HONORS CONVOCATION
Graham Tyler Memorial Chapel
April 25, 2018
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PRELUDE

Steven McDonald
Organist

Prelude and Fugue in C Major, S.553
Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Prelude on the hymn tune Rhosymedre
Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

Ein Feste Burg ist Unser Gott
(“A Mighty Fortress is our God”)
Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

Prelude and Fugue in G Minor, S.558
Bach

PROCESSIONAL*

Mr. McDonald

Prelude on the Te Deum
Marc-Antoine Charpentier
(1643-1704)

Flag Bearers
Cadet Carolyn Williams
Cadet Austin Young

Marshal
John Hamilton, Ph.D.

WELCOME

Greg Gunderson, Ph.D.
President

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Michelle E. Myers, Ed.D.
Interim Provost

Dr. Gunderson
COLLEGE AND SCHOOL AWARDS

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

James F. Pasley, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES

Brian Shawver
Special Assistant to Academic Affairs

SCHOOL OF NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES

Scott Hageman
Associate Dean, School of Natural and Applied Sciences

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Timothy Westcott, Ph.D.
Interim Dean, College of Education and Health Professions

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Gail Hennessy
Assistant Professor of Education and Undergraduate Program Director

SCHOOL OF BEHAVIORAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Andrew Johnson, Ph.D.
Chair and Professor of Psychology

COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT

Penelope DeJong, Ph.D.
Associate Dean, School of Business

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Stephen Bell, Ph.D.
Professor of Economics

A MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Thomas Murphy
Park Student Government Association President

PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

Dr. Gunderson
Dr. Myers

RECESSIONAL*

Grand Choeur Triumphant

Mr. McDonald
Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

* Please Stand
2017-2018

SELECTION OF OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Announced by Dr. Michelle Myers, Interim Provost, and presented by Dr. Greg Gunderson, President.

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

Cumulative grade point average of 3.9 or above, degree seeking, full-time student with 30 or more Park University hours.

- Addison, Jacob
- Al Ani, Sarah
- Appollis, Austin
- Atkinson, Olivia
- Barta, Bridget
- Berry, Rachal
- Bervian Neves, Victor
- Blakeley, Nick
- Braun, Derek
- Brown, Elaina
- Cain, Tiona
- Carter, Lindsey
- Curtis, Rebecca
- Daniels, Madison
- Davidson, Daniel
- Doyle, Sydney
- Duncan, Daniel
- Dust, Olivia
- Englezos, Anna
- Fleischmann, Elisabeth
- Forbach, Morgan
- Fowks, Lyndsey
- Friesner, Kaitlyn
- Fumey, Ghislaine
- Graff, William
- Gray, Ashton
- Harbaugh, Adrian
- Henry, William
- Holroyd, Abbey
- Hughson, Mallory
- Hunter, Diana
- Jones, Connor
- Lawrence, Valerie
- Marin Castaneda, Rafael
- Marvine, Lindsay
- Morgan, Grace
- Narzullaeva, Iroda
- Nicholans, Luther
- Payne, Katherine
- Pham, Jessica
- Pool, Austin
- Price, Kenna
- Price, Madison
- Provin, Hannah
- Rboods, Brooke
- Rivera, Samantha
- Rodriguez, Eric
- Sellers, Blake
- Servello, Cherie
- Severson, Morgan
- Sharp, Errin
- Shivers, Marcus
- Stelmacovich, Genevieve
- Stelter, Chelsea
- Tandy, Jessica
- Thatsanithone, Michelle
- Trowbridge, Logan
- Turner, Emma
- Uribe, Laura
- Verhoff, Ginna
- Watson, Eva
- Webster, Breanna
- Zitter, Ryan

ALPHA CHI MEMBERSHIP

Alpha Chi is a national honor society. Its purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among university students, and to honor those who achieve such distinction. The following are nominated for induction this year:

- Kimberly Brewer
- Shania Felix
- Holly Fowks
- William Graff
- Elias Hamchaoui
- Iroda Narzullaeva
- Cicely Nguyen
- Luther Nicholans
- Austin Pool
- Abigail Prewitt
- Leelah Shipley
- Marcus Shivers
- Jessica Vernicka
ENGLISH
Mary Barlow Writing Award for Outstanding Student Writing
Breanne Cowley-Baker

Cal Downs Award
Eva Watson

Friedman Interpersonal Communication Award
Katelyn Dujakovich

Sigma Tau Delta
Sigma Tau Delta is an international English honor society. Its purpose is to confer distinction upon students of the English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate and professional studies. The Park University chapter of Sigma Tau Delta was chartered in 1998. The following students have achieved the requirements for membership and are invited into the company of those dedicated to promoting interest in literature and the English language.

Breanne Cowley-Baker
Sharron Doyle
Alayna Howard
Nicholas Manchion Endowed Scholarship Award
This award is presented in memory of Nicholas Manchion as a living tribute from his parents, Ed and Jody Manchion, along with his brother Adam. It is awarded to a student majoring in English, of sophomore status, who has a grade point average of 3.0. Nicholas believed that as long as the dreamers still dream and the writers still write, there will always be love. His love of learning was evident in his speech and in the goals he had in life. The Manchion Award supports an original poetry competition.

Austin Pool

DEPARTMENT HONORS

Communication, Journalism and Public Relations
Arron Riffle (Junior)
Nathaniel Robinson (Senior)

English
Austin Pool (Senior)

Fine Art
Catherine Rose (Junior)
Stevie Smith (Senior)

Graphic Design
Lindsay Halter (Junior)
Rachal Berry (Senior)

Interior Design
Errin Sharp (Junior)
Diane Leader (Senior)

Interdisciplinary Studies
Max Mohr (Senior)

Modern Language
Sarah Zitter (Junior)
Hannah Bartee (Senior)
The American Institute of Chemists
This award honors the outstanding senior in the field of chemistry.
Jessica Pham

Harold G. McDaniel Award
This award is presented in memory of McDaniel, ’58, professor of mathematics from 1961-78. It is given to honor outstanding students majoring in mathematics or natural science.
Montana Miller

Professor L.A. Robbins Memorial Award
This award is given to a student who has distinguished himself/herself in the natural sciences and in athletics.
Genevieve Stelmacovich

Outstanding Association for Computing Machinery Service Award
This award is co-sponsored by the ACM Club and the Department of Information and Computer Science.
Iroda Narzullaeva

Burton W. Scheib Pre-Medical Prize
This award is given to a student majoring in science — preferably pre-medical — for excellent work in this field.
Ryan Zitter

CRC Press Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award
This award is presented in recognition of outstanding scholastic achievement in chemistry during a student’s freshman year at Park. The award includes a chemistry and physics handbook from the publisher.
Brittany Zimmerle
Dr. William C. Pivonka Award
Inaugurated by the Class of 1988, the award is given annually in recognition of the dedication that Pivonka showed in teaching at Park University. It is given to an upperclassman who best represents the ideals of a chemistry major at Park University.

Genevieve Stelmacovich

The J. Malcolm Good Award
Morganne Bender
“The Bernoulli Brothers and their Mathematical Contributions”
Montana Miller
“A Brief History of the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra”

DEPARTMENT HONORS

Biology
Shania Felix (Junior)
Brooke Kelly (Senior)

Chemistry
Logan Trowbridge (Junior)
James Berry (Senior)

Criminal Justice
Jennifer Briceno (Senior)
Tim Schaaareman (Senior)

Geography
Ahanu Fake (Junior)
Anna Englezos (Senior)

History
Nick Blakeley (Junior)
Alexander Ishmael (Senior)
Information and Computer Science
Iroda Narzullaeva (Junior)
Marcus Shivers (Junior)
Christian Skinner (Senior)
Austen Mesaros (Senior)

Mathematics
Montana Miller (Junior)
Daniel Davidson (Junior)

Political Science
Joshua Martin (Junior)
William Graff (Senior)
The Dorothy Watson Literacy Awards

Literacy for All
This award is given to the junior or senior teacher candidate who best exemplifies the guiding principles of the Dorothy Watson Literacy Center through their coursework, field experiences, and service.

