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MUSKINGUM

U N I V E R S I T Y

Brown Chapel

Friday, April 14, 2023

3:30 p.m.

Processional

“Majestic Praise” arr. Gail Smith
Caroline Heading, *Keyboard*

Welcome Dr. Susan S. Hasseler
President

Invocation Rev. Tim Pollock
Interim University Chaplain

Anthem

“God of Wisdom, Truth, and Beauty” by Jane Parker Huber
Concert Choir
Dr. Daniel Strychacz, *Conductor*
Caroline Heading, *Collaborative Accompanist*

Introduction President Hasseler

Address Dr. Michelle Oyakawa
Assistant Professor of Sociology

Musical Reflection

“Measure Me, Sky!” by Elaine Hagenberg
Concert Choir
Dr. Strychacz, *Conductor*
Caroline Heading, *Collaborative Accompanist*

Presentation of Faculty Awards Dr. Nancy Evangelista
Provost

Presentation of Co-Valedictorians President Hasseler

Presentation of Senior Fellows..... Provost Evangelista

Presentation of Academic Department Awards

Dr. Jane Varley.....*Division of Arts & Humanities*

Dr. Paul Szalay.....*Division of Natural, Applied, and Health Sciences*

Dr. Sandra Schroer.....*Division of Business, Education, & Social Sciences*

Presentation of Academic Honors President Hasseler

Closing President Hasseler

Recessional

Recessional: March from “*Tannhäuser*” by Richard Wagner
Caroline Heading, *Keyboard*

Faculty Awards

The William Oxley Thompson Award for Excellence in Teaching

This award is named for a Muskingum graduate of the Class of 1878. Dr. Thompson was one of the most renowned educators of his time and served for nearly three decades as a transformational President of the Ohio State University.

The William Rainey Harper Award for Outstanding Scholarship

This award is named for a Muskingum graduate of the Class of 1870. Dr. Harper was a leading scholar and educator of his time and became the first President of the University of Chicago.

The Cora I. Orr Faculty Service Award

This award honors the expansive service to Muskingum by Professor Orr as an instructor, counselor, and Dean of Women. The award embodies Professor Orr’s influence on campus programs, impact on students, and contributions to the community.

Co-Valedictorians

Ethan Ford
Oliver Rogers
Ashton Romero

Fellows Programs

The Summer Muskie Fellows have completed a summer research project under the direction of a faculty advisor.

Summer Muskie Fellows

The program provides an opportunity for students to work closely with faculty members as a junior research partner, gaining knowledge and skills in the discipline while developing a first-hand understanding of research practice and applications within the field.

Breanna Benda (*December 2022 graduate*)
Shane Iams
Chloe Joseph
Haley Maksin

The graduating seniors have completed academic study, field experiences, and individually designed projects building their leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills.

John and Annie Glenn Public Service Fellows

The goal for the JAG Public Service Fellows Program is to transform participants into active citizens and public servants.

Valerie Deighton
Ethan Ford
Hannah Riggle

David and Karin Kratoville Innovation Fellows Program

The David and Karin Kratoville Innovation Fellows explore problems from a variety of perspectives, creating solutions that will positively impact their own lives, the lives of their family and friends, and the lives of those in their communities.

Alexis Buchanan
Natilie Hill

Academic Department Awards

Arts & Humanities

Joyce Alesandrini Award for Exemplary Leadership

Awarded to a graduating student whose contributions to the Music department include musical excellence, outstanding service, and a spirit of selflessness to the department's students, faculty, and staff.

Robert Moore

Amos Family Awards

Awarded by the Communication, Media, & Theatre and English departments to superior sophomore or junior students.

Bryce Ceculski, *Broadcast Journalism*
Megan Groves, *Print Journalism*

Doris Anderson Memorial Award in Humanities and Language

Awarded in memory of the former Muskingum classics professor to a student who exhibits interest in and devotion to the study of the classics. The student is selected by the department of Religion and Philosophy and the division chair of Arts & Humanities.

Hope Craft
Hannah Riggle

Matilda Bailey Award in English

Awarded by the English department to students of English studies possessing academic merit and high moral character, with preference given to prospective teachers.

Andrew Kingry
Sam Vansickle

Beulah Brooks Brown Creative Writing Award

Awarded by the English department to upper-class students majoring in English who exhibit outstanding talent in creative writing.

Rylee Magnani
Nathan Wehr

Joe L. Dubbert Award in History

Awarded by the History department to outstanding junior History students in memory of the late Muskingum University History professor.

