



HONORS CONVOCATION

*Graham Tyler Memorial Chapel
April 23, 2025*

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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

Jack MacLennan, Ph.D.
Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives & Communication

PROCESSIONAL*

Prelude on the Te Deum

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

FLAG BEARERS

Leavenworth High School Army Junior (ROTC)
Colour Guard

MUSICAL SELECTION

The Star-Spangled Banner

Francis Scott Key
Performed by International Center of Music String Quartet
Yuren Zhan, Violin
Aviv Daniel, Violin
Christian Dos Santos, Viola
Nikita Korzukhin, Cello

MARSHAL

Matthew Harris, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Political Science

FACULTY MARSHAL

Greg Plumb, J.D.
Professor of Criminal Justice

INTRODUCTIONS

Emily Sallee, Ph.D.
Acting Provost

OUTSTANDING HONORS STUDENTS

Monica Brannon, Ph.D.
Interim Assistant Provost for Academic Affairs

FACULTY AWARDS

Dr. Sallee

COLLEGE AND SCHOOL AWARDS

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OF BEHAVIORAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Gayle Copeland, Ph.D.
Interim Associate Provost

Brant Winn, Ph.D.
Interim Dean, College of Education and Health Professions

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 AND SCHOOL OF NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES

Debra Sheffer, Ph.D.
Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT

Adrian James, Ph.D.
Associate 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

Molly Pierson
Dean of Students

CLOSING

Dr. Sallee

RECESSIONAL*

Choral Song in C Major

Dr. McDonald
Samuel Sebastian Wesley
(1810-1876)

*** Please Stand**

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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>Allegrezza, Matthew James</i>	<i>Ciancaglini, Daniele</i>	<i>Griffin, Gunnar Cole</i>
<i>Alokoa, Ryan Gustav</i>	<i>Clark, Isabella</i>	<i>Griffin, Kayla Isabella</i>
<i>Alvarez, Emma Elizabeth</i>	<i>Clendenon, Caleb</i>	<i>Groce, Kendra L.</i>
<i>Ambriz-Fernandez, Isabel</i>	<i>Cordill, Grace E.</i>	<i>Gulledge, Stella Mae</i>
<i>Anderson, Samantha Jo</i>	<i>Cruz, Stephanie</i>	<i>Harmon, Jasmine K.</i>
<i>Andonovski, Filip</i>	<i>Cruzan, Eli Dean</i>	<i>Harps, Zaria</i>
<i>Athey, Luke D.</i>	<i>Da Luz, Daniela</i>	<i>Hartmann, Halle E.</i>
<i>Aubuchon, Madison E.</i>	<i>Dahl, Korrie Danyel</i>	<i>Hatcher-Owens, Carmen D.</i>
<i>Avalos, Alexandro A.</i>	<i>Daniels, Paul Brian</i>	<i>Hawley, Michael R.</i>
<i>Ballou, Nathan Allen</i>	<i>Darby, Nicole R.</i>	<i>Heller, Ariannah E.</i>
<i>Barnes, Mira</i>	<i>Davis, Darren</i>	<i>Hernandez, Dennis</i>
<i>Barnett, Kenzy Eryn</i>	<i>Distasio, Nina</i>	<i>Hicks, Brent T.</i>
<i>Bauer, Porsche Y.</i>	<i>Doepking, Timothy</i>	<i>Hinteregger, Konstantinos Nikola</i>
<i>Beatty, Leah Elizabeth</i>	<i>Dominguez, Raul C.</i>	<i>Hirst, Mariah J.</i>
<i>Benson, Hallie</i>	<i>Dureka, Ashlee Caliel</i>	<i>Hoar, Larken J.</i>
<i>Blankenship, Dane Michael</i>	<i>Durso, Kolton</i>	<i>Hodges, Nia Chikara</i>
<i>Blankenship, Katelyn L.</i>	<i>Duvall, Clifton D.</i>	<i>Holloway, Ashton D.</i>
<i>Bradner, Timothy</i>	<i>Dwyer, Haley R.</i>	<i>Holt, Christopher R.</i>
<i>Brammer, Mayah</i>	<i>English, Olivia A.</i>	<i>Hopkins, Heather</i>
<i>Bras, Mafalda R.</i>	<i>Esteb, Caeley L.</i>	<i>Hopper, Alexa Brooke</i>
<i>Brooks, Isabella M.</i>	<i>Estes, Noah</i>	<i>Hornung, Rori M.</i>
<i>Brown, Taela</i>	<i>Fagan, Kevin Christopher</i>	<i>Howerton, Makayla Rene'</i>
<i>Buhler, Rhett</i>	<i>Follmer, Drake A.</i>	<i>Howerton, Jeremy</i>
<i>Bullen, Austin</i>	<i>Fonseca, Caleb S.</i>	<i>Hudson, Regan M.</i>
<i>Burchfield, Christopher J.</i>	<i>Forrest, Henry Clay</i>	<i>Hughes, Macy</i>
<i>Burruss, Ashley</i>	<i>Gadashev, Maxim</i>	<i>Jackson, MaKaylah J.</i>
<i>Cardenas Aguilar, Barbara</i>	<i>Gallegos, Larry</i>	<i>Jackson, Meagan</i>
<i>Carpinelli, Aleksandra Grace</i>	<i>Ganesh, Somika Kumari</i>	<i>Jackson-Ross, Keana R.</i>
<i>Carrillo-Munoz, Cindy</i>	<i>Gerry, Adele A.</i>	<i>Jalilpour, Ainaz</i>
<i>Carrio Ubeda, Patricia</i>	<i>Gloe, Dana Victoria</i>	<i>Jarvis, Joazee Alize</i>
<i>Cash, Miata M.</i>	<i>Gomez, Analisa E.</i>	<i>Johns, Paul</i>
<i>Caskey, Avery Jo</i>	<i>Gomez, Naomi Socorro</i>	<i>Johnson, Aeva Celeste</i>
<i>Castro, Marcus A.</i>	<i>Gonzalez, Angela A.</i>	<i>Johnson, Evan</i>
<i>Chicaiza, Mariela B.</i>	<i>Gordon, Robert Anthony</i>	<i>Johnson, Evan W.</i>
<i>Childress, Sean P.</i>	<i>Green, Kitrina Chylynn</i>	<i>Johnson, Samuel David</i>

