

Honors and Recognitions

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OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

The University recognizes students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement through:

► Celebration of University Leadership Awards Show

Each year the Office of Student Activities, Organizations and Leadership works with the Student Government Association to provide the Celebration of University Leadership Awards Show, a semiformal awards presentation designed to recognize the time, effort and service student leaders offer to the University community.

► Dean's List

Compiled and issued each semester by the school deans' offices, the Dean's List is composed of matriculated students who have at least 12 semester hours with grades of A, B or C with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for the semester. Students so honored receive a certificate and have their names entered on the Dean's List.

► Honors Convocation

Each spring semester, an Honors Convocation recognizes students who have made outstanding contributions to campus life and who have distinguished themselves academically. High-achieving students are presented with the following awards:

► Achievement Key Award

The Achievement Key Award is given by the Honors Convocation Committee of the faculty on the basis of outstanding scholarship and campus service. Junior and senior students are eligible for nomination if they have completed 18 credit hours or more during the preceding two semesters and have earned a 3.6 grade point average or higher for each of these two semesters. Students who receive the Campus Life Award may not simultaneously receive the Achievement Key Award.

► Art Department Alumni Recognition Award

This award is given to an art student or students in honor of an alumnus that the Department of Art chooses to recognize.

► Art Department Meritorious Award

Art faculty select one or more full- or part-time students who have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours at SU and have submitted a portfolio and written statements about their work or art-related achievements.

► Art Department Student Assistantship Award

This award is presented annually to rising junior or senior art major or liberal studies major who demonstrate excellence in one of the art tracks, maintains an overall grade point average of at least 3.0 or better and receives a recommendation from one of the Department of Art faculty members, or the

director of University Galleries or the dean of the Fulton School of Liberal Arts. The award is meant to assist full-time art major or liberal studies-art major pursuing a Bachelor of Art or a Bachelor of Fine Arts in art.

► Outstanding Senior Student Athletic Trainer Award

Sponsored by Peninsula Orthopedic Associates, Inc., this award is given to a graduating senior seeking certification as an athletic trainer who has shown exemplary performance in four categories: scholarship, clinical experience, extracurricular activities in athletic training and involvement in non-athletic training related extracurricular activities.

► Thomas E. Bellavance Award

The Honors Program distinguished student scholarships are awarded each year to students who have been active participants in the Bellavance Honors Program and who have maintained the highest overall grade point averages of all honors students.

► Richard Bernstein Achievement Awards for Excellence

The Richard Bernstein Achievement Awards are presented annually to outstanding students from across the University who have demonstrated entrepreneurial behavior. Selection is based on a broad set of criteria, including evidence of appreciation for American capitalism, leadership, organizational abilities, creativity, self-initiative and commitment.

► Biology Faculty Award

The Biology Faculty Award is presented annually to one or more graduating biology majors who have displayed outstanding leadership and service to the Biology Department in addition to having maintained academic excellence.

► Board of Regents Outstanding Scholar Award

This award is given in recognition of outstanding ability demonstrated by scholarly work. The recipient must be a Maryland resident of junior status, have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 and must be actively involved in the Honors Program.

► School of Business Outstanding Senior Award

Each year the Franklin P. Perdue School of Business presents awards to senior students from each major/concentration area. These non-monetary awards are based on outstanding academic performance and input from faculty in each area of concentration.

► Campus Life Award

Campus Life awards are granted by the University Honors Convocation Committee of the faculty to undergraduate students who have made outstanding contributions to campus life. Students are eligible for nomination on the basis of a 2.6 cumulative average and completion of 18 credit hours or more for the two preceding semesters. This award is limited to not more than 1 percent of the student body. Any recipient of the Achievement Key may not simultaneously receive this award.

▶ **Caruthers Memorial Fund Award**

The Caruthers Memorial Fund Award is awarded to a junior or senior education major who evidences academic scholarship, leadership skills, involvement in campus and community activities, and shows promise of becoming an outstanding teacher.

▶ **Junior Chemistry Scholar Award**

This scholarship recognizes a junior-level chemistry major for scholastic achievement and demonstrated potential for a career in chemistry.

▶ **Diana Marie Clayton Memorial Award**

This award is given in memory of Diana Marie Clayton in recognition of enthusiasm, dedication and academic performance demonstrated in the study of professional nursing.