Kimberly Brewer

Making a Difference
This award is given to the junior or senior teacher candidate who best exemplifies commitment to service through their coursework, field experiences, and service.

Grace Morgan

Outstanding Directed Teacher Awards
This award is given to a student whose performance as a student-teacher during the current academic year has been outstanding.

Early Childhood Level: Emma Turner
Elementary Level: Laura Uribe
Middle School Level: Maggie Beisert
Secondary Level: Ayla Parham
K-12 Art: Catherine Gann

Department Honors
Education
Samantha Rivera (Junior)
Lindsey Carter (Senior)
Psi Chi
Psi Chi is the international honor society in psychology. Its purpose is to encourage, stimulate and maintain excellence in the scholarship of its member in all fields, particularly in psychology, and to advance the science of psychology. The Park University chapter of Psi Chi was chartered in 1996. The following students are welcomed to Psi Chi’s fellowship of common interest, mutual assistance and high endeavor.

Corina Rodriguez
Cherie Servello
Rebecca Amezcua

Phi Alpha
Phi Alpha is the national honor society in social work. The Park University chapter, Phi Alpha Rho Epsilon, was established in 2010. The mission is to promote scholarly pursuits in the advancement of humanitarian goals and ideals, with a motto of "Through knowledge -- the challenge to serve."

Hester Appollis
Jessie Arms
Ashley Beauchamp
Paula Blevins
Analiza Brantly
Karen Bunce
Ashley Buzzard
Tiona Cain
Jennifer Clark
Karlie Davis
Charis Emrich
Ashley Falbo
Michele Fox
Leslie Francois
Shawana Jenkins-Harris
Precious Higgins
Mallory Holman
Candice Knudson
Randolph Labarrie
Emma Langham
Abby Marder  Erica Potter  
Jennifer Moats  Eric Rhodes  
Magen Norcross  Christy Rodman  
Aubrey Off  Johnna Russell  
Toni Owens  Julie Smith  
Elaina Pearson  Crystal Swope  
Ashley Phillips  Demetri Trautwein  
Amanda Pina  Caitlyn Wilson 

DEPARTMENT HONORS

Nursing
Abbey Holroyd (Junior)
Kathy Bliese-Heise (Senior)

Psychology
Rebeca Amezcua (Junior)
Timothy Griffin (Senior)

Social Psychology
Cherie Servello (Junior)
Holly Foulks (Senior)

Sociology
Ginna Verhoff (Junior)
Brooke Rhoads (Senior)

Social Work
Ashley Beauchamp (Senior)
Leather Clevenger (Senior)
Johnna Russel (Senior)

Master of Social Work
Erica Collins
Jennifer Moats
COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Announced by Dr. Stephen Bell, Professor of Economics, and presented by Dr. Penelope DeJong, Associate Dean, School of Business.

Delta Mu Delta
Delta Mu Delta is the International Honor Society for business programs accredited by ACBSP at the baccalaureate, graduate and doctoral levels. Becoming a member of Delta Mu Delta is an honor indicative of earnest, intelligent purpose and rewarding achievement. School of Business juniors, seniors, and graduate students completing a sufficient number of courses at Park University, ranking in the top 20% of their respective classes and having a current GPA meeting the society’s minimum requirement are invited to join.

Derek Tanner
Nathan Coffey
Daniel Duncan
Marcus Smith

Financial Executives Institute Awards
This award is given to an outstanding graduate of Park University in the field of finance for the current academic year.

