



# HONORS CONVOCATION

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#### PRELUDE

#### **Steven McDonald**

Organist

Prelude and Fugue in C Major, S.553

Prelude on the hymn tune Rhosymedre

Ein Feste Burg ist Unser Gott ("A Mighty Fortress is our God")

Prelude and Fugue in G Minor, S.558

#### PROCESSIONAL\*

Prelude on the Te Deum

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

> Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707) Bach

#### Mr. McDonald

Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704)

**Flag Bearers** Cadet Carolyn Williams Cadet Austin Young

**Marshal** John Hamilton, Ph.D.

#### WELCOME

#### Greg Gunderson, Ph.D. President

#### **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

#### Michelle E. Myers, Ed.D. Interim Provost

#### Dr. Gunderson

#### **COLLEGE AND SCHOOL AWARDS**

#### **COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES**

James F. Pasley, Ph.D. Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES

Brian Shawver Special Assistant to Academic Affairs

#### SCHOOL OF NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES

Scott Hageman Associate Dean, School of Natural and Applied Sciences

#### **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

**Timothy Westcott, Ph.D.** Interim Dean, College of Education and Health Professions

#### **S**CHOOL OF **E**DUCATION

Gail Hennessy Assistant Professor of Education and Undergraduate Program Director

SCHOOL OF BEHAVIORAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Andrew Johnson, Ph.D. Chair and Professor of Psychology

#### **COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT**

Penelope DeJong, Ph.D. Associate Dean, School of Business

**SCHOOL OF BUSINESS** 

#### **Stephen Bell, Ph.D.** Professor of Economics

**A MOMENT OF REFLECTION** 

Thomas Murphy

Park Student Government Association President

#### **PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS**

**RECESSIONAL\*** Grand Choeur Triumphale

\* Please Stand

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Dr. Gunderson Dr. Myers

Mr. McDonald Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

## 2017-2018 **SELECTION OF OUTSTANDING STUDENTS**

Announced by Dr. Michelle Myers, Interim Provost, and presented by Dr. Greg Gunderson, President.

#### **PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS**

Cumulative grade point average of 3.9 or above, degree seeking, fulltime student with 30 or more Park University hours.

| Addison, Jacob        | Dust, Olivia      | Lawrence, Valerie  | Servello, Cherie  |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Al Ani, Sarah         | Englezos, Anna    | Marin Castaneda,   | Severson, Morgan  |
| Appollis, Austin      | Fleischmann,      | Rafael             | Sharp, Errin      |
| Atkinson, Olivia      | Elisabeth         | Marvine, Lindsay   | Shivers, Marcus   |
| Barta, Bridget        | Forbach, Morgan   | Morgan, Grace      | Stelmacovich,     |
| Berry, Rachal         | Fowks, Lyndsey    | Narzullaeva, Iroda | Genevieve         |
| Bervian Neves, Victor | Friesner, Kaitlyn | Nicholaus, Luther  | Stelter, Chelsea  |
| Blakeley, Nick        | Fumey, Ghislaine  | Payne, Katherine   | Tandy, Jessica    |
| Braun, Derek          | Givens, Emma      | Pham, Jessica      | Thatsanithone,    |
| Brown, Elaina         | Graff, William    | Pool, Austin       | Michelle          |
| Cain, Tiona           | Gray, Ashton      | Price, Kenna       | Trowbridge, Logan |
| Carter, Lindsey       | Harbaugh, Adrian  | Price, Madison     | Turner, Emma      |
| Curtis, Rebecca       | Henry, William    | Provin, Hannah     | Uribe, Laura      |
| Daniels, Madison      | Holroyd, Abbey    | Rhoads, Brooke     | Verhoff, Ginna    |
| Davidson, Daniel      | Hughson, Mallory  | Rivera, Samantha   | Watson, Eva       |
| Doyle, Sydney         | Hunter, Diana     | Rodriguez, Eric    | Webster, Breanna  |
| Duncan, Daniel        | Jones, Connor     | Sellers, Blake     | Zitter, Ryan      |

