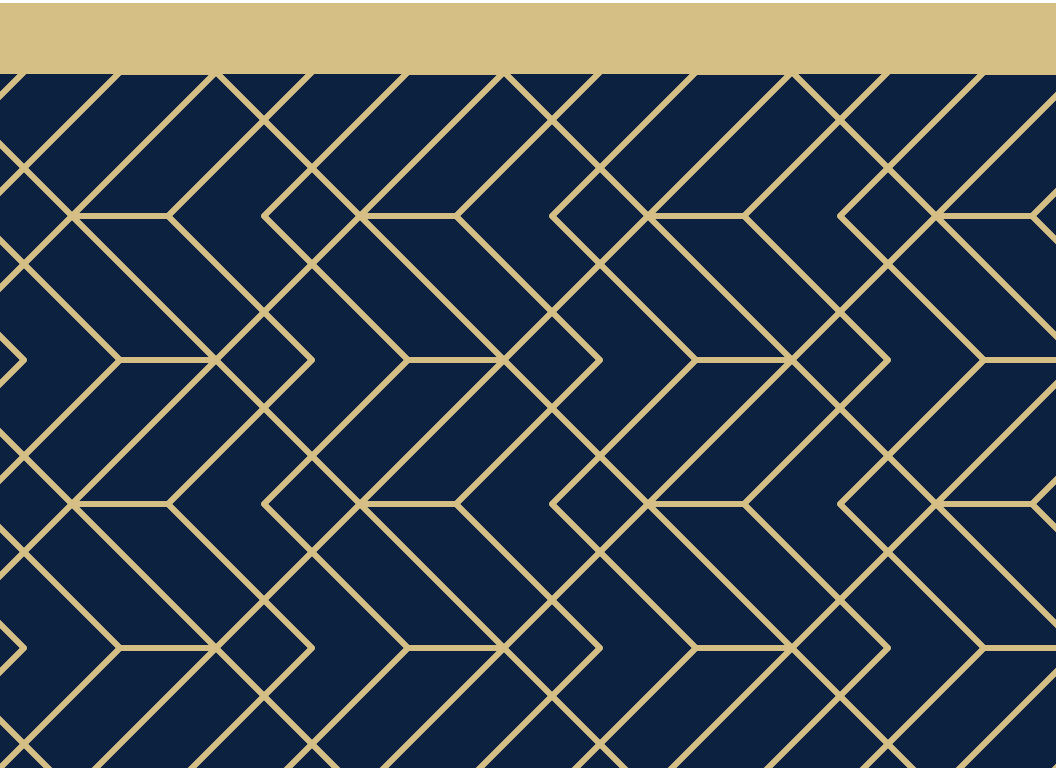


CLARKE UNIVERSITY

Honors Banquet

2020



HONORS BANQUET

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2020

CLARKE UNIVERSITY



INVOCATION

ACADEMIC HONORS

INSTALLATION

TORCH PASSING

FINAL BLESSING

The Honors Banquet is a Clarke University tradition recognizing students from all classes for their academic, leadership, and service achievements.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

CLASS VALEDICTORIAN

Class valedictorian is the highest academic award Clarke University confers each year on its undergraduate students. This title is conferred on one or two individuals who have achieved the highest level of academic performance in their class. The students speak at the Commencement ceremony. The valedictorian for the class of 2020 is:

Nicholas Peterson

ACADEMIC HONORS AT COMMENCEMENT

Academic honors at commencement are awarded to candidates for baccalaureate degrees who have earned a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 3.5 on Clarke University coursework. Candidates must have completed a minimum of 45 graded credit hours at Clarke University by their degree completion date.

SUMMA CUM LAUDE – 3.80-4.0 G.P.A.

Margaret Joan Bradley
Sarah Elizabeth Cotton
Kasey Elizabeth Davis
Margaret Grace Duke Diossy
Justin Gerald Droessler
Morgan Sue Dunahoo
Alexis Rose Fortmann
Breanna Marie Judkins

Amelia Kathryn Noonan
Alli Anne Osterberger
Maria Naomi Ottavi
Nicholas James Peterson
Aidan Blake Philpot
Charlotte Wissel Rodewald
Bailey Kathleen Theisen

Brandon Koa Thorpe
Jenna Elizabeth Tilton
Olivia Quianna Turner
Jenna M. Weber
Abigail Jane Whittaker

MAGNA CUM LAUDE – 3.65-3.79 G.P.A.

