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Thursday, May 1, 3:00 pm

Spiro Hall 2

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Welcome

Dr. Katia González, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs,
Professor and Chair of Education

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Student Keynote Speaker

Michaela Aversa, Class of 2025

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Presentation of Leadership Awards

Stephanie Adamek, Director of Student Engagement & Activities

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Presentation of Academic Awards

Dr. Katia González, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs,
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Presentation of Student Leadership Honors

Dr. Thomas Tressler-Gelok, Dean of Campus Life
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Closing Remarks

Dr. Thomas Tressler-Gelok, Dean of Campus Life

LEADERSHIP AWARDS

CAMPUS LIFE AWARDS

Thomas Carroll Award for Environmental Sustainability.....Alexandru Soroiu
*In recognition of dedication in leading the campus
toward a more environmentally sustainable future*

Class of 2008 Scholarship.....Khalil Wason-Taylor
*Given to a rising senior in recognition of outstanding qualities in
academics as well as service to the College*

Distinguished Leader Award.....Haley O'Toole
*Recognizes the student who possesses superior qualities of
cooperation, decision-making and management*

Leader on the Horizon Award.....Olivia Ontaneda
Given in recognition of a student who shows promise as a leader on campus

Outstanding Service in Communication Award Kayla Renwick
In recognition of contributions to one or more of the media organizations on campus

Panhellenic Council AwardTo be Announced
*Given to recognize exemplary service and leadership to the
Panhellenic Council, and for high academic achievement*

Interfraternity Council AwardTo be Announced
*Given to recognize exemplary service and leadership to the Interfraternity Council,
leadership abilities, good academic standing, and philanthropy*

L. Willard Knight Memorial Award.....To be Announced
*Given to a fraternity member with the highest academic average and exemplary
leadership performance*

Elsie N. Delo AwardTo be Announced
Given to the sorority achieving the highest academic average during the year

- David M. DeLo Award.....To be Announced
Given to the fraternity achieving the highest academic average during the year
- Outstanding Scholarship ProgramTo be Announced
This award recognizes chapters based on their scholarship program, which encourages members/new members to utilize academic support resources across campus, and promotes high academic excellence.
- Most Improved Academic PerformanceTo be Announced
This award recognizes a chapter that has made significant improvements to their chapter's GPA from last year. This year there are two award winners.
- Outstanding Philanthropic Award.To be Announced
This award recognizes a chapter that showed significant philanthropic commitment through financial support and awareness to address a need or issue within a specific community.
- Outstanding Service Award.....To be Announced
This award recognizes a chapter that has hosted or participated in community service programs to actively address a need through donation of time and talents.
- Outstanding Alumni Relations.....To be Announced
This award recognizes a chapter for their commitment to engaging their alumni through programming and communication.
- Outstanding Campus Involvement AwardTo be Announced
This award recognizes a chapter that is actively involved in the campus community through engaging in co-curricular activities and attending events across campus that promote diversity amongst campus involvement.
- Outstanding Panhellenic Council Involvement.....To be Announced
This award recognizes a sorority that has maintained good standing within their respective governing body, demonstrating active involvement not only with their council but other governing bodies as well.
- Outstanding Interfraternity Council InvolvementTo be Announced
This award recognizes a fraternity that has maintained good standing within their respective governing body, demonstrating active involvement not only within their Council but other governing bodies as well.

Panhellenic Chapter President of the Year.....To be Announced

The Chapter President of the Year award is awarded to a Chapter President that has gone above and beyond in their role as Chapter President. This award is nominated by members of the chapter on behalf of the awardee.

Interfraternity Chapter President of the Year.....To be Announced

The Chapter President of the Year award is awarded to a Chapter President that has gone above and beyond in their role as Chapter President. This award is nominated by members of the chapter on behalf of the awardee.

Chapter of the Year.....To be Announced

This award is the highest achieving award a Greek organization can receive. This award recognizes a Greek lettered organization that has gone above and beyond in every category: recruitment, philanthropy, campus involvement, alumni engagement, etc. Each year one organization is selected as the Chapter of the Year based on their performance.

