

# Academic Honors and Awards

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025 •

RECEPTION 3:30 P.M. • PROGRAM 4:00 P.M.

CARLSON COMMONS, HENNING STUDENT CENTER

GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY • DES MOINES, IOWA

## Master of Ceremonies

Dr. Steve Snyder '88, *Professor of Humanities*

Welcome ..... Dr. Rachelle K. Keck, *President*

“The Heart of Vocation” ..... Jesus Martinez-Aviles '25,  
*Bachelor of Arts – Communication and Media Practice*

Honors Society ..... Dr. Joshua Call, *Professor of English*

National and International Honor Societies ..... Dr. Joshua Call

GV Honors Program ..... Dr. Joshua Call

SHaPEN Symposium ..... Dr. Laura Salazar, *Professor of Chemistry*

GVRISE (GV Research & Innovation Symposium Event) ..... Dr. Laura Salazar

Viking Council Awards ..... Mia Schumann '25, *Bachelor of Science – Biochemistry, Spanish;*  
*Vice President, Viking Council*

Closing Remarks ..... Dr. Patricia Williams, *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mary Bontrager, *Relocate Iowa*

Michelle Book, *Consultant*

Bruce Bro, *National Foundation of Danish America (NFDA)*

Karen (Sorensen '70) Brodie, *Retired*

Don Coffin, *Bankers Trust*

Rowena Crosbie, *Tero International*

Rev. Amy Current, *Southeastern Iowa Synod*

Steve DeVenney '84, *Raymond James & Associates*

Rosalind Fox, *John Deere Des Moines Works*

Jason Henderson '93, *Morgan Stanley Wealth Management*

Nandini Krishnamurthy, *Corteva Agriscience*

Christopher Littlefield, *Principal Financial Group*

Li Mandelbaum, *China Iowa Group*

Mike McCoy, *NCMIC Group, Inc.*

Mike Moore, *Nationwide*

Christian Murray '98, *Denny Elwell Company*

Steven Neville '07, *Bondurant Family Dentistry*

Anita Norian, *Norian Consulting LLC*

Gary Palmer '72, *Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino*

Kurt Rasmussen '88, *The Rasmussen Group*

Brooks Reynolds, *Blue Ribbon Bacon Festival*

Claudia Schabel, *Schabel Solutions*

David Stark, *UnityPoint Health*

Tom Triplett '88, *Triplett Solutions*

Georgia Van Gundy, *Iowa Workforce Development*

Pat Wood, *Kemin Industries*

# Academic Awards

## DEAN'S LIST

*Students who have successfully completed at least twelve graded semester hours of credit, received no grade lower than a C, and earned an overall grade point average of 3.5. Students who meet the following criteria at the end of each semester are recognized. A complete listing of students can be found at [www.grandview.edu/academics/deans-presidents-list](http://www.grandview.edu/academics/deans-presidents-list).*

## PRESIDENT'S LIST

*Students who have successfully completed at least twelve graded semester hours of credit and earned an overall grade point average of 4.0. Students who meet the following criteria at the end of each semester are recognized. A complete listing of students can be found at [www.grandview.edu/academics/deans-presidents-list](http://www.grandview.edu/academics/deans-presidents-list).*

## GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY HONOR SOCIETY

*Full-time Grand View students who have been named to the Dean's List and/or the President's List for at least four semesters are eligible for membership in the Grand View University Honor Society. Part-time students who have accumulated 60 semester credit hours and maintained a 3.5 GPA and transfer students who have accumulated 60 semester credit hours, maintained a 3.50 GPA, and have completed 12 graded semester credits are also eligible for the University Honor Society.*

