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*Elizabeth Gibson Drinko*

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

**HONORS**  
Convocation

AWARDS PROGRAM  
2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR



## ELIZABETH GIBSON DRINKO 1922-2010



The annual Honors Convocation is named for **Elizabeth Gibson Drinko**, a longstanding supporter of academic programs at Marshall University, including the activities of the Drinko Academy.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, she graduated in 1940 from Crafton High School, where she was a member of the YMCA Leader Corps, the National Honor Society, the French, Spanish and Latin clubs, Girl Reserves, and a class officer in her junior and senior years. She earned a baccalaureate degree in psychology from Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, where she was a member of Beta Sigma Omicron (now Zeta Tau Alpha), the Panhellenic Council, the acrobatic swim team, the YWCA and May Court. She served an internship at the Neuropsychiatric Institute of Living in Hartford, Connecticut.

In 1946, Elizabeth married John Deaver Drinko, a Cleveland attorney and graduate of Marshall University. Together they had four children, eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Libby Drinko was an active volunteer who held offices in the United Presbyterian Women's Group, the Cleveland Council of Panhellenic, and participated for many years in the United Presbyterian Missionary Conference, the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of America. Her service also included the boards of several foundations.

She was the recipient of honorary degrees from Marshall University, Westminster College and Keystone College.

The Honors College is grateful to have had such an outstanding friend and patron as Elizabeth Gibson Drinko.



## HONORS AWARDS PROGRAM

Near the end of the spring semester, shortly before the Marshall University Commencement, the Honors Convocation has long provided an inspiring, campus-wide celebration of exceptional undergraduate student achievement. Named in 1994 for an extraordinary friend of Marshall, Elizabeth Gibson Drinko, the evening ceremony and reception has always been a means to publicly recognize graduating students that complete a distinct curriculum of honors coursework in addition to their major programs. It is also a way to provide students at all points in their course of study special recognition and commendation for clearly and effectively demonstrated excellence in academic achievement, research, or service.

The event has given faculty from across the university a valued opportunity to formally and publicly share achievements made by outstanding undergraduate students whom they have chosen for an award in their departments. To all honored students and their parents, the university extends a hearty congratulations. We are proud to recognize the intellectual curiosity, passion for learning, and dedication to critical thinking exhibited by the students listed in this program. These students have sought to challenge themselves and their faculty with difficult questions and in so doing developed habits that should help prepare them for what are, no doubt, challenging times.

Facilitating the annual tradition of convocation as a college since its creation in 2009 and first incoming class in 2010, the Honors College has sought to demonstrate its service and commitment to the entire academic community of Marshall. We are able to do our work for the greater good of our university community and the many communities of which our faculty and students are a part, through the support of colleges and academic programs who present these awards.

Like other universities, Marshall is a community in the physical sense given that we have our own distinct land, roads, and buildings. More importantly, however, we are a community that is bound by much more than simply the shared landscape of campus. We are knitted together by shared social practices that give a fundamental rhythm to life on our campus through the timing of classes throughout each day and the many cocurricular and other events that bring punctuating anticipation and new opportunities each week of every semester.



Like other universities around the world who were preparing to bring their communities together in collective celebration, Marshall has had to face the unwelcome arrival of the novel coronavirus. We are now in the midst of a pandemic that has already, and will continue to shape, the course of global history. Our campus is nearly empty of people. All but a few students sheltering-in-place in university housing have gone home. Face-to-face classes and gatherings of virtually any kind have been cancelled as we endeavor to shift to “virtual” meetings. Though necessary public health measures, these cancellations have deprived the community of Marshall of so many day-to-day events and special ceremonies where we enact social and academic rituals that form the very fabric not only of everyday lives for its members—students, faculty, and staff—but also markers of essential periods of transition such as the rites that mark completion and graduation.

Though in countless instances throughout the United States, including here at Marshall, universities attempt to provide “alternative” means for these important traditions, it is simply not the same. What remains consistent is the abundant pride we have for the achievements and well-earned acclaim of students and faculty listed herein. As we face a shared future seemingly inscribed with enhanced social, political and environmental uncertainties and complex problems for which we have no sure solutions, let us draw comfort from the community that is Marshall and rededicate ourselves to providing for and drawing on our shared educational experience and mission at Marshall to make meaningful and purposeful decisions to advance our collective well-being.



## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS BY COLLEGE

### *College of Arts and Media*

#### **Outstanding Undergraduate in the School of Art and Design**

Sarah Fox

#### **School of Music Outstanding Senior Award**

Megan Bailey

#### **School of Music Student Service Award**

Cody Elliott

#### **Concert of Soloists Winners**

James Newsome

Cadence Weaver-Deering

#### **Belle and Lynum Jackson Award**

James Newsome

#### **Paul A. Balshaw Award**

Cierra Doss

#### **Outstanding Undergraduates BFA Theatre**

Neely Seams

Kendra Williams~

#### **Academic Achievement BFA Theatre**

Jennifer Lewis~

#### **Outstanding Undergraduate Advertising/Public Relations**

Kristen Paige Leonard

#### **Academic Achievement in Advertising/Public Relations**

Brianna Toney

#### **Academic Achievement in Advertising/Public Relations**

Megan McGraw

#### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Journalism - Online**

Joelle Gates

#### **Academic Achievement in Journalism - Online**

Hanna Pennington

#### **Academic Achievement in Journalism - Print**

Amanda Larch~

~ Honors College student

\* Yeager Scholar



## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS BY COLLEGE

### *College of Education and Professional Development*

#### **Academic Achievement in Early Childhood Education**

Alexis Baker

#### **Academic Achievement in Early Childhood Education**

Tiyonia Haley

#### **Academic Achievement CIF - Secondary Education**

Jed Basler

#### **Academic Achievement CIF - Elementary Education**

Maddy Parker

### *College of Health Professions*

#### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Communication Disorders**

Kaycee Keaton

#### **Academic Achievement in Communication Disorders**

Kylie Slusser

#### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Dietetics**

Leah Mason~

#### **Academic Achievement in Exercise Science**

Kaylan Johnson~

Alexis Lemasters

Audreana Lewis

Cody Nypan

Rebecca Rhudy~

Paige Tarr

#### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Health Science**

Jennifer Gerst

#### **Academic Achievement in Health Science**

Kasey Fizer

Haley Sapp~

Tatiana Schrader\*

#### **Health Science Society Award**

Glenn Crofcheck

Lanae Whitney



~ Honors College student

\* Yeager Scholar

## **AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS BY COLLEGE**

### **Outstanding Achievement in Medical Laboratory Technology**

Emily Cernuto

### **Academic Achievement in Nursing**

Kari Allen

Brittany Burns

Kaitlyn Henry

Hannah McKinney

Kiara Pauley~

Amanda Peters

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Social Work**

Cassidy Duffer~

### **Academic Achievement in Social Work**

Morgan Duffy

Lydia Freeman

Kyla Harvey

Jaymin Layton

Sierra Rexrode

## ***College of Information Technology and Engineering***

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Computer Science**

Alexander Conlon Canfield\*

### **Academic Achievement in Computer Science**

Geanina Florentina Tambaliuc

### **Outstanding Undergraduate Research in Electrical and Computer Engineering**

Evan Allen

### **Outstanding Community Service in Computer Science**

Hwapyeong Song

### **Outstanding Service in Computer Science**

Alymbek Damir Uulu

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Engineering, Civil Engineering Emphasis**

