



*Academic
Honors and Awards*

GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY

2026

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026 •

RECEPTION 3:30 P.M. • PROGRAM 4:00 P.M.

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT DES MOINES • ANKENY, IOWA

Master of Ceremonies

Steve Snyder '88, *Professor of Humanities*

Welcome	Rachelle K. Keck, Ph.D., J.D., <i>President</i>
“The Power of Making Connections”	Lizabeth Michelle Richardson '26, <i>Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Media Practice</i>
Honors Society	Jori Avery, <i>Professor of Practice of Biology</i>
National and International Honor Societies	Jori Avery
GV Honors Program	Jori Avery
GVRISE (GV Research & Innovation Symposium Event)	Jaclyn Easter, Ph.D., <i>Associate Professor of Education</i>
Program Awards	Dr. Jaclyn Easter
Viking Council Awards	Kevin Dillon '27, <i>Viking Council Vice President</i>
Closing Remarks	Patty Williams, Ph.D., J.D., <i>Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mary Bontrager, *Relocate Iowa*

Michelle Book, *Books Smart Solutions LLC*

Bruce Bro, *National Foundation of Danish America (NFDA)*

Don Coffin, *Bankers Trust*

Rowena Crosbie, *Tero International*

The Rev. Amy Current, *Southeastern Iowa Synod*

Steve DeVenney '84, *Raymond James & Associates*

Jason Henderson '93, *Morgan Stanley Wealth Management*

Rachelle K. Keck, Ph.D., J.D., *Grand View University*

Nandini Krishnamurthy, Ph.D., *Corteva Agriscience*

Li Mandelbaum, *China Iowa Group*

Mike McCoy, *NCMIC Group, Inc. (Retired)*

Mike Moore, *The Mutual Group*

Chris Murray '98, *Denny Elwell Company*

Steven Neville '07, D.D.S., *Bondurant Family Dentistry*

Brian Ohoriko, *Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino*

Brooks Reynolds, *Blue Ribbon Bacon Festival*

Claudia Schabel, *Schabel Solutions*

Christi Taylor '97, M.D., *Value Based Care, Clover Health*

David Stark, *UnityPoint Health*

Tom Triplett '88, *Triplett Solutions*

Georgia Van Gundy, *Iowa Workforce Development*

Academic Awards

DEAN'S LIST

Undergraduate students who have successfully completed at least twelve graded semester hours of credit, received no grade lower than a C, and earned an overall grade point average of 3.5. Students who meet the following criteria at the end of each semester are recognized. A complete listing of students can be found at www.grandview.edu/academics/deans-presidents-list.

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Undergraduate students who have successfully completed at least twelve graded semester hours of credit and earned an overall grade point average of 4.0. Students who meet the following criteria at the end of each semester are recognized. A complete listing of students can be found at www.grandview.edu/academics/deans-presidents-list.

GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY HONOR SOCIETY

Full-time Grand View undergraduate students who have been named to the Dean's List and/or the President's List for at least four semesters are eligible for membership in the Grand View University Honor Society. Part-time students who have accumulated 60 semester credit hours and maintained a 3.5 GPA and transfer students who have accumulated 60 semester credit hours, maintained a 3.50 GPA, and have completed 12 graded semester credits are also eligible for the University Honor Society.

Graduating Seniors

Crey Abbas	Jalen Bets	Kyler Carstarphen	Philip Davidson
Kirsten Abbas	Macy Blomgren	Cameron Case	Augustus Davis
Cole Albritton	Jacki Boardman	Reese Casey	Elijah Davis
Christine Andersen	Yusupha Bojang	Harper Chambers	Shelby Davis
Madisyn Andrews	Matthew Bonner	Anna Clark	Pierre De Buretel de Chassey
Ella Armstrong	Abby Bortner	Lance Clayburg	Sofia Delgado
Kaitlynn Asher	Kayla Box	Ryan Cole	Sinay Diaz
Martena Baceleous	Kiley Brandsfield	Dacia Cooley	Danny Diaz Negrin
Sierra Bailey	Alyssa Brant	Ashley Craddock	Tucker Dickherber
Scott Bailey	Molly Breeding	Brynna Croy	Makayla Dietzenbach
Laney Baird	Amaya Briddell	Maddie Cunningham	Maguire Dillon
Cameron Bantz	Maren Buckingham	Monica Cunningham	Bailey Divelbess
Weston Barber	Thomas Bunce	Emma Dahle	Sydney Divoky
Hailey Battani	Emily Byrd	Hollie Dal Ponte	Ellie Dougherty
Levi Bearden	Kaleena Calcutta	Rose Dang	Kasey Draper
Jena Bentz	Catie Campbell	Austin Danilson	Denise Duple
Toby Berggren	Cailin Campbell	Jenna Davenport	Blake Edwards
Garritt Berkland	Rylee Carlson	Lily Davidson	Teelan Enenodion

