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*Elizabeth Gibson Drinko*

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

# HONORS Convocation

AWARDS PROGRAM

2020-2021 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 students listed in this program. These students have sought to test 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. Far more importantly, we are a community bound by much more than the shared landscape of campus. We are knitted together by shared social practices that give a fundamental rhythm to life on campus through the timing of classes throughout each day and the many co-curricular and other events that bring punctuating anticipation and new opportunities each week of every semester.



## HONORS AWARDS PROGRAM

One year ago, together with universities around the world who were preparing to bring their communities together in collective celebration, Marshall had to face the unwelcome arrival of the novel coronavirus that is responsible for the disease we know now as COVID-19. Although remarkable success in the development of effective vaccines at an unprecedented speed offers a way back to normalcy, we are still in the midst of a pandemic that has already, and will continue to shape, the course of global history.

Last year at this time, our campus was nearly empty of people. How strange it was that all but a few students, who were sheltering-in-place in university housing, had gone home. Face-to-face classes and gatherings of virtually any kind were cancelled and students and faculty had to quickly adapt to learning remotely. Though necessary public health measures, the unsettlingly abrupt cancellations deprived the community of Marshall of many day-to-day events and special ceremonies in which 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 culturally significant rites that mark completion and graduation.

Though in countless instances throughout the United States, including here at Marshall, universities have over the past year attempted to provide “alternative” means for many of these essential elements of campus life, they are not the same. We are grateful for what we have been able to do as an institution to accommodate public health mandates while providing for our students—though we recognize that these many changes necessarily come up short of what we hold as the ideal. What has not changed in any way is the abundant pride that we have for the many achievements and well-earned acclaim of students and faculty listed herein. Last year, we exhorted that even as we faced a future inscribed with enhanced social, political and environmental uncertainties and complex problems for which there were no sure solutions, we could draw shared comfort from the community that is Marshall. As then, we welcome you to join us today to rededicate ourselves to providing for and drawing on our mission at Marshall to make meaningful and purposeful decisions that advance collective well-being.



## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS BY COLLEGES

### ***College of Arts and Media***

#### ***School of Art and Design***

**Outstanding Undergraduate Bachelor of Fine Arts, Visual Art, concentration  
Graphic Design**

Jacob Wood ~

**Academic Achievement Bachelor of Fine Arts, Visual Art, concentration  
Ceramics**

Raigan Hagerman

**Academic Achievement Bachelor of Arts, concentration Art Education**

Alyssa Lott

**Academic Achievement Bachelor of Fine Arts, Visual Art, concentration  
Sculpture**

Zane (Benjamin) Pinson

### ***School of Journalism and Mass Communications***

**Academic Achievement in Journalism Video Production**

Grant Goodrich

**Academic Achievement in Advertising/Public Relations**

Emma Kaufman

Sydney Wyer

**Outstanding Undergraduate in Journalism Broadcast**

Taylor Huddleston

**Academic Achievement in Journalism Sports**

Grant Goodrich

**Academic Achievement in Journalism Multimedia**

Blake Newhouse

**Outstanding Undergraduate in Video Production**

Kadin Tooley



~ Honors College student

\* Yeager Scholar

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS BY COLLEGES

### *School of Music*

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

Natalya Smith

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

Jeffrey Hutchinson II

#### **Outstanding Senior Award**

Hunter Blankenship

#### **Music Student Service Award**

Cayce Murphy

### *Theatre*

#### **Outstanding Undergraduate**

Ali Fletcher

Moira Williamson

#### **Academic Achievement in Theatre BFA Production**

Ty Baker

#### **Academic Achievement in Theatre BA**

Jennifer Lewis ~

Emily O'Neal

Kendra Williams

### ***College of Education and Professional Development***

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

Karissa Cochran

### ***College of Engineering and Computer Science***

#### ***Applied Science & Technology***

#### **Outstanding Undergraduate Occupational Safety/Health**

Rachel Bush

#### **Academic Achievement Occupational Safety/Health**

Danielle Berry

Megan Hall

Jared Terry

Tyler Yocom





## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS BY COLLEGES

### ***Computer Sciences and Electrical Engineering***

#### **Outstanding Undergraduate**

Skylaar Mease ~

#### **Academic Achievement**

Brian Farley

Eric Shoemaker

Trystan Willard

#### **Outstanding Leadership Award**

Caleb Johnson

#### **Community Service Award**

Bailey Protzman

Civil Engineering

#### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Civil Engineering**

Elisabeth Roberts

#### **Academic Achievement in Civil Engineering**

Jonathan Geis

Victoria Peyton

Michael Schwartz

Adam Stratton

Caleb Wise

### ***Mechanical Engineering***

#### **Academic Achievement in Mechanical Engineering**

Brittany Ballengee

Zachary Preston

Cole Klemstine ~

Olivia Rogers \*

### ***College of Health Professions***

#### ***Clinical Laboratory Sciences***

#### **Outstanding Undergraduate in AAS in Medical Laboratory Technology MLT**

Jessyca Conatser

#### **Outstanding Undergraduate in BS in Medical Laboratory Science (MLS)**

Gary Harvey



~ Honors College student

\* Yeager Scholar

# AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS BY COLLEGES

## *Communication Disorders*

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

Alli Buroker

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

Haylie Bryant ~

Madeline Rector ~

## *Dietetics*

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Dietetics**

Maggie Lane ~

Health Sciences

### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Health Sciences**

Bouthiana Fathallah \*

### **Academic Achievement in Health Sciences**

Lexi Adkins \*

Breanna Daniels

Loryn Forney

Destanie Neal

Tyrese Selinger

## *School of Nursing*

### **Academic Achievement BSN**

Cobie Bowers

Allison Short

## *Social Work*

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

Sierra Rexrode

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

Morgan Duffy

Josh Grube

Kyla Harvey

Markeisha Ross



# AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS BY COLLEGES

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

### ***English***

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

Lily Jurskis \*

RaJon Staunton

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

Cat Watson

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

RaJon Staunton

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

Lily Jurskis \*

**Outstanding Undergraduate in Professional Writing**

Michaela Randolph

**Award for Best English-Generalist Major**

Ivy Scoville ~

### ***Sociology & Anthropology***

**Academic Achievement in Sociology**

Paris Fairfax

**Academic Achievement in Anthropology**

Abi Taylor

**Outstanding Undergraduate in Sociology (Service)**

Matthew Adkins

**Outstanding Undergraduate in Anthropology (Service)**

Gara Fleming

### ***Geography***

**Sam E. Clagg Scholarship Tuition Waiver 2021-2022**

David Lockard

**Sam Clagg Award – Stipend**

Carly McGhee

**Academic Achievement in Geography**

Jasper Ball

Nate Crum

Jacob Glandon



~ Honors College student

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## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS BY COLLEGES

### *Humanities, Classics and Religious Studies*

#### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Classics**

Phoebe Stanley

#### **The Cleobis Ancient Greek Construal Award**

Sara Hensley

#### **The Biton Ancient Greek Grammar Award**

Thomas Kessler

#### **The Hoy Latin Prize for Best Intermediate Latin Student**

Alison Callicot

#### **Maier Latin Scholarship**

Celeste Maddy ~

#### **Outstanding Undergraduate in Religious Studies**

Wade Sullivan ~

### *College of Science*

#### *Biological Sciences*

#### **Outstanding Undergraduate**

Ala-Eddin Al-Astal ~

Jessica Crislip

Emma Myers ~

#### *Chemistry*

#### **Outstanding Graduating Chemist**

Joshua Davis ~

#### **Outstanding Senior Chemist**

Jessica Crislip

#### **Outstanding Inorganic Chemist**

Kerigan Parks

#### **Outstanding Physical Chemist**

Yiannakis Lysandrou

#### **Outstanding Analytical Chemist**

Sara Moreno ~

#### **Outstanding Biochemist**

Hayden O'Dell ~

~ Honors College student  
\* Yeager Scholar



## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS BY COLLEGES

### **Outstanding Organic Chemist**

Kara Joseph \*

### **Outstanding Freshman Chemist**

Khaled El-Shazly ~

### ***Criminal Justice & Criminology***

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

Kelley Barry

### ***Mathematics and Statistics***

#### **The Lillian Hackney Award**

Chloe' Marcum ~

#### **Outstanding Undergraduates in Mathematics and Statistics**

Ryan Butcher ~

Joel Krznaric ~

Logan Rose \*

Joseph Stamm

Ian Waddell ~

#### **Betty Frame McConihay Memorial Scholarship**

Brooke Jackson

#### **Francis E. and William W. Beldon Endowed Scholarship**

Ryan Butcher

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

Ryan Butcher

### ***Physics***

#### **Outstanding Undergraduate**

Ellie Maria White ~

#### **Academic Achievement in Physics**

Alec O'Dell

Peter Burbery ~

Ellie Maria White ~

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

Alec O'Dell

Ellie Maria White ~



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## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS BY COLLEGES

