NINTH ANNUAL HONORS AWARD CEREMONY

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM, FEBRUARY 19, 2014

HONORS STUDENT NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AND FINALISTS

David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarship
Leanza Bethel, Caroline Brazill, Emily Smithman, Aaron Turk
Alternates: Jessica Agostinelli, Ozzie Chung

Critical Language Scholarship
Cody Feldman

Fulbright Grant
Amber Jolla, Emily Fleitz, Benjamin Mainwaring
Alternate: Aaron Turk
Finalist: Katherine Hayes

Fulbright Grant-English Teaching Assistantship
Emily Fleitz

Fulbright Grant-United Kingdom Summer Institutes Program
Cayla Jakubowski

Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship
Daniel Handy, Lorraine Magee, Erin Wuebbens

Killam Fellowship
Victoria Harrington, Megan Nissel
Alternate: Emma Zaballos

Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship
José Ramírez-Rivera

National Collegiate Honors Council Portz Research Fellowship
Benjamin K. Derby (AU nominee)

Public Policy and International Affairs Fellowship
José Ramírez-Rivera

STUDENT AWARDS

Outstanding Honors Freshman
Alexander Braun, Killian MacDonald

Outstanding Honors Sophomore
Alexa Kelly, Tatiana Laing, Eliana Peck, Nausheen Rajan

Outstanding Honors Junior
Mary Caroline Brazill, Dhaneshvaran Krishnarao, Myrto Papakonstantinou, Daniel Pasquale, Rachel Ternes

Outstanding Honors Senior
Matthew Lien, Nallely Mejia, Zoé Orfanos, Taryn Stansbury, Alifa Watkins

Outstanding Leadership in Honors

Alaa Chaker, Lorraine Magee, Valerie Snaman, Matthew Waskiewicz

Outstanding Leadership in the Community

Falon Dominguez, Quinn Hirsch, Mark Lieberman, Cullen Moran, Chelsea Williamson, Joseph Wisniewski

Honors Scholars and Artists Award

Julian Chehirian, Zachary Kopin, José Ramírez-Rivera, Aubrey Rose, Jonathan Wallen

RECOGNITION OF HONORS 101 STUDENT MENTORS AND STUDENT HONORS BOARD

Honors 101 is a peer-mentor orientation program for Honors freshmen. First-year students are divided into small groups and are partnered with faculty and student mentors.

Fall 2013 Honors 101 Co-Chairs and Student Mentors

Allison Blauvelt, Billie Case, Alaa Chaker *(Co-chair)*, Joel Iscaro, Cayla Jakubowski, Kevin Levy, Mark Lieberman, Sean Meehan, Amrita Moitra, Megan Piccirillo, Stephanie Pettit, Cameron Schuette, Valerie Snaman *(Co-chair)*, Rosanna Tamam, Matthew Waskiewicz, Erin Wuebbens

Fall 2013 Honors 101 Faculty Mentors

Chana Barron, Richard Bennett, Edward Comstock, Dylan Craig, Billy Davies, Danielle Evans, Borden Flanagan, Max Friedman, Anders Hardig, David Keplinger, Sarah Cleeland Knight, Christopher Tudge, Pek Koon Heng, Lauren Weis, Wanda Wigfall-Williams

The Student Honors Board represents Honors students, serves as a liaison to the Director and staff of the Honors Program, and plans events, service projects, and other activities for the Honors community.

2013-2014 Student Honors Board

Jonathan Beatty, Annika Bergstrom *(Director of Communications)*, Eesha Bhave, Lorraine Magee*, Madelyn Daigle, Emily Dalgo, Adam Mildon, Austin Morgan, Bailey Roe, Adam Schasel, Valerie Snaman *(Secretary)*, Matthew Waskiewicz *(Vice President)*, Lindsay Wylie, Emma Zaballos *(President)*

*Fall 2013 board member

CITATIONS

Outstanding Honors Freshman

This selective award recognizes Honors freshmen who have a strong academic record and who demonstrate exemplary leadership or service.

Alexander Braun *(International Studies)* is President of Mightier than Swords, AU's slam poetry club and competitive team and is working to represent the school at the Collegiate Unions Poetry Slam Invitational. The team has hosted its own events at AU, including a poetry slam and an open-mic night. A member of the Global Scholars Program, Alex intends to specialize in global inequality and development. Outside of school, he tutors D.C. students weekly through Life Pieces to Masterpieces and volunteers with the Bethesda Chevy Chase Rescue Squad.

