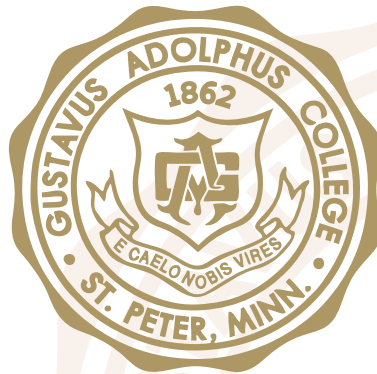


a celebration of
**ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE**



SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

HONORS & AWARDS CEREMONY

Welcome

Rebecca Bergman
President of the College

Invocation

Grady St. Dennis, MDiv, DMin
Associate Vice President of Mission

Announcement of Honors

Brenda Kelly, PhD
Provost and Dean of the College
and
Charlie Potts, EdD
Dean of Students

Closing

Rebecca Bergman

NATIONAL AND STATEWIDE SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

Phi Beta Kappa, Eta Chapter of Minnesota

<i>Zoya Akhtar</i>	<i>Elaina Ballard</i>
<i>Luke Casey</i>	<i>Erin Coleman</i>
<i>Harper Daire</i>	<i>Brooke Foley</i>
<i>Cecilia Gerlach</i>	<i>Lydia Gillis</i>
<i>Sydney Hagen</i>	<i>Gabriella Hamvas</i>
<i>Lucie Henrich</i>	<i>Erika Henrichs</i>
<i>Jenna Hogstad</i>	<i>Abby Housker</i>
<i>Makenna Huetten</i>	<i>Morgan Kelly</i>
<i>Clare Koll</i>	<i>Ava Kraemer</i>
<i>Lily Leahy</i>	<i>Rachel Lester</i>
<i>Kyoka Miyake</i>	<i>Frija Reinert</i>
<i>Joseph Ricker</i>	<i>Markus Rupnow</i>
<i>Jessica Ruud</i>	<i>Jack Saetveit</i>
<i>Claire Schoonmaker</i>	<i>Cristina Sirbu</i>
<i>Victor Solano</i>	<i>Kaisa Whittaker</i>

Phi Beta Kappa is the nation's oldest and most prestigious academic honor society. Students who have excelled in the study of liberal arts are elected each year by a faculty committee of local chapter members. Election criteria include a record of high achievement in liberal arts courses and majors, competency in math and foreign language, and demonstration of a love of learning as evidenced by the depth and breadth of a student's college career. The Gustavus chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the Eta chapter of Minnesota, was approved in 1982 and formally chartered in April 1983.

Fulbright Scholarship

Makenna Huetten - Semi-Finalist
Marit Isaacson - Semi-Finalist
Tobias Polley - Semi-Finalist
Claire Schoonmaker - Semi-Finalist

The Fulbright Fellowship Program is the largest U.S. exchange program that offers research, study, and teaching opportunities in over 140 countries for students and recent graduates. Fulbright aims to increase mutual understanding between people from the U.S. and other countries. English Teaching Assistant (ETA) awardees teach English in K-12 and college institutions and serve as cultural ambassadors. Applicants submit personal essays and explain their goals in teaching abroad and serving as a cultural ambassador. Final awards are made by embassies in the host country and the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board after an interview.

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship

Erin Coleman - Awardee
Madeline Chaplin - Nominee
Rachel Trebesch - Nominee

The Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education is a prestigious national scholarship for natural science, engineering and mathematics majors. The Congressional Award is named in honor of Senator Barry Goldwater, who served as a U.S. soldier and politician for 56 years. The scholarship supports college sophomores and juniors who show exceptional promise of becoming this nation's next generation of research leaders. Nominees emerge from a larger pool of candidates in the Gustavus Math and Science Division; a national committee awards scholarships based on an applicant's statements about their commitment and contributions to scientific research. Goldwater alumni can be found conducting research that is helping defend the U.S., finding cures for diseases, and teaching future generations of scientists, mathematicians, and engineers.

