



LAKE FOREST
COLLEGE

SENIOR HONORS CONVOCAATION

Friday, May 10, 2024

3:30 p.m.

Lily Reid Holt Memorial Chapel
Lake Forest College

SENIOR HONORS CONVOCATION

Opening Act
“Moondance”
by Van Morrison

Lexi Adams, Bass
Gist Key, Drums
Troy Smith, Clarinet
Lucas Varga, Piano

Welcome

Jill M. Baren, MD, President

**Presentation of
Senior Honors and Awards**

Tara Natarajan, Krebs Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of the Faculty
Edward G. Whipple, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

**Presentation of the
William L. Dunn Award for
Outstanding Teaching and
Scholarly Promise**

Tara Natarajan
Krebs Provost and
Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dean of the Faculty

Recipient: Cassandra Batz-Barbarich
Assistant Professor of Biology
Recipient: Becky Delventhal
Assistant Professor of Biology

**Presentation of the
Great Teacher Award**

Tara Natarajan
Krebs Provost and
Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dean of the Faculty

Recipient: Courtney Joseph
Associate Professor of History and
African American Studies

Great Teacher Address

“Teacher Is the Case that They Gave Me: Musings of a Black Woman Educator”

Alma Mater

Itzel Lobo, accompanied by Professor Donald Meyer at the piano

Lake Forest dear, our Alma Mater,
Thy praise we sing with heart and voice,
Thy Red and Black floats proudly o'er us,
While in thy glory we rejoice.
As stand thy brave old trees about thee,
Strong as thy lake's fierce waves in storm,
So stand thy children to defend thee,
While love in every heart beats warm.
-ALVAH W. DORAN, 1893

Closing Act
“Chicken”
by Pee Wee Ellis

Lexi Adams, Bass
Gist Key, Drums
Troy Smith, Clarinet
Lucas Varga, Piano

Out of consideration for others, please silence cellular telephones and all electronic devices.

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PRESENTATION OF HONORS AND AWARDS TO SENIORS

Farhan Masud Ahmed	<i>Professor Wisser</i>	Fredericka L. Stahl Memorial Award for Excellence in Science - Chemistry
Kelsey Maire Akins	<i>Professor Popp</i>	Senior Prize in Student Teaching - Elementary
Ahmed T. R. Alassar	<i>Professor Schappe</i>	Harald C. Jensen Prize - Research in Experimental Physics
Justin T. Albee	<i>Director of Athletics Peart</i>	Nicholas J. Wasylik Senior Athletic Award
Kotryna Andriuškevičiūtė	<i>Dean Meyer</i>	Emma O. Haas Memorial Award for Merit in Scholarship
Kotryna Andriuškevičiūtė	<i>Professor Chen</i>	Senior Prize in Asian Studies
Kotryna Andriuškevičiūtė	<i>Professor DebBurman</i>	Fredericka L. Stahl Memorial Award for Excellence in Science - Neuroscience
Mikhail Avens	<i>Professor Treviño</i>	Senior Prize in Data Science
Wendy Becerra Delgado	<i>Professor Hahn</i>	McPherson Prize for Excellence in Scholarship - Spanish
Federica Bertolotti	<i>Professor Cody</i>	Fredericka L. Stahl Memorial Award for Excellence in Science - Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Federica Bertolotti	<i>Professor DebBurman</i>	Fredericka L. Stahl Memorial Award for Excellence in Science - Neuroscience
Samuel Bickersteth	<i>Professor Archambeau</i>	McPherson Prize for Excellence in Scholarship - English
Samuel Bickersteth	<i>Professor McCracken</i>	McPherson Prize for Excellence in Scholarship - Philosophy
Ashley Quinn Birnesser	<i>Professor Lemke</i>	H. Murray Herlihy Prize in Economics
Paige Blackburn	<i>Professor Archambeau</i>	Gail DeHerder Memorial Prize in Creative Writing
Aaron Brand	<i>Professor Chen</i>	Senior Prize in History
Jana Bulić	<i>Professor Marquardt</i>	Senior Prize in International Relations
Ella Burns	<i>Professor Wentworth</i>	David L. Krantz Prize in Psychology
Matthew Carey	<i>Dean Meyer</i>	Emma O. Haas Memorial Award for Merit in Scholarship
José Luis Catalan	<i>Professor Popp</i>	Senior Prize in Student Teaching - Secondary
Madeline Consiglio	<i>Professor Lemke</i>	Lorraine D. and H. Randall Heath Senior Prize in Business
Ian Cox	<i>Professor Beer</i>	Senior Prize in Sociology and Anthropology
Chelsea Lael Davis	<i>Professor Johnston</i>	McPherson Prize for Excellence in Scholarship - Theater
Callie Elms	<i>Professor Sanchez Burr</i>	Senior Prize in Studio Art
Jack Farrell	<i>Professor McCracken</i>	Roger A. White '60 Prize in Philosophy
Ryan Fist	<i>Professor Menke</i>	Fredericka L. Stahl Memorial Award for Excellence in Science - Biology
Jorge A. Garcia	<i>Professor Cody</i>	Fredericka L. Stahl Memorial Award for Excellence in Science - Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Magdalena Gaviña	<i>Professor Beer</i>	Applied Sociology and Anthropology Leadership Award
Ying Han 韩颖	<i>Professor DebBurman</i>	Carr Prize in Neuroscience
Christina Hartley	<i>Dean Tyler</i>	Edward H. Oppenheimer Memorial Prize
Christina Hartley	<i>Grace Elizabeth Groner Foundation Trustee Marlatt</i>	Grace Elizabeth Groner Foundation Community Service Award

