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Welcome

Jean Jackson, '75, *Vice President for College Programs, Professor of English*

Presentation of Awards

Mae Grimmer Scholarship Award

Presented by Hilary Allen, '01, Director, Alumnae Relations

The Mae Grimmer Scholarship Award honors Mae Grimmer, Class of 1914, who served as alumnae director for 36 years. It is given to express commitment to higher education and to perpetuate the College's interest in providing love, friendship, and support for Meredith students. Preference is given to commuting students from Wake County who meet specific criteria, with special consideration to Wings students.

SGA Carlyle Campbell Award

Presented by Hayden Howlett, '23, President, Student Government Association

Named in honor of the fourth president of Meredith College, this award is given to a faculty-nominated freshman who is then selected by members of the Student Government Association Executive Board. This student exemplifies campus involvement and leadership in addition to superior achievement in academics.

SGA Outstanding Executive Board Member Award

*Presented by Cheryl Jenkins, Director, Student Leadership and Service,
Advisor, SGA Executive Board*

This award is given to the member of the SGA Executive Board who has exceeded the call of duty in the position. This award is voted on by the members of the SGA Executive Board.

Outstanding Student in Art

Presented by Emily Howard, Head and Assistant Professor, Department of Art

The outstanding art student is one whose creative achievements, character, and work ethic make them an ideal student and a role model for art students. The faculty nominate and vote to decide the recipients.

Deborah K. Smith Award for Achievement in Biology

Presented by Jason Andrus, Head and Professor, Department of Biology

Named in memory of biology professor Deborah K. Smith, this award is given to one or more graduating seniors in biology. The criteria for the award are scholarship, research, service, and leadership in the field of biology. Award recipients are determined by the biology faculty.

Lois E. Frazier Academic Performance and Service Award

Presented by Kimberly Burke, Dean, School of Business

This award is given in honor of Lois Frazier, former head of the Department of Business and Economics, and recognizes a senior who excels in scholarship, leadership, and service.

Outstanding Senator Award

Presented by Freya Dahlgren, '24, Chair, Senate

This award honors a senator who has demonstrated leadership, dedication, and excellence in the SGA Senate.

Residents Housing Association Executive Committee Extra Effort Award

Presented by Samantha DiStefano, Residence Director, Stringfield and Vann

This award honors a member of the RHA Executive Committee who has demonstrated outstanding service, strong commitment, outstanding leadership qualities, and excellence in performance toward meeting the goals of the RHA.

Honor Council Service and Dedication Award

Presented by Jenna Kling, '23, Chair, Honor Council

The Honor Council Service and Dedication Award seeks to honor a representative who has continuously demonstrated a high regard for their work on the Honor Council. This student is dedicated to the Honor Council's purpose, serves in a dignified manner, and collaborates constructively with others.

The American Institute of Chemists Student Award

Presented by Sasha Ormond, Head and Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry

This award is presented to an outstanding senior majoring in chemistry, chemical engineering, or biochemistry. The award is given in recognition of a demonstrated record of ability, leadership, and professional promise.

Outstanding Student in Communication Award

Presented by Alan Buck, Interim Head and Assistant Professor of Communication

This award is given in recognition of outstanding academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, and potential in the field of communication.

Academic Excellence Award in Dance

Presented by Carol Finley, Head and Professor, Department of Dance

This award is presented to a junior or senior majoring in dance who demonstrates academic excellence during pursuit of their degree.

John W. Creagh III Scholarship

Presented by Lormarev Jones, *Assistant Professor of Theatre* and
Alan Buck, *Interim Head and Assistant Professor of Communication*

This scholarship is given to students who embody Dr. Creagh's inquisitive spirit, thirst for knowledge, commitment to effective communication, love of literature, sense of humor, passionate spirit, unflagging determination, dedication to intercultural communication, and celebration of difference.

Martha Medlin Wardlaw Scholarship

Presented by Lormarev Jones, *Assistant Professor of Theatre*

This scholarship is presented to a theatre major who excels academically, contributes to all facets of production, and is an outstanding representative of Meredith College Theatre.

Norma Rose Scholarship

Presented by Laura Fine, *Head and Professor, Department of English*

This scholarship was established by the Department of English, alumnae, and friends to honor the much respected former head of the department. Dr. Rose graduated from Meredith in 1936 and received her Ph.D. from Yale University during World War II, after which she returned to teach at Meredith for a total of 56 years. This award is presented on the basis of honesty, academic excellence, and service.

Outstanding Student of World Languages and Cultures

Presented by Jonathan Wade, *Chair and Professor, Department of Spanish*

Awarded to the students who have shown the most aptitude and enthusiasm in world language acquisition and cultural understanding, and the greatest potential for applying their skills in a graduate program or the workplace.