Emma Cepek

William L. Fisk Endowed Scholarship Fund

Awarded by the History or Political Science department to a rising senior who intends to pursue a graduate education.

Emma Cepek
Hunter Loy

Mabel Woodrow Gill Art Award

Awarded by the Art department to a senior student whose artwork in the Senior Capstone Art Exhibition is recognized as exemplary.

Natilie Hill

Gleason Memorial Award

Awarded by the Communication, Media, & Theatre department to an outstanding Theatre student, in memory of Nancy and Marilyn Gleason, former Muskingum University students.

Anne Shafer

Layton Memorial Scholarship Fund

Awarded by the Communication, Media, & Theatre department to an outstanding student in memory of Charles and Ferne Layton, former Muskingum University professors.

Roscoe Ramirez

Amy B. Leiendecker Award in Music

Awarded by the Music department to a senior for four years of outstanding service.

David Hochstetler
David McDonald

John McCance Scholarship in Broadcast Media

Awarded to a student interested in radio technology and engineering. The scholarship was established by Grant Hafley in memory of John McCance, a well-known area broadcast engineer, serving for many years as the chief engineer for the AVC Communications stations. Mr. McCance was also instrumental in developing radio broadcasting facilities at Muskingum University.

Samuel Pollock

Agnes Moorehead Scholarship in Theatre

Awarded by the Communication, Media, & Theatre department to an outstanding junior Theatre student in memory of the late actress who was a Muskingum alumna.

Kailyn Shalosky

Prout Family Creative Award in Visual Arts

Awarded by the Art department for an outstanding work of art.

Cheyenne Riley

Prout Family Creative Writing Award in Literary Arts

Awarded by the English department for an outstanding written work.

Kaitlyn Woods

Mary Bartlett Reynolds Award in Music

Awarded by the Music department to a senior for four years of outstanding contributions to the department of Music.

Sarah Heading

Rivingston Vocal Scholarship

Awarded by the Music department to assist two qualified and deserving students studying voice at Muskingum University.

Heather Dawson
Hannah Jordan

George and Jean Schooley Phi Alpha Theta Prize History

Awarded by the History department to an outstanding senior History student in recognition of the Muskingum alumnus and longtime area high school History teacher.

Hannah Riggle

Mary Sharp Award in Spanish

Awarded by the World Languages department to outstanding students of Spanish in memory of the former language professor.

Reniyah Dale

The Emily Wasserman Music Scholarship

Established by the family and friends of Emily Wasserman, Muskingum Class of 1998, to be awarded to a deserving Music major from a small rural Ohio high school.

James Lones

Sara P. Wilhelm Award in English

Awarded by the English department to a student who shows unusual promise in English, Journalism, or Speech Communication in memory of the former Muskingum University professor.

Baylee Magnani

Ashwan Khanna Award for Journalism

Awarded in memory of Ernest Sylvester '83 to the Editor-in-Chief of the Black and Magenta.

Kailyn Shalosky

Academic Department Awards

Natural, Applied, and Health Sciences

American Chemical Society Award

Awarded by the Columbus section of the ACS to an outstanding junior and senior Chemistry student.

Charles (C.J.) Hall, *Senior*
Evan Wagner, *Junior*

Award in Analytical Chemistry

In recognition of a student displaying an aptitude in the field of Analytical Chemistry.

Evan Wagner

Annual General Chemistry Achievement Award

Awarded by the Chemistry department to outstanding Chemistry students.

Liam Carey Sadie Smith
Taylor Metz Averi Wallace

Charles B. and Alice V. Moody Healthcare Scholarship

This scholarship fund was created by Mrs. Moody as a memorial for her beloved husband Charles. Funds are used to provide scholarships for students pursuing healthcare degrees at Muskingum University, where she was a graduate.

McKenzi Reed
Crystal Wilson

Computer Science Award

Awarded by the Mathematics and Computer Science department to an outstanding Computer Science student.

Steven McGinnis

Clement E. Dasch Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement

Awarded annually to an outstanding sophomore or junior life-science major based on excellence in academic or research performance.

Shilynn Williamson

E.R. "Rudy" Gerlach Chemistry Award

Awarded to individuals, majoring in Chemistry, who demonstrate departmental involvement and dedication to their education.

Nathan Montecalvo

A. Bruce Gill and Mabel Woodrow Gill Scholarship Fund

Awarded by the Science Division faculty to an outstanding student majoring in Biology, Chemistry, or Physics who is pursuing a degree in a medical field.