Hayley J. Headley	<i>Dean Tyler</i>	Lincoln Academy of Illinois Student Laureate Award
Elliot J. Hull	<i>Director of Athletics Peart</i>	Senior Scholar/Athlete Award
Jihoo Jang	<i>Professor Wiser</i>	Dr. Aldo J. Crovetti Prize in Chemistry
Jihoo Jang	<i>Professor Schappe</i>	Fredericka L. Stahl Memorial Award for Excellence in Science - Physics
Itzel Lobo	<i>Professor Barry</i>	Senior Prize in Music Education
Alaina Lykins	<i>Professor Loyola</i>	Senior Prize in Latin American and Latinx Studies
Johnny J. Monahan	<i>Professor Wentworth</i>	Sterling Price Williams Prize in Psychology
Rose Jasmin Montes	<i>Professor Menke</i>	David W. Towle Award for Excellence in Biological Research
Amelie Claire Motzer	<i>Professor Wentworth</i>	Sterling Price Williams Prize in Psychology
Sarah Mahdi Mubarek	<i>Professor Sanchez Burr</i>	Alex F. Mitchell Senior Prize in Art History
Namambo Mwale	<i>Professor Lemke</i>	Robert Baade Prize for Economics
Sean O'Connor	<i>Professor Treviño</i>	Harold B. Curtis Prize in Mathematics
María José Orozco Fuentes	<i>Professor DebBurman</i>	Carr Prize in Neuroscience
Wiktorija M. Pedryc	<i>Professor Wentworth</i>	David L. Krantz Prize in Psychology
Maria Petrova	<i>Professor Treviño</i>	Senior Prize in Computer Science
Maria Petrova	<i>Dean Tyler</i>	Senior Class Speaker
Rebecca Ray	<i>Professors DebBurman and Wentworth</i>	Robert B. Glassman Prize in Psychology and Neuroscience
Rebecca Ray	<i>Professor Cody</i>	Phi Beta Kappa Senior Thesis Award
Adriana Ree-Jurek	<i>Professor Popp</i>	Senior Prize in Education
Kayla Roman-Flores	<i>Professor Benacka</i>	LeMahieu Prize in Communication
Jake Sharifi	<i>Dean Tyler</i>	Edward H. Oppenheimer Memorial Prize
Jake Sharifi	<i>Professor Marquardt</i>	Solly A. Hartzo Award in Politics
Troy Smith	<i>Professor Edgar</i>	Lorraine D. and H. Randall Heath Senior Prize in Music
Lauren Steidl	<i>Professors DebBurman and Wentworth</i>	Robert B. Glassman Prize in Psychology and Neuroscience
Rebecca Stoia	<i>Professor Lemke</i>	Warren A. Peterson Memorial Award in Economics
Jessica Monica Stoica	<i>Professor Lemke</i>	Senior Prize in Finance
Otoha Tatami	<i>Professor Habn</i>	McPherson Prize for Excellence in Scholarship - French
Sophia Timm	<i>Professor DebBurman</i>	Fredericka L. Stahl Memorial Award for Excellence in Science - Neuroscience
Kathia N. Torres	<i>Professor Barry</i>	Senior Prize in Music Education
Reece Wearing	<i>Professor Adelson</i>	Senior Prize in Environmental Studies
Reece Wearing	<i>Professor McCracken</i>	Roger A. White '60 Prize in Philosophy
Robin Rudolph Woitesek	<i>Professor McCracken</i>	Senior Prize in Self Designed Major
Emma J. Zagaiski	<i>Professor Zeller</i>	Miller Family Prize

