



HONORS CONVOCATION
CEREMONY

2005-06

April 25, 2006 ~ Coffman Chapel

P R O G R A M

Opening Remarks

President Ronald J. Volpe, Ph.D.

Student Awards

Provost and Dean of the Faculty Robert N. Funk, Ph.D.

Faculty and Staff Awards

President Volpe

Mortar Board Awards

Alison Rohrer '06

Student Government Association Academic Affairs Award

Vivian Chao '07

Closing Remarks

Light refreshments will be served outside by the Chapel steps.

HONORS CONVOCATION CEREMONY 2005-06

DEPARTMENT OF ART

THE ART DEPARTMENT FACULTY AWARD is presented to an outstanding senior art major. The faculty of the art department has presented this award for over 20 years. This year's recipient is Christine B. Conyers.

Christine, a graduating senior from Middletown, Md., is double majoring in law and society and art with a concentration in archaeology. A native of Scotland, Christine is a tireless worker; she has participated in the Public Leadership Education Network's Women in International Policy Seminar and conducted an internship in archaeology at R. Christopher Goodwin and Associates in Frederick. Next year, Christine is planning to pursue a law degree or master's degree in public policy, or both.

THE MARY ELLEN RANDOLPH PRIZE, named in memory of Associate Professor Emerita Mary Ellen Randolph, is awarded to an art major demonstrating equal proficiency in and enthusiasm for art history and the studio arts. Professor Mary Ellen Randolph retired in 1989 after 29 years of service to the College. Miss Randolph continued to participate in the life of the Hood community until her death in October 2005. Because she taught both studio art and art history, the award recognizes students who have demonstrated talent in both fields. The prize is awarded to Christina L. Bariatti.

Christy, a graduating senior from Myersville, Md., is majoring in art with a minor in studio art. She is presently the president of the Art Club and works for the Baltimore-based Art with a Heart, Inc., a non-profit organization that offers art-based, hands-on activities to families and individuals with disadvantages and disabilities. In line with this experience, Christy plans to pursue an M.A. in art therapy.

THE ANNA LOUISE REMSEN PRIZE is awarded to that member of the junior or senior class who maintains a high standard of work in fine and applied art. This prize was established in 1948 as a memorial to Anna Louise Remsen, Class of 1933, and is endowed by Anna's sister, Mrs. Edwin Richardson; her stepmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Remsen; and her friend, Ms. Hildegard Liebich. The prize is shared this year by Jenifer Michael Hess Webber and Jessica M. Taylor.

Michael, a junior from Laurel, Md., is majoring in art with a concentration in archaeology. She spent the summer of 2005 with Dr. Genevieve Gessert at Ostia Antica in Italy, putting her artistic skills to work on an archaeological project, and hopes to return to Italy soon.

Jessica is from Columbia, Md. She graduated from Hood with a bachelor's degree in psychology in 2005 and has returned to pursue a second bachelor's degree in art with a concentration in studio art. She plans to become an art therapist. Her senior exhibition, "Cutting between the Layers," which uses both pastel drawings and ceramic sculpture to depict skin markings, is on display in the Hodson Gallery through May 7.

THE ART CLUB OF FREDERICK PRIZE is presented to a student who has demonstrated excellence in studio art in the past academic year. This award has been given for the last six years by the Art Club of Frederick, which counts a number of Hood alumnae among its members. The prize recipient this year is Karen J. Orgler.

Karen, a graduating senior from Frederick, Md., is pursuing a double major in Latin American studies and art, with a concentration in studio art and a minor in global studies. She has traveled extensively in Latin America and South America as a community service volunteer. For the past four years, she has spent part of each summer in Nicaragua, where she works as an administrator of a church-based project that focuses on children's nutrition and hygiene. At the same time, Karen sees herself as a continuation in a long line of artists within her family. Her senior exhibition, "Journey through Life," is on display in the library until May 7.

THE ART DEPARTMENT ALUMNAE AWARD is presented to an outstanding junior or senior art major, recognizing interest in the scholarship of art. Karyn A. Necciai is the recipient of this award.

Karyn, a junior from Frederick, Md., is pursuing a double major in history and art, with a concentration in archaeology, and a minor in classical studies. Karyn hopes to participate in an excavation this summer, and plans to pursue a doctoral degree in the archaeology of the Bronze Age in Greece and the Mediterranean.

THE SUZANNE GOTtert PRIZE IN ART is presented each year to the outstanding student in art. This prize was first awarded in 2004. Suzanne Gottert is a 1968 alumna. This year's prize is awarded to Brenda A. Harrison.

Brenda, a graduating senior from Emmitsburg, Md., is an art major with a concentration in studio art. She has worked as an addiction counselor, family advocate and special education teacher, and has worked many years in experiential education where she developed diversity awareness and multicultural education programs. Brenda's senior exhibition, "The Masks We Wear," includes ceramics, prints and mixed media, and is on display in the Hodson Gallery until May 7.

HONORS CONVOCATION CEREMONY 2005-06

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

THE BETA BETA BETA AWARD is presented to a high-ranking student in Biology 100-200 level courses, upon the recommendation of the biology department. The award is shared by Aubry A. Nicholson and Christina M. Zimmerman.

Aubry is a freshman from Rockville, Md. She plans to pursue a degree in the sciences.

Christina is a freshman from Brunswick, Md. She has demonstrated a very high level of achievement in the introductory biology curriculum. A strongly motivated student who is naturally inquisitive about diverse topics in biology, she has demonstrated excellent critical thinking and problem-solving skills with a broad range of biological concepts.

THE JANE D. MCCARRELL PRIZE is awarded to a junior or senior who has shown excellence, interest and progress in the field of biology. This award, endowed by former students, alumnae and friends, honors the late Jane D. McCarrell, professor of biology and chair of Hood's biology department from 1946 to 1972. The prize is presented to Rachel M. Gauza.

