The Seventy-First

HONORS DAY

Monday, the Ninth of May
Two Thousand Twenty-Two
The Honors Day Ceremony

Processional March
Quiet City Brass Quintet

The Academic Processional

Welcome
Joanne Berger-Sweeney
President and Trinity College Professor of Neuroscience

Presentation of Prizes
Sonia Cardenas
Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs
and Professor of Political Science

Takunari Miyazaki
Associate Dean for Faculty Development
and Associate Professor of Computer Science

Mitchell Polin ’96
Associate Dean for Curriculum
and Professor of Theater and Dance

Alma Mater
’Neath the Elms
The Chapel Singers

Benediction
The Rev. Marcus Halley
Chaplain to the College and Dean of Spiritual and Religious Life

The Academic Recessional

The audience is requested to rise as the Academic Processional reaches
the assemblage and to remain standing until the Platform Party is seated.
The audience also is requested to remain standing during the Recessional.
Order of Procession

Clark L. Alejandrino
Jennifer Regan-Lefebvre
Ewa Syta
Marshals

Officers and Administrators

Faculty

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Lisa G. Bisaccia ’78
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Joseph J. DiChristina
Mace Bearer

Joanne Berger-Sweeney
President and Trinity College Professor of Neuroscience
The **Human Relations Award** is awarded annually to an undergraduate who, during the year, has exhibited outstanding citizenship and sportsmanship. Sportsmanship is interpreted in its broadest sense and does not necessarily include achievement in athletics.

*Presented by John L. Selders Jr., Assistant Dean of Students*

Cristina Aldeanueva '22  
Vidhi H. Vasa '22

The **Class of 1922 Award**, established in 1974 by vote of the class, is granted annually to a graduating senior who has done outstanding work in a particular academic field.

*Presented by Trevor Beaurod, Assistant Dean, Community Life and Restorative Justice, and Director of Greek Life and Campus Initiatives*

Nayantara Ghosh '22

The **David Winer Award** is given by the Senior Class Committee in recognition of David Winer’s 22 years of commitment to improving student life as dean of students at Trinity College. The award is given to a member of the college community who is committed to improving the quality of life for students at Trinity in an especially meaningful way.

*Presented by Joanne Berger-Sweeney, President and Trinity College Professor of Neuroscience*

Brener B. De Souza '22  
Neema Kimondo '23  
Zoryanna O. Matlashewski '22  
Lila J. Purtell '22

The **Connecticut Commandery Military Order of Foreign Wars Book Award** is presented to the member of the graduating class who has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities.

*Presented by Trevor Beaurod, Assistant Dean, Community Life and Restorative Justice, and Director of Greek Life and Campus Initiatives*

Nayantara Ghosh '22

The **Rev. Paul H. Barbour Prize in Greek** was established in honor of the Rev. Paul H. Barbour of the Class of 1909 on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

*Presented by Vincent E. Tomasso, Assistant Professor of Classical Studies*

James J. Carroll III '24

The **John C. Williams Prize in Greek** was established by his students, colleagues, and friends in 1992 in honor of Professor John C. Williams, Hobart Professor of Classical Languages, Emeritus. It is awarded to the student or students who have demonstrated excellence in the study of first-year Greek.

*Presented by Kelly P. Dugan, Visiting Assistant Professor of Classical Studies, and Vincent E. Tomasso, Assistant Professor of Classical Studies*

Peyton Orloff '22  
Crawford Alexander Sargent '23  
John J. Stone '22

The **James Goodwin Greek Prize** is from a fund named after Professor James A. Goodwin in appreciation of his interest in promoting high ideals of learning. The fund was established by an anonymous donor who has suggested that the income from this fund be used to offer a prize primarily for first-year excellence in attainment in Latin, then to upperclassmen.

*Presented by Kelly P. Dugan, Visiting Assistant Professor of Classical Studies*

Rebecca M. Arabian '24  
John Wallace Malone '24  
John J. Stone '22

The **Book Prizes for Excellence in Language** are presented to students who have shown outstanding progress and achievement in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Hispanic Studies, Japanese, Portuguese, or Russian at the college.

**Arabic:** Hannah M. Lynch ’22, Darya S. Maliauskaya ’22  
and Victoria H. Skaf’22  
*Presented by Kifah Hanna, Charles A. Dana Research Associate Professor of Language and Culture Studies*

**Chinese:** Nicolas Conlan Patch ’23  
*Presented by Jui-Chien Wang, Senior Lecturer in Language and Culture Studies*

**French:** Allison Capron Rau ’23  
*Presented by Karen L. Humphreys, Principal Lecturer in Language and Culture Studies*

**German:** Amina K. Taher ’22  
*Presented by Jason J. Doerre, Visiting Assistant Professor of Language and Culture Studies*

**Hebrew:** Lea E. Bain ’24 and Mia Francesca Creane ’25  
*Presented by Adi Katz, Lecturer in Language and Culture Studies and Jewish Studies*
Hispanic Studies: Nadiia Usenko ’22
Presented by Aidali Aponte-Aviles, Lecturer and Language Coordinator in Language and Culture Studies

Japanese: Dhiraj Anand Ganji ’23
Presented by Katsuya Izumi, Lecturer in Language and Culture Studies

Portuguese: Tiana Elyse Sharpe ’23
Presented by Priscilla Meléndez, Professor of Language and Culture Studies

Russian: Zuozekai Wang ’23
Presented by Carol J. Any, Professor of Language and Culture Studies

The Trinity Prize in Hispanic Studies was established in 1986 by the Programa de Estudios Hispánicos en Córdoba (Spain), of which Trinity College was a member. It is awarded to a Spanish major or majors who have achieved excellence in courses devoted to Spanish language, culture, and literature.

Presented by Priscilla Meléndez, Professor of Language and Culture Studies

Peter T. Finucane ’22

The Trinity Prize in Peninsular and Latin American Literature and Culture is awarded for distinction in Spanish achieved by a graduating senior majoring in Latin American studies.

Presented by Priscilla Meléndez, Professor of Language and Culture Studies

Jaewoo Park ’22

The Erasmus Prize in the Humanities was established in 2001 by John Molner ’85 and David Molner ’91 in honor of Kenneth Lloyd-Jones, John J. McCook Professor of Modern Languages. Professor Lloyd-Jones was a member of the faculty from 1978 to 2007. It is awarded annually to the junior or senior adjudged to have written the best essay in the humanities after completion of his or her sophomore year.

Presented by Katherine L. Bergren, Associate Professor of English

Sara Lambert ’22, “The Marriage of a Friend, the Funeral of a Friendship”

The Ronald H. Ferguson Prizes in French were established in 1951 in memory of Ronald H. Ferguson, Class of 1922. The prizes are awarded to students for excellence in overall work within the major.

Presented by Karen L. Humphreys, Principal Lecturer in Language and Culture Studies

Suzanne N. Carpe ’22
Alice M. Verdier ’22

The Cesare Barbieri Endowment Prize is awarded to a student for achievement in Italian studies.

Presented by Martina Di Florio, Lecturer in Language and Culture Studies

Nadiia Usenko ’22

The Samuel Barbin Coco Scholarship Award was established in 1992 by Hannalou and Samuel B. Coco in honor of their daughter, Caroline S. Coco ’85. The award is to provide financial assistance to a rising junior who wishes to spend either the fall or spring term at the Trinity College Rome Campus. Preference is given to a student pursuing Italian studies.