Isis Esquivel	Cheyenne Jones	Makinzee Nichols	Ginevra Spinelli
Jonathan Featherston	Christina Jones	Nora Nosekabel	Tara Spranger
Katie Fees	Gracie Kallem	Hank Oleary	Bryce Stalder
Brianna Fields	Luca Kaltentbach	Apolonio Olivarz	Michael Steimer
Zioe Firkins	Taylor Kephart	Almedina Omerovic	Joshua Stevens
Derek Flack	Sophia Kirkpatrick	Claudia Ortiz Vaalencia	Hinton Stokes
Jacob Forss	Logan Knaack	Brooklyn Parker	Jared Story
Alex Foster	Ellie Knock	Brooke Pease	Jade Susemihl
Harrison Froling	Chloe Kottlowski	Alexis Penning	Sammy Swacker
Alynn Fuller	Benjamin Krdzalic	Ciara Perry	Alex Sydnes
Jenn Fuller	Christ Lampley	Abby Peterson	Marchus Taylor Evangelista
Lupe Gamboa Garcia	Karla Lampman	Brianna Peterson	Kyleigh Terry
Jorge Garcia-Juarez	Ethan Larsen	Alexandra Philavanh	Emily Theiss
Chris Garmon	Claire Leinen	Camden Rafdal	Sandy Thorup
Melani Gasca Granados	Nathan Limas	Yunien Ramos	Stacy Timperley
Liz Giesking	Pyae Lin	Nevaeh Randall	Si Tlo
Madison Gilkison	Isabella Lopez	Hudsen Reed	Andi Torres
Caci Goldensoph	Emily Lozoya Perea	Simeon Reichenbach	Nubia Torres
Mark Gonzalez	Kory Ludden	Regan Rice	Paige Trainor
Anna Gossling	Regan Mackey	Carly Richards	Andrew Tran
Justin Graves	Matthew Manders	Liz Richardson	Austin Tran
Lena Griswold	Emma Martin	Kaylan Riley	Casey Trudo
Jasmine Guerrero	Nathaniel Martindale	Alyssa Rinke	Blake Tubbs
Lucas Hageman	Dara Martinez	Rosie Rios	Faith Utsler
Charbella Haisch	Azeria Mbutthia	Jaelyn Roberts	Joshua Valencia
Addy Halstead	Chloe McDermott	Christina Rodgers	Lexi Van Utrecht
Destiny Hastie	Kiley McDonough	Evan Rogers	Carson Vandelune
Clarissa Hasty	Hailey McFadden	Ryan Saddler	Anna Vander Waal
Addy Hatting	Payton McNealy	Lalmuan Sanga	McKenna Veldey
Charlee Heffron	Samuel Mendoza	Drew Scherbenske	Robert Venosky
Olivia Heithoff	Michelle Mendoza	Ethan Schultz	Zooley Vo
Esmeralda Herrera	Tonatiuh Merlos-Rojas	Ajene Scott	Nhi Vu
Drew Hershey	Carolyn Miller	Kinley Shannon	Nina Walton
Evelyn Hierzer	Byron Miller	Kasey Sharp	Liz White
Tracy Hogan	Katie Milliken	Sidney Shaul	Trey Widhalm
Haleystar Honeck	Ella Miner	Mason Sheldahl	Brandon Wiechman
Lilly Hummel	Jenna Mintle	Gemmy Sigma	Meghan Wightman
Brandon Hunt	Brock Moore	Trent Silvers	Clara Williams
Jade Hunter	Guin Mozak	Lainey Sinclair	Olivia Wilson
Danielle Hurt	Kylie Muecke	Maria Siordia-Contreras	Gabe Winterrowd
Ella Hutchinson	Jackson Mueller	Pauli Smith	Shay Witham
Furaha Iddi	Jason Murley	Jackson Smith	Macy Wood
Carley Janssen	Kendall Nagel	Emma Smith	Cory Wood
McKenna Jodoin	Faith Neeley	Jalen Sortor	Nathan Woods
Corey Johnson	Annie Nguyen	Sophia Soulis	
Katie Johnson	Emily Nguyen	Morgan Sparks	