Rachel, a graduating senior from Hampstead, Md., is pursuing a double major in music performance and biology. As a freshman, she was awarded the Beta Beta Beta Award. In addition to completing an honors thesis with Dr. Lori Wollerman, Rachel has participated in research projects involving population dynamics of woodland salamanders in the Catoctin mountains and habitat requirements of cerulean warblers in West Virginia. She plans to attend graduate school in animal behavior.

THE SIDNEY SILVERMAN AWARD, named in honor of the late Associate Professor Emeritus Sidney Silverman, is awarded to an outstanding student majoring in biology. Dr. Silverman taught at Hood from 1974 to 1985 and did research at Fort Detrick and NIH. His colleagues in the department established this award in his honor. This year's recipients are Melanie B. Cokonis, Vanessa S. Eccard and Sarah J. Hinchliffe.

Melanie, a graduating senior from Frederick, Md., is pursuing a major in biology. She transferred to Hood in 2002 after completing courses at the University of Maryland College Park, and Frederick Community College. Throughout her academic career at Hood, she has worked full-time for Southern Research Institute where she has been a contributing author on three research publications in the journal, *Antiviral Research*. Melanie will present a department honors paper entitled, "Preclinical Topical Microbicide Development: Evaluation of Cytokines as Biomarkers for Cytotoxicity" at Hood and in a Sigma Xi forum in Philadelphia. She plans to enroll in Hood's master of science in biomedical science program.

Vanessa, a graduating senior from Smithsburg, Md., is majoring in biology. She transferred to Hood from the University of Maryland Baltimore County and Hagerstown Community College. Vanessa is a peer note-taker, and a member of the commuter student union and the Academic Judicial Council. In her studies at Hood, she has developed an interest in the pathogenic mechanisms of infectious bacteria and viruses. Seizing the opportunity to work in the toxicology laboratories of USAMRIID on botulinum toxin, Vanessa has acquired many new experimental skills and completed a departmental honors research paper.

Sarah, a graduating senior from Victor, N.Y., is pursuing a major in biology with a minor in chemistry. An avid horsewoman, Sarah will continue to blend her interests in animals and science as she pursues a doctorate in veterinary medicine at the University of Minnesota School of Veterinary Medicine.

THE BIOLOGY FACULTY AWARD was created in 2000-2001 to honor a student or students demonstrating great promise in biology. The faculty in the biology department provide this book prize. The award is presented to Stephanie E. Garrett and Erin E. McClure.

Stephanie, a sophomore from West Friendship, Md., is pursuing a major in biology with a minor in sociology. Since coming to Hood, she has shown a marked interest and ability in biology courses and laboratories. Her work to date indicates real promise for future endeavors in biology. In addition to her scholarly pursuits, she is a member of the tennis team.

Erin, a freshman from Wilmington, Del., plans to major in biology. She came to Hood with an outstanding high school science background and continues to be an exceptional student in each course she has taken in her freshman year. With her strong background and the effort she puts into her course work, as noted by her biology faculty, Erin holds a very promising future in biology.

THE ROUSE GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP is awarded annually to an outstanding senior biology major who has displayed excellence in scholarship, citizenship and sincerity of purpose, and who is planning to pursue graduate study in biology, medicine or an allied scientific field. Mr. G. Park Rouse Jr., established this scholarship to honor his wife, the late Elizabeth L. Chandler Rouse, Class of 1936, and his daughter, Anne Rouse McDowell, Class of 1969. The scholarship is awarded this year to Hannah E. Hottel.

HONORS CONVOCATION CEREMONY 2005-06

Hannah, a graduating senior from Keymar, Md., is majoring in biology. Hannah is a highly motivated biology student who transferred to Hood from Frederick Community College. In addition to her strong record of academic achievement in the biology curriculum, she has distinguished herself as an undergraduate researcher by completing her honor thesis with Cr. Chris Whitehouse at Fort Detrick where she has used DNA-based techniques to study the disease tularemia. Her broad background in biology and her documented success in research will serve her well as she pursues her degree in veterinary medicine at Cornell University.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTS FOUNDATION AWARD is presented to a student or students majoring in biochemistry or chemistry for outstanding scholastic achievement and ability. This year's recipient is Megan L. James.

Megan, a graduating senior from Woodsboro, Md., is a biochemistry major with a minor in Spanish. During the summer of 2004, she received funds from the National Science Foundation to design experiments for the organic chemistry laboratory. She has presented the results of her research project at national and regional meetings. She interned at the U.S. Department of Agriculture this past year and plans to continue working there for another year before heading to graduate school.

THE MARYLAND SECTION OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY presents an award to an outstanding upper-level student in chemistry at each of the participating colleges in the state. The prizes were awarded at a banquet and ceremony held recently at McDaniel College. Holly L. Haley is this year's recipient.

Holly, a graduating senior from Westover, W.Va., is double majoring in chemistry and mathematics with a minor in physics. She is an active member of the Free Radicals Chemistry Club, the Gamma Sigma Epsilon Chemistry Honors Society and the Least Squares Math Club. Her summer research project, in which she examined reactions of aromatic rings, was funded by the National Science Foundation and will soon be submitted for publication. Holly will pursue graduate studies in the cosmetic/pharmaceutical sciences.

THE ELIZABETH B. BOWER PRIZE, honoring the late Elizabeth B. Bower, is awarded annually to an outstanding student in chemistry. The Prize was established in 1956 by the late Rebecca Ann Eversole Parker '55, who was inspired by Professor Bower to make chemistry her career. At the time of her death, Rebecca was studying for her Ph.D. in chemistry at Oxford University. In 1962, the Eversole family endowed the prize as a memorial to Rebecca. The prize is shared this year by Oluwakemi M. Adeyeri and Lindsay N. Verbisk.