Amanda James Beéal
Magdalena Chwieralski
Tyler David Cooksley
Vanika Brianna Hanserd

Damien Higashi
Kevin John Ockenfels
Sarah Colleen Shealer
Lindsey Rae Steger

Sydney Lynn Tigges
Mariah Catherine Wiegel
Kyle Michael Wienen

CUM LAUDE – 3.50-3.64 G.P.A.

Arieanna Lea Accidentale
Amanda Adams
Krista Nicole Atkinson
Brooke Alexandra Brimeyer
Maximilian James Califf
Caity Ann Cox
Delaney Rae Dicus
Hannah Marie Elliott

Bailey Elizabeth Engel
Hannah McKae Hauser
Bridgett Jo Hunziker
Kaitlyn Marie Kaiser
Shanna Paige Kopf
Marcus Amir Lopez
Annalise Audrey Lyon
Gabrielle Ann Moran

Samuel Edward Moss
Matthew Rheingans
Cody Ries
Abigail Rose Rusch
Leah Jane Schaefer
Kyle Joseph Schultz
Rebecca E. Underwood
Adelei Lynn Wallenhorst

KAPPA GAMMA PI

Kappa Gamma Pi is a National Catholic University Graduate Honor Society. Membership is limited to not more than 10 percent of the graduating class. Seniors who have attained a 3.50 or higher G.P.A. for the last four semesters and who have demonstrated leadership and significant participation in campus life are selected by vote of the faculty and senior class. The following Clarke University seniors have been selected as Kappa Gamma Pi members this year:

Magdalena Chwieralski
Sarah Cotton

Morgan Dunahoo
Breanna Judkins

Charlotte Rodewald
Jenna Tilton

SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Scholars Program is an outgrowth of both Clarke's robust liberal arts/general education philosophy and the institution's commitment to career-ready and life-ready learners. The program serves as a unique, innovative, and flexible platform from which exceptional students can prepare for their futures even as they explore their potential in the present. They do this by challenging themselves and each other intellectually, developing formative academic and professional relationships, and actively engaging with the larger community.

The following graduating seniors have completed the Scholars Program this year.

Arieanna Accidentale
Magdalena Chwieralski

Charlotte Rodewald
Sarah Shealer

ACCEPTANCE TO GRADUATE STUDY AT CLARKE UNIVERSITY

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Cody Bertram
Hayden DeGross
Margaret Dioso
Camry Fields

Bailey McNamee
Paige Murphy
Elaina Skeen

Audra Steil
Hannah Rehfeldt
Megan Pressgrove

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

4+1:

Amanda Beal

Amelia Noonan

Brandon Thorpe

Online:

Bailey Engel
Alli Osterberger

Chloe Parks
Lindsey Steiner

Abigail Whitaker

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Antonia Naab

Abby Rusch

ACCEPTANCE TO GRADUATE STUDY AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Alexis Bolgert

Master of Exercise Science, Indiana Wesleyan University

Magdalena Chwieralski

Master of Science in Sport and Human Performance and Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Adler University

Tyler Cooksley

Pharmacy Doctoral program, University of Iowa

Echo DeVries

Ph.D. in Chemistry at Iowa State University, Miami University, Northern Illinois University and the University of Iowa. Plans to attend Iowa State University.

Christian Haffner

Ph.D. in Toxicology, Iowa State University

Elizabeth Lego

Master of Science in Athletic Training, Indiana Wesleyan University

Kevin Ockenfels

Occupational Therapy Doctorate, Drake University

Kyle Schultz

Doctor of Physical Therapy, Boston University

Jenna Weber

Master of Arts in English, accepted to Iowa State University, University of Nebraska Omaha, and San Diego State University.