Killian MacDonald *(Communication Studies)* is Student Director of the AU Catholic Choir and Secretary of the Catholic Student Association. She is also an actor and technical worker for the Rude Mechanicals, AU's student-run Shakespeare theatre troupe. Killian is a member of the Compass Fellowship Program, engaging college freshmen interested in social entrepreneurship. In her free time, she volunteers at a local charity.

Outstanding Honors Sophomore

This selective award recognizes Honors sophomores who have a strong academic record and who demonstrate exemplary leadership or service.

Alexa Kelly *(Public Communication)* is the Chief Editorial Officer for BleakHouse Publishing, where she oversees the submission, review, and publication of its affiliated literary works. She also writes theatre reviews and poetry for the *American Way of Life* magazine, DCMetroTheaterArts and other venues. Alexa was also one of two editors-in-chief for the 2014 issue of *Tacenda Literary Magazine*. She has been shortlisted for the Victor Hassine Memorial Scholarship, which recognizes AU students or alumni who engage the public on issues affecting the criminal justice system through their creative work.

Tatiana Laing *(CLEG)* is a consulting editor for BleakHouse Publishing and a founding writer for BleakHouse's blog, *The Bare Lightbulb.* She is also President of American University's Caribbean Circle. Tatiana has published several spoken-word poems about one of her special interests, stemming mass incarceration by facilitating a smooth re-entry process for former prisoners. She also works as an intern at the Brennan Center for Justice, a non-partisan public policy and law institute, where she researches women in the criminal justice system and their re-entry into society. After graduating from AU, Tatiana plans to enter law school and eventually aid criminal justice reform.

Eliana Peck *(Philosophy)* is on the Executive Board of AU's Mock Trial Team and competes at the mock trial national level. She also works as a peer advisor at AU's Career Center, assisting with student outreach and coordinating job fairs, workshops, and resume stations. Academically, Eliana has distinguished herself in the Department of Philosophy, where she works in the General Education Faculty Assistant Program for Western Philosophy.

Nausheen Rajan *(International Studies)* is the Director for Academic Programming for the SIS Undergraduate Council, Chairwoman for SIS's International Dinner, and Co-Founder of the U.S.-Pakistan Women's Council Student Chapter. She is also a member of Delta Phi Epsilon, a professional foreign service sorority focused on raising cross-cultural awareness and advocating for female leadership in international affairs. Outside of school, Nausheen works at the East-West Center, which promotes ties between the United States, Asia, and the Pacific through cooperative study, research, and dialogue. As a research assistant at the Center, she has helped with such projects as ASEAN Matters for Asia and published pieces for the *Asia Matters for America* website, drawing on her proficiency in Hindi, Urdu and Mandarin Chinese.

Outstanding Honors Junior

This selective award recognizes Honors juniors who have a strong academic record and who demonstrate exemplary leadership or service.

Mary Caroline Brazill (*International Studies*) earned a Boren Scholarship to study in Zanzibar, Tanzania, where she also researched and wrote a children's book to educate students about human rights. In Zanzibar and D.C., Caroline has interned with Search for Common Ground, a non-governmental organization that seeks to end violent conflict. She has also volunteered with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and interned at the U.S. Department of State and the office of Sen. Bob Casey (D-Penn.). On campus, Caroline competed for two years on the Mock Trial team and is an active member of Delta Phi Epsilon, the professional foreign service sorority.

Dhaneshvaran Krishnarao (*Mathematics* and *Physics*) is a space weather forecaster and research assistant at the NASA Goddard Space Center in Maryland, where he analyzes in real time space weather events like solar flares. Through his capstone class and an independent study, he has investigated with Physics Professor U.J. Sofia the prevalence of sulfur in interstellar dust and will present their preliminary results at the April meeting of the National American Physical Society in Savannah, Georgia. The Freshman Physics Major of the Year in 2012, Dhanesh has also served as a research assistant and teaching assistant for the Department of Physics. For his work in this role, he received the American University 2013 Department of Physics Award for Outstanding Teaching Assistant.

