



HONORS CONVOCATION

Commemorative Program
April 22, 2020

**A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM
PRESIDENT GREG R. GUNDERSON, PH.D.**



Dear 2020 Honorees,

As we approach the end of the 2019-20 academic year, we are all still adjusting to these unprecedented times. We've gone through many changes in the past couple of months due to the global coronavirus pandemic and have adapted quickly to a new way of living and learning.

Although I take pride in how we have embraced social distancing as a responsible way to care for ourselves and one another, I am also saddened that we are unable to come together in the same room at the same time for Honors Convocation (a longstanding Park tradition) in celebration of your academic achievements.

While the world takes a pause to minimize the spread of COVID-19, I want you to know that your accomplishments at Park University are not minimized. Your achievements as exemplary scholars, impactful educators and admirable University citizens are as meaningful as ever. Perhaps even more notably, many of you have made great strides during a time when it would have been easy to lose focus, disconnect and take your academic journey less seriously.

I commend you for your perseverance and grit, I congratulate you on your recognitions and I thank you for exemplifying the spirit of our motto *fides et labor* — faith and work — in all that you do.

Your Proud Park President,

Greg R. Gunderson, Ph.D.

**A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM
PROVOST MICHELLE E. MYERS, ED.D.**



Dear 2020 Honorees,

Few things are as gratifying for academic leaders than to honor the best and brightest in academia for their achievements. To that end, Honors Convocation has become one of my favorite events at Park University, because it affords the entire Park community an opportunity to pay proper attention and respect to the hard work that has been put in by students, faculty and

staff, both inside and outside of the classrooms.

I know that current circumstances do not allow for us to be joined together for our traditional celebration, but I cannot let this academic year conclude without thanking faculty and staff for continuing to operate in excellence while supporting student achievement — even as the world outside our windows changed drastically. Those of you being recognized as 2020 honorees in the pages to follow are living, breathing proof that our University's vision to “meet learners’ needs for a lifetime” is relevant, resonant and possible, even if that learner's lifetime presents extraordinary circumstances, such as our current times. I am inspired daily and honored to work alongside each of you.

To our students: everything that we do at Park is geared toward your success. Thank you for striving, being adaptable, growing in knowledge and continuing to give your best. We are proud to salute you.

With gratitude and warm regards,

Michelle E. Myers, Ed.D.
Provost, Park University

FACULTY & STAFF AWARDS

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 peers, students and staff for this special recognition.

Jack MacLennan, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Political Science

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.

Lynn Richardson-Ludwigs, M.L.A.
Instructor of Art

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.

Silvia Byer, Ph.D.
Professor of Modern Languages

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.

Jeff Smith, M.F.A.
Associate Professor of Graphic Design

DISTINGUISHED FACULTY SCHOLAR AWARD

This award was established by Manuchair Ebadi, '60, Ph.D., in 1998 to honor Delta W. Gier, Ph.D., former chair of the Department of Chemistry who served Park from 1948 to 1990. The award pays tribute to a faculty member who shows evidence of commitment to high standards of excellence in the area of scholarship: teaching, discovery, integration and/or service. The recipient also shows effective and innovative connections between teaching and research, especially by undergraduate student involvement and participation. The award recipient receives a plaque and monetary gift. In addition, an inscribed name plate will be placed on the Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award wall plaque, located in Mackay Hall, as permanent recognition of the faculty member and the honor.

Yongzhi Wang, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Information Systems

DISTINGUISHED HUMANITIES FACULTY AWARD

This award, established in August 2007 by Manuchair Ebadi, '60, Ph.D., celebrates the work, life and thoughts of Woodbridge O. Johnson, Ph.D., professor emeritus and chair of religion and Biblical literature at Park from 1946 to 1966. The award is presented to a University faculty member who exhibits extraordinary accomplishments in research or creative scholarship through teaching, discovery, scholarly or creative work, and service. The award recipient receives a plaque and monetary gift. In addition, an inscribed name plate will be placed on the Distinguished Humanities Faculty Award wall plaque, located in Mackay Hall, as permanent recognition of the faculty member and the honor.