COMPETITIVE SUMMER PROGRAMS AND INTERNSHIPS

Jocelyn Wiese

Internship Program with the Executive Office of the President, Office of Administration, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Procurement and Contracting Branch, Washington, D.C., Summer 2020

OTHER HONORS

Margaret Christianson

Gold ADDY Award, Dubuque American Advertising Federation ADDY Awards, 2020

Echo DeVries

Awarded "Best Undergraduate Research Poster Presentation" at the Eleventh Annual IL-IA ACS Undergraduate Research Conference, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA, Fall 2019

Stevie Eide

Gold ADDY Award, Dubuque American Advertising Federation ADDY Awards, 2020

Kyla Fangman

Awarded “Best Undergraduate Research Poster Presentation” at the Eleventh Annual IL-IA ACS Undergraduate Research Conference, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA, Fall 2019

Hannah Ingles

Judge’s Choice Award, Numi Organic Tea Redesign, Sales & Marketing, Sales Promotion, Product or Service Sales Promotion, Packaging

Gold ADDY Award, Dubuque American Advertising Federation ADDY Awards, 2020

Gold ADDY Award, Dubuque American Advertising Federation ADDY Awards, 2020

Emma Liddicoat

Presented “MMP28 Protein Expression and Localization in Prostaglandin Analogue Treated Human Ocular Cells” at Wartburg College, April 2020

Kevin Ockenfels

Studied Abroad in Kenya, January 2020

Charlotte Rodewald

Best of Show, Super Duper Snacks Bags in the category of Sales/Promotion/Packaging

Gold ADDY Award, Dubuque American Advertising Federation ADDY Awards, 2020

Gold ADDY Award, Dubuque American Advertising Federation ADDY Awards, 2020

Silver ADDY Award, Dubuque American Advertising Federation ADDY Awards, 2020

Silver ADDY Award, Dubuque American Advertising Federation ADDY Awards, 2020

Silver ADDY Award, Dubuque American Advertising Federation ADDY Awards, 2020

Austin Schroeder

Gold ADDY Award, Dubuque American Advertising Federation ADDY Awards, 2020

Brynn Schubert

Presented “MMP28 Protein Expression and Localization in Prostaglandin Analogue Treated Human Ocular Cells” at Wartburg College, April 2020

Jenna Weber

Clarke University’s nominated candidate for the McElroy Trust 2020 Fellowship

Kayla Winandy

Judge’s Choice Award, Brewsader Pride, Sales & Marketing, Sales Promotion, Product or Service Sales Promotion, Packaging

Gold ADDY Award, Dubuque American Advertising Federation ADDY Awards, 2020

Silver ADDY Award, Dubuque American Advertising Federation ADDY Awards, 2020

SPECIAL FIELD AWARDS

GLORIA WEIR MELGAARD ART AWARD

Art award established in 1997 by Robert Melgaard in tribute to his wife, Gloria Weir Melgaard '78. It recognizes a senior who, in the opinion of the art faculty, has produced exceptional art works and demonstrated artistic growth and professional development. Awarded to a student who has contributed to the department through generosity of time and energy, supportive presence, and creative activity.

CHARLOTTE RODEWALD

ART + DESIGN PROGRAM FACULTY AWARD

Awarded to an outstanding sophomore or junior art major who contributes to the creative atmosphere of the department and who demonstrates the potential for highly creative, professional artistic performance.

PARKER LIPPSTOCK

WALTER AND KATHRYN DUNHAM FINE ARTS AWARD

Established in 1995 by Meneve Dunham '53, in tribute to her parents. Awarded to a senior majoring in art, music, drama, or music theatre who, in the judgment of the fine arts division faculty and on the basis of demonstrated record, shows the potential for advancement as a professional in an artistic field.

DARIUS AUTRY

THE ATHLETIC TRAINING LEADERSHIP AWARD

Established in 2014 by Clarke University, this award recognizes a Junior Athletic Training major who has demonstrated excellent leadership and professionalism in the Athletic Training field.

SAWYER FOSS

MARY IGNACIO WALSH, BVM, BIOLOGY AWARD

Established by a friend of Sister Mary Ignacio Walsh. Awarded to a senior who shows promise for further achievement in biology. Nominated and elected by biology majors.

VICTORIA BOOTH

MARY AND HATTIE RAWLS GUEST BIOLOGY AWARD

Established by Mary F. and M. I. Guest in memory of their mother. It was renamed in 2001 to honor the memory of Mary F. Guest, biology department faculty member, 1972-1992. The award is presented annually to an upper-division biology major who has achieved a minimum 3.0 average in biology, who has participated in extracurricular activities in the biology department, and who has given service within Clarke University or the Dubuque community.

