



# HONORS CONVOCATION

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*Graham Tyler Memorial Chapel  
April 17, 2024*

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## PRELUDE

*Prelude and Fugue in C Major, S.553*

Steven McDonald, D.M.A.  
*Johann Sebastian Bach*  
(1685-1750)

*Prelude on the Hymn Tune Rhosymedre*

*Ralph Vaughan Williams*  
(1872-1958)

*Prelude and Fugue in G Minor, S.558*

*Bach*

*“Air” from Water Music*

*George Frideric Handel*  
(1685-1759)

## WELCOME

Erik Bergrud  
Chief Strategic Communications Officer

## PROCESSIONAL\*

*Prelude on the Te Deum*

Dr. McDonald  
*Marc-Antoine Charpentier*  
(1643-1704)

## FLAG BEARERS

Cadet William Rosson  
Cadet Connor Clark

## MARSHAL

Matthew Harris, Ph.D.

## INTRODUCTIONS

Michelle E. Myers, Ed.D.  
Provost

## OUTSTANDING HONORS STUDENTS

Dr. Myers

## FACULTY AWARDS

Emily Sallee, Ph.D.  
Vice Provost

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# COLLEGE AND SCHOOL AWARDS

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

### *SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OF BEHAVIORAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES*

Gayle Copeland, Ph.D.

Dean, College of Education and Health Professions

Brant Winn, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Education

## COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

James F. Pasley, Ph.D.

Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

### *HAUPTMANN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS*

### *SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES*

Debra Sheffer, Ph.D.

Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

### *SCHOOL OF NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES*

Scott Hageman, M.S.

Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

## COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT

Yang Sun, Ph.D.

Dean, College of Management

### *SCHOOL OF BUSINESS*

Lacey Finley, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Management

## GREETINGS FROM PSGA PRESIDENT

Raeven Brownell

Park Student Government Association President

## PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

Jayme Uden, Ed.D.

