

COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
HIGHEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

FACULTY AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

University Distinguished Teaching Award
Nominees:
Nicole Pacino
Elizabeth Hardin

University Distinguished Research, Creative Achievement, and
Scholarly Performance Award
Nominees:
Dylan Baun
Joey Taylor

University Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity
Mentor Award
Nominee:
Ryan Weber

College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Outstanding
Faculty Award
Jack Hontz

College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Outstanding
Staff Award
Matthew Westmeyer

College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Faculty
promoted to Senior Lecturer
Ryan Brown
Elizabeth Hardin
John Saunders
David St. John

College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Faculty
promoted to Full Professor
Joey Taylor
Ryan Weber

*Congratulations to all who are recognized in today's program!
The faculty and staff of the College of Arts, Humanities, and
Social Sciences applaud your commitment to academic
excellence, research, creativity, and performance.*

*Please join us following the awards program today for a
reception in the Morton Hall Expansion Lobby.*

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ACADEMIC HONORS CEREMONY
APRIL 3, 2026 | MORTON HALL

Honors Day



ACADEMIC HONORS DAY

WELCOME

Dr. Jodi Price

Dean, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

RECOGNITION OF UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE ACHIEVEMENTS

Art, Art History, & Design	Dr. Jill Johnson, <i>Chair</i>
Communication Arts	Dr. John Saunders, <i>Faculty</i>
English	Dr. Joey Taylor, <i>Faculty</i>
History	Dr. Christine Sears, <i>Chair</i>
Music, Theatre, & Film	Dr. Joshua Burel, <i>Chair</i>
Philosophy & Political Science	Dr. Deborah Heikes, <i>Interim Chair</i>
Psychology	Dr. Dan Morrison, <i>Interim Chair</i>
Sociology	Dr. Dan Morrison, <i>Chair</i>
World Languages and Cultures	Dr. Leslie Kaiura, <i>Chair</i>
Interdisciplinary Programs	Dr. Nicole Pacino, <i>Director</i>

College Highest Achievement Dr. Jodi Price, *Dean*

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Ten Duets for Tenor and Bass Trombone, by Tommy Pederson

7 - The Peanut Butterfly

6 - A Hog in the Fog

Trever Olmsted, *tenor trombone*

Caleb Ray, *bass trombone*

RECOGNITION OF FACULTY AWARDS

Dr. Christina Steidl

Associate Dean, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

CLOSING

Dr. Jodi Price

Dean, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

DEPARTMENT OF ART, ART HISTORY, & DESIGN AWARD

Outstanding Undergraduate Achievement

Jess Braden

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION ARTS AWARD

Outstanding Undergraduate Achievement

Amy Jo Fogle

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AWARDS

Outstanding Undergraduate Achievement in English

BriAnna Stephenson

Outstanding Undergraduate Achievement in Writing

Hunter Franzoni

Outstanding Graduate Achievement

Hannah Landsell-Lussi

Outstanding Thesis Achievement

London Stevenson

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AWARDS

Outstanding Undergraduate Achievement

James Toney

Outstanding Graduate Achievement

Michael Meehan

The National Society of the Colonial Dames in the State of Alabama History Essay Award

Colin Coble

Colonel Walter Aston Chapter of the Colonial Dames of the XVII Century History Award

Seth Roberts

The Johanna N. Shields Award

Gloria Sipper

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC, THEATRE, & FILM AWARDS

Outstanding Undergraduate Achievement in Music

Delia Santschi

Outstanding Undergraduate Achievement in Music Performance

Caleb Ray

Outstanding Undergraduate Achievement in Theatre

Cassidy Silliman

Outstanding Undergraduate Achievement in Film

Robin Hamilton

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY & POLITICAL SCIENCE AWARDS

Outstanding Undergraduate Achievement in Philosophy

Gavin F. Young

Outstanding Undergraduate Achievement in Political Science

Rand Shiekhtholth

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY AWARDS

Outstanding Undergraduate Achievement in Psychological Services

Reagan Paulus

Outstanding Undergraduate Achievement in Psychological Sciences

Zoe Johnson

Outstanding Graduate Achievement - Masters

Hannah Case

Outstanding Graduate Achievement - PhD

Derek Koehl

Outstanding Dissertation Achievement

Lexi Mecikalski

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AWARD

Outstanding Undergraduate Achievement

Zoe Johnson

DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES AWARDS

Outstanding Undergraduate Achievement

Jenna Dean

Taylor Gordon Memorial Award for Foreign Language Study

Gloria Sipper

INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS AWARDS

Outstanding Professional Studies Undergraduate Achievement

Jamie Adams

Outstanding Ancient and Medieval Studies Student Award

Kimberly Coulter

Outstanding Global Studies Student Award

Jason Francisco

Outstanding Justice and Equity Studies Student Award

Mae Moran

Outstanding User Experience Student Award

Mason Shank

Outstanding Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Student Award

Sydearia Bouris

Trever Olmsted

Kathryn L. Harris Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Writing Competition Winners

Nathalie Guerrero - Undergraduate

Jenna Dean - Graduate