SAMANTHA GANTENBEIN

BARBARA BEN BONAVENTURA BIOLOGY AWARD

Established by the Class of 1967 and Dr. Leo Bonaventura in memory of his wife, Barbara Bonaventura '67. It is awarded annually to a biology major selected by the students and faculty in the biology department.

NICHOLAS PETERSON

ANN PAULINE BRASSER, BVM, SCIENCE AWARD

Established in 1990 by Katherine Au-Young Lam '57, this award pays tribute to former Biology professor Sister Mary Ann Pauline Brassier, BVM. The award is presented annually to an incoming senior majoring in biology, chemistry, or nursing who has achieved a minimum of 3.0 average in his or her field and who has contributed to the university community through extracurricular activities or volunteer services to the Dubuque area non-profit organizations.

DIANA HARRINGTON

MCDONALD BUSINESS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Established in 1975 by R. D. McDonald, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of A.Y. McDonald Manufacturing Company. Awarded to a senior major who, on the basis of academic excellence and community service, is judged by departmental faculty to be outstanding in the field of business.

ARIEANNA ACCIDENTALE

THE FLYNN FAMILY AWARD IN BUSINESS

Established by Sister Mary Michael Flynn, BVM, in honor of the Flynn family sisters. Awarded to a sophomore or junior majoring in accounting or business administration who has demonstrated leadership, service, scholarship, and potential for professional achievement. The recipient is selected by faculty and students in the accounting and business department.

SULLIVAN ADAMS

MARGUERITE NEUMANN, BVM, CHEMISTRY AWARD

Established by chemistry department alumni to honor Sister Marguerite Neumann, BVM. The award is given annually to a chemistry major on the basis of a demonstrated record of leadership, service, scholastic achievement, and potential for advancement of the chemical profession.

ECHO DeVRIES

CHARLES AND BEATRICE BLOOD FEATURE STORY AWARD

Established by Shirley Blood Ruedy '58, of Cedar Rapids, former editor of The Courier, in memory of her parents.

FIRST PLACE: MARCUS LOPEZ, "A Woman Leading Men"

SECOND PLACE: CHARLOTTE RODEWALD,
"Touchdown: An Analysis of Football's Impact on Clarke"

THIRD PLACE: MARIA OTTAVI,
"Fire Decimates Notre Dame Cathedral Known as the Heart of Paris"

AULEEN EBERHARDT JOURNALISM AWARD

Established in 1995 by Alan and Bette Eberhardt. Awarded to a senior in communication who, in the judgment of the communication department, shows potential for excellence, professionalism, and community service

MARIA OTTAVI

POWERS COMPUTER SCIENCE AWARD

Established by the Powers family in honor of Dave Powers '85, computer science graduate and faculty from 1987 to 2000. Presented annually to a graduating senior in the computer science department whose achievement has been noteworthy.

DANE SHAULL

FLORENTINE O'BRIEN CRAEMER DRAMA AWARD

Established by Mrs. N. P. Craemer '24, Cedar Rapids, in tribute to her three Clarke daughters. It is presented to the outstanding senior who has demonstrated highly creative and knowledgeable discipline in the theatre and who has made a superior contribution to the Clarke University Drama Department.

KAYLA WINANDY

ALUMNI DRAMA AWARD

Established by Clarke drama alumni to encourage the continuance of a quality theatre program. Presented to an outstanding sophomore or junior who has demonstrated academic excellence evidenced by a 3.0 cumulative grade point average, superior creative involvement in the drama program, and leadership potential in the field.

ALANNAH WALKER

JOHN AND PEARL VOSS EDUCATION AWARD

Established by Susan Voss Webb '62 in honor of her parents in recognition of their lives as educators. Awarded to a junior education major who demonstrates outstanding scholarship with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher in the major and overall, with priority given to someone in the honors program.

