

Senior Awards

CHARLES A. DANA AWARD

The highest honor bestowed upon students in their first year, the Charles A. Dana Award recognizes extraordinary leadership potential, academic excellence, and service to the College community. At the end of their first year, twenty students are distinguished with this honor, based upon nominations from the faculty and students. Dana Scholars hold the honor throughout their college careers:

Julia Miller Bedell
Jared Bok
Leah Hannah Carr
Thomas Pierce Chapman
Rachel Paxton Eades
Robert Sydney Friedlander
Emily Sarah Grady
Nicole Fran Kahn
Emaan Karamatullah
Sartaj Ahmed Khan Mojlish
Ryan Elman Langendorf
Ramona Lapadus
Elizabeth Anne Leberman
Bradley Thomas McGraw
Kathryn Amy Moraros
Matthew Bryant Reynolds
Scott Michael Sinisgalli
Lixin Tang
Kevin Jacob Thorson

THE COLLEGE KEY

Formed in 1992 by merger of the College Club, a men's graduate organization founded in 1891, and the Bates Key, an honorary alumnae organization established in 1936. Members are selected by alumni members of the organization on the basis of academic standing, character, campus and community service, leadership, and future promise. The College Key renders service to current and future students of the College by awarding annual scholarships, endowing two scholarship funds, and providing assistance for special projects of benefit to the College community. Elected to the College Key are:

Mariam Laura Alam
Charlotte Danielle Brill
Rebecca Mary Chacko
Kevin Chambers
Kate Margaret Doria
Vantiel Elizabeth Duncan
Elise Rianne Edmonson

Nina Therese Emmi
Christine Michelle Grover
Marshall Elijah Hatch Jr.
Jennifer Susan Lee
William Vienne Loopesko
Jean Marie McIntyre
Richard Conrad McNeil
Gina Francesca Petracca
Anthony Andrew Phillips
Emily Baxter Pressman
Molly Emma Radis
Abigail Webb Samuelson
Sarah DeLong Simpkins
Scott Michael Sinisgalli
Kevin Jacob Thorson

THE LELAND AND CLAUDINA BECHTEL AWARD

Awarded annually to the psychology students who have given significant community service to a local nonprofit agency:

Whitney Catherine Harrison
Kate Jesse Riser

THE DRAKE R. BRADLEY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Established in 2005 by Drake R. Bradley, Professor of Psychology from 1973 to 2003, this award recognizes the graduating senior whose research thesis is deemed to be the most promising by a committee of the faculty. Nominated students must have attained the highest level of excellence in their senior research, resulting in a thesis with a substantial likelihood of being published:

Joshua Abram Linscott

THE DRAKE R. BRADLEY AWARD IN STATISTICS

This award, established by J. Michael Chu '80, honors Drake R. Bradley, who served the College and the Department of Psychology as a faculty member from 1973 to 2003. The award is given to the graduating senior whose thesis or senior project best exemplifies the use of statistical techniques and methodology to address research questions in the student's major, or best illustrates the use of analytical or empirical methods to investigate theoretical issues in applied statistics:

Jenna Lynn Finegold

THE RALPH J. CHANCES ECONOMICS PRIZE

Awarded annually to an outstanding senior economics major by the faculty in economics, on the basis of high academic achievement and interest in the field of economics. Given in honor of Professor Ralph J. Chances, a member of the faculty from 1958 to 1988, by faculty and alumni of the College:

Ramona Lapadus

THE GEOFFREY P. CHARDE ART AWARD

Awarded annually by the art history faculty to the seniors who best exemplify great promise and a continually developing interest in the study of art history. Given by the family and friends of Geoffrey P. Charde, Class of 1988, as a memorial to Geoffrey, an art student who died in 1987 while still an undergraduate at the College:

Emily Kathryn Monty
Andrea Heaton Svigals

COLLEGE KEY MUSIC AWARD

An annual award to the senior men or women whose services to the musical organizations have been most outstanding:

Anna Frances Ekström Chase
Christopher David Ray
Benjamin Keeler Smeltzer
Phoebe Ackart Uricchio