### Graduating Seniors

Reed Abbas	Naomi Bourland	Maria Ekwall	Noah Huff
Benjamin Aciri	Andrew Brittingham	Elizabeth Elkins	Caleb Humphrey
Iman Adam	Jaylynn Brown	Anabelle Fank	Dung Huynh
Makena Adkins	Olivia Brown	Katherine Fogarty	Jennifer leong
Diana Aguayo	Lily Burkhead	Ayden Foster	Lisa Jennings
Jalen Aguiniga	Riley Clancy	Andrew Funke	Connor Johnson
Alexandra Andersen	Sarah Clark	Yarissa Gallo	Dane Johnson
Jessica Anderson	Margaret Clifford	Clay Garretson	Chantal Jones
Rachel Anderson	Madalynn Constable	Rachel Gore	Dezi Jones
McKayla Babinat	Keely Cookson	Kanishka Gowthaman	Lily Jones
Gabriel Beardsley	Benjamin Craven	Tanarra Gray	Dominick Judge
Sydney Beasley	Zachary Cue	Ryan Griffel	Ava Kanne
Ajla Becirovic	Wendi Danitz-Hart	Nayeli Guerrero-Zamarripa	Lorina Kern
Jersey Bender	Eva Diaz	Hailey Haines	Jenna Kidman
Garritt Berkland	Alexandra Dieger	Emilee Hall	James Kiernan
Hannah Beveridge	Camille Dixon	Abigail Herrick	Karlee Knode
Tapash Bhattarai	Tagen Douma	Linnea Hietala	Rhonda Krohn
Isaac Bleich-Sisco	Beth Doyle Thomas	Patrick Hirth	Kody Kruschwitz
Charity Bos	Brady Duwa	Kaylee Hodnefield	Olivia Kyes

Jenna Ladage	Sidney Nelson	Alexandra Roland	Kaden Stewart
Karen Landaverde-Lara	Philip Nestler	Elizabeth Runneberg	Tate Stine-Smith
Bowen Larsen	Emily Nguyen	Cassandra Ruzicka	Amber Swinehart
Ella Larsen	Ian Nichols	Imanol Saldana	Austin Switzer
Marah Larsen	Derek Oberhelman	Pierre Salib	Emily Tavegia
Easton Larson	Jaren Obia	Brian Sanchez Olave	Aviah Taylor
Martin Launay	Gabriel Olson	Chad Sayles	Isabel Tetmeyer
Julie Le	Elizaveta Ordinteva	Clement Scaccia	Elise Thorson
Jonah Leifker	Armin Oric	Emma Schirrmacher	Andrew Tiller
Liberty Leis	Melanie Ortega	Maiya Schminkey	McKenna Ussery
Eric Liborio	Jenna Pastour	Michelle Schultz	Alana Van Ballegooyen
Alexander Lucas	Anna Paul	Mia Schumann	Lilly Van Rees
Isaiah Luellen	Ehshee Paw	Amelia Schwartzkopf	Natalia Villegas
Riley Mackey	Mtee Paw	Aneesah Shabazz	Melany Vry
Jesus Martinez-Aviles	Umpium Paw	Salum Shabiby	Lucas Wakefield
Jenna McDonald	Taylor Pennington	Katie Shepherd	Sven Waldmeier
Mackenzie Meister	Vinny Perales	Alvin Shivere	Zachary Wallace
Kylie Merical	Isabel Pershing	Rayna Sickels	James Wartick
Abigail Meyer	Stephanie Peterson	Calvin Sieck	Blaine Watkins
Isabelle Miller	Ellen Polich	Jordyne Slagle	Cole Weckman
Macie Mosher	Mario Price	Timothy Smith	Jayson Weiland
Benjamin Murphy	Kaitlyn Rahfeldt	Da Son	Rayann Wells
Cleao Murray	Ellie Rengstorf	Iziek Soper	Jacob Wolver
Ndaya Ndiadia	Alex Reynolds	Josephine Sowers	Neveah Wood
Zachary Neese	Laurence Rivas	Caleb Spranger	Brynna Yocom
Robyn Nelms	Aaron Rodriguez	Cassandra Stewart	Benedikt Zechmeister

## NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL

## Honor Societies

### Alpha Chi, Iowa Theta Chapter

*Alpha Chi is a national honor society whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and excellence and exemplary character among juniors, seniors, and graduate students. Its name derives from the initial letters of the Greek words alethia and xarakter meaning truth and character.*

**Advisor: Dr. Joshua Woods**

Jessica Anderson	Chantal Jones	Sidney Nelson	Mia Schumann
Scott Bailey	Lorina Kern	Jaren Obia	Salum Shabiby
Charity Bos	Kambree Ladd	Anna Paul	Matheus Silva
Olivia Brown	Liberty Leis	Mario Price	Aviah Taylor
Keely Cookson	Riley Mackey	Aaron Rodriguez	Isabel Tetmeyer
Hailey Haines	Elyn Morris	Elizabeth Runneberg	Alana Van Ballegooyen
Nicolle Hook	Elise Morrow	Chad Sayles	Connie Welcher
Noah Huff	Robyn Nelms	Emma Schirrmacher	Jodin Wyckoff