#### **ALPHA CHI MEMBERSHIP**

Alpha Chi is a national honor society. Its purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among university students, and to honor those who achieve such distinction. The following are nominated for induction this year:

| Kimberly Brewer | Iroda Narzullaeva | Abigail Prewitt  |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Shania Felix    | Cicely Nguyen     | Leeah Shipley    |
| Holly Foulks    | Luther Nicholaus  | Marcus Shivers   |
| William Graff   | Austin Pool       | Jessica Vernicka |
| Elias Hamchaoui |                   |                  |

# **COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES**

#### **S**CHOOL OF **H**UMANITIES

Announced by Brian Shawver, Special Assistant to Academic Affairs, and presented by Dr. James Pasley, Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

#### ENGLISH

#### Mary Barlow Writing Award for Outstanding Student Writing

Breanne Cowley-Baker

#### **Cal Downs Award**

Eva Watson

#### Friedman Interpersonal Communication Award

Katelyn Dujakovich

#### Sigma Tau Delta

Sigma Tau Delta is an international English honor society. Its purpose is to confer distinction upon students of the English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate and professional studies. The Park University chapter of Sigma Tau Delta was chartered in 1998. The following students have achieved the requirements for membership and are invited into the company of those dedicated to promoting interest in literature and the English language.

> Breanne Cowley-Baker Sharron Doyle Alayna Howard

#### Nicholas Manchion Endowed Scholarship Award

This award is presented in memory of Nicholas Manchion as a living tribute from his parents, Ed and Jody Manchion, along with his brother Adam. It is awarded to a student majoring in English, of sophomore status, who has a grade point average of 3.0. Nicholas believed that as long as the dreamers still dream and the writers still write, there will always be love. His love of learning was evident in his speech and in the goals he had in life. The Manchion Award supports an original poetry competition.

Austin Pool

#### **DEPARTMENT HONORS**

#### **Communication, Journalism and Public Relations**

Arron Riffle (Junior) Nathaniel Robinson (Senior)

#### English

Austin Pool (Senior)

#### **Fine Art**

Catherine Rose (Junior) Stevie Smith (Senior)

#### **Graphic Design**

Lindsay Halter (Junior) Rachal Berry (Senior)

#### **Interior Design**

Errin Sharp (Junior) Diane Leader (Senior)

#### **Interdisciplinary Studies**

Max Mohr (Senior)

#### **Modern Language**

Sarah Zitter (Junior) Hannah Bartee (Senior)

#### SCHOOL OF NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES

Announced by Scott Hageman, Associate Dean, School of Natural and Applied Sciences, and presented by Dr. James Pasley, Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

#### The American Institute of Chemists

This award honors the outstanding senior in the field of chemistry. Jessica Pham

#### Harold G. McDaniel Award

This award is presented in memory of McDaniel, '58, professor of mathematics from 1961-78. It is given to honor outstanding students majoring in mathematics or natural science.

Montana Miller

#### Professor L.A. Robbins Memorial Award

This award is given to a student who has distinguished himself/herself in the natural sciences and in athletics.

Genevieve Stelmacovich

#### Outstanding Association for Computing Machinery Service Award

This award is co-sponsored by the ACM Club and the Department of Information and Computer Science.

Iroda Narzullaeva

#### **Burton W. Scheib Pre-Medical Prize**

This award is given to a student majoring in science — preferably premedical — for excellent work in this field.

Ryan Zitter

#### **CRC Press Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award**

This award is presented in recognition of outstanding scholastic achievement in chemistry during a student's freshman year at Park. The award includes a chemistry and physics handbook from the publisher. Brittany Zimmerle

#### Dr. William C. Pivonka Award

Inaugurated by the Class of 1988, the award is given annually in recognition of the dedication that Pivonka showed in teaching at Park University. It is given to an upperclassman who best represents the ideals of a chemistry major at Park University.

Genevieve Stelmacovich

#### The J. Malcolm Good Award

Morganne Bender "The Bernoulli Brothers and their Mathematical Contributions" Montana Miller "A Brief History of the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra"

#### **DEPARTMENT HONORS**

#### Biology

Shania Felix (Junior) Brooke Kelly (Senior)

#### Chemistry

Logan Trowbridge (Junior) James Berry (Senior)

#### **Criminal Justice**

Jennifer Briceno (Senior) Tim Schaareman (Senior)

#### Geography

Ahanu Fake (Junior) Anna Englezos (Senior)

#### History

Nick Blakeley (Junior) Alexander Ishmael (Senior)

#### **Information and Computer Science**

Iroda Narzullaeva (Junior) Marcus Shivers (Junior) Christian Skinner (Senior) Austen Mesaros (Senior)

#### **Mathematics**

Montana Miller (Junior) Daniel Davidson (Junior)

#### **Political Science**

Joshua Martin (Junior) William Graff (Senior)

# **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

#### **SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**

Announced by Gail Hennessy, Assistant Professor of Education and Undergraduate Program Director, and presented by Dr. Timothy Westcott, Interim Dean, College of Education and Health Professions.