Presented by Martina Di Florio, Lecturer in Language and Culture Studies

Benjamin J. Lee ’24

The Lova and Tania Eliav Prize for Excellence in Hebrew honors author, teacher, and humanitarian Israeli leader Arie Lova Eliav and Tania, his Lithuanian-born wife, whom he met while in command of blockade-running ships bringing 1,000 Holocaust survivors to Palestine. This prize was established in 1999 by their friends and colleagues at Trinity College.

Presented by Adi Katz, Lecturer in Language and Culture Studies and Jewish Studies

Mia Francesca Creane ’25

The Theodor M. Mauch Memorial Prize is the gift of Thomas M. Chappell ’66, H’06, P’89, ’92, ’97, ’06, of Kennebunk, Maine, in memory of Theodor M. Mauch, Professor of Religion and Ellsworth Morton Tracy Lecturer, Emeritus, a revered member of the Religion Department from 1957 to 1987, who taught and inspired Mr. Chappell.

Presented by Tamsin Jones, Associate Professor of Religious Studies

John J. Stone ’22

The Abraham Joshua Heschel Prize was established by gifts from Dr. Edmond L. Cherbonnier and others in memory of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel. Rabbi Heschel was an eminent philosopher and theologian and the father of Dr. H. Susannah Heschel ’73, H’10. Income is used for an annual award in recognition of outstanding achievement in the study of religion. Prior to its endowment in 1990, the prize was originally established in 1976 by gifts from friends of Phyllis S. and Leonard E. Greenberg ’48, H’98, of Boynton Beach, Florida, on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. Mr. Greenberg was a trustee of the college from 1972 to 1991.

Presented by Tamsin Jones, Associate Professor of Religious Studies

Hannah M. Lynch ’22

The First-Year Hebrew Award in Hebrew Grammar is given to encourage the study of the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible among college students. It is awarded to the first-year student who demonstrates the best understanding of the Hebrew language as a tool for the scholarly study of the Bible.

Not awarded
The Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin Prize in Jewish Studies is awarded annually for excellence in Jewish studies to a member of the junior or senior class. The prize is in memory of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and given by Berel and Helen Lang in honor of Sarah Stamm Lang.  
Presented by Adi Katz, Lecturer in Language and Culture Studies and Jewish Studies

Joshua Hayden Jacoves ’23  
Katharine J. Namon ’22

The John Andrew Gettier Prize in Hebrew Bible, established in 2001 by Robert Benjamin Jr., of the Class of 1971, is awarded to that undergraduate, preferably a senior, who demonstrates significant academic and personal growth as a student of the Hebrew Bible.  
Presented by Tamsin Jones, Associate Professor of Religious Studies

Nayantara Ghosh ’22

The Frederick K. Errington Prize in Anthropology was established by the department in 2009 upon the retirement of Frederick Errington, distinguished professor of anthropology, emeritus, to honor his career. The prize is given to a graduating anthropology student who in the judgment of the department has demonstrated superior academic achievements and intellectual engagement in the discipline.  
Presented by Shafqat Hussain, George and Martha Kellner Chair in South Asian Studies

Kayleigh A. Moses ’22

The Richard K. Morris Book Award for Excellence in Education is given annually to the member of the senior class who best fulfills the following qualifications: communicates effectively, stimulates inquiry, demonstrates excellence in scholarship, manifests moral and ethical attitudes toward professional responsibility, and participates in community activities in an educational capacity. This award is given by the Trinity Education Graduate Association in honor of the late Richard K. Morris, a former professor of education.  
Presented by John R. Morgan and Elise Castillo, Assistant Professor of Educational Studies

Ayanna L. Platt ’22

The Jonathan Levin Prize in Education, established by a member of the Trinity College Class of 1960 who chooses to be anonymous, is presented annually to a junior or senior who plans to pursue a career teaching in an area with a high proportion of disadvantaged youth. The prize is given in memory of Jonathan Levin ’88, who, as a teacher at William H. Taft High School in the Bronx, New York, dedicated his life to improving the lives of young people. Recipients must possess a superior academic record, intend to pursue a teaching career, and demonstrate a commitment to help young people through practice teaching, tutoring, mentoring, or equivalent activity.  
Presented by Daniel J. Douglas, Director of Social Science Research and Lecturer in Sociology

Karolina A. Barrientos ’22

The Women’s Club of Trinity College Award is awarded to a graduating IDP student for superior academic and personal achievement.  
Not awarded

The Women’s Empowerment Activist Award was established by the Women and Gender Resource Action Center in 2005. The award is granted annually to a senior who has exhibited extraordinary initiative, enthusiasm, and effort toward the education, empowerment, and betterment of the lives of female-identified students on campus.  
Presented by Laura R. Lockwood, Director of the Women and Gender Resource Action Center (WGRAC)

Clare J. Donohoe ’22  
Gisselle Hernandez ’22  
Silvia Nunez ’22  
Anna Tangiyan ’22

The Blanchard W. Means Prize in Philosophy was established by Louise Means in memory of her husband, Blanchard W. Means, Brownell Professor of Philosophy and a member of the Trinity faculty from 1932 to 1972. The prize is awarded to a currently enrolled Trinity student who writes the philosophical essay judged best by the Philosophy Department faculty.  
Presented by Dan Lloyd, Brownell Professor of Philosophy

Christopher A. Chiasera ’24  
Kathleen B. Whalen ’22

The Alumni Prize in English Composition, from the income of a fund contributed by the alumni, is awarded to the students who present the best essays on subjects approved by the Department of English. Essays originally prepared for academic courses, for publication in The Trinity Tripod, or especially for the contest will be accepted.  
Presented by Christopher Hager, Professor of English

First Prize: Caroline Richards ’22, “Magic, Myth & Liminality in A Midsummer Night’s Dream”

Second Prize: Catherine Ann Doyle ’23 “Motherhood, Identity, and Trauma in Beloved and ‘The Shawl-Rosa”

The F.A. Brown Prize, founded in 1897 by Mrs. Martha W. Brown of Hartford in memory of her husband, is awarded to students who deliver the best orations.  
Not awarded

The Jan Cohn Senior Thesis Award, established in 2005 by the Trinity English Department, will be presented annually to the English major who is judged to have written the best senior thesis for the year. The prize honors the memory of Jan K. Cohn, one of the college’s most vibrant teachers. She was former dean of the faculty of Trinity College and G. Keith Funston Professor of American Literature and American Studies.  
Presented by Christopher Hager, Professor of English

Sara Lambert ’22, “How to constitute happily ever after: women, marriage, and constructions of gender in fairy tales”
The Academy of American Poets Prize was established by Trinity College in conjunction with the Academy of American Poets and the University and College Poetry Prize program. It is awarded in recognition of the best individual poem written by a Trinity College student.

Presented by Christopher Hager, Professor of English

Caroline Richards ’22, “The Cheetah”

The Ruel Crompton Tuttle Prize was established in 1941 by the bequest of Ruel Crompton Tuttle of Windsor, Connecticut, Class of 1889, to be awarded annually by the chairperson of the English Department to the two students who are deemed the best and second-best scholars in the English Department from the junior class. The terms of award rest solely on the judgment and discretion of the chairperson of the English Department.

Presented by Christopher Hager, Professor of English

Maciej Jan Pradziad ’23
Jillian Leigh Schuck ’23

The Fred Pfeil Memorial Prize in Creative Writing is awarded to a student who has written a literary work (fiction, poetry, playscript, screenplay, creative nonfiction), the content of which addresses the issue of social justice and the impact of culture and politics on human relationships. The prize honors Fred Pfeil’s commitment to literature and to activism.