WILLIAM H. DUNHAM SR. LITERARY AWARD

A prize for one or more graduating senior English majors who have displayed excellence in the study of English or American literature, with preference for a student with an interest in and talent for creative writing. Given in honor of William H. Dunham, Class of 1932, member of the Board of Overseers, 1944 to 1967, and Board of Fellows, 1968 to 1979, by his wife, Mary Elizabeth Dunham, their children, Stella D. Lydon, Thomas B. Dunham, Mary Ann Dunham, William H. Dunham Jr., Class of 1963, and their grandchildren:

Sarah DeLong Simpkins

**HAROLD NORRIS GOODSPEED JR.,
CLASS OF 1940, AWARD**

Presented annually to the male student who, during the academic year, renders the greatest measure of service to the Outing Club and its activities:

William Vienne Loopesko

**THE ANDREW HAMIL,
CLASS OF 2005, THESIS PRIZE IN
ANTHROPOLOGY**

Awarded annually to one or more graduating seniors who, by vote of the faculty of the Department of Anthropology, have demonstrated exceptional achievement in the senior thesis. Funded by an endowment established by Oliver L. Hamill P'05:

Julia Suzanne Caffrey
Nathalie Cope Woolworth

**THE WILLIAM HENRY
HARTSHORN,
CLASS OF 1866, AWARD**

To be given annually at Commencement to the member of the senior class who attains the highest average rank in English literature during his or her junior and senior years. In memory of William Henry Hartshorn, for thirty-seven years a member of the faculty:

Vasey Louise Coman
Regina Marie Tavani

THE DALE HATCH AWARD

Given to a senior to honor outstanding leadership in and service to the Robinson Players:

Kathryn Amy Moraros

**THE LOUIS JORDAN JR.,
CLASS OF 1949, AWARD**

Awarded to the graduating geology major whose senior thesis is judged most outstanding by the chair of the Department of Geology:

Laura Naman Poppick

**THE CHRISTOPHER M. LACONI,
CLASS OF 2005, DEBATE AWARD**

Given by David and Eileen Laconi in honor of their son, Christopher Laconi '05. This award honors a graduating senior who, through grace, style, and skill, has demonstrated outstanding eloquence in public debate:

Ariela Rachel Silberstein

**THE MILTON L. LINDHOLM
SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARDS**

Awarded annually to the senior male and female athletes with the highest academic averages. Established by the College Club in honor of Milton L. Lindholm, Class of 1935, Dean of Admissions for thirty-two years:

Rachel Paxton Eades
Robert Sydney Friedlander

**THE R. A. F. McDONALD
GRADUATE AWARD**

For a worthy senior to be used toward graduate study in the field of education. Given by Mabel C. McDonald in memory of her husband, Robert A. F. McDonald, a member of the faculty from 1915 to 1948:

Christine Elizabeth Zink

**THE ROBERT S. MOYER
AWARD FOR PREVENTION OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Given by Catherine A. Lee in honor of her husband, Robert S. Moyer, a member of the psychology faculty for thirty-two years, this award supports work by a Bates student related to the prevention of domestic violence:

Phoebe Ackart Uricchio

**ROBERT S. MOYER PRIZE
IN EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY**

Awarded annually to the graduating senior who, by vote of the faculty of the Department of Psychology, has completed the most outstanding experimental psychology project for a senior thesis. Funded by an endowment established by Catherine A. Lee in honor of her husband, a member of the psychology faculty for thirty-two years:

Katherine Downing Reilly

**THE ERNEST P. MULLER PRIZE
IN HISTORY**

For the graduating history major whose senior thesis is judged most outstanding by vote of the history faculty. The prize is established by history faculty and students in recognition of Professor Ernest P. Muller's thirty-eight years of teaching and service to the Department of History and to the College:

Elizabeth Anne Leberman

THE MYHRMAN / SWETT AWARD

Awarded annually to one or more graduating seniors whose theses in sociology are deemed the most outstanding by vote of the faculty of the Department of Sociology. Established by Richard Swett in honor of his parents, Robert B. Swett, Class of 1933, and Muriel Beckman Swett, Class of 1930; his aunt, Mildred Beckman Myhrman, Class of 1930; and his uncle, Anders Myhrman:

Jared Bok
Rachel Paxton Eades

**THE HENRY W. AND RAYMOND S.
OAKES FELLOWSHIP**

Awarded to one or more of the best-qualified seniors who at graduation intend to continue their education in the study of law. In addition to demonstrating superior scholarship and an aptitude for success at law school, the recipient should be accomplished in public speaking and/or communication skills. Established by Raymond Sylvester Oakes, Class of 1909, in memory of his father, Henry Walter Oakes, of the Class of 1877, a member of the Board of Overseers for thirty-four years:

Spencer Brook Holland

**SCOTT PEURA MEMORIAL PRIZE
IN CHEMISTRY**

Awarded annually to a graduating senior working in chemistry who exemplifies the scholar-athlete qualities that Scott Peura, Class of 1990, embodied. The award is made by faculty members in the Department of Chemistry, who give preference to graduating chemistry majors who have, during their years at Bates, balanced academic achievement, thesis research, and participation in varsity athletics:

Ngoc Hong Pham

MARCY PLAVIN DANCE AWARD

Awarded annually to the seniors who have shown exceptional dedication to and passion for dance. Created in 2000 by the alumni of the Bates College Modern Dance Company to honor their friend and mentor, Marcy Plavin, Lecturer Emerita in Dance and founding director of the dance program:

Gina Francesca Petracca
Katherine Downing Reilly
Marlena Ruth Weinberg

**THE WILLIAM HAYES SAWYER JR.,
CLASS OF 1913, AWARD**

An award to a senior woman who has rendered outstanding service to the Outing Club:

JeanMarie Elizabeth Gossard

THE SENSENEY MEMORIAL AWARD

To the student or students who have shown outstanding creative ability and promise in writing and/or the dramatic arts. Created by the friends of William Stewart Senesey, Class of 1949, a member of the Robinson Players:

Caroline Anne-Jacqueline Servat

THE ABIGAIL SMITH AWARD

Awarded in honor of Abigail Smith, dormitory director from 1953 to 1957, to the senior man and the senior woman, not resident coordinators, who have done the most to contribute constructively to dormitory spirit:

Avery Elizabeth Masters
Jeffrey Carlton Roeser

**THE STANGLE AWARD
IN ECONOMICS**

Awarded to the graduating economics major whose senior thesis is judged most outstanding by vote of the faculty in the Department of Economics. This award is funded by an endowment established by Bruce E. Stangle, Class of 1970, and Emily J. Stangle, Class of 1972:

Lixin Tang
Tram Ngoc Bich Nguyen

**THE WILLIAM STRINGFELLOW
AWARD**

In honor of the witness and legacy of William Stringfellow '49, the Office of the Multifaith Chaplain annually recognizes the achievements of a student whose life and work has been dedicated to the promotion of peace and justice. Award winners are distinguished by their courageous and sustained commitment to redressing the systemic, root causes of violence and social injustice and their dedication to engaging and opposing "the powers and principalities" of this world:

Kate Margaret Doria

**THE JOHN TAGLIABUE PRIZE FOR
CREATIVE WRITING**

This prize, named in honor of poet and professor emeritus John Tagliabue, who served the College for more than thirty years, honors excellence in creative writing. First awarded in 2003, the prize is given to a student or students whose work in poetry or prose is judged the most outstanding by faculty in the Department of English:

Rebecca Mary Chacko
Chad Demgen Frisbie

TECHNOS INTERNATIONAL PRIZE

Awarded to a graduating senior who has shown outstanding academic performance and a commitment to the cause of international understanding:

Emily Baxter Pressman

**THE TWENTIETH-ANNIVERSARY
AWARD IN WOMEN AND
GENDER STUDIES**

Awarded annually in recognition of exceptional achievement in women and gender studies, as determined by the faculty Committee on Women and Gender Studies. Established through the generous contributions of Bates graduates and their families, the award honors the twentieth anniversary of the program's founding at the College:

Alicia Ashley Gilman

**PERCY D. WILKINS
MATHEMATICS AWARD**

In honor of Professor Percy D. Wilkins, a member of the Bates faculty from 1927 to 1968. Awarded each year to a senior majoring in mathematics who has achieved the highest rank in studies undertaken in mathematics:

Lixin Tang

**WILLIAMS FAMILY PRIZE
IN POPULATION OR
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

Established by the family, friends, and colleagues of Anne D. Williams, Professor Emerita of Economics, in recognition of her service to the economics department and the College from 1981 to 2008. The prize recognizes a junior or senior for outstanding original research in population or environmental studies:

Carlos Challen Willemse

THE ALFRED J. WRIGHT

FOREIGN LANGUAGE AWARD

Given annually to one or more seniors who have completed outstanding theses in a foreign language, from a fund endowed by Professor Alfred J. Wright, a member of the faculty from 1956 to 1984. The seniors are chosen by a committee of foreign-language faculty:

Julia Suzanne Caffrey

PHI BETA KAPPA

The following seniors have been elected to membership in the Gamma of Maine Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, oldest Greek letter society in the United States, and the organization widely recognized as conferring on the national level the highest undergraduate academic honors:

Julia Miller Bedell

Sara Rebecca Beneman

Maxwell Magnus-Der Berger

Jared Bok

Charlotte Danielle Brill

William James Brunquell

Julia Suzanne Caffrey

Anne Lewis Carlton

Leah Hannah Carr

Cora Diana Chisholm

Alexandra B. Disney

Rachel Paxton Eades

Jenna Lynn Finegold

Robert Sydney Friedlander

Briana Mary Arete Gerrish

Alicia Ashley Gilman

Lily Horwitz Gordon

Emily Sarah Grady

Whitney Catherine Harrison

Spencer Brook Holland

Zachary Everett Jylkka

Amy Catherine Keneally

Madison Korinne Kilbride

Rebecca Hillary Lange

Ryan Elman Langendorf

Ramona Lapadus

Elizabeth Anne Leberman

Peter Benson Linsley

Matthew George Marienthal

Bradley Thomas McGraw

Jean Marie McIntyre

Caitlin Elizabeth McKitrick

Emily Kathryn Monty

Tram Ngoc Bich Nguyen

Chiara Marta Passerini

Marilla Christine Pender-Cudlip
Laura Naman Poppick
Emily Baxter Pressman
Baijing Qin
Molly Emma Radis
Katherine Downing Reilly
Michael Jeremy Reiss
Matthew Bryant Reynolds
David Shalleck-Klein
Benjamin Andrew Shasha
Ariela Rachel Silberstein
Michelle Claire Silverman
Scott Michael Sinigalli
Lana Yalyn Smithner
Luke Collier Strathmann
Conor Blair Sullivan
Lixin Tang
Regina Marie Tavani
Kevin Jacob Thorson
Catherine Ann Wilson
Nathalie Cope Woolworth

SIGMA XI

In recognition of their independent research accomplishments, the following seniors have been nominated to membership in the Southern Maine Club of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society, a North American honor society founded in 1886 to reward excellence in scientific research and to encourage interaction among scientists in all fields:

Mariam Laura Alam
John Thomas Berry
John Hodgetts Bladon
Anne Lewis Carlton
Leah Hannah Carr
Elizabeth Pearce Casline
Carlos Francisco Castro
Mayur Mahesh Contractor
Elizabeth L. Dengler
Harita Dharaneeswaran
Alexandra B. Disney
Alyeska Untalan Fiorillo
James Patrick Gardner
Philip Greengard
Elyse Victoria Judice
Lina Kong Win Chang
Emily Danika Kuehn
Elise Kathleen Lang
Rebecca Hillary Lange
Ryan Elman Langendorf
Joshua Abram Linscott
William Vienne Loopesko
Jean Marie McIntyre
Jeremy Anderson Muench
Adam Bradford Nielson

Nola Joy Palombo
Marilla Christine Pender-Cudlip
Laura Naman Poppick
Baijing Qin
Hannah Jean Roebuck
Jeffrey Carlton Roeser
Daniel Oliver Roop
Lindsey Marie Scherer
Kurt William Schuler
Lauren Paige Shapiro
Lauren Elizabeth Slipp
Lixin Tang
Helena Shaelyn Turner
Carlos Challen Willemsen
Julia Trainor Wilson
Alexia Yaya Zhang

BATES SCHOLAR-ATHLETE SOCIETY

The Bates Scholar-Athlete Society honors graduating seniors who have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or have received special nomination from the faculty for outstanding academic achievement in their junior and senior years, and who have participated in a varsity sport for a minimum of three years:

Katherine Allison Bash
Maxwell Magnus-Der Berger
Carlos Francisco Castro
Brandon Stirling Cooper
Nicolas Gibson DeFrancis
Molly Clark Dilworth
Danica Anne Doroski
Katelyn Elizabeth Drake
Rachel Paxton Eades
Robert Sydney Friedlander
Lily Horwitz Gordon
James Constantine Grant
Jean Crocker Gulliver
Connor Donovan Hogan
Brittany Jane Johnston
Glenn Gray Kelly
Sarah Kristine Kwoh
Hannah Magee Laverty
Elizabeth Anne Leberman
Joshua Abram Linscott
Peter Hill Litwin
Alexander Donald MacNaughton
Kush Mahan
Avery Elizabeth Masters
Jean Marie McIntyre
Ngoc Hong Pham
Molly Emma Radis
Sarah Bolan Reingold
Michael Jeremy Reiss
Nicholas Charles Sampson