Myrto Papakonstantinou (*Mathematics* and *Psychology*) received a Fulbright Scholarship from the Cyprus-America Scholarship Program to study at AU. She quickly excelled in both of her majors and earned the Frank Cox Jones Scholarship for Women in Mathematics. Myrto works as a Mathematics tutor in AU's Mathematics and Statistics Tutoring Lab and has served for two semesters as a teaching assistant for JLC's Western Legal Tradition course. She is also an AU Ambassador and an AU Diplomat for the International Student and Scholar Services office, helping to recruit international students.

Daniel Pasquale (*Environmental Science*) was a 2013 Greater Research Opportunities Fellow with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He served as an intern last summer for the Cape Cod Commission Water Resources Program, analyzing the impact of a sewer system on growth and water usage in Barnstable, Massachusetts. On campus, Daniel spent a year directing the AU Student Government's Bike Lending Program and managing its fleet of bicycles. An American University nominee for the Udall Scholarship, given for students committed to careers related to the environment, tribal public policy, or Native American health care, he has also been active in Eco-Sense, AU's student-led environmental sustainability club, and with ATV, the student-run television station on campus.

Rachel Ternes (*Psychology*) is the President of the AU Interfaith Council and the Director of Outreach, Communications, and Art for the AU United Methodist Student Association. She is also the Chief Creative Officer for BleakHouse Publishing, for which she designs promotional materials and artwork for publications. Three of her illustrations appeared in the 2012 issue of *BleakHouse Review*, including one that earned her the 2012 Tacenda Literary Award for best artwork. Rachel's art has also appeared in AU's student literary magazine, *AmLit*, for which she received an honorable mention and a Best in Show award. She provided illustrations for two books by Justice, Law and Criminology Professor Robert Johnson, *Cell Buddy* and *Millers Revenge*, and has photographed events and exhibitions as the American University Museum's social media assistant. In 2013, Rachel was awarded the Victor Hassine Memorial Scholarship.

Outstanding Honors Senior

This selective award recognizes Honors seniors who have a strong academic record and who demonstrate exemplary leadership or service.

Matthew Lien (*Political Science*) is a Frederick Douglass Distinguished Scholar and a founding member of the AU chapter of DC Students Speak, an organization that seeks to better represent local students in the city government. His success as a consultant for BrownMillerGroup, a firm specializing in communications strategies, and his service as an intern for D.C. Shadow Representative Nate Bennett-Fleming demonstrate deep commitment to advocacy. Matthew has further distinguished himself through his research on the impact of direct mail on voter patterns and through the key role he played in securing a $30,000 grant for the Clinton Global Initiative.

Nallely Mejia (*International Studies* and *Sociology*) is a Frederick Douglass Distinguished Scholar and devotes much of her time to advocacy and critical research on public health issues related to the Latino community. As a research assistant to SIS Professor Maria de Jesus, Nallely analyzed the relationship between religiosity and health-seeking behaviors among Hispanic/Latina women. She participated in the highly selective Ohio State University Summer Research Opportunities Program, where she researched fertility patterns of the Hispanic community and presented her work at the end of the summer. She worked as a literacy tutor for the International Institute of St. Louis, helping refugees improve their reading and job interviewing skills, and she now interns for the Brookings Institution, assisting on immigration research. She hopes to earn a Ph.D. in Sociology and to build a career in advocacy and higher education.

Zoé Orfanos (*Law and Society*) is a Lannan Fellow at the Folger Shakespeare Library for 2013-2014. She served as Editor-in-Chief of *Tacenda Literary Magazine* in 2012 and is an award-winning contributor to *BleakHouse Review*. She is finishing work on a collection of poems, *Elegy for Old Terrors*, which will be released by BleakHouse Publishing this spring. Zoé also interned for Offender Aid and Restoration of Arlington, where she met with clients to assess their needs and set goals for successful re-entry to the community. She is Vice President of Planning to Achieve Collegiate Excellence for the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and has established a weekly tutoring program with a local middle school through NSCS.

Taryn Stansbury (*Journalism*) undertook an ambitious project for her Honors capstone, creating her first documentary, *Harbor Heroes*, about the use of oysters to restore harbors destroyed by Hurricane Sandy. Collaborating with another Honors student, Jaclyn Yeary, Taryn interviewed scientists, oystermen, and famed environmentalist Philippe Cousteau. Her nominator for this award praised that project for its substance and visual artistry. As a sports reporting intern for WUSA 9, she reports on Washington, D.C. professional sports and helps produce a weekly Sunday night sports show. She also works as a consumer marketing intern for the Washington Nationals, researching and analyzing fan attendance and engagement. Taryn remains engaged at AU as an SOC Ambassador, working closely with prospective students and their families.