Presented by Christopher Hager, Professor of English

Amodini Katoch ’22, “How to Talk to Your Past Lives”

The John Curtis Underwood ’96 Memorial Prizes in Poetry are annual awards established by the late Mr. Clarence I. Penn of the Class of 1912. Original manuscripts should be submitted to the Department of English.

Presented by Christopher Hager, Professor of English

First Prize: Caroline Richards ’22
Second Prize: Cassidy J. McNeeley ’22
Third Prize: Gwyneth Erin Gutheil ’23

The John Dando Prize was established by friends and former students of the late Professor Emeritus John Dando, in recognition of his distinguished career, spanning three decades, as a teacher of Shakespeare in the English Department. The prizes are awarded annually to one or two undergraduates for outstanding work in the study of Shakespeare.

Presented by Christopher Hager, Professor of English

Sara Lambert ’22
Alexis R. Porto ’22

The Trinity Alumnus Prizes in Prose Fiction are annual awards established by the late Mr. Clarence I. Penn of the Class of 1912. Original manuscripts of short stories or novelettes are to be submitted to the Department of English.

Presented by Christopher Hager, Professor of English

First Prize: Jillian Leigh Schuck ’23, “Lady Delphi”
Second Prize: Amodini Katoch ’22, “How to Talk to Your Past Lives”
Third Prize: Sean M. Cahill ’24, “Oswald's Parade”

The Elma H. Martin Book Prize was established in 1995 in memory of Elma H. Martin, who with her husband, Harold, Charles A. Dana College Professor of the Humanities, graced the Trinity community from 1977 to 1984. The prize is given annually to an undergraduate woman who exemplifies qualities that her friends so admired in Elma Martin: an amiable manner, generosity of spirit, love of reading, involvement in the civic life of her community, and a commitment to the welfare and advancement of women, for whom she was, at Trinity and elsewhere, a model and inspiration.

Presented by Christopher Hager, Professor of English

Ayanna L. Platt ’22

The Rosamond M. Mancall Prize, established in 1991 by family and friends in memory of Rosamond M. Mancall IDP ’73, is awarded annually to an outstanding member of the junior class who is an American studies major.

Presented by Christopher Hager, Professor of English

Margaret Helen Powers ’23

The Eugene E. Leach Prize in American Studies, established by the American Studies Program in 2011, is awarded annually to the graduating senior for the best project that makes an original contribution to interdisciplinary work in American culture.

Not awarded

The American Studies Prize, established by the American Studies Program in 2007, is awarded annually to a graduating senior for the best thesis that makes an original contribution to interdisciplinary work in American culture.

Not awarded

The Ann Petry Book Prize was established by the American Studies Program in 1992 to honor Ann Petry, the outstanding African American writer and Connecticut resident. It is awarded to the junior or senior who presents the best essay on race in American culture and its intersections with other conditions, especially gender and class. Submissions may not exceed 25 pages.

Presented by Christopher Hager, Professor of English

Molly M. Simons ’24
The Judy Dworin Prize, instituted on the occasion of the American Studies Program’s 40th anniversary, honors Judy Dworin, professor of theater and dance, emerita, who was the first woman to receive a Trinity College diploma and the first American studies major at the college. It is awarded annually for the best work of independent research by an American studies major that furthers social justice.

Not awarded

The Sicherman Prize in Women, Gender, and Sexuality is awarded to a student who has demonstrated intellectual and community leadership in the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Program. It was established in 2005 in honor of Professor Barbara Sicherman, whose academic and personal contributions to the field of women’s history at Trinity College and beyond have strengthened diversity and rigorous scholarship, supported junior scholars and students, and helped define women, gender, and sexuality as a field of inquiry.

Not awarded

The Alan M. Mendelson ’69 Hillel Leadership Award is awarded annually to one student who has demonstrated exceptional leadership and commitment to Trinity College Hillel and its mission of building a vibrant, creative, and inclusive Jewish community on campus. It was established in 2022 by the Hillel Advisory Board to honor Alan Mendelson ’69, P’02 for his many years of dedication, generosity, and leadership of the Trinity College Hillel Advisory Board.

Presented by Lisa Pleskow Kassow, Director, Hillel
Joshua Hayden Jacoves ’23

The D.G. Brinton Thompson Prize in United States History was established by Dr. D.G. Brinton Thompson, Northam Professor, Emeritus, and a former chairman of the History Department. It is awarded for the best essay of at least 20 pages in length in the field of United States history submitted by an undergraduate. Senior seminar essays in United States history are eligible.

Not awarded

The Ferguson Prize in History, founded in 1890 by the late Professor Henry Ferguson of the Class of 1868, is awarded for essays of at least 20 pages in length written independently or for courses or seminars. All Trinity undergraduates are eligible to compete for the Ferguson Prizes. All essays must be typewritten. They must be submitted to the chairperson of the department.

Presented by Jeffrey Bayliss, Associate Professor of History
First Prize: Harrison D. Silver ’22
Second Prize: Seamus O. Lynch ’22

The George B. Cooper Prize in British History was established by Dr. D.G. Brinton Thompson upon the retirement of Dr. George B. Cooper, Northam Professor, Emeritus, to recognize Dr. Cooper’s distinguished career. It is awarded to the senior who has done the best work in British history at Trinity.

Presented by Jeffrey Bayliss, Associate Professor of History
Seamus O. Lynch ’22

The Miles A. Tuttle Prize will be awarded to the member of the senior class who writes the best essay of at least 20 pages in length in history on a topic selected by the contestant and approved by the Department of History. Senior seminar essays are eligible for the Tuttle competition. If, in the judgment of the department, no essay meets the standards of excellence, no prize will be awarded.

Presented by Jeffrey Bayliss, Associate Professor of History
Harrison D. Silver ’22

The Micki and Hy C. Dworin Award grants two prizes annually to seniors who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship in Asian studies and in East European studies. Awards are made upon the recommendation of the faculty.

Asian Studies: Brooke M. Samaratunga ’22 and Shawn C. Olstein ’22
Presented by Reo Matsuzaki, Associate Professor of Political Science
Eastern European Studies: Ty A. Deery ’22
Presented by Carol J. Any, Professor of Language and Culture Studies

The Gerald A. McNamara Prize in History was established in 2013 by his wife, Ronnie, and daughter, Annie, in loving memory of Gerry McNamara ’62, who believed strongly in lifelong learning and the importance of active and vibrant scholarly debate. The McNamara Prize will be awarded to the student who, like Gerry, enlightened the classroom with vigorous intellectual engagement and, last but not least, robust class participation.

Presented by Jeffrey Bayliss, Associate Professor of History
Anthony Sasser ’23

The George J. Mead Prize in History is awarded under the terms of a bequest from the late Mr. George J. Mead H’37. It is awarded to an outstanding history major in the first-year or sophomore class.

Presented by Jeffrey Bayliss, Associate Professor of History
Cameron Joseph Nielsen ’24

The George J. Mead Prize in History for Scholarship in Non-English Sources is awarded annually to a thesis or 15-page minimum paper based in part on sources in a language other than English.

Not awarded
The Elting Prize for Human Rights recognizes a student who has taken a human rights course and modeled academic excellence and a commitment to global citizenship. The prize comes from a fund established in 2022 by Everett “Ev” Elting Jr. ’58, P’85, P’87, and is awarded on Honors Day by the Human Rights Program.