Chief Human Resource Officer

## CLOSING

Dr. Myers

## RECESSIONAL\*

*Grand Choeur Triumphale*

Dr. McDonald

*Alexandre Guilmant*

*(1837-1911)*

# 2023-2024

## 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>Ackerman, Alyssa</i>	<i>Chavez, Natasha</i>	<i>Galvan, Sebastian A.</i>
<i>Adamson, Jocelynn Halle Rose</i>	<i>Cheney, Joshua</i>	<i>Ganesh, Somika Kumari</i>
<i>Allen, Michael Lee</i>	<i>Chesergon, Kenneth Kiplagat</i>	<i>Gloe, Dana Victoria</i>
<i>Alnajjar, Ali M.</i>	<i>Cheung, Raymond</i>	<i>Graham, Richard Leroy</i>
<i>Alokoa, Ryan Gustav</i>	<i>Ciancaglini, Daniele</i>	<i>Gravley, Michael Lee</i>
<i>Alvarado, Kevin A.</i>	<i>Clark, Isabella</i>	<i>Hall, Skylar M.</i>
<i>Andonovski, Filip</i>	<i>Coffey, Michael Anthony</i>	<i>Harris, Madyson Machelle</i>
<i>Arebalo, Arthur Manuel</i>	<i>Conner, Brooke</i>	<i>Harris, Megan L.</i>
<i>Arena, Jennifer Michelle</i>	<i>Coolbaugh, Wesley</i>	<i>Heck, Jemma L.</i>
<i>Arrambide, Victor A.</i>	<i>Corlett, Catherine</i>	<i>Henson, Grace Emilee</i>
<i>Arras, Perla A.</i>	<i>Cost, Matthew R.</i>	<i>Hicks, Dylan Adam</i>
<i>Ashline, Peter</i>	<i>Courter, Sarah</i>	<i>Hirst, Mariah J.</i>
<i>Assimewului, Emah Charlene</i>	<i>Cox, Isaac</i>	<i>Holloway, Ashton D.</i>
<i>Bair, Anastasia</i>	<i>Dang, Victor D.</i>	<i>Horlick, Christopher</i>
<i>Barlet, Aubrey Renee</i>	<i>Daniels, Paul Brian</i>	<i>Hudson, Regan M.</i>
<i>Basel, Timothy</i>	<i>Davis, Kevin</i>	<i>Hughes, Macy</i>
<i>Beckhusen, Damon Hale</i>	<i>DeSchepper, Katarina</i>	<i>Hull-Lichner, Max Wison</i>
<i>Begley, Jessica Anne</i>	<i>Distasio, Nina</i>	<i>Hurst, Leonel M.</i>
<i>Benson, Hallie</i>	<i>Doberenz, Jonathan A.</i>	<i>Jackson, Imani Yvonne</i>
<i>Bermond, Kaleb S.</i>	<i>Doepking, Timothy</i>	<i>Jackson-Ross, Keana R.</i>
<i>Bingham, Alexis Nicole</i>	<i>Downing, Lyndsay K.</i>	<i>Jacobs, Wesley Keith</i>
<i>Blankenship, Katelyn L.</i>	<i>Dwyer, Haley R.</i>	<i>Jayroe, Kaylyn</i>
<i>Boring, Lawrence Michael</i>	<i>Einsfeld Soares, Gabriel</i>	<i>Jennings, Dennis</i>
<i>Boudreaux, Kevin A.</i>	<i>Ellis, Michael A.</i>	<i>Jensen, Skyler</i>
<i>Bradshaw, Cassidy Rae</i>	<i>Esteb, Caeley L.</i>	<i>Jessop, Johanna Evaline-Deirdre</i>
<i>Brammer, Mayah</i>	<i>Estrada, Tylo L.</i>	<i>Johnson, Samuel David</i>
<i>Bras, Mafalda R.</i>	<i>Fagan, Kevin Christopher</i>	<i>Johnson, Trinity Grace</i>
<i>Burkhalter, Aubrie Lynn</i>	<i>Farmer, Jordan DeAnn</i>	<i>Johnsrud, Tiffany</i>
<i>Bushardt, Micah C.</i>	<i>Fernandez Hernandez, Rene</i>	<i>Jolley, Bradley Marshall</i>
<i>Caines, Alexander William</i>	<i>Floyd, Lillian Isabella</i>	<i>Jonovich, Amanda N.</i>
<i>Campbell, Tiffany Paula Marie</i>	<i>Fogle, Zachary</i>	<i>Jurado, Yvette</i>
<i>Caponaso, Marcus</i>	<i>Follmer, Drake A.</i>	<i>Kavelak, Izaak J.</i>
<i>Carpinelli, Aleksandra Grace</i>	<i>Foster, Troy A.</i>	<i>Khan, Aleena</i>
<i>Carrio Ubeda, Patricia</i>	<i>Gadashev, Maxim</i>	<i>Klamm, Hope M.</i>

## PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS, *Continued*

*Klamm, Faith M.*  
*Klein, Dani-Quinn C.*  
*Klock, Amanda*  
*Knapp, Tyler Michael*  
*Koncz, Louis*  
*Kroft, Lucas*  
*Krotz, Dillon T.*  
*Kuhlman, Peyton R.*  
*Kurima, Ashley Joy*  
*Kyalo, Abigail M.*  
*Larkin, Craig Edmund*  
*Legaspi, Joycelyn*  
*Leners, Lauren S.*  
*Lewis, Rhiannon K.*  
*Lillard, Kelly Anne*  
*Lira, Jonathan*  
*Loftis, Faliene N.*  
*Louden, Logan A.*  
*Lowe, Jessica Ann*  
*Lugo, Jose M.*  
*Macias, John G.*  
*Malik, Yashmi*  
*Martin, Sophia Marie*  
*Martinez, Narmi*  
*Martins, Ana Luna*  
*Mathis, Sarah R.*  
*Matthews, Nathan Charles*  
*May, Sydney*  
*McLaughlin, Abby*  
*McMillian, Justice*  
*Meehan, Delaney P.*  
*Meekins, Philip E.*  
*Menzie, Connor S.*  
*Milford, Emma M.*  
*Miller, Nicolas William*  
*Moanning, Jennifer Aline*  
*Morton, Jean C.*  
*Murphy, Krista Melinda*  
*Murray, Austin*  
*Najera, Kathryn*  
*Nakanishi, Christopher*