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL

Honor Societies

Alpha Chi, Iowa Theta Chapter

Alpha Chi is a national honor society whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and excellence and exemplary character among juniors, seniors, and graduate students. Its name derives from the initial letters of the Greek words alethia and xarakter meaning truth and character. Advisor: Dr. Joshua Woods

Kristen Abbas	Cailin Campbell	Austin Danilson	Adelynne Peterson
Davin Bell	Nicole Cory	Chris Garmon	Meghan Wightman
Abby Bortner	Maddie Cunningham	Sophia Kirkpatrick	Shay Witham
Madi Bracy	Monica Cunningham	Melisa Mwenyi	

Alpha Kappa Mu, Mu Epsilon Chapter

Alpha Kappa Mu is a general scholarship honor society open to junior, senior and graduate students in all academic areas who meet the requirements of the society. Our purpose is to promote high scholarship; to encourage sincere and zealous endeavor in all fields of knowledge and service; to cultivate a high order of personal living; and to develop an appreciation for scholarship and scholarly endeavor in others. Advisor: Steven Kellogg

Tina Anderson	Maddie Cunningham	Matthew Manders	Shay Witham
Scott Bailey	Rose Dang	Elyn Morris	Brandon Wiechelmann
Madi Bracy	Christopher Garmon	Melisa Mwenyi	Jodin Wyckoff
Yulisa Barroso	Benjamin Krdzalic	Ajene Scott	
	Emily Lozoya	Samantha Swacker	

Alpha Psi Omega, Omega Beta Chapter

Alpha Psi Omega is a National Theatre Honor Society for participants in collegiate theatre with the aim of encouraging dramatic production at every step in a person's academic career. Advisor: Kristin Larson

Jackie Boardman	Katelyn Borlaug	Cam Rafdal
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Phi Alpha

Phi Alpha is a national social work honor society whose purpose is to provide a closer bond among students of social work and promote humanitarian goals and ideas. Phi Alpha fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work. Advisor: Myke Selha

BSW:	Moo Psawhtee	MSW:
Elyn Brown	Christopher Garmon	Haley Stoll

Phi Eta Sigma, Grand View Chapter

Phi Eta Sigma is a national honor society for college freshmen. The goal of the society is to encourage and reward academic excellence among first time students in higher learning. Phi Eta Sigma is the oldest and largest freshman honor society. Advisor: Heidi Pries

Sara Arias	Ebuka Enyinnaya	Matthew Manders	Rhema Saddler
Cameron Clark	Anika Ernst	Payton McNealy	Tara Spranger
Maddison Cunningham	Melani Gasca Granados	Guin Mozak	Samantha Swacker
Rose Dang	Sarah Godbey	Brooklyn Parker	Lexi Van Utrecht
Carolina Diaz-Tovar	Taylor Kephart	Adelynne Peterson	Macy Wood
Sydney Divoky			

Psi Chi

Psi Chi is an international honor society whose purpose shall be to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship of the individual members in all fields, particularly in psychology, and to advance the science of psychology. Advisor: Dr. Joshua Woods

Madi Bracy	Lilli Hintzsche	Danyelle McGrew	Martha Sandoval Magallenes
Nicole Cory	Sophia Kirkpatrick	Melisa Mwenyi	Nama Sanduk
Hollie Nicole Dal Ponte			

Sigma Tau Delta

Sigma Tau Delta recognizes and encourages excellence, among undergraduate and graduate students, in all aspects of English language, literature, and the many closely related fields such as journalism, theatre, creative writing, media and film studies, communications, marketing, linguistics, and education, including literacy initiatives. Advisor: Dr. Bobbi Olson

Monica Cunningham	Olivia Heithoff	Ciara Perry	Samantha Swacker
Anika Ernst	Claudia Ortiz Valencia	Brianna Peterson	Liz White

Sigma Theta Tau, Zeta Chi at-Large Chapter

Sigma Theta Tau is an international community of nurses, dedicated to the advancement of knowledge, teaching, learning, and service through cultivation of communities of practice, education, and research. Advisor: Julie (Schwaller '99) Weichman

Lalmuan Sanga

Tau Upsilon Alpha

Tau Upsilon Alpha is a program of the National Organization for Human Services and its purposes are to honor academic excellence; to foster lifelong learning, leadership, and development; and to promote excellence in service to humanity. Advisors: Dr. Kristine Owens and Dr. Jill Sudak-Allison

