

Georgia Highlands College
47th Annual Honors Assembly
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PROGRAM

Welcome

Dr. Don Green
President, Georgia Highlands College

Instructions

Mr. John Spranza
Director of Student Life

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Outstanding Honors Student

This award honors the outstanding student in the GHC Honors Program.

Recipient – Haydn P. McCary Turner

Honors Program Graduate

This award honors students who have completed at least three credit hours of honors work in the GHC Honors Program and are graduating this academic year.

Recipients – Laura Dearing, JoRita Perkinson, and James Shepherd

Honors Program Honors Diploma

This award honors students who have completed the Honors Program Honors Diploma, which requires at least fifteen credit hours of honors work, and are graduating this academic year.

Recipients – Amanda Lewis and Karishmaben Patel

DIVISION OF HUMANITIES

Warren Akin IV Award for Excellence in English Studies

For demonstrated excellence in writing ability and personal interest in literature; with a minimum 3.00 GPA and selected by the English faculty.

Recipients – Charlie Steinberg and Troy DelFavero

DIVISION OF MATHEMATICS

Dr. Margaret Davis Award for Mathematics

Presented annually to the student who has been outstanding in their upper-level mathematics courses during the academic year.

Recipients – Johanna Yan Maserjian and Andrew Denzel Dulaney

Outstanding Computer Science Student of the Year

Presented to the student who has achieved excellence in the study of computer science and demonstrated exceptional problem-solving skills, haven taken at minimum, the Intro to Computer Science sequence. The selected student does not have to be following the Computer Science Pathway.

Recipient – Dalton Gabriel Swanson

DIVISION OF NATURAL SCIENCE

Excellence in Biological Sciences

To recognize an outstanding student who is pursuing a career in an area of biology and demonstrates academic excellence in multiple biological sciences courses, including but limited to Principles of Biology I and II, Foundations of Biology, General Zoology, and Principles of Nutrition. Recipients must also possess a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Recipient – Karishmaben Patel

Excellence in Natural Sciences

To recognize an outstanding student who is pursuing a career in an area of science and demonstrates academic excellence in multiple science courses, including but not limited to Principles of Biology I and II, Principles of Chemistry I and II, and Physics I and II. Recipients must also possess a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Recipient – Cindy Mendoza

DIVISON OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, BUSINESS, & EDUCATION

Business Merit Award

Recognizes a student's achievement in business by having the highest average in the required Area F business courses. The student must have completed five of the six required classes and be performing well in the sixth business class if taking it during the spring semester.

Recipient – Xinia Smith-Camacho

BBA Emerging Leadership – Health Care Management Cohort

For students in the BBA-HCM program that exhibits excellence in leadership, time management, and dedication to their studies and cohort.

Recipients – Rebecca Lansdell and Lauren McKaig

BBA Emerging Leadership – Logistics and Supply Chain Management Cohort

For students in the BBA-LSCM program that exhibits excellence in leadership, time management, and dedication to their studies and cohort.

Recipients – Susan Wood and William Steven Lawson Crowe

DIVISION OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Excellence in Bedside Care

For excellence in bedside care as identified by the nursing faculty.

Recipient – Cary Morgan

Outstanding Academic Achievement in Nursing

For the highest cumulative and graduating GPA by a GHC nursing student.

Recipients – Julie Hak and Esther Van Steenberg

ACES Award

The graduating student identified by the nursing faculty as the student who most embodies the core values of the nursing program - Accountability, Caring, Excellence and Scholarship

Recipient – Leonard Carrese

Striving Towards ACES

The first-year nursing student, identified by the faculty, who has demonstrated the most advancement toward embodying the core values of the nursing program – Accountability, Caring, Excellence and Scholarship

Recipients – Alejandra Cisneros, Deborah Dobbins, Laura Mason, and Andrew Rudeseal

Outstanding Academic Achievement in RN-BSN

The recipient of this award is selected by nursing faculty for demonstrating academic excellence in the RN-BSN program.

Recipient – Nichole Johnson

Leadership Development in Nursing

The recipient of this award is selected by nursing faculty to recognize professional growth while enrolled in the RN-BSN program.

Recipient – Richard Bell

ATHLETIC AWARDS

Male Scholar Athlete

For the male student athlete that has maintained the highest GPA of at least 3 semesters by a GHC male student-athlete.

Recipient – Travis Sands

Female Scholar Athlete

For the female student athlete that has maintained the highest GPA of at least 3 semesters by a GHC female student-athlete.

Recipients – Sierrah Gani

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

Dr. Philip Dillard Achievement Award

The Dr. Philip Dillard Achievement Award honors students who, in spite of disability, are making achievements in intellectual, social and cultural endeavors or students who enhance disability awareness in the Georgia Highlands College community through such involvement as participation in campus organizations and activities and volunteer services.

