

**Rutgers University–Camden
Arts and Sciences Honors Convocation Student Awards
2013 Student Award Recipients**

Alumni Association Awards

Lekha Racharla	The Edward J. Bloustein Community Service Award is presented to the students who best exemplify the selflessness, public conscience, and dedication to community that were the hallmarks of the life of Dr. Bloustein, the late president of Rutgers University.
Kerry Krautwald David Luor	The Rutgers University-Camden Alumni Association Outstanding Senior Award is presented to the graduating students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to the campus.
Javier Diaz	The Rutgers University-Camden Alumni Association Outstanding Adult Senior Award is presented to the graduating adult student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to the campus.
Michael LaManna	The Rutgers University-Camden Alumni Association Writing Award is presented to the student who has demonstrated significant achievement in creative writing.

Student Affairs Awards

Sarah Kooistra	The Tommaso A. Borda Memorial Award , in memory of Tommaso A. Borda, recognized campus leader and athlete, Class of 1983, is presented to juniors on the basis of outstanding contributions to campus activities, athletics, academics, and community service.
Cyd Williams	The James M. Gaffney Memorial Award , honoring Jim Gaffney, a student life counselor from 1976 to 1992, is presented to a student who has achieved success in spite of a disability.
Gina Black	The Rory “Cal” Maradonna Award is presented to a full-time student who has demonstrated considerable involvement on the Camden campus and who has been dedicated to promoting Rutgers-Camden. The Barry Millet Award is presented to students in their senior year and is based on the recipients’ leadership and on-campus activities.

Academic Awards

Gary Strockbine	The Arthur E. Armitage Award , given by Alpha Sigma Lambda, Gamma Xi Chapter, in honor of the founder of the evening college at Camden, to that society member whose academic record has evidenced the highest achievement among candidates for degrees.
Kerry Krautwald David Luor	The Athenaeum Honor Society Award is presented for distinguished academic achievement to the society members whose academic records

Melissa Mathis	have shown the highest achievement among candidates for degrees.
Kerry Krautwald	The Faculty Award is presented for distinguished service in the achievement of education at the Camden campus.
Brandon Labbree	The Honors College Award is presented for outstanding performance in an Honors Seminar.

Undergraduate Research Awards

The Dean's Undergraduate Research Prize recognizes the outstanding research conducted by students with the distinguished Rutgers-Camden faculty.

- Kevin Bach, for his project *German Unification as Seen in Two Leading British Liberal Periodicals*, conducted with Dr. Andrew Lees of the Department of History.
- David Bolanos and Joseph Harris III, for their project *Influential Factors of Retention of College Students: Effects of an Increase in Tuition on Socioeconomic Costs and Retention Disparity Among Students*, conducted with Dr. Tetsuji Yamada of the Department of Economics.
- Brandon Borrelli, Javier Diaz, Christopher Hengen, and Jacqueline Riel, for their project *Sino-American Chess*, conducted with Mr. LiQin Tan of the Department of Fine Arts.
- Maira Farhat, for her project *Using Drosophila oogenesis to Screen for Genetic Regulatory DNA Sequences*, conducted with Dr. Nir Yakoby of the Department of Biology.
- Natalie Midiri, for her project *Can We Call it Research?: Undergraduate Anxieties in the Humanities*, conducted with Dr. William FitzGerald of the Department of English.

The Margaret Marsh Undergraduate Research Award recognizes outstanding research conducted by students under the guidance of our distinguished faculty.

- David Luor, Kosha Parikh, and Daniel Ricketti, for their project *The Fruit Fly: A Tractable System to Study Mobility in Low Temperatures*, conducted with Dr. Nir Yakoby of the Department of Biology.
- Brian McAndrews, for his project *Antigone, In Paint*, conducted with Ms. Margery Amdur of the Department of Fine Arts.
- Natalie Midiri, for her project *Can We Call it Research?: Undergraduate Anxieties in the Humanities*, conducted with Dr. William FitzGerald of the Department of English.
- Rachel Rutecki, for her project *Spatial Mapping of Nanoparticles Near Cell Membranes and Vesicles*, conducted with Dr. Daniel Bubb of the Department of Physics.