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS, *Continued*

<i>Johnson, Terri J.</i>	<i>Nickoles, Justine K.</i>	<i>Skinner, Elizabeth Margaret</i>
<i>Johnson, Trinity Grace</i>	<i>Oconnor, Keaton</i>	<i>Slavit, Elijah M.</i>
<i>Jones, Nadia Frances</i>	<i>Paiz, Kaitlyn Serena</i>	<i>Smojer, Michael S.</i>
<i>Juarez, Aronis L.</i>	<i>Papanikolaou, Konstantin</i>	<i>Snell, Steve M.</i>
<i>Kasemier, Rosanna Arigje</i>	<i>Parks, Abigail</i>	<i>Sole, Mallory Rane</i>
<i>Klamm, Faith M.</i>	<i>Partridge, Simon M.</i>	<i>Spears, Azure</i>
<i>Klamm, Hope M.</i>	<i>Patino, Luz Adriana</i>	<i>Spiller, Maria</i>
<i>Klein, Abigail G.</i>	<i>Pedersen, Cecilie L. E.</i>	<i>St. Vil, Deasia</i>
<i>Lamora, Brandon J.</i>	<i>Penshorn, Annalena</i>	<i>Starliper, Shelby L.</i>
<i>Lane, Sophia M.</i>	<i>Perdiguer Martin, Marina</i>	<i>Stratton, Cory Mitchell</i>
<i>Leal, Oscar Eduardo</i>	<i>Petrovic, Ognjen</i>	<i>Stubbs, Patrick</i>
<i>Lee, Janele Y.</i>	<i>Pierce, Shane Ryan</i>	<i>Suhl, Micaela Maria</i>
<i>Lerman, Benjamin Yabr</i>	<i>Pons, Carla</i>	<i>Sutton, Madison Taylor</i>
<i>Lewis, Rhiannon K.</i>	<i>Porter, Nash</i>	<i>Sweeney, Matthew</i>
<i>Lindquist, Wendy Elise</i>	<i>Powell, Neyamia A.</i>	<i>Taylor, Emmerson Sinclair</i>
<i>Llanos, James A.</i>	<i>Quandt, Kylon Alexa</i>	<i>Tays, Chloe J. L.</i>
<i>Lowe, Jessica Ann</i>	<i>Quintana, Michaela L.</i>	<i>Teeters, Joshua Paul</i>
<i>Mack, Scott C.</i>	<i>Ramage, Lexie A.</i>	<i>Tepovich, Derek</i>
<i>Mair, Tygen G.</i>	<i>Ramirez, Karina Alexis</i>	<i>Thompson, Elizabeth Hannah</i>
<i>Maldonado, Christopher Anthony</i>	<i>Ramon, Jael</i>	<i>Todd, Whitney Laine</i>
<i>Mand, Hannah</i>	<i>Ramos, Carlos A.</i>	<i>Tomasic, Lorena</i>
<i>Mangold, Philip</i>	<i>Ramos, Karla</i>	<i>Trail, Morgan Elizabeth</i>
<i>Martinez Gonzalez, Alejandra</i>	<i>Reece, Rylee C.</i>	<i>Vandesteeg, Lauren</i>
<i>Martins, Ana Luna</i>	<i>Ressler, Noah Thomas</i>	<i>Vaughn, Jace David</i>
<i>Matthews, Nathan Charles</i>	<i>Revers, Matthew</i>	<i>Villegas, Adriana L.</i>
<i>Matti, Rani S.</i>	<i>Richmond, Konstance R.</i>	<i>Villela, Sayra L.</i>
<i>McCroskie, Sofia A.</i>	<i>Rinehart, Michael L.</i>	<i>Vizcarra, Sofia C.</i>
<i>Mcculloch, Larissa N.</i>	<i>Rivera, Felix</i>	<i>Wadsworth, Christopher R.</i>
<i>McLaughlin, Abby</i>	<i>Rodriguez Deras, Karla F.</i>	<i>Wahab, Grace J.</i>
<i>McMillin, Faith</i>	<i>Rogers, Konrad A</i>	<i>Wallace, David R.</i>
<i>Mehl, Lukas</i>	<i>Rogers, Monet</i>	<i>Wathen, Haley</i>
<i>Mejia, Emerson R.</i>	<i>Romano, Faith Therese</i>	<i>Watson, Sidney S</i>
<i>Menzie, Connor S.</i>	<i>Ryan, Shane M.</i>	<i>Welsh, Roderick J.</i>
<i>Miller, Lauren Ann</i>	<i>Sacluti, April</i>	<i>Wilhelm, Elijah W.</i>
<i>Monast, Alexander</i>	<i>Schmidt, Suzanne Margaret</i>	<i>Williams, Christine</i>
<i>Montez, Juan A.</i>	<i>Scott, Alisa</i>	<i>Willmann, Ethan M.</i>
<i>Moon, Taya A.</i>	<i>Scott, Tyler</i>	<i>Wilson, Sean D.</i>
<i>Najera, Alberto</i>	<i>Shaffer, Justin Paul</i>	<i>Wooten, Westley</i>
<i>Newton, Jason</i>	<i>Shah, Riya</i>	<i>Wright, Brooke P.</i>
<i>Nguyen, Giang</i>	<i>Sharp, Ben F.</i>	<i>Zeigler, Piper M.</i>
<i>Nguyen, Lynh G.</i>	<i>Shinabarger, Charity M.</i>	
<i>Nichols, Mia</i>	<i>Sisson, Jax Michael</i>	