Kemi, a graduating senior from Nigeria, is a biochemistry major. She was awarded the George Kleinspehn Honor Scholarship for outstanding achievement in organic chemistry in 2004. She is an active member and treasurer of the Gamma Sigma Epsilon chemistry honor society. After graduation, Kemi will pursue a degree in the medical field.

Lindsay, a graduating senior from Middletown, Md., is pursuing a biochemistry major. She serves as the Apprentice Alchemist (Vice-President) of the Gamma Sigma Epsilon chemistry honor society. She has interned at USAMRIID for three years and, following a year of employment as she completes her current research project, she will head to graduate school in biochemistry.

THE CHEMISTRY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD is presented by the CRC Press, Inc., to the highest-ranking freshman student in Chemistry 101-102 during the current academic year. This year the award is shared by Tiffany A. Gutowski and Erin E. McClure.

Tiffany, a freshman from Baltimore, Md., is an Honors Program student, a Bonner Scholar and a member of the Hood College women's basketball team. She plans to pursue a double major in chemistry and mathematics and is currently conducting a research project on the separation of barbiturates using capillary electrophoresis.

Erin, a freshman from Wilmington, Del., plans to major in biology. She will be working with Dr. Dana Lawrence during the 2006 Summer Research Institute. She is an avid writer and has been published both locally and nationally. She recently submitted material for publication in *Wisteria*.

THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS FACULTY AWARD is presented to an outstanding senior major. The department faculty provides this book prize annually. This year's recipients are Paula M. Cantos and Lucas J. Tricoli.

Paula, a graduating senior from Congers, N.Y., is a chemistry major. She is an active member of the Free Radicals Chemistry Club and a DJ on the Hood College radio station. During the summer of 2005, Paula participated in the Hood College Summer Research Institute, completing a study on capillary electrophoresis. After graduation, she plans to pursue employment in a laboratory in New York.

HONORS CONVOCATION CEREMONY 2005-06

Lucas, a graduating senior from New Market, Md., is a biochemistry major. He is the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Gamma Sigma Epsilon Chemistry honor society and a member of the Free Radicals Chemistry Club. Lucas has participated in several research projects at both Hood and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. His current research project focuses on designing primers and probes for real-time PCR. In the fall of 2006, Lucas plans to enter a Ph.D. program in biochemistry at the University of Maryland.

THE GEORGE G. KLEINSPEHN HONOR SCHOLARSHIP is named in honor of Professor Emeritus George G. Kleinspehn and is awarded to a student whose record in two semesters of organic chemistry at Hood College is outstanding. Dr. Kleinspehn, Whitaker Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, taught at Hood from 1967 to 1993. Prior to coming to Hood, Professor Kleinspehn was a research scientist on the Manhattan Project in Oak Ridge, Tenn.; at Johns Hopkins University; and at the U.S. Army Ballistics Research Laboratories in Aberdeen, Md. The scholarship is awarded to Mehwash A. Naseem.

Mehwash, a sophomore from Gaithersburg, Md., is an Honors Program student with a keen interest in the pre-health professions. She was awarded the CRC Outstanding Freshman Chemistry Award last year and has continued to excel in organic chemistry courses. She can often be found in Hodson studying for the MCATS when she is not quoting Monty Python movies.

COMMUNICATION ARTS

THE BLUE AND GREY EDITORIAL AWARD is presented for the best editorial writing appearing in Blue & Grey Today, formerly Hood Today, in the past academic year. The award has been given for several decades to students who serve on the editorial staff. This year's recipient is Jamie E. Bussey.

Jamie, a junior from Newburg, Md., is pursuing a double major in English and communication arts with a concentration in journalism. She is the news editor of the Blue & Grey Today, the student newspaper. This award recognizes her series on life as a freshman at Hood College.

THE ESTHER E. SHAW AWARD is given for the best news story appearing in Blue & Grey Today in the past academic year. The award is presented to Bridgette M. Harwood.

Bridgette, a graduating senior from Challis, Idaho, is a communication arts major. She is co-editor of the student newspaper, the Blue & Grey Today, and a reporting intern at the Frederick News-Post. She is recognized for her reporting on parking issues at Hood.

THE GEORGE E. RANDALL AWARD is presented to a junior or senior who has demonstrated excellence in journalism or writing, has worked on student publications and has maintained a strong G.P.A. The award goes to Bridgette A. Harwood.

Bridgette, a graduating senior from Challis, Idaho, is a communication arts major. She is co-editor of the student newspaper, the Blue & Grey Today, and a reporting intern at the Frederick News-Post. She will enroll in law school in the fall.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

THE RAYMOND L. AND LOUISE K. GILLARD PRIZE, endowed by Gary Gillard, assistant professor of information technology, is in memory of his parents, Raymond L. and Louise K. Gillard. The prize is awarded to Jeannine M. Morber.

Jeannine, a senior from Taneytown, Md., is majoring in computer science with a minor in mathematics.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT

THE LARRY T. CAMPBELL MEMORIAL PRIZE is awarded to an outstanding student in the Economics and Management Department. This award honors the memory of Larry T. Campbell, who was treasurer and comptroller of Hood College. Mr. Campbell was associated with Hood from 1968 until his death in 1981. The prize is shared by Valentina Kachanovskaya and Rachel L. Moore.

Valentina, a graduating senior from St. Petersburg, Russia, is pursuing a double major in economics and mathematics, with a minor in Spanish.

HONORS CONVOCATION CEREMONY 2005-06

Rachel, a graduating senior from Frederick, Md., is an Honors Program student pursuing a double major in economics and Spanish.

THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT BOOK PRIZE is awarded by the department faculty to the top graduating senior in the study of management. The prize goes to Denise C. Ryan.

Denise, a graduating senior from Shenandoah Junction, W.Va., is pursuing a double major in management and economics.

