

VASSAR COLLEGE

Awarding of Prizes 2020

Saturday, May 23



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AFRICANA STUDIES PROGRAM

THE JUNE JACKSON CHRISTMAS PRIZE

Established in 1995, this prize honors a distinguished African-American psychiatrist and scholar from the Vassar Class of 1944, who later served with dedication as a member of the Vassar Board of Trustees. Dr. Christmas epitomizes intellectual achievement and commitment to social justice. This prize is awarded to the major with the highest GPA in the Africana Studies Program.

Athena E. Davis
Maimuna Touray

THE PAUL ROBESON PRIZE

Established in 1995, the Paul Robeson Prize for the best senior thesis in Africana Studies honors the famous African-American athlete, lawyer, singer-actor, and civil rights activist.

Maimuna Touray

THE MARIAN GRAY SECUNDY PRIZE

Established in 1995, the Marian Gray Secundy Prize honors a distinguished alumna who served for many years as a Vassar trustee and chair of the Minority Affairs Committee. This prize is awarded for meritorious achievement in field research and community service.

Athena E. Davis
Maimuna Touray

AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM

THE FRANK BERGON BOOK PRIZE

Established in 2006 upon the retirement of distinguished professor Frank Bergon, this prize awards a book in the field of American studies to an outstanding graduating senior whose multidisciplinary work best exemplifies the creative accomplishments of Frank Bergon.

Antonella Maria Bucco DeCicci
George C. Platt

THE HARVEY FLAD/ANNE CONSTANTINOPLE AMERICAN STUDIES BOOK PRIZE

This prize was established in 2003 upon the retirement of professors Harvey Flad and Anne Constantinople, two distinguished and longstanding faculty in the American Studies Program. It recognizes a student's outstanding academic contribution to understanding phenomena that concerned either Mr. Flad or Miss Constantinople.

Ruby Alice Mayer

THE HELEN D. LOCKWOOD PRIZE

This prize was established in 1999 by faculty and friends of the American Studies Program to honor, Helen Lockwood, an outstanding Vassar professor of English from 1927 until 1956. Ms. Lockwood believed that an understanding of societies and individuals emerged from the study of several disciplines, mixing theory with practice, and forging relationships between community, student, and faculty. A bequest at her death helped establish the American Studies Program, to promote, as she wrote in her will, "the reinterpretation and deepening of a liberal education." The prize is awarded for excellence in the study of American Studies.

Anya Micaela Bernstein

ART DEPARTMENT

THE FRANCES DALY FERGUSON PRIZE

Established by Belle Krasne Ribicoff, Vassar College Class of 1945, in honor of the retirement of Frances Fergusson, president emeritus of Vassar College, this prize rewards the outstanding accomplishments of a senior in the Art History Department.

Eleanor A McClure-Chute

THE GERTRUDE BUTTENWIESER PRINS PRIZE

Established in 1929 by a gift from Gertrude Buttenwieser Prins, Class of 1927, this prize is awarded to a student who demonstrates originality, independence and excellence in the study of art history.

Griffin S. Pion

THE LEWIS RUBENSTEIN AWARD

This award was named in honor of the artist, Lewis Rubenstein (1903-2004), who taught painting at Vassar through 1976. It is awarded to a senior major in Studio Art who demonstrates general outstanding achievement in this discipline.

Maggie Chuyue Chen

THE WEITZEL BARBER ART TRAVEL PRIZE

Established in 1986 by Dr. Mary Elizabeth Weitzel to honor the memory of Professor Leila Cook Barber, this prize allows students in the Art Department the opportunity to travel abroad in order to study original works of art.

Karly Andreassen

Cassie Jain

Alessandra C Pilkington

Kelly R. Vinett

ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

THE SOPHIA H. CHEN ZEN MEMORIAL PRIZE

Established in 1979 by a gift from E-Tu Zen Sun, Class of 1944 and E-su Cheng, Class of 1951, in honor of their mother, this prize is awarded to the student who has written the best thesis in Asian Studies.

Sean Y Xu

ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM AND THE CHINESE AND JAPANESE DEPARTMENT

THE JESSE KALIN BOOK PRIZE

This prize was established in 2003 by the Asian Studies faculty to honor Jesse Kalin, scholar of Japanese film, past director of Asian Studies, and professor of philosophy, at his retirement. The prize is awarded to a senior who demonstrates excellence in Japanese language and cultural studies.

