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MUSKINGUM

U N I V E R S I T Y

Brown Chapel

Friday, April 12, 2024

3:30 p.m.

Processional

Prelude Music Caroline Heading, *Keyboard*

Welcome Dr. Susan S. Hasseler
President

Invocation Rev. Derek Wadlington
University Chaplain

Anthem

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

Hymn: “God of Wisdom, Truth and Beauty”

God of wisdom, truth and beauty, God of spirit, fire and soul;
God of order, love and duty, God of purpose, plan, and goal:
Grant us visions ever growing. Breath of life, eternal strength,
Mystic spirit, moving, flowing. Filling height and depth and length.
God of drama, music, dancing, God of story, sculpture, art,
God of wit, all life enchanting, God of every yearning heart;
Challenge us with quests of spirit, Truth revealed in myriad ways,
Word or song for hearts that hear it, Sketch and model forms of praise.
God of atom’s smallest feature, God of galaxies in space,
God of every living creature, God of all the human race:
May our knowledge be extended, For the whole creation’s good,
Hunger banished, warfare ended, All the earth a neighborhood.
God of science, history, teaching, God of futures yet unknown,
God of holding, God of reaching, God of power beyond each throne:
Take the fragments of our living, Fit us to your finest scheme,
Now forgiven and forgiving, Make us free to dare and dream.

Introduction President Hasseler

Address Dr. Keith Eberly
Associate Professor of Education

Musical Reflection

“Al Shlosa D’ Varim”by Allen E. Naplan
Concert Choir
Jackie Bradshaw, *Student Conductor*
Heather Dawson, *Soprano*
Caroline Heading, *Collaborative Accompanist*

Presentation of Faculty Awards.....Dr. Jennifer Dugan
Provost

Presentation of Co-Valedictorians President Hasseler

Presentation of Senior Fellows..... Provost Dugan

Presentation of Academic Department Awards

Dr. Robert Sharp.....*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

Postlude Music Caroline Heading, *Keyboard*

Faculty Awards

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.

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.

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

Gregory Bikowski
Spencer Jarrett
Hunter Loy (December 2023)
Jayda Rausch
Emmah Stoneburner

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.

Bailey Miller
Mollie Reeves

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.

Emma Cepek
Hope Craft
Grace Hamilton
Cameron Henry
Madison Johnson
Ethan Miller

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.

Lia Buckley
Alexandra Sheets

Otto and Fran Walter Humanitarian Fellows

The Otto and Fran Walter Humanitarian Fellows look to expand students' understanding of local and global peace and justice initiatives and develop their ability to serve as leaders of social change.

Spencer Jarrett
Jayda Rausch
Averey Roof

Academic Department Awards *Arts & Humanities*

E. L. Alesandrini Award for Excellence

Recognizes a junior Speech Communication major who has demonstrated excellence in limited preparation speaking events, service, character, and integrity. This award was created to honor the 30+ years of forensics service and teaching of Eugene L. Alesandrini.

Alyssa Derry

Amos Family Awards

Awarded to superior sophomore or junior students who major in Communication, Media, Theatre, and English.

Johnathon Dennison, *Broadcasting*

Doris Anderson Memorial Award in Humanities and Language

Awarded to a student who exhibits interest in and devotion to the study of the classics in memory of the former Muskingum University Classics professor.

Thomas Ervin

Matilda Bailey Award in English

Awarded to students majoring in English who demonstrate academic merit and high moral character, with preference given to prospective teachers.

Olivia Angles
Jade Drabik
Eva Finni
Shilynn Williamson

Beulah Brooks Brown Creative Writing Award

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

Adam Kern
Katelyn Lindsey

Joe L. Dubbert Award in History

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

Christopher Brison
Sam Vansickle

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.

Sam Vansickle (*History*)

Gleason Memorial Award

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

Amber Bowering

Layton Memorial Scholarship Fund

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

Logan Moore

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 who served many years as the Chief Engineer for AVC Communications. Mr. McCance was also instrumental in developing radio broadcasting facilities at Muskingum University.

Vincent Bachmann

Agnes Moorehead Scholarship in Theatre

Awarded to an outstanding junior Theatre student in memory of the late actress who was a Muskingum alumna.

Desiré Correa

H.P. Mount Scholarship

Awarded to a student pursuing studies in the field of theology.

Andrew Kingry

Prout Family Creative Award in Visual Arts

Awarded by the Art Department to a student who has produced an outstanding work of art.

Ellie Kidd
Hannah Phillips

Prout Family Creative Writing Award in Literary Arts

Awarded by the English Department to a student who has produced an outstanding written work.

Alyssa Derry
Trey Kirssin

Mary Bartlett Reynolds Award in Music

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

Hannah Jordan

Rivingston Vocal Scholarship

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

Heather Dawson
Keeley Carter

George and Jean Schooley Phi Alpha Theta Prize in History

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

Emma Cepek
Spencer Jarrett

Mary Sharp Award in Spanish

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

Ruby Sierer

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

Zachery Armstrong

Ashwan Khanna Award for Journalism

Awarded to the Editor-in-Chief of the Black and Magenta.

Johnathon Dennison

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 an outstanding senior Chemistry student.

Hope Lewis, *Senior*
Boe Marcum, *Junior*

General Chemistry Achievement Award

Awarded to outstanding General Chemistry students.