Presented by Benjamin C. Carbonetti, Director of the Human Rights Program and Lecturer in Human Rights

Caleb Yoon ’22

The George J. Mead Prize in Political Science is awarded under the terms of a bequest from the late Mr. George J. Mead H’37. It is awarded to the sophomore or junior student receiving the highest mark in “Political Science 104 Introduction to International Relations.”

Presented by Stefanie Chambers, Professor of Political Science

Daniel Calderon ’24
Christopher A. Chiasera ’24
Nicholas Li ’23
Kylie A. Tierney ’24

The Ferguson Prizes in Government, founded in 1890 by the late Professor Henry Ferguson of the Class of 1868, are offered for the two best analytic essays (6-10 pages) and research paper (over 10 pages) submitted for any undergraduate course, tutorial, or seminar in the Department of Political Science during the previous calendar year. Analytic essays include papers written in courses, such as essays in response to prompts, legal briefs and opinions, etc. All essays must be typewritten. They must be submitted to the chairman of the department by the Friday before spring break.

Presented by Stefanie Chambers, Professor of Political Science

Aiden Talbot Chisholm ’23
Emma L. Hersom ’24

The Ferguson Thesis Prize, established by the Political Science Department in 2019, is awarded annually to a graduating senior for the best thesis in political science.

Presented by Stefanie Chambers, Professor of Political Science

Darya S. Maliauskaya ’22

The Diana M. Evans Legislative Internship Prize, established by the Political Science Department in 2020 to celebrate the career of Diana M. Evans, is awarded to a political science major who demonstrates both excellence in the performance of internship responsibilities and true experiential learning through the integration of academic learning with their work as an intern.

Presented by Stefanie Chambers, Professor of Political Science

Jason Kenneth Farrell Jr. ’23

The Professor Albert L. Gastmann Book Prize in International Studies Award was established in 2000 by the faculty of the International Studies Program in honor of Albert L. Gastmann, professor of political science, emeritus, at Trinity College and for decades a scholar and student of many regions of the world outside Europe and the United States. The award is given annually to a senior major in international studies with experience abroad who has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement. The recipient will be selected each April by the International Studies Program director in consultation with the coordinators of the program.

Presented by Seth M. Markle, Associate Professor of History and International Studies and Director of International Studies

Amelia E. Huba ’22
Mariam Jnukhadze ’22

The Leslie G. Desmangles Prize in Caribbean and Latin American Studies is awarded to a graduating senior in international studies who has demonstrated personal growth and academic excellence in Caribbean and Latin American studies.

Presented by Seth M. Markle, Associate Professor of History and International Studies and Director of International Studies

Sahian D. Jimenez ’22
Carolina Villasenor ’22

The Kenneth S. Grossman ’78 Senior Research Prize for Global Studies, established in honor of Professor of History and American Studies Eugene E. Leach, supports student investigations of global issues that will confront humankind collectively in the 21st century. Examples of such issues include, but are not limited to, human rights, peacekeeping, the preservation of the ecosphere, migrations and diasporas, international health standards, and the consequences of revolutionary advances in information technology and bioengineering.

Presented by Xiangming Chen, Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of Global Urban Studies and Sociology, and Garth A. Myers, Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of Urban International Studies and Director of the Center for Urban and Global Studies

First Prize: Darya S. Maliauskaya ’22, “Gender Performance in Contentious Politics: The case study of the 2020-2021 protest movements in Belarus & the 2013-2014 Euromaidan protests in Ukraine”

The Jeffrey Kelter Urban Research Prize supports student investigations of a broad range of key urban issues confronting humankind in the 21st century. Of special interest are projects that highlight the urban realities of the city of Hartford. Examples of such issues include, but are not limited to, diasporic communities, educational and health policy, residential segregation, environmental problems, urban art/culture, human rights, and the creation and maintenance of public spaces (both physical and social).

Presented by Xiangming Chen, Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of Global Urban Studies and Sociology, and Garth A. Myers, Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of Urban International Studies and Director of the Center for Urban and Global Studies

First Prize: Isabella R. Dresser ’22, “Navigating Trinity Culture: students’ pathways to urban citizenship in Hartford”


The Rosemary and Stan Marcuss ’63 Fellowships provide opportunities for students interested in advancing inquiry into and research related to issues faced by urban communities. The funded research will culminate in senior honors theses by the selected students and the submission of articles written by them for publication in relevant scholarly journals.

Presented by Xiangming Chen, Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of Global Urban Studies and Sociology, and Garth A. Myers, Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of Urban International Studies and Director of the Center for Urban and Global Studies

Julius Benthin ’23
Kendra Maeve Keelan ’23

The Technos International Prize is awarded annually to an outstanding graduating senior who is committed to the cause of international understanding and has excelled in an academic field that is among those offered at the Technos International College of Japan, on whose behalf the Tanaka Ikueikai Educational Trust has established the prize. Eligible fields include art, computer science, engineering, language and culture studies, and international studies.

Presented by Makiko Tanaka, President, Tanaka Memorial Foundation

Darya S. Maliauskaya ’22
Nadiia Usenko ’22

The Outstanding Senior Urban Studies Major Prize recognizes scholarly achievement in urban studies. The prize was established in 2014 by the Urban Studies Program and is awarded to the graduating urban studies major with the highest level of excellence.

Presented by Garth A. Myers, Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of Urban International Studies and Director of the Center for Urban and Global Studies

Nayantara Ghosh ’22

The Public Policy and Law Book Prize was established by the Public Policy and Law Program in 2004. The prize is awarded annually to the student who writes the best paper in the area of public policy and law as judged by the program faculty.

Presented by Adrienne Fulco, Associate Professor of Legal and Policy Studies

Camille J. Valentincic ’22, “The Evolution of Transgender Student Rights: A Legal and Policy Analysis”

The John C. Alexander Memorial Award was established by friends of John C. Alexander ’39 to memorialize his name and, in some way, to identify a Trinity undergraduate who possesses some of the qualities that he possessed. It is presented annually to a senior economics major who is a member of a varsity squad and who has demonstrated the most academic progress during his/her Trinity career.

Presented by Ibrahim Shikaki, Assistant Professor of Economics

Whitney M. Hoban ’22
Alistair D. Matule ’22
Evan I. Ohuabunwa ’22
Jeffrey Teng ’22
Michael Turner ’22
Sydney N. Yanick ’22

The Ferguson Prize in Economics, founded in 1890 by the late Professor Henry Ferguson of the Class of 1868, is offered annually to seniors for the two best essays on topics approved by the department. The essays must be submitted to the department’s office coordinator on the Friday two weeks after spring break.

Presented by Carol Clark, Associate Professor of Economics

First Prize: Amy E. Paul ’22, “The Relationship Between M and GMM Estimation”

The Faculty of Economics Award is presented annually to that graduating senior major in economics who, by vote of the faculty of economics, is considered to have demonstrated the greatest promise as a professional economist. The award comes from the Mead Fund in Economics.

Presented by Ibrahim Shikaki, Assistant Professor of Economics

Iryna Onyshko '22
Amy E. Paul '22
Muhammad Hassan Rashid '22

The Peter J. Schaefer Memorial Prize, which was established by the classmates of Peter J. Schaefer, Class of 1964, to memorialize his name, consists of the annual award of books to the first-years who have achieved the highest grades in introductory economics in the preceding academic year.