SENIORS ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP IN HONORARY SOCIETIES

PHI BETA KAPPA

Farhan Masud Ahmed
 *Kotryna Andriuskevičiūtė
 Federica Bertolotti
 Samuel Bickersteth
 Ashley Quinn Birnesser
 Morgan Blank
 Aaron Brand
 Jana Bulić
 Ella Burns
 Olivia K. Bynum
 Mauricio Calderón Castro
 Matthew Carey
 Christopher G. Cho
 Morgan Cronin
 Chelsea Lael Davis
 Callie Elms
 Jack Farrell
 Stephanie Fernandez

*Ryan Fist
 Andrés Fuentes Teba
 Mary C. Gegen
 Haley R. Goodman
 Shane E. Hathaway
 Hayley J. Headley
 Luke R. Hendriksen
 *Elliot J. Hull
 Grace E. Jenks
 Tatiana L. Kapinos
 Tamino J. V. Köhne
 *Alaina Lykins
 Lucía Márquez
 Johnny J. Monahan
 Iris Myers
 María José Orozco Fuentes
 Wiktoria M. Pedryc
 Kathia S. Perez-Enriquez

*Katherine P. Peticolas
 Rebecca Ray
 Adriana Ree-Jurek
 Kayla Roman-Flores
 Raneem Na'el Hussein Samman
 Jake Sharifi
 Lauren Steidl
 Jessica Monica Stoica
 Otoha Tatami
 Sophia Timm
 Nicholas C. Urich
 Mariana Vaca
 *Reece Wearing
 Robin Rudolph Woitesek
 Isabella S. Wojewski
 Stanzin Zasal

*elected in the junior year

LAMBDA ALPHA ANTHROPOLOGY

Tabitha L. Andrews
 Jenna G. Cohen
 Juliana Corral
 Ian Cox
 Nickie Figueroa
 Grace H. Franz

Magdalena Gaviña
 Laura M. Mazariegos
 Jada Miner
 Kathia S. Perez-Enriquez
 Diana G. Rosiles-Dueñas
 Diego Sanchez

Rebecca Schneider
 Jenna R. Temple
 Pema Y. Wangpo
 Robin Rudolph Woitesek

BETA BETA BETA BIOLOGY

Cristian I. Benitez-Garcia
 Angelle Bills

Natalie B. N. Kamau
 Riley P. Komp

Andrianina V. Rakotondranoro
 Mia Tomic

LAMBDA PI ETA COMMUNICATION

Nomin Altansukh
 Luke Bedalov
 Juan J. Campos Villalta
 Matthew Carey
 Monika Gago

Alexandra J. W. Graham
 Isabel S. Hinojosa
 Molly Martini
 Ryleigh Nelson
 Blas Ozán

Rim Rawadi
 Kayla Roman-Flores
 Payton C. Shanahan
 Giada Tenace
 Isabel L. Vargas

OMICRON DELTA EPSILON ECONOMICS

Justin T. Albee
 Luke Bedalov
 Rutuja Bhoite
 Ashley Quinn Birnesser
 Jenna Burkey
 Christopher G. Cho
 Jamyang Choden
 Zachary Coco
 Chancellor Coughlin
 Ian Cox
 Callaway Crenshaw
 Aasif M. Dar
 Aayden C. Dodd

Adriana G. Flores
 Grace Garby
 Elya Gasparyan
 Kathryn Giere
 Haley R. Goodman
 Luke R. Hendriksen
 Mariam Hovhannisyan
 Matthew E. Jones
 Kalwa Kafuli
 Julia McMahan
 Alicia M. Medina
 Andres Mestre
 Namambo Mwale

Alessandra N. Nepa
 Jonah Neuberger
 Tyler M. Nielsen
 Edgar J. Padilla
 Faizal S. Patel
 Urva S. Patel
 Wiktoria M. Pedryc
 Ben Perkins
 Saif A. O. Shahin
 Aarti P. Singh
 Noëlla Ufitinema
 Alexander Zakson
 Zain A. Zaidi

KAPPA DELTA PI EDUCATION

Gretchen M. Becker
 Kristina M. Braun

Clara A. Finley
 Elizabeth M. Moshovitis

Stephanie L. Olson

SIGMA TAU DELTA
ENGLISH

Melanie E. Antonio
Itzury Barriga
Samuel Bickersteth
Paige Blackburn
Ella Burns
Hailey Decker

Jack Farrell
Lia M. Fiffles
Monica D. Matute
Johnny J. Monahan
Natalia V. Pagan
Joseph Ridarelli