2024-2025

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.)

Bobby Perry

MCAS Beaufort (S.C.)

Micheal Jenkins

Camp Pendleton (Calif.)

Jessica King

Defense Supply Center Columbus (Ohio)

Kent McCord

Fairchild AFB (Wash.)

Austin Buller

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

James Hanford

Fort Bliss (Texas)

Zaria Harps

Gilbert (Ariz.)

Ryan Lea

Holloman AFB (N.M.)

Lakenzar Snipes

Independence (Mo.)

Lillian Bobbitt

Little Rock (Ark.)

Emily Underwood

Mountain Home (Idaho)

Aaron Agner

Wright-Patterson AFB (Ohio)

Jenna Riley

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.

Rylie Bishop

Addison Nelson

Jacob Bloomer

Neyamia Powell

Raeven Brownell

Hannah Schmidt

Isabella Clark

Suzanne Schmidt

Nathan Matthews

Riya Shah

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, and wins an Amazon shopping spree.

“Beyond the Game: Analyzing the Evolution of Men's and Women's NCAA Basketball Twitter Coverage during the 2023 and 2024 March Madness Seasons”

Dorianna Braxton

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.

Leslie Jensby, M.S.W.

Associate Teaching Professor of Social Work

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.

Tammy Good, M.S.

Adjunct Instructor of Business Administration

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.

Camille Cook, MLS

Assistant Professor of Library Instruction

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.

J. Mark Noe, Ph.D.

Professor of Communication

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. 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.

Jeffery Kimmons, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Biology

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.

Abdelmonaem Jornaz, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Information Systems and Business Analytics

Rebecca Kudrna, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Sport and Exercise Science

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.

Alexa Hopper

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.

Sophie Lane

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.

Early Childhood Level: *Charity (Charlie) Shinabarger*

Elementary Level: *Adriana Villegas*

Middle School Level: *Joazee Jarvis*

Secondary Level: *Mark Bond*

Special Education: *Joseph Steele*

DEPARTMENT HONORS

Education

Dennis Hernandez (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.