REBECCA SCHROEDER

RENATA KORONA DIPASQUALE EDUCATION AWARD

Established in 1994 by Aimee Pacholski Goldsmith, Donna Peppers Rhodes, and Anne Casey Stanfa in memory of Renata Korona DiPasquale, all of the Class of 1979. The award is presented annually to a Clarke University senior education major who, according to the education faculty, has demonstrated an inspirational attitude toward the vocation of teaching while maintaining an above-average academic record.

ELSIE OSTWINKLE

MARY FRANCES CLARKE, BVM, EDUCATION AWARD

Established in 1976 by friends of the Clarke education department. Presented to a senior who, in the judgment of the education department faculty, gives promise of becoming an outstanding member of the teaching profession, as evidenced by academic excellence, superior performance in teaching, as well as professional and/or community involvement during the student's program at Clarke.

BAILEY THEISEN

EUGENE H. GEISLER HISTORY AWARD

Established in 1991 in memory of Eugene H. Geisler by his wife, Bernadine Hingtgen Ament Geisler '43. It is awarded to an outstanding sophomore or junior history major.

JENNA SCHWARTZHOFF

RICHARD SHERMAN MEMORIAL AWARD

Established by the late Edward Sherman, New York, NY, in memory of his brother, Richard Sherman, novelist and film writer. The Richard Sherman award is presented to the first- and second-place winners in the Clarke University Writing Contest.

FIRST PLACE: JENNA WEBER, "It's Easier That Way"

SECOND PLACE: KYLEE ALLEN, "Skin Deep"

MARY BLAKE FINAN LITERARY AWARD

Established by the late Mary Blake Finan, L.L.D., 1893. The Mary Blake Finan Award is presented to the third-place winner in the Clarke University Writing Contest.

THIRD PLACE: MARCUS LOPEZ, "One Day at a Time"

JOHN F. AND CATHARINE MORAN O'MALLEY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Established by Catharine M. O'Malley, St. Joseph Academy '25, in memory of her husband. It is awarded to a second-semester sophomore in Spanish on the basis of academic excellence in foreign languages.

CARLEY GYLLING

OUTSTANDING ENGLISH MAJOR AWARD

Established in 2014 by Clarke University, this award recognizes an outstanding English major with an excellent record of achievement and leadership in the field of English language and literature.

EMILY SMITH

VERA CLARKE, BVM, AWARD

Initiated by Mary Lane Neubauer Blomquist '72 and established in 1992 by Clarke alumni in memory of Mary Vera Clarke, BVM, Mathematics Department faculty member, 1957-1975. Awarded to a graduating senior majoring in mathematics whose achievement has been noteworthy.

ECHO DEVRIES

VIRGINIA GAUME, BVM, MUSIC AWARD

Established in 1979 in recognition of Sister Virginia's years of dedicated service to excellence in the Music Department.

DANE SHAULL

NURSING AND HEALTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

Established in 1999 by the faculty of the nursing department. This award honors a student who has a consistent record of exceptional leadership in community endeavors.

LEAH SCHAEFER

NICOLE THING NURSING AWARD

Established in 2015 by Anne Thing, in memory of her daughter, Nicole Thing, who was an outstanding second-year nursing student at Clarke University when she passed away suddenly. Nicole had a passion for helping people, a passion that lives through her organ donation. The Nicole Thing Award is given to an outstanding first-year nursing student who is encouraging, supportive, giving, willing to go the extra mile, and a team player, characteristics that describe Nicole's generous personality.

KIERSTIN ADAMS
BRENNAN SHELTON

CATHERINE DUNN, BVM, EXCELLENCE IN NURSING AWARD

Established in 1994 by the Board of Trustees, this award pays tribute to a decade of extraordinary leadership provided by former President Catherine Dunn, BVM. It is presented annually to a nursing student whose academic record and community service have demonstrated excellence.

JENNA TILTON

MARY ANTONIA DURKIN, BVM, PHILOSOPHY AWARD

Established in 2001 by Norm Freund and Kent Anderson in memory of Antonia Durkin, BVM, who successfully lobbied to open the doors of Catholic higher education for herself and other religious women. The award honors her pioneering spirit, dedication to the liberal arts, and many years of service to Clarke. It is presented annually to the student in the introductory philosophy course who has demonstrated the most outstanding course work and dedication to the discipline of philosophy.