Critical Language Award

Julia Mateski

The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program is a U.S. government effort to expand the number of Americans studying and mastering critical foreign languages. A scholarship fully funds intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences in countries essential to America's engagement with the world. Applicants must explain their interest in and future application of the critical language. The selected critical languages are: Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Swahili, Turkish, and Urdu.

Rossing Physics Scholarship

Erin Coleman - Finalist

Dr. Thomas Rossing established The Rossing Fund for Physics Education Endowment, which is administered by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) for students at ELCA-related colleges or universities. The scholarship awards outstanding sophomore or junior physics students who are nominated by the Gustavus Physics Department. Selection is made by a national committee based on the applicants' personal and research statements.

Donald G. Paterson Award

Zoya Akhtar - Nominee

The Paterson Award is presented to the outstanding psychology major in Minnesota as determined by a research paper competition at the Minnesota Undergraduate Psychology Conference. Annually, each of the state's colleges and universities nominates one outstanding major for the competition, and this year the Gustavus nominee earned the honor.

Princeton in Asia Fellowship

Mollie Taft - Alternate

Princeton in Asia fosters mutual appreciation and cross-cultural understanding between the United States and Asia through immersive work fellowships in host organizations and communities. Since 1898, over 3,400 participants have partnered with 400+ host organizations in Asia.

The Eddie Phillips Scholarship (MPCC Trailblazers Leadership Program)

Herve Matabaro

Taona Mhwandagara

Created and coordinated by the Minnesota Private College Fund, the Eddie Phillips Scholarship is funded by the Jay and Rose Phillips Family Foundation of Minnesota. Awardees participate in leadership development opportunities and mentoring to gain experience and support for completing their degree and preparing to launch post-baccalaureate careers.

Alpha Alpha Alpha Honor Society

Isabel Bennett

Kaylee Cepress

Elizabeth Fischer

Nelson Herrera

Amanda Hukee

Lilly Lopez

Emily McKay

Cole Nolte

Kelsi Rygg

Cristina Sirbu

Maria Trochez

Jonah Carroll

Filmon Fesshatsion

Abigail Helgersen

Tegan Hirman

Chance Korpela

Paige Madson

Kyoka Miyake

Jaemin Park

Gabriella Schwakopf

Gabrielle Tompkins

Mikayla Witte

Tri-Alpha is a national honor society for first-generation college students that was founded in 2018. The Gustavus chapter of Epsilon Xi was chartered in 2022. Students are invited to join based on a minimum overall GPA and if neither the student's parents, step-parents, nor legal guardians has completed a bachelor's degree.

COLLEGE-SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

Guild of St. Ansgar

<i>Elaina Ballard</i>	<i>Ellen Becken</i>
<i>Kaylee Bosma</i>	<i>Luke Casey</i>
<i>Erin Coleman</i>	<i>Javier Cordova</i>
<i>Mary Davenport</i>	<i>Jillian Elton</i>
<i>Emma Forsyth</i>	<i>Allison Held</i>
<i>Erika Henrichs</i>	<i>Marit Isaacson</i>
<i>Clare Koll</i>	<i>Chance Korpela</i>
<i>Megan Lipke</i>	<i>Abigail McCready</i>
<i>Grace McFarlane</i>	<i>Cole Nolte</i>
<i>Jordan Oelkers</i>	<i>Amelia Qualey</i>
<i>Joseph Ricker</i>	<i>Markus Rupnow</i>
<i>Jessica Ruud</i>	<i>Emily Sagstetter</i>
<i>Claire Schoonmaker</i>	<i>Cristina Sirbu</i>
<i>Brynn Smith</i>	<i>Tyler Smith</i>
<i>Victor Solano</i>	<i>Rachel Trebesch</i>
<i>Mikayla Witte</i>	

The Guild of St. Ansgar, which is named for the first Christian missionary to the Scandinavians (and in honor of St. Ansgar's Academy, the name by which the College was known in the first decade following its founding), is an honorary society for seniors at the College. It was established in the spring of 1952 in response to a desire to recognize the overall achievements—scholarship, leadership, and participation in extracurricular activities—of graduating seniors.