Gracyn Armstrong	Ryleigh Lawhorne
Braylon Buchanan	Ruby Sierer
Abigail Derry	Matt Vascura
Tori Jones	Reno Yurco

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.

Kaylee Debevoise
Elijah Morris

Computer Science Award

Awarded to an outstanding Computer Science student.

Carter Tram

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.

Sam Vansickle

E.R. "Rudy" Gerlach Chemistry Award

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

Hope Lewis

A. Bruce Gill and Mabel Woodrow Gill Scholarship Fund

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

Boe Marcum

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.

Taryn Burkett-Sanders	Sarah Kimber
Hailey Devolld	Sidney Rhinehart
Hannah Dobbins	Kaitlyn Shreve
Paige Emory	Colleen Sites
Hailey Horner	Nikolette Stover
Michelle Huff	Cierra Warne
Elizabeth Johnson	Ariel Wear

Health Professions Award

Awarded to a Chemistry major pursuing a career in the medical field and who maintains a GPA of 3.5 or above.

Boe Marcum

L. Coleman Knight Award in Mathematics

Awarded to an outstanding freshman in memory of the former Muskingum University professor.

Gabriel Lavender

Hugh Kuhn Award in Biology

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

Joy Berka

Mathematics Award

Awarded to an outstanding senior Mathematics student.

Emmah Stoneburner

Award for Performance in Organic Chemistry

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

Sadie Smith

Award in Physical Chemistry

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

Hope Lewis

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 Society.

Ash Dean

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

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

Bailey Miller

Vishnu P. Saksena Beta Beta Beta Award for Outstanding Service

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

Bailey Miller

Vishnu P. and Sudha S. Saksena Award in Nursing

Awarded to a student for outstanding academic achievement and patient care as set forth in the department's mission statement.

Steven Garcia

James L. Smith Awards in Mathematics

Awarded to an outstanding sophomore and junior in recognition of the Muskingum University emeritus professor.

Brannon Hill, *Sophomore*

Braeden Young, *Junior*

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

Trent Lewis

Benjamin Hess

Stephen Wilson

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.

Taylor Metz

Gage Summers

William J. Wallace Award in Chemistry

Awarded to an outstanding junior or senior Chemistry major.

Taylor Morgan, *Junior*

Evan Wagner, *Senior*

C. F. Moses Award

Awarded to an outstanding Geology student who has shown excellence in academic studies or has demonstrated outstanding research ability.

Jared Dobson

Outstanding Achievement in Exercise Science Award

This award recognizes a dedicated student who has demonstrated exceptional knowledge, skills, and passion in the field of Exercise Science through academic excellence, practical applications, and commitment to promoting health and wellness through exercise science.

Liam Carey

Lexie Huck

Health and Fitness Leadership Award

This award celebrates a student who has shown exemplary leadership and dedication in the field of Health and Fitness. Recognizing outstanding academic performance and the embodiment of health and fitness promotion and excellence.

Zoe Ballard

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.

Grace Hamilton

John Anthony Brown Scholarship in Political Science

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

Kylie Andres

Criminal Justice Top Scholar Senior Award

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

Karlee Gebhart
Jayda Rausch

Criminal Justice Top Scholar Junior Award

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

Marissa Blauch
Emily Grace Pedersen

Mark Euken Award in Psychology

Awarded to a student who shows exemplary independent scholarship in psychological studies.

Sadie Yurkovich

Andrew Frese Award

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

Khloe Taylor

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.

Deric Ellyson Dylan Johnson Tobie Teke

Ignition Program Achievement Award

Recognizes Muskingum University students who have made a significant impact in the areas of innovation and entrepreneurship and fulfilled the mission of the Ignition Program: to create an environment for the Muskingum University community where entrepreneurial ideas can become reality.

Alexandra Sheets

Marigold Marsh Social Action Award

Given to students who engage in exemplary social action or social justice activities during the academic year.

Marissa Blauch

Bill and Ruth McCauley Scholarship

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

Brielle Vernon

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.

Amaris Carpenter

Cora I. Orr Award

Given by the Psychology Department in recognition of the awardee's academic excellence and service in the department. This award is given in memory of the former Muskingum professor.

Alex Carpenter
Emilee Cary

Political Science Top Scholar Award

Awarded to a graduating senior Political Science major who has demonstrated high interest, commitment, and achievement throughout the student's course of undergraduate study.

Abigail Dickson

M. Wesley Roper Scholarship in Sociology

Awarded to outstanding Sociology students in memory of the former Muskingum University professor.

Spencer Jarrett

William Trumpeter Award in Psychology

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

Jayda Rausch

Dorothy D. Vellenga Award in Sociology

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

Rebekah Nolette

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.

Chase Crawford, Political Science

Keith Eberly

Keith R. Eberly, PhD, teaches in the Education Department and History Department at Muskingum University. In Education, he teaches courses on social studies methods as well as Educational Diversity and Educational Technology. In the History Department, he teaches the U.S. History Survey and a course on American Conspiracy Theory. His research focuses on the evolution of American liberalism through the lives and memories of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. He also studies how student preconceptions impact learning in the social studies classroom. Dr. Eberly is co-director of the John and Annie Glenn Public Service Fellows Program as well as faculty advisor to Muskingum's educational honorary, Kappa Delta Pi. When not at work, Dr. Eberly loves to play golf.

Academic Honors List

To view the Fall 2023 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>