KEITH JOHNSON

SOCRATES AWARD

Established in 1990 by Norm Freund and Kent Anderson to recognize excellence in philosophy. It is awarded annually to a student in an upper-division philosophy course who demonstrates outstanding performance in course work and dedication to the discipline of philosophy.

JOCELYN WIESE

BENEDICT PHELAN, BVM, PSYCHOLOGY AWARD

Established in 1969 by the Clarke Development Council to honor Sister Mary Benedict Phelan, BVM, former Clarke president. Awarded to the psychology major who, in the judgment of the psychology department faculty, shows the greatest promise of contributing to the field of psychology.

MADISON RO

DEE LEOW-SCHREINER AWARD

Established by her family and friends in 1997, this award pays tribute to Dee Leow-Schreiner in recognition and gratitude for the profound influence Clarke had in her life. Presented annually to a student who has gained and demonstrated personal spiritual growth while at Clarke University.

STEPHANIE QUINN

FLORETTA MILLER CALMEYN RELIGIOUS STUDIES AWARD

Established by Mary Kennedy Dandurand and members of the class of 1964. The Floretta Miller Calmeyn Religious Studies Award pays tribute to their classmate, who lived life fully as a mother, wife, friend, and parish spiritual director. The award is given to a student who has demonstrated excellence in religious studies coursework.

SISTER THI KIM ANH NGUYEN

MARY ELLEN CALDWELL, BVM, RELIGIOUS STUDIES AWARD

Established by Janet and Michael O'Meara, this award honors Sister Mary Ellen Caldwell, BVM, assistant professor emerita and religious studies faculty member, 1962-1987. It is presented annually to a student who demonstrates the pursuit of excellence in religious studies and a commitment to social justice.

ELIZABETH MCKINSTRY SHERBURNE

MARY J. McCORMICK SOCIAL WORK AWARD

Established in 1979 to recognize the life and work of Dr. Mary J. McCormick, a 1924 graduate of Clarke College (Mount St. Joseph College at the time), who was a leader in both social work education and international social work. This award is presented to a senior social work major who, in the judgment of the seniors and faculty in the department, has demonstrated academic achievement in the field of social work and gives promise of becoming an outstanding member of the profession.

ELENA DOMINGUEZ

MARIANNE JOY, BVM, AWARD

Established in 1983 by family and friends of Sister Marianne Joy, BVM, in memory of her significant contributions to Clarke and her unique commitment, care, concern, and love for the residence life program. This award is presented to a resident assistant who has demonstrated significant service to the university residential community for at least one year.

TAYLOR FOECKING

JOAN KELEHER DOYLE, BVM, CAMPUS MINISTRY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Established in 1982 in memory of Joan Keleher Doyle, BVM, who called others to broaden the world vision of BVMs and to participate actively in efforts for justice, equality, and peace. This award is to recognize a student who has excelled in Christian Ministry by consistent and active participation in a variety of campus ministry activities. The recipient is selected by the campus ministry team and previous award recipient.

ELIZABETH MCKINSTRY SHERBURNE

BECKMAN SERVICE GRANT

Established in 1983 by the children of Leonard and Mary Haugh Beckman to enable members of the Clarke community to engage in a ministry that provides direct service to the poor and marginal. The recipient is chosen by the campus ministry team.

RACHEL DAACK to aid in the opening of a ReStore run by Dubuque and Jackson Counties' Habitat for Humanities.

CLARKE STUDENT ASSOCIATION AWARD

Established in 2007 by the Clarke Student Association, this award is given in recognition of outstanding participation in student government. The award recipient is a non-graduating Clarke University student who has exhibited outstanding participation in the Clarke Student Association and the Clarke University community.

DAISY LEMUS

ATHLETICS NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Established in 2009, this award recognizes an outstanding male student athlete and an outstanding female student athlete who are in their first year of competition at Clarke University.

SHELBY KLINE
MAX STEFFEN

ED COLBERT ATHLETICS CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Established in 1993 in honor of Coach Ed Colbert's contributions to the Clarke athletic program. The award is presented annually to a senior male student and a senior female student in recognition of their outstanding career achievements in Clarke University athletics.