*Nguyen, Lynh G.*  
*Nistendirk, Tommy David*  
*Orlando, David Eric*  
*Orozco, Yvette C.*  
*Parks, Abigail*  
*Patino, Luz Adriana*  
*Pence, Carlos T.*  
*Penshorn, Annalena*  
*Pendiguero Martin, Marina*  
*Perez Gomez, Alison Renee*  
*Perkins, Mark A.*  
*Perry, Richard*  
*Petrovic, Ognjen*  
*Petty, Aubrey Faith*  
*Pierce, Lindsey*  
*Piller, Michael R.*  
*Pintossi, Samuele*  
*Powell, Matthew Sean*  
*Powell, Neyamia A.*  
*Priefer, Payton*  
*Quandt, Kaylon Alexa*  
*Quintana, Michaela L.*  
*Rabideaux, Gage M.*  
*Ragland, Shana Kay A.*  
*Ramos, Karla*  
*Ramsey, Britteni*  
*Razo, Dakota M.*  
*Reaves-Weaver, Vivica Terriana*  
*Ressler, Noah Thomas*  
*Revers, Matthew*  
*Reyes, Michael R.*  
*Riley, Austin J.*  
*Robinson, Daquavious J*  
*Rodriguez, Andrew J.*  
*Ryan, Shane M.*  
*Saenz, Hector Alonzo*  
*Schaeffer, Robert D.*  
*Schanrock, Ralph D.*  
*Schmidt, Hannah G.*  
*Schmidt, Suzanne Margaret*  
*Seibold, Matthew E.*

*Shab, Riya*  
*Shields, Megan Marie*  
*Shultz, Michael V.*  
*Skinner, Elizabeth Margaret*  
*Skoglund, Caleb August*  
*Smith, Christian D.K*  
*Sole, Mallory Rane*  
*Spillane, Kathryn D.*  
*Stephens, Torin R.*  
*Stubbs, Patrick*  
*Tays, Chloe J.*  
*Teeters, Joshua Paul*  
*Thomas, Kayla*  
*Thomas, Shannon Nicole*  
*Tobar, Miguel A*  
*Townsend, Megan Anne*  
*Trimble, Cydney*  
*Turnbull, Emily Dawn*  
*Turner, Trent R.*  
*Underwood, Emily*  
*Valentine, Christopher R.*  
*Vargas, Jose Carlos*  
*Velasquez, Thina*  
*Videna, Riyella Ann S.*  
*Wadsworth, Christopher R.*  
*Wabab, Grace J.*  
*Walkowiak, Richard J.*  
*Weaver, Stephen M*  
*Welsh, Roderick J.*  
*Wilhelm, Elijah W.*  
*Williams, Kennedi*  
*Willis, Keenan A.*  
*Willmann, Ethan M.*  
*Wilson, Sean D.*  
*Woodard, Ann Marie*  
*Woollen, Mcguire Bernabe*  
*Wooten, Westley*  
*Young, Eric*

# 2023-2024

## CAMPUS CENTER OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

*A minimum grade point average of 3.5, junior or higher standing. Must be in good standing academically with the University and embodies Park University's core values.*

### ***Barstow (Calif.)***

*Kielese Enriquez Cardenas*

### ***MCAS Cherry Point (N.C.)***

*Katie Click*

### ***F.E. Warren Air Force Base (Wyo.)***

*Ja'Niya Singleton*

### ***Fort Bliss (Texas)***

*Narmi Martinez*

### ***Little Rock (Ark.)***

*Joshua Pastor*

### ***Mountain Home (Idaho)***

*Caleb Skoglund*

## HONORS ACADEMY

The Honors Academy is a special program for which formal application is required. The Academy is open to undergraduate students from all disciplines. Incoming freshmen, current students and transfer students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 and an ACT score of at least 28 can apply for admission. The Honors Academy seeks students who desire to learn not only for self-satisfaction, but also as a means through which they may contribute to their campus, city, national and global communities in support of Park University's and the Honor Academy's mission statements. The program is designed to challenge academically well-prepared students while introducing and reinforcing the experiential learning outcomes Park University's literacies. The three foci of the Academy — service, leadership and scholarship — are explored through the curriculum. Academy students enjoy enriched scholastic experiences, growth through service and becoming leaders in their discipline.

*Annastasia Bair*

*Wesley Jacobs*

*Skylar Jensen*

*Blair Rupnow*

*Sophia Wilde*

*Kai Yim*

## THE MARLOWE SHERWOOD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

The Marlowe Sherwood Memorial Scholarship Endowment was established by Park University's Alumni Council in recognition of Sherwood's 14 years of service to the University as the alumni director. The fund continues to grow through gifts from members of the Alumni Association and friends of Park University. This scholarship is designed to be awarded to alumni of any Park undergraduate program for use in one of the Park academic programs or to any spouse, sibling, child, grandchild, niece or nephew of a Park graduate to use in either a Park University undergraduate or graduate program.

*Luka Andonovski*

*April Roberson*

*Taya Moon*

## NAVIGATOR'S BEST WRITING AWARD

This award is given to the author of the best piece of writing selected for publication in *The Navigator: A Journal of Excellent Student Writing Across the Disciplines*.