THE 2006 EXCELLENCE AWARD OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF RICHMOND, BALTIMORE BRANCH is awarded to a graduating senior with the highest academic achievement in the study of economics. Each college is permitted to nominate one student for this honor. The award is presented to Julie L. Wean.

Julie, a graduating senior from New Windsor, Md., is an economics major with minors in mathematics and philosophy.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

THE MAUREEN KELLY HESS PRIZE is awarded annually to a student who is graduating with a bachelor of arts degree in special education or a master of science degree with a concentration in special education. The Department of Education faculty selects the recipient of this award. This prize was established by the Hess and Kelly families in memory of Maureen Kelly Hess, Class of 1981, after her death in April 1993. The prize is awarded to Amy L. Vaughan.

Amy, a graduating senior from White Hall, Md., is an elementary special education major. She is a member of the Hood College student chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children and the Mortar Board senior honor society. Amy has also served as secretary for the Education Club. Since her childhood Amy has wanted to become a special education teacher and has worked diligently to achieve this goal.

THE PARK-DORFF AWARD is presented to that student in the senior class who appears most promising as a teacher in the field of early childhood education. Classmates Sara Bell Parkhurst Van Why, Class of 1973, and Katherine Nixdorff Wilson, Class of 1973, both early childhood education majors, established this prize in 1974 to honor an outstanding student majoring in this field. No other prize existed at this time for ECE majors. Julie C. Pallansch is the winner of this award.

Julie, a January 2006 graduate from Frederick, Md., majored in early childhood education. She is currently a third-grade teacher at Glade Elementary School in Frederick County.

THE RICHELLE EMERICK STUDENT TEACHER PRIZE is awarded to the undergraduate student teacher that exemplifies excellence in student teaching and embodies the spirit of student teaching as a profession. This prize is awarded in honor of Richelle Emerick, former director of financial aid, who retired in the fall of 1999 after 17 years of service to Hood College. This year's prize recipient is Heather Danielle Wojcik.

Danielle, a senior from Sykesville, Md., is pursuing a double major in English and secondary education. Her mentor teacher and college supervisor comment, "She is a reflective practitioner who will continue to grow professionally and who will actively seek growth opportunities." "She is capable of quickly becoming a Master Teacher."

THE CHARLES E. TRESSLER OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD is given in recognition of outstanding achievement by a student who intends to enter a career in education.

This award was established to honor Giles Professor Emeritus of Early Childhood Education Charles E. Tressler. Dr. Tressler taught at Hood from 1964 to 1990 and served for many years as chair of the Department of Education. The award is a gift from the Estate of Samuel Eig. This year's recipient is Elisabeth E. Smith.

Elisabeth, from Frederick, Md., completed post-baccalaureate certification in secondary education history at Hood. She is currently a middle school teacher in Frederick County.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

THE EMILY MYERS DAVIS PRIZE is awarded to a student or students for excellence in English courses. This prize was established by Mr. T. Crawley Davis in memory of his wife, Emily Myers Davis, Class of 1943. The prize is shared this year by Jennifer L. Hill and Ameena Shrestha.

HONORS CONVOCATION CEREMONY 2005-06

Jennifer, a senior from Cumberland, Md., is pursuing a double major in English and communication arts with a concentration in journalism and a minor in Spanish. She has interned at the Hagerstown Magazine, interviewing and writing features and articles for the editorial section. Jennifer has been invited to write a departmental honors paper in which she will focus on modernists American writers.

Ameena, a junior from Nepal, plans to double major in English and communication arts. She plans to write a departmental honors paper next year. Her interests range from literature and religion to biology.

THE JANICE E. COLE WRITING PRIZE, established in 1992 by the humanities faculty of Hood College, is awarded to a student or students who submit in the annual prize competition the most outstanding essay originally written for a course in the humanities. The prize was introduced in 1992 as the Center for the Humanities Prize. It was renamed in spring 1997 in honor of the late Dr. Janice E. Cole, professor of English at Hood for 31 years. Whitney Trettien is the winner of the first prize this year. Elizabeth A. Aghjayan, Karyn A. Necciai and Shannon K. Williams are the recipients of Honorable Mentions.

Whitney, a junior from Frederick, Md., is pursuing a double major in English and philosophy. Her winning paper is titled, "gaest yrre cwom: Xenodocial Hierarchies in Beowulf," written for a special topics course, Studies in Beowulf.

Liz, a sophomore from Kingston, Mass., is majoring in English with a minor in theater and drama. Her winning paper is titled, "Ride a Thousand Days and Nights: Donne, Love and Metaphysical Paradoxes," written for English 222, Introduction to British Literature.

Karyn, a junior from Frederick, Md., is pursuing a double major in history and art, with a concentration in archaeology and a minor in classical studies. Her winning paper is titled, "Sexuality and Deviance in Rome as Depicted in Ancient-Themed Films," written for Art 362, Rome and Hollywood.

Shannon, a junior from Libertytown, Md., is majoring in philosophy with minors in German and history. Her winning paper is titled, "Destructive Ignorance: Plato's Indictment of Modern American Democracy," written for Philosophy 375, Independent Study.

THE MARTHA BRINEY HONOR SCHOLARSHIP, established in honor of the late Professor Martha Briney, is awarded to an upperclassman who excels in English literature courses. The scholarship is shared this year by Elizabeth A. Jones, Matthew T. Mize and Rebecca F. Swanger.

Elizabeth, a graduating senior from Emmaus, Pa., is pursuing a double major in English and history. She is chair of the Campus Activities Board and is a member of the Student Government Association executive board. After graduation, she hopes to pursue a master's degree in library science and possibly an advanced degree in the humanities.

Matthew, a graduating senior from Thurmont, Md., is majoring in English.

Rebecca, a junior from Jefferson, Md., is majoring in English. She is pursuing certification to teach in the secondary schools.