▶ **Delmarva Chapter, Institute of Management Accountants Award**

The Institute of Management Accountants Award is an unencumbered gift to an outstanding senior in accounting and is based on academic performance, leadership, and involvement in campus and community activities.

▶ **Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Beta Chapter Award**

This award is presented by the Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society to an outstanding woman student teacher who best exemplifies the fine qualities and characteristics of the profession.

▶ **Distinguished Computer Science Student Award**

Presented annually to computer science students who have been recognized by a consensus of full-time faculty in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science for demonstrating outstanding computer science expertise.

▶ **Robert Elderdice Memorial Award**

In memory of his interest in and love of American literature, the family of Robert Elderdice has provided this annual award to a promising undergraduate English major who has expressed a special interest in pursuing the study of American literature.

▶ **Eugene D. Farace Outstanding Senior Award in Geography**

This award is presented to a graduating geography major who has achieved at least a 3.5 grade point average in geography, has given exceptional service to the department and has developed well-defined professional goals.

▶ **A.L. Fleming Memorial Fund Award**

The A.L. Fleming Memorial Fund Award is an unencumbered gift presented to an outstanding junior in the Perdue School of Business.

▶ **Fondes Outstanding Graduating Senior Nursing Award**

This award provides a meaningful memorial to Tabitha Parker Fondes. It recognizes an outstanding graduating senior nursing major who demonstrates high academic standards, clinical excellence and leadership qualities.

▶ **Fulton School of Liberal Arts Permanent Collection Award**

Monetary award given annually in recognition of an outstanding senior art student. The selected piece created by this

individual will become part of the Fulton School of Liberal Arts permanent art collection.

▶ **Geographic Society Award**

This award is given to students who have consistently displayed scholarship and interest in the study of geography. To be eligible students must have a minimum 3.25 grade point average in geography and must have completed at least 15 semester hours in this discipline. In addition, students must currently be enrolled in a geography course and hold membership in the Geographic Society.

▶ **James F. Glenn Memorial Award in Chemistry**

The James F. Glenn Memorial Award in Chemistry is presented annually by the Department of Chemistry for academic excellence and future promise in the field of chemistry.

▶ **Joanne Grant Scholarship in Theatre Award**

The Joanne Grant Scholarship in Theatre Award is given annually to two students who have demonstrated hard work, dependability and dedication to the art and craft of theatre.

▶ **Guerrieri University Center Music Major Award**

The Guerrieri University Center Music Major Award honors a degree-candidate music major who has demonstrated outstanding musicianship by exceptional recital performance and academic achievement.

▶ **Guerrieri University Center Scholar Athlete Award**

Recognizes varsity intercollegiate athletics team members who have attained a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better and who have made outstanding contributions to team leadership.

▶ **History Department Scholastic Award**

The History Department Award is presented to a graduating senior history major who has demonstrated outstanding scholastic ability and has provided substantial leadership for the many student activities sponsored by the History Department.

▶ **Khazeh Family Distinguished Senior Awards**

Awarded annually in honor of Dr. Kashi Khazeh's parents to recognize two distinguished Perdue School graduating seniors, one in finance and one in international business. The recipients must have a minimum 3.3 cumulative grade point average as well as a minimum 3.55 grade point average in all bona fide finance/international business courses already completed. They must also have demonstrated leadership roles and have been involved in extracurricular activities.

▶ **Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants Award**

This award is presented annually to a junior who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in accounting, ranking in the top 10 percent of the class, and who has evidenced leadership or involvement in campus, community and professional activities.

▶ **Department of Mathematics and Computer Science Outstanding Service Award**

The Mathematics and Computer Science Outstanding Service Award is given to a student who has been selected by consensus of the full-time faculty in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science to have done the most to promote a mathematical environment at Salisbury University.

▶ **Anne H. Matthews Memorial Award**

The Anne H. Matthews Memorial Award is presented to an education major in the junior class who shows promise of becoming a highly successful teacher.

▶ **Most Promising Mathematician Award**

The Most Promising Mathematician Award is presented annually to math majors who have a 3.0 grade point average or higher and who have been judged by a consensus of full-time faculty in the department to show the most promise in mathematics.

▶ **Department of Music Award**

This award is presented to a music or music education senior degree candidate who demonstrates musicianship through some outstanding performance contribution, superior academic achievement, and exemplification of superior personality and character traits.