## **Alpha Kappa Mu, Mu Epsilon Chapter**

*Alpha Kappa Mu is a general scholarship honor society open to junior, senior and graduate students in all academic areas who meet the requirements of the society. Our purpose is to promote high scholarship; to encourage sincere and zealous endeavor in all fields of knowledge and service; to cultivate a high order of personal living; and to develop an appreciation for scholarship and scholarly endeavor in others.*

**Advisor: Steven Kellogg**

Jessica Anderson	Lorina Kern	Jaren Obia	Aviah Taylor
Olivia Brown	Angie Mireles	Ehshee Paw	Connie Welcher
Christine Carter	Elise Morrow	Carla Rivas	Tayana Williams
Breanna Goeller	Sidney Nelson	Malya Schminkey	Jodin Wyckoff

## **Alpha Psi Omega, Omega Beta Chapter**

*Alpha Psi Omega is a National Theatre Honor Society for participants in collegiate theatre with the aim of encouraging dramatic production at every step in a person's academic career.*

**Advisor: Kristin Larson**

Isaac Bleich-Sisco	Skye Funke	Emily Tavegia
Andrew Brittingham	Cassandra Stewart	

## **Phi Alpha**

*Phi Alpha is a national social work honor society whose purpose is to provide a closer bond among students of social work and promote humanitarian goals and ideas. Phi Alpha fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work.*

**Advisor: Myke Selha**

Janice R. Fenton	Mtee Paw	Mila Trombino	Alexis Wernimont
Elise Morrow	Kei'Mara Roby	Connie Welcher	

## **Phi Eta Sigma, Grand View Chapter**

*Phi Eta Sigma is a national honor society for college freshmen. The goal of the society is to encourage and reward academic excellence among first time students in higher learning.*

*Phi Eta Sigma is the oldest and largest freshman honor society.*

**Advisor: Laurie Butz**

Charity Bos	Emilee Hall	Robyn Nelms	Elizabeth Runneberg
Olivia Brown	Creighton Hatting	Gabrielle Roorda	Aviah Taylor
Keely Cookson			

## **Psi Chi**

*Psi Chi is an international honor society whose purpose shall be to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship of the individual members in all fields, particularly in psychology, and to advance the science of psychology.*

**Advisor: Dr. Joshua Woods**

Travis Anderson	Karen Landaverde	Elise Morrow	Alana Van Ballegooyen
Tanarra Gray	Christella Luyeye	Jenna Pastour	Kyle Weber
Nicolle Hook	Angie Mireles	Aaron Rodriguez	Connie Welcher
Kambree Ladd	Mackenzie Meister	Darique Rodriguez	Jodin Wyckoff

## **Sigma Theta Tau, Zeta Chi at-Large Chapter**

*Sigma Theta Tau is an international community of nurses, dedicated to the advancement of knowledge, teaching, learning, and service through cultivation of communities of practice, education, and research.*

**Advisor: Sherri Sigwalt**

Jessica Anderson	Sidney Nelson	Emma Schirrmacher
Keely Cookson	Cassandra Ruzicka	Josie Sowers

## **Tau Upsilon Alpha**

*Tau Upsilon Alpha is a program of the National Organization for Human Services and its purposes are to honor academic excellence; to foster lifelong learning, leadership, and development; and to promote excellence in service to humanity.*

**Advisors: Dr. Kristine Owens and Dr. Jill Sudak-Allison**

Tanarra Gray	Christella Luyeye	Edith Reyes-Santiesteban	Hanna Townley
	Angie Mireles	Aaron Rodriguez	

## **Theta Alpha Kappa, Alpha Gamma Sigma Chapter**

*Theta Alpha Kappa is an honor society for students of theology and religion. It is devoted to high standards of scholarship among both faculty and students inducted into the society.*

*Theta stands for Theos, Greek for God, Alpha stands for Anthropos, Greek for humanity, and Kappa stands for Koinonia, the Greek word for community.*

