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Awards Honor Academic Achievement, Service and Leadership



BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Gardner-Webb University recently recognized undergraduate students for academic excellence and outstanding service and leadership. Winners of these awards exemplify the University's core values of faith, service and leadership in their classrooms and communities.

In honor of the award, each student may choose one book for purchase by Gardner-Webb's Dover Memorial Library. The book will be inscribed with the student's name and the date of the award presentation.

The students were notified of their awards at the end of the spring semester and are invited back to campus to participate in an awards ceremony on July 31, 2020, in Tucker Student Center.

Award winners are listed below in alphabetical order by N.C. counties, out-of-state and international.

Buncombe County, N.C.

Callie Rhea, of Alexander, N.C., received the Exercise Science Service Award for students in the health fitness concentration. The faculty of the Department of Exercise Science presents this award to recognize a student who has exhibited exemplary self-motivation, professionalism, and dedication. Additionally, the student has demonstrated diligence and excellence of service in the Exercise Science Program.

Burke County, N.C.

- Katie Moses, of Valdese, N.C., received the Elementary Education Student Teaching Award, presented to a student in GOAL—The Degree Completion Program.
- Taylor Hildebrand, of Connelly Springs, N.C., was awarded the Teacher Education Scholarship Award, which is presented to the graduating senior who obtains the highest overall grade point average.

Cabarrus County, N.C.

Makayla Fewster, of Harrisburg, N.C., was honored with the John and Linda Godbold Award. This honor recognizes the student who best exemplifies faith, discipline and service. Because of the combined commitment to these values from the Godbolds and the Godbold School of Business Faculty, this award is considered one of the most prestigious awards given by the Godbold School of Business. Nominations were solicited from faculty, staff, and students.

Caldwell County, N.C.

- Alexis Greer, of Granite Falls, N.C., received the Healthcare Management Award. Selected by the Godbold School of Business faculty, the honor is given to a senior healthcare management major for exemplary leadership and skill.
- Cassidy Craig, of Lenoir, N.C., was honored with the Middle Grades Student Teaching Award. The recognition is given to a graduate of the middle grades teacher education program for demonstrating excellence in the classroom.



- Isaac Tuttle, of Lenoir, N.C., was presented several awards. Tuttle was given the Philosophy and Theology Award presented by the Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy to an exemplary graduating senior. In addition to excelling in his coursework, Tuttle modeled intellectual, ethical, and spiritual maturity. Tuttle also received the J.O. Terrell History Award, established in 1974 to honor the late Dr. J.O. Terrell, former dean of instruction and professor of history at Gardner-Webb. The award recognizes an outstanding student of history. Tuttle was also recognized with the Peer Leader Award, which is presented to outstanding seniors in the program. The Peer Leader Program is one of the most well respected student leadership programs on campus. The program is highly selective and those chosen not only excel in academics, but also serve as role models, teachers and friends to first-year students. Lastly, Tuttle was awarded the Charles Shelton Award. This award is presented in memory of Charles Shelton and in honor of his wife, Sybil. Following his retirement from Bellsouth, Charles followed the call of God upon his life as a leader in volunteer mission service. His life and witness impacted many Gardner-Webb University students as they traveled with him on various North American and international mission trips. The award is presented to a male and female senior who have provided outstanding servant leadership through opportunities offered by the Office of Christian Life and Service.
- Joshua Walker, of Newton, N.C., received the FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) award for outstanding leadership, direction, and service to student-athletes in the name of Jesus Christ. He also was honored with the Pamela Darnell Award. This award is presented in memory of Pamela Darnell, an extraordinary student, who was actively involved in the leadership of student ministries. She died in 2005 after courageously battling both Crohn's disease and Lymphoma while still attending Gardner-Webb. The Pamela Darnell Christian Mission Award is given to the graduating senior who has most exemplified a passionate devotion to the global mission of God.
- Laci Frye, of Conover, N.C., received the Peer Leader Award, which is presented to outstanding seniors in the program. The Peer Leader Program is one of the most well respected student leadership programs on campus. The program is highly selective and those chosen not only excel in academics, but also serve as role models, teachers and friends to first-year students.
- Lisa Martinat, of Lenoir, N.C., was presented a photography award, which is given by the Department of Communication and New Media to recognize those students who have excelled at photography or photojournalism.
- Seth T. Clark, of Hudson, N.C., was presented with the Criminal Justice Administration Leadership Award. This award is based on leadership in the classroom, in criminal justice-related activities, potential for success in the field of Criminal Justice, and service to the community and the Department of Public Service.

