

College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences and Departmental Award Descriptions

College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences Awards:

- Blue Key Academic and Leadership Award – The Clemson University Chapter of Blue Key National Honor Society sponsors the Blue Key Academic and Leadership Award to recognize one student in each of the University's seven Colleges for outstanding leadership, scholarship, and service on college campuses. The recipient of this award shall have a demonstrated record of scholarship and leadership excellence, citizenship and high integrity, a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 and have exhibited special leadership abilities within an academic department as well as throughout the University.
- Phi Kappa Phi Certificate of Merit – The Phi Kappa Phi Organization at Clemson University sponsors the Phi Kappa Phi award to recognize students in each of the University's seven colleges for outstanding leadership and scholarship. These individuals must be graduating seniors with a 3.4 or better grade point average. The students are selected based on noteworthy contributions in scholarship and service to the college and university community as well as demonstrated integrity and citizenship.
- Undergraduate Emerging Leadership Award – This award is presented to a graduating senior who has shown a consistent pattern of significant leadership which has enriched and improved the Clemson environment at the department, college, or University level.
- Outstanding Undergraduate Research – This award recognizes a student who has completed the most meritorious undergraduate research project of the year. Projects are evaluated in terms of the significance of their research question, the rigor of their method and design, and the clarity of the written presentation.
- Undergraduate Academic Excellence Award – This award is presented to a graduating senior who has excelled in their academic endeavors at Clemson University. This award presupposes a GPR at or very near a perfect 4.0. This award also reflects a distinguished record of scholarly performance as measured by creative projects, a publication or other scholarly activities.
- Dean's Award for Outstanding Achievement – This award is presented to a graduating senior who has excelled in all areas of their Clemson experience, including academics, extra-curricular activities, leadership and public service.
- Award for Entrepreneurship in Community Service – This award presupposes a solid academic record and a long-term pattern of service to the university or to the local, state, national or global community. It further implies creativity in reaching under-served populations or improving the quality and quantity of service being rendered to a point well above the typical volunteer experience.

- Award for Professional Engagement – This award is presented to a graduating senior for academic achievement, outstanding professional engagement within his or her discipline and future professional promise with that discipline. Activities such as such as internships, co-ops, publication, professional memberships and active participation in professional meetings and conventions are the primary determinant of this award.
- M.S. Award, Outstanding Teaching Assistant – This award recognizes a Master’s Degree candidate who will be completing his or her degree by the end of the current academic year. The student is expected to have excelled in all areas of their Clemson graduate experience including academics, collegiality, research and departmental service. Above all, the awardee must demonstrate a genuine flare and passion for classroom teaching as reflected by faculty, peer and student evaluations.
- M.S. Award, Outstanding Research Assistant – This award is presented to a Master’s Degree candidate who will be completing his or her degree by the end of the current academic year. In addition to academic excellence and departmental service, the awardee must demonstrate a high level of motivation toward the research endeavor. This dedication may involve either assistance to faculty members or involvement in personal research projects. Presentation at professional meetings and professional publications are weighted heavily in the award section.
- Ph.D., Teaching Assistant – This award is given to a Doctoral student who has reached candidacy. This individual’s performance in all areas of graduate activity should serve as a model of dedication and achievement to other graduate students. In the area of classroom instruction, this individual’s teaching style, knowledge of the area, class materials and rapport with students should be that of an emerging professional. Faculty, peer and student evaluations are considered in selecting this award.
- Ph.D., Research Assistant – This award is given to a Doctoral candidate who has reached candidacy. This individual’s performance in all areas of graduate activity should serve as a model of dedication and achievement to other graduate students. In particular, the individual’s program of research was evaluated in terms of both direction and impact on their field of investigation. Quality professional publications, active participation in professional meetings and other scholarly activities are major criterion for this award.

Department of Communication Awards

- Outstanding Academic Achievement in Sports Communication – This award is presented to a graduating senior majoring in Sports Communication with an outstanding academic record in Communication.