Yaima E. Santiago
Isabelle Sherman-Matthews
Andrea C. Stapleton
Mariana Vaca
Heli Villasenor Garcia
Ciara White

PHI SIGMA IOTA
MODERN LANGUAGES

Lorena Armas
Danna Blancas Villavicencio
Juliana Corral

Anthony M. Dellocono
Maya I. Johnson
Lucía I. Márquez

Margaret A. Murphy
Stanzin Zasal

NU RHO PSI
NEUROSCIENCE

Kotryna Andriuskevičiūtė
Katarzyna Barton
Federica Bertolotti
Margaret A. Boersma
Alex Fayn Jr
Olivia I. Godek
Ying Han 韩颖

Riley P. Komp
Lorena M. Monroy
Rose Jasmin Montes
María José Orozco Fuentes
Ama Owusu-Ofori
Suma S. Pasupulati
Andrianina V. Rakotondranoro

Rebecca Ray
Raneem Na'el Hussein Samman
Danielle Selby
Ihona Sergeeva
Lauren Steidl
Sophia Timm
Bryce T. Zabat

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Josh Levin

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Ava J. Pulaski
Gleb Shapovalov
Jake Sharifi

Georgia Tsakos
Lavina Yousif

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Ella Burns
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Jada Miner

Johnny J. Monahan
Christopher J. Mora
Amelie Claire Motzer
María José Orozco Fuentes

Wiktorija M. Pedryc
Keanna Price
Holland M. Smits
Xianru Yu

THETA ALPHA KAPPA
RELIGION

Nicholas C. Urich

Emma J. Zagaiski

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SOCIOLOGY

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Jada Miner
Diana G. Rosiles-Dueñas

Diego Sanchez
Rebecca Schneider
Jenna R. Temple
Robin Rudolph Woitesek

ALPHA PSI OMEGA
THEATER

Melia Bartosh
Chelsea Lael Davis

Iris Myers
Suma S. Pasupulati

2023–2024 SENIOR THESES

Ahmed T. R. Alassar	Enhanced Electromagnetically Induced Transparency.
Federica Bertolotti	Novel Insights into β -Synuclein and γ -Synuclein Toxicity in a Parkinson's Disease Yeast Model
Samuel J. Bickersteth	Eriugena and Deleuze: The Apophatic Difference
Ashley Bimesser	Navigating the Waters: An Analysis of Supply, Demand, and Water Allocation in Colorado's Blue River Basin
Callie Elms	再见新加坡 Goodbye Singapore
Ying Han 韩颖	Artificial Intelligence Based Analysis of Parkinson's Disease Related Behavior and Pathology in Mouse Models
Shane Hathaway	Unearthing the Secrets: Deciphering How Soil Elements Influence the Argentine Ant Invasion in Southern California
Kateryna Malkina	Investigating the Role of Hypoxia and Gene Response to Hypoxia in Antimalarial Immune Response
Johnny J. Monahan	Internalizing Symptoms of Anxiety and Depressive Disorders and Clinically Relevant Behavior Engagement: an Ecological Momentary Assessment Study
Rose Jasmin Montes	Repeated restraint stress induces sex-dependent activation of BNST and anxiety-like behavior
Sarah Mubarek	Dismantling Icons of Oppression: Challenging Misogynoir in The Works of Jackie Ormes, Faith Ringgold, and Alison Saar
María José Orozco Fuentes	Subunit four of the ER membrane complex (EMC4) plays an important role in <i>D. melanogaster</i> glial function during development and adulthood.
Ama Owusu-Ofori	The Neural Pathway for Internal Bias and Sensory Information Interaction in Decision making.
Rebecca Nicole Ray*	Investigating the bidirectional relationship between traumatic brain injury and sleep homeostasis in <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>
Raneem Na'el Hussein Samman	Evolutionary trade-offs and machine learning in bean beetles: behavioral effects of juvenile hormone and the automation of morphological measurements
Brayden Saunders	Assessing the thermoregulatory abilities in bumble bees in a changing climate
Zuzana Smilnakova	Exploring the Influence of Narcissism Subtypes on Attachment Styles: The Role of Age, Gender, and Parenting Styles
Ryan Sorrells	An Updated Vascular Flora of Langham Island, Kankakee County, Illinois
Rebecca Stoia	The Impact of AI Language Models on Job Search Outcomes: An Audit Study
Nicholas Charles Urich	Letting God be God: Luther's Influence on Kierkegaard
Reece Wearing	The Public Trust Doctrine: An Ocean of Opportunity

*Phi Beta Kappa Senior Thesis Award
Senior Theses Awarded Distinction (in bold)



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