

SIMPSON COLLEGE

Honors Convocation

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April 20, 2022 | 12:45 p.m.

SMITH CHAPEL

PROCESSIONAL Michael Elsbernd, organist

INVOCATIONMara Bailey, chaplain

PRESIDINGJohn Woell, senior vice president and academic dean

DIVISION OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Justin Nostrala, division head, presiding

Jennifer Nostrala, department chair of theatre arts

Alpha Psi Omega Junior Award..... Garrett Livingston

Outstanding Senior in Theatre ArtsEden Moad

Justin Nostrala, department chair of graphic design

Outstanding Senior in Graphic Design..... Jordy Triana-Vasquez

Don Evans, department chair of music

Frank Barrows Award.....Madeline Gude

Sven and Mildred Lekberg Music Award..... Miranda Young

Tanner Striegel

Music Performing Honors..... Micah Zimmerman

Alexander Gray

DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Don Evans, division head, presiding

Don Evans, division head, social sciences

Carl Halgren Certificate of Excellence in Psychology..... MacKenzie Grenko

Kedron Bardwell, department chair of political science

Outstanding Senior in Political ScienceElise Sturgeon

Carolyn Dallinger, department chair of sociology, criminal justice and human services

Outstanding Senior in Criminal Justice..... Jeremiah Gates

Outstanding Senior in Human Services..... Tuyishime Florance

Fred Jones Outstanding Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Graduate AwardMakenzie Patterson

DIVISION OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Paul Craven, division head, presiding

Paul Craven, division head, natural sciences

L. Mildred Wilson Science Award Eliza Frentress

DofT Science Honor Awards

Audrey Arnold, Carina Covington, Kacie Cowman, Sky Delzell,

Franchesca DeVore, Buck Eagleburger, Mary Flaherty, Eliza Frentress,

Adam Gruhn, Grayson Hardin, Payton Harris, Clarissa Huisman, Tyler Love,

Madison Luderman, Hannah Murphy, Noah Nelsen, Katherine Oosterhuis,

Molly Platte, Robert Wagner, Ean Warrick, Zachary Wemhoff, and Bryce Wilbur

Jordan Science Achievement Award..... Laura Nielsen

Lindsay Ditzler, department co-chair of chemistry and physics

Outstanding Senior in Chemistry/Biochemistry/Forensics Payton Harris

Outstanding Student in General Chemistry..... Breana Hinson

David Olsgaard, department co-chair of chemistry and physics

Outstanding Senior in Physics..... Caitlyn Lucht

Ryan Rehmeier, department chair of biology

Margaret L. Watson Awards in Biology Senior: Chloe Van Vliet

Junior: Eliza Frentress

Outstanding Senior in Environmental Science.....Mary Hendon

Hiram Doty Research Award..... Ethan Madden

Outstanding Freshman in Biology..... Breana Hinson

Todd Little, department chair of computer science

<i>Outstanding Seniors in Computer Science</i>	Keara Schmitt
	Peter Walkwitz
<i>Outstanding Senior in Computer Information Systems</i>	Alyssa Pingel
<i>Outstanding Senior in Management Information Systems</i>	Delefine Niyigena
<i>Outstanding Senior in Interactive Media</i>	Riley Fletcher

Heidi Berger, department chair of mathematics

<i>Outstanding Senior in Data Science</i>	Bishnu Adhikari
<i>Outstanding Senior in Actuarial Science</i>	Keara Schmitt
<i>Outstanding Seniors in Mathematics</i>	Emily King
	Miguel Sanchez

DIVISION OF HUMANITIES

Judy Walden, division head, presiding

John Pauley, department chair of philosophy

<i>Norman Thomas Outstanding Senior in Philosophy</i>	Elise Sturgeon
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Nick Proctor, department chair of history

<i>Leopold Award in History</i>	Kylie Banouvong
<i>Joe Walt Senior History Award</i>	Noah Trujillo

JJ Butts, department chair of English

<i>Outstanding Seniors in English</i>	Sydney Alt
	Taylor Hoffman
	Kyli Orr
<i>Clerk's Award</i>	Katherine Robey

Judy Walden, department chair of world languages and culture studies

<i>Outstanding Students in World Language and Culture Studies</i>	Steven Cruz-Castro
	Silvia Murillo
<i>Outstanding Senior in Humanities</i>	Taylor Johnson