▶ **National Dance Association Award**

This award is given each year to an outstanding dance minor who demonstrates scholarship, participation, and leadership in dance. To be eligible, a student must possess a 3.0 overall grade point average and a 3.3 grade point average in dance courses, have completed at least 15 semester hours in the discipline, be currently enrolled in a dance course, and hold membership in the SU Dance Company.

▶ **Duane C. Nichols Memorial Scholarship Award**

The Duane C. Nichols Memorial Scholarship Award is awarded to the graduating senior English major earning the highest honors in the discipline.

▶ **Outstanding Foreign Language Student Award**

Presented to a graduating senior who has taken classes in at least two languages, who has shown academic excellence and who has actively participated in extra-curricular activities in the department.

▶ **Sallie Dryden Parker Memorial Award**

The Sallie Dryden Parker Memorial Award is given for outstanding performance in film studies or for general contributions to the development of film consciousness on campus and in the Salisbury community.

▶ **Philosophy Department Outstanding Student Award**

An award for excellence in philosophy is given each year to a student who has consistently demonstrated both the ability to master philosophical ideas and the willingness to engage in the kind of thoughtful reflection which the Philosophy Department seeks to foster.

▶ **Physical Education Excellence Award**

The Physical Education Excellence Award is given to a junior or senior physical education major who has a minimum overall grade point average of 3.2, shows leadership ability and is committed to a career in physical education.

▶ **Excellence in Physics Award**

Given to outstanding seniors who have demonstrated a high level of general academic achievement and excellence in physics.

▶ **Pi Gamma Mu Award**

Awarded to the graduating senior or seniors who have maintained a grade point average in the social sciences of at least 3.1 and have been active in the local chapter of Pi

Gamma Mu and in regional or national Pi Gamma Mu functions or conferences.

▶ **Psychology Department Award**

This award is presented annually for academic achievement and outstanding contributions to the Psychology Department.

▶ **E. Pauline Riall Achievement Award**

The E. Pauline Riall Achievement Award is presented annually by the School of Education and Professional Studies to an outstanding education major as selected by a faculty committee.

▶ **Salisbury Rotary International Club Award**

The Salisbury Rotary International Club awards are presented to students in the Perdue School of Business who have demonstrated outstanding ability. Selection is based on resident status, academic performance and financial need.

▶ **John and Mary-Claire Roth Honors Thesis Prize**

The John and Mary-Claire Roth Honors Thesis Prize is awarded annually to the Thomas E. Bellavance Honors Program student who is judged to have written the best honors thesis in the current year's graduating class.

▶ **Justin Y. Shen Memorial Award**

This award is given in honor of Dr. Shen's selfless efforts on behalf of the University, the community and the scholarly world. To qualify for this award students must be of junior or senior class rank, political science majors, possess a 3.0 overall grade point average and a 3.25 grade point average in political science courses, and demonstrate leadership ability and a commitment to a career in politics or government.

▶ **Social Work Student of the Year Award**

The Social Work Student of the Year Award is based upon academic achievement, leadership and service to the University and community.

▶ **Leland Starnes Memorial Award**

This award is granted to a new student whose work in theatre has demonstrated promise in growth as an artist, whose pursuit of excellence is foremost and whose habits reflect professionalism. It is given as an academic memorial in honor of Dr. Leland Starnes who during the last eight years of his life firmly established the reputation of Salisbury University for quality theatre.

▶ **Walter C. Thurston Memorial Award**

The Walter C. Thurston Memorial Award is sponsored annually by the Salisbury Exchange Club for a full-time art major who has completed a minimum of three photography courses at SU with a "B" average. The Art Department faculty reviews all applicant portfolios and written comments of those students whose careers will involve photography in some manner.

▶ **Undergraduate Nursing Achievement Award**

These awards are presented to the graduating seniors with the highest grade point averages. When a significant proportion of the class is comprised of registered nurse students, an additional award is given to the registered nurse student with the highest grade point average.

▶ **Wall Street Journal Achievement Award**

The Wall Street Journal Achievement Award is presented annually to a junior in the Perdue School of Business who has demonstrated outstanding student achievement.

► Wilcomb E. Washburn Student Prize in History

This prize is presented annually at convocation by the Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture to a full-time student of junior or senior class rank who has demonstrated superior primary research competence on a topic concerned with Delmarva history. Applicants will have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and will have used the Nabb Research Center in their research.

► Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges has a half-century tradition as one of the most highly regarded and long-standing honors in the nation for upper-class and graduate students.