**Advisor: Dr. Mark Mattes**

Ehshee Paw

# Other Awards

## GV HONORS PROGRAM

*The GV Honors Program is an application-based graduation designation. Selected students take classes that are organized around central themes of self, society, and the human condition that challenge students to think about critical issues that affect us all. The Honors Program also consists of social, research, and leadership opportunities designed to develop the whole person and scholar.*

**Program Director: Dr. Amy Getty**

### Fall 2024 Completion

Charity Bos  
Olivia Heithoff  
Darique Rodriguez

### Spring 2025 Completion

Olivia Brown  
Alexis Dorsett  
Liberty Leis  
Jesus Martinez-Aviles

Sydney McCasland  
Hannah Meshek  
Macie Mosher  
Ndaya Eloge Ndiadia  
Maiya Schminkey

Logan Skipton  
Shelby Slaven  
Connie Welcher

## SHaPEN SYMPOSIUM AWARDS

*Students from five disciplines – Social Work, Human Services, Psychology, Education, and Nursing – gather for a research poster symposium to present their work. This event provides a professional setting for students to share research, preparing them for graduate school and careers while promoting cross-disciplinary collaboration and learning.*

### FALL 2024

#### First Place Overall (Tie)

Josi Lonneman and Ellen Hetzel  
(NURS 480) *How does a fast track system in the emergency room impact patient wait times?*

Alex Foster (EDUC 146)  
*Bloom's Taxonomy*

#### 2nd Place Overall (Tie)

Sandra Skouson, Yohmai Torres, and Gavyn Strand (EDUC 146)  
*Developing Creativity in the Science Classroom*

Rosie Rios (EDUC 146) *Cultural Influences on Learning*

#### 3rd Place Overall

Nora Nosekabel and Josie Rhodes (EDUC 146) *Mindfulness*

#### 4th Place Overall

Gracie Hagle (SWRK 410)  
*Remorse or Resentment? A Child's Perspective on Parent Alcoholism*

#### 5th Place Overall

Puspa Dhimal, and Neomi Sidique (NURS 480) *What is the impact of state policy on the incidence and prevalence of abuse in nurses?*

#### 6th Place Overall

Sydney Uhrig, Sienna Sloan, Stephanie Perez-Andrade, and Amy Huynh (PSYC) *PICA and Eating Disorders*

### SPRING 2025

*Winners were announced at the event held on April 16.*

## GVRISE AWARDS

*The GV Research & Innovation Symposium Event is an opportunity for students to showcase their research from the past year to Grand View faculty, staff and students, and the Des Moines community at large.*

*Winners were announced at the event held on April 22.*

## PROGRAM AWARDS

*These awards celebrate an exceptional graduating senior from select academic programs. Faculty members have nominated one student from their program who has exhibited remarkable academic performance, leadership, and significant contributions to their field. This recognition acknowledges the dedication, effort, and impact these students have made during their academic journey.*

### GRADUATE PROGRAMS

**Athletic Training** – Liz Hurlbut  
**Organizational Leadership** – Paul Reedy  
**Clinical Mental Health Counseling** – Shelby Karr  
**Social Work** – Jackie Duden  
**Sport Management** – Aaron Hafner

**Elementary Education** – Emily Tavegia  
**Elementary Education** – Taylor Pennington  
**Secondary Education** – Charity Bos  
**Human Services** – Tanarra Gray  
**Kinesiology & Health Promotion** – Robyn Nelms  
**Management Information Systems** –  
Drew Hershey  
**Applied Math** – Alex Reynolds  
**Nursing** – Keely Cookson  
**Organizational Studies** – Lorina Kern  
**Paralegal Studies** – Austin Switzer  
**Psychology** – Jodin Wycoff  
**Spanish for Careers and Professionals** –  
Mia Schumann  
**Sport Management** – Anna Paul  
**Social Work** – Mtee Paw  
**Theology** – Eshee Paw  
**Theatre Arts** – Isaac Bleich-Sisco

### UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

**Accounting** – Olivia Brown  
**Biochemistry** – Jennifer Leong  
**Biology** – Elizabeth Runneberg  
**Biotechnology** – Isabelle Miller  
**Business Administration** – Cole Weckman  
**Business Analytics** – Brian Sanchez Olave  
**Communication and Media Practice** – Linnea Hietala  
**Computer Science** – Alvin Shivere  
**Criminal Justice** – Eric Liborio