THE JANICE E. COLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND, established in memory of Dr. Janice E. Cole, is awarded to a student who has done excellent work in English. The late Dr. Cole taught English at Hood from 1965 to 1996. Beloved by her students and highly respected by her colleagues, Dr. Cole gave unstintingly of her time to countless faculty and College committee. Most of all she was devoted to the students of Hood College, particularly her advisees and those enrolled in her classes. The scholarship is shared this year by Jennifer A. August, Phyllis A. Parker, Owen S. Tremaine and Whitney A. Trettien.

Jennifer, a senior from Point of Rocks, Md., is majoring in English. She is completing certification to teach in secondary schools. Jennifer served in the Army for five years and was stationed in South Korea.

Phyllis, a junior from Woodbine, Md., is pursuing a major in English. She is the co-founder of the Howard County Association of Office Professionals. Her great-grandmother, Leila Walling, attended Hood when it was the Women's Seminary.

Owen, a graduating senior from Thurmont, Md., is majoring in English. He is pursuing certification to teach in secondary schools.

Whitney, a junior from Frederick, Md., is pursuing a double major in English and philosophy. She is an Honors Program student and a 2006 Truman Scholar, a national award recognizing public service. She is the founder and co-chair of the Frederick Green Party, a member of Amnesty International and the co-editor of an anthology on the peace movement that will be released later this year from Howling Dog Press. Last August, she was funded by a Second Century Foundation grant to travel to Thailand to teach English. In her free time, she writes, plays music, teaches English, and collects orchids.

THE MARGARET P. FORD HONOR SCHOLARSHIP was established in honor of the late Professor Emerita Margaret P. Ford, who taught English at Hood from 1964 to 1987 and served as chair of the department for many years. She taught numerous courses in American literature and was a student of the life and writings of William Faulkner. This scholarship was established by the Hood Board of Trustees to honor Dr. Ford. The scholarship is shared this year by Elizabeth A. Aghjayan, Elizabeth A. Lipke, Crystal A. Newmeyer and Elizabeth M. Thompson.

HONORS CONVOCATION CEREMONY 2005-06

Liz Aghjayan, a sophomore from Kingston, Mass., plans to major in English with a minor in theater and drama. She is in the Honors Program, has performed in several of the Hood College theatre productions, serves as an admissions representative through STARS and was recently nominated for induction into the Ionic Society. She will spend the fall semester studying English literature in England at the University of Newcastle-on-Tyne and hopes to continue her program of study in graduate school.

Liz Lipke, a sophomore from East Brunswick, N.J., plans to major in English. An Honors Program student, she volunteers for the Frederick County Landmarks Foundation and, in particular, the Schifferstadt Museum. She is on the staff of the Hood literary magazine, *Wisteria*.

Crystal, a junior from Frederick, Md., is pursuing a double major in English and history.

Liz Thompson, a sophomore from District Heights, Md., plans to major in English. She is an assistant editor for the *Wisteria* literary magazine, fundraising chair for the Black Student Union and Honors co-representative for the Class of 2008. Liz hopes to pursue screenwriting in graduate school.

THE MARGARET CONDRON STERNER SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a student who has completed three years at Hood College and has made the most distinguished contribution in the field of creative writing or journalism. This scholarship was established through the bequest of Carlton R. Sterner in memory of his wife, Margaret Condron Sterner '39. This scholarship is shared by Sonjurae M. Cross and Amber P. Miller.

Sonjurae, a graduating senior from Hagerstown, Md., is an English major. She plans to pursue a career in publishing or in teaching.

Amber, a graduating senior from Randallstown, Md., is an Honors Program student pursuing a communication arts major with a minor in theater and drama. She has interned at WHAG-TV and WBAL-TV and will continue her education at Syracuse University in the fall.

THE ALYCE WEINBERG HONOR SCHOLARSHIP, named in honor of the late Alyce Weinberg, is awarded to a senior majoring in English or communication arts who has done meritorious work in English, particularly in communications. Mrs. Weinberg established this scholarship because she believed firmly in the value of education. She took numerous courses at Hood as an adult learner, but she did not enroll for a Hood degree. Mrs. Weinberg could be considered the ultimate continuing education student, a genuine lifelong learner. She loved Hood, its professors and courses, and enrolled semester after semester to learn as much as possible. Sometimes she even repeated courses she liked particularly well. Mrs. Weinberg is the author of the book "The Spirits of Frederick." Her son, Al Weinberg, is an associate professor of journalism and co-chair of the English department. This scholarship is shared by Kristina D. Kancheva, Catherine J. McKinney, and Erin C. Obermeier.

Kristina, a graduating senior from Bulgaria, is pursuing a major in communication arts. As an Honors Program student, she has completed an honors paper for communication arts in which she compares media coverage of the nuclear accidents at Three Mile Island and at Chernobyl. Kristina also interned for two semesters at the Community Foundation of Frederick.

Catherine, a senior from Purcellville, Va., is a communication arts major who plans to pursue a career in journalism. She has already gained practical experience, successfully completing an internship last summer at the Loudoun Times Mirror. She now works part-time as a community reporter for Leesburg Today.

Erin, a graduating senior from Gaithersburg, Md., is a communication arts major. She plans to pursue a career in writing and editing. She is a member of the Ionic Society and is on the staff of *Blue & Grey Today*. She also has interned in the marketing department at EarthData International and at the Frederick News-Post.

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES PRIZE is presented to an outstanding foreign language student. The recipient is Leah F. St. John.

Leah, a graduating senior from Rockville, Md., is majoring in Latin American Studies. She has carried out research in Quechua language in Peru and received a Second Century Foundation Grant in 2005 to complete this project.

THE GERMAN EMBASSY PRIZE of the Washington Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany is awarded in recognition of outstanding achievement in German language and literature. The prize goes to Tegan L. Rice.