DIVISION OF EDUCATION AND SPORT AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Barb Ramos, division head, presiding

Nicci Whalen, department chair of sport science and health education

<i>Outstanding Seniors in Sports Administration</i>	Claire Oetting
	Morgan Flynn
<i>Outstanding Seniors in Sport Science</i>	Maddie Jansen
	Kayley Thomas

Chad Timm, department chair of teacher education

<i>Leadership in Education</i>	Silvia Murillo
<i>Outstanding Senior in Elementary Education</i>	Gabriella Schroud
<i>Outstanding Senior in Secondary Education</i>	Sydney Alt
<i>Dr. Donna J. Helble '71 Award Winner for</i>	
<i>Outstanding Junior in Elementary Education</i>	Abby Cozzoni

DIVISION OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND MULTIMEDIA COMMUNICATIONS

Lisa Carponelli, division head, presiding

Brian Steffen, department chair of multimedia communications

<i>Outstanding Senior in Marketing Communication</i>	Shelby McCasland
<i>Outstanding Senior in Multimedia Journalism</i>	Olivia Allen
<i>Outstanding Senior in Sports Communication</i>	Seth Howard

Mark Juffernbruch, department chair of business administration and economics

<i>Outstanding Senior in Management</i>	Aiden Ruble
<i>R. J. Samson CEO (Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization) Award</i>	Lucas Hemphill
<i>Outstanding Seniors in Global Management</i>	Trinity Krauss
	Heidi Ekborg-Ott
<i>Lisle C. Wilson Outstanding Junior</i>	Carina Covington

<i>Feyerbarm Award for Outstanding Junior</i>	Grace Fleming
<i>Heckert Award for Outstanding Senior in Economics</i>	Luke Becker
<i>Institute of Management Accountants</i>	Mikayla Vander Heiden
<i>Iowa Society of Certified Public Accountants</i>	Hattie Rhodes
<i>Outstanding Senior in Health Services Leadership</i>	Abby Ruby

GENERAL RECOGNITION

Mara Bailey, chaplain	
<i>Volunteers of the Year Award</i>	Eden Moad Aiden Ruble
Heidi Levine, vice president for planning and student development	
<i>Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) Emerging Leader Award</i>	Kyle Werner
Maeve Callan, director of women’s and gender studies	
<i>Women’s and Gender Studies Program Scholarship Award</i>	Jocelyn Smith Tuyishime Florance
<i>Women’s and Gender Studies Program Activism Award</i>	Tatum Clayburn
Eduardo Magalhães, Ruth Harp chair in political science	
<i>Epsilon Sigma</i>	
<i>Students inducted 2021</i>	Juliana Bourne, Naryah Dillworth, Sadie Green, Jenna Taylor
<i>New initiates, Class of 2022:</i>	Morgan Flynn, Jessica Grimm, Madeline Gude, Joshua Jeffs, Abby Loecke, Aiden Ruble, Marissa Salber, Peter Walkwitz
<i>New Initiates, Class of 2023:</i>	Eliza Frenress, Lexi Johnston, Allie Tubbs
Marty Bell, director of athletics	
<i>E.G. Booth Award</i>	Kia Rasmussen
Keyah Levy, vice president for diversity, equity & inclusion	
<i>President’s Award in Human Relations</i>	Tatum Clayburn
Marsha Kelliher, president	
<i>Barborka Award</i>	Cameron Kincaid
<i>Distinguished Research Award</i>	Heidi Berger, professor of mathematics

RECESSIONAL..... Michael Elsbernd, organist

FACULTY MARSHALS Adam Brustkern and Chad Timm

FLAG BEARERS Frank Cruz and William Keck

HONORARY AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND OTHER RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA (FRESHMAN HONOR SOCIETY)

To be announced at a later date

ALPHA PSI OMEGA (NATIONAL THEATRE HONOR SOCIETY)

Chance Bender, Allison Blades, Carson Clark, Allison Crain, Keith Dittmer, Jess Doster, Will Exline, Sabrina Fullhart, John Galm, Alexander Gray, McKinzie Horton, Ashley Kientoff, Garrett Livingston, Gabe Madson, Sydney Martin, Eden Moad, Owen Neumann, Caitlyn Potter, Michelle Pritchard-Hall, Tanner Striegel, Alexia Tebben, Tanner Tillotson, Miranda Young and Micah Zimmerman