Pieces selected for publication, and the winner of this award, are chosen by Park faculty serving on the writing across the curriculum committee. The winner of the award has their piece published in *The Navigator* in print and online at [thenav.org](http://thenav.org), and wins an Amazon gift card.

“Embalming and Chemistry: Till Death Do Us Part A Historical and Chemical Analysis of Mortuary Science”

*Abigail Kerr*

## FACULTY 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 a peer, student or staff.

*Brian Hoffman, Ph.D.*

*Professor of Biology*

### 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 a peer, student or staff.

*Amanda St. George, M.S.*

*Adjunct Instructor of Psychology*



## EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC ADVISING AWARD

This award is given to recognize faculty who have achieved excellence in providing Park University students with academic advising and mentoring. The award is intended to recognize outstanding contributions in helping students define and achieve their academic goals.

*Jeff Kimmons, Ph.D.*  
*Associate Professor of Biology*

## 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.

*Andrea Lee, Ph.D.*  
*Associate Professor of Art & Design*

## FACULTY CENTER FOR INNOVATION FACULTY FELLOWS

FCI's Faculty Fellows programs provide time and resources to pursue specialized projects related to teaching and scholarship. Fellows not only invest in their own development as teachers, scholars (and teacher-scholars), but also contribute new knowledge to the Park community.

*Dianna Carmenaty, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice*  
*Marina Layvand, M.A., Adjunct Faculty, Accounting*  
*Andrew Munsterman, M.S., Adjunct Faculty, Sport and Exercise Science*  
*Jennifer Whitley, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Mathematics*  
*Candace Windel, Ph.D., M.A., Adjunct Faculty, Communication*

# 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.

*Dennis Hernandez*

#### **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.

*Carly Dwyer*

### OUTSTANDING STUDENT 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:** *Aubrie Burkhalter*

**K-12 Art:** *Jasmine Gutierrez*

**K-12 Special Education:** *Ronicia Plummer*

**Secondary Level:** *Max Hull-Lichner*

**Spanish:** *Lucerito Chavez*

### DR. C. ANN WENTZ STUDENT TEACHING FELLOWSHIP

This award is given to a student while pursuing their undergraduate degree in Education during their student teaching semester.

*Kyla Miguez*

## DEPARTMENT HONORS

### Education

*Torin Stephens (Senior)*

## SCHOOL OF BEHAVIORAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES

### Sport And Exercise Science Service & Professional Development Award

This award is given to the student with an outstanding GPA and overall contribution to the major in and out of the classroom.

*Kali Day*

*Dash Goldston*

## DEPARTMENT HONORS

### Bachelor of Social Work

*Mira Barnes (Junior)*

*Xavier Woods (Senior)*

### Master of Social Work

*Bayan Salam*

### Sport and Exercise Science

*Patricia CarrioUbeda (Senior)*

*Gabriel Einsfeld Soares (Senior)*

# COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

## HAUPTMANN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

### POLITICS AND ADMINISTRATION

#### DEPARTMENT HONORS

##### **Criminal Justice**

*Jaden Robinson (Junior)*

*Tyler Knapp (Senior)*

*Thomas Dearing (Senior)*

*Kalie Llewellyn (Senior)*

*Jeremy Howerton (Senior)*

##### **Political Science**

*Makayla Artis (Junior)*

##### **Public Administration**

*Leah Beatty (Junior)*

*Richard Adair (Senior)*

## CULTURE AND SOCIETY

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### **Cal Downs Award**

The Cal Downs Award is given to the student who has shown exceptional performance in the area of communication theory and human relations.

*Shelby Birmingham*

#### **Paul Friedman Interpersonal Communication Award**

Given to the student who best illustrates the principles and practice of interpersonal communication.

*Bryce Butler*

## **Pica Pole Award**

This is awarded by the Department of Communication, Journalism and Public Relations to a student studying multimedia journalism and public relations. The award honors a student who has shown enthusiasm for and dedication to the field of journalism through their courses and involvement in student media.

*Skyler Jensen*

## **DEPARTMENT HONORS**

### **History**

*Noah Ressler (Junior)*

### **Psychology**

*Mariah Hirst (Junior)*

*Sarah Mathis (Senior)*

*Delena Meeker (Senior)*

### **Social Psychology**

*Kaylon Quandt (Junior)*

*Aireanna Barnes (Senior)*

*David Shepherdson (Senior)*

## **SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES**

### **ENGLISH**

#### **Mary Barlow Writing Award for Outstanding Student Writing**

The Mary Barlow Writing Award for Outstanding Student Writing is given to the student whom the Department of English has identified as the most accomplished student writer.