Catawba County, N.C.

- Bryan Morales-Gonzalez, of Newton, N.C., received the Wallace Carpenter Management Information Systems Award named in memory of Professor Wallace Carpenter, who started the Management Information Systems program at Gardner-Webb. The recipient of the award is recognized for his outstanding academic performance, excellent analytical, personal, and leadership skills, high moral standards, and significant contributions to his field during his career at Gardner-Webb.
- Karely Chavez-Callejas, of Hickory, N.C., was presented with the Student Recruitment Ambassadors Scholarship Award. The admissions staff of the Traditional Undergraduate Program annually recognizes students who volunteer their time to take prospective students and their families on tours, talk about student life, entertain large groups, and most of all, act as wonderful representatives of the University.
- Katie Furr, of Hickory, N.C., was presented the Senior English Major award for excellence in grades, character, leadership ability, and creativity.

Cleveland County, N.C.

- Trevor L. Alexander, of Shelby, N.C., was awarded the Chemistry Service Award from the Department of Natural Sciences. The award recognizes the student who has demonstrated diligence and excellence of work as a laboratory assistant for the Chemistry Program.
- Christopher Balltzglier, of Shelby, N.C., was selected by the Department of Exercise Science as the Most Outstanding Major in the Pre-professional concentration. This award is presented to the student who demonstrates exemplary academic success, professionalism and servant leadership that is deserving of gratitude and recognition by the faculty.
- Brandon Garlock, of Shelby, N.C., received the Religious Studies Service Award presented by the Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy. The award combines recognition of demonstrated academic excellence with participation in campus leadership positions, exemplary Christian character and lifestyle, commitment to and promise in the field of Christian ministry, and leadership in ministry and mission opportunities.
- Sydney Hardin, of Shelby, N.C., was presented the Specialty Area Student Teaching Award, given to a graduate of the K-12 teacher education programs who has demonstrated excellence in the classroom.

- Jesse Hollifield, of Boiling Springs, N.C., was chosen for the Criminal Justice Administration Professional Readiness Award. The award is presented to a student who has successfully completed a Professional Readiness Experience. Hollifield has obtained academic achievement and demonstrated outstanding potential for success in the field of criminal justice.
- Christopher Jones, of Grover, N.C., was awarded the Criminal Justice Administration Homeland Security Award. This award is presented annually to a student who has completed the Criminal Justice Administration major and Homeland Security minor. This student has exhibited academic achievement and leadership in this field of study.
- Grace Love, of Shelby, N.C., was honored with the French Award, the Global Studies Award and the Global Studies Award for Humanitarian Service. The French Award is presented to the student who has demonstrated the most dedication to the French program with excellent grades in General Studies courses and tutoring services. The Global Studies Award is given to a student who has shown academic excellence, service and leadership in the pursuit of global understanding, as examined through the multidisciplinary work of Global Studies. Love received the Global Studies Award for Humanitarian Service to recognize her service to the community. In the spirit of Gardner-Webb's motto, For God and Humanity, this award recognizes a Global Studies major who has made an exceptional commitment to serving others.
- Brianna N. Mullinax, of Lawndale, N.C., received the Community Engagement Award, which recognizes students who have gone the extra mile in their commitment to being aware of and meet specific needs in our community.
- Bogdan Podgaisky, of Boiling Springs, N.C., was honored with a Residential Service & Leadership Award. The award recognizes a student who has shown great commitment to the Gardner-Webb University residential community by serving fellow residents, promoting an atmosphere conducive to curricular and co-curricular learning within the residence halls, and creating an environment centered on open communication and respect.
- Lily Pressley, of Kings Mountain, N.C., was awarded the Alfred & Shirley Wampler Caudill Marketing Award endowed by Dr. Donald W. Caudill, Professor of Marketing & Entrepreneurship at Gardner-Webb, in memory of his father and in honor of his mother. This award (\$200 cash and a plaque) is selected by the Godbold School of Business faculty from a list of finalists and presented to the most outstanding marketing major graduating during the previous academic year.