Alifa Watkins (*Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies*) is a Truman Scholarship finalist and has worked to improve sexual education to achieve better public health outcomes for young adults. Alifa's Honors capstone, which she researched in both the U.S. and Amsterdam, led to findings that aided her work as a peer sexual health educator. She worked with the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority on a campaign to end sexual harassment on public transportation. Alifa participated in the highly selective Columbia University Summer Public Health Scholar Program. She also has an extensive background as a volunteer and intern work in public health organizations.

Outstanding Leadership in Honors

This highly selective award recognizes Honors students who have served the Honors community with distinction while maintaining a record of high academic achievement.

Alaa "Lulu" Chaker *(Political Science* and *Mathematics and Economics)*, an Honors 101 co-chair in 2013, led the charge for a more flexible, more efficient Honors 101—an experience that capitalized on past successes and empowered the mentors in new ways. Lulu remained committed to Honors 101 while serving, at different points during her tenure as co-chair, as an intern with Sen. Mark Udall (D-Colo.), as a campaign fellow for Terry McAullife's successful Virginia gubernatorial run, and as a speech and debate coach at a public high school in Alexandria, Virginia. Most recently, she applied what she learned in Honors 101 to Project Higher EdYOUcation, a mentorship program she created to address the gap in access to college between high-income and low-income students in Washington, D.C. Lulu has enlisted several Honors students—including her former Honors 101 co-chair, Valerie Snaman—to serve as mentors in this new program.

Lorraine Magee *(Elementary Education)*, from her start at AU, has played an active role engaging students and building community in Honors. She has been an elected member of the Student Honors Board and was twice selected to represent AU and SHB at the National Collegiate Honors Council's conference, where by invitation she moderated several panel presentations. As an Honors Student Staff Assistant, Lorraine made invaluable contributions to the Honors office. She was a standout as a Resident Assistant on Hughes 6, an Honors floor, where she earned a reputation for being "genuinely interested in the well-being of everyone on the floor," according to one of her residents. She has opened doors for students to groups on campus and beyond, including She's the First, which promotes girls' education in the developing world. Lorraine serves as president of the AU Chapter of that group. This semester, she is studying abroad with support from a Gilman Scholarship in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Valerie Snaman *(International Studies)*, an Honors 101 co-chair in 2013, laid the groundwork for the most recent Honors 101 through the extensive feedback she shared as a mentee in 2012. Her organizational and communication skills led to several of the program's highlights, including her trip with freshmen to meet an Honors alumnus and his colleagues at the U.S. Department of State. As an AU Ambassador, Valerie took the initiative to work with the Honors Office to ensure that the other ambassadors—and in turn, prospective students—fully understood the new Honors Program, which will launch this fall. She has also extended her ambassadorial role into her work as an Honors student staff assistant. During and beyond her regular work hours, Valerie has represented Honors to current students, prospective students, and faculty. She has also served for two consecutive years as a member of the Student Honors Board.

Matthew Waskiewicz *(Economics* and *Political Science)* served as an Honors 101 mentor and the Vice President of the Student Honors Board in 2013. Among other mentorship accomplishments, Matthew spun his internship with Rep. James McGovern (D-Mass.)—AU alumnus and former resident of Hughes Hall—into a behind-the-scenes tour of the U.S. Capitol and a chance for his mentees to meet the congressman. Matthew continues to support Honors freshmen as the new Resident Assistant on Hughes 6, an Honors floor. A fixture at Honors events, he often appears in the Honors office before those events and offers to lend a hand. He finds time for that despite his busy schedule, which includes service as a legislative intern with Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), as the trumpet sectional leader in AU's jazz orchestra, and as a reviewer for *Clocks and Clouds*, an AU undergraduate research journal.

Outstanding Leadership in the Community

This highly selective award recognizes Honors students who have served the AU or other communities with distinction while maintaining a record of high academic achievement.