BREANNA JUDKINS
JAKOB KIRMAN

HOWARD AND GERTRUDE THOMPSON AWARD

Established in 1981, this award recognizes the achievement of an outstanding non-traditional age student. Eligible non-traditional age students must have completed 30 semester hours at Clarke University and attained a 3.0 cumulative grade-point-average or above.

THUY VY TRAN

FIRST-YEAR STUDENT AWARD AND ST. CATHERINE MEDAL

This undergraduate achievement award is given by vote of the faculty and the freshman class to a first-year student who has, in the first year of college, exemplified the high standards of character, scholarship, service, and leadership required for election to membership in Kappa Gamma Pi. The medal is awarded through the courtesy of Mary Alice Studebaker McManus '61.

KIERSTIN ADAMS

JOHN AND MARY MILES COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Established by Mary J. Miles in 1977 as the John A. Miles Service Award, enlarged and revised by the Miles Family after Mary's death in 2013, the John and Mary Miles Community Service Award is presented each year to a full-time second-year student who has demonstrated energetic volunteer service to the Clarke University and the community. In the spring semester sophomore students, faculty and administration may nominate for the award; sophomores and faculty vote for the award. The recipient of the award is announced annually at the spring Honors Banquet.

KYLEE ALLEN

MABEL ROONEY HOFFMAN AWARD

Established in 1969 by the late Alois Hoffman in honor of his wife, this award is presented each year to the junior who, by nomination and vote of the faculty and members of the junior class, has exhibited evidence of academic interest and effort, and an outstanding response to the opportunities to serve others in the university community and society.

PAIGE MURPHY

FRANCIS J. O'CONNOR MEMORIAL AWARD

Since 1935 the O'Connor Award has been recognized as the most prestigious honor bestowed upon a Clarke University graduating senior. Criteria for the award include demonstrated leadership, cooperation, generosity, kindness, and academic achievement. Originally, the Mary Agnes O'Connor Award was established by the late Frank A. O'Connor in memory of his wife. In 1991 it was renamed the award the Francis J. O'Connor Memorial Award to honor the late Francis J. O'Connor, son of Frank and Mary Agnes O'Connor, and longtime Clarke trustee. The award recipient is selected by vote of the senior class, faculty and staff. The presentation of the award is made at commencement exercises.

SYDNEY EUSTICE

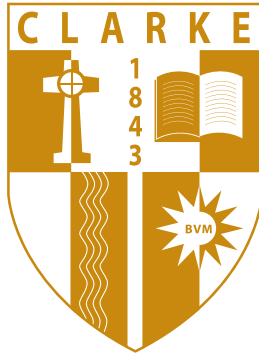
INSTALLATION OF CLARKE STUDENT ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

TORCH PASSING

The concept of torch passing originated with the ancient Greek Olympics over 2,700 years ago. During the earliest athletic competitions, relays of runners carried a sacred flame lit from the fire burning before the altar of Zeus to the location of the games.

Similarly, the Clarke Torch Passing Ceremony, initiated in 1935, recognizes the continuity in the transition of student officers, with the flame being passed from those who have served the university community for the past year to those elected to serve during the coming year.

CSA Executive Board	2019-2020	2020-2021
President	Bailey Theisen	Tucker LaBelle
Vice President	Sydney Eustice	Montez Thompson
Secretary	Macy Boughn	Macy Boughn
Treasurer	Montez Thompson	Anthony Gonzalez
Class of 2023 Senators	Avery Abbas Bailey Brennan Bella Hanniford Meriah Martin	Avery Abbas Bailey Brennan Isabella Hanniford Stephen Lewandowski
Class of 2022 Senators	Emma Christ Taylor Foecking Anthony Gonzalez Tucker LaBelle	Kylee Allen Taylor Foecking Jaida Kroning Claire Ronnebaum
Class of 2021 Senators	Samantha Brookens Kathleen Rubino Brandon Thorpe Mikayla Vincent	Samantha Brookens Josh Meier Kathleen Rubino Mikayla Vincent
Class of 2020 Senators	Jacob Boyle Roane Hand Daisy Lemus Annalise Lyon	



177th Commencement

Saturday, October 3, 2020 · 10 a.m.
Robert and Ruth Kehl Center, Clarke University

*A reception for graduates and guests will immediately
follow commencement in the R.C. and Celeste Wahlert Atrium.*