Community Service Awards

Raelea Webster

The **Catherine Watson Award for Service to Children** recognizes outstanding graduating seniors for their commitment and dedication to improving the lives of children in the city of Camden through their service with the Rutgers Center for Children and Childhood Studies.

Departmental Awards

<i>African American Studies</i>	
Ishiya Hayes	The Africana Studies Major Award is presented to students who have made a significant contribution to the program.
Larry Williams, Jr.	The Africana Studies Minor Award is presented to a student who has made a significant contribution to the program.
<i>Biology</i>	
David Luor Jeffrey Polanski	The Drs. Owen and Ronald Rahman Award is presented to a senior who has demonstrated outstanding performance in the biology major.
Ryan Pachucki Daniel Ricketti	The Gerald S. Weissman Memorial Prize in Biology is presented to an outstanding student who has demonstrated the ability to perform independent research in biology.
<i>Chemistry</i>	
Joseph Dalessandro	The American Chemical Society Award, Philadelphia Section , is presented to an outstanding senior majoring in chemistry.
Julieanna Jakimowicz	The American Institute of Chemistry Award is presented to a senior who demonstrates ability, character, and leadership, and the potential for advancement in the profession.
Sarah Belh	The Analytical Division of American Chemical Society Award recognizes a student's aptitude for a career in analytical chemistry.
Joseph Dalessandro	The Drs. Owen and Ronald Rahman Award is presented to a senior who has demonstrated outstanding performance in the chemistry major.
<i>Childhood Studies</i>	
Steve Huntsinger Raelea Webster	The Childhood Studies Outstanding Graduating Senior Award is presented to a major who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement in childhood studies and community and/or departmental service.
<i>Computer Science</i>	
Thomas Greening	The Computer Science Academic Achievement Award is presented to a senior who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance in computer science.
<i>Economics</i>	
David Bolanos James Boyle Niral Dand Joseph Harris III Anthony Lugo	The Economics Department Award is presented to the students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement as economics majors.
<i>English</i>	
Joshua Waters	The Ralph Bergen Allen Prize is presented to the freshman who has, in the opinion of those who teach the course, demonstrated excellence in composition.
April Smith	The English Department Award is presented to an outstanding English major graduating from University College.
Cristina Chillem	The English Department Prize is presented to an outstanding English major graduating from the Camden College of Arts and Sciences.
	The Dr. Louis Forman Humanities Award is presented to an undergraduate

	student who has demonstrated outstanding ability in the humanities.
Natalie Midiri	The Betty Harris Jones English Department Award , given in memory of Betty Harris Jones, Assistant Professor of English at Rutgers-Camden, is presented to a graduating senior English major likely to make significant contributions in teaching and scholarship.
David Ochoa	The John C. Wentz Memorial Prize is presented to the student who wrote the best paper in an upper-division English course during the previous calendar year.
<i>Fine Arts</i>	
Samuel Gorelick	The Martin Dillon Memorial Award is presented to the student who has demonstrated excellence in the arts.
Diana Maddison	The Excellence in Art History Award is presented to the students who have demonstrated a thorough understanding of the basic principles of art history and who show promise of outstanding research.
Hyun Seo	The Fine Arts Service Award is presented to the student who has demonstrated excellence in the arts as well as dedication and service to the student body through the Art Students' League, the Department of Fine Arts, and the campus.
Michael Brunken	The John J. Giannotti Award , which honors Professor Giannotti, a former professor of art at Rutgers-Camden, is presented to the student who has demonstrated excellence in visual arts.
Brian McAndrews	The William M. Hoffman, Jr. Award for Excellence in Drawing and Painting is presented to the student who has demonstrated excellence in drawing and painting.
Javier Diaz	The Stedman Art Award is presented for outstanding achievement in visual arts.
Susan Johnson	The Mary Jane Kelleher Wille Memorial Prize in Visual Arts is presented for outstanding artistic and academic achievement in painting.
<i>Foreign Languages</i>	
Thomas Pinolini	The French Prize is presented to the most promising student in French language and literature.
Melissa McHugh	The Michele Muncy Academic Excellence Award is presented for outstanding performance in the French major.
Stephany Villar	The Michele Muncy Academic Excellence Award is presented for outstanding performance in the Spanish major.
Cameron Scotese	The Petros Odabashian Award is presented to the most promising student in German language and literature.
<i>History</i>	
Jordan Elliott	The Edward McNall Burns Memorial Award is presented to the University College senior with the highest academic record in the field of history.
Melissa McHugh	The Dr. Louis Forman Humanities Award is presented to an undergraduate student who has demonstrated outstanding ability in the humanities.
Kimberly Martin	The History Department Award is presented to the College of Arts and Sciences senior who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement as a history major.
<i>Institute for Effective Education</i>	
Julie Gaul	The Distinguished Elementary School Candidate Award is presented to the