Falon Dominguez *(International Studies* and *Economics)* is a Frederick Douglass Distinguished Scholar interning this semester at Voto Latino, an organization that focuses on increasing Latino voter turnout. She is a co-founder of the Clinton Global Initiative University's "FOTOSynthesis" Project, an effort to establish a photo exchange project linking school children in different countries through photography. Falon served as a representative on the Honors Curriculum Task Force in 2011-2012, collaborating with Honors faculty and staff to provide recommendations for the new Honors Program. She also designed a mentor program through FDDS to work with D.C. public school students on college preparation and leadership skills. After graduation, Falon will work full time with Google at its California headquarters, where she interned last summer.

Quinn Hirsch *(Public Health)*, a minor in Biochemistry, serves as an ambassador for the University and the Public Health Scholars Program. Through her work, she has assisted on preview days, met with prospective students, hosted overnight campus visits, and sent welcome letters to the incoming Public Health Scholars cohort. While studying abroad in Kenya last semester, she focused part of her studies on the intersection between environment and health within communities. She has held several internships at various medical centers including the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., where she served as a Health Leads Advocate. She also works with AU's Academic and Access Center as a supplemental instructor.

Mark Lieberman *(Journalism)*, a sophomore, is the Conference Chair for the Social Learning Summit, the largest student-run social media conference in Washington, D.C. Mark's media experience also includes a stint as a Collegiate Correspondent with *USA Today*—during which he published fourteen articles—and as the Lifestyle Editor of *The Eagle*, where he mentors contributors. Mark has also mentored students in Honors 101 and SOC. As an Honors 101 mentor, he showed great initiative. Collaborating with faculty mentor David Keplinger, he arranged a special visit to NPR's new headquarters in downtown D.C. and accompanied his mentees there. As an SOC Ambassador, Mark has recruited prospective students, mentored new students, and served as a key participant on the committee that helped to reshape the SOC mentor program.

Cullen Moran *(International Studies)*, a sophomore minoring in Applied Statistics, serves as a teacher through AU's Community Learners Advancing in Spanish and English (CLASE), as well as an intern with Rep. Jim Cooper (D-Tenn). Cullen has volunteered for various international communities in several countries in Central America and the Caribbean. Demonstrating great leadership, he designed and implemented an Alternative Spring Break program and curriculum.

Chelsea Williamson (*Public Communication)*, a minor in Marketing and Spanish Language, is President of the Kogod Marketing Association. Under her leadership, the organization grew from a handful of members to 50 students. She also co-founded an on-campus marketing and advertising firm named 44hundred. Chelsea was selected as Director of the 2014 Public Relations Student Society of America Conference. This conference is projected to host more than over a thousand students from all over the country. Chelsea demonstrated her marketing skills while interning at You²Media advertising agency and at Venga, a D.C.start-up restaurant technology company.

Joseph Wisniewski *(Political Science)* is the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner representing the area northeast of AU and he has succeeded in securing a bike lane that leads to campus. Joseph has served on the AU Student Government Undergraduate Senate. He has also launched Generation Next, a non-profit that encourages students to run for elected office nationwide. At the 2011 SPA Undergraduate Research Symposium, Joseph won Best Presentation in the Social, Economic and Security Policy Session for his paper, "The Mathematics of War: Using Statistics to Find Alternative Policy Solutions in Afghanistan."

Honors Scholars and Artists Award

This highly selective award recognizes the Honors students who have distinguished themselves through a record of high academic achievement and outstanding scholarship or creative work.

Julian Chehirian *(Interdisciplinary Studies)* graduated in December with a BA of his own design—a program that combined philosophy, social history, and art history. For his Honors capstone, Julian worked with faculty at AU and Georgetown University to explore, among other topics, the origins of "intersubjectivity" in the discourse of writers like Sigmund Freud and Jacques Lacan. Julian's paper on time, space, and Cézanne appeared in last spring's issue of *Pharmakon*, AU's undergraduate journal of Philosophy, and he presented that paper at San Diego State University's Graduate Conference on Philosophy. He also volunteered for nearly 300 hours last summer at St. Elizabeths Psychiatric Hospital in Washington, D.C. As a candidate for a Fulbright International Research Grant, Julian hopes to apply what he learned at St. Elizabeths to an exploration of Bulgarian psychiatry's social history.