Hope Lewis

Gordon L. Griffith Endowed Scholarship for Physics and Engineering

Awarded by the Physics and Engineering department to a student who exhibits both academic and personal excellence.

Hannah Dodd

Genesis Healthcare System Ronnica Dodson Scholarship in Nursing

The Ronnica Dodson Scholarship was established in 2001 in memory of Ronnica Dodson, former Bethesda Hospital Foundation Director of Development. This scholarship was created and funded by volunteers at Genesis Bethesda Hospital. The scholarship provides funds for students pursuing a degree in nursing from Muskingum University or Ohio University – Zanesville, or a degree in allied health from Zane State College.

Elizabeth Bowden Lexee Pletcher
Anna Hughes Kaitlyn Shreve
Taylor Johnson Nikolette Stover
Sydney Joseph Mishelle Trescott
Hannah Ogilbee Laklyn Upvall

Health Professions Award

Awarded by the Chemistry department to a Chemistry major pursuing a career in the medical field who maintains a GPA of 3.5.

Hope Lewis

L. Coleman Knight Award in Mathematics

Awarded by the Mathematics and Computer Science department to an outstanding first-year student in memory of the former Muskingum University professor.

Adam Johnson

Hugh Kuhn Award in Biology

Awarded annually to a senior life-science student exemplifying excellence in academic performance or research.

Oliver Rogers

Mathematics Award

Awarded by the Mathematics and Computer Science department to an outstanding senior Mathematics student.

Ashton Romero
Lauren White

The Award for Performance in Organic Chemistry

Awarded to a student who earned grades of A both semesters of Organic Chemistry.

Boe Marcum

Award in Physical Chemistry

Awarded to a student who displayed an outstanding performance in Physical Chemistry.

Evan Wagner

David Quinn Beta Beta Beta Award for Outstanding Service

Awarded by the Biology department to a first-year student for outstanding service as a member of the Muskingum University Beta Beta Beta Biology Honorary.

Brooke Waito

Vishnu P. and Sudha S. Saksena Award in Conservation Science

Awarded by the Biology department to a deserving junior majoring in Conservation Science, who exhibits outstanding accomplishments in the area of research and scholarship. This special award was endowed by Vishnu P. and Sudha S. Saksena.

Jenna Jordan

Vishnu P. Saksena Beta Beta Beta Award for Outstanding Service

Awarded by the Biology department to a student for outstanding service as a member of the Muskingum University Beta Beta Beta Biology Honorary.

Raleigh Simpson

Vishnu P. and Sudha S. Saksena Award in Nursing

Awarded by the Nursing department to a student for outstanding academic achievement and patient care noteworthy of the department of Nursing's mission statement.

Riley Mesler

James L. Smith Awards in Mathematics

Awarded by the Mathematics and Computer Science department to an outstanding sophomore and junior in recognition of the Muskingum University emeritus professor.

Slade Bee, *Junior*

Emmah Stoneburner, *Sophomore*

Robert Ellis Smith Scholarship in Physics and Engineering

Endowed by a distinguished Muskingum University alumnus, Robert Ellis Smith. Scholarships are awarded to outstanding students who major or minor in Physics or General Engineering.

Hannah Dodd

Andrew Prouty

Chloe Joseph

Cara Taylor

Allison Jurkovic

Stephen Wilson

Trent Lewis

Alice and Si Vellenga Award

Awarded to an outstanding sophomore Chemistry major who displays the Christian principles of Dr. and Mrs. Si and Alice Vellenga.

Casey Krofcheck

William J. Wallace Award in Chemistry

Awarded to an outstanding junior or senior Chemistry major.

Charles (C.J.) Hall, *Senior*

Hope Lewis, *Junior*

Academic Department Awards
Business, Education & Social Sciences

Miriam S. Allison Award in Education

Awarded to an outstanding student who will be entering a career in teaching.

Blaine Hoxworth

John Anthony Brown Scholarship in Political Science

Awarded by the Political Science department in memory of Muskingum University's seventeenth president to a Political Science students who reflect and exemplify Dr. Brown's commitment to academic excellence and intellectual integrity.

Hope Craft

Criminal Justice Top Scholar Senior Award

Awarded by the Criminal Justice Program faculty to a graduating senior Criminal Justice major who has demonstrated high interest, commitment, and achievement throughout the student's course of undergraduate study.