Presented by Carol Clark, Associate Professor of Economics

Luke N. Angelus Jr. '24
Andrew D. Bailey '24
Peter A. Cannon '24
Elizabeth B. Geisler '24
Brendan L. Haddad '24
Griffin Daly Lewis '24
Sophia N. Lobkowicz '24
Mateja Nenad Markovic '24
Faith Margaret Monahan '24
Louis B. Salz '24
Bernardo F. Simoes '24
Riley T. St. Pierre '24

The G. Keith Funston Prize in Economics was established in honor of the late G. Keith Funston, a member of the Class of 1932, by his family. Funston, a former president of Trinity College, was a charter trustee of the college. The prize is awarded annually to a senior majoring in economics who is an outstanding scholar and is actively involved in the life of the college.

Presented by Ibrahim Shikaki, Assistant Professor of Economics

Mohammad Rayan Ali '22
Marios Bourtzonis '22
Olivia F. Louthen '22
Chayapa Sukhum '22
Amina K. Taher '22

The John L. Nicholas '87 Award in Entrepreneurial Studies is given annually to an undergraduate who demonstrates the greatest aptitude for an entrepreneurial career. This award recognizes the student who submits the most promising portfolio of academic work in preparation for entrepreneurial endeavors, along with a report of entrepreneurial projects completed or a proposal that demonstrates a thoughtful analysis of a possible venture. Ventures in any area are eligible, but those employing computer technology in some form are expected to be common.

Presented by John L. Nicholas '87

Amina K. Taher '22

The Sociology Prize for Academic Excellence recognizes outstanding scholarship in sociology. The prize was established in 1984 by the Department of Sociology and is awarded to a sociology major for achievement at the advanced undergraduate level.

Presented by Johnny Eric Williams, Professor of Sociology

Jederick Estrella '22

The Psychology Prize, given by the department, is awarded to students with a distinguished academic record in psychology and the college who have completed a senior thesis and who have contributed substantially in service to the college, the department, or the community.

Presented by Dina L. Anselmi, Associate Professor of Psychology

Elizabeth A. Densen '22
Dana E. Parker '22

The Priscilla Kehoe Neuroscience Prize, established in 2003 by the Neuroscience Program, is awarded to students with a distinguished academic record in neuroscience and at the college who have completed a senior thesis and who have contributed substantially to neuroscience in Trinity’s program or the community, as determined by the faculty.

Presented by Sarah A. Raskin, Charles A. Dana Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience

Alicia M. Camuy '22
Michelle H. Mordasiewicz '22
Allison J. Wells '22

The Jillian Hegarty Prize, established in 2022 by the Neuroscience Program in memory of Jillian Hegarty '24, is awarded annually to a sophomore who has shown outstanding promise in neuroscience and who has contributed substantially to the community, as determined by the faculty.

Jillian R. Hegarty '24

The George E. Nichols III Prizes in Theater Arts were established by the friends and former students of Professor George E. Nichols III. These prizes are to honor those graduating students whose college careers best exemplify high standards of artistic and intellectual achievement in theater at Trinity College.

Presented by Michael Preston, Associate Professor of Theater and Dance

First Prize: Catherine B. Sweet '22

Second Prize: Jingpei Wang '22
The Frank W. Whitlock Prizes in Drama were founded by a legacy of Mrs. Lucy C. Whitlock of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, and by her direction bear the name of her son who was a graduate of the Class of 1870. These awards are given to students who have written outstanding plays over the last academic year.

Presented by Michael Preston, Associate Professor of Theater and Dance

First Prize: Maciej Jan Pradziad ’23, “The Existentialist Anthology”

Second Prize: Megan Bodmer ’23, “Hank, Percy, Eloise, and Sal Have a Bad Day”

Third Prize: Gabriel R. Sorondo Guirola ’23, “Secondhand Smoke”

The Diebold Family Prize in Dance was established in 2002 by the Diebold family of Roxbury, Connecticut. The prize is awarded to the junior or senior of any major who participates extensively in Trinity’s dance program and demonstrates distinction in choreography and dance performance. Additional grants that become available may be awarded to students participating in community service programs and summer activities at the discretion of the chairperson of the Theater and Dance Department.

Presented by Rebecca K. Pappas, Assistant Professor of Theater and Dance

First Prize: Yuqing Li ’22

Second Prize: Annastazia D. Chin ’22

The Friends of Art Awards for Studio Arts is given to student(s) for exceptional achievement in painting, graphics, sculpture, or photography.

Presented by Joseph R. Byrne, Professor of Fine Arts

Mariyam Azka Hassan ’23
Keelyn Faith McNamara ’23
Lila J. Purtell ’22

The Anna C. Helman Prize for Painting was established by Rabbi Leonard Helman, Class of 1948, in honor of his late mother, Anna C. Helman. The award is given to a student of painting, esteemed by the faculty of fine arts to be distinguished in accomplishment and promise.

Presented by Joseph R. Byrne, Professor of Fine Arts

Zhihan Zhang ’22

The Mitchel N. Pappas Memorial Prize was funded by the Philip Kappel Endowment to honor the memory of Mitchel N. Pappas of Trinity’s Fine Arts Department. It is awarded to senior students who show special promise in the area of studio arts.

Presented by Joseph R. Byrne, Professor of Fine Arts

Catherine J. Sushon ’22

The Fern D. Nye Award for Graphic Arts is presented annually on the basis of work of originality and excellence in graphic arts. Presented by Joseph R. Byrne, Professor of Fine Arts

Nicholas Sae-Robert Randall ’24

The Jacqueline Caples Prize in Sculpture is given by the faculty of the Department of Fine Arts in memory of their colleague, Professor Jacqueline Caples. It is awarded to a student in recognition of significant accomplishment in sculpture.

Presented by Joseph R. Byrne, Professor of Fine Arts

Abel T. Ngala II ’22
Yuv Palit ’23

The Esther and Lloyd Cooper Prize in Fine Arts was established by George Brinton Cooper in honor of his parents and by Allen Brinton Cooper, Class of 1966, in honor of his grandparents. It is awarded to the junior or senior of whatever major who demonstrates distinction in any branch of the history or practice of the fine arts.

Presented by Michael C. FitzGerald, Professor of Fine Arts

Katharine J. Namon ’22

The Friends of Art Award for Art History is given to the graduating major whose academic record and promise of future achievement best epitomize the goals of The Friends to cultivate and sustain the arts among us.

Presented by Michael C. FitzGerald, Professor of Fine Arts

Brooke M. Samaratunga ’22

The John C.E. Taylor Prize in Architecture was established in 1986 by family, colleagues, and friends in memory of John C.E. Taylor, professor of fine arts from 1941 to 1970. It is awarded to a student who has demonstrated outstanding promise in the field of architecture or architectural history.

Presented by Michael C. FitzGerald, Professor of Fine Arts

Naomi B. Dressler ’22

The Helen Loveland Morris Prize in Music, established by a gift of the late Robert S. Morris, Class of 1916, is awarded to the student who, in the opinion of the Department of Music, has made an outstanding contribution to music in the college. The prize is awarded to a nominee who is judged by his or her record in music courses and in department-sponsored performance activities. The department reserves the right to withhold the prize in any year if the required excellence is not achieved.

Presented by Eric A. Galm, Associate Professor of Music

Maya N. Anand ’22
Zachary B. Schurman ’22
The Lise Aerinne Waxer Prize in Music honors the memory of the Department of Music’s beloved colleague, ethnomusicologist Lise Waxer, who passed away in 2002. Established by a gift of Lise’s mother, Diane Yip, and Lise’s colleagues at Trinity College and in Hartford, the prize is awarded to the student who, in the opinion of the Department of Music, has made an outstanding contribution to ethnomusicology or a world music ensemble at the College. The department reserves the right to withhold the prize in any year if the required excellence is not achieved.