Glenn Lester, M.F.A.
Assistant Professor of English

FACULTY CENTER FOR INNOVATION FACULTY FELLOWS

The Faculty Fellows Program allows faculty the time and resources to engage in (and experiment with) innovative teaching practices and to contribute to the development of learning across Park University.

Stephen Fant, M.A., Instructor of Business
Adrian James, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Management
Eugene Matthews Ph.D., Associate Professor of Criminal Justice
Joshua Mugg, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Allison Rand, M.S., Assistant Professor of Library Services

2019-2020

SELECTION OF OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

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

<i>Abuanga, Aiyat</i>	<i>Franklin, Henry</i>	<i>Locke, Mary</i>	<i>Rizzi, Johnathan Paul</i>
<i>Al Ani, Sarah</i>	<i>Garciano, Rochelle</i>	<i>Locke, Shyan</i>	<i>Roberts, Gabrielle</i>
<i>Alsaleh, Mohammad</i>	<i>Glaserhardt, Samantha</i>	<i>Lucas, Taylor</i>	<i>Rodriguez, Eric</i>
<i>Anderson, Allison</i>	<i>Goodroad, Joseph</i>	<i>Maness, Jennifer Elizabeth</i>	<i>Rogers, Madison</i>
<i>Bennett, Emily</i>	<i>Gray, Jacob</i>	<i>Marfield, Michael</i>	<i>Roper, Maren</i>
<i>Bowren, Raunyai</i>	<i>Gustin, Audra Lin</i>	<i>Mark, Mel</i>	<i>Roper, Sophie</i>
<i>Boyd, Lindsey</i>	<i>Habib, Zulekha</i>	<i>Marker, Drake Robert</i>	<i>Ross, Raven Sierra</i>
<i>Boyer, Peter</i>	<i>Hahlbeck, Jena</i>	<i>Marrs, Codi</i>	<i>Rothacher, Rebekah</i>
<i>Briody, Brendan Patrick</i>	<i>Hartleroad, Madelyne</i>	<i>Marrs, Mason</i>	<i>Salam, Bayan</i>
<i>Bucci, Luciano</i>	<i>Hess, William</i>	<i>Marshall, Sara</i>	<i>Schields, Haley</i>
<i>Buchholz, Chase</i>	<i>Hicks, Anna</i>	<i>Marvine, Lindsay</i>	<i>Scobee, Carrie</i>
<i>Buckholz, Taylor</i>	<i>Hnat, Yvonne</i>	<i>Matthai, Cali Lynne</i>	<i>Setty, Kira Noelle</i>
<i>Burke, John</i>	<i>Holbrook, Shaun</i>	<i>McCune, Jay</i>	<i>Shelton, Emilee</i>
<i>Butler, Liliana</i>	<i>Holcombe, Carlie</i>	<i>McPherson, Katlynn Leigh</i>	<i>Shin, Ayoung</i>
<i>Canty, Jay</i>	<i>Holroyd, Abbey</i>	<i>Michalski, Makayla Lee</i>	<i>Simamora, Jasmine</i>
<i>Carlson, Dennis</i>	<i>Houston, Novena</i>	<i>Mickelboro, Michael</i>	<i>Singer, Noah</i>
<i>Clayton, Deanna</i>	<i>Hughson, Mallory</i>	<i>Monthei, Kenna</i>	<i>Spoor, Austin</i>
<i>Clayton, Jocelyn</i>	<i>Hutchinson, Makenna</i>	<i>Moore, Erica Diane</i>	<i>Staerke, Victoria</i>
<i>Clinesmith, Jason</i>	<i>Iddrisu, Ajata</i>	<i>Morales, Jennifer</i>	<i>Tandy, Jessica</i>
<i>Cordray, Emily</i>	<i>Isaiah, Dai'Ja</i>	<i>Morales Becerra, Victor</i>	<i>Thompson, Tiffany Anne</i>
<i>Costanza, Vincent</i>	<i>Jackson, J-Aller</i>	<i>Mysbketa, Alba</i>	<i>Tolbert, Mashala</i>
<i>Cover, Aimee</i>	<i>Jessup, Shyla</i>	<i>Nalivaiko, Natalya</i>	<i>Tovar, Jazmin</i>
<i>Cuevas, Victoria</i>	<i>Johnson, Madalene Mary</i>	<i>Niday, Christopher</i>	<i>Vernickas, Jessica</i>
<i>Curtis, Rebecca</i>	<i>Johnson, Bradley</i>	<i>Nienhiser, Sarah</i>	<i>Wade, Maty</i>
<i>Daniel, Miranda Kay</i>	<i>Jonsen, Matthew</i>	<i>Oesterle, Savannah</i>	<i>Walsh, Claire</i>
<i>Davis, Shailynne</i>	<i>Julu, Darrell</i>	<i>Omesa, Derrick</i>	<i>Weston, Joshua</i>
<i>Davis, Traci</i>	<i>Kendall, Edward</i>	<i>Overcash, Alison</i>	<i>Whittaker, Timothy</i>
<i>Dotson, Brooke</i>	<i>Khadka, Sampada</i>	<i>Parker, Lydia</i>	<i>Williams, Kennedie</i>
<i>Doyle, Sydney</i>	<i>Kitelinger, Claire</i>	<i>Payne, Katherine</i>	<i>Willis, Michael</i>
<i>Eiberger, Margaret</i>	<i>Koelzer, Allison Renae</i>	<i>Rackin, Kristina Marie</i>	<i>Withers, Kennedy</i>
<i>Ellmaker, Kaylee</i>	<i>Lair, Courtney Rose</i>	<i>Rawhouser, Emily</i>	<i>Wyatt, Savanna</i>
<i>Evers, Reid</i>	<i>Lamsal, Manish</i>	<i>Rawhouser, Hailey</i>	<i>Zimmerle, Brittney</i>
<i>Evert, Paige</i>	<i>Leibee, Hannah</i>	<i>Redmond, Marissa</i>	<i>Zirpolo, Anna Marie</i>
<i>Fleischmann, Elisabeth</i>	<i>Lindgren, Jack</i>	<i>Reyes, Astrid</i>	
<i>Flint, Alissa</i>	<i>Little, Grace</i>	<i>Riggs, Alyssa</i>	