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- Doreen Geddes Memorial Award for Excellence in Women and Communication – Dr. Doreen Geddes was one of the first female chairs to serve at Clemson University. Dr. Geddes was actively involved in issues related to student civic and academic engagement and was particularly interested as a researcher in the lived experiences of women. To honor Dr. Geddes' memory, the Department of Communication annually recognizes an undergraduate or graduate student who has demonstrated excellence in engaging issues relevant to women's lives in their personal, academic, and/or civic endeavors. Particular consideration is given to candidates who have addressed timely and critical women's issues in the communities or on a global scale.
- Outstanding Graduate Researcher Award – This award recognizes the graduate student who has demonstrated excellence in conducting original research, assisting on faculty research projects, presenting at conferences and/or publishing scholarship, bringing recognition to our program, department, and university.

Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management (PRTM) Awards

- Bert and Johnnie Brantley Outstanding Student Award – This award is presented annually to the PRTM student who has exhibited outstanding service to the PRTM Department, Clemson University and the community during the student's academic career at Clemson while maintaining a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Stevenson-Smith-Lovett Award – Presented to a rising senior who exemplifies personal qualities of integrity, love, compassion, service and positive attitude with a GPA of at least 3.0.
- Greg Schoper Leadership Award – Danielle Rudy
Recognizes the department's most outstanding student senior leader of the year.
- Dr. Judith Voelkl Award – Established to honor a student who plans to serve the public through a career in the PRTM field, has academic achievement of at least a 3.0 GPA, and who exhibits the qualities of caring, compassion, commitment and spirit that are the hallmark of Dr. Voelkl's career.
- Lawrence R. Allen Engaged Future Professional Award – Given to an undergraduate PRTM student who has demonstrated a commitment to professional engagement in the PRTM field.
- Lawrence R. Allen Professional Contributions to the Field of Youth Development – This award is presented to the M.S. Youth Development Leadership 2nd year student who has made significant contributions to an organization, agency, institution, and/or community that creates or strengthens opportunities for youth to promote well-being and prepare for a successful adulthood.

- Fran McGuire Excellence in Teaching Award – Presented to a graduate student who has shown excellence in teaching exemplified by the qualities of caring, compassion and engagement with students.

Department of Political Science

- James F. Byrnes American Government Award – An award in American Government that is given to an outstanding senior in the Political Science Department.
- Jack Tuttle-Pi Sigma Alpha Award – Presented to a senior in honor of the late Professor Jack Tuttle and in recognition of the ideals of Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honorary Society, which are to stimulate productive scholarship and intelligence in the subject of government.
- Matt Locke Faculty Award for Excellence – Presented to seniors whose accomplishments, in the opinion of the faculty of the Department of Political Science, merit special recognition.
- Horace Fleming Award – The Fleming award is named for a former member of Clemson’s Political Science faculty and is awarded to a student in recognition of their outstanding performance in American politics coursework.

Department of Psychology

- The Psi Chi Research Award – Established in 1976 by the Psi Chi Honor Society; recognizes the undergraduate student with the most meritorious research project.
- The Bernard Caffrey Award for Excellence in Psychology – Awarded to a junior or senior who has demonstrated both academic excellence in the classroom and a commitment to professional and psychological activities in the community. In memory of Dr. Bernard Caffrey who was the first Chair of the Department of Psychology.
- Psychology Department Award for Academic Excellence – Presented to a graduating student with a GPA of 3.85 or higher. The winner must also demonstrate enthusiasm and creativity in maximizing the diversity and breadth of his or her learning experience, both inside and outside the classroom.
- The Eugene Galluscio Award for Undergraduate Leadership – This award was named for Eugene Galluscio who served as department chair from 1982-1997. The award honors a junior or senior who has continued in Dr. Galluscio's tradition of excellence in leadership.
- The Ernest Jewell Hardesty Moore Award for the Outstanding Senior in Psychology - Established by the family of Mr. Ernest Jewell Hardesty Moore, a member of the

class of 1974 who died in an accident shortly before he was to graduate. The recipient of this award is a senior whose record is particularly distinguished.