Presented by Eric A. Galm, Professor of Music

Samuel O. Akerele ’22

The Mary Louise Guertin Actuarial Award was established in 1952 by Alfred N. Guertin, Class of 1922, in memory of his mother. The award will be made annually to the senior judged by a committee to have personal qualities indicative of future executive capacity and leadership in the actuarial profession. The student must have demonstrated genuine interest in considering the actuarial profession and have acquired outstanding grades as an undergraduate in each of mathematics, English, and economics.

Presented by Paula A. Russo, Associate Professor of Mathematics

Amy E. Paul ’22

The Phi Gamma Delta Prizes in Mathematics are offered to students taking Mathematics 131, 132, and 231. These prizes are from the income of a fund established in 1923 and increased in 1931 by the alumni authorities of the local chapter of the fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta.

Presented by Kyle R. Evans, Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics, David Mauro, Professor of Mathematics, Matthew McCurdy, Harold L. Dowart Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics, and Ryan H. Pellico, Lecturer in Mathematics

First Year

First Prize: Fiona Fearon ’24, Robert J. Hoffert ’24, Henry P. Shapiro ’24, Samuel E. Strymish ’24

Second Prize: Obaid Ajoughlal ’24, Jonas Boettner ’24, Luz Mariana Cumpa Gomez ’24, Fernando D. Lopez ’24

Third Prize: Anahit Avagyan ’24, Olivia G. Brado ’24, Mariana H. Cournoyer ’24, Mateja Nenad Markovic ’24, Kanno Mizozoe ’24, Samantha Adele Musane ’24

Second Year

First Prize: Pranick Raj Chamlagai ’23, Emiko Maria Saso ’23, Ayana Tabo ’23

Second Prize: Adam Kevin Charles Minahan ’23, Ling Yue Poon ’23, Wen Zhou ’23, Kamila Zygadlo ’23

Third Prize: Tyler O. Brennan ’22, Hanyang Luo ’23, Keith Joseph Tanner ’23, Ilsan Uyan ’23

The Phi Gamma Delta Senior Prize is awarded annually to the person adjudged by the Department of Mathematics to be its most outstanding senior major. This prize is from the income of a fund established in 1923 and increased in 1931 by the alumni authorities of the local chapter of the fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta.

Presented by Paula A. Russo, Associate Professor of Mathematics

Evan J. Neu ’22

The Phi Gamma Delta Teaching Fellowship is awarded annually to students having distinguished work in mathematics courses and who, in the opinion of the Department of Mathematics, are qualified to aid the department in its instructional endeavors.

Presented by David Mauro, Professor of Mathematics

Faith Bailey ’23
Harrieth C. Mhina ’23

The Irving K. Butler Prize in Mathematics, established through a bequest from the late Mr. Butler, is given annually to a rising senior (i.e., member of the junior class) who in the judgment of the Department of Mathematics has done outstanding work in mathematics.

Presented by Matthew McCurdy, Harold L. Dowart Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Emiko Maria Saso ’23
Keith Joseph Tanner ’23

The Robert C. Stewart Prize was established in honor of Professor Robert C. Stewart, who retired after 46 years with the Department of Mathematics. The prize is awarded to students who have demonstrated an interest in a teaching career.

Presented by Kyle R. Evans, Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Jack Anthony Impronto ’23

The Marjorie V. Butcher Actuarial Studies and Applied Mathematics Prize is named for Marjorie Van Eenam Butcher H’09, professor of mathematics, emeritus, who was Trinity College’s first female faculty member, teaching at the college from 1956 until her retirement in 1989. The prize is awarded to seniors who have done outstanding work in actuarial studies or applied mathematics.

Presented by Ryan H. Pellico, Lecturer in Mathematics

Digesh Chitrakar ’22
Alexander Mosenthal ’22

The Environmental Science Senior Prize is given to a graduating senior majoring in environmental science who, by vote of the faculty of environmental science, is recognized for academic excellence and significant contributions to the Environmental Science Program.

Presented by Christoph Geiss, Professor of Physics and Environmental Science

Elizabeth A. Baer ’22
Marta Drausnik ’22
The Environmental Science Activism Prize

Not awarded

The James M. Van Stone Memorial Book Prize is awarded by the Biology Department to the first-year student or students who have performed outstanding work in the classroom and laboratory of the introductory biology course. The prize is from a fund established in honor of the late James M. Van Stone, professor of biology, emeritus.

Presented by Claire T. Fournier, Lecturer and Laboratory Coordinator in Biology

Haley Jeanette Collins '25
Harriet B. Wagner '25

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The J. Wendell Burger Prize in Biology is an award given to a graduating senior majoring in biology who, by vote of the faculty of biology, is considered to have demonstrated the greatest promise for a career in biological science. The prize is from a fund established in honor of the late James Wendell Burger, J. Pierpont Morgan Professor in Biology, Emeritus.

Presented by Lisa-Anne Foster, Associate Professor of Biology

Hunter J. Badey '22
Anna Tangiyan '22

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The Thomas Hume Bissonnette Biology Achievement Award was established in honor of Thomas Hume Bissonnette, a world renowned animal physiologist who served on the Trinity biology faculty during the 1920s through 1940s. It is given to a senior biology major who is recognized for academic excellence and for significant contributions to the Biology Department.

Presented by Lisa-Anne Foster, Associate Professor of Biology

Chloe Michalopoulos '22
Jonah M. Silverglade '22

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The Schneider/Blackburn Research Prize in Biology is awarded to an undergraduate student whose laboratory or field research in biology has been published in the literature or alternatively, which shows great promise for future publication. The prize comes from a fund established by Professors of Biology Craig W. Schneider and Daniel G. Blackburn and is awarded by the Biology Department.

Presented by Terri A. Williams, Research Associate Professor

Suzanne N. Carpe '22
Kathryn A. Russell '22

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The Connecticut Valley Section of the American Chemical Society Award is given to a senior in recognition of outstanding accomplishment in the study of chemistry or biochemistry.

Presented by Cheyenne S. Brindle, Associate Professor of Chemistry, and Timothy P. Curran, Vernon K. Krieble Professor of Chemistry

Biochemistry: Nina A. Marco '22
Chemistry: Haoyu Yang '22

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Presented by Cheyenne S. Brindle, Associate Professor of Chemistry, and Timothy P. Curran, Vernon K. Krieble Professor of Chemistry

Biochemistry: Nina A. Marco '22
Chemistry: Haoyu Yang '22

The American Institute of Chemists Award is presented to seniors majoring in biochemistry or chemistry who have demonstrated scholastic achievement, leadership, ability, and character.

Presented by Cheyenne S. Brindle, Associate Professor of Chemistry, and Arianne A. Bazilio, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science and Chemistry

Biochemistry: Abigail E. Bass '22
Chemistry: Amanda B. Modica '22

The Division of Analytical Chemistry of the American Chemical Society Award is given to a student who has completed the third undergraduate year and who displays interest in, and aptitude for, a career in analytical chemistry.

Presented by Michelle Kovarik, Associate Professor of Chemistry

Ayana Tabo '23

The Division of Organic Chemistry of the American Chemical Society Award is given to a senior student for outstanding achievement in organic chemistry.