#### THE DOROTHY WATSON LITERACY AWARDS

#### Literacy for All

This award is given to the junior or senior teacher candidate who best exemplifies the guiding principles of the Dorothy Watson Literacy Center through their coursework, field experiences, and service.

Kimberly Brewer

#### **Making a Difference**

This award is given to the junior or senior teacher candidate who best exemplifies commitment to service through their coursework, field experiences, and service.

#### Grace Morgan

#### **OUTSTANDING DIRECTED TEACHER AWARDS**

This award is given to a student whose performance as a student-teacher during the current academic year has been outstanding.

Early Childhood Level: Emma Turner Elementary Level: Laura Uribe Middle School Level: Maggie Beisert Secondary Level: Ayla Parham K-12 Art: Catherine Gann

#### **DEPARTMENT HONORS**

Education

Samantha Rivera (Junior) Lindsey Carter (Senior)

#### **S**CHOOL OF **B**EHAVIORAL AND

#### **HEALTH SCIENCES**

Announced by Dr. Andrew Johnson, Chair and Professor of Psychology, and presented by Dr. Timothy Westcott, Interim Dean, College of Education and Health Professions.

#### Psi Chi

Psi Chi is the international honor society in psychology. Its purpose is to encourage, stimulate and maintain excellence in the scholarship of its member in all fields, particularly in psychology, and to advance the science of psychology. The Park University chapter of Psi Chi was chartered in 1996. The following students are welcomed to Psi Chi's fellowship of common interest, mutual assistance and high endeavor.

> Corina Rodriguez Cherie Servello Rebecca Amezcua

#### Phi Alpha

Phi Alpha is the national honor society in social work. The Park University chapter, Phi Alpha Rho Epsilon, was established in 2010. The mission is to promote scholarly pursuits in the advancement of humanitarian goals and ideals, with a motto of "Through knowledge -- the challenge to serve."

Hester Appollis Jessie Arms Ashley Beauchamp Paula Blevins Analiza Brantly Karen Bunce Ashley Buzzard Tiona Cain Jennifer Clark Karlie Davis Charis Emrich Ashley Falbo Michele Fox Leslie Francois Shawana Jenkins-Harris Precious Higgins Mallory Holman Candice Knudson Randolph Labarrie Emma Langham Abby Marder Jennifer Moats Magen Norcross Aubrey Off Toni Owens Elaina Pearson Ashley Phillips Amanda Pina Erica Potter Eric Rhodes Christy Rodman Johnna Russell Julie Smith Crystal Swope Demetri Trautwein Caitlyn Wilson

#### **DEPARTMENT HONORS**

**Nursing** Abbey Holroyd (Junior) Kathy Bliese-Heise (Senior)

#### Psychology

Rebeca Amezcua (Junior) Timothy Griffin (Senior)

Social Psychology Cherie Servello (Junior) Holly Foulks (Senior)

#### Sociology

Ginna Verhoff (Junior) Brooke Rhoads (Senior)

#### Social Work

Ashley Beauchamp (Senior) Leather Clevenger (Senior) Johnna Russel (Senior)

#### Master of Social Work

Erica Collins Jennifer Moats

# **COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT**

#### **SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

Announced by Dr. Stephen Bell, Professor of Economics, and presented by Dr. Penelope DeJong, Associate Dean, School of Business.

#### Delta Mu Delta

Delta Mu Delta is the International Honor Society for business programs accredited by ACBSP at the baccalaureate, graduate and doctoral levels. Becoming a member of Delta Mu Delta is an honor indicative of earnest, intelligent purpose and rewarding achievement. School of Business juniors, seniors, and graduate students completing a sufficient number of courses at Park University, ranking in the top 20% of their respective classes and having a current GPA meeting the society's minimum requirement are invited to join.