## VIKING COUNCIL AWARDS

*Viking Council recognizes exceptional achievement, leadership, and engagement within the campus community. Outstanding individuals from each class as well as one organization and one club advisor are honored annually for their contributions to campus life at Grand View.*

**Outstanding First-Year Student** ..... Grace Knedler  
**Outstanding Sophomore Student**..... Emily N. Nguyen  
**Outstanding Junior Student**..... Maddie Cunningham  
**Outstanding Senior Student**..... Jesus Martinez-Aviles  
**Outstanding Grand View Club/Organization**..... Nontraditional Students Alliance  
**Outstanding Grand View Club/Organization Advisor of the Year** ..... Leah Cole

## FULL-TIME FACULTY MEMBERS 2024-25

### Art and Design

Hyena Nam  
Rachel Schwaller  
Matthew Slaymaker  
Aaron Tinder

### Athletic Training

Dr. Jessica Edler Nye  
Dr. Emma Nye

### Biology

Jori Avery  
Dr. Marisa Banasik  
Dr. Edmund Crane  
Dr. Kaitlin Goodale  
Dr. Idit Hazan  
Dr. Adriana LaGier  
Dr. Michael LaGier  
Dr. Carter Reed

### Business

Dr. Oscar Aguilar  
Dr. Ryan Anderson  
Dr. Kip Bottenfield  
Dr. Scott Bull  
Dr. Amanda Daugherty  
Dr. Shannon Juergens  
Dr. Dashle Kelly  
Douglas Mitchell  
Dr. Robert Ruisch  
Dr. Mark Slavich  
Dmitry Yarushkin '97  
Dr. Alec Zama

### Chemistry

Dr. Bonnie Hall  
Dr. Grant Knotts  
Dr. Simon Kuihon  
Dr. Xiang Ma  
Dr. Laura Salazar

### Communication

Erin Kim-Cho  
KC McGinnis

### Computer Science

Nathan Nissen

### Counselor Education

Dr. Lourdes Araujo  
Dr. Andrea Garraway  
Dr. Jilian Hus  
Dr. Ashley Osborne  
Dr. John Pryor  
Dr. Treye Rosenberger  
Dr. Carol Seehusen

### Education

Dr. Jaci Easter  
Dr. Diana O'Leary  
Chelsea Robinson  
Dr. Amy Schumann  
Katy Severe  
Dr. Simone Sorteberg

### English

Dr. Paul Brooke  
Dr. Joshua Call  
Dr. Brittany Cottrill Lloyd  
Dr. Amy Getty  
Dr. Bobbi Olson

### History

Dr. Thomas Lecaque  
Dr. Matthew Plowman

### Kinesiology

Dr. Elizabeth McAllister  
Dr. Zebblin Sullivan  
Dr. Shane Warehime

### Liberal Arts

Dr. Heather Brady  
Dr. Steve Snyder '88

### Math

Dr. Lucas Bennett  
Randy Daniels  
Dr. Eric Hart  
Diane Hintzsche  
Dr. Sergio Loch  
Eric Skouson

### Modern Languages

Dr. Sarah Miller Boelts  
Dr. Amy Schumann

### Nursing

Kathryn Arnold  
Sara Kraus '14  
Lisa Laughlin '05  
Diane Preston  
Lindsay Russell  
Rachel Seltz-Falk  
BSN '09 MSN '16  
Sherri (Callen '06) Sigwalt  
Donna Walker '16  
Julie (Schwaller '99) Weichman

### Political Science

Dr. Bryan McQuide

### Psychology

Dr. Guy Cunningham  
Dr. James Hanson  
Dr. Kristine Owens  
Dr. Jill Sudak-Allison  
Dr. Joshua Woods

### Social Work

Dr. Cathryn Beck-Cross  
Dr. Alyssa Caldbeck  
Dr. Gerd'Anice Noel  
Myke Selha  
Megan Thibodeau

### Sociology

Dr. Ahmadu Baba-Singhi  
Dr. Aaron Puhrmann

### Theatre and Speech

Kristin Larson

### Theology and Philosophy

Dr. Mark Mattes  
Dr. Trisha Wheelock