### A. Dixon Callihan, Donald C. Martin and Ralph P. Hron Memorial Physics Scholarship

Peter Burbery ~  
Alec O'Dell  
Bryan Vance  
Ellie Maria White ~

### ***Lewis College of Business*** ***Accountancy & Legal Environment***

#### **Academic Achievement in Accounting**

Zac Boggess  
Olivia Freeland  
Phillip Sears  
Ashlee Smith  
Amanda Spry

#### **Academic Achievement in Economics**

Joshua Dauber ~

#### **Academic Achievement in Finance**

William Burch  
Joel Krznicar ~  
Preston Moehling

#### **Academic Achievement in International Business**

Emerald Fatica ~  
Khanh Nguyen  
Corey Ross

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

Erin Ferry  
Jodie Jordan-Scott  
Dekota Metzler  
Andrew O'Callaghan  
Alex Schemel  
Gus Workman  
Douglas Workman

#### **Academic Achievement in Health Care Management**

Alecia Woodall

~ Honors College student  
\* Yeager Scholar



## THE HONORS COLLEGE

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

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

Abigail Dropik

### **Hedrick Scholarship**

Rachel Lykins

### **Jean McAllister Albarran Scholarship**

Dominic Collins

Courtney Lulek

### **Outstanding Student in Honors Seminars**

Tyler Herbert

Sydney Adkins

Ellie Maria White

## **MARSHALL UNIVERSITY'S 2020-2021 NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS, ALTERNATES, FINALISTS AND SEMIFINALISTS**

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

Paige Looney\*

### **Alternate, Fulbright U.S. Student Program**

Steven Schumann



## UNIVERSITY HONORS GRADUATES

### *Graduating with University Honors*

Alexis Brooke Adkins \*  
Ala-Eddin Yassin Al-Astal  
Kelly Rae Begil  
Lauren Bromund  
William Isaac Brown  
Haylie N Bryant  
Jordyn Raeann Bryson \*  
Sydney Nicole Bumpus  
Erica Michelle Burns \*  
Samuel C Casto  
Sophia M Celdran  
Hibba Chaudhry  
Parker Andrew D'Antoni  
Joshua B Davis  
Benjamin J Day  
Abigail Rose Dropik  
Grace A Edmunds  
Bouthiana Farah Fathallah \*  
Austin F Fry  
Christopher Grahe  
Levi Wallace Haines  
Christoph Daniel Hart  
Lily Katherine Jurskis \*  
Shay Marie Kaminski  
Selena Khanna  
Iram M Kingson  
Joel N Krznicaric  
Olivia E Lewis  
Chloe' Madison Marcum  
Cara Nina Martin  
Darby Jo McCloud  
Sarah Josephine McGlumphy  
Skylar A Mease  
Andrew S Milton  
Emily Grace Moles  
Alexis A Moore  
Sara Isabella Moreno

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## UNIVERSITY HONORS GRADUATES

George Blass Morrone IV  
Phillip Roger Murphy  
Skylar Marie Rader  
Asad I Ranavaya  
Jack Jeffrey Ray  
Grace Elizabeth Reed \*  
Ashton P Rexroad  
Olivia Grace Tolliver Rogers \*  
Isabella Grace Scarberry  
Rachel Lykins Sharp  
Coy Smith  
Jackson David Starkey  
Travis W Stevens  
Amber Lynn Sturgill  
William Thompson  
Jensen Avery Tucker  
Ian Patrick Waddell  
Brayden Matthew Willmore



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## HONORS FACULTY 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Honors College wishes to thank the faculty who provided outstanding honors seminars (FYS100H, HON 200 and HON 480) to Honors students during this academic year. We are also grateful for the faculty who taught a wide variety of departmental honors-designated courses that contribute to honors education at Marshall who are listed with the department within which they taught one or more honors sections.

Professor Clara Adkins, *Communication Studies*

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Dr. Britani Black

Dr. Tim Burbery, *English*

Dr. David Cartwright

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Professor Nicole Lawrence, *English*

Dr. Kristen Lillvis

Dr. Marianna Linz

Dr. Nicki LoCascio

Dr. John Markiewicz, *Chemistry*

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Dr. Rachael Peckham

Professor Patricia Proctor

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Dr. Stefan Schöberlein, *English*

Dr. Nadja Spitzer, *Biological Sciences*

Dr. Donna Sullivan, *Sociology & Anthropology*

Professor Chelsea Wallen, *Psychology*

Professor Mary Welch



**HONORS COLLEGE CURRICULUM  
AND POLICIES COMMITTEE 2020-2021**

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Marketing, College of Business

**Brian Antonsen**

Biological Sciences, College of Science

**Isaac Larison**

Literacy Education, College of Education and Professional Development

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