***Meredith Herald* Service and Dedication Award**

Presented by Ashley Hogan, *Advisor, Meredith Herald*

This award is given to a member of *The Meredith Herald* staff who displays exceptional dedication and commitment to the newspaper. The recipient is selected by the staff of the *Herald*.

***Oak Leaves* Service and Dedication Award**

Presented by Ashley Hogan, *Advisor, Oak Leaves*

This award honors a yearbook staff member who has made a significant contribution to *Oak Leaves* through their commitment and dedication. The recipient is selected by the staff of *Oak Leaves*.

The Colton Review Service and Dedication Award

Presented by Ashley Hogan, Advisor, The Colton Review

This award is given to a staff member of *The Colton Review: A Journal of Art & Literature* who displays exceptional dedication and commitment to the magazine. The recipient is selected by the publication's staff. Of special note is that *The Colton Review* was awarded "Best of Show" for the fourth year in a row at the North Carolina College Media Association Conference this year.

Floyd Alford Journalism Award

Presented by Ashley Hogan, Director of Creative Writing and Assistant Professor of English

This special recognition is accorded to students with outstanding journalism talent and strong commitment to improving the community through honest, accurate service in a publication. The recipient is selected by the advisor for Campus Publications.

Outstanding Tutor Awards

Presented by Tina Romanelli, Director of the Student Success Center

This award recognizes tutors who demonstrate exceptional dedication to the practice of tutoring and raising awareness about the Learning Center's services on campus. These tutors are not only dependable and competent, but also leaders and innovators in our learning community.

Outstanding Service to the Association of Meredith Commuters Award

Presented by Machaela Murrell, '24, President, Association of Meredith Commuters

This award is given to the executive board member who has demonstrated great service and commitment to AMC this year.

Meredith International Association Outstanding Leadership Award

Presented by Jennifer Glass, Assistant Director, International Programs

This award acknowledges an individual who has demonstrated excellent leadership qualities and service to MIA.

BSU Excellence in Leadership Award

Presented by Chorro Jobe, President, Black Student Union

This award is granted to the student in the BSU deemed by her peers to be the friendliest and most charismatic. Long remembered will be their unselfish efforts, constant concern for classmates, and willingness to lend a helping hand. This student is always prepared to offer advice and reassurance to everyone in the organization and the surrounding neighborhood.

Academic Excellence Awards in Nutrition, Health & Human Performance

Presented by Jennifer McMillen, Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Nutrition, Health, and Human Performance

These awards are presented to a junior or senior majoring in exercise and sports science and a junior or senior majoring in food and nutrition who have demonstrated academic excellence during pursuit of their degrees.

Meredith Activities Board Excellence in Leadership Award

Presented by Emily Saylor, Assistant Director, Student Leadership and Service, Co-Advisor, MAB
The recipient of this award demonstrates outstanding commitment to the success of MAB.

Outstanding Seniors in Human Environmental Sciences

Presented by Chasity Johnson, Program Coordinator, Human Environmental Sciences & Family and Consumer Sciences

This award is given to outstanding seniors in the Department of Human Environmental Sciences who have excelled in scholarship, leadership, and service to the department.

Kappa Omicron Nu Scholarship Award

Presented by Eunyoung Yang, Program Coordinator, Human Environmental Sciences & Fashion Merchandising and Design

This award is given to the rising senior who is a member of Kappa Omicron Nu with the highest GPA in the Departments of Human Environmental Sciences and Nutrition, Health, & Human Performance.

Meredith Recreation Association Excellence in Leadership Award

Presented by Lizbeth Burgos De Pena, '24, President, Meredith Recreation Association

This award is given to a member who has contributed leadership abilities and dedication to MRA throughout the year. The recipient has provided support to the co-chairs and the organization's committees in planning events.

Charles A. Davis Award for Outstanding Seniors in Mathematics & Computer Science

Presented by Cammey Manning, Head and Professor, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science

This award is presented to senior majors in the Department of Mathematics & Computer Science for outstanding scholarship or service to the department and is named for long-time faculty member and former department head Charles A. Davis.

“Going Strong” Student Advisor Awards

Presented by Chrissie Bumgardner, Co-Director, First Year Experience

The “Going Strong” Student Advisor Awards are the top awards given by the student advising program and are presented each year to the freshman student advisor and the Wings and transfer student advisor who have displayed exemplary advising through their leadership, commitment, and creativity in helping students adjust to the Meredith community.

Outstanding Senior in Psychology Award

Presented by Gwynn Morris, Chair and Professor, Department of Psychology and Social Work

This award is given in recognition of outstanding scholarship, leadership, and potential in psychology.