HONORS CONVOCATION CEREMONY 2005-06

Tegan, a junior from Long Lake, Minn., is a German major and an Honors Program student. She will be studying abroad in Munich in the fall 2006 semester.

THE EDENIA GUILLERMO AWARD is awarded to a senior Hispanic student who has achieved the highest academic record in four years of study. This prize was established in 1983 to honor Dr. Edenia Guillermo who taught Spanish at Hood from 1975 to 1983. The award is presented this year to Melissa S. Taylor.

Melissa, a senior from Bellevue, Wash., is pursuing a double major in Spanish and chemistry, with a minor in biology. She has a long-standing interest in music.

THE E. LOUISE LEONARD PRIZE is awarded annually to a senior whose major subject is French and who has done excellent work in the language and literature of France. Associate Professor Emerita E. Louise Leonard taught French and Italian at Hood from 1926 to 1970. The prize was established and endowed in 1969 by former students of Professor Leonard for whom she was an exemplar and inspiration. Monique A. Kittka is this year's prize winner.

Monique, a graduating senior from Bethesda, Md., is pursuing a double major in French and English. She currently serves as president of the French House.

THE JANET AND JOHN NUNN PRIZE is awarded to the most outstanding student planning to study abroad in France each semester. Janet Nunn, Hood alumnae and long-time Francophile, funded this prize to support the study of French language and culture at Hood. The recipient for the spring 2006 semester is Joshua K. Ramsburg. The fall 2006 recipient is Marie A. Caron.

Joshua, a senior from Hagerstown, Md., is currently studying in Toulouse, France. He is pursuing a major in psychology with a minor in French.

Marie, a junior from Middletown, Md., is a French major. She will be studying in Paris in the fall.

THE MARION MacPHAIL PRIZE is awarded to a senior major in Spanish who is not a native Spanish speaker and has not lived in a Spanish-speaking country for more than three months prior to entering Hood College. This award is given in recognition of proficiency in the Spanish language. Professor Marion MacPhail taught French and Spanish at Hood from 1926 until 1966. This year's prize recipient is Valentina Kachanovskaya.

Valentina, a graduating senior from St. Petersburg, Russia, is pursuing a double major in economics and mathematics, with a minor in Spanish. She studied abroad in Seville, Spain, during her junior year.

THE CHARLOTTE A. MORAN PRIZE is awarded to a student of the French language who shows outstanding achievement in intermediate French and who plans to pursue additional studies in French. This prize honors the memory of Charlotte A. Moran, Associate Professor Emerita of French, and Hood alumna, Class of 1957, who taught from 1966 to 1989. The prize is awarded to Swetha K. Kommi and Lucia M. Mendoza.

Swetha is a freshman from Bangalore, India.

Lucia is a sophomore from Lima, Peru.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

THE LINDA WYATT '69 AND MARLEEN SPRIGGS '69 AWARD IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES is given to an outstanding student who has minored in African-American Studies. This book award honors the lives and memory of the first two African-American students to graduate from Hood College. This year's recipients are Cheryl M. Banks and Tiffany M. Sturdivant.

Cheryl, a senior from Baltimore, Md., is pursuing a double major in history and political science with a minor in African-American studies. An outstanding student in African-American studies, she has assisted in teaching African-American history, has volunteered in the Office of the Public Defender in Baltimore and has interned for a chief judge in the Maryland Court of Special Appeals. In addition to her studies, she has been a member of Hood's field hockey and lacrosse teams.

Tiffany, a January 2006 graduate from Sparkill, N.Y., majored in political science with a minor in African American studies. While at Hood, she served as the president of the Student Government Association. She also completed research on the experiences of black students at Hood College and has a long-standing interest in issues of health equity.

HONORS CONVOCATION CEREMONY 2005-06

THE JAMES B. RANCK BOOK PRIZE IN AMERICAN HISTORY is an annual gift honoring the late Professor Emeritus James B. Ranck. The award provides prizes of significant books on American history or political life to a student who is outstanding in this field. Professor James B. Ranck taught history and political science at Hood from 1929 to 1967. The recipients this year are Charles Christopher Lynn and Emily A. Odum.

Charles, a graduating senior from Germantown, Md., is completing a double major in history and sociology with a minor in global studies. He is interested in 20th century history and in European political and social history. He plans to pursue a graduate degree with a long-term goal of teaching at the college level.

Emily, a graduating senior from Malvern, Pa., is majoring in history. Her interests are American and women's history. Emily's immediate plans include attending the Tai Sophia Institute for its Master's in Acupuncture Program.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

THE LEAH B. ALLEN AWARD is presented to a student whose work in astronomy or mathematics merits special recognition. Professor Leah B. Allen began teaching astronomy at Hood in 1928. Martha Elizabeth Stahr '41, a Hood student of astronomy, credited Professor Allen with being her mentor and encouraging her to pursue a career in this field at a time when few women studied astronomy. The award goes to Lindsey D. Nagy.

Lindsey, a sophomore from Torrance, Calif., plans to pursue a double major in mathematics and economics, with a concentration in accounting. She is a member of the Least Squares Mathematics Club, and in May she will be inducted into Pi Mu Epsilon mathematics honor society.

THE GRACE N. BROWN PRIZE in mathematics, named in honor of the late Grace N. Brown, Registrar Emerita, is awarded to a student who has consistently shown initiative, insight and achievement in the introductory calculus course in. Grace N. Brown graduated from Hood in 1927 and was Registrar from 1930 to 1967. When studying at Hood, Miss Brown majored in mathematics. The prize is awarded to Vanya M. Slavchevska.

Vanya, a sophomore from Hissar, Bulgaria, plans to major in economics with a minor in German.