Charlotte Meng

Abigail Ren

BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

THE VIRGINIA SWINBURNE BROWNELL PRIZES

In 1913, William C. Brownell established three prizes in memory of his wife, a member of the Class of 1873. This Brownell prize recognizes excellence in the study of biology.

Benjamin Gregory

Rachel I. Strout

Lauren E White

THE KATE ROBERTS PRIZE

Established in October, 1929, by a bequest of Mary Roberts, in memory of her sister, Kate Roberts Lewis, Class of 1875, this prize is awarded to Vassar students who demonstrate excellence in biology.

Maithri V. Goud

Dean M. Rosenthal

Adam J. Stefek

Nadia Aleksandra De Bow Tate

Theresa Rhiannon Waters

Connie Yingshi Zhong

CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT AND BIOCHEMISTRY PROGRAM

THE JEFFREY CHANCE MEMORIAL PRIZE

This prize is awarded to honor the memory of Jeffrey Chance, an assistant professor of chemistry who died in 1991 after having taught at Vassar for two years. It recognizes excellence in both coursework and research in chemistry.

Madeleine A. Gaidimas

THE OLIVE M. LAMMERT PRIZES

This prize, established in 1933 in memory of Olive M. Lammert, Class of 1915 and a professor of chemistry at Vassar, is awarded to a student demonstrating excellent work in biochemistry.

Se Jung Chang

Kyungyoon Yoo

CHEMISTRY PROGRAM

The Olive M. Lammert Prize for excellence in chemistry recognizes the accomplishments of an outstanding senior chemistry major.

Elle N. McKenzie

THE OLIVE M. LAMMERT BOOK PRIZES

These awards were established in 1933 at the time of the Lammert Prize and are given for excellence in various fields in the study of chemistry.

for excellence in protein chemistry

Sophie E. Nick

CHINESE AND JAPANESE DEPARTMENT

THE MAN-SHENG CHEN SCHOLARLY AWARD

This prize was established in 1995 by Yin-Lien C. Chin, professor of Chinese, on the occasion of her retirement from Vassar, in memory of her father, Man-Sheng Chen. It is awarded to a Vassar senior demonstrating excellence in Chinese language and culture studies.

Jonah S Goldenbird

Tse Yen Tan

Sean Y Xu

Connie Yingshi Zhong

YIN-LIEN C. CHIN PRIZE

This prize was established in 2005 to honor Professor Emeritus Yin-Lien C. Chin's extraordinary contribution to the studies of East Asian languages and literature/culture from 1967 until her retirement in 1995. Professor Chin was the founder

and driving force in the development of Chinese at Vassar. This prize is awarded for the best thesis or senior project in the Department of Chinese and Japanese.

Elliot J. Baik

Emily L. Gikas

Abigail Ren

Alex H. Sun

Tse Yen Tan

Connie Yingshi Zhong

COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

THE JANET HOLDEEN-adams PRIZE

Established in 1998 by Janet Holdeen-adams, a long time supporter of computer science at Vassar, this prize is awarded for excellence in the study of computer science and for outstanding participation in the activities of the department.

Eve P. Coulibaly

Junrui Liu

DRAMA DEPARTMENT

THE MOLLY THACHER KAZAN MEMORIAL PRIZE

Established by her friends from the Class of 1928 in memory of Molly Thacher Kazan, this prize is awarded to drama majors who have produced a particularly creative piece of work in the theatre arts.

Nicholas Charles Nathaniel Franzén

Alexandra Catherine Hatch

Julia R. Haupt

Emma Grace LaPlace

Mollie A. Lipkowitz

Rahul R. Makwana

Marc J. Milone

Maya C. Moiseyev-Foster

Martin Nikolov

Adriana Maria Ochoa

Samuel E. Peterson

Lucy R. Purnine

Annabel Tru Renshaw

Scarlett S Thompson

THE MARILYN SWARTZ SEVEN PLAYWRITING AWARD

Established in 1999 in memory of Marilyn Swartz Seven, Class of 1969, this award is for a junior or senior in any discipline who submits the best full-length play, pair of one-act plays, or musical theater work. The playwright will receive an award as well as a public reading of the work.

Jacob Anton Liss

EARTH SCIENCE AND GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

THE ELLEN CHURCHILL SEMPLE PRIZE

This prize was established in 1997 by geography faculty and alumnae/i to honor an outstanding alumna, Ellen Churchill Semple, Class of 1882, who also earned her MA in 1891. A founding member of the Association of American Geographers and its first female president, she was called, at the time of her death, "Dean of American Geographers" and the greatest anthrogeographer in the world. This prize is awarded for excellence in the study of geography.