Alpha Chi Honor Society

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:

<i>Jocelyn Clayton</i>	<i>Vincent Costanza</i>	<i>Karen Ellis</i>
<i>Joshua Goodloe</i>	<i>Sophia Gunther</i>	<i>Christian Leonard</i>
<i>Grace Little</i>	<i>Taylor Lucas</i>	<i>Summer Portillo</i>
<i>Rebekah Rothacher</i>	<i>Emilee Shelton</i>	<i>Austin Spoor</i>
<i>Tim Whittaker</i>	<i>Haley Williams</i>	<i>Brittney Zimmerle</i>

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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.

Rachel Riddell

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.

Samantha Glasenhardt

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.

Elementary Level: *Lydia Parker*

Middle School Level: *Alexa Baker*

Secondary Level: *Kenna Monthei*

K-12 Art: *Erica Mast*

K-12 Spanish: *Jasdel Gonzalez*

K-12 Special Education: *Dustin Frans*

DEPARTMENT HONORS

Education

Christian Kahmann (Junior)

John Burke (Senior)

SCHOOL OF BEHAVIORAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES

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.

Briana Ayala-Ramirez

Leandro Lima

Serena Ortiz

Madison Rogers

Danielle Whitfield

Thomas Brannian

Erica Moore

Gabrielle Roberts

J'Nae Varela

Rho Epsilon Chapter of Phi Alpha Honors Society

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."

