

West Virginia Wesleyan



Academic and Leadership Awards Assembly

April 18, 2021

West Virginia Wesleyan College takes great pride in our rigorous academic program and rich co-curricular opportunities. We are proud to honor our students for their success in their academic pursuits and their many important contributions to the quality of life on campus. We also salute parents and other family members who have supported them in their efforts and played a key role in their success.

Piano Prelude

Lauren Smith '22
Music Education Major with Piano Emphasis

Welcome

Joel Thierstein
President

Invocation

Caitlin Ware '20
Spiritual Life Coordinator

Presentation of Awards

Master of Ceremonies

James Moore
Vice President for Academic Affairs & Dean of the Faculty

PRESENTERS

Athletics

Sam Ross Scholar Athlete Awards

Rae Emrick

Campus Life

Campus Life Staff Member of the Year

Alisa Lively

Center for Community Engagement & Leadership Development

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award
The Mary Mildred Sullivan Award
Outstanding Peer Leader Award
Outstanding Community Outreach Awards
The Wesleyan Values Award
John Wesley Do All the Good You Can Awards

Jessica Vincent

Greek Life

Greek Man of the Year Award
Greek Woman of the Year Award

John Bohman

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Outstanding Leadership Awards
Trail Blazer Award
Rising Star Award

Dedriell Taylor

Student Senate

Faculty Member of the Year Award
Staff Member of the Year Award

Hannah Cook

Art

Outstanding Senior Art Major Award
Outstanding Senior Graphic Design Major Award
Outstanding Junior Art & Design Major Award
Outstanding Sophomore Art & Design Major Award
Outstanding Freshman Art & Design Major Award

Robert Howsare

Biology & Environmental Science

Outstanding Senior in Biology Awards
Outstanding Junior in Biology Awards
Outstanding Sophomore in Biology Awards
Outstanding Freshman in Biology Awards
Outstanding Student in Environmental Science Award
Outstanding Researcher in Biology Award
Outstanding Student Workers in Biology & Environmental Science Awards

Melanie Sal
Kim Bjorgo-Thorne

Business and Economics	Kelly Sharp
Outstanding Accounting Student Award	
Outstanding Business Administration Student Award	
Outstanding Economics Student Award	
Outstanding Management Student Award	
Outstanding Marketing Student Award	
Outstanding Sport Business Award	
Outstanding 5 year MBA Graduate Award	
Chemistry & Biochemistry	Joanna Webb
Outstanding Junior Chemist Awards	
Outstanding Senior Biochemist Award	
Outstanding Senior Chemist Award	
Communication	Nancy Bressler
Outstanding Student in Communication Award	
Leadership in the Communication Department Award	
Computer Science	Don Tobin
Outstanding Computer Science Senior Award	
Criminal Justice	Jess Scott
Outstanding Criminal Justice Senior Award	
Dance and Theatre	Keith Saine
Larry Reed Technical Theatre Award	
Outstanding Dance Senior Award	
Outstanding Theatre Student Award	
Education	Tammy Samples
Outstanding Freshman Academic Achievement Award	
Outstanding Sophomore Academic Achievement Award	
Outstanding Junior Academic Achievement Award	
Outstanding Senior Academic Achievement Awards	
Dr. Ruth Mansberger Shearer Education Award	
Dorie McHugh O'Brien '64 Award	
English	Ashley Lawson
Outstanding Senior in English Award	
Exercise Science and Athletic Training	Rae Emrick
Outstanding Senior in Athletic Training Awards	
Leadership in Athletic Training Award	
Young Professional in Athletic Training Award	
Delta Psi Kappa/David E. Reemsnyder Award	
Developing Clinician in Exercise Science Award	
History and International Studies	Katharine Antolini
Outstanding Senior History Major Award	
Outstanding Senior International Studies Major Award	
Internship	Jill Okes-Kincade
Outstanding Academic Internship Awards	
Mathematics	Pamela Wovchko
Hallam Awards	
Music	Dan Hughes
Outstanding Senior in Music Award	

Nursing

Tina Straight

Outstanding Seniors in Nursing Awards
Outstanding Juniors in Nursing Awards
Outstanding Sophomores in Nursing Awards

Physics & Engineering

Bert Popson

Outstanding BS in Physics Awards
Outstanding BA in Physics Awards
Outstanding BS in Applied Physics Awards
Outstanding BA in Physics-Engineering Dual Degree Awards

Political Science

Jess Scott

Outstanding Seniors in Political Science Awards

Psychology

James Moore

Outstanding Senior in Psychology Awards

Religious Studies

Debra Dean Murphy

Outstanding Religious Studies Major Awards

Sociology and Social Justice

Jess Scott

The John Warner Sociology Award
The Vijaya Rao Global Awareness Award
Outstanding Senior in Sociology Award

Wesleyan Spirit Awards**Alisa Lively**

Initiated in 1988, the Wesleyan Spirit Awards were instituted to recognize students, who by their positive attitudes about the College, level of contribution to the life of the campus and their upbeat approach to their overall college experience, simply "MAKE OUR DAY." One male and one female student from each of the four classes are selected annually to receive this honor.

Senior Academic and Leadership Achievement Awards**Joel Thierstein**

The Senior Academic and Leadership Achievement Award recipients have been selected for their significant contributions to the College in academic and co-curricular life. Their ability to balance these two aspects of the experience at Wesleyan has allowed them to become respected campus leaders and examples of total student development in the best sense of the word.

2020-2021 Outstanding Seniors**Joel Thierstein**

Nominated by faculty and staff, these seniors were chosen on the basis of academic performance, with a 3.8 grade point average or above and significant leadership in a variety of academic and co-curricular activities. These superior seniors who best exemplify the high ideals of student involvement and contribution to campus life have shown an uncommon commitment to academic excellence, participation in campus life and service to the College.

Closing Remarks**Joel Thierstein****Special thanks to those who helped plan and coordinate this special celebration:**

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Jill Okes-Kincaid, Experiential Learning Coordinator
Jackie Hinton, Director of Compliance
James Moore, Vice President for Academic Affairs & Dean of the Faculty
Joel Thierstein, President

We greatly appreciate your important contributions.