Josh Mason

~ Honors College student

\* Yeager Scholar





## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS BY COLLEGE

### **Academic Achievement in Engineering, Civil Engineering Emphasis**

Logan Kerby  
Austin Linville  
Mandie Ronk  
Cody Stack

### ***College of Liberal Arts***

#### **Denman Award for Rhetoric**

Anna Williams  
Catherine Cummings

#### **Outstanding Teaching Assistant in Communication Studies**

Connor Shaw  
Tyler Rowe

#### **Ben Hope Award in Speech Communication**

Corton Rider

#### **Otis Ranson award in Organizational Communication**

Katie Stanley

#### **Edmund Taft Award for Outstanding English Student**

Sophie Ezzell~

#### **Mary Moore Award for Best Creative Writing Major**

Julia Wu

#### **John Teel Award for Best Literary Studies Major**

Laura Rice~

#### **Shirley Lumpkin Award for Best English Education Major**

Amber Brooks

#### **Outstanding Academic Achievement in English**

Emily Brammer~

#### **Sam Clagg Award in Geography**

Bennett Phillips  
Carly McGhee

#### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Japanese**

Caralee Casto~



~ Honors College student  
\* Yeager Scholar

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS BY COLLEGE

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in French**

Chloe Manning

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Spanish**

Olivia Rogers\*

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in German**

Brett Penny

### **Outstanding Undergraduates in Philosophy**

Jonathan Ross

Mike Waldeck

### **Academic Achievement in Philosophy**

Joel Carlos

David Schwartz~

Wade Sullivan~

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Humanities**

Jonathan Ross

Mike Waldeck

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Latin**

Wade Sullivan~

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Greek**

Wade Sullivan~

Jonathan Ross

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Classics**

Kara Jeffrey

### **Outstanding Student in International Affairs**

Madison Persinger~

### **Outstanding Student in International Affairs**

Grace Reed\*

### **Outstanding Students in Political Science**

Nick Blevins

Kara Legg~

~ Honors College student

\* Yeager Scholar



## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS BY COLLEGE

### **Outstanding Psychology Student**

Liberty Efird  
Allysa Hess  
Sidney Stover~  
Erinn Victory

### **Outstanding Research Achievement in Psychology**

Allysa Hess  
Liberty Efird  
Sidney Stover~  
Katelen Fuller

### **Outstanding Service Achievement in Psychology**

Allysa Hess

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Sociology (Academic)**

Mattie Shuler

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Anthropology (Academic)**

Emily O'Neal

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Sociology (Service)**

Baleigh Epperly

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Anthropology (Service)**

Sam Webster

## *College of Science*

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Biological Sciences**

Amber Sturgill~

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Microbiology**

Luca Brambilla\*

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Cell Molecular and Medicine**

Katherine Wang~

### **Academic Achievement in Biological Sciences**

Bethany Koontz~  
Ashton Mullens~  
Kennedy Snively\*  
Shelby Wellman



~ Honors College student  
\* Yeager Scholar

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS BY COLLEGE

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Student Ecology**

Kim Carr

### **Outstanding Senior Chemist**

Jordan Claypool

Justin Merritt~

Shannon Morrone~

### **HyperCube Scholar in Chemistry**

Ian Waddell~

### **Outstanding Undergraduate Biochemist**

Jessica Crislip

Shannon Morrone~

### **Outstanding Undergraduate Analytical Chemist**

Zach Mitchell~

### **Outstanding Sophomore Chemist**

Yiannakis Lysandrou

### **Outstanding Freshman Chemist**

Hayden O'Dell

### **Michael J. Little Outstanding Undergraduate in Computer and Information Technology**

Ryann Dyer

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Computer Application Development**

Philip Taylor~

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Game and Simulation Development**

Izzy Bennett~

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Web/Mobile Application Development**

Donald Draper

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Criminal Justice**

Christian Corrado

### **Alpha Phi Sigma Award in Criminal Justice**

Emilie Christenberry

### **Sam Dameron Leadership & Service Award in Criminal Justice**

Ranese Rash

~ Honors College student

\* Yeager Scholar



## **AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS BY COLLEGE**

### **Roger W. Simmons Scholarship in Criminal Justice**

Braxton Freeman

### **Dora L. Simmons Memorial Scholarship in Criminal Justice**

Tiffany Sloane

### **Jeanette Kitto Schumacher Scholarship for Criminal Justice**

Hannah Hickman

### **Fox Field Camp Scholarship in Geology**

Kaelyn Bentley

Brandy Moore

### **Fall Tuition Waiver in Geology**

Drake Grizzell

### **Academic Scholarship in Geology**

Kaelyn Bentley

### **Outstanding Freshman in Geology**

Paul Summers~

### **Academic Achievement in Geology**

Kelley Cusick

Alisha Hendrix

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Mathematics**

Faith Hensley\*

Chloe Marcum~

Skylaar Mease~

Ian Waddell~

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Statistics**

Colton Farley

Ryan Jarrell

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Applied Mathematics**

Kevin Hoops

### **Betty Frame McConihay Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics**

Jordyn Bryson\*

### **Sheldon and Connie Lynn Jones Scholarship in Mathematics**

Kenneth Hughes



~ Honors College student

\* Yeager Scholar

## **AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS BY COLLEGE**

### **Academic Achievement in Natural Resources and Recreation Management**

Taylor Kittle

### **Academic Achievement Environmental Science**

Bradly Jordan

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Environmental Science**

Tatiana Schrader\*

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Physics**

Ellie Maria White~

### **Academic Achievement in Physics**

Jeremy McCloud

Michael Moon~

### **Alva and Dixon Callihan/John Marshall Scholarship in Physics**

Ellie Maria White~

### **Dixon Callihan, Donald C Martin & Ralph Hron Scholarship in Physics**

Alexander O'Dell

### **Dr. Thomas J & Mary A Manakkil Scholarship in Physics**

Andrew Prostor

### ***Lewis College of Business***

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Management**

Luke Smith

Ayana Warner

### **Academic Achievement in Management**

John Chapman

Metz Gonzalez

Jessica Holt

Jaisel Kinder

Collin Lee

Goff Tanner

### **Academic Achievement in Energy Management**

Logan Poynter

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Health Care Management**

Trinity Cole

~ Honors College student

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## **AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS BY COLLEGE**

