

# Academic Honors and Awards

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026 •

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

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## Master of Ceremonies

Steve Snyder '88, *Professor of Humanities*

Welcome .....	Rachelle K. Keck, Ph.D., J.D., <i>President</i>
Student Speaker .....	Lizabeth Michelle Richardson '26, <i>Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Media Practice</i>
Honors Society .....	Jori Avery, <i>Professor 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 .....	<i>Viking Council Representative</i>
Closing Remarks .....	Patty Williams, Ph.D., J.D., <i>Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>

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# 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](http://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](http://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	Garritt Berkland	Rylee Carlson	Lily Davidson
Kirsten Abbas	Jalen Bets	Kyler Carstarphen	Philip Davidson
Cole Albritton	Macy Blomgren	Cameron Case	Augustus Davis
Andrea Alvarado	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 Baceleos	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	Amiaya 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	Raeann Duinink
Toby Berggren	Cailin Campbell	Jenna Davenport	Denise Duple

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

# 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	Nicole Cory	Chris Garmon	Brooklyn Roder
Davin Bell	Maddie Cunningham	Sophia Kirkpatrick	Matthew Waters
Abby Bortner	Monica Cunningham	Taylor McCreedy	Meghan Wightman
Madi Bracy	Austin Danilson	Melisa Mwenyi	Shay Witham
Cailin Campbell	RaeAnn Duinink	Adelynne Peterson	

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

## 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*

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

## 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.*

## 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 (BSW)  
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**

**Outstanding Sophomore Student**

**Outstanding Junior Student**

**Outstanding Senior Student**

**Outstanding Grand View Club/Organization**

**Outstanding Grand View Club/Organization Advisor of the Year**

## FULL-TIME FACULTY MEMBERS 2025-26

### **Art and Design**

Rachel Schwaller  
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  
Dr. Amanda Daugherty  
Dr. Shannon Juergens  
Dr. Dashle Kelly  
Douglas Mitchell  
Dr. Robert Ruisch  
Dr. Mark Slavich  
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. Jillian 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 Tegtmeier

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  
Dr. 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