- Jada Robbs, of Shelby, N.C., received the Alfred & Shirley Wampler Caudill Service Learning Award, presented to the student who has provided outstanding service to her community based on her coursework. It includes a plaque and a \$200 cash prize. Robbs was also recognized for her service as a Presidential Associate. Presidential Associates are comprised of sophomore, junior and senior students who serve the Office of the President and the Advancement Office. Their mission is to foster relationships with all university constituencies including alumni, the Board of Trustees, campus visitors, special guests of the President, current and prospective donors, and the community at large. The Office of the President recognizes graduating senior Presidential Associates with a plaque as well as cords that will be worn as part of their regalia at commencement.
- Kristen Sullivan, of Shelby, N.C., was honored with the Grace C. Nursing Award, presented in memory of the founder of the GWU Hunt School of Nursing, Mrs. Grace C. Lee. The award is given annually to a graduating Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) student who, in the opinion of the faculty, has demonstrated scholastic achievement, excellence in the clinical area, leadership ability and a positive attitude while in the ASN program.
- Savannah Terry, of Shelby, N.C., was presented the English Education Award, which honors a pre-service teacher who excels in English studies and classroom teaching.

Davidson County, N.C.

Caroline Sloan, of Lexington, N.C., received the Professional Writing Award presented by the Department of English Language and Literature. The award is given to an English major or minor who produces exceptional writing designed for the market place.

Davie County, N.C.

Jordan Plummer, of Mocksville, N.C., received the Thomas J. Meaders Business Administration Award, named in memory of Meaders for his great contributions to the Godbold School of Business. She is recognized for outstanding academic performance, excellent analytical, personal, and leadership skills, high moral standards, and significant contributions to her field during her career at Gardner-Webb.

Edgecombe County, N.C.

Jennifer Jackson, of Rocky Mount, N.C., received the Paul J. Stacy Award in Biology. The award is presented in honor of Stacy, whose devotion to the teaching of biology and love of the students at Gardner-Webb spanned beyond three decades. The recipient's name will be placed with others who have received the honor and displayed on a permanent plaque in the Department of Natural Sciences.

Forsyth County, N.C.

Abigail Hackworth, of Pfafftown, N.C., received the M. Vann Murrell Academic Award, given in honor of Dr. M. Vann Murrell for his 27 years of outstanding service as a professor of New Testament studies and chair of the Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy. This honor is presented to a graduating senior in the department on the basis of grades in all major courses, overall grade point average, and evidence of exceptional leadership in the future. Hackworth also received the Hebrew Award, which recognizes a graduating senior who has excelled in the study of biblical Hebrew, the language of the Old Testament.

Gaston County, N.C.

- Caleb Etchison, of Stanley, N.C., received the First Year Music Award. The award is presented to a freshman music major, who has demonstrated outstanding potential and significant achievement in academic and musical studies during his first year.
- Nate Wray, of Gastonia, N.C., was recognized as a Presidential Associate. The Presidential Associates are comprised of sophomore, junior and senior students who serve the Office of the President and the Advancement Office. Their mission is to foster relationships with all university constituencies including alumni, the Board of Trustees, campus visitors, special guests of the President, current and prospective donors, and the community at large. The Office of the President recognizes graduating senior Presidential Associates with a plaque as well as cords that will be worn as part of their regalia at commencement.
- Tremayne Booker, of Gastonia, N.C., was honored with the Outstanding Leadership Award, presented by the GWU Center for Personal and Professional Development. The award recognizes a student who genuinely cares about doing things that matter for the benefit of the campus, community, and humanity. He has demonstrated strategic leadership with humility and a single-minded determination to make the Gardner-Webb experience even better for every student.

Guilford County, N.C.

- Brianna Linton, of High Point, N.C., was presented the Criminal Justice Administration Professional Readiness Award. The award recognizes the student for outstanding academic achievement and the successful completion of a Professional Readiness Experience. Linton has demonstrated outstanding potential for success in the field of Criminal Justice.

- Michael Brotherton, of Greensboro, N.C., was recognized with two awards for his achievements as a music performance major. Brotherton received the Orchestra Award, which is given each year to the student who exemplifies excellence in preparation, devotion to the music and to the group entire, and superb performance. He also was honored with the David M. Schweppe Memorial Music Award. This award is presented by the Shelby Rotary Club to the graduating senior who has made the most significant contribution to the music program of the University, as well as significant academic and professional achievements.

