

# DePauw University



## STUDENT AWARDS CONVOCATION 2022



### Welcome

Dr. Lori S. White, President DePauw University

### Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship Fulbright Student Fellowship Rector Scholars

Dr. Michael Seaman, Assistant Professor of Classical Studies

### Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society Dr. Kevin S. Kinney, Professor of Biology

### Nelle Barnhart Award JC Lopez, Dean of Student Success

### Randal L. Wilson Memorial Union Board Award Dorian Shager, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs

### Kate McQueen Award Dr. Kevin B. Hamilton, Associate Dean of Students

### Alice G. Ross Senior Award NCAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award Stevie Baker-Watson, Theodore Katula Director of Athletics

### COVID-19 Recognition Award Staff of the Year Award Demetrius Morrow, Student Body President

### Class of 2022 Faculty Speaker Award Mr. Alan Hill, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

### Ferid Murad Medal Dr. Dave Berque, Vice President for Academic Affairs

### Walker Cup Dr. Lori S. White, President DePauw University

**25 APRIL 2022 · KRESGE · GCPA  
7:30PM - 8:30PM**

## **Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship**

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, established in 2001, enables students with financial need to study abroad. Last October, the State Department recognized DePauw for producing 53 Gilman award recipients over the previous 20 years, more than most small institutions in America.

## **Fulbright U.S. Student Program**

The largest U.S. international exchange program, Fulbright offers opportunities for students, scholars, and professionals to undertake international graduate study, advanced research, university teaching, and teaching in elementary and secondary schools worldwide. Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields.

## **Rector Scholars**

The Rector Scholarship is DePauw University's oldest and preeminent merit academic award. Since its beginning in 1919 over four thousand graduates have earned Rectors, and many are among DePauw's most distinguished and honored alumni. They are the return on how Edward Rector, himself, described his gifts to the University. They were "investments in humanity, in the men and women who are to carry on the work of our country and the world when you and I are gone."

## **Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society**

Since its founding in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa celebrates excellence in the liberal arts and sciences and champions freedom of thought. As America's most prestigious academic honor society, Phi Beta Kappa is uniquely equipped to advocate for the value and benefits of liberal arts and sciences education.

## **Nelle Barnhart Award**

For the senior who has made outstanding contributions to the co-curricular life of the student body in support of the academic mission of the University. Given in honor of I. Nelle Barnhart, Associate Dean of Students of DePauw, 1949-1979.

## **Randal L. Wilson Memorial Union Board Award**

For a junior who has made outstanding contributions to campus life. Established by Margaret Hardgrove Wilson ('41) and her husband Robert in memory of their son, who was president of the Union Board.

## **Kate McQueen Award**

For a student who has demonstrated a commitment to economic, environmental, social justice, and/or racial justice and has been an activist, trying to create positive changes for the campus, the Greencastle community, and/or the world.

## **Alice G. Ross Senior Award**

The Alice G. Ross Senior Award is in memory of George A. Ross' mother, a housemother of Kappa Alpha Theta. This is given annually to an outstanding senior woman from Indiana.

## **NCAC Scholar Athlete of the Year Award**

The NCAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year is presented to the student athletes, male and female, who have the highest cumulative grade point average after their 7th semester. The student must have used a season of participation in the year in which they graduate to be eligible for the award.

## **COVID-19 Recognition Award**

In recognition and appreciation of the work and effort in navigating the challenges of a global pandemic for the DePauw University community.

## **Staff of the Year Award**

Selected by members of the Student Government, this award recognizes the significant contributions of a staff member to the life and organizations of students on campus.

## **Ferid Murad Medal Finalists**

The Ferid Murad Medal recognizes the senior who has had the most significant scholarly and/or artistic achievements during his or her time at DePauw. The award is named after DePauw graduate and Nobel laureate Dr. Ferid Murad, class of 1958. In 1998, Dr. Murad received the Nobel Prize in Medicine for his discovery of the role of nitric oxide in the cardiovascular system, which led to changes in treatment following a heart attack.