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Health Care Administration**

Abby Fowler

### **Academic Achievement in Marketing**

Keely Blankenship

Hannah Petracca

Allison Smarr~

### **Leadership in Marketing**

Stephanie Rogner

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Marketing**

Cassem Mosrie

### **Community Engagement in Marketing**

Kathryn Kelly Leonard

### **Academic Achievement in Management Information Systems**

Hannah Dillon

Danielle Logan Mullins

Philip Taylor~

Augustus Workman

### **Academic Achievement in Entrepreneurship**

Pedro Dolabella

Hannah Ellis



~ Honors College student  
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# THE HONORS COLLEGE

## **The A. Mervin Tyson Award**

*Given annually to an exceptional student in the Honors College  
upon nomination by Honors seminar faculty*

Sarah Davis

## **Outstanding Student in Honors Seminars**

Adria Fox \*

Brooke Howerton

JaQualla Smith

## **Honors College Leadership Award**

Jesten Richardson

## **Honors College Service Award**

Joshua Davis

Kennedy Snavelly \*

~ Honors College student

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**MARSHALL UNIVERSITY'S  
2019-2020 NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS,  
ALTERNATES, FINALISTS AND SEMIFINALISTS**

**Winner, Goldwater**

Maria "Ellie" White~

**Winner, National Health Scholars Corp**

Megan Haffner\*

**Winner, Fulbright U.S. Student Program**

Maryanna Ball~

**Semifinalist, Fulbright U.S. Student Program**

Connor Kinder

**Semifinalist, Fulbright U.S. Student Program**

Paige Looney\*

**Winner, Truman Scholarship**

Anna Williams



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## UNIVERSITY HONORS GRADUATES

### *Graduating with University Honors*

Savannah Marie Adkins	Kylie Grace Johnson
Sean A. Adkins	Corey Arthur Jones
Elizabeth Jane Allenger	Garrett Paul Lageman
Alex Jamison Ashley	Kaitlyn Elizabeth Lamotta
Izzy Bennett	Amanda Jane Larch
Savannah Fayth Bowery	Kara Nicole Legg
Bailey Alissa Bowling	Sarah Elizabeth Lewis
Luca Brambilla*	Paige Looney*
Emily Brammer	Megan Lyvers
Dalton John Burgess	Christina Danielle MacIver
Evelyn Rochelle Bush	Thaddeus Dean Martin
Alexander Conlon Canfield*	Leah Marie Mason
Caralee Therese Casto	Olivia Grace McClanahan
Tyson Childers	Elizabeth Jean McCuskey
Collin G. Clemons	Benjamin McGhee O'Dell
Katelynn M Cook	Jenna Loriann Meador
Brianna J Cooper	Justin Merritt
Alexis Brooke Copley	Brett A. Miller
Britany Nicole Dotson	Kelsey Ann Miller
Delaney Ellis	Magen Paige Minyard
Sophie Ezzell	Zach Mitchell
Karenann Marie Flouhouse	Shelby Lynn Morgan
Alyssa Rae Hall	Shannon Blass Morrone
Sarah Gabrielle Harmon	Ashton Mullens
Amy Eileen Harrison	Carrington Nicole Napier
Brandon Scott Henderson	Jeremiah Jacob Parlock
Faith Elizabeth Hensley*	Kiara Brooke Pauley
Matthew Hoffman	Hanna Pennington
Jillian Ashley Holgate	Madison Leigh Persinger
Shelby Lynn Hudson	Joe Phipps
Kaylan Nicole Johnson	Courtney Jaye Powers

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## UNIVERSITY HONORS GRADUATES

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Laura Kathleen Rice  
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Allison Victoria Smarr  
Chloe Noel Smith  
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Kailey Brooke Stuart  
Catherine Eileen Wade  
Katherine Lily Wang  
Olivia White  
Matthew Cooper Wilson  
Kylie Marie Woodford  
Nicholas Adam Young



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**2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR**

The Honors College wishes to thank the following instructors for providing outstanding honors seminars to our students during this academic year. We are grateful for their service.

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Professor Jonathan Cox  
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Professor Matthew James  
Dr. Charles Lloyd  
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