

Awards Ceremony

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Samford University

Orlean Beeson School of Education



A Message
From the Dean

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us to celebrate the hard work and talents of our students.

Orlean Beeson School of Education faculty and staff are passionate about preparing graduates who demonstrate keen knowledge and skills, commitment to their profession, strong moral character, leadership abilities and an unparalleled ability to enrich the communities in which they serve. Our graduates lead classrooms, direct schools, advocate for families, conduct research, serve organizations, and implement positive change across the country and around the world.

The students we honor tonight are those who meet and exceed our expectations. I invite you to join with me in congratulating them on their hard work and commitment to their professions.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anna E. McEwan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'A' and 'M'.

Anna E. McEwan
Dean



2023 ORLEAN BEESON SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AWARDS CEREMONY

Welcome—Dr. Anna McEwan, Dean Orlean Beeson School of Education

Invocation—Dr. Monique Witherspoon, Associate Dean Orlean Beeson School of Education

Awards Ceremony Remarks—Dr. Anna McEwan, Dean

Presentation of Awards

Educational Leadership Department

Human Development and Family Science Department

Teacher Education Department

Closing Remarks -Dr. Amy Hoaglund, Assistant Dean Orlean Beeson School of Education

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT

Maurice Persall Endowed Scholarship Racheal Haley (Dr. & Mrs. Persall)

Established in 2011 in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Doctor of Education program within Orlean Beeson School of Education and named in honor of Dr. Maurice Persall, long-time faculty, chair of Educational Leadership and director of the Doctor of Education program. This scholarship is awarded to a doctoral candidate with demonstrated financial need, academic ability to succeed, and commitment to the completion of the doctoral program in Educational Leadership.

Charlotte Opal Herring Ennis Scholarship in Graduate Education

. Machiah Fuqua (Rev. Ennis & Dr. Ennis)

This scholarship is established by Dr. Leslie Ennis and his father, Reverend Gene Ennis, in memory of Charlotte Opal Herring Ennis, mother and wife. The scholarship is awarded based upon need to students in graduate education in Orlean Beeson School of Education.

Jeanna King Westmoreland Scholarship Suhai Douglas

Established in honor of Jeanna King Westmoreland, by her husband, Dr. Andrew Westmoreland. They labored together in the cause of Christ-centered higher education at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas and at Samford University in Alabama. She served as the Dean of the Mike Huckabee School of Education at Ouachita and as the Chair of the Arkansas State Board of Education before moving to Alabama in 2006. Throughout her lifetime, she has been known as a world-class teacher, a skilled administrator, a caring friend, a devoted mother, and a loving wife. This scholarship is awarded to a student of financial need within Orlean Beeson School of Education.

Raymond Christian Scholarship Cristal Wooten

The Raymond Christian Scholarship was established by his family and friends as the memorial to his life and service throughout our community and state. It is awarded to a student preparing for service in public education either as a teacher, counselor, or administrator and is intended to perpetuate his motivation and character through succeeding generations of students.

Outstanding Dissertation William Heard

Outstanding Ed.D. student Jennifer Hogan

Outstanding Ed.S. student Chad Kennedy

Outstanding M.S.E./18 hr. Instructional Leadership student Stephanie Hendrix

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Distinguished Service Award Christa Chery

Outstanding Seniors Christa Chery, Heaven Colquiett

Undergraduate Assistant Scholarship – *Students will assist HDFS faculty with academic research and course management with a commitment of approximately 4 hours each week per semester. Evidence of service and potential contribution to the department, campus, and community, along with a minimum GPA of 3.2 are required. Funded by the Ralph W. and Orlean Bullard Beeson Scholarship Fund. Ralph and Orlean Bullard Beeson, for whom this school was named, have established several scholarship awards as a way to reward academic excellence. They also recognize leadership, participation in campus activities, and professional promise.*

. Lilah Harold (Dr. Hill)
. Katie Cataldo (Dr. Davis)
. Kaylee Snider (Dr. Chandler)
. Whitney Fix (Dr. Gerhardt)
. Julia Beller (Dr. Wenth)

Departmental Scholarship – *Evidence of service and potential contribution to the department, campus, and community required. Funded by the Ralph W. and Orlean Bullard Beeson Scholarship Fund.*