Granville County, N.C.

Andrew Boyd, of Creedmoor, N.C., received the Jack Partain Missiology Award, given by the Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy in honor of Jack Partain. Partain served as a missionary in Africa for 16 years and as a professor at Gardner-Webb for 15 years. His commitment to excellence in the classroom and his passion for the Missio Dei inspires the faculty to recognize a student who performs well in the classroom and has a passion for the Mission of God.

Harnett County, N.C.

Taylor Mills, of Lillington, N.C., received the Psychology Award, which is presented to a student who has demonstrated academic excellence, scholarship, research and/or service.

Iredell County, N.C.

- Brian Stepanek, of Mooresville, N.C., was presented the Computer Science Award, which is given to a graduating senior, who has excelled in the major and performed well in all academic work.
- Christine Walls, of Mooresville, N.C., received the Broyhill Achievement Award, given to a senior in a business-related program within GOAL—The Degree Completion Program. Walls achieved her goal of academic excellence by successfully meeting the wide array of life's challenges that are inherent in pursuing a career and a degree.

Lincoln County, N.C.

- Carlie Blackburn, of Vale, N.C., was honored with the First Year German Award, given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement during his or her first year of German.

- Gabriel Gavin, of Lincolnton, N.C., was honored with the Withrow Political Science Award, which is presented annually to an outstanding senior. The award is named in honor of the late William H. Withrow Sr., a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, who retired from the Navy with the rank of commander. After graduate studies at the University of North Carolina, Commander Withrow taught Political Science at Gardner-Webb for 14 years and served a term in the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Mecklenburg County, N.C.

- Charissa Coleman, of Matthews, N.C., received the Communication Studies Award, which is presented to a senior and recognizes superior achievement in academics and service to the department and the University as a whole. Particular attention is paid to those characteristics that predict professional success in the communication industry. Coleman was also honored with the Pam Scruggs Leadership Award. This award is given in honor of Pam Scruggs, who has set an unparalleled example of dedication, service, and leadership for her co-workers, students, student-athletes, and all those who have had the privilege of knowing her.
- Michael Harvey, of Matthews, N.C., was presented the Journalism Award, which is presented annually by the Department of Communication and New Media to a student who has shown dedication and promise in broadcast and/or print journalism. The recipient has excelled in his studies and demonstrated superior writing and management skills in student publications or broadcast journalism.
- Aaron Jackson, of Charlotte, N.C., was recognized with three awards to honor his achievements in music. The Symphonic Band Award honored his outstanding performance, participation and attitude in the Symphonic Band. He received the Orchestra Award to recognize his excellence in preparation, devotion to the music and to the group entire, and superb performance in Orchestra. Lastly, Jackson was presented the Music Achievement Award for demonstrating outstanding musical achievement during the current academic year.
- Lauren M. Klepper, of Charlotte, N.C., received the Chemistry Service Award, given by the Department of Natural Sciences. The award recognizes the student who has demonstrated diligence and excellence of work as a laboratory assistant for the chemistry program. Klepper was also honored for her service in the Peer Leader Program. The Peer Leader Program is one of the most well respected student leadership programs on campus. Those who are chosen to participate in the program excel in academics and also serve as role models, teachers and friends to first-year students.
- Alec Langston, of Charlotte, N.C., received the First Year Mathematics Achievement Award. The award is presented to a freshman, who has demonstrated excellence in a freshman level mathematics course.