Vanessa Redford

Park University Business Faculty Award
This award is given to the students who demonstrated exceptional leadership in the classroom and exceptional potential in the field of business.

Victor Bervian Neves
DEPARTMENT HONORS

Accounting
Bryan Reents (Junior)
Luther Nicholaus (Senior)

Economics
Blake Johnson (Junior)
Austin Park (Senior)

Finance
Derek Braun (Senior)

Human Resources
Shiron Musick (Senior)

Management
Victor Bervian Neves (Senior)

Marketing
Emma Givens (Senior)
PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

Announced by Dr. Michelle Myers, Interim Provost, and presented by Dr. Greg Gunderson, President.

LOUISA DAVIDSON HINDE/ CAROLYN HINDE ZARKARYAN MEMORIAL AWARD
The recipients of this award are persons who best represent the spirit of Park University. Two students, alumni, faculty or staff members are selected annually. The recipients best promote in others the quality of excellence that has always been associated with a Park education. The awards are presented in memory of Louisa Davidson Hinde and Carolyn Hinde Zarkaryan, ’56.

Student Recipients: Alayna Howard and Arber Dumani
Staff Recipient: Florenda Jarrard

THE OUTSTANDING PARKITE AWARD
The Outstanding Parkite Award, previously known as the Parker Memorial Fund Award, is the most prestigious honor bestowed on any student at Park University. The award is given to one senior female and one senior male student attending the Parkville Campus who best exemplifies the ideals of Park University in their character, conduct, scholarship and student activity participation. The awards are endowed by Dr. Elliot F. Parker in memory of his parents Albert George and Jessie Bewley Parker.

Margarita Araiza and Ryan Zitter

EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC ADVISING AWARD
This award is given to recognize faculty who have achieved excellence in providing Park University students academic advising and mentoring. The award also recognizes outstanding contributions in helping students define and achieve their academic goals.

Toni-Rochelle Ford, M.B.A
Assistant Professor of Marketing
PRESIDENT’S AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE
This award is given to recognize the full time faculty member who exemplifies excellence in teaching. The recipient was nominated by his peers, students and staff for this special recognition.

Alexander Silvius, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Physics

PROVOST’S AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE
This award is given to the adjunct faculty member who exemplifies excellence in teaching. The recipient was nominated by peers, students and staff for this special recognition.

Jim Weigand
Chemistry

J.L. ZWINGLE AWARD
This award is given to an outstanding faculty member for the current academic year. Students of Park University are proud to pay tribute to an outstanding faculty member as voted by the student body.

Glenn Lester, M.F.A
Assistant Professor of English
PARTICIPANTS IN THE ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY EDUCATORS COURSE

From the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Silvia Byer Parkville
Sukaina El-Omari El Paso/ Fort Bliss
Amber Epping Parkville
Brandi Handley Parkville/Kansas City Area
Wen Hsin Parkville
Michael Irvin El Paso/ Fort Bliss
Jack MacLennan Parkville
Eugene Matthews Parkville
Jessica Molinar Munoz El Paso/ Fort Bliss
Nadia Morales El Paso/Fort Bliss
Michael Pleimann Fort Leonard Wood
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Barbara Yancy-Tooks El Paso/ Fort Bliss

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Donna Ehrlich Parkville
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Antonio Maguregui Fort Bliss
Sylvia Quigley Davis Monthan AFB
Moises Rodriguez El Paso/ Fort Bliss
Henry Roehrich Grand Forks
Richard Theroux El Paso/ Fort Bliss
From the College of Education and Health Professions

Monica Brannon  Parkville
April Haberyan  Parkville
Gail Hennessy  Parkville
Kathy Jackson  Parkville
Andrew Johnson  Parkville
Danica Love  KCA
Tamara Miller  KCA
Ann Ogle  El Paso/ Fort Bliss
Tami Radohl  Parkville
Claudia Rocha  El Paso/ Fort Bliss
Linda Seybert  Parkville
Brant Winn  Parkville
Amy Wolf  Parkville

Park’s Instructional Design and Faculty Development teams:

Mary Burkhart
Valorie Engholm
Jamie Els
Patrick Gallegos
Sharon Gan
Chris Slupianek
Leslie Umstattd
Jim Whelan

Course facilitators also taking the course:

Amber Dailey-Hebert
Stacey Kikendall
Emily Sallee
These awards were presented at the Dr. Doris Howell Banquet on April 18.