. Julia Beller

Academic Scholarship – *Minimum GPA of 3.5 with evidence of service and potential contribution to the department, campus, and community required. Funded by the Ralph W. and Orlean Bullard Beeson Scholarship Fund.*

. Rilee Alford Josselyn Kalber
. Kaylee Anderson Eva Labine
. Katie Cataldo Jordyn Parmley
. Whitney Fix Kaylee Snider
. Rayne Ford Amelia Grace Waltman
. Lilah Harold Deena Willcox
. Mallory Jones

Alumni Relations Assistant Scholarship – *Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 required. Student will work with the Alumni Relations Coordinator in the School of Education and will begin communication with alumni. This scholarship is funded by the Ralph W. and Orlean Bullard Beeson Scholarship Fund.* Reece Moore

Dr. Joan Gardiner Chambers and Home Economics Retailing Scholarships (3) – Dr. Joan

Chambers served as chair of the home economics department within the school of education. Dr. Chambers and her late husband, Mr. Carl Chambers, created these scholarships to provide financial assistance to support worthy students during their Samford experience.

- Lizzie Dunbar (Dr. Joan Gardiner Chambers Scholarship)
 - Rayne Ford (Home Economics Retailing Scholarship)
 - Josselyn Kalber (Home Economics Scholarship)
- (The Chambers Family)*

James H. Williams Endowed Scholarship – James H. “Jim” Williams

attended Morgan County High School in Hartselle, Alabama before volunteering for the U.S. Navy. As a member of the crew of the USS Dennis, he received a presidential citation for “extraordinary heroism in action in keeping with the highest tradition of the U.S. Naval Service.” After the Navy, Jim entered Howard College (now Samford University) where he earned a B.S. in Economics in 1949 and met Jean Daugherty Williams, to whom he was married for 55 years. Jim had a 30-year career as a contract negotiator for the U.S. Air Force which honored him with the Mark E. Bradley Award “for excellence in individual performance. He was a considerate person who exhibited solid Christian values, sincere patriotism, and loyal friendship. Jean Williams’ objective in establishing this scholarship is two-fold: to honor the memory of her husband of 55 years and to assist worthy students in their effort to acquire a Samford education. Jean explains, “I have been blessed personally and it is my hope that this scholarship will be a blessing to future Samford students.”

..... Katie Cataldo, Amelia Grace Waltman
(The Williams/Daugherty Family)

Orlean Beeson School of Education Legacy Scholarship – This scholarship awarded to rising junior students who feel called to work within education and/or in work that enriches the lives of families.

- Emma Marino

Ms. Jewell Scholarship – This scholarship was created by Leon Zalenski in memory of his wife, Jewell Carmichael Zalenski. The purpose of the scholarship is to demonstrate to the recipient what the Lord will do for the recipients whose hearts and minds are dedicated to loving and serving the Lord all the days of their lives. It will serve as an illustration of what can and will happen in the lives of one, with a passion for demonstrating to the lives of the recipients, the fact that “JESUS IS LORD.

..... Amelia Grace Waltman
(Reverend Leon Zalenski)

ACADEMIC HONORS

Highest Honors (GPA 3.75-4.0)

Rilee Alford, Anne Madison Banks, Rainey Bardolf, Gracie Blastic, Caroline Bowman, Caroline Brown, Bentley Bryant, Sterling Cannady, Claire Cline, Collin Defee, Libby Faucett, Whitney Fix, Ellie Higgins, Harmonie Hill, Faith Jones, Mallory Jones, Eva Labine, Raines Langston, Emma Marino, Ava Michaux, Jordan Morris, Isabella Morstatt, Erin Norris, Katelyn Parks, Jordyn Parmley, Anna Clay Parrish, Emma Peebles, Rob Rait, Julia Reis, Kaylee Snider, Shelby Snow, Emma Stoebner, Claire Stokes, Amelia Grace Waltman, Meredith Wicktom, Olivia Whited, Deena Willcox

Honors (GPA 3.5-3.74)