- Brittany Polburn, of Charlotte, N.C., was honored with the Alpha PSI Omega/Alfred & Shirley Wampler Caudill Theatre Award to recognize her excellence in acting and stage performance. The award is presented to a student actor who exemplifies skill, professionalism, attitude, and work ethic. The honor includes a cash prize and encourages students to develop both technique and professionalism as a marketable stage performer.
- Jared Roess, of Charlotte, N.C., was chosen as the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Member of the Year. This award recognizes SAAC members who have demonstrated a tremendous amount of dedication to the organization. Roess has contributed to every endeavor, worked to carry out the mission of SAAC, and shown support to fellow student-athletes in all athletic events. Roess was also awarded the Most School Spirited award, which is presented by The Dawg Pound annually to the student with the most school spirit at University athletic events.
- Susan Sung, of Charlotte, N.C., was recognized by the Office of Alumni Relations for her leadership and service to the Student Alumni Association. She was presented a special cord to wear with her academic regalia during commencement exercises.
- Marshall Townsend, of Charlotte, N.C., was honored with the Alpha PSI Omega/Alfred & Shirley Wampler Caudill Award in Theater. The award recognizes superior achievement in academic study in the theatre arts and superior contributions to theatrical production. The award, which includes a cash prize, encourages outstanding undergraduates to pursue their professional and educational goals in theatre.
- Lauryn Truitt, of Charlotte, N.C., was presented the John and Linda Godbold Award, which is given to the student who best exemplifies faith, discipline and service. Because of the combined commitment to these values from the Godbolds and the Godbold School of Business Faculty, this award is considered one of the most prestigious awards given by the School of Business. Nominations were solicited from faculty, staff, and students. Truitt also received the Justin Scot Alston LIFE Award. Presented in memory of Justin Scot Alston, the LIFE Award is given by the Student Alumni Council and the Office of Alumni Relations. Justin was a 2003 alumnus of Gardner-Webb who passed away in January 2004. He had an inspiring love for God that was evident in the way he chose to live every day. His compassion, humility, and positive outlook proved contagious to those around him. Despite the numerous obstacles he faced daily, he was a leader who embodied Gardner-Webb's motto—For God and Humanity. This award recognizes a senior who embodies the same spirit shown by Justin in his devotion to God, Gardner-Webb, and others. Lastly, Truitt was honored by the Office of Alumni Relations for her leadership and service in the Student Alumni Association. She received a special cord to wear with her academic regalia during commencement exercises.

- Abigail Vowell, of Cornelius, N.C., received the Criminal Justice Administration Leadership Award. This award is given to a student who has displayed leadership in the classroom, in all criminal justice-related activities and in service to the Department of Public Service. Vowell has also demonstrated considerable potential for success in the field of Criminal Justice.

Pender County, N.C.

Carlee Winstead, of Hampstead, N.C., received the Outstanding Leadership Award. Gardner-Webb University is full of strong student leaders, who care about doing things that matter for the benefit of the campus, community, and humanity. Annually, the GWU Center for Personal and Professional Development recognizes students for their efforts in leading others in serving the campus and community through student organizations. Winstead has demonstrated strategic leadership with humility and a single-minded determination to make the Gardner-Webb experience even better for every student.

Pitt County, N.C.

Cary Pou, of Greenville, N.C., was honored with the Economics Award. The recipient of this award is a senior selected by the Godbold School of Business faculty. Pou displays exemplary leadership and skill in the Economics discipline and was also recognized for outstanding academic performance, excellent analytical, personal, and leadership skills, high moral standards, and significant contributions to her field during her career at Gardner-Webb.

Polk County, N.C.

Jeffrey Cantrell, of Mill Springs, N.C., was honored with the Secondary Student Teaching Award, which recognizes a graduate of the nine-12 teacher education programs who has demonstrated excellence in the classroom.

Randolph County, N.C.

- Ana Pascual, of Asheboro, N.C., received the Criminal Justice Administration Homeland Security Award. This award is presented annually to a student who has completed the Criminal Justice Administration Major and Homeland Security Minor. The honor recognizes academic achievement and leadership in this field of study.
- Noemi Pascual, of Asheboro, N.C., was recognized for her service and leadership to the Student Alumni Association by the Office of Alumni Relations. She was presented a special cord to wear with her academic regalia during commencement exercises.

Rowan County, N.C.

- Celsea Reeder, of Salisbury, N.C., was presented the Stefka Eddins Undergraduate Research Award. This honor recognizes a student in Natural Sciences for demonstrating a commitment to and excellence in undergraduate research by execution and completion of a collaborative student-faculty project.
- Leah Jancic, of Cleveland, N.C., received two awards. She was presented the Professor James Rash Award for exhibiting outstanding creativity, productivity, craftsmanship and presentation in the areas of ceramics or sculpture. The award is given in honor of Professor James Rash who taught ceramics, art appreciation, drawing and painting for Gardner-Webb from 1965-1980. Jancic was also awarded the Art History Research Award, a monetary award presented to the student whose research results in a well-written paper that clearly presents an original idea in the field of art history.