Adele Catherine Birkenes

THE ERMINNIE A. SMITH MEMORIAL PRIZE

Established in 1888 by "The Aesthetic Society" in memory of Mrs. Smith, its founder and president, this prize is given to a student for excellence in the study of geology.

Austin J Mello

ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

THE VIRGINIA SWINBURNE BROWNELL PRIZES

In 1913, William C. Brownell established three prizes in memory of his wife, a member of the Class of 1873. This Brownell prize recognizes excellent work in political economy.

Praew Grittayaphong

Nina Q. Zacharia

THE CATHERINE LUCRETIA BLAKELEY PRIZE

Established in 1929 by Chester D. Pugsley in memory of his grandmother, the Blakeley Prize is awarded in recognition of excellence in the study of international economic relations.

Lucas V. Krishan

Linh P. Nguyen

THE RUTH GILLETTE HUTCHINSON PRIZE

Established in 1938 by Arthur Hutchinson in memory of his wife, a member of the Department of Economics and Sociology at Vassar for twelve years, this prize is awarded for excellence in a paper on American economic history.

Connor J. Levchuck

Sydney E. Majka

THE AGNES REYNOLDS JACKSON PRIZE

Established in 1988 by Robert F. Jackson in honor of his wife, Agnes Reynolds Jackson, who was a loyal alumna of Vassar College and who was particularly grateful for the teaching of Professor Mabel Newcomer, this prize is awarded to a student who demonstrates excellence in written work in economics.

Dahlia R. Forte

Praew Grittayaphong

Ronela Haxhijaj

Danyal Rahman

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

THE JOHN IYOYA PRIZE

Established in memory of John Iyoya '83, this prize is awarded to the senior student in elementary education who demonstrates a love of children and teaching and who shows marked application of creativity to the day-to-day tasks of the classroom.

Olivia Laurel Keane

The DANIEL MINDICH '87 PRIZE

Established in 2019 in honor of Daniel Mindich '87, who inspired students and colleagues to work collaboratively to build communities of teachers, this prize is awarded for outstanding achievement and future promise in the field of education, as evidenced through academic preparation and demonstrated leadership in collaborating with peers and in field placements.

Hanna E. Stasiuk

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

THE BEATRICE DAW BROWN POETRY PRIZE

Established in 1962 by a number of her close friends and associates as a memorial, the Brown Prize is awarded for proficiency and excellence in the writing of creative poetry.

Bella Dalton-Fenkl

THE HELEN KATE FURNESS PRIZE

Established in 1884 by Dr. Horace Howard Furness in memory of his wife and in recognition of her interest in the general movement for women's education, this prize is awarded to the student writing the best essay on a Shakespearean or Elizabethan subject.

Julia Ilse Novick Metzger

THE ANN E. IMBRIE PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN FICTION WRITING

Established in 1988 by the Department of English, this prize was renamed in 2006 to honor the memory of Ann E. Imbrie, who joined the department in 1979 and at the time of her death was Professor of English on the Mary Augusta Scott Chair. This prize is awarded to a senior major for excellence in the writing of fiction.

Gerardo J. Lamadrid

THE RICHARD FEITLER '86 AND MARGERY KAMIN FEITLER '86 SISTER ARTS PRIZE

Established in 2001 with funds provided by the Smart Family Foundation, this prize is awarded for poetry based on a work of art in the collection of Vassar's Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center. It encourages students of poetry to look to original works of art for inspiration.

Bella Dalton-Fenkl

THE ALICE D. SNYDER PRIZE

Established in January 1944 in memory of Alice D. Snyder, Class of 1909, professor of English for 32 years, this prize is awarded for excellence in English.

Bella Dalton-Fenkl

Benjamin J. Papsun

THE DEANNE BEACH STONEHAM PRIZE FOR POETRY

This prize was established in 1981 by Mr. and Mrs. George R. Beach to honor their daughter Deanne Beach Stoneham, Class of 1958. It is awarded for the best original poem or group of poems.

Katerina Pavlidis

THE LAURA ADELINA WARD PRIZES

Established in 1979 to honor Miss Ward, an outstanding scholar in the Class of 1915, this prize is awarded for excellence in English literature.

Max T. DuBois

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES PROGRAM

H. DANIEL PECK PRIZE FUND IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

The H. Daniel Peck Prize, named for the first director of the Environmental Studies program, is awarded to a graduating senior who demonstrates a mastery of the topic, and a committed and successful engagement with environmental issues.