Faith Albritton, Kaylee Anderson, Mackenzie Arthur, Ashlyn Barrett, Evans Blanchard, Ellie Borcharding, Katie Cataldo, Annie Grace Davidson, Stuart Fischer, Jardin Friedl, Lauren Edwards, Bethany Garmon, Kylie Gazza, Laney Green, Lilah Harold, Ellis Herndon, Morgan Hill, Betsy Johnson, Josselyn Kalber, Jordyn Keesing, Rebekah Marsh, Reece Moore, Sarah Noe, Sarah Grace Queen, Allie Raymond, Caroline Skipper, Carolyn Standridge, Tori Stone, Danielle Ward, Dori Williams

TEACHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

John and Frances Carter Awards – *John and Frances Carter Awards for Excellence in Education are given each year to undergraduate students who show excellence in the K-12 classroom, based on their clinical experiences. Dr. John T. Carter joined the Samford faculty in 1956 and served until his retirement in 1987. He was dean of the School of Education from 1980 until 1986. His wife, Dr. Frances Carter, also served as a senior faculty member for many years. Over the years, the Carters have supported education programs by funding scholarships and sponsoring the Young Authors Conference held annually here at Samford. The Carters also led the International Book Project, which provided thousands of books to foreign university libraries.*

John and Frances Carter Award for Teacher Excellence in Early Childhood Education

..... Gracie Patterson
(Mrs. Nell Branum & Mrs. Myrtis Johnson)

John and Frances Carter Award for Teacher Excellence Elementary Education

..... Lindsey Brewer
(Mrs. Nell Branum & Dr. Tarsha Shepard)

John and Frances Carter Award for Teacher Excellence in Special Education

..... Jackie Rodriguez
(Mrs. Nell Branum & Dr. Mandy Hiltmier)

John and Frances Carter Award for Teacher Excellence in Secondary/P-12 Education

..... Anna Johnston
(Mrs. Nell Branum & Dr. Erin Gilchrist)

Ira F. Simmons Award Micaiah Collins (Dr. Jeanelle Day)

Kappa Delta Pi Chapter Award for Excellence in the Field of Education

..... Mary Snyder (Dr. Kate Scarborough)

Carol D. Dean Outstanding Service Award Alyssa Gross
(Drs. Joe & Carol Dean & Dr. Amy Hoaglund)

Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education Dean's Award for Outstanding Teacher

Education Graduating Senior Sky Hull (Dr. Amy Hoaglund)

ACADEMIC HONORS

Highest Honors (GPA 3.75-4.0)

Brooks M. Andrews, Ava M. Berry, Joy Channell Bozeman, Lindsey G. Brewer, Jenna Claire Brooks, Caitlin Rose Brunn, Mary Brittan Burgess, Micaiah L. Collins, Madison C. Comans, Ellen K. Conley, Lawson Gail Cribb, Mikayla N. Criss, Megan Joy Cruise, Linley Faith Darnell, Grace Samsel Davis, Ansley Allyn Dean, Rileigh Hope Dietter, Martha Elizabeth Dodson, Madeline Anne Dunn, Marigrace A. Dunn, Harper Elizabeth Francine, Hannah Michelle Freeman, Haley C. Galbreath, Emily Rose Galvin, Casidy Jo Gier, Melissa Noel Goolsby, Megan J. Greenfield, Isabella Claire Hall, Kinley S. Hall, Amy McCall Herndon, Sarah E. Howe, Skylar Ann Hull, Hannah Paige Jacoby, Margaret E. Johnson, Emmaline Frances Johnston, Latta Cooper Johnston, Anna Caroline Kirkland, Riley Joanne Lackey, Grace Kimberly Lafave, Emily H. Lankford, Caroline Elliott Lunsford, Ava Rose Maddux, Madeline Grace Manning, Ainsley Elizabeth McCannon, Caroline Marie Meyers, Allison Rae Middendorf, Olivia Katherine Mikul, Carson Isabella Osborne, Meera Suresh Patel, Grace Jean Patterson, Emma Grace Phillips, Trinity Elizabeth Phillips, McKenzie Mae Pilch, Emily Caroline Poe, McKenna Lea Ratliff, Halle E. Reynolds, Savannah Grace Rodgers, Jacklyn Ruth Rodriguez, Bailey Lane Rogers, Margaret A. Sanders, Hannah S. Sharpton, Olivia Parker Sisk, Haley Ann Skinner, Mary James Snyder, Mallory Kate Swank, Madison Elizabeth Tarifa, Elizabeth Reed Walker, Hannah Grace Walker, Molly Louise Ward, Abigail Elizabeth Weaver, Eli Creighton Wildman, Elizabeth Law Willcox, Alexander Grace Williams, Anslee Reese Wrather, Emalyn Perry Yantis

