,300 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

Maxwell Oglesby, MK Schmersal

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

Jonathan Brooks, Kalieann Wetherington

This award recognizes two 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 $4,000 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 Dow, who made it financially possible for Lewis to attend Georgia Tech.

Naresh K. Malhotra Scholarship for Marketing Research

Madeline McCurry

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.

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

*Brittany Ahn*

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

*Callie Goins, Emily Melvin, Michelle Seeler*

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.
AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

Aerospace Engineering Outstanding Senior Scholar Award
*Cayetana Salinas*

The Daniel Guggenheim 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 Guggenheim School by former School Chair Donnell W. Dutton, AE 1940, and his wife, Ruth.

Donnell W. Dutton Outstanding Senior in Aerospace Engineering Award
*Fatema Jalal*

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 Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering.

BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

G.D. Jain Outstanding Senior in Biomedical Engineering Award
*Jorik Stoop*

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
*Isabella Stagg*

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 in Biomedical Engineering Award
*Kiyoung Jeong*

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

Gianna Fiduccia

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

Anu Raghavan

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

Tyler Rhine

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

Harrison Baro

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

Antonia Kopp

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
*Aimée Ogando*

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
*Peyton Warrick*

This award recognizes a senior environmental 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
*Micahel Meng*

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
*Maxime Beaulieu*

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
*Aaron Wu*

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 ENGINEERING

Alpha Pi Mu Academic Excellence Award
Annette Gisella, Jiaxi Yu
The Alpha Pi Mu Honor Society presents the award to the industrial engineering seniors with the best academic achievement who excels in research and is involved in academic competitions, presentations, or publications. The winners’ names will be added to the perpetual plaque inside the H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering.

Evelyn Pennington Outstanding Service Award
Aanjan Sikal
This award recognizes students who have provided exceptional service to the industrial engineering community and maintained 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
Esha Patra
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
Anush Singhal
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 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
Abigail Dejneka

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.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering Outstanding Scholar Award
Jerry Qiu

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
Erica Lull

On the basis of outstanding scholarship and contributions to the School, especially to its programs — and with regard to external representation — the Woodruff School 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 Award
Isabelle Gustafson, Joonha Hwang, Velin Kojouharov, Alex Qiu, Jacqueline van Zyl

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

Lianna Arnold

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

COLLEGE-WIDE AWARDS

College of Engineering Honors Day Awards

Daraja Brown, Jenna Corbin, Tyler Cummings, Zachary Haataja, Jeffrey Li, Zhixian Christopher Liding, Jackson Martin, Luke Towery, Prithvi Ulaganathan, Yash Vardhan, Garrett Youngblood

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

Saksham Malik

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

Jason Juang, Christine Webster

This award was established by 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?”

Communication Center Assistant of the Year Award

Meghna Madhusudhan

This award recognizes the center assistant who goes above and beyond to address the needs of the Naugle Communication Center’s clients and to support the faculty and staff in the center. This student has shown initiative, hospitality, clarity, and integrity in every aspect of their work.

Jordan Lockwood Peer Tutor of the Year Award

Lily Soetebier

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.

Honors Program Outstanding Student Award

Samantha Mutiti

The Georgia Tech Honors Program fosters curiosity, creativity, and connection among 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, curiosity, and community building.
Georgia Tech Faculty Women’s Club Scholarships
Sona Desai, David Montoya, Neha Sivakumar

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.

Outstanding Tutor Award
Harrison Banks

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
Ansley Hightower

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 Learning Assistant Award
Ellia Kelso

This award is presented to an outstanding learning assistant in Tutoring and Academic Support who excels in cultivating a sense of community within the classroom, fostering an environment conducive to collaborative learning, and demonstrating outstanding collaboration with faculty.
INSTITUTE AWARDS

The University System of Georgia Academic Recognition Award

Jason Juang

This award began over 34 years ago as a celebration of academic achievement among college students who are residents of 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.

Provostr’s Academic Excellence Award

Anais Acree, Ashley Darling, Hope Hazleton, Jason Juang, Zikeng Leng

This award was created in 2021 to recognize the five finalists of the Love Family Foundation Award. Each winner is a graduating senior and represents the most outstanding scholastic record from their College. The award includes a $2,000 monetary award for each student, provided by the Gay and Erskine Love Foundation.

Love Family Foundation Award

Velin Kojouharov

The Love Family Foundation Award, made possible by a grant from the Gay and Erskine Love Foundation, is one of the highest academic awards Georgia Tech gives to a graduating senior. Established in 1976, the award recognizes the undergraduate student with “the 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 the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education.