Zachary Kopin *(History* and *Music)* will present his research on Nagasaki's atomic memory next month at Texas A&M University's History conference. Last year, he traveled to Mississippi State University to present a paper on race in the Antebellum U.S. Navy at the Symposium for History Undergraduate Research. Several of his works have been published on the web, and his article on the War of 1812 will soon appear in *The Encyclopedia of American Studies Online*. A recipient of an Honors Capstone Research Grant and the History Department's Janet Oppenheim Research Award, Zachary also won a scholarship from the Council on America's Military Past to attend that organization's annual conference in Dayton, Ohio. He has served as a research assistant at the National Museum of the U.S. Navy and as a research intern at the Woodrow Wilson International Center. A student in AU's BA/MA History program, Zachary is also the principal tubist in AU's Brass Quintet, Symphonic Band, and Symphonic Orchestra.

José Ramírez-Rivera (*International Studies*) has received the Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship, the Public Policy and International Affairs Fellowship, and the Killam Fellowship. Also a recipient of the AU Summer Scholars and Artists Fellowship, this spring he will present the fruits of his research—his findings on the intersection of salsa and popular struggles in Latin America—at a Latin American Studies conference at Rutgers University. Since coming to AU, José has interned at the U.S. Department of State, the Organization of American States, the Woodrow Wilson Center's Canada Institute, and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. He is the Co-Founder and Secretary of the Thirst Project @ AU, a student organization that raises money to build wells in Africa and Latin America.

Aubrey Rose *(Law and Society)*, a BleakHouse Research Fellow, has collaborated on original research with Justice, Law and Criminology Professor Robert Johnson. She also updated the curriculum for JLC's Deprivation of Liberty course, and played a key part in piloting Professor Johnson's new Honors colloquium, "Extreme Punishments." Last fall, she presented her original research on prisoner disenfranchisement at the 13th Annual EuroCrim International Conference in Budapest, Hungary. In spring 2013, her research on abolishing the death penalty appeared in *Clocks and Clouds*, an AU undergraduate research journal. In her four years at AU's Student Advocacy Center, Aubrey has offered confidential advice to students facing disciplinary charges. Last year, she became that group's Deputy Director. Aubrey also has served as an intern for the Capital Litigation Communications Project, the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project, and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, where she recently began work as an investigator.

Jonathan Wallen *(Mathematics and Economics)*, a junior, has been a research assistant for Economics Professor Xuguang Sheng since September 2012 and for KSB Professors Valentina Bruno and Michel Robe since May 2013. He co-authored a paper with Professor Robe and presented a draft of that paper to acclaim at the U.S. Department of Energy, where he has also worked as an intern and research assistant. For another paper, which he co-authored with Professor Sheng, Jonathan was invited to present at the American Economic Association's annual meeting. He worked for two semesters as a Teaching Assistant for Justice, Law and Criminology Professor Douglas Klusmeyer, with whom he is developing an online curriculum for JLC's Western Legal Tradition course. Jonathan has served as the Portfolio Manager and Chief Economist for the Kogod Student Managed Investment Fund, and in 2013, he received an AU Summer Scholars and Artists Fellowship to support macroeconomic forecasting research.

The University Honors Program at American University

Over a half-century old, the University Honors Program invites highly motivated and ambitious first-year and transfer students at American University to enter its program of rigorous academic courses and stimulating co-curricular and living-learning opportunities. Knowing that many students only start to shine after they enter the University, the Honors Program also encourages high-achieving sophomores to apply to the program.

More than 1,000 of the 6,500 undergraduate students at AU are in the University Honors Program. Honors students are overrepresented in every field of excellence in the University, becoming leaders in Student Government, occupying other student leadership positions, and typically winning half of all national awards going to American University students.

A Note on the Annual Honors Awards

The Honors Program welcomes and invites nominations for Honors awards from all members of the American University community, including students, faculty, and staff. In addition, the Honors Program distributes lists of Honors students and invites departments, schools, and university offices to decide —as a group—which students to nominate.

A faculty selection committee recommends the finalists for Outstanding Sophomore, Junior, and Senior as well as the awards for Outstanding Leadership and for Scholars and Artists. The Honors Staff recommends the finalists for the other awards.

Special Thanks to the Honors Awards Selection Committee

Andrea Brenner, Kimberly Cowell-Myers, Andrew Holtin, Pallavi Kumar, Mirjana Morosini, Jennifer Oetzel, and Kathryn Walters-Conte.