**Kate Cowger** is a senior from Pendleton, Indiana. She is a Lilly Scholar with a double major in Physics and Neuroscience and a minor in Chemistry. Kate has been a Dean's List, TigerPride Honor Roll, and NCAC Academic Honor Roll student throughout her career at DePauw. She also is a member of the Psi Chi, Sigma Pi Sigma, and Chi Alpha Sigma Honor Societies.

Kate is a Science Research Fellow who pursued both her passion of physics and neuroscience by doing research at DePauw. The summer after her first-year of college (2019), she worked with Professor Avery Archer on his astrophysics research by conducting data analysis on gamma rays produced by the Crab Nebula. She presented her results at the Science Research Fellows Summer Symposium and annual poster session.

Her sophomore year, she began working in DePauw's Cognitive and Decision Neuroscience Lab with Professor Robert West. Kate has worked on multiple projects including those on ethical and moral decisionmaking, mind wandering, and reward processing in which she performed data analysis on EEG data she collected from subjects during electrophysiological experiments. She co-authored a paper with Dr. West titled "An Inward Focus of Attention During Information Security Decision Making: Electrophysiological Evidence" that was published in NeuroIS. She gave a presentation over the paper at the International NeuroIS Retreat in 2021 and was a recipient of the Dr. Hermann Zemlicka Award for Most Visionary Paper (2021).

Kate also attended Harvard Medical School's Immunity, Microbes, and the Mucosa 2021 Summer Research Program in Boston, MA at Massachusetts General Hospital. She worked with Dr. Xingbin Ai in her neuroimmunology lab to conduct experiments on the neural innervation of T-Helper cells to investigate the immune response of nucleophilic asthma. Kate spoke at the Massachusetts General Hospital for Children Digestive Disease Summer Research Symposium about how her results could be used in the future to treat nucleophilic asthma, which is the most severe form of asthma and accounts for the highest costs in patient medical bills.

Throughout her time as a student at DePauw, Kate has been involved in leading and growing many organizations on campus. She is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta and pursuing membership of the Order of Omega national leadership honor society. During her athletic career on the DePauw Women's Soccer team, she served as a role model to her teammates both on the field and in the classroom in which she was honored to receive the Unsung Hero Award (2021).

Kate began STEMguiding for introductory physics classes her first year of college and has continued to tutor her peers since then. She is the President of Future Medical Professionals, President of the Society of Physics Students, and served as the Panhellenic Vice President of Scholarship and Programming. Through these positions, she has been able to make an academic impact on students from different backgrounds and promote scholarship and learning to her peers. For example, she has hosted webinars with different Physics Department faculty to educate students on ways to engage with current physics research. She also brought in healthcare professionals to speak and answer questions about their educational and career experiences. She volunteers her time at the Humane Society and has organized events to help other students interact with the Greencastle community and charities.

Kate has worked as an Emergency Medical Responder, which ignited her passion to pursue medicine. After DePauw, she will attend medical school to become a pediatric neurosurgeon and neuroimmunology clinical researcher. She plans to open free and low-cost health clinics that provide specialty medical services in order to combat the inaccessibility faced within the healthcare field.

**Sophia Atkinson** is from Connersville Indiana, majoring in Biology with a minor in German. She is a Lilly Endowment Scholar and has been awarded the Truman G. Yuncker Merit Scholarship for outstanding biology students as well as the G. Hans Grueninger prize for high achieving studies in German studies.

Sophia is part of the Science Research Fellows program and has contributed to many projects during her time at DePauw. She worked with Professor Philips Akinwole in Big Walnut Creek in Greencastle, examining how microbial communities may be affected by wastewater effluent from the local wastewater treatment facility. This research led to a publication in the World Journal of Microbiology in the summer of 2021, on which Sophia is a coauthor.

She worked with Professor Dana Dudley in the DePauw University Nature Park from summer 2020 – spring 2022 investigating the establishment of new plant and microbial communities in an abandoned limestone quarry. This project has encompassed both field and lab work. Sophia has presented the results from the Nature Park project at the Ecological Society of America international conference in summer 2021.