Honors (GPA 3.5-3.74)

Emily Maeson Allred, Anna Kate Beaudry, Caroline Melinda Bechtold, Maria Carol Benitez, Taylor Grace Butler, Julie Anne Clevenger, Olivia Grace Conklin, Megan Michelle Connolly, Avery Elizabeth Crawford, Morgan Elizabeth Curtis, Madeleine Marie Dally, Sarah M. Dodgen, Mary Madeline Drinkard, Margaret Anne Fulmer, Jordan Elizabeth Gaddy, Eva Louise Goldbach, Alyssa Marie Gross, Margaret Katherine Henry, Anna Kaitlyn Hoaglund, Anna Claire Howard, Kirsten Breann Jennings, Emily Victoria Jones, Eleanor Lillian Kerr, Kellum Dulaney Key, Courtney Elisabeth Krueger, Erin Margot Lambert, Bailey Suzanne Lankford, Mary Grace Leuenberger, Meredith G. Lindsay, Elisabeth Ann Mayfield, Taylor A. Miller, Maya Maria Moers, Rachel Ann Moore, Caroline Susanne Moren, Claire Douglas Mutert, Keely Paige Owens, Amelia B. Park, Hannah Grace Parrish, Kaylee Elizabeth Phillips, Hannah McLaine Pulley, Sara Rankin, Grace A. Robinson, Andrea Joy Salasky, Abbey Claire Smith, Luci K. Sobanski, Caroline Faye Thompson, Abigail E. Thornbury, Jennifer Elizabeth Woodham, Madison B. Zeitvogel

TEACHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Alabama Power School of Education Endowed Scholarship – *This scholarship was established to honor Rev. Terry W. DeFoor for many years of service to the Baptist Ministry and to promote the education of deserving students.* Lindsey Brewer

Alto L. Garner Memorial Scholarship – *Dr. Alto L. Garner was a member of the Samford faculty for 34 years and served as the first Dean of the School of Education. This scholarship is established in his memory by his family and friends and is awarded to graduate education students dedicated to the field of education and embodying characteristics of Dr. Garner such as Christian character, moral and ethical standards, caring, respectful, cooperative, validating and a champion for students.* Onassis Michelle Coronado

Anne Glaze and William C. Stone Scholarship – *This scholarship was established in memory of Charles R. Glaze and to honor Ila G. Glaze. This scholarship is for undergraduate students preparing for a career in education, with preference given to students from Madison and Limestone Counties in Alabama. Betsy Walker (Anne Stone)*

Bill and Pam Smith Family Foundation Scholarship – *This scholarship is awarded to students pursuing a career in elementary education, with preference given to those who are passionate about teaching mathematics and science. Anna Kate Beaudry*

Brookwood Baptist/Nila Graham Campbell Scholarship – *The Campbell Family and Brookwood Baptist Church established this scholarship in 2000 in memory of Nila Graham Campbell. The scholarship is awarded to a deserving undergraduate student with preference given to those students pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Education. Joy Bozeman (Bobby Campbell)*

Carter Family Legacy Scholarship – *The Carter Family Legacy Scholarship has been established to honor the many contributions made by the Carters to Orlean Beeson School of Education. The scholarship is awarded based on both merit and financial need to a student who is studying Elementary Education with a Christian education and missions concentration, with preference given to rising juniors and seniors. Maggie Johnson (Nell Branum)*

Jo Cooper & Henry W. Dark Endowed Scholarship – *This scholarship was created through a series of gifts from Edwin W. and Billie B. Bleier, in memory of their aunt and uncle, Jo Cooper and Henry W. Dark. The Darks both served as teachers throughout their professional careers. Emily Allred*