Rutherford County, N.C.

- Garrett Blanton, of Rutherfordton, N.C., received the Graphic Design Award. This award is presented to a senior majoring in graphic design and recognizes superior academic achievement, creativity, and work ethic. Particular attention is paid to those characteristics that predict professional success in the graphic design and/or visual communication industry.
- Dylan Cobb, of Ellenboro, N.C., was awarded the Criminal Justice Administration Senior Award, which is presented annually to outstanding seniors for their academic achievements in the program.
- Hunter Gowan, of Forest City, N.C., was presented the First Year Mathematics Achievement Award. This award goes to a freshman who has demonstrated excellence in a freshman level mathematics course.
- Katie Lewis, of Forest City, N.C., was honored with the English Education Award presented to a pre-service teacher who excels in English studies and classroom teaching.
- Logan Roberts, of Lake Lure, N.C., received the Finance Award, which is presented to a senior finance major. Selected by the Godbold School of Business faculty, the award winner is honored for exemplary leadership and skill in the finance discipline. Roberts demonstrates outstanding academic performance; excellent analytical, personal, and leadership skills; high moral standards; and has made significant contributions to his field during his career at Gardner-Webb.
- Hannah Wermuth, of Rutherfordton, N.C., was presented the American Sign Language (ASL) Award, which is given to a senior who has demonstrated excellence in the ASL field.

Transylvania County, N.C.

- Calee Lance, of Rosman, N.C., was honored with the Criminal Justice Administration Leadership Award. She received this award because of her displayed leadership in the classroom, in criminal justice-related activities and in service to the Department of Public Service. Lance demonstrated considerable potential for success in the field of Criminal Justice.
- Mary Moore, of Brevard, N.C., was presented the Charles Shelton Award. Presented in memory of Shelton and in honor of his wife, Sybil, this award recognizes a male and female senior who have provided outstanding servant leadership through opportunities offered by the Office of Christian Life and Service. Following his retirement from Bellsouth, Charles followed the call of God upon his life as a leader in volunteer mission service. His life and witness impacted many Gardner-Webb students as they traveled with him on various North American and international mission trips.

Union County, N.C.

Garret Allen, of Indian Trail, N.C., was recognized as a Presidential Associate. The Presidential Associates are comprised of sophomore, junior and senior students who serve the Office of the President and the Advancement Office. Their mission is to foster relationships with all university constituencies including alumni, the Board of Trustees, campus visitors, special guests of the President, current and prospective donors, and the community at large. The Office of the President recognizes graduating senior Presidential Associates with a plaque as well as cords that will be worn as part of their regalia at commencement.

Wake County, N.C.

- Annabeth Reed, of Wake Forest, N.C., achieved the First Year Music Award. This honor is presented to a freshman music major, who has demonstrated outstanding potential and significant achievement during the first year of study in academic and musical studies.
- Anthony Schiess, of Cary, N.C., was given the Criminal Justice Administration Leadership Award. This award recognizes leadership in the classroom, in criminal justice-related activities and service to the Department of Public Service. Schiess also demonstrates considerable potential for success in the field of Criminal Justice.
- Ben Schade, of Apex, N.C., was recognized as Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Member of the Year. This award recognizes SAAC members who have demonstrated a tremendous amount of dedication to the organization. They have contributed to every endeavor, worked to carry out the mission of SAAC, and shown support to their fellow student-athletes in all athletic events.

Watauga County, N.C.

Christina Hampton, of Deep Gap, N.C., received the Alice Cullinan Discipleship Studies Award. Each year the Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy recognizes a graduating senior who majors or minors in Discipleship Studies. This award honors long-time faculty member, Dr. Alice Cullinan, who impacted a generation of religious educators during her 30-year tenure at Gardner-Webb. It is presented to the student who has demonstrated excellence in and overall commitment to the field of Discipleship Studies. Hampton was also recognized with the Religious Studies Association Service Award. This honor is given annually by the Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy to a student who has provided exemplary leadership in the student-led Religious Studies Association. Additionally, the student demonstrates academic excellence, participation in other campus leadership positions, exemplary Christian character, lifestyle and commitment to and promise in the field of Christian ministry.

Wilkes County, N.C.