ALPHA SIGMA LAMBDA (NATIONAL ADULT STUDENT HONOR SOCIETY)

Tamara Burrows, Catherine Corbett, Angela Frank-Jotzke, Jessica Grimm, Robert Hellstern, Jennifer Helton, Heather Keeney, Heidi Moore, Jeffrey Neubauer, Sonia Reyes, Adis Smajlovic, Emily Strait and Rose Surovec

BETA BETA BETA (NATIONAL HONORARY BIOLOGY SOCIETY)

Juliana Bourne, Jorge Castelan, Joaquin Chavez Martinez, Ryan Courtney, Sky Delzell, Harry Dudley, Paris Flack, Eliza Frentress, Darian Garcia, Maria Garcia, Kenedy Grant, Olivia Hall, Payton Harris, Wyatt Heisterkamp, Mary Hendon, Maddison Jansen, Cameron Kincaid, Ethan Madden, Paige Mcduffey, Sarah Miller, Haley Nizzi, Daniel Ordaz, Katie Pantzar, Bryson Pickens, Blaine Schumacher, Kayley Thomas and Chloe Van Vliet

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC CAMERATA (OPERA HONORARY)

To be announced at a later date

PHI ALPHA THETA (NATIONAL HISTORY HONOR SOCIETY)

Kylie Banouvong, Claire Boots, Lani Cruse, Kenzie Jeter, Morgan Judge, Elliot Magalhães, Hannah Murphy, Noah Nelsen, Katie Pantzar, Katie Plascencia, Ava Shannon, Noah Trujillo, Allie Tubbs, Simon Van Den Abbeele, Brennan Waterman and Kennedy Wright

PI SIGMA ALPHA (POLITICAL SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY)

Olivia Allen, Victoria Barksdale, Frank Cruz, Louie Hoehle, William Keck, Scout Peery, Elise Sturgeon, Korie Torres and Noah Trujillo

PSI CHI (INTERNATIONAL HONORARY SOCIETY OF PSYCHOLOGY)

Kylie Banouvong, Juliana Bourne, Lizbeth Cayetano, Breanna Ellis, Alaina Gerdes, Iman Ghalibaf, MacKenzie Grenko, Aleksei Harding, Donivan Kinghorn, Mackenzie Laughlin, Camrey Leo, Cambri Mason, Hannah Murphy, Haley Nizzi, Jenna Pfeiffer, Jessica Pierce, Monserrat Saucedo, Amelia Schafer, Emma Thul and Jaci Versluis

SIGMA PI SIGMA (NATIONAL PHYSICS HONOR SOCIETY)

Caitlyn Lucht, Joshua Belieu, Jade Thompson, Lihn Tran and Buck Eagleburger

SIGMA TAU DELTA (INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY)

Chance Bender, Lucy Cockrell, McKala Downing, Alisha Kauten, Alyssa Love, Hadleigh Markun, Makenna Mullin, Mary Nelson, Katherine Robey, Kalen Stefanick, Carter Stacey, Logan Templeton and Jordyn Wilson

DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS / HONORARY ORGANIZATIONS

(These are in alphabetical order. Some years they may not be presented.)

Alpha Lambda Delta Maria Leonard Book Award

Alpha Lambda Delta, organized in 1983, is a freshman scholastic honor society. The Alpha Lambda Delta Maria Leonard Book Award is given to the graduating member of ALD who has the highest grade point average.

Alpha Psi Omega Outstanding Junior

This award is sponsored by the local chapter of Alpha Psi Omega, the national theatre honorary fraternity. Voted on by the non-junior student members of APO, the award is based on such criteria as leadership and commitment to Alpha Psi Omega, commitment to the ideals and mission of the organization as well as Theatre Simpson and Simpson College, and consistent participation in Theatre Simpson productions and activities. The recipient has his/her name placed permanently on a plaque in the Blank Performing Arts Center and receives a gift from the Alpha Psi Omega chapter.

Alpha Sigma Lambda

Alpha Sigma Lambda is dedicated to the advancement of scholarship and recognizes high scholastic achievement in an adult student's career. Membership eligibility requirements are that students must have completed a minimum of twenty-four college semester hours at Simpson of which twelve semester hours must be outside the student's declared or intended major, and twelve hours must be in the liberal arts. A 3.2 cumulative grade point average is the minimum G.P.A. accepted. Members are elected from the highest ten percent of those students who meet the minimum standards.