- Graduate Student Research – This award is given by simple majority vote of the psychology faculty to any first or second year (pre-masters) graduate student who exhibits dedication, enthusiasm, and initiative while involved in a faculty or student research project during his or her first or second year in the psychology graduate program.
- Outstanding Master’s Degree Student in Psychology – Given to any second- or third-year student who has demonstrated excellence in research activities, and in activities such as teaching, professional/departmental service, and classroom performance.
- Outstanding Doctoral Degree Student in Psychology – Given to any doctoral candidate who has demonstrated excellence in research activities, and in activities such as teaching, professional/departmental service, and classroom performance.

Department of Public Health Sciences Awards

- Scholastic Achievement Award – This award is presented annually to a graduating senior in the Department of Public Health Sciences who has achieved the highest cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale. The recipient has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to outstanding scholastic accomplishments while attending Clemson University.
- Dr. Lee A. Crandall Leadership Award – This award is given to a senior who has demonstrated leadership to the Department of Public Health Sciences and to the field of public health. The awardee has held an office in health-related student organizations, demonstrated a leadership role within the major and classroom activities, and has demonstrated a leadership role as a student mentor and in scholarship.
- Distinguished Service Award – Presented to a senior Health Science student who has made a major contribution to the profession through service to the community. This student is recognized for outstanding efforts in planning, implementation, or evaluation of public health programs or services.
- Outstanding Cardiovascular Imaging Leadership Award – Given to one of the graduates in the CVT major who has excelled scholastically.
- Outstanding Health Promotion and Behavior Award – Given to a senior who embodies public health/health education ideals.

- Outstanding Health Services Administration Award – Given to a senior who has demonstrated administrative service/leadership at the University level or in the community.
- Outstanding Pre-Professional Health Student – Given to a senior who has made a contribution that relates to a pre-professional career track (occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech pathology, pharmacy, dentistry, medicine, clinical research).
- Certificate of Recognition for Excellence – To recognize graduating seniors in the Health Services Administration concentration who have excelled academically by earning a 3.9 GPR or higher.
- Research Excellence Award – This award is for Ph.D. students from the Department of Public Health Sciences who demonstrate a record of excellent scholarly achievement as demonstrated through publications and conference presentations.
- Mentoring and Teaching Excellence – This award is for Ph.D. students from the Department of Public Health Sciences who demonstrate a record of excellent mentorship through helping their fellow students and/or teaching as evidenced by course materials and recommendations from students.
- Outstanding Masters Student Leadership Award – This award is for Masters students from the Department of Public Health Sciences who demonstrate leadership through significant research contributions or leadership in their graduate classes.

Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice Awards

- Ernest-Jewell Hardesty Moore Award for Outstanding Senior in Sociology – Recognizes the achievement of an outstanding senior who is majoring in Sociology.
- Meg Wilkes-Karraker Award – The award reflects the high regard that we have for the student's academic achievements.
- Outstanding Anthropology Student Award – Given annually to the Anthropology major or minor who has displayed the greatest over all academic and professional excellence in the current academic year as determined by the Anthropology faculty.
- Outstanding Criminal Justice Student Award – Given annually to the Criminal Justice major who has displayed the greatest over all academic and professional excellence in the current academic year as determined by the Criminal Justice faculty.

- Department Chair's Award – Recognizes the achievement of a sociology major who has demonstrated services to the department outside of normal classroom activities.

School of Nursing Awards

- Shearin Award for Excellence – Presented to outstanding junior or senior Nursing students who have demonstrated academic excellence in the classroom, and commitment to professional activities in the community, state and region. This award was established in memory of Herbert N. Shearin, Jr., Class of 1980.
- Edwards Memorial Award – Presented to outstanding junior students in Nursing with demonstrated academic scholarship, superior clinical performance, leadership, and involvement in university and community affairs. This award was established in memory of Mr. Eugene Edwards, class of 1925.
- Certificate of Excellence in Nursing – Presented to senior Nursing students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in their pre-professional organizational activities through service to the School of Nursing, college, University and community.
- Community Service Awards – Presented to outstanding graduating senior Nursing students who have demonstrated academic excellence, superior clinical performance, leadership, and involvement in University and community affairs.