THE JULIA HOLZAPFEL CARHART PRIZES IN MATHEMATICS were established in 1994 in honor of Julia Holzapfel Carhart '30, B.A. in mathematics. Prizes are awarded to juniors majoring in or displaying a strong interest in mathematics. The students selected by the mathematics department this year have demonstrated the highest academic distinction and promise, and serve as role models, encouraging women to major in mathematics. Melissa D. Barrick is the first-place winner and Melissa A. Olson is the second-place winner.

Melissa Barrick, a junior from Frederick, Md., is a mathematics major. She is the treasurer of the Least Squares Mathematics Club and will be inducted into Pi Mu Epsilon mathematics honor society in May. Melissa plans to attend medical school after graduation.

Melissa Olson, a senior from Lexington Park, Md., is pursuing a mathematics major. She has distinguished herself as an active member of the Least Squares Mathematics Club and in May will be inducted into the Pi Mu Epsilon mathematics honor society. In addition to mathematics, Melissa has a strong interest in the sciences and is a member of Hood's lacrosse team.

THE C. MAY HUDSON PRIZE is awarded to a senior mathematics major who has shown outstanding achievement in mathematics. The prize is shared this year by Kathryn J. Linehan and Gregory L. Schinner.

Kathryn, a graduating senior from Mt. Airy, Md., is an Honors Program student majoring in mathematics with a minor in computer science. She is a member of the Hood College women's basketball team, the computer science programming team and Pi Mu Epsilon mathematics honor society. Next year she plans to go to graduate school to further her study in mathematics.

Gregory, a graduating senior from Ijamsville, Md., is majoring in mathematics. He is a member of the men's tennis team and will be inducted into Pi Mu Epsilon honor society in May. Next year, Greg plans to attend law school.

THE PI MU EPSILON BOOK PRIZE is given to two outstanding seniors in mathematics. This year the prize is shared by Carol M. Jim and Sarah M. Keely.

Carol, a graduating senior from Frederick, Md., is majoring in mathematics. She is the secretary of the Least Squares Mathematics Club and is a member of Pi Mu Epsilon mathematics honor society. After graduation, Carol plans to take some time off to relax before going on to graduate school.

HONORS CONVOCATION CEREMONY 2005-06

Sarah, a graduating senior from Hagerstown, Md., is a mathematics major. She is a member of Pi Mu Epsilon mathematics honor society. Next year, Sarah plans to enroll in the Intercultural Studies/Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages graduate program at Wheaton College in Illinois.

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

THE PATRICIA BUCHEIMER PIANO PRIZE is awarded annually to a Hood student who has excelled in her or his study of piano at Hood College. The award is made in honor of Patricia Bucheimer, who taught piano at Hood from 1972 until her death in 1998. The recipient is David S. Conway.

David, a junior from Middletown, Md., plans to pursue a double major in music with a piano performance concentration, and in computer science. An outstanding pianist, he performed a Beethoven concerto with the string and wind ensemble, was a Silverman Young Artist at Hood in 2005 and is currently serving as accompanist for the Hood College choir.

THE MARIE A. MARKOW EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC PRIZE was endowed by Dr. Noel Lester and Mrs. RoseAnn Markow in honor of RoseAnn's mother, a woman uncommonly dedicated to the importance of music in a quality education. This prize is awarded annually to a Hood student who has excelled both academically and musically. The prize is shared this year by Rachel M. Gauza and Marie J. Lester, both of whom embody the spirit of this award.

Rachel, a graduating senior from Hampstead, Md., is pursuing a double major in music performance and biology. An accomplished clarinetist, she was a member of the orchestra for Hood's recent production of the "Magic Flute." Rachel is a former Silverman Young Artist.

Marie, a graduating senior from Frederick, Md., is a music major with a concentration in voice performance. She is a past Silverman Young Artist and she currently teaches voice at Mid-Maryland Performing Arts Center. Marie performed in the role of the Queen of the Night in Hood's recent production of the "Magic Flute."

THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT SPECIAL AWARD IN APPLIED MUSIC is awarded to an outstanding student in applied music. The award goes to Taylor S. DiClemente.

Taylor, a junior from Hagerstown, Md., is pursuing a music major with a concentration in music history and literature. He is an outstanding guitarist who has participated in several honors recitals and was a Silverman Young Artist in 2005.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

THE HELEN McCULLAGH McCUTCHEON AWARD, established in honor of the late Helen McCullagh McCutcheon, Class of 1914, recognizes an outstanding student whose interest and academic achievement in exercise, wellness or sports studies goes beyond the core requirement. The award is presented to Katie Ann Mahaffey.

Katie, a senior from Gaithersburg, Md., is majoring in communication arts. She currently serves as a teaching assistant in the self defense and basic conditioning classes.

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

THE FRANCIS G. HUGO PRIZE IN PSYCHOLOGY, named in honor of the late Francis G. Hugo, professor emeritus of psychology (1965-1976), is awarded to the psychology major with the highest academic average in psychology courses taken at Hood College. To be eligible, the student must have been a student at Hood for at least four semesters and must have taken a minimum of 30 hours of psychology at Hood. The prize recipients are Amy L. Beekley and Amy M. Campbell.

Amy Beekley, a graduating senior from Frederick, Md., is majoring in psychology.

Amy Campbell, a January 2006 graduate from Hagerstown, Md., majored in psychology with a minor in criminology and delinquency.

HONORS CONVOCATION CEREMONY 2005-06

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

THE GEORGE C. PEARSON PRIZE is awarded each year to an outstanding senior student in the Department of Religion and Philosophy. This is an endowed award named in honor of Professor George C. Pearson, who taught religion and philosophy at Hood College. Originally, candidates for this prize had to sit for a written and oral examination to qualify as winners. In recent years, the prize has been awarded upon the recommendation of the Department of Religion and Philosophy faculty. Chelsea K. Henkel is this year's prize winner.

Chelsea, a senior from Denver, Colo., is pursuing a double major in philosophy and law and society with a minor in German. An Honors Program student, she recently volunteered to help clean up damaged houses in New Orleans.