Presented by Timothy P. Curran, Vernon K. Krieble Professor of Chemistry

Evan J. Neu '22

The Division of Inorganic Chemistry of the American Chemical Society Award is given to a student for achievements in inorganic chemistry.

Presented by Cheyenne S. Brindle, Associate Professor of Chemistry

Sophia C. Georgiou '22

The Division of Physical Chemistry of the American Chemical Society Award is awarded to recognize outstanding achievement by undergraduate students in physical chemistry and to encourage further pursuits in the field.

Presented by Lindsey A. Hanson, Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Jonas Boettner '24

The Division of Environmental Chemistry of the American Chemical Society Award is awarded for recognition of excellence in coursework and research focusing on and benefiting the environmental chemistry field.

Presented by Arianne A. Bazilio, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science and Chemistry

Amanda B. Modica '22

The Jessica Alisa Owens Memorial Award is given in memory of Jessica Owens '05 by the faculty members of the Chemistry Department for academic achievement in chemistry or biochemistry and outstanding contributions to community service.

Presented by Cheyenne S. Brindle, Associate Professor of Chemistry

Lucia M. Leone '22
The Lisa P. Nestor Award for Excellence in Student Teaching in Sciences is given in memory of Lisa Nestor, a beloved teacher in the Chemistry Department. The recipient will be a student, who, through his/her dedication and passion as a student teacher in the Chemistry Department, has made a positive and lasting contribution to the education of fellow students.

Presented by Michelle Kovarik, Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Mengqi Fan ’22

The Lisa P. Nestor Chemical Rubber Company Awards are awarded to first-year chemistry students for outstanding achievement in general chemistry.

Presented by Cheyenne S. Brindle, Associate Professor of Chemistry, Michael C. Puljung, Assistant Professor of Neuroscience and Chemistry, and Mitra Sadeghipour, Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Matthew Ryan Birnhak ’25
Jacob M. Kaplan ’25
Hannah E. Marzo ’25
Lilly L. Pubillones ’25
Samuel A. Salas Sanabria ’25

The Louis Aronne, Class of 1977, Prize in Biochemistry is awarded to a senior or a junior biochemistry major (with preference being given to a senior) who, in addition to being an outstanding student in biochemistry, has demonstrated interest in general scholarship and campus activities. The awardee is selected by a member of the Chemistry Department and a member of the Biology Department who teaches a biochemistry course.

Presented by Michelle Kovarik, Associate Professor of Chemistry

The Physics Prize, established by the faculty of the Department of Physics and Astronomy in 1976, is awarded to students for achievement in Physics 131L and Physics 231L.

Presented by David Branning, Associate Professor of Physics

Fiona Fearon ’24
Metasebia A. Habtegiorgis ’25
Ayana Tabo ’23

The Albert J. Howard Jr. Prize is awarded to a member of the junior class who has done outstanding work in physics. The prize was established in 2004 by friends and colleagues of the late Albert J. Howard Jr., professor of physics, in honor of his more than 40 years of service to the Physics Department.

Presented by David Branning, Associate Professor of Physics

Malalik Stanford McPherson ’23
Ilhan Uyan ’23

The Physics Senior Prize recognizes outstanding scholarship in physics. Established in 1976 by the faculty of the Department of Physics and Astronomy, it is awarded to a senior physics major for demonstrated excellence in physics at the advanced undergraduate level.

Presented by David Branning, Associate Professor of Physics

Alexander Mosenthal ’22
Divas Subedi ’22

The Edwin P. Nye Award, established in 1983 by family, friends, and colleagues of the late Professor Emeritus Edwin P. Nye, goes to an undergraduate who has demonstrated understanding and concern for the need to achieve a harmonious balance between technology and the natural environment. Selection of the recipient is made by the engineering faculty.

Presented by Clayton P. Byers, Assistant Professor of Engineering

Isabella C. Yung ’22

The Hartford Section of The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Prize is awarded by the Hartford Chapter of The American Society of Mechanical Engineers to a full-time junior or senior who is concentrating in mechanical engineering with an excellent academic record, good citizenship and is a resident of Connecticut.

Presented by Clayton P. Byers, Assistant Professor of Engineering

Malalik Stanford McPherson ’23

The Junior Engineering Book Prize recognizes a rising senior engineering major who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and shown evidence of professional development. The recipient is chosen by a vote of the Engineering Department faculty.

Presented by Kevin Huang, Assistant Professor of Engineering

Dirceu Clemente Boca ’23
Harrick Wu ’23

The Theodore R. Blakeslee II Award was established in 1992 by the family, friends, and colleagues of the late Theodore R. Blakeslee II, associate professor of engineering, to reward the outstanding teaching assistant in engineering.

Presented by Kevin Huang, Assistant Professor of Engineering

Brenna J. Hoar ’22
Meran Manasrah ’22

The Travelers Companies Foundation Senior Research Prize is awarded to a student whose senior research project in the field of computer science and engineering has been deemed the most outstanding by an independent board chosen from Trinity faculty and The St. Paul Travelers staff.

Presented by Michelle L. England ’98, and Ethan M. Kravitz ’01

TBA
Space Grant College Consortium was formed by Trinity College, University of Connecticut, University of Hartford, and the University of New Haven in 1991 in order to encourage broader participation in NASA research programs. The philosophical intent of this program was and continues to be, to build a research infrastructure in Connecticut which supports the aerospace, space science, engineering and technology-related initiatives of federal and state government and private industry. Presented by Clayton P. Byers, Assistant Professor of Engineering

Maalik Stanford McPherson ’23

The Ralph E. Walde Prize in Computer Science was established to honor Ralph E. Walde, professor of computer science, and one of the founding members of the Computer Science Department. The prize recognizes a rising senior computer science or interdisciplinary computing major who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement in computer science. The recipient is chosen by a vote of the Computer Science Department faculty. Presented by Ewa Syta, Assistant Professor of Computer Science

Keelyn Faith McNamara ’23

The Ralph A. Morelli Prize in Computer Science was established to honor Professor Ralph A. Morelli, professor of computer science, and one of the founding members of the Computer Science Department. The prize recognizes a graduating senior computer science or interdisciplinary computing major who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement in computer science. The recipient is chosen by a vote of the Computer Science Department faculty. Presented by Ewa Syta, Assistant Professor of Computer Science

Iryna Onyshko ’22

The Bronzell Dinkins Senior Service Award was established in honor of Professor Bronzell Dinkins, whose contributions as a laboratory instructor played an invaluable role in the establishment and development of the Computer Science Department. The award recognizes a senior computer science or interdisciplinary computing major who has demonstrated outstanding service to the department. The recipient is chosen by a vote of the Computer Science Department faculty. Presented by Patricia A. Dinkins W’95, Human Resources Specialist

Federico G. Cedolini ’22

The Colleen and David Leof ’60 Humanities and Medicine Prize, established in 2016 by a gift from Dr. and Mrs. David B. Leof ’60, of San Francisco, California, is awarded annually to a student, as selected by the Health Professions Advising Committee or their designee, who is interested in studying medicine and who possesses an exemplary GPA and academic standing. The prize recipient should also be a leader in the college community. Presented by Chris Swart, Principal Lecturer and Laboratory Coordinator in Neuroscience