Amber Baumgarden

Heidi Cannon

Karen Ellis

Joshua Gillihan-Young

Shannon Kettmann

Brittaney Schroeder

Rachelle Brown

Megan Dehm

Sarah Enderle

Chelsea Hilton

Megan O'Malley

Henry Sorsby

DEPARTMENT HONORS

Fitness and Wellness

Emily Cordray (Junior) *Nicholas Dembski (Junior)*
Kenneth Harms (Senior) *Amanda Santos (Senior)*

Master of Social Work

Tammy Claerbout (Generalist) *Sarah Parrish (Specialist)*
Henry Sorsby (Specialist) *Anna Wimmer (Specialist)*

Nursing

Aiyat Abuanga (Junior) *Shea Hancock (Junior)*
Madison Hart (Senior) *Anna Witherell (Senior)*

Psychology

Thomas Brannian (Junior) *Madison Rogers (Junior)*
Ghislaine Fumey (Senior) *Yvonne Hnat (Senior)*

Social Psychology

Haley Schields (Junior) *Kiana Smith (Junior)*
Raunyai Bowren (Senior) *Niamh O'Dea (Senior)*

Social Work

Karen Ellis (Senior) *Sarah Graham (Senior)*

Sociology

Estrella Hernandez (Junior) *Megan Frazer (Senior)*

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES

COMMUNICATIONS

Cal Downs Award

Chandler Templeton

Friedman Interpersonal Communication Award

Allison Koelzer

ENGLISH

Mary Barlow Writing Award for Outstanding Student Writing

Taylor Lucas

William B. Markward Award in Early Modern, Language, Literature and Culture

Tyler Cornell

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.

Erica Moore
Taylor Lucas
Sydney Doyle

Fatima Varela-Nuno
Blair McClain

Lambda Pi Eta

Lambda Pi Eta is the National Communication Association's official honor society at four-year colleges and universities. LPH represents what Aristotle described in Rhetoric as three ingredients of persuasion: logos (Lambda), meaning logic; pathos (Pi), relating to emotion; and ethos (Eta), defined as character credibility and ethics.

Shelby Atkins

Cynthia Clark

Taylor Dumsky

Connor Jones

Victoria Olaleye

Sam Pryke

Matheus Chesca de Silva Teles

Camelin Cochran

Savanna E Engelmohr

Allison Koetzer

Ashden Prine

Kalie Strain

Sigma Delta Pi

To honor those who attain excellence in the study of the Spanish language and in the study of the literature and culture of the Spanish-speaking peoples; to honor those who have made Hispanic contributions to modern culture better known in the English-speaking world; to encourage college and university students to acquire a greater interest in, and a deeper understanding of, Hispanic culture; and to foster friendly relations and mutual respect between the nations of Hispanic speech and those of English speech.

Tyler Cornell

Monica Bravo

Allison Anderson

Hannah Church

Alissa Flint

DEPARTMENT HONORS

Communication, Journalism and Public Relations

Camelin Cochran (Junior)

Jon Hokenson (Senior)

English

Vince Costanza (Senior)

Sydney Doyle (Senior)

Fine Art

Kerra Kauffman (Junior)

Sadie Johnson (Senior)

Graphic Design

Laurel Crouse (Junior)

Katherine Payne (Senior)

Interior Design

Claire Kitelinger (Junior)

Lindsey Marvine (Senior)

Modern Language

Savannah Oesterle (Junior)

Rachel Riddle (Senior)

SCHOOL OF NATURAL, APPLIED AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

CHEMISTRY

The American Institute of Chemists

This award honors the outstanding senior in the field of chemistry.

Rebekah Rothacher

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.

Brittney Zimmerle

GEOGRAPHY

Gamma Theta Upsilon Excellence in Geography Award

Park University honors particular students whose scholarship, leadership and citizenship exemplify the tradition of Park University within the academic department. This honor is bestowed by the president, trustees and faculty of the university.