*Elijah Wilhelm*

## **Nicholas Manchion Endowed English 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.

*Suzanne Schmidt*

## **William B. Markward Award**

The William B. Markward Award is to be given to a full-time Park University student of any major, who submitted an original essay written while at Park on the topic of early language, literature, or culture (before 1700 AD). It is voted upon by the Department of English and Modern Languages.

*Lillian Floyd*

*Christana Pittman*

## **DEPARTMENT HONORS**

### **English**

*Haley Wathen (Junior)*

*Samantha Adair (Senior)*

### **Fine Art**

*Rhiannon Lewis (Junior)*

*Jessica Lowe (Senior)*

### **Modern Language**

*Lucerito Chavez (Senior)*

# SCHOOL OF NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES

## COMPUTING AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

### 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.

*Christa Keeney*

#### J. Malcolm Good Award

The J. Malcom Good Award is given to the best undergraduate research paper in mathematics by a Park mathematics major.

*Abigail Kerr*

## DEPARTMENT HONORS

### Computer Science and Information Systems

*Ethan Willmann (Junior)*

*Kaleb Bermond (Senior)*

### Mathematics

*Philip Meekins II (Senior)*

## 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.

*Irene Verdino*

### 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.

*Alyssia Craig*

### Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU) Excellence in Geography

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.

*Robert Brown*

### Dr. William C. Pivonka Award

*Abigail Kerr*

## DEPARTMENT HONORS

### Biology

*Raven Brownell (Junior)*

*Justice McMillan (Senior)*

### Chemistry

*Mafalda Bras (Junior)*

*Abigail Kerr (Senior)*

### Geography

*Electra Knight (Junior)*

*Jacob Kincade (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.

*Filip Andonovski*  
*Victor Dang*

*Isaiah Miller*  
*Megan Townsend*

### DEPARTMENT HONORS

#### Accounting

*Ashlee Dureka (Junior)*  
*Evan Johnson (Junior)*

*Kevin Fagan (Senior)*  
*Lauren Leners (Senior)*

#### Economics

*Justin Dorweller (Senior)*

#### Finance

*Joao Friedrich (Senior)*

#### Human Resources

*Ma'Kaylah Jackson (Junior)*

#### Management

*Mateus Carvalho (Junior)*  
*Ashton Holloway (Junior)*

*Dorotea Koprivica (Senior)*  
*Zach Porter (Senior)*

#### Marketing

*Gagi Gvalia (Junior)*  
*Connor Menzie (Junior)*

*Aleena Khan (Senior)*  
*Kayla Lentz (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.

*Bryce Butler, student*

*Zoe Franzen, 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.

*Annastasia Bair*

*Skyler Jensen*

# DR. DORIS HOWELL LEADERSHIP AWARDS

## 2023-2024

C.W. Bailey Award .....	Austin Dubberley Zachary Knowles
Cindy K. Anderson Senator of the Year .....	Isabella Brooks
Dusing-Proudfoot Award .....	Jack MacLennan
Excellence in Academic Advising.....	Jeff Kimmons
Faculty Newcomer of the Year .....	Miranda Ridder
J.L. Zwingle Award.....	Andrea Lee
Student Organization of the Year.....	<i>The Stylus</i>
Outstanding Class Member Award	
Sophomore .....	Lauren Buck
Sophomore .....	Marissa Wortkoetter
Junior .....	Ashlee Dureka
Junior .....	Rylee Reece
Senior .....	Isabella Clark
Senior .....	Neyamia Powell
Park Family Award .....	Eugene Matthews
Servant Leader of the Year .....	Makayla Artis
Student Employee OTY (GA) .....	Ali Sian
Student Employee OTY (work study) .....	Grace Wahab
Student Organization Advisor of the Year.....	Stacey Kikendall
Student Success and Impact.....	Melody Alexander
Tipton Award.....	Elizabeth (Weese) Muncal
Toni Griggs Award .....	Sarah Fataki
New Student Organization of the Year Award .....	Phi Epsilon Kappa
Staff Newcomer of the Year .....	Alyssa Acuna

# 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 disc and a lower . . . . disc made with limestone mined from Park University's Parkville Campus, serving as a representation of Park University's strong foundation.