Student Employee of the Year ........................................... Ghislaine Fumey
Student Success and Impact ............................................. Adam Stone
Graduate Assistant of the Year ........................................ Annali Cleek
Park Family Award ....................................................... Dr. Jeff Ehrlich and Robin Burger
Dusing-Proudfoot Award ............................................... Debra McArthur
Cindy K. Anderson Senator of the Year ............................. Blake Sellers
Staff Newcomer of the Year .............................................. Cynthia Otts
Faculty Newcomer of the Year .......................................... Dr. Chelsea Platt
Servant Leader of the Year .............................................. Iroda Narzullaeva
Organization Adviser of the Year .................................... Dr. Stacey Kikendall
Student Organization of the Year (Small) ........................... Crimson Dancers
Student Organization of the Year (Large) ......................... Residence Hall Council
Program of the Year .................................................... Business and Investment Club
Tipton Award .................................................................. Erik Bergrud
C.W. Bailey Award ............................................................. Arthur Decker D'avila and Anna Hicks
Toni Griggs Award ............................................................ Eric Haas and James Zachary Jarrard
Outstanding Class Member Award

   Sophomore
      Male ........................................................................... Leandro Sodre
      Female ........................................................................ Heather Cole
   Junior
      Male ........................................................................... Andrew Breckenridge
      Female ........................................................................ Taela Ivory
   Non-graduating Senior
      Male ........................................................................... Austin Pool
      Female ........................................................................ Aaliyah Brown

Doris Howell Leadership Awards

Victor Bervian Neves ......................................................... Sara Marshall
Kenneth "KJ" Courtney ....................................................... Kayla Martinez
Ikem Eriobuna .................................................................... Erica Potter
Paul Fueston ........................................................................ Alexandria Richards
Emma Givens ....................................................................... Chile Roldan
Rinku Gopali ........................................................................ Oriana Tamburlini
Westin Jacobs ..................................................................... Logan Trowbridge
Grace Komoe ....................................................................... Shea Walker
Rafael Marin-Castaneda
CEREMONIAL SYMBOLS

PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION
There have been two presidential medallions in the history of Park University. The first, bestowed upon Acting President H. Melton Mohler by the student council in 1964, is a polished brass cross pattée with a sextant, representing the navigational mission of the president to guide the University, in the center. The insignia is surrounded by two red and yellow concentric circles and the words Fides et Labor, the University’s motto. The presidential medallion of today, presented in April 2002 to President Beverley Byers-Pevitts, Ph.D., is made of gold-plated bronze, with the names and dates of tenure of each former president engraved on the links of the chain. The medallion symbolizes the president’s responsibility for the welfare of the institution.

CEREMONIAL MACE
The ceremonial mace is among the oldest symbols of authority. Once used as weapons by royal bodyguards to protect kings, cities and parliaments eventually began using them, and the heads of medieval universities later followed suit. In academia today, the ceremonial mace has become one of the treasured symbols of office and is representative of the power of an institution. Park University’s 42-inch ceremonial mace was commissioned by President Greg Gunderson, Ph.D., in 2017. In the center of the mace head is Park University’s Mackay Hall clock tower and the school motto, Fides et Labor. The antique bronze, octagon-shaped platform that supports the mace head has a cherrywood upper disk and a lower disc made with limestone mined from Park University’s Parkville Campus, serving as a representation of Park University’s strong foundation.