Her work in the DePauw University Nature Park has also led to the identification of a stable population of a rare orchid species on the quarry floor. Sophia pairs her ecological research with sustainable action as a leader in the Sustainability Leadership Program. She has served in many working project groups including Wilderness and Conservation, Conservation Education, Campus Farm, and DePauw Environmental Policy. In these groups she helped inform the DePauw and greater Greencastle communities about important sustainable topics through various events and education programs.

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**Nina Katarina Štular** is an international student and a Vera Scholarship recipient from Slovenia majoring in Philosophy and English Literature. During her first years at DePauw Nina competed in Ethics Bowl on regional and national level and tutored writing in the Academic Resource Centre.

She worked as a research assistant to Prof. Reading on a project dedicated to mapping the sources of Old English and Anglo-Latin literary culture that led her to write a paper that she presented at the British Conference of Undergraduate Research.

She also assisted Prof. Alvarez in organizing a scholarly conference on Bernard Mandeville and undertook a student-faculty research project under his mentorship that led her to produce the first translation of an 18th century collection of travel letters from English to Slovenian.

As a Hillman Intern at Prindle Institute for Ethics, Nina designed and led workshops for local middle and high school children and worked on bringing an exhibit about Anne Frank's life to Greencastle.

In her junior year, Nina represented DePauw as a Visiting Student at Mansfield College of Oxford University where she served as a Visiting Student Officer on the College's government and rowed competitively for Mansfield's college rowing team. During her time at Oxford, she also worked as a student consultant for consulting societies including the prestigious Oxford Strategy Group. She also served as a senior editor of Broad Street Humanities Review, Oxford's undergraduate interdisciplinary humanities journal.

Nina's scholarly work in Philosophy and English Literature has been published in multiple undergraduate journals such as Broad Street Humanities Review, Criterium: A Journal of Literary Criticism, and Process: Journal of Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Scholarship.

As a junior she was awarded the Walker Gilmer Prize for the junior or senior most outstanding in literature. She has also received the Best Essays from First Year Seminars Award as well as a Best Delegate Award at a Model UN conference in New York. She is a Presidential Ambassador and was inducted both into the Phi Sigma Tau Philosophy Honor Society and the Phi Beta Kappa national honours society.

For her Honor Scholar thesis Nina chose to integrate approaches of philosophy, psychology, and neuroscience to discuss the historical development of the value of freedom of expression, contemporary difficulties in regulating speech, and the worrying state of free expression and free inquiry in Western academia. She was selected as the Nat Hentoff Award for free speech recipient of 2021 for her short essay "A Generation of Violence: How Universities Are Endangering Freedom of Speech."

## WALKER CUP FINALISTS

The Walker Cup is awarded each year to the graduating senior who has done the most for DePauw University during his or her college career. The prize was established in 1926 by a gift from Guy Morrison Walker, Class of 1890, a successful businessman and presidential advisor. Traditionally, the Walker Cup recipient speaks at commencement.

**Christina Bourantas**, from Wilmington, Delaware, is a double major in Physics and Kinesiology. As a member of the Varsity Women's Field Hockey team, Christina was elected the team captain during her senior year. She also serves as a team representative for the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and the Co-President for two years. From her campus SAAC involvement, Christina was elected to serve on the North Coast Athletic Conference SAAC Executive Board as the Secretary and Vice President. Christina interns in the Athletics Department and loves working athletic events and advocating for student-athletes. She is a Presidential Ambassador and holds the position of Chief of Staff on DePauw Student Government. Christina is a member of the Indiana Epsilon chapter of Pi Beta Phi and was the president of the Panhellenic Association. Christina is also the Co-Founder of Orthodox Christian Fellowship and the Vice President of the Society of Physics Students. She was also inducted into Chi Alpha Sigma, Order of Omega, and Sigma Pi Sigma, based on her academic performance.

A recipient of the Randal L. Wilson Union Board Award, Christina enjoys student leadership and her involvement on campus. Volunteering and service are important to Christina as she is active in the Greencastle community. She reads on a weekly basis to the students of Ridpath Elementary School and teaches other elementary students the importance of kindness and compassion through athletics.

Christina also serves a STEM Guide for introductory physics courses and finds joy in helping and tutoring students. She is a member of DePauw's Science Research Fellows, where she is passionate about STEM research and has conducted research both on and off campus. On campus, she has conducted research in Astrophysics and on the Varsity Swim and Dive teams with the Department of Kinesiology.