Kai M. Greenlees

Wyn R. Zenni

FILM DEPARTMENT

THE DAVID C. MAGID MEMORIAL PRIZE IN CINEMATOGRAPHY

This prize was established in 1995 in memory David C. Magid, Class of 1976. It is awarded to a major who has demonstrated both academic excellence in film study and outstanding achievement in the field of cinematography.

Damián L. Zapien González

Julie Meredith Sandler

GERMAN STUDIES DEPARTMENT

THE LILIAN L. STROEBE PRIZE

This prize was established in 1959 to honor Professor Lillian Stroebe, who taught in the department from 1905-1943. The prize is awarded to the graduating major in German Studies with the most exceptional record of academic achievement in the discipline.

Jacob Anton Liss

GREEK AND ROMAN STUDIES

THE LARKIN PRIZE IN LATIN

Established in 2003 and 2004 from the Larkin fund bequeathed by Edwin Larkin in memory of his wife, Florence Sullivan Larkin, Class of 1910. This prize is awarded for outstanding work in the study of Latin.

Andrew C. Szente

THE LARKIN PRIZE IN ANCIENT SOCIETIES

Established in 2003 and 2004 from the Larkin fund bequeathed by Edwin Larkin in memory of his wife, Florence Sullivan Larkin, Class of 1910. This prize is awarded for outstanding work in the study of Greek and Roman civilizations.

Alyssa J. Burch

Joshua T. A. Samolchuk

THE RENO PRIZE IN GREEK

for outstanding work in the study of Greek

Mendel L. Jimenez

HISPANIC STUDIES DEPARTMENT

THE ANTONIO MARQUEZ PRIZE

The Antonio Marquez Prizes were established in 2013 through the generous donation of author, scholar and artist Antonio Marquez. Prizes in five categories

recognize excellence in students' creative work in Spanish.

Nonfiction Spanish

Bryan T. Fotino

Translation Spanish-English

Gerardo J. Lamadrid

Video and other media

Jordan I. Pollack

HISTORY DEPARTMENT

THE SOPHIA H. CHEN ZEN MEMORIAL PRIZE

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Hanna E. Stasiuk

Lauranne Virginie Wolfe

THE VIRGINIA SWINBURNE BROWNELL PRIZES

In 1913, William C. Brownell established three prizes in memory of his wife, a member of the Class of 1873. This Brownell prize recognizes excellent work in history.

Isabel Rose Bielat

Hanna E. Stasiuk

THE CLYDE AND SALLY GRIFFEN PRIZE

This prize was established in 1998 by James and Linda Merrell to honor Clyde Griffen, Lucy Maynard Salmon Professor of History emeritus, and his wife Sally (Vassar Class of 1958), who served the College as director of the Field Work Office. Celebrating the Griffens' scholarship and their decades of devoted service to the History Department and the College, this prize is awarded for excellence in American history.

William P. Weitzman

THE SOLOMON AND BARBARA WANK PRIZE

This Prize was established by Vassar alumni in appreciation of Professor Maria Hoehn. The award honors Solomon Wank, Maria Hoehn's undergraduate teacher and mentor. Students, family, and friends of Solomon and Barbara Wank and Maria Hoehn contributed to this award.

Amy N. Miller

Yunqiao Wang

THE LAURA ADELINA WARD PRIZES

Established in 1979 to honor Miss Ward, an outstanding scholar in the Class of 1915, this prize is awarded for excellence in English or European history.

Isabel Rose Bielat Hanna E. Stasiuk

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM

THE M. GLEN JOHNSON PRIZE

This prize is given to honor the work that Professor Glen Johnson did for the International Studies Program between its inception in the 1980s and his retirement in 2001. Glen Johnson came to Vassar in 1964 to teach in the Political Science Department. An enthusiastic supporter of multidisciplinary study he was a driving force in the establishment of the International Studies Program. This prize is awarded to the graduating senior in the International Studies Program who has done outstanding work in the program, and produced a thesis of particular strength and originality.

Xiaoting Hu

Samuel R. O'Keefe

JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAM

THE FISHMAN FAMILY BOOK PRIZE

Established in honor of Suzanne Rubenstein Fishman (VC???55) and her husband Dr. Lawrence Fishman, who endowed the Jewish Studies Program, and who have been its constant and consistent intellectual champions over the years.