The PSI Award for Outstanding Contributions to Psychology

Presented by Gwynn Morris, Chair and Professor, Department of Psychology & Social Work

This award is given in recognition of outstanding contributions to psychology.

Catherine Watkins Isaacs Memorial Scholarship

Presented by Stacy Pardue, Campus Chaplain

This scholarship is awarded to two upperclass students who have excelled in leadership and service to the Meredith community and to their religious congregations

Community Impact Award

Presented by Kacey Reynolds Schedler, Assistant Director, Student Leadership and Service

The Community Impact Award is given annually to the Meredith students who have exhibited an exemplary level of dedication to civic engagement and who have had a deep and lasting effect on Meredith College and the community.

Department of Education Academic Excellence Award

Presented by Cece Toole, Professor of Education

Awarded annually by the faculty in the Department of Education to an undergraduate student for academic excellence in education.

Student Leadership Development Award

Presented by Cheryl Jenkins, Director, Student Leadership and Service

This award is given each year by the members of the Division of College Programs to a freshman or sophomore whose life and work exemplify the ideals of student development.

Mildred “Mit” C. Joyner Excellence in Social Work Award

Presented by Amanda Jones, Program Director, Assistant Professor of Social Work

This award is given to a graduating senior student who embodies the values of the social work profession through both leadership and service. This award is given in honor of Professor Mit Joyner who has devoted her life's work to the furthering and achievement of racial, social, economic, environmental and political justice for all people. The recipient of this award is chosen by a vote of social work faculty and senior students.

Academic Excellence in Criminology Award

Presented by Amie Hess, Head and Professor, Department of Sociology & Criminology

This award is given to students who have shown academic excellence in their criminology major.

Academic Excellence in Sociology Award

Presented by Amie Hess, Head and Professor, Department of Sociology & Criminology

This award is given to sociology majors who have achieved academic excellence in sociology, especially those who have taken advantage of additional academic and co-curricular opportunities, including research and leadership.

Erika Suzanne Woodlief Outstanding Resident Assistant Award

Presented by Brittany Kilgore, Residence Director, Faircloth/Heilman

The Erika Suzanne Woodlief Outstanding Resident Assistant Award was established at Meredith College in memory of Erika by her parents, Gene and Sharon Woodlief. Erika, a member of the Class of 1998, was serving as a resident assistant at the time of her death in 1997. This award is given to the resident assistant who exhibits exemplary sensitivity, talents, and skills in the Resident Assistant role.

WINGS Outstanding Leadership Award

Presented by Tom Manning, Director, Wings

The recipient of this award is selected by Women in New Goal Settings (WINGS) Executive Board members to recognize outstanding leadership to the board and service to WINGS members.

Anne C. Dahle Scholarships

Presented by Tom Manning, Director, Wings

The Anne C. Dahle Scholarships are given in honor of the director of Meredith's first adult education program, then known as the Re-Entry Program, and recognize Wings students who show high academic achievement while juggling the demands of adult student life. Wings students are invited to apply for these competitive scholarships based on specific criteria.

Freshman Class Service and Dedication Award

Presented by Kass Carey, '26, President, Freshman Class

Voted on by class members, this award is presented to freshmen who have demonstrated outstanding service and commitment to the Class of 2026.

Sophomore Class Service and Dedication Award

Presented by Lauren Hickey, Advisor, Sophomore Class

Voted on by class members, this award is presented to students who have demonstrated outstanding service and commitment to the Class of 2025.

Junior Class Service and Dedication Award

Presented by Mary Grace Teachey, '24, President, Junior Class

Voted on by class members, this award is presented to juniors who have demonstrated outstanding service and considerable dedication to the Class of 2024.

Senior Class Service and Dedication Award

Presented by Safa Ahmed, '23, President, Senior Class

Voted on by class members, this award is presented to seniors who have demonstrated consistently outstanding service and a strong commitment to the Class of 2023 throughout the year.

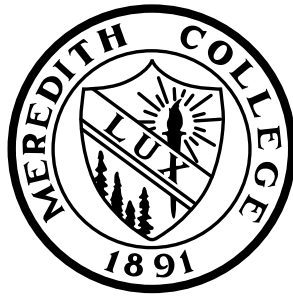
Eula Mae Bagwell Jones Endowed Prize

Presented by Ann Gleason, Dean of Students

This award was endowed by Dorothy M. Jones in memory of her mother and goes annually to a graduating North Carolina student having the highest grade point average and majoring in a liberal arts program.

Closing Remarks

Matthew Poslusny, *Senior Vice President and Provost*



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