Derek Tanner Nathan Coffey Daniel Duncan Marcus Smith

#### **Financial Executives Institute Awards**

This award is given to an outstanding graduate of Park University in the field of finance for the current academic year.

Vanessa Redford

#### Park University Business Faculty Award

This award is given to the students who demonstrated exceptional leadership in the classroom and exceptional potential in the field of business.

Victor Bervian Neves

#### **DEPARTMENT HONORS**

Accounting Bryan Reents (Junior) Luther Nicholaus (Senior)

#### Economics

Blake Johnson (Junior) Austin Park (Senior)

**Finance** Derek Braun (Senior)

#### **Human Resources**

Shiron Musick (Senior)

#### Management

Victor Bervian Neves (Senior)

**Marketing** Emma Givens (Senior)

# **PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS**

Announced by Dr. Michelle Myers, Interim Provost, and presented by Dr. Greg Gunderson, President.

#### LOUISA DAVIDSON HINDE/CAROLYN HINDE ZARKARYAN MEMORIAL AWARD

The recipients of this award are persons who best represent the spirit of Park University. Two students, alumni, faculty or staff members are selected annually. The recipients best promote in others the quality of excellence that has always been associated with a Park education. The awards are presented in memory of Louisa Davidson Hinde and Carolyn Hinde Zarkaryan, '56.

Student Recipients: Alayna Howard and Arber Dumani Staff Recipient: Florenda Jarrard

#### THE OUTSTANDING PARKITE AWARD

The Outstanding Parkite Award, previously known as the Parker Memorial Fund Award, is the most prestigious honor bestowed on any student at Park University. The award is given to one senior female and one senior male student attending the Parkville Campus who best exemplifies the ideals of Park University in their character, conduct, scholarship and student activity participation. The awards are endowed by Dr. Elliot F. Parker in memory of his parents Albert George and Jessie Bewley Parker.

Margarita Araiza and Ryan Zitter

#### EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC ADVISING AWARD

This award is given to recognize faculty who have achieved excellence in providing Park University students academic advising and mentoring. The award also recognizes outstanding contributions in helping students define and achieve their academic goals.

> Toni-Rochelle Ford, M.B.A Assistant Professor of Marketing

#### PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

This award is given to recognize the full time faculty member who exemplifies excellence in teaching. The recipient was nominated by his peers, students and staff for this special recognition.

> Alexander Silvius, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Physics

#### **PROVOST'S AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE**

This award is given to the adjunct faculty member who exemplifies excellence in teaching. The recipient was nominated by peers, students and staff for this special recognition.

> Jim Weigand Chemistry

#### J.L. ZWINGLE AWARD

This award is given to an outstanding faculty member for the current academic year. Students of Park University are proud to pay tribute to an outstanding faculty member as voted by the student body.

> Glenn Lester, M.F.A Assistant Professor of English

# PARTICIPANTS IN THE ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY EDUCATORS COURSE

#### From the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Silvia Byer Sukaina El-Omari Amber Epping Brandi Handley Wen Hsin Michael Irvin Jack MacLennan Eugene Matthews Jessica Molinar Munoz Nadia Morales Michael Pleimann Greg Plumb Brian Shawver Doris Smith Annette Story Barbara Yancy-Tooks

Parkville El Paso/ Fort Bliss Parkville Parkville/Kansas City Area Parkville El Paso/ Fort Bliss Parkville Parkville El Paso/ Fort Bliss El Paso/Fort Bliss Fort Leonard Wood Parkville Parkville DSCC Beaufort El Paso/ Fort Bliss

#### From the College of Management

Cherry Point Devina Beatty Linda Bell Parkville Scot Cates El Paso/ Fort Bliss Julia Creek Parkville Keith Dailey Scott Donna Ehrlich Parkville Robert Lunnie Malmstrom Fort Bliss Antonio Maguregui Sylvia Quigley Davis Monthan AFB Moises Rodriguez El Paso/ Fort Bliss Henry Roehrich Grand Forks **Richard Theroux** El Paso/ Fort Bliss