Madi Bracy	Furaha Iddi	Edith Reyes-Santiesteban
Shaylin Gonzalez-Lorenzo	Melisa Mwenyi	

Theta Alpha Kappa, Alpha Gamma Sigma Chapter

Theta Alpha Kappa is an honor society for students of theology and religion. It is devoted to high standards of scholarship among both faculty and students inducted into the society. Theta stands for Theos, Greek for God, Alpha stands for Anthropos, Greek for humanity, and Kappa stands for Koinonia, the Greek word for community. Advisor: Dr. Mark Mattes

Doh Htoo

Corey Johnson

Other Awards

GV HONORS PROGRAM

The GV Honors Program is an application-based graduation designation. Selected students take classes that are organized around central themes of self, society, and the human condition that challenge students to think about critical issues that affect us all. The Honors Program also consists of social, research, and leadership opportunities designed to develop the whole person and scholar. Program Director: KC McGinnis

Fall 2025 Completion

Crey Abbas
Edith Reyes-Santiesteban
Melisa Mwenyi
Sammy Swacker

Spring 2026 Completion

Cierra Bernard
Jackie Boardman
Maddie Cunningham
Anika Ernst

Mady Gray
Katie Johnson
Taylor Kephart
Guin Mozak
Adelynn Peterson

Liz Richardson
Lexi Van Utrecht

GVRIFE AWARDS AWARDS

GVRIFE (Grand View Research, Innovation, and Scholarship Experience) is a campus-wide research event that showcases student scholarship, research, and creative work from across academic disciplines. Students present posters and talks based on course projects, applied research, literature reviews, and original studies. The event highlights the academic curiosity, innovation, and collaborative learning that define the Grand View community.

Beginning in Spring 2026, the SHaPEN Symposium and GVRIFE were combined into a single campus-wide research event known as GVRIFE. Fall 2025 SHaPEN award recipients are recognized here for their outstanding scholarship. Program Director: Dr. Idit Hazan

SHaPEN, Fall 2025

1st Place Overall & Symposium Winner & Original Research Winner

Isabelle Piedras (SWRK 410)
How Does Teen Pregnancy Impact the Teen's Well-Being and Success?

Original Research Runner-Up

Danyelle McGrew (SWRK 410)
Emotional Impact of Chronic Illness on Healthy Siblings

Upper Division Literature Review Winner

Natalie Smith (NURS 480) *Parent Education for Infants Diagnosed with Failure to Thrive*

Lower Division Literature Review Winner

PSYC 101 Team – Robert Avila, Mya Bethel, Gabriel Donner, Sophie Dredge, and Salu Lee
Psychedelics

Application of Theory Winner

Blet Paw (EDUC 146)
Effective Feedback for ELLs

GVRISE, Spring 2026

*Winners for the following categories will be announced on April 21;
therefore, recipient names are not included in this program.*

Natural Sciences

(Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Math, Computer Science, Kinesiology and all related fields)

- Best Oral Presentation
- Best Poster Presentation original research
- Best Poster Presentation application of theory

Humanities

- Best Presentation/Performance
- Best Poster

Social Sciences

(Psychology, Social Work, Education, Sociology/Criminal justice, Counselling, Business, Political Science, Nursing)

- Outstanding literature review lower division
- Outstanding literature review upper division
- Outstanding application of theory lower division
- Outstanding application of theory upper division
- Outstanding original research

Special Recognition

- Most Promising Newcomer
- Best overall poster/presentation

PROGRAM AWARDS

These awards celebrate an exceptional graduating student from select academic programs. Faculty members have nominated one student from their program who has exhibited remarkable academic performance, leadership, and significant contributions to their field. This recognition acknowledges the dedication, effort, and impact these students have made during their academic journey.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Athletic Training – Kaela Eslinger
Clinical Mental Health Counseling – Susanna Sosa
Education - Rose Hodgson
Organizational Leadership – Lea Kern
Social Work – Holly Thompson
Sport Management – Abigail Green

Secondary Education – Trey Widhalm
English – Brianna Peterson
Game Design – Keegan Walpole
Graphic Design – Luis Ramirez
Human Services – Shaylin Gonzalez
Information Technology – Zoie Firkins
Kinesiology & Health Promotion – Abby Bortner
Liberal Arts – Davin Bell
Nursing – Emma Martin
Organizational Studies – Abby Peterson
Paralegal Studies – Annie Newton
Physical Education – Hunter Shannon
Psychology – Edith Reyes-Santiesteban
Spanish for Careers and Professionals –
Adelynne Peterson
Sport Management – Thomas Maathuis
Social Work – Brynna Croy
Studio Art – Luis Ramirez
Theatre Arts – Jackie Boardman
Theology – Ryan DeBoer