Currently Who's Who awards are given annually at 1,000 higher education institutions in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Criteria used by the selection committee include scholarship, participation and leadership in academic, community, athletics and extracurricular activities.

ACADEMIC HONOR SOCIETIES

► Alpha Sigma Lambda

Alpha Sigma Lambda, established in 1992, is the honor society for adult learners. According to national guidelines, invitation to ASL is based on academic performance, age 25 years or older, four semester part-time and two semester full-time residency at SU and completion of 30 credit hours (15 of which must be outside a student's major). Eligible students are notified each spring semester.

► Beta Alpha Psi

As the premier professional business and financial information fraternity, Beta Alpha Psi recognizes academic excellence and complements members' formal education by providing interaction among students, faculty and professionals, and fosters life-long growth, service and ethical conduct. Scholars in these fields are recognized by achieving a 3.0 overall grade point average.

► Beta Beta Beta

The purpose of Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society is to function as an honor and professional society for students of the biological sciences. Its activities shall be designed to stimulate interest, scholarly attainment and investigation in the biological sciences and to promote the dissemination of information and new interpretations among students of the life sciences.

► Beta Gamma Sigma

The mission of Beta Gamma Sigma is to encourage and honor academic achievement and personal excellence in the study and practice of business. It is the only scholastic honor society recognized by the International Association of Management Education (AACSB). Membership is open to both M.B.A. students and undergraduate students with a major in accounting, business administration or management information systems who are tapped by the Perdue School of Business. To be tapped, undergraduate students in their junior year must be in the top 7 percent of their class or seniors in the top 10 percent of their class. M.B.A. students must be in the top 20 percent of their class. Of approximately 300,000 students receiving M.B.A. accounting, business administration

or management information systems degrees nationally in any given year, approximately 15,000 are tapped for membership in Beta Gamma Sigma.

► Gamma Theta Upsilon

The Zeta Eta chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon, an international honor society in geography, was established at SU in 1980 to recognize scholarly achievement and to foster professional growth and geographic research. Junior or senior geography majors are eligible for membership by completing at least 18 credit hours of geography with a minimum grade point average of 3.25 and an overall grade point average of 3.0. Notification of eligibility is given by the organization to prospective members.

► Honors Student Association

The purpose of the Honors Student Association is to provide students with cultural, intellectual and social activities outside of the classroom setting and to promote community service. The group also serves as a liaison between students enrolled in the Bellavance Honors Program and the Honors Program Committee. It makes recommendations for honors course offerings and advises the committee on matters relating to program requirements and changes.

► Kappa Delta Pi

The Rho Eta chapter of Kappa Delta Pi promotes excellence in and recognizes outstanding contributions to education. This honor society endeavors to maintain a high degree of professional fellowship and growth among its members. Qualifications for membership are academic achievement and leadership in education.

► Lambda Beta Honor Society for Respiratory Care

The Lambda Beta Honor Society for Respiratory Care at SU was formed to bring together those who are interested in a career in respiratory care. The purpose of the honor society is to promote, recognize and honor scholarship, achievement, service and character of students, graduates and faculty members of the SU Respiratory Therapy Program. Junior and senior student members are available to mentor those wishing to pursue a career in respiratory care. Students will be invited to become members of the SU chapter of Lambda Beta after completing the first semester as a respiratory major with a GPA of 3.0. Students in the top 25 percent of their class will be inducted into the national level of Lambda Beta during the spring semester of their senior year.

► Lambda Iota Tau

Lambda Iota Tau is an honor society designed to recognize English majors who have achieved scholastic excellence. The Delta Psi chapter of Lambda Iota Tau was chartered in July 1976 and has inducted members every year since. To qualify, English majors must earn 55 or more credit hours at SU, attain at least a 3.1 grade point average in 12 or more hours of literature a English, and maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average. Those majors meeting such qualifications will be invited to submit initiation papers. Those whose papers meet chapter standards will become members of Lambda Iota Tau.

► Lambda Pi Eta

Lambda Pi Eta is the official undergraduate communications honor society of the National Communication Association. Its purpose is to recognize, foster and reward outstanding scholastic achievement, stimulate interest in the field of communication studies, and to promote and encourage professional development among communication majors.

► Omicron Delta Kappa

Omicron Delta Kappa is a national leadership honor society for college students that recognize and encourage superior scholarship, leadership, and exemplary character. The society also recognizes achievement in athletics, campus or community service, social and religious activities, speech and the mass media and the creative and performing arts.