Alondra Limon-Garcia, of Moravian Falls, N.C., was recognized with the Criminal Justice Administration Professional Readiness Award. This award is presented to student for outstanding academic achievement and the successful completion of a Professional Readiness Experience. Limon-Garcia has demonstrated outstanding potential for success in the field of Criminal Justice.

Out-of-State

Boiling Springs, S.C.

Artur Hofer, of Boiling Springs, S.C., was recognized with a Peer Leader Award. The Peer Leader Program is one of the most well respected student leadership programs on campus. The program is highly selective and those chosen not only excel in academics, but also serve as role models, teachers and friends to our first-year students. These awards recognize those students who have served as Peer Leaders and are graduating seniors.

Canton, Ga.

John O'Connell, of Canton, Ga., received the Peer Leader Award, which recognizes those students who have served as Peer Leaders and are graduating seniors. The Peer Leader Program began 15 years ago at GWU and is one of the most well-respected student leadership programs on campus. The program is highly selective and those chosen not only excel in academics, but also serve as role models, teachers and friends to first-year students.

Charleston, S.C.

Hayley Adams, of Charleston, S.C., received the Alpha Psi Omega/Alfred & Shirley Wampler Caudill Award for Excellence in Technical Theatre. The honor recognizes superior achievement in technical production in the theater arts and superior contribution to theatrical production. The award includes a cash prize and encourages students to pursue and develop their education and skills in the technical and design areas of theatre.

Clover, S.C.

Madison White, of Clover, S.C., was honored with the Elementary Education Student Teaching Award, which is given to a graduate from the elementary education program on the Boiling Springs campus.

Colorado Springs, Colo.

Jeremiah Hansen, of Colorado Springs, Colo., received the Criminal Justice Administration Senior Award. This honor is presented annually to the outstanding senior who has outstanding academic achievement in the Criminal Justice Administration major.

Douglasville, Ga.

Jewelle Joseph, of Douglasville, Ga., received the Biology Service Award, which is given by the Department of Natural Sciences. The award recognizes the student who has demonstrated diligence and excellence of work as a laboratory assistant for the biology program.

Dripping Springs, Texas

Lindsay Koppel, of Dripping Springs, Texas, received the Spanish Award, presented annually to a Spanish major or minor, who has displayed superior aptitude and passion for the Spanish language and the literatures and cultures of the Spanish-speaking world. She also received the International Business Award, which is presented to a senior selected by the Godbold School of Business faculty. Koppel was honored for displaying exemplary leadership and skill in the International Business discipline.

Fishers, Ind.

- Charity Bennett, of Fishers, Ind., received the Outstanding Bachelor of Science in Nursing Award. This honor is given annually to the BSN student who, in the opinion of the faculty, has demonstrated scholastic achievement, excellence in the clinical area, leadership ability and a positive attitude while in the program.

- Tim Bennett, of Fishers, Ind., received honorable mention for the Alfred and Shirley Wampler Caudill Service Learning Award. This award recognizes students who have provided outstanding service to their communities based on their coursework. Nominations are made by GWU faculty and staff or by the applicants. The Service Learning Advisory Council selects one winner and designates honorable mentions.

Gaffney, S.C.

Hunter Warren, of Gaffney, S.C., was given the Les Brown Environmental Science Award. This award was established in 2006 to honor Dr. Les M. Brown's appreciation of nature, passion for teaching science, and involving students in research at GWU for nearly 40 years. The winner of this award exhibits commitment to academic excellence and research in the area of environmental sciences.

Hermitage, Pa.

Cailen Blaire, of Hermitage, Pa., received the Stefka Eddins Undergraduate Research Award. This honor recognizes a student in Natural Sciences who demonstrates a commitment to and excellence in undergraduate research by execution and completion of a collaborative student/faculty project.

Hollywood, Fla.,

Nate Johnson, of Hollywood, Fla, received the Public Relations award, which is given to a public relations major who excels in the classroom and in utilizing public relations principles to support campus and community programs and projects.

Inman, S.C.

Abbey Sprinkle, of Inman, S.C, was presented a Photography Award. Presented by the Department of Communication and New Media, the award honors those students who have excelled at photography or photojournalism.

Knoxville, Tenn.