David Finn Legacy Scholarship – *Dr. Alyssa Barnes established the David Finn Legacy Scholarship at Samford to honor her beloved professor and mentor and pay forward the opportunities she received as a Samford student. Dr. Finn taught in the Department of Teacher Education in Orlean Beeson School of Education for 24 years and retired in April 2022. During his time at Samford, he was instrumental in the development of a special education degree program and inspired and touched the lives of countless students. The David Finn Legacy Scholarship is awarded to undergraduate students studying within the Department of Teacher Education with demonstrated financial need. Preference will be given to those who have a passion for teaching special education and wish to travel abroad as part of their Samford experience through a Samford sponsored program. Carson Osborne (Dr. Alyssa Barnes & Dr. David Finn)*

John & Frances Carter Scholarship for Teacher Education – *Dr. Frances Carter created a legacy of generosity in supporting our Samford students. In addition to her other contributions, she established the John and Frances Carter Endowed Scholarship to be awarded to rising juniors and/or rising seniors who are enrolled in a certification program for Teacher Education. Micaiah Collins, Grace Lafave (Nell Branum)*

Jewel Littleton Scholarship – *This scholarship was established by Orlean Beeson School of Education in honor of Jewel Littleton and is awarded to any minority student studying within any program within Orlean Beeson School of Education. Kiara Guerrero (Dr. Jewel Littleton)*

Kathryn Abercrombie Scholarship – Ms. Abercrombie and her family and friends have established an endowment to financially assist outstanding students in the school of education. This scholarship is based on academic performance, character, and worthiness of the individual Allison Middendorf

Mary Elizabeth Wyatt Scholarship – The late Mary Wyatt was a retired educator, an alumna of Orlean Beeson School of Education, and immediate past chair and member of its Dean’s Advisory Board for many years. While hospitalized for what would be a fatal stroke, Mrs. Wyatt formalized one of her last wishes: to establish the Mary Elizabeth Wyatt Scholarship as an investment in the next generation of Samford students. The Mary Elizabeth Wyatt Scholarship is awarded to a student who is starting their junior year at Samford University and is a registered declared student in Orlean Beeson School of Education. Scholarship recipients should exhibit Christ-centered character, have shown evidence of propensity in leadership, exemplify Samford’s motto of For God, For Learning, Forever, have earned at least a 3.0 academic average in their coursework at Samford University and have demonstrated financial need.
. Haley Galbreath (Gary Wyatt & Jen Wyatt)

Ralph W. & Orlean B. Beeson Scholarship Brittney Adams
. Ashley Arnold
. Madison Comans
. Jordan Gaddy
. Eva Goldbach
. Ellie Lunsford
. Keely Owens
. Meera Patel
. Margaret Ann Sanders
. Luci Sobanski

School of Education International Internships Scholarship – This scholarship was created by Drs. Joe and Carol Dean to support School of Education students enrolled in the Teacher Education Curriculum to enable and support their participation in international internships in developing countries allowing them to work as teacher assistants/interns in schools that serve local (primarily underserved) children.

. Haley Galbreath
(Drs. Joe & Carol Dean & Dr. Amy Hoaglund)

Twanna Caddell Powell Annual and Endowed Scholarship in Education – Established in honor of Twanna Caddell Powell. Since a large majority of students in the School of Education are female, the donor has expressed a strong desire to give preference to students that are male, of good character, in good standing with the school, and who have expressed intent to teach in the public school system after graduation.

. Micaiah Collins

Velma Wright Irons Memorial Scholarship – This scholarship is presented annually as a memorial to a beloved teacher and the wife of Samford professor, Dr. George V. Irons. The award is given to an education major who has strong goals towards pursuing a career in education Amy Herndon

Orlean Beeson School of Education Academic Leadership

Anna E. McEwan
Dean

Monique Gardener Witherspoon
Associate Dean

Amy Hoaglund
Assistant Dean

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Kristie Chandler
Human Development and Family Science Department Chair
Educational Leadership Administrative Department Chair

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Coordinator*

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Data Manager*

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Hannah Kennedy, *Assistant Professor*

Jane Marie Marlin, *Instructor*

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Mary Yakimowski, *Professor*