► Phi Alpha

The Chi Eta chapter of the social work honor society encourages high scholastic attainment, provides a closer bond among students of social work and promotes humanitarian goals and ideas.

► Phi Alpha Theta

The Eta Iota chapter of Phi Alpha Theta international honor society in history was established in 1959 to serve the needs of those students who have maintained a high scholastic average and who are interested in the further study and teaching of history. Membership is restricted to juniors and seniors. Notification of eligibility is given by the organization.

► Phi Epsilon Kappa

The Epsilon Theta chapter of the Phi Epsilon Kappa Physical Education Honors Fraternity is an organization dedicated to improve the recognition of physical education and interests of the profession in an academic community.

► Phi Eta Sigma

Phi Eta Sigma is a national honor society whose goal is to encourage and reward academic excellence among freshmen in institutions of higher learning. Freshmen are invited to join if their cumulative grade point average at the end of the fall or spring semester of their first year is 3.5 or higher. Membership is recognition of personal accomplishment and serves as an incentive for continued high scholarship. It provides members the opportunity to meet freshmen scholars from all academic disciplines and to join them in promoting academic excellence. Members may apply for scholarships available from national and local chapters.

► Phi Kappa Phi

Phi Kappa Phi is an international honor society with a local chapter on the SU campus. It fosters and recognizes outstanding scholarship in students from all areas of instruction. It is the only honor society which moves across the lines that traditionally separate the diverse academic disciplines. Juniors and seniors invited to membership must rank in the upper brackets of their graduating class. Those eligible for induction are notified during the academic year.

► Phi Sigma Tau

The Maryland Zeta chapter of Phi Sigma Tau, an international honor society in philosophy, considers its organization instrumental in the day-to-day existence of the University. It serves as a means for developing and honoring academic excellence as well as philosophical interest. In addition to providing a means of awarding distinction to students having high scholarship and interest in philosophy, the society also promotes interest in philosophy among the general collegiate public. The society gives notification of eligibility.

► Pi Gamma Mu

Pi Gamma Mu is an international honor society in the social sciences. To qualify for membership, a student must be a junior, senior or graduate student in the upper 35 percent of the class; have at least 20 semester hours in one or more of the five core areas (economics, history, international relations, political science, sociology/anthropology) and in some other social science disciplines such as social psychology, criminal justice or human geography; and have a GPA of a B or better. Membership and leadership in the collegiate chapter are shared equally between faculty and students. Pi Gamma Mu gives recognition to good scholarship and actively promotes it all year long through enriching activities, service projects, a scholarship program and a lectureship program.

► Pi Sigma Alpha

The Pi Xi chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, a national honor society in political science, was established in 1987 to recognize the scholarly achievement of outstanding political science students. To qualify for membership, a student must complete 18 hours of political science courses, be a junior or senior, have a 3.0 overall grade point average and have a 3.25 grade point average in political science courses.

► Psi Chi

Psi Chi, a national honor society in psychology, was founded in 1929. The Salisbury chapter was established in 1974 to advance the science of psychology and to encourage, stimulate and maintain scholarship of its members in all fields, particularly psychology. The requirements for membership in Psi Chi start with the completion of 12 semester hours in psychology and satisfying grade point requirements.

► Sigma Delta Pi

Sigma Delta Pi is the largest foreign language honor society in existence and is accredited by the Association of College Honor Societies. To become a member, a student must have completed three years of college-level Spanish, including at least three semester hours in Hispanic literature or Hispanic culture with a minimal grade point average of 3.0 in all Spanish courses and a cumulative grade point average of 3.0.

► Sigma Iota Epsilon

Sigma Iota Epsilon is a national honorary and professional fraternity affiliated with the Academy of Management. The Epsilon Pi chapter recognizes achievement in management scholarship and professional development. Scholars majoring in a management field are recognized by achieving a 3.3 overall grade point average. Professional recognition can be achieved through a combination of management study, development activities approved by the chapter and grade point average./

► Sigma Theta Tau

Sigma Theta Tau, the international nursing honor society, recognizes excellence in scholarship, leadership and research in nursing. To qualify for membership in SU's Lambda Eta chapter, an undergraduate student must have completed one-half of the nursing curriculum, rank in the upper 35 percent of the graduating class and demonstrate potential for or achievement in nursing leadership. A graduate student is required to have a 3.5 GPA, to have completed one-fourth of the program of study and have potential for leadership in the nursing profession.