Zane E. Diamond

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

THE MARY EVELYN WELLS AND GERTRUDE SMITH PRIZE

Established in 1960 by Vassar alumnae in honor of Miss Wells, a member of the Mathematics Department from 1915-1948 and Miss Smith, also a mathematics professor from 1908-1944, this prize is awarded for excellence in the study of mathematics.

Katherine Elizabeth Ellman-Aspnes

Hanwen Zhang

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

THE JEAN SLATER EDSON PRIZE

Established in 1987, this prize in music composition is awarded for a work chosen in a college-wide competition.

Lilian Eden Loew Carmichael

Benjamin J. Papsun

THE FRANCES WALKER PRIZE

Established in 1940 by the bequest of Captain John Walker in memory of his sister, Frances Walker, Class of 1913, this prize is awarded to a student displaying the greatest proficiency in piano.

Hanwen Zhang

NEUROSCIENCE AND BEHAVIOR PROGRAM

THE NEUROSCIENCE AND BEHAVIOR SENIOR PRIZE

Established in 1995 by the biopsychology faculty, the prize for excellence in neuroscience and behavior is awarded to the senior major who, having received honors in the Program, is further recognized for outstanding creativity, independence, integrity and performance in both academic and independent research work.

Gabrielle I. Coste
Sarah P. Garijo-Garde
Meeraal Zaheer

PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

THE JAMIE NISSE GREENBERG PHILOSOPHY PRIZE

This prize was established in 2014 by family and friends of Jamie Nisse Greenberg. Jamie was an exceptional student in the Department of Philosophy at Vassar College who had a strong passion for his work and intended to continue studying the philosophy of language in graduate school. The prize goes to students who have shown similar dedication to their work and plan to study philosophy at the graduate level.

Tabraiz K. Lodhi
Griffin S. Pion

THE MICHAEL MCCARTHY AND MITCH MILLER PRIZE

This prize was established in 2013 by Mark Ordan, Class of 1979, to honor the extraordinary contributions of Professor Emeritus Michael McCarthy, who taught philosophy at Vassar from 1968 to 2006 and Professor Emeritus Mitch Miller, who taught philosophy at Vassar from 1968 to 2013. It is awarded to graduating seniors or exceptional juniors for their excellence in philosophy.

Tabraiz K. Lodhi

THE PHILIP NOCHLIN PRIZE

Established in December 1960 in memory of Philip Nochlin, a professor of philosophy at Vassar College, this prize is awarded to a senior in recognition of an outstanding thesis.

Griffin S. Pion

THE VERNON VENABLE PRIZE

This prize was established in 1996 to celebrate the legacy of Vernon Venable, who taught philosophy at Vassar from 1932 to 1972 and who inspired generations of Vassar students and the generation of faculty who succeeded him in the

department by his teaching and devotion to philosophical education. It is awarded for philosophical excellence and outstanding contributions to the department.

Jack Kenney
Shuang Qiao
Francis J. Swayze

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY DEPARTMENT

THE LUCY KELLOGG ENGLISH PRIZE

Established in 1925 in memory of Mrs. English by her sons and daughters, this prize is awarded for excellence in astronomy and physics.

Jesse C. Lin
Ellis A Thompson

POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

THE MARJORIE LYNN GLUCK THESIS PRIZE

Created in 2010 as a memorial fund with a gift from Nancy and David Gluck, the parents of Marjorie Gluck'84, the prize was created to honor Marjorie and to acknowledge outstanding work on issues about which she cared deeply.

Isabel Rose Bielat
Sasha Gopalakrishnan
Darci Wen Siegel

THE IDA FRANK GUTTMAN PRIZE

This prize, established in 1937 by a gift from Ida Frank Guttman, Class of 1887, is awarded for the best thesis in political science.

Isabel Christine Braham
Dylan James Lynch

THE JULIA FLITNER LAMB PRIZES

Established in 1996 by the Department of Political Science, this prize, made possible by a generous gift from Mrs. Albert Richard Lamb, Jr., is awarded in recognition of excellence in the study of political science.

Carlos Eduardo Espina-Barrios
Ronela Haxhijaj
Mateusz W. Kasprowicz
Yasemin C. Smallens

RELIGION DEPARTMENT

THE J. HOWARD HOWSON PRIZE

Established in honor of J. Howard Howson, professor of religion from 1929 to 1959, this prize is awarded to a student for excellence in the study of religion and for contributions to the work and life of the department.

Sean Y. Xu

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIETY PROGRAM

PAULINE NEWMAN '47 PRIZE IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIETY

Established in 2017 by Judge Pauline Newman '47 to recognize excellence in Science, Technology, and Society. Judge Newman valued and encouraged continued engagement on the intersections of science, technology and social, political, historic, economic and philosophic contexts. This prize is an extension of her generous support of these endeavors by Vassar faculty and students.