Rosanna Kasemier

Gabrielle Sandins

DEPARTMENT HONORS

Bachelor of Social Work

Emma James (Junior)

Maren Williams (Senior)

Master of Social Work

Kristina Lee

Jose Manquero

Sport and Exercise Science

Annalena Penshorn (Junior)

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

HAUPTMANN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

POLITICS AND ADMINISTRATION

DEPARTMENT HONORS

Criminal Justice

Kyle Austin (Senior)

Mya Lewis (Senior)

Amra Kovac (Senior)

Hannah Schmidt (Senior)

Political Science

Makayla Artis (Senior)

Public Administration

Rebecca Seymour (Junior)

John Theodore-Eden (Senior)

CULTURE AND SOCIETY

COMMUNICATIONS

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.

Abby Beagel

DEPARTMENT HONORS

Communication Arts

Addison Brooks (Junior)

Abby Beagel (Senior)

History

Madeline Turner (Junior)

Haley Dwyer (Senior)

Military History

Levi Henry (Junior)

Rani Matti (Senior)

Psychology

Jakelyn Martinez Maldonado (Junior)

Mariah Hirst (Senior)

Sociology

Kayla Jones (Senior)

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES

DEPARTMENT HONORS

English

Dana Gloe (Junior)

Nash Porter (Senior)

Matthew Revers (Senior)

Fine Art

Rowan Wilson (Junior)

Cheri Regis (Senior)

Graphic Design

Natalia Loubriel (Senior)

Faith McMillian (Senior)

Interior Design

Renee Rademann (Junior)

Karla Ramos (Senior)

International Center for Musc

Yin-Shiuan Ting (Junior)

Mumin Turgunov (Senior)

SCHOOL OF NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES

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.

Mafalda Bras

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.

Alicia Bentley

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.

Zola Rooney

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.

Mafalda Bras

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.

Emmerson Taylor

DEPARTMENT HONORS

Biology

Isabella Brooks (Junior)

Nina Distasio (Senior)

Geography

Electra Knight (Junior)

Charles Biggerstaff (Senior)

Mathematics

Jace Vaughn (Junior)

Stella Gullledge (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.

Sean Childress

Ognjen Petrovic

Financial Executives Institute Award

This award is given to the students that stand out among all Finance majors in the College of Management to be a successful business leader in the financial global community.

Evan Johnson

Simon Partridge

Outstanding Association for Computing Machinery Service Award

This award is co-sponsored by the ACM Club and the Department of Information and Computer Science. It is given to students for their leadership in organizing relevant activities for the club members.

Tara Haskamp

DEPARTMENT HONORS

Accounting

Azure Spears (Junior)

Evan Johnson (Senior)

Computer Science and Information Systems

Marina Perdiguero Martin (Junior)

Thomas Correa (Senior)

Finance

Simon Partridge (Junior)

Connor Menzie (Senior)

Human Resources

Danielle Burg (Junior)

Ma'Kaylah Jackson (Senior)

International Business

Blake Antle (Senior)

Management

Ryan Alokoa (Junior)

Grace Cordill (Senior)

Marketing

Willoughby Lam (Junior)

Lauren Fiene (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.

Lauren Buck, student

Danny Burger, 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.

Raeven Brownell

Gabrielle Sandins

DR. DORIS HOWELL LEADERSHIP AWARDS

2024-2025

C.W. Bailey Award	Garima Baral Nora Spornitz
Cindy K. Anderson Senator of the Year	Addisen Andrew
Dusing-Proudfoot Award	Veronica Spottswood
Excellence in Academic Advising.....	Camille Cook
Faculty Newcomer of the Year	Kelly Gilhaus
J.L. Zwingle Award.....	J. Mark Noe
Student Organization of the Year.....	Pi Gamma Mu
Organizational Program of the Year	Biology Club
Outstanding Class Member Award	
Sophomore	Tom Kuehnel
Sophomore	Faith Romano
Junior	Maria Araujo
Junior	Samantha Hall
Non-Graduating Senior	Ognjen Petrovic
Non-Graduating Senior	Manuel Reyes
Graduating Senior	Eny Mejia
Graduating Senior	Marina Perdiguero
Park Family Award	Vivian DeJesus & Mitchell Lebron
Servant Leader of the Year	Yvette Karanja
Student Employee OTY (GA)	Fabiola Salgado
Student Employee OTY (work study)	Dah Shee
Student Organization Advisor of the Year.....	Damian Gonzalez
Student Success and Impact.....	Brandi Schaffer
Tipton Award.....	Allyson Price
Toni Griggs Award	Steven Garcia & Alana Mathis
New Student Organization of the Year Award	Photography Club
Staff Newcomer of the Year	Molly Pierson

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.



