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Dr. Lori J. Bechtel-Wherry, Chancellor and Dean

## **PENN STATE ALTOONA ACADEMIC AWARDS**

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## **CLOSING REMARKS**

Dr. Lori J. Bechtel-Wherry, Chancellor and Dean

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# Academic Awards

## **FINE ARTS AWARD**

This award, sponsored by Ms. Margaret Sheridan, is given to a first-year or second year student who has demonstrated excellence in all course work, with a minimum 3.5 grade-point average in fine arts. The recipients are nominated by members of the art, music, English, speech, and theatre faculty.

Jordan Alwine

## **ZOLLER ART AWARD**

This award, sponsored by the late Mrs. Lucille Zoller, is given to a first-year student who has achieved excellence in all course work and demonstrated potential in the art field with a minimum 3.5 grade-point average earned in all art courses. The recipient is nominated and selected by the art faculty.

Amy Norris

## **KENNETH M. KUHN MEMORIAL AWARD FOR MUSIC**

This endowed award, established by Mrs. Shirley Kuhn and friends of Kenneth Kuhn, recognizes a student who is enrolled in music classes and has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement at Penn State Altoona.

Makenzie Arone

Ethan Cutshall

## **KENNETH M. KUHN MEMORIAL AWARD FOR VISUAL ARTS**

This endowed award, established by Mrs. Shirley Kuhn and friends of Kenneth Kuhn, recognizes a student who is a visual arts major and has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement in Visual Arts at Penn State Altoona.

Madisyn Simington

Meghann Mignogna

## **LISZKA AWARDS FOR ENGLISH**

These awards, sponsored by Thomas and Marlene Liszka, recognize students who were enrolled during the preceding spring, summer, or fall semesters in English (at the 200-level or above, excluding ENGL 202) and were nominated by the faculty member(s) teaching these courses.

Lauren Everett  
Haldan Jacobson

## **GENERAL W. A. MORGAN AWARDS**

These awards, sponsored by Mrs. Mimi Coppersmith Fredman, are given to firstyear ROTC Cadets who have demonstrated leadership qualities and good character, and have earned a minimum 3.0 grade-point average. The recipients are nominated and selected by the ROTC faculty.

Kyle J. Fleming

## **ELECTRO-MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY AWARD**

This award recognizes a student who majors in Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology and has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement at Penn State Altoona.

Cory Curfman

## **BUD SHUSTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

This endowed award, established by Crown American Enterprises, recognizes students enrolled in Civil Engineering who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and reside in the United States Ninth Congressional District.

Nathaniel Moore

## **BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN NURSING**

This award is given to a graduating student who has earned a high level of academic achievement in nursing, with a minimum 3.5 cumulative grade-point average. The recipient is nominated and selected by the nursing faculty.

Rheanna Winter

## **ALTOONA COLLEGE BUSINESS STUDENT AWARD**

This award recognizes a student from the Bachelor of Science in Business degree at Altoona. Award recipients have demonstrated outstanding qualities of character, scholarship, leadership, and citizenship.

Ryan Long

## **BUTTERFIELD AND MCHALE BUSINESS STUDENT AWARDS**

2018 Alumni Bill Butterfield and Logan McHale established this scholarship award in gratitude to Penn State Altoona and to pay that gratitude forward to current students. Junior and Senior business students who are also involved in co-curricular activities are eligible to receive this award.

Amber Newberry  
Jacob Mrvos

## **ALTOONA COLLEGE ACCOUNTING STUDENT AWARD**

This award recognizes a senior student from the Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting at Penn State Altoona. The accounting faculty selected the winner primarily on the basis of academic excellence but out of class activities also informed the decision. Involvement in student organizations and employment, particularly involvement in public service activities, was also considered.

Jacob Muthler

## **JOHN E. BOYD AND BERNARD G. MONAHAN AWARDS**

This award honors and recognizes outstanding achievement by juniors and seniors enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program.

Thomas Dalton  
Allyson Givler

## **OUTSTANDING VETERAN STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS**

This award, established in the fall of 2014 by the award selection sub-committee of the Adult Recruitment and Retention Committee, recognizes a student veteran who is involved in activities both on campus and in the local community that make a difference in the lives of other student veterans of the US Armed Forces while still meeting academic responsibilities.

Dustin McCloskey

## **OUTSTANDING NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARD**

This award is in recognition of academic commitment and achievement, demonstrated leadership skills, and triumph over personal challenges that this non-traditional student has accomplished toward reaching their academic goals.

Stephen Farella

# Achievement Awards

## **PRESIDENT'S FRESHMAN AWARDS**

This award is presented annually to undergraduate degree candidates and provisional students who have earned a 4.00 (A) cumulative grade-point average based on at least 12 graded Penn State credits completed by the end of the fall semester of the academic year the award is given. Candidates are eligible for this award if they have not exceeded 35 total credits earned. (College Board advanced placement credits are not counted in the total credits earned for purposes of this award.)

Jordan Marie Alwine  
Jenna Elizabeth Bartlett  
Kevin James Bartley  
Cassidie A Best  
Gianna A Caputo  
Philip Michael Chamberlin  
Haley Chambers  
Jun Chen  
Veronica Elizabeth Chesney  
Thomas Edward Dalton  
Kylee Davis  
Emely Disla Ferreira  
Case David Donaldson  
Madison Elizabeth Eisaman  
Jamie Renee Emerick  
Cydney Glass  
Andrew David Graupensperger  
Emily Audrey Hayes  
Macie Marie Hicks  
Noah Christopher Hillegass

Taylor Victoria Kalke  
Lindsey Mae Kensinger  
Grace Suzanne Kulp  
Unjin Kwon  
Zihan Lan  
Matthew Allan Lenze  
David Matthew Mueller  
Adam Ryan Naugle  
Tyler Joseph Palfey  
Emily Perry  
Vy Ngoc Tuong Pham  
Shannon Louise Pigott  
Kylee Marie Rishel  
Regan Elizabeth Robinson  
Olivia Grace Sharrow  
Leah Starr Tippet  
Alexa Christine Verkuilen  
Victoria Waite  
Joseph Miles Windows  
Shelby Renee Zelensky



## **PRESIDENT SPARKS AWARDS**

This award is presented annually to those undergraduate degree candidates who have earned a 4.00 (A) cumulative grade-point average based on at least 36 graded Penn State credits completed by the end of the fall semester of the academic year the award is given. Candidates are eligible for this award if they have not exceeded 59 total credits earned. (College Board advanced placement credits are not counted in the total credits earned for purposes of this award.)