Barborka Award

The Barborka Award was a gift from Dr. Clifford Barborka and includes the recipient's name inscribed on the prestigious Barborka Cup trophy. This award, of the highest honor for Simpson College senior athletes, is annually awarded to the senior athlete who has achieved outstanding accomplishments in scholarship and character, and has excelled in his/her chosen sport during his/her career or senior season.

Dean and Sandra Blinn Research Scholarship

The Dean and Sandra Blinn Research Scholarship is funded by a generous donation from Dr. Dean Blinn '65 and Mrs. Sandra Haarvig Blinn '65. The Research Scholarship funds Biology, Environmental Science, Biochemistry, and Neuroscience majors to conduct semester-long research projects in collaboration with a Simpson College faculty member.

Frank Barrows Award

The Barrows Award is given to the music major(s) who have completed Music 101, 201, 202 and 203 with the highest grade point average. The award is named for Frank Barrows who was the head of the Music Conservatory during the early 20th century and also lent his name to the former Barrow's Conservatory of Music building on the Simpson Campus.

Roger Betsworth Outstanding Senior in Religion

Dr. Roger Betsworth was professor of religion from 1973-1998 and this award is named in his honor. Two criteria are used to award this: excellence as an undergraduate in the discipline, as measured by grade point average and class performance; and a strong commitment and dedication to the discipline, as measured by performance both in class and outside of class.

E. G. Booth Award

The E. G. Booth Award is named after E.G. Booth who served at Simpson College for over 30 years as mentor, educator, coach, education department chair and athletic director. This award is given to a senior in education who is outstanding in athletics and has also shown excellence in teaching and scholarship.

Clerk's Award

This award is presented to an outstanding freshman or sophomore English major based on his or her accomplishments, potential and who demonstrates the character of a scholar.

Distinguished Research Award

In recognition of a faculty member who publishes, presents or displays an outstanding research project within the appropriate discipline.

Doft Science Honor Awards

Floyd S. Doft was a 1921 graduate of Simpson College who later earned a Ph.D. in chemistry from Yale University in organic chemistry. He taught chemistry at Yale and at Harvard and had a distinguished career in the field of nutrition. In his honor, the Doft scholarships recognize those students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in the natural sciences.

Hiram Doty Research Award

This award, named in honor of former professor of Biology Dr. Hiram Doty goes to the graduating senior who has the most distinguished record of undergraduate research in the area of biology or environmental sciences.

Eberhart International Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a full-time junior from a foreign country who possesses at least a 3.0 grade point average in a minimum of two semesters at Simpson College. The recipient will receive an award certificate.

Epsilon Sigma

Epsilon Sigma is the honor society for graduates of Simpson College. It has a long-standing but relatively unfamiliar tradition at Simpson because most student members are not inducted until the second semester of their senior year. Students must have superior academic accomplishment within each graduating class, including the top 10 percent of the senior class as well as a few juniors with high GPAs, further academic achievement by members of the 15th reunion class, and members of the faculty after their 3rd year of full-time service at Simpson. (Members of Phi Beta Kappa may be inducted during their 1st year).

ETS Recognition of Excellence Awards for Praxis II Content Exams

Educational Testing Services recognizes exceptional individual performance on the Praxis II content exams which are required for teacher licensure in Iowa.

Robert W. Feyerharm Award for Outstanding Junior

This award is presented to the outstanding junior in the department of business administration and economics and is a memorial scholarship honoring the late Robert W. Feyerharm. He served as vice-president of finance at Simpson College from 1955-1969. This award is given to a junior based on grade point average.

Financial Executives International Award

This award is presented by a professional international organization of finance and accounting executives to two senior accounting students who show great promise in the profession. Each student will receive an award certificate and a cash stipend.

Hekert Award for Outstanding Senior in Economics

The recipient of this award will receive a personal award plaque from the department.

Carl Halgren Certificate of Excellence in Psychology

This certificate is awarded to a senior student who has fully achieved excellence in psychology, and who, in consistently attaining a high level of performance in other areas, embodies the ideals of a broad liberal education.