Suzanne N. Carpe ’22

The Jerome P. Webster, Class of 1910, Student Book Collectors Prize was established by Dr. Jerome P. Webster, Class of 1910 to recognize students’ passions for books and book collecting. An avid book collector, he served as a trustee of the college and was one of the founders of the Trinity College Library Associates. These awards are made to as many as three students who present collections of books in a specific field or an intelligently selected nucleus of a general library for the future. Emphasis is placed on the student’s knowledge of the contents of the collection and its usefulness. The total number of books or their monetary value is not a determining factor. Presented by Christina M. Bleyer, Associate Vice President for Libraries and Distinctive Collections

Joshua Hayden Jacoves ’23

The Harriet and Edward Elukin Essay Prize is awarded annually to the best undergraduate essay or thesis that relies upon research in primary sources from the Watkinson Library. The prize honors the memories of Harriet and Edward Elukin. Books filled their home and their lives. They were both avid readers of literature and history and were enthusiastic supporters of the Watkinson Library. Not awarded

The Hyam Plutzik ’32 Creative Writing Residency is an annual residency in South Beach, Florida, in the Betsy Writer’s Room, awarded to a graduating senior or first-year graduate student with outstanding talent in the literary arts. Not awarded
The First-Year Papers Award is given to those students whose papers written for a First-Year Seminar or Program were selected for inclusion in *The First-Year Papers*, a publication issued annually. A panel of Dean’s Scholars selects and edits the papers. Presented by Nicholas P. Marino, Lecturer in the Allan K. Smith Center for Writing and Rhetoric

Hannah Cuff ’25, “Battery Park City: Desire for Isolation and Normalcy Amid Tragedy”
Sarah Elizabeth Culling ’25, “Celebrated Ignorance”
Brody Nicole Faliero ’25, “The Paradox of Incarceration”
Melina P. Korfonta ’25, “Frankenstein: A Critique of Masculinity”

The Samuel and Clara Hendel Memorial Book Prize is awarded annually to the undergraduate who is judged to have written the best paper on a topic involving issues of civil liberties or social justice. The prize was established in 1978 by friends, colleagues, and former students to honor Samuel Hendel, professor of political science, emeritus, and Mrs. Hendel. Presented by Glen W. Falk, Professor of the Practice in Public Policy and Law, and Adrienne Falco, Associate Professor of Legal and Policy Studies

Olivia F. Louthen ’22, “Redefining Tribal Sovereignty to Expand Native Jurisdiction Over the Death Penalty”

The Trinity Papers, established by a group of President’s Fellows in 1982, is an annual journal that publishes outstanding examples of student scholarship. Students whose work is selected for publication in *The Papers* receive certificates at Honors Day in recognition of their exceptional achievement. Presented by Erin L. Frymire, Lecturer in the Allan K. Smith Center for Writing and Rhetoric

Sammi L. Bray ’25, “Anselm Kiefer’s Portrayal of Women during the Holocaust”
Nayantara Ghosh ’22, “Postmodernism and the City: The Changing Realities in Cities”

Joshua Hayden Jacoves ’23, “Materially Coming of Age in Modern Orthodox Judaism”

Sara Ann Johnson ’23, “Pardon Me—Sovereignty as a Pretext”
Bailey W. McKeon ’22, “How to Play Hockey—For Girls”
Cassidy J. McNeely ’22, “A Memoir of Motherhood and Marriage”
Paige Katherine Phillips ’24, “three sonnets”
Panop Phongpetra ’23, The Duality of Empathy and Human Rights”
Tenzin Sharlung ’24, “On Stop Telling Women They Have Imposter Syndrome”
Olivia A. Zeiner-Morrish ’22, “Unsustainable Authoritarian Theater”

The Samuel S. Fishzohn Award was established in 1966 in memory of Samuel S. Fishzohn, Class of 1925, a prominent figure in social work and welfare. Awards are given each year to at least two students: one who has demonstrated initiative and creativity in community service related to important social issues and the other who has worked with dedication in civil rights, civil liberties, or race relations. Presented by Joe Barber, Director of Community Service and Civic Engagement

Community Service:
Carder Alexi Miller ’24
Colleen E. Quinn ’24

Civil Rights and Civil Liberties:
Chenille N. Jake ’24

The Alexander A. Goldfarb Award for Community Service is awarded jointly by the City of Hartford and Trinity College to the Trinity student who, through community service, has done the most during this current year to benefit the City of Hartford and its citizens. Presented by Joe Barber, Director of Community Service and Civic Engagement

Michaela E. Anton ’22
Elizabeth A. Densen ’22

The St. Anthony Hall Community Service Award was established by the St. Anthony Trust of Hartford. It is awarded annually to a Trinity College fraternity or sorority member who has demonstrated initiative, creativity, and commitment in the areas of service, activism, and/or civic engagement during the academic year. In conjunction with this award, a financial contribution will be made in the recipient’s name to support a nonprofit organization or community programming initiative of his or her own choosing. Presented by William R. Peelle, Jr. ’70

Amelia E. Huba ’22
The Student Government Association Award was established in 1982 for the purpose of giving due recognition to Trinity students who have done unusual service for the college community or local community. It is given annually to the individual student or group of students who, in the judgment of the SGA, has contributed the most to the betterment of the Trinity community in the last year or years. The award is not restricted and can be bestowed upon college-funded groups, coalitions, and fraternities/sororities as well as upon student groups and individuals.

Established Leader:
Karolina A. Barrientos ’22

Emerging Leader:
Tiana Elyse Sharpe ’23

Student Organization:
Athletes of Color Coalition
Caribbean Students Association
Lamba Pi Upsilon Sorority
Queer Resource Center

The John F. Boyer Award was established in 1983 for the purpose of giving due recognition to a Trinity student who has devoted a tremendous amount of time and energy to one or more of the student publications. It is given annually to the senior who, in the judgment of representatives from the staff, has made the most significant contribution to The Tripod in the last year or years. The award is given in memory of John F. Boyer, who took an avid interest in extracurricular activities and who himself made a significant contribution to student publications.

Daniel J. Nesbitt ’22

The Trinity College Alumni Association Senior Achievement Awards are given in recognition of outstanding undergraduate leadership to the college, academic excellence, demonstrated character and citizenship, commitment to Trinity and its advancement, and potential for alumni service.

Presented by Jessica Fillion ’03, Associate Director of Alumni Relations

Jederick Estrella ’22
Kinnard K. Hughes ’22
Renita D. Washington ’22
Catherine A. Weiner ’22

The Elizabeth Elting Foundation Venture Prize for Women’s Leadership, established in 2022, is awarded to a graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, personal growth, and commitment to the Venture program and community while at Trinity.

Presented by Joanne Berger-Sweeney, President and Trinity College Professor of Neuroscience

Hanifa Darwish ’22

The Trustee Award for Student Excellence is presented annually to a full-time senior(s) who has compiled an outstanding academic record and whose achievements in one or more other areas of activity, such as athletics, campus or community service, or leadership of student organizations, exemplify the high standards of excellence to which Trinity College expects all of its students to aspire. The recipient is chosen by the Board of Trustees in the spring.

Presented by Joanne Berger-Sweeney, President and Trinity College Professor of Neuroscience

Alicia M. Camuy ’22
John D. Hayes Jr. ’22
Following World War II, President Funston encouraged reestablishment of the college’s academic pageantry, which had been curtailed during the war. Matriculation and the Book Ceremony for first-year students were both brought back, and, in the spring of 1950, Honors Day was added as a new ceremony. Honors Day was intended to be an occasion when all Trinity prizes and awards—with the exception of those given out at Commencement—could be celebrated in the presence of the entire college community.