Micah Delattre  
Jiexin Dong  
Dilin Duan  
Brett Eckenrode  
Elani Elizabeth Etter  
Olivia P Fisher  
Aaron Hoover  
Emma Hoover  
Rachel Kosaka  
Mary Rebecca Kulp  
Daniel Lee Kustaborder  
Lindsey Marie McClaren  
Noah Scott Muthler  
Po-Hsuan Peng  
Shahriar Rayhan

## **EVAN PUGH SCHOLAR AWARDS FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS**

The next awards are the Evan Pugh Scholar Awards for Juniors and Seniors. Evan Pugh scholars are those juniors and seniors who are in the upper .5 percent of their respective classes and have completed at least 48 graded Penn State credits at the end of the fall semester of the academic year in which the award is given. Credits where Alternative Grades were selected do not count in the graded credits total. Candidates are eligible if they have been full-time Penn State undergraduate students for at least four semesters prior to selection. The juniors this year have cumulative grade-point averages of 3.99 and above. The seniors this year have cumulative grade-point averages of 4.00 and above.

### **JUNIORS:**

Makenna Betar  
Sierra Binduga  
Abigail Hyde  
Jackson Wisyanski

### **SENIORS:**

Samantha Anderson  
Joshua Hollingshead  
Taylor Hoover  
Amber Knott  
Christian Wilkins

STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
ASSOCIATION

# Awards

## **EXCELLENCE IN CLASSROOM TEACHING AWARD**

This award recognizes any faculty or staff person who exhibits innovation and creativity in classroom teaching methods and techniques. The recipient may be nominated by any Penn State Altoona student and is selected by a vote of the entire Student Senate.

Todd Davis, Professor, English and Environmental Studies

## **EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC ADVISING AWARD**

This award recognizes any faculty or staff person who exhibits performance above and beyond established expectations for an academic advisor. The recipient is nominated by any Penn State Altoona student and is selected by a vote of the entire Student Senate.

Laura Palmer, Associate Professor, Biology

## **STUDENT ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR AWARD**

This award recognizes a student organization, which has exhibited outstanding campus and community service as well as excellence in programming. The recipient organization may be nominated by any Penn State Altoona student and is selected by a vote of the entire Student Senate.

Lion Ambassadors

## **STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

This award recognizes any student organization advisor who exhibits outstanding service to an organization. The recipient is nominated by any member of a Penn State Altoona student organization and is selected by a vote of the entire Student Senate.

Cassandra Lewis, Lion Ambassadors

## S T U D E N T L I F E

# Awards

### **STUDENT ACTIVITIES LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

These awards recognize first and second year students who are actively involved in student organizations, volunteer efforts, and/or the community. These individuals have made a conscious and consistent effort to positively influence fellow students, promote involvement to students and have contributed significantly to enhancing student life. Through their leadership, the students have displayed pride in being a part of Penn State Altoona and tried to instill the same pride among fellow students. Recipients may only receive this honor once.

Mary Secord

Drake Loose

### **STUDENT ORGANIZATION PRESIDENT AWARDS**

This award is presented to an organization president based on outstanding leadership within the organization, achievements while in office, while serving as a role model and motivating force within the organization.

Allyson Givler, SAAC and SNAP

### **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

This award recognizes a student, student organization, faculty, or staff member who has demonstrated through deed and activities, their commitment to perpetuate the goals and ideals communicated by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Karyn McKinney-Marvasti, Associate Professor, Sociology,

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Vanessa Gil Sanhueza

## **SERVANT LEADER AWARD**

This award recognizes an individual who has provided exemplary leadership in the area of volunteerism and philanthropy benefiting the campus, surrounding communities, or community agency.

Raya Kenepp

## **LIVING THE VALUES AWARD**

This award is given to a member of the Penn State Altoona community who has brought the values of Penn State of integrity, respect, responsibility, discovery, excellence, and community to life. This person consistently embodies these ideals even in the face of adversity. The person who receives this award has provided a lasting impact on the Penn State Altoona community which calls others to strive to do better.

Dr. Lori J. Bechtel- Wherry, Chancellor and Dean

## **LION'S PRIDE AWARDS**

Presented to a member or members of the campus community who have consistently worked to improve the quality of student life.

Jiexin Dong  
Madison Lippert  
Allyson Givler  
Angel Beverly

## **BACCALAUREATE DEGREE AWARDS**

This award, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Altoona, is given to the baccalaureate degree student with the highest cumulative grade-point average, with the highest number of credit hours in a discipline. The recipients are nominated and selected by the faculty.

Sawyer Kline  
Christian Wilkins

## **ERIC A. AND JOSEPHINE S. WALKER AWARD**

This award recognizes students from throughout the entire University whose outstanding qualities of character, scholarship, leadership, and citizenship have been directed into student programs and services. All Penn State Altoona students of sophomore standing and above are eligible. Scholarship is a primary criterion for selection, in tandem with a record of outstanding service to the campus.

Madra Furman

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