Dr. Donna J. Helble '71 Outstanding Junior in Elementary Education Award

Named after Dr. Donna Jeanne Helble '71, professor emeritus at Winona State University, this distinction rewards a junior majoring in elementary education, which is the field where Dr. Helble provided a life-time of impressive professional and very personal commitment. This award is presented to an outstanding junior level student in elementary education in recognition of their exemplary knowledge, skills, and disposition. Particular emphasis is given in the areas of motivating and connecting with students in a meaningful manner, dedication to the profession of elementary education, classroom teaching performance and level of involvement in extracurricular activities.

Institute of Management Accountants (IMA)

This award is given by a professional organization for management accountants in recognition of a top graduating accounting student showing great interest and ability in management accounting. The recipient will receive an award certificate from the department and will be recognized at the IMA annual awards banquet.

Iowa Society of Certified Public Accountants

This award is given by a professional organization for certified public accountants in Iowa. It recognizes a top graduating accounting student showing great promise and interest in public accounting. The recipient will receive an award certificate.

Fred Jones '66 Outstanding Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Graduate Award

This award was created in 2016 to recognize an outstanding member of the MACJ graduating class, as evidenced by academic work and upon vote by the departmental faculty. This award was named to honor Dr. Fred Jones '66, professor of sociology and criminal justice who taught at Simpson from 1970-2017.

Jordan Science Achievement Award

The Jordan Science Achievement Award is presented to a graduating senior who best combines achievement in the humanities, fine arts or social sciences with an outstanding record in a major in the division of natural sciences.

Everett Laning '53 Award in Sociology

Formerly the Outstanding Sr. in Sociology award, this was renamed to honor Dr. Everett L. Laning '53, professor of sociology and applied social science who taught at Simpson from 1964-1996.

Leadership in Education

An outstanding senior who exhibits the following characteristics: envisions a high quality education for all and collaborates with others to achieve this goal; thinks deeply and asks the hard questions; advocates for students and puts their development and learning before self; serves in roles of influence within and outside of the college classroom; takes the initiative and is self-directed; and works to improve the lives of others and the broader global community.

Sven and Mildred Lekberg Music Award

This award is named for Sven and Mildred Lekberg. Dr. Sven Lekberg was chair of the Music Department for 25 years beginning in 1940. Together with his wife, Mildred, who taught voice on the Simpson faculty, they created the foundation for Simpson's superior music program. The two juniors who are chosen annually to receive this scholarship award embody the characteristics which the Lekbergs engendered: dedication to their development as musicians and artists, a passion for music, participation in a wide variety of endeavors in the Music Department, and positive leadership as a musician and colleague among their peers.

Leopold Award in History

This award is presented to outstanding sophomore or junior history students based on their academic achievement and contributions to the history program.

The Dr. Joe K. Moody Research Scholarship

This scholarship award provides \$1,000 per project for students to conduct research projects in the area of biology or biochemistry. The scholarship is funded by the family of retired biology professor Dr. Joe Moody.

Music Performing Honors

Performing honors are determined by music faculty vote and are given to seniors who display exemplary mastery of technique and artistry of interpretation of the material presented on their senior hour recital program.

Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) Emerging Leader Award

ODK is a 100-year old national leadership honor society. The Society recognizes not only academic achievement but also campus leadership across the five phases of campus life (Scholarship; Athletics; Campus or Community Service, Social or Religious Activities, and Campus Government; Journalism, Speech and the Mass Media; and Creative and Performing Arts). Members display: exemplary character; responsible leadership and service in campus and community life; superior scholarship; genuine fellowship; and consecration of democratic ideals.

The Dr. Alan and Karen Orr Biology Research Scholarship

This scholarship award provides \$1,000 per project for students to conduct research projects in the area of biology. The scholarship is funded by the generous support of Simpson Alumnus Dr. Alan Orr '61 and his wife, Karen, of Cedar Falls.

Outstanding Graduate Student in Secondary Education

The recipient is selected by the Teacher Education Department faculty and is based on academic achievement, student teaching performance, professional and ethical behavior, commitment to the profession of education and the ability to motivate and inspire their students.

Outstanding Senior in Actuarial Science

Recipients of this award demonstrate the strongest academic performance in actuarial science and supporting coursework from related disciplines, along with success in passing actuarial exams.

Outstanding Senior in Graphic Design

The award for Outstanding Senior in Graphic Design is given to the senior in graphic design who demonstrates an exceptionally strong commitment to graphic design through strong coursework, participation in graphic design activities outside of class and a fully realized senior portfolio.