For two summers, Christina worked at the Nemours Children's Hospital in Wilmington, Delaware where she conducted research in the Gait and Motion Analysis Laboratory. Here, her interests in biomechanics and clinical research grew. Christina has been able to present her research at many poster sessions, presentations, and conferences.

After graduation, Christina is still awaiting notification to research in Sweden on a Fulbright Scholarship. She hopes to pursue a PhD in Kinesiology and ultimately, teach and mentor students at the university level, while conducting research.

**Jacob "Jake" Labus** is an economics major and philosophy minor from Westfield, IN. Jake has a near-perfect 3.96 GPA and earned two football varsity letters. He received the George Lortz

Scholar-Athlete award. After a serious diagnosis, Jake contributed as a student coach and recruiter for DePauw Football. Given his love for DePauw, Jake easily persuades many to enroll with his memorable campus tours.

In the Management Fellows, Jake dove headfirst, built community, and offers his support to younger fellows. He is a Presidential Ambassador for many alumni donors and trustees. His work experience includes leading high school retreats, running his own woodworking business, a year in private equity, and a summer at Roche Diagnostics, where he will work post-graduation.

On-campus, Jake served as the President of the Tiger Catholic, leading weekly bible studies for 50+ students, organizing gameday chapel speakers during football season, and starting a prayer series that fosters a community of students and faculty. Being VP of Delta Tau Delta, Jake learned the value of empathetic friendship and his purpose to inspire strength of character, high academic performance, and professional ambition.

Jake is passionate about his endeavors and is a motivating role model. His friends describe his zeal for life, contagious optimism, and solid work ethic. He cares about DePauw traditions and will race in Little 5 in honor of Tim Ubben. As an alumnus, he vows to pay back DePauw for all the opportunities received. After graduation, Jake aspires to be an entrepreneur and coach.

**D'Angelo McDade**'22 is a Posse and Phoenix Pact Scholar from Chicago, Illinois. He is a double major in Educational Studies and in Leadership and Development in Student Affairs (Interdisciplinary). D'Angelo's dedication to academic excellence has been displayed in his consistent achievement of Dean's list, and action-oriented research presentations at the 17th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, and The Atlantic Education Summit. D'Angelo has utilized his education as an instrument and his drive for belongingness for DePauw community members.

Recently, D'Angelo served as the Executive Vice President and President of DePauw Student Government. Within his role as President of DSG, he strategically created and advocated for policy and programming that benefited the student body throughout COVID-19, making sure to integrate changes that benefit all DePauw community members alike. Notable accomplishment include the creation of LGBTQIA+ resources, the establishment of DePauw Student Governments emergency fund, and supporting the implementation of the diversity, equity and inclusion institutional core card.

Over the past four years, D'Angelo's involvement included but is not limited to having served as a Community Service Coordinator, a Bonner Scholar and Honor Bonner, a general member of the Association of African American Students, and Co-Chair of The Brotherhood. In addition, D'Angelo has served a Resident Director within the Office of Housing and Residence Life. D'Angelo facilitated the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS) assessment of the Office of Housing and Residence Life in collaboration with the Indiana State graduate program for Student Affairs and Higher Education, to promote student development and quality student services.

Within D'Angelo's time at DePauw, he has exemplified what it means to be a leader among leaders, foster community among differences, and to embrace the true gold within. Upon graduating, D'Angelo anticipates the pursuing of a Master of Science in Educational Leadership, while also serving as a newly selected Teach for America (TFA) Corp member.

## A TOAST TO DEPAUW

Vivien Bard '17

The musical score consists of six staves of music in common time, key signature of one flat, and treble clef. The lyrics are placed below each staff. The music features various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, with rests and dynamic markings like forte and piano.

To Old De-Pauw we toast to-day and  
raise our voic-es high. Well hon-or thee and  
loy- al be and praise thee to the sky. Let  
ev'ry son and daugh-ter stand U- ni- ted e'er for  
thee, and hail Old Gold through- out the land; here's  
to you, Old De-Pauw.