Jennifer Maness

INFORMATION AND COMPUTER SCIENCES

Outstanding Association for Computing Machinery Service Award

This award is co-sponsored by the ACM Club and the Department of Information and Computer Science.

Jay Canty

MATHEMATICS

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.

Astrid Reyes

Noah Singer

The J. Malcolm Good Best Paper Award

Christian Leonard

"Srinivasa Ramanujan - The Mathematical Prodigy of India"

NATURAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES

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.

Haley Williams

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.

Marina Rios

DEPARTMENT HONORS

Biology

Austin Spoor (Junior)

Austin Appollis (Senior)

Chemistry

Joshua Goodloe (Junior)

Kate Branstetter (Senior)

Criminal Justice

Paige Enright (Junior)

Alexis Hernandez (Junior)

Megan McDonald (Junior)

Bayan Salam (Junior)

Abigail Eddy (Senior)

Emily Flack (Senior)

Shaun Holbrook (Senior)

Tim Whittaker (Senior)

Geography

Marcos Barbosa (Junior)

Nick Seeger (Senior)

History

Henry Franklin (Junior)

Information and Computer Science

Manish Lamsal (Junior)

Jay Canty (Senior)

Mel Mark (Senior)

Mathematics

Deanna Clayton (Junior)

Corrie Scobee (Junior)

Daniel Davidson (Senior)

Political Science

Gregory Melham (Senior)

COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

BUSINESS

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.

Sarah Al Ani

Joshua Arbelo

FINANCE

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.

Kenneth Gorman

Delta Mu Delta

Delta Mu Delta is the international honor society for business programs accredited by Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs 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 grade point average meeting the society's minimum requirement are invited to join.

Leandro Sodre

Linley Weicken

DEPARTMENT HONORS

Accounting

Joshua Arbelo (Senior)

Kelly Johnson (Senior)

Economics

Taylor Buckholz (Senior)

Matthew Jonsen (Senior)

Finance

Arthur Decker D'avila (Junior)

Kenneth Gorman (Senior)

Management

Heather Cole (Senior)

Kane Lateef (Senior)

Marketing

Alfred Agbim (Senior)

Trenton Green (Senior)

PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

LOUISA DAVIDSON HINDE/CAROLYN HINDE ZARKARYAN MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is given to students, faculty, staff and/or alumni who best represent the spirit of Park University by promoting in others that 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.

Katherine Payne, student

Celina Monteiro, student

THE OUTSTANDING PARKITE AWARD

The Outstanding Parkite Award is given to two students on the University's Parkville Campus who best exemplify the ideals of the 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 and Jessie Parker.

Christian Leonard

Jesse Patrick

DR. DORIS HOWELL LEADERSHIP AWARDS 2019-2020

C.W. Bailey Award	Sophie Craven and Ahmed Zlitni
Cindy K. Anderson Senator of the Year	Ahmed Zlitni
Dusing-Proudfoot Award	Bridget Locke
Excellence in Academic Advising.....	Silvia Byer
Faculty Newcomer of the Year	David Grover and Merrick Henry
J.L. Zwingle Award.....	Jeff Smith
New Student Organization of the Year	Alexa Club
Outstanding Class Member Award	
Sophomore	
Female.....	Alba Myshketa
Female.....	Sophie Roper
Junior	
Male	Matheus Chesca de Silva
Female	Ozoda Narzullaeva
Park Family Award	Dana Autry
Servant Leader of the Year	Natasha Ontiveros (Swayze)
Staff Newcomer of the Year	Samaiyah Scott
Student Employee OTY (GA)	Khadija Wade
Student Employee OTY (work study)	Savanna Moffett
Student Organization Advisor of the Year.....	Wen Hsin
Student Success and Impact.....	Karley Evans
Tipton Award.....	Michael Collins
Toni Griggs Award	Taela Ivory and Sarah Parrish

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 cherry wood 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.