Outstanding Senior in Chemistry, Biochemistry or Forensics

This award is presented to a graduating senior with a major in chemistry, biochemistry or forensic science/biochemistry who has excelled in both classroom and laboratory work.

Outstanding Senior in Computer Information Systems

This award is presented to the graduating senior in computer information systems who has excelled in upper-level coursework with special consideration given to research projects and internship participation.

Outstanding Senior in Computer Science

This award is presented to the graduating senior in computer science who has excelled in upper-level coursework with special consideration given to research projects and internship participation.

Outstanding Senior in Criminal Justice

This award is presented to a senior criminal justice major based on grade point average, community service, honors and/or activities.

Outstanding Seniors in Elementary and Secondary Education

Two awards are given annually: One goes to the outstanding senior in elementary education and one goes to the outstanding senior in secondary education. The selection is made by the faculty in the Teacher Education Department based on academic achievement, student teaching performance, professional and ethical behavior, commitment to the profession of education and the ability to motivate and inspire their students.

Outstanding Senior in English

This award is presented to a senior English major who excels in scholarship in the discipline.

Outstanding Senior in Environmental Science

This award goes to the senior environmental science major who is best known for his or her outstanding accomplishments in biology both in the classroom and outside the classroom. Outside classroom activities may include undergraduate research, lab assistantships or tutoring students.

Outstanding Senior in Global Management

The recipient will receive a personal award plaque from the department.

Outstanding Senior in Health Services Leadership

The recipient will receive a personal award plaque from the department.

Outstanding Senior in Human Services

The Outstanding Senior in Human Services award is presented to a graduating major who has made significant contributions to the field of human services. The recipient must have exhibited respect, dedication and a demonstrated social justice commitment to the needs of a variety of diverse communities, groups or individuals in our society.

Outstanding Senior in Humanities

The Senior Humanities Award goes to a student selected by members of the division who has demonstrated both excellence in a major in English, World Languages, History, Philosophy or Religion as well as breadth of knowledge over several disciplines in the Humanities.

Outstanding Senior in Interactive Media

This award is presented to the graduating senior in interactive media who has excelled in upper-level coursework with special consideration given to research projects and internship participation.

Outstanding Senior in Management

This award was established in 1948 to recognize the nation's top business students. This award goes to the top management senior based on grade point average, character and initiative. The department presents a personal award plaque to the student and an additional plaque listing each year's recipient is displayed by the Department of Business Administration and Economics.

Outstanding Senior in Management Information Systems

This award is presented to the graduating senior in management information systems who has excelled in upper-level coursework with special consideration given to research projects and internship participation.

Outstanding Senior in Mathematics

Recipients of this award demonstrate the strongest academic performance in mathematics combined with a deep involvement in extracurricular mathematical experiences and supporting coursework from other disciplines.

Outstanding Seniors in Multimedia Journalism, Marketing Communication and Sports Communication

These awards go to those students who've demonstrated classroom excellence, leadership in student organizations and significant experience in professional development.

Outstanding Senior in Physics

This award is presented to the senior physics major with the best overall performance in classroom and laboratory work in physics.

Outstanding Senior in Political Science

Each year the members of the Political Science Department choose an outstanding student, or students, with a major in political science or international relations. In selecting the recipient, members of the department look at performance in political science courses as well as the overall quality and experience of the student.

Outstanding Senior in Sports Administration

This award honors a senior in Sports Administration who exhibits excellent academic engagement, engaged practical success, strong character and work ethic, professionalism in all areas of life and demonstrates high likelihood of future success in the industry.

Outstanding Senior in Sport Science

This award honors a senior in exercise science, clinical health science or athletic training. The student exhibits academic success in the discipline, strong personal character and initiative, outstanding professional demeanor and a high potential for success.

Outstanding Senior in Theatre Arts

This is a cumulative award, presented in honor of a student's body of work over their time in the Simpson Productions Company. The award is voted on by the faculty and staff of the Theatre Department, using criteria such as: academic excellence, participation in all aspects of theatre production, demonstrated commitment to Simpson Productions' mission and its scholarship program; and an overall commitment to the success of Simpson Productions and the life of the Simpson community. The recipient has their name placed permanently on a plaque in the Blank Performing Arts Center and receives a gift from the Theatre Arts Department.

Outstanding Student in World Language and Culture Studies Award

The award recognizes an outstanding student in World Language and Culture Studies who best displays a commitment to lifelong language learning and cultural awareness.