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Accounting – Matthew Manders
Applied Math – Jenna Bentz
Biochemistry – Trent Silvers
Biology – Brooklyn Parker
Biotechnology – Anna Clark
Business Administration – Andi Torres
Communication and Media Practice –
Liz Richardson
Computer Science – Kory Ludden
Criminal Justice – Carolina Diaz-Tovar
Cybersecurity - Michael Schmidt
Data Science - Kasey Draper
Elementary Education – Sydney Divoky

VIKING COUNCIL AWARDS

Viking Council recognizes exceptional achievement, leadership, and engagement within the campus community. Outstanding individuals from each class as well as one organization and one club advisor are honored annually for their contributions to campus life at Grand View.

Outstanding First-Year Student	Manny Adame
Outstanding Sophomore Student	Sophia McDevitt
Outstanding Junior Student	Emily Nguyen
Outstanding Senior Student	Jenna Bentz
Outstanding Grand View Club/Organization	Women's Empowerment
Outstanding Grand View Club/Organization Advisor of the Year	Steven Kellogg

FULL-TIME FACULTY MEMBERS 2025-26

Art and Design

Rachel Schwaller
Claire Sedovic
Matthew Slaymaker

Athletic Training

Dr. Jessica Edler Nye
Dr. Emma Nye

Biology

Jori Avery
Dr. Marisa Banasik
Dr. Edmund Crane
Dr. Kaitlin Goodale
Dr. Idit Hazan
Dr. Adriana LaGier
Dr. Michael LaGier
Dr. Carter Reed

Business

Dr. Oscar Aguilar
Dr. Ryan Anderson
Dr. Kip Bottenfield
Dr. Scott Bull
Amanda Daugherty
Dr. Shannon Juergens
Dr. Dashle Kelly
Robert Ruisch
Dmitry Yarushkin '97
Dr. Alec Zama

Chemistry

Dr. Simon Kuihon
Dr. Xiang Ma

Dr. Rajib Musa

Dr. Laura Salazar

Communication

Dr. Erin Kim-Cho
KC McGinnis

Computer Science

Nathan Nissen

Counselor Education

Dr. Lourdes Araujo
Dr. Dominique Burns
Dr. Kimberly Garcia
Dr. Jilian Hus
Dr. Thomas Murray
Dr. Donald Nowak
Dr. John Pryor
Dr. Carol Seehusen
Dr. Jennifer Wagstaff
Dr. Kristi White

Education

Dr. Jaci Easter
Dr. Diana O'Leary
Chelsea Robinson
Dr. Amy Schumann
Katy Severe
Dr. Simone Sorteberg

English

Dr. Paul Brooke
Dr. Joshua Call
Dr. Brittany Cottrill Lloyd
Dr. Amy Getty
Dr. Bobbi Olson

History

Dr. Thomas Lecaque
Dr. Matthew Plowman

Kinesiology

Dr. Elizabeth Rullestad
McAllister
Dr. Zebblin Sullivan
Dr. Shane Warehime

Liberal Arts

Dr. Heather Brady
Dr. Steve Snyder '88

Math

Dr. Lucas Bennett
Randy Daniels
Diane Hintzsche
Dr. Sergio Loch
Dr. Steven Noren
Eric Skouson

Modern Languages

Dr. Sarah Miller Boelts
Dr. Amy Schumann

Nursing

Dr. Kathryn Arnold
Hollie Banning-Harmison
Lisa Laughlin '05
Diane Preston
Rachel Seltz-Falk
BSN '09 MSN '16
Savannah Tegmeier

Donna Walker '16

Julie (Schwaller '99)
Weichman

Political Science

Dr. Bryan McQuide

Psychology

Dr. Guy Cunningham
Dr. James Hanson
Dr. Kristine Owens
Dr. Jill Sudak-Allison
Dr. Joshua Woods

Social Work

Dr. Cathryn Beck-Cross
Dr. Alyssa Caldbeck
Gerd'Anice Noel
Myke Selha
Megan Thibodeau
Dr. Samantha Williams

Sociology

Dr. Ahmadu Baba-Singhri
Dr. Aaron Puhmann

Theatre and Speech

Kristin Larson

Theology and Philosophy

Rev. Dr. Mark Mattes
Dr. Trisha Wheelock

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