Eva Gabrielle Gray

Margaret M. Matthews

SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

THE HINERFELD FAMILY ANNUAL AWARD

This award was established in 1976 by the Textile Veterans Association and Ruth G. Hinerfeld, Class of 1951, in honor of Norman Hinerfeld. It is given for outstanding work in the Department of Sociology.

Margaret Rose Devlin

Samantha Dylan Hodes

THE LESLIE A. KOEMPEL PRIZE

for an outstanding thesis in sociology involving fieldwork or a special project.

Sophia I. Massie

WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM

THE DASHIELLE ROBERTSON '17 MEMORIAL PRIZE

This prize, established in 2014, by Monika and Mark Robertson, the parents of Dashielle Robertson '17, is awarded to a student demonstrating excellence in women's studies.

Leah Ranine Cates

NON-DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

THE SARA CATLIN PRIZE

Established in 1984 in honor of Sara Huntington Catlin, Class of 1934, a former Alumnae Association president and trustee of the College, this prize is awarded for an outstanding contribution by a senior to the religious life of the community.

Antonella Maria Bucco DeCicci

THE HELEN MIRINGOFF PRIZE

Established by friends of Helen Miringoff, who served in Vassar's Field Work Office for 30 years, the last fifteen as director, this award is made to a student whose field work project has made a substantial contribution to the community, reflecting Ms. Miringoff's passionate belief in action informed by knowledge, commitment, and compassion.

Adele Catherine Birkenes

Bryan T. Fotino

Elizabeth Alexandra Ritchie Robertson

Sarah M. Santaguida

Lucy Y. Zhang

Aidan Karen Zola

THE EDITH GLICKSMAN NEISSER PRIZE

Established in memory of Edith Neisser, Class of 1925, by members of her family, this prize is awarded to a student who has demonstrated exceptional ability in child development and education.

Loizos A. Karaiskos

Marisa C. Peczuh

THE ASHISH PATIL '08 MEMORIAL PRIZE

This prize was established in 2014 by the family and friends of Ashish Patil, who passed away at the age of 27, after an extended illness. The Ashish Patil '08 Memorial Prize will be awarded to a student, who like Ashish, exemplify excellence in interdisciplinary studies.

Antonella Maria Bucco DeCicci

Alice Emily Woo

THE LEO M. PRINCE PRIZE

This prize was established in 1924 in memory of his brother, Leo, by Julius Prince, whose daughter, Lucy, was a member of the Class of 1927. It recognizes a student who has shown the most notable improvement while attending Vassar.

Marcin Alexander Williams

THE PHI BETA KAPPA PRIZE

Established by faculty and staff members of the Vassar chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, this prize is awarded to the senior judged by the current chapter members to have the most distinguished academic record.

Nicole M. Kormendi

THE LILO STERN MEMORIAL PRIZE

Established in 1996 to honor the memory of Lilo Stern, professor of anthropology at Vassar for over 20 years, this prize honors the student submitting the best senior paper written for an anthropology, geography or sociology course, to recognize Ms. Stern's strong interest in these fields and in written expression.

Molly Dolman

THE JANE DEALY AND WOODROW WIRSIG MEMORIAL PRIZE

This prize was established in 1990 by Woodrow Wirsig in memory of his wife, Jane Dealy Wirsig, Class of 1941, to recognize promise and achievement in the fields of journalism or communication.

Laurel J. Hennen Vigil

Mackail Richmond Liederman

Mary T. Retta

THE FREDERIC C. WOOD, SR. BOOK PRIZE

Awarded by the college to honor the memory of Frederic C. Wood, Sr., a generous supporter of the annual Frederic C. Wood, Jr. Memorial Lecture that has brought to the College important and innovative thinkers in many aspects of religion, this award is presented to a senior for excellence in moral and ethical concerns.

Jean Kevin Fernandez

Jordan I. Pollack

Awards presented by

Debra Zeifman,

Dean of Studies

Professor of Psychological Science

Carlos Alamo-Pastrana,

Dean of the College

Musical Performances by

Randolph R. Cornelius

Professor of Psychological Science

The Commencement Waltz

Michael Sheetz '07, piano

**Performed at St. Ignatius Loyola Church,
Manhattan**

Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 870

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Yves Raymond Dharamraj, cello

Adjunct Artist of Music