Phi Alpha Theta (Simpson Chapter Alpha Beta Psi)

This is the national history honor society. A member of the Association of College Honor Societies, it was founded in 1921 at the University of Arkansas. Phi Alpha Theta promotes the love of history and undergraduate and graduate excellence in historical research and scholarship.

Phi Epsilon Kappa

Phi Epsilon Kappa Fraternity is a national professional fraternity for persons engaged in or pursuing careers in physical education, health, recreation, dance, human performance, exercise science, sports medicine and sports management.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Award in Human Relations

This award, initiated in 1982 as the President's Award in Human Relations – evolved into the Vice President for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion's Award, is given to a student who has contributed the most to the improvement of human relations, intercultural, or interracial understanding on the campus.

R. J. Samson CEO (Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization) Award

This award is given annually to the student deemed to be the most valuable to Simpson College's CEO team. The recipient of this award receives a personal plaque and a certificate from the department. A plaque listing each year's recipient is on display at the Department of Business Administration and Economics.

Sigma Pi Sigma (Physics Honor Society)

Sigma Pi Sigma honors outstanding scholarship in physics.

Sigma Tau Delta (Simpson Chapter Kappa Alpha)

Sigma Tau Delta is the International English Honor Society. A member of the Association of College Honor Societies, it was founded in 1924 at Dakota Wesleyan University. The society confers distinction for high achievement in English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate and professional societies.

Dick Starr Award

Dick Starr was an integral part of the Physical Education Department for 30 years as a professor, department chair and head coach for numerous sports. In his name, this award honors a senior in physical education teacher education who exhibits academic success in the discipline, outstanding performance in their student teaching or internship experience and displays a high potential for success with outstanding professional demeanor.

Theta Alpha Kappa (National Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology)

This is the National Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology for the purpose of recognizing the academic achievements of religion and theology students. Theta Alpha Kappa has grown to more than 200 chapters nationally in four-year educational institutions ranging from small religiously affiliated colleges to large public research institutions. It is the only national honor society dedicated to recognizing academic excellence in baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate students and in scholars in the fields of Religious Studies and Theology. Students must have a 3.5 GPA in Religious Studies and/or Theology and a 3.0 GPA overall.

Norman Thomas Outstanding Senior in Philosophy

Dr. Norman Thomas was professor of philosophy from 1969-1991, and this award is named in his honor. Two criteria are used: excellence as an undergraduate in the discipline as measured by GPA in the discipline and class performance; and a strong commitment and dedication to the discipline, as measured by performance both in class and outside of class.

Volunteer of the Year

This award is presented by the chapel and includes a financial gift from Simpson Guild. The Guild, with members from the Simpson campus and community of Indianola, provides financial support for scholarships, equipment and capital improvements. This award is presented to the senior(s) who best demonstrates an on-going commitment to serving others in need.

Joe Walt Senior in History Award

Professor Emeritus Joe Walt was a member of the history department for 39 years before retiring in 1994. He was the Anna D. Hunt Senior Professor of History, and is an accomplished author. Among his works is a book about Simpson College's history, *Beneath the Whispering Maples*. This award goes to the student the History Department faculty believes has shown outstanding accomplishments in the history major, particularly the senior capstone historiography course. Selection is based on academic excellence and the demonstration of intellectual growth and development.

Margaret L. Watson Awards in Biology

Margaret L. Watson, a long-time faculty member, established this award to honor students who have made a major contribution to the department, as selected by the faculty. The senior Watson award is a cash award given to the graduating senior with a high overall grade point average and the highest grade point average within the biology major. The junior Watson award is given to the junior from the department with the highest overall accumulated GPA.

L. Mildred Wilson Science Award

This scholarship is presented to a junior or rising senior who has established an outstanding record in a major within the Division of Natural Sciences. This is a companion award to the Business Department's Lisle C. Wilson Award.

Lisle C. Wilson Outstanding Junior

This scholarship is awarded to the outstanding junior in the department of business administration and economics in terms of grade point average. This is a companion award to the science division's L. Mildred Wilson award.

Women's and Gender Studies Program Activism Award

The Activism Award is given to the student who best exemplifies the Women's and Gender Studies commitment to integrating theory and practice.

Women's and Gender Studies Program Scholarship Award

The Scholarship Award is given to a student who shows outstanding academic ability in Women's and Gender Studies.