	student teacher who has demonstrated outstanding ability for elementary school teaching.
Ashleigh Whitmore	The Nancy Higginson Dorr Award is presented to a student teacher who has demonstrated excellence in secondary school teaching.
<i>Liberal Studies</i>	
Gary Strockbine	The Undergraduate Liberal Studies Award is presented to the student who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement in the program.
<i>Mathematics</i>	
Benjamin Tuley	The Career Motivation Award in Mathematics is presented to encourage and motivate a gifted undergraduate major who has shown early promise of exceptional scholarship in mathematics.
Rachel Rutecki	The Mathematical Sciences Distinguished Service Award is presented to the student who has given outstanding service in the advancement of mathematics education.
Tim Hearn	The Mathematical Sciences Scholarship Award is presented to a student who excels academically in mathematics.
<i>Philosophy and Religion</i>	
Stephen MacDavid Kevin Mulroy	The Sybil S. Cohen Philosophy Award is presented to the student who has demonstrated excellence in philosophy.
Timothy Dewysockie	The Howard Morris Stuckert Memorial Award is presented to the student who has shown the greatest insight into the nature and value of philosophy.
Kevin Mulroy Bridgid Robinson	The Hugh White Memorial Award honors the memory of Professor White and is presented for outstanding performance in the study of religion.
<i>Physics</i>	
	The Physics Department Award is presented to the student who has demonstrated outstanding undergraduate research in physics laboratories.
<i>Political Science</i>	
Daniel Stapelkamp	The Robert D. Packard Memorial Award , in memory of Robert D. Packard, Class of 1976, is presented to a graduating senior majoring in political science, for academic performance and service.
	The following Jack Marvin Weiner Memorial Awards honor Mr. Weiner, who graduated in 1955 from Rutgers-Camden as a political science major and also completed his law degree here in 1958:
	For the highest overall average among political science graduates.
Jessica Saulnier	For general academic excellence by a political science graduate.
Rachelle Rankin Michelle Spotts	For outstanding performance by junior political science students.
<i>Psychology</i>	
Jeremy Bell Melanee Nugent	The Charles Kaden Memorial Award is presented to a non-traditional senior whose progress in the field of psychology warrants special recognition.
John Huhn III	The Psychology Department Award is presented to Camden College of Arts and Sciences senior psychology majors for outstanding scholastic achievement.
Meera Khan Melanee Nugent	The Psychology Department Award for Public Service is given to graduating psychology majors who combine academic excellence with work that promotes psychology in the public interest.
<i>Social Work</i>	

Kerry Krautwald	The Dean's Recognition Award for Excellence in Baccalaureate Social Work Education is presented to students for outstanding scholarship, superb field evaluation, and commitment to issues of social reform.
Sandra Berry	The Brian C. Wright Social Work Award is presented to undergraduate social work majors for commitment to social work values and ethics. <i>Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice</i>
Madison Nilsen	The George Masterton Award in Criminal Justice is presented to students for academic achievement, intellectual promise, and significant contributions to the University and larger communities.
Armand Basualdo	The George Masterton Award in Sociology is presented to students for academic achievement, intellectual promise, and significant contributions to the University and larger communities. <i>Women's and Gender Studies</i>
Kerry Krautwald	The Women's and Gender Studies Award is presented to the student who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement in the program.