Abigail Webb Samuelson
Benjamin Keeler Smeltzer
Griffin Charles Stabler
Luke Collier Strathmann
Lindsay Sanders Thomson

DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

Awarded each year to those qualified members of the senior class who undertake and satisfactorily complete a program of independent study within their major program or department:

*Indicates a joint thesis

Mariam Laura Alam
Honors in Interdisciplinary Studies

Brianna Rose Bakow
Honors in Psychology

Julia Miller Bedell
Honors in Religion

Alison Jesse Blanksteen
Honors in Politics

Jared Bok
Honors in Religion

Charlotte Danielle Brill
Honors in Psychology

Natalie Ruth Brown
Honors in Interdisciplinary Studies

William James Brunnquell
Honors in History

Barbara Lee Byers
Honors in Interdisciplinary Studies

Julia Suzanne Caffrey*
Honors in Anthropology
Honors in East Asian Studies

Anne Lewis Carlton
Honors in Biology

Leah Hannah Carr
Honors in Neuroscience

Jessica Marie Carroll
Honors in French

Vasey Louise Coman
Honors in English

Mayur Mahesh Contractor
Honors in Neuroscience

Peter Benson Linsley
Honors in Religion

Molly Emma Radis
Honors in Psychology

Molly Clark Dilworth
Honors in American Cultural Studies

William Vienne Loopesko
Honors in Geology

Katherine Downing Reilly
Honors in Psychology

Rachel Paxton Eades
Honors in Sociology

George Alistair MacDonald
Honors in Music

Sarina Simon Rosenthal
Honors in Politics

Kate Blum Eisenpress
Honors in Rhetoric

Abby Ross Mays
Honors in Sociology

Zoe Elizabeth Rosenthal
Honors in Politics

James Patrick Gardner
Honors in Geology

Jean Marie McIntyre*
Honors in Mathematics
Honors in Physics

Elisabeth Huntington Russell
Honors in Spanish

Alicia Ashley Gilman
Honors in Women and Gender Studies

Caitlin Elizabeth McKittrick
Honors in Anthropology

Matthew Sean Ryan
Honors in Music

Eleanor Christie Gourley
Honors in Politics

Alberto Sella Means
Honors in Politics

Caroline Anne-Jacqueline Servat
Honors in Theater

Emily Sarah Grady
Honors in Environmental Studies

Alix Elizabeth Melamed
Honors in Sociology

David Shalleck-Klein
Honors in Politics

Spencer Brook Holland
Honors in Politics

Emily Kathryn Monty
Honors in Art and Visual Culture

Ariela Rachel Silberstein
Honors in History

Alexandra Elizabeth Howard
Honors in Rhetoric

William Robert Eberhard Mortimer
Honors in Sociology

Michelle Claire Silverman
Honors in Psychology

Alexandra Emily Israel
Honors in Art and Visual Culture

Alyssa Danielle Pagano
Honors in English

Scott Michael Sinisgalli
Honors in Interdisciplinary Studies

Mark Haynes Johnston
Honors in Rhetoric

Marilla Christine Pender-Cudlip
Honors in Chemistry

Lana Yalyn Smithner
Honors in Theater

Amanda Marnell Kesselman
Honors in English

Gina Francesca Petracca
Honors in Psychology

Lixin Tang
Honors in Economics

Madison Korinne Kilbride
Honors in Philosophy

Ngoc Hong Pham
Honors in Biological Chemistry

Lindsay Sanders Thomson
Honors in Rhetoric

Margaret Henrietta Koerber
Honors in Theater

Anthony Andrew Phillips
Honors in African American Studies

Marielle Provost Vigneau-Britt
Honors in Theater

Rachel Lillian Laaff
Honors in History

Laura Naman Poppick
Honors in Geology

Elizabeth Tudor Weidner
Honors in Art and Visual Culture

Elizabeth Anne Leberman
Honors in History

Evan Charles Procknow
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