Nicole Riha, of Knoxville, Tenn., received the Parrish First Year Chemistry Award, named after Dr. Sherman Parrish who taught Chemistry at Gardner-Webb University for over 30 years. The honor is given to a first-year student in recognition of outstanding achievement in General Chemistry, which as a discipline, is comprehensive, demanding, and exact.

Lexington, Ky.

Haiden Hunt, of Lexington, Ky., received the Criminal Justice Administration Freshman Award. Each year, this award is presented to a freshman for outstanding academic achievement in the Criminal Justice Administration major.

Mechanicsville, Va.

Maya Mallory, of Mechanicsville, Va., was recognized for her service and leadership to the Student Alumni Association by the Office of Alumni Relations. She was presented a special cord to wear with her academic regalia during commencement exercises.

Medina, Ohio,

Kurt Everett, of Medina, Ohio, received the Criminal Justice Administration Leadership Award. This honor is based on leadership displayed in the classroom, in criminal justice-related activities, potential for success in the field of Criminal Justice, and service to the community and the Department of Public Service. Everett was also presented the Homeland Security Award, presented to the student who has completed the Criminal Justice Administration Major and Homeland Security Minor while exhibiting academic achievement and leadership.

Naples, Fla.,

Matthew Rose, of Naples, Fla., received the Sport Management Award, which is presented to a senior in the Sport Management program, who has maintained a grade point average above 3.40. Rose demonstrates leadership in sport management, professionally enhances the sport management program, and demonstrates promise in the sport management field.

Onley, Va.

Cierra Jennestreet, of Onley, Va., was presented the Residential Service and Leadership Award. This award recognizes a student who has shown great commitment to the Gardner-Webb University residential community by serving fellow residents, promoting an atmosphere conducive to curricular and co-curricular learning within the residence halls, and creating an environment centered on open communication and respect.

Pacolet, S.C.

Kordell Hemphill, of Pacolet, S.C., was honored with the Donald Sidney Haton Jr. Marching Band Spirit Award. Since the 2008 marching band season, students in the Gardner-Webb University Band have voted for a student to receive a spirit award named for Sid Haton Jr., the director of athletic bands for GWU from 2006-2008. The recipient demonstrates Haton's spirit by giving encouragement and comfort to others and bringing a joyful energy to rehearsals and performances. As Haton would say, they "stood tall like a cheetah" and "helped others go to their happy place."

Summerville, S.C.

Lauren Bishop, of Summerville, S.C., was presented the Athletic Training Outstanding Major Award. This honor is based on academic, professional and personal excellence during the time Bishop spent at Gardner-Webb. In addition, Bishop recently passed the board of certification exam which is an important accomplishment in becoming a certified athletic trainer.

Tampa, Fla.

Jordan Vitale, of Tampa, Fla., received the Most Outstanding Exercise Science Major Award in the Health Sciences Concentration. This award is presented to the student who demonstrates exemplary academic success, professionalism and servant leadership that is deserving of gratitude and recognition by the faculty.

Taylors, S.C.

Antwan McCray, of Taylors, S.C., received the Most Outstanding Major—Health Fitness Award. This award is presented by the Department of Exercise Science to the student who demonstrates exemplary academic success, professionalism and servant leadership that is deserving of gratitude and recognition by the faculty.

Vienna, Va.

Hannah Smith, of Vienna, Va., was presented the Elizabeth Carlisle Jones Art Award, which is given in honor of Elizabeth Carlisle Jones, a gifted artist, Bible teacher, wife, and mother. The honor is given with thanksgiving by her daughter, faculty member Susan Carlisle Bell, to a student who exhibits exceptional creativity, productivity, craftsmanship and presentation in the areas of painting, drawing and printmaking, or other two-dimensional work.

International

Chester, Nova Scotia

Allison Chandler, of Chester, Nova Scotia, received the Accounting Award. The recipient for this honor is a senior selected by the Godbold School of Business faculty. Chandler was recognized for displaying exemplary leadership and skill in the accounting discipline.

Germany

Corinna Wiegand, of Giesel, Germany received the Sociology Award, which is presented to an outstanding student in sociology. She also was presented the Alfred and Shirley Wampler Caudill Life of the Scholar Multidisciplinary Conference Best Paper Award given to the undergraduate student for outstanding work. Her paper was titled, "Jealousy—Based on George Simmel."