Recipients – Shemetrice Matthews and Jesus Trevino

GHAME Student Achievement Award

Recognizes two first-year students in the Georgia Highlands African-American and Minority Male Excellence (GHAME) Program for demonstrating leadership, academic excellence, and dedication to the success of their fellow members.

Recipients – Maahrough Camara and Kamraun Sorhaindo

Creative Writing Club Distinguished Leadership and Service Award

Recognizing the exemplary contributions of a GHC student to the Creative Writing Club. Recipients must be an active participant in the Club, though not necessarily in an elected or appointed leadership position; develop, initiate, coordinate, and complete Club projects; demonstrate cooperative and encouraging interactions with fellow students, faculty, and staff; promote GHC and the Creative Writing Club to the GHC community and beyond; and elevate the position and heighten awareness of creative writing throughout GHC and the surrounding community.

Recipient – Anthony Troy Del Favero

Old Red Kimono Creative Writing Awards

Top three prizes are awarded for the best three poems or short stories submitted to the Old Red Kimono by current GHC students; submissions are judged by English faculty.

Recipients – 3rd Quera Lambert

2nd David Gossett

1st Emily Sharp

Old Red Kimono Art Awards

Top three prizes are awarded for the best three pieces of original artwork submitted to the Old Red Kimono by current GHC students; submissions are judged by Art faculty.

Recipients – 3rd Dunston Darius

2nd Anna Holly

1st Hayley Sirmons

Excellence in Contributions to Student Government Association

Presented to the SGA member or members that provided significant support and contributions to the Student Government Association during the current academic year. Award winners are not required to hold an executive leadership role within the SGA.

Recipients –Danielle Griesemer and Tristen Tolbert

Georgia General Assembly’s Board of Regents Academic Excellence Recognition Award

For a Georgia resident student attending a University System of Georgia institution that has demonstrated outstanding academic and scholastic achievement.

Recipient – Cindy Mendoza-Razo

All-USA Georgia Academic Team

Sponsored by USA Today, Phi Theta Kappa, and the American Association of Community Colleges, the All-USA Academic Team competition honors excellent students for academic achievement and campus involvement.

Recipients – Vanessa Cornejo, Tajera Davy, Lisa Donohue, Cindy Mendoza-Razo, Karishmaben Patel, Nicholas Whitmire.

LEADERSHIP AWARDS

GHC Emerging Leaders 2019

For students completing the GHC Emerging Leaders program during the spring semester.

Presented by Megan Simmons and Chelsea Signoret

Department of Student Life

Recipients –

Mary Ann Amaya

Tyra Buadoo

Shemetrice Davis

Laura Dearing
Aaron Green
Sarah Gupta
Gabrielle Haynes
Lamya Khateeb
Cindy Mendoza
Natalie Myers
Jason Parker
Cooper Paschal
Karishma Patel
Jacob Pirkle
Jordan Rogers
Dalton Swanson
Rachel Taylor
Tristen Tolbert
Kamraun Sorhaindo
Yocelyn Suarez
Heather Teague
Sampson Trimble
Dakota Whatley
Derrick Whitaker

Georgia Highlands College Steve Burns Service Award

For the student who has demonstrated a commitment and passion for serving others and contributing to the well-being of the community.

2018-2019 Nominees

Tajera Davy
Kamraun Sorhaindo
Charlie (Cailey) Steinberg

Recipients – Tajera Davy, Kamraun Sorhaindo

Georgia Highlands College Spirit Award

For the student who best demonstrates dedication to campus life, activity in school and community projects and promotes school spirit to fellow students, faculty and staff.

2018-2019 Nominees

Elexus (Lexii) Daniels
Danielle Griesemer
Stearlin Lewis
Cooper Paschal
Karishmaben Patel
David Smith
Dakota Whatley

Recipients - Elexus (Lexii) Daniels, Karishmaben Patel

Georgia Highlands College Leadership Award

For the student who best demonstrates the qualities of a positive leader, shows exemplary leadership on campus and in community activities while maintaining high academic standards.

2018-2019 Nominees:

Rontavious Coley
Danielle Griesemer
Marcelino Mejia-Lopez
Cindy Mendoza-Razo

Madison Mosteller
Kamraun Sorhaindo
Amadou Touray
Recipients – Danielle Griesemer, Cindy Mendoza-Razo

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. John Spranza
Director of Student Life

Thank you for attending Honors Night 2019!

SPECIAL THANKS

Department of Student Life staff: John Spranza, Clifton Puckett, Megan Simmons, and Chelsea Signoret
The Clarence Brown Conference Center staff
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All the Parents and Families of Our Students!