Jackson Hargraves

Kylie Pace-Schilling

Criminal Justice Top Scholar Junior Award

Awarded by the Criminal Justice Program faculty to a junior Criminal Justice major who has demonstrated high interest, commitment, and achievement throughout the student's course of undergraduate study.

Jayda Rausch

Mark Euken Award in Psychology

Awarded by the Psychology department to a student who shows exemplary independent scholarship in psychological studies.

Kylie Pace-Schilling

Andrew Frese Award

Awarded by the Education department to an Adolescent Young Adult or Multi-Age (K-12) candidate who has demonstrated exceptional ability to build rapport with students.

Ava Hayslip

The Gary and Paula Golden Award

Awarded to seniors majoring in Business Management or Marketing, who have demonstrated persistence and the ability to achieve academic success at Muskingum University. This award was established by friends and family of Professor Golden, who was gifted at recognizing and developing unrealized potential in students.

Eleanora Baker
Hannah Crowe
Jeremiah Flowers

Ignition Program Achievement Award

The Ignition Program Achievement Award recognizes Muskingum University students who have made a significant impact in developing and promoting student innovations and entrepreneurship. These students are chosen based on fulfilling the mission of the Ignition Program to create an environment for the Muskingum University community where entrepreneurial ideas can become reality.

Alexis Buchanan
Max Swope

Marigold Marsh Social Action Award

The Marigold Marsh Social Action Award is given to students who engage in exemplary social action or social justice activities during the academic year.

Spencer Jarrett

Bill and Ruth McCauley Scholarship

Awarded by Muskingum University's department of Education to an outstanding upper-class Education major.

Jessica Benson

Miller Family Award in Education

Awarded to outstanding students pursuing a career in the teaching profession, in memory of three members of the Miller family, all teachers and Muskingum University alumni.

Alyssa Taylor

Cora I. Orr Award

Awarded by the Psychology department to a student in recognition of academic excellence and service in the department. This award is given in memory of the former Muskingum professor.

Sadie Yurkovich

Political Science Top Scholar Award

Awarded to a graduating senior Political Science major who has demonstrated high interest, commitment, and achievement throughout his or her undergraduate study.

Ryan Hockenberry
Casey Smith

M. Wesley Roper Scholarship in Sociology

Awarded by the department of Sociology and Anthropology to outstanding Sociology students in memory of the former Muskingum University professor.

Ethan Ford

William Trumpeter Award in Psychology

Awarded by the Psychology department to a senior Psychology major judged most likely to contribute to the profession of Psychology.

Justin Hoover

Dorothy D. Vellenga Award in Sociology

Awarded by the Sociology department to an outstanding junior student in memory of the former Muskingum University professor.

Averey Roof

Academic Honors List

To view the Fall 2022 President's, Dean's, and Academic Merit list scan the QR code to be directed to our website.



<https://www.muskingum.edu/administration/academic-affairs/academic-honors-lists>

Omicron Delta Kappa Inductees

Madison Andrews	Kara Loader
Paige Emory	Quinn McDermott
Leah Epstein	Morgan Meisel
Steven Garcia	Makena Miller
Treva Hampp	Natalie Moore
Connor Harrison	Jayda Rausch
Kyleigh Hatfield	Alyssa Snyder
Evangeline Hill	Alaina Weiner
Laken Kerns	Shilynn Williamson
Emily Keylor	Kelsey Wilson
Andrew Kingry	Sadie Yurkovich
Paul Lambo	

Lambda Sigma Inductees

Kennedy Borcoman	Haley Maksin
Alex Carpenter	Makena Miller
Kelly Anna Clark	Emmah Stoneburner
Mary Catherine Conaway	Joselyn Unger
Paige Emory	Alaina Weiner
Evangeline Hill	Katarina West
Riley Hudock	Kelsey Wilson
Oriana Krieg	Sadie Yurkovich
Casey Krofcheck	

Michelle Oyakawa

Michelle Oyakawa is an Assistant Professor of Sociology. Her work focuses on leaders and organizations that strive to effect social change for racial and economic justice. She is the 2022 winner of the William Rainey Harper Award for Outstanding Scholarship. Professor Oyakawa is coauthor of *Prisms of the People: Power and Organizing in Twenty First Century America* with Hahrie Han and Liz McKenna and *Smart Suits, Tattered Boots: Black Ministers Mobilizing the Black Church in the Twenty First Century* with Korie Edwards.

Her research has also been published in academic journals including *Qualitative Sociology*, *Nonprofit Management and Leadership*, *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*, *Journal of Community Psychology*, and *Sociology of Religion*.