Guild of St. Lucia

<i>Mumtaaz Ali</i>	<i>Elaina Ballard</i>
<i>Harper Daire</i>	<i>Elizabeth Fischer</i>
<i>Lily Goloh</i>	<i>Allison Held</i>
<i>Erika Henrichs</i>	<i>Lily Horsch</i>
<i>Morgan Kelly</i>	<i>Rachel Lester</i>
<i>Megan Lipke</i>	<i>Abigail McCready</i>
<i>Addison Schloo</i>	<i>Cristina Sirbu</i>
<i>Rachel Trebesch</i>	<i>Abigail Vizenor</i>

The Guild of St. Lucia was established in 1957 and named for a saint revered by the Swedish people, celebrating the College's Swedish heritage. It honors women who have achieved academic success, displayed leadership qualities, and provided service to the College. Fifteen juniors are elected in the spring of each year.

Paul Magnuson Student Leadership and Service Award

Emma Forsyth

Erika Henrichs

Morgan Kelly

Abigail McCready

Taona Mkwandagara

Cristina Sirbu

Raquel Vaughn

Established in 1991 in recognition of the Honorable Paul Magnuson '59, chief judge of the U.S. Federal District Court in St. Paul and former trustee of the College, to recognize the significant contributions that individual students and student groups make to campus life. Each year, outstanding students and student organizations are nominated by fellow students, faculty, administrators, or staff for recognition, and a selection committee assembled by the dean of students reviews nominations and determines honorees in three categories: individual student leaders, campus organizations, and student-initiated events.

Be the Match Bone Marrow Drive

Anders Coltvret

Carter Henning

E. Terry Skone Investment Club

Anders Coltvret

Levi Schmidt

Theta Xi Gamma Pinky Swear Fundraiser

Ashley Barker

Tri Alpha Honor Society

Brandon Hicks

Kyoka Miyake

Cristina Sirbu

Schwalm-Brostrom Leadership Award

Jessica Ruud - Service

Established in 2000 by Ann Schwalm Schwanke '69 and her husband, Dr. Arlyn Schwanke, with gratitude for the example of her parents, Mark and Helen Schwalm, and for the encouragement of Gustavus mentors Milton Brostrom '49, professor emeritus of mathematics and computer science, and his wife, Elaine, retired director of public affairs. The award recognizes a current Gustavus sophomore, junior, or senior who, in their voluntary and community service for the benefit of those outside the Gustavus campus, "models an understanding of vocation and leadership embodied in creative, innovative, and extraordinary efforts or new initiatives that respond to the needs of society."

R. John Van Deusen Award

Alexys Fuerstenberg

Grace McFarlane

This award is given in recognition of an individual who will attain a Gustavus degree through unusual perseverance, courage, and effort in dealing with significant challenges presented by a disability. It is named in honor of John Van Deusen, a 1961 Gustavus graduate, who overcame incredible odds, obtaining his degree while battling dystonia, a rare neuromuscular disorder.

Bruce A. Gray Diversity Honors Award

Cristina Sirbu

Recognizes the ongoing efforts and accomplishments of up to three students who embody and exemplify the values of diversity, inclusion, and principles of social justice at Gustavus.

Albert G. Swanson and Gerhard T. Alexis Scholars

Zoya Akhtar

Ellen Becken

Kaylee Bosma

Erin Coleman

Harper Daire

Isabella Delaney

Emma Forsyth

Cecilia Gerlach

Lydia Gillis

Makenna Huetten

Marit Isaacson

Clare Koll

Rachel Lester

Delaney Nordos

Julia Peterson

Jessica Ruud

Claire Schoonmaker

Tyler Smith

Hannah Wirth

Presented to junior and senior students (based on year in residence) with the highest cumulative GPA from the previous spring semester. Endowed by a gift from Jane and H. Bradford Thompson to honor Albert Swanson who was an academic dean and mathematics professor who also served as acting president of the College (1968–69) and Gerhard Alexis a distinguished English professor who taught from 1947–1983.

Departmental Awards

Academic Assistants

President's Honor List