Organization of the YearTo be Announced

This award is presented annually to a student organization that has made tremendous strides towards creating inclusive co-curricular opportunities for students. These awards are self nominated by the Club Congress.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

NICOLAIS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Business Administration AwardLaszlo Strasser
In recognition of the student in the Business department with the highest GPA

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Dr. Rhoda Frumkin Literacy AwardKatherine Dewey
In recognition of an education student committed to culturally responsive literacy in schools

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DIVISION OF HUMANITIES

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Thomas Kendris Award in Expository & Journalistic Writing.....Jonathan Ficarra
In recognition of outstanding work in writing courses and journalism

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Jack J. Boies Award For Creative WritingKassidy Garced
Given for excellence in the annual Creative Writing Competition

DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES, LITERATURES & CULTURES

Eduardo Chirinos Spanish AwardHarper Saxon
For outstanding work in Spanish language and literature

Modern Languages Award.....Sofia Acevedo
Given to recognize outstanding work in the Modern Languages

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The Socrates Prize..... Marlena Ries
*Given to a student with outstanding thought that has application
to human concerns in a community*

Exceptional Performance in PhilosophyOlivia Petrizzo
In recognition of academic excellence in philosophy

DIVISION OF PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS

DEPARTMENT OF VISUAL ARTS

Art History AwardKristen Alexander
*Given to a student who demonstrates excellence, both in and
out of the classroom, in the study of Art History*

Richard Gaffney Memorial Grant.....Kailey Marino
Given to support student work in Art

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DIVISION OF SCIENCES & MATH

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Biological Sciences Award.....Yineth Rodriguez
Given to a student demonstrating the highest academic promise in Biological Sciences

Robert D. Blomquist Memorial Award in Biology.....Artan Shaini
Given to an outstanding Biology student with good moral character

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE

Kurt Goedel Award for Excellence in Mathematics.....Ahmed Lotfi
In recognition of outstanding performance and achievement in the field of mathematics, based on the student's Grade Point Average and performance in class

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In recognition of outstanding performance and achievement in the field of mathematics, based on the student's Grade Point Average and performance in class

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Wagner College Award in ChemistrySummer Pillarella
In recognition of academically excellent work in Chemistry

DIVISION OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

Verrazano Memorial Prize.....Genevieve Bland
In recognition of outstanding academic achievement in Government and Politics

Phyllis Andors Award.....Eric Szepietowski
For outstanding performance in Government and Politics

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For outstanding performance in Government and Politics

International Affairs Award.....Elisa Parazzi
For outstanding academic achievement in International Affairs

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Gertrude Aull AwardKaitlyn Reilly
Given to the student who has the greatest potential as a psychologist

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Given to the student who has the greatest potential as a psychologist

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Academic Excellence Award in Sociology.....Grace Levkovich
In recognition of academic excellence in Sociology

C. Wright Mills Award.....Lillian McNally
*Given to a student with outstanding academic potential who
embodies the spirit of sociological imagination*

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AWARDS

Julia M. Barchitta Award for Civic Engagement.....Artan Shaini

*For bridging academic achievement and contributions to the community
participating in the Civic Engagement Certificate Program*

Bonner of the YearJareb Goldston

*Given to a student who exemplifies the Seahawk spirit of Civic Engagement and
leadership through ongoing community work, democratic engagement, and reflective
practice*

STUDENT LEADERSHIP HONORS

The Student Leadership Honors celebrates graduating undergraduate students each year. Honors cords are bestowed to student leaders who have served their community during their undergraduate experience at Wagner College and represent significant achievements of their contributions to the life of the College.

Katarina Andiel
Michaela Aversa
Isabella Berisa
Ralph Bologna
Siobhan Brannigan
Paola Brizuela
AG Carhart
Emma Casertano
Gavin Conner
Sydney Cox
Gabriella D'Antonio
Ximena De la Garza
Rebecca Desiderio
Victoria Dimino
Giuliana DiVirgilio
Nicholas DiVirgilio
Alea Fichera
Victoria Galdys
Maria Genidy
Christopher Giacobello

Grace Giovannone
Kayla Hibbert
Delaney Lawson
Emma Lofstedt
Christian Macaluso
Amanda Marko
Emma Maroney
Julia Mason
Ryan Myles
Amanda Nicoletta
Cephira Parker
Cory Perry
Madison Peters
Robert Picciano
Jade Schoenfeld
Akash Semonsz
Abigail Sullivan
Robert Tipaldi
Sarah Trask
Robert Volpe



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