#### From the College of Education and Health Professions

| Monica Brannon | Parkville           |
|----------------|---------------------|
| April Haberyan | Parkville           |
| Gail Hennessy  | Parkville           |
| Kathy Jackson  | Parkville           |
| Andrew Johnson | Parkville           |
| Danica Love    | KCA                 |
| Tamara Miller  | KCA                 |
| Ann Ogle       | El Paso/ Fort Bliss |
| Tami Radohl    | Parkville           |
| Claudia Rocha  | El Paso/ Fort Bliss |
| Linda Seybert  | Parkville           |
| Brant Winn     | Parkville           |
| Amy Wolf       | Parkville           |

#### Park's Instructional Design and Faculty Development teams:

Mary Burkhart Valorie Engholm Jamie Els Patrick Gallegos Sharon Gan Chris Slupianek Leslie Umstattd Jim Whelan

#### Course facilitators also taking the course:

Amber Dailey-Hebert Stacey Kikendall Emily Sallee

# DR. DORIS HOWELL LEADERSHIP AWARDS 2017-2018

| These awards were presented at the Dr. 1             | Doris Howell Banquet on April 18.   |  |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| Student Employee of the Year                         | Ghislaine Fumey                     |  |
| Student Success and Impact                           |                                     |  |
| Graduate Assistant of the Year                       |                                     |  |
| Park Family Award                                    | . Dr. Jeff Ehrlich and Robin Burger |  |
| Dusing-Proudfoot Award                               | Debra McArthur                      |  |
| Cindy K. Anderson Senator of the Year                |                                     |  |
| Staff Newcomer of the Year                           |                                     |  |
| Faculty Newcomer of the Year                         | Dr. Chelsea Platt                   |  |
| Servant Leader of the Year                           | Iroda Narzullaeva                   |  |
| Organization Adviser of the Year                     |                                     |  |
| Student Organization of the Year (Small)             | Crimson Dancers                     |  |
| Student Organization of the Year (Large)             | Residence Hall Council              |  |
| Program of the Year                                  | Business and Investment Club        |  |
| Tipton Award   |                                     |  |
| C.W. Bailey Award Arth                               |                                     |  |
| Toni Griggs AwardEric Haas and James Zachary Jarrard |                                     |  |
| Outstanding Class Member Award                       |                                     |  |
| Sophomore  |                                     |  |
| Male   | Leandro Sodre                       |  |
| Female   | Heather Cole                        |  |
| Junior   |                                     |  |
| Male   |                                     |  |
| Female   | Taela Ivory                         |  |
| Non-graduating Senior                                |                                     |  |
| Male   |                                     |  |
| Female   | Aaliyah Brown                       |  |

#### Doris Howell Leadership Awards

| Victor Bervian Neves   | Sara Marshall       |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Kenneth "KJ" Courtney  | Kayla Martinez      |
| Ikem Eriobuna          | Erica Potter        |
| Paul Fueston           | Alexandria Richards |
| Emma Givens            | Chile Roldan        |
| Rinku Gopali           | Oriana Tamburlini   |
| Westin Jacobs          | Logan Trowbridge    |
| Grace Komoe            | Shea Walker         |
| Rafael Marin-Castaneda |                     |

# **CEREMONIAL SYMBOLS**



#### **PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION**

There have been two presidential medallions in the history of Park University. The first, bestowed upon Acting President H. Melton Mohler by the student council in 1964, is a polished brass cross pattée with a sextant, representing the navigational mission of the president to guide the University, in the center. The insignia is surrounded by two red and vellow concentric circles and the words Fides et Labor, the University's motto. The presidential medallion of today, presented in April 2002 to President Beverley Byers-Pevitts, Ph.D., is made of gold-plated bronze, with the names and dates of tenure of each former president engraved on the links of the chain. The medallion symbolizes the president's responsibility for the welfare of the institution.

#### **CEREMONIAL MACE**

The ceremonial mace is among the oldest symbols of authority. Once used as weapons by royal bodyguards to protect kings, cities and parliaments eventually began using them, and the heads of medieval universities later followed suit. In academia today, the ceremonial mace has become one of the treasured symbols of office and is representative of the power of an institution. Park University's 42-inch ceremonial mace was commissioned by President Greg Gunderson, Ph.D., in 2017. In the center of the mace head is Park University's Mackay Hall clock tower and the school motto, Fides et Labor. The antique bronze, octagonshaped platform that supports the mace head has a cherrywood upper disk and a lower disc made with limestone mined from Park University's Parkville Campus, serving as a representation of Park University's strong foundation.