THE JAMES R. BOSTON PRIZE is named for James R. Boston, Professor Emeritus of Religion. The Department of Religion and Philosophy faculty select a freshman or sophomore student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in a religion or philosophy class. This year's recipient is Cindy M. Glover.

Cindy, a sophomore from Frederick, Md., plans to pursue a double major in sociology and social work with a social science research concentration. She excelled in Religion 203: Old Testament. Cindy recently completed volunteer work with the Community Agency School Services, an outreach program bridging school and community resources to help students work through the life challenges that can impede academic success.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

THE WAYNE C. NEELY PRIZE, named for the late Wayne C. Neely, former Professor of Sociology, is offered annually for achievement and promise in the field of sociology. Dr. Neely was an Andrew G. Truxal Professor of Sociology at Hood. He taught and served as department chair from 1933 to 1972. The prize is presented to Charles Christopher Lynn.

Chris, a graduating senior from Germantown, Md., is completing a double major in history and sociology with a minor in global studies.

OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE

THE CLASS OF 1988 VOLUNTEER BEHIND THE SCENES AWARD, established by a gift from the Class of 1988, is presented to an active and worthy member of the junior or senior class. This year's recipient is Nakia R. Bell.

Nakia, a graduating senior from Baltimore, Md., is majoring in economics with a minor in environmental science and policy. Nikki holds leadership responsibilities in numerous clubs and organizations, including serving as chair of the Hood College Student Government Association Academic Judicial Council. She is in the Honors Program and holds membership in Mortar Board, Omicron Delta Epsilon and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies. She is also a Bonner Scholar and the Hood College representative on the Student Advisory Council for the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

THE MARY MARGARET ROSE AWARD is presented to an outstanding Big Sis. This award was established in honor of Mrs. Margaret Rose, who served as the College receptionist for many years. From her desk in AD Lobby, Mrs. Rose responded to numerous questions and inquiries from all the College constituencies. Four of her children are Hood alumni. The award goes to Stefanie L. Reid.

Stefanie, a junior from Eastlake, Ohio, is majoring in political science.

THE DR. H. P. AND P. LAUGHLIN AWARD is presented to a student who has made outstanding contributions to the College. Preference is given to a senior, although members of other classes in exceptional circumstances may receive special consideration. The award is shared this year by Cheryl M. Banks, Amber P. Miller and Alison C. Rohrer.

Cheryl, a senior from Baltimore, Md., is pursuing a double major in history and political science with a minor in African American studies. She is secretary of Mortar Board and a member of Phi Alpha Theta honor society. Cheryl is also the presi-

HONORS CONVOCATION CEREMONY 2005-06

dent of Coblentz Residence Hall (twice elected), and is a member of House Forum, Black Student Union and Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD). She is a four-year scholar athlete on the women's field hockey and lacrosse teams, receiving honors as Rookie of the Year, Most Valuable Player, Coaches Award and Athlete of the Year. She serves as a student coordinator of the New Student Orientation Program and is an active member of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC). Cheryl plans to attend law school.

Amber, a graduating senior from Randallstown, Md., is an Honors Program student pursuing a communication arts major with a minor in theater and drama. She is the Class of 2006 president, a position to which she has been re-elected since her first year at Hood. Amber is president of the Hood College Gospel Ensemble, former secretary of the Hood Student Theater Association and a member of the Ionic Society. Amber plans to attend graduate school at Syracuse University.

Ali, a graduating senior from New Market, Md., is majoring in law and society with minors in criminology and delinquency, and religion. She is Commencement Chair, president of Mortar Board, 2004 and 2005 editor of Touchstone yearbook, and a member of House Council and Hood College choir. She also served as a Peer Educator, STAR and president of the Ionic Society, a highly selective service organization. Ali is an Honors Program student who has earned Dean's List honors every semester of her college career. She plans to attend law school.

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC SERVICES

THE MARGARET LOUISE KLEIST PRIZE, established by Mrs. C. Walter Kleist and the late Mr. Kleist, is awarded to an outstanding member of the freshman class selected from nominations by the Freshman-Sophomore Advising Group. The prize is shared by Sandra C. Cruz Surco and Tiffany A. Gutowski.

Sandra, a freshman from Frederick, Md., plans to pursue a double major in art and Spanish. A native of Bolivia, she is an Honors Program student with unusually developed writing and oral skills. Her contributions in class are marked by her eloquence and mastery of the language—not not to be taken for granted in native speakers—as well as thoughtful insights into the Spanish culture and texts. She is a genuinely curious, self-motivated student with a great academic future.

Tiffany, a freshman from Baltimore, Md., plans to pursue a double major in chemistry and mathematics, and is already involved in an independent study project in chemistry. She is an Honors Program student and a Bonner Scholar. She also is a member of the women's basketball team that recently went to the NCAA tournament.

FACULTY AND STAFF AWARDS

THE ADVISER OF THE YEAR AWARD is given to a faculty member who has provided exceptional support to her or his student advisees. Nominations are submitted by students and the academic affairs committee of the Student Government Association chooses the recipient.

THE ROSE AWARD is presented to a non-teaching member of the Hood community who provides exceptional service. Hood's Mortar Board Society selects the recipient.

THE EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD is presented to a faculty member who excels in conveying knowledge, challenging students and inspiring them to greater heights. The recipient is selected by Hood's Mortar Board Society.

THE PROVOST'S STAFF MENTOR AWARD is presented annually to a Hood College staff member who has distinguished herself or himself by serving as an informal advisor, exemplar or mentor to undergraduate or graduate students.

THE DR. HENRY P. AND PAGE LAUGHLIN FACULTY PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD is conferred annually upon an outstanding faculty member who has made significant contributions to her or his profession or to the College through scholarship or exceptional service.