



**RICHMOND**  
School of Professional  
& Continuing Studies™

# SPCS Night

*Class of*

**2021**

**Congratulations Graduates**

# School of Professional and Continuing Studies Night

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

## Welcome

## Acknowledgments

## Introduction of Graduates

## Student Academic Recognition

Richard W. Leatherman, Sr. and Ida May Leatherman Macebearer Award .....	Kenny Buchholz
United States Flag Bearer .....	April Bittner
University of Richmond Flag Bearer .....	Anne Chapman
SPCS Banner Bearer .....	Jeremy Tozier
Student Speaker .....	Cooper Sved

## Jean H. Proffitt Student Service Award

2021 Award Recipient .....	Matthew Ritchie
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## Annual Book Awards

### Graduate Education

Samuel E. Perry, Jr. and Nancy B. Perry Book Award in recognition of Excellence in the Teacher Licensure Program and Master of Teaching Programs, grades K-6 .....	Cooper Sved
Ann C. Taylor Book Award in recognition of Excellence in the Teacher Licensure and Master of Teaching Programs, grades 7-12 .....	Marielle Jones
James W. Lanham Award for Excellence in Curriculum and Instruction .....	Casey Parker
Catherine S. Fisher Award for Excellence in Educational Leadership .....	Felicia A. Artis

### Human Resource Management

Steve Neal Book Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Achievement .....	Ashley Snider
Steve Neal Book Award for Outstanding Graduate Achievement .....	Jeremy Grant

### **Information Systems**

George E. Christopher and George W. Swartz Memorial Book Award .....John Crabtree

### **IT Management**

McDonald Davis, Jr. Book Award .....Lisa Orlosky

### **Liberal Arts**

Kuehl Book Award in Recognition of Excellence in the Bachelor of  
Liberal Arts Program .....Adrienne Stewart

Daniel McDonald Roberts and Frances Taylor Roberts  
Master of Liberal Arts Memorial Book Award .....Anne Chapman

### **Nonprofit Studies**

Louis J. Narduzzi Memorial Book Award .....Drew Blakely  
Blake Stack

### **Paralegal Studies**

William R. Marshall, Jr. Memorial Book Award .....Rachel Young

## **Additional Awards and Honors**

Taylor Kie Cousins Award .....Ashley Snider

Colonel Porcher L. Taylor, Jr., Ph.D. Book Award  
for Community Leadership .....Mica Morgan

Elizabeth Spindler Scott Book Scholarship Award .....Dan Thigpen

Joanita Bbaale Senoga Book Award in Recognition of Academic Excellence by a Student  
Whose Native Language is not English .....Veronique Zara  
Sharif Delsouze  
Ani Gyurijyan

Graduate Education Distinction Awards... .....To Be Announced

Recognition of Published Student Research... .....To Be Announced

## **Commencement Speakers**

Gibb Family Distinguished Alumni Award .....Margaret Dalton, C'12

Itzkowitz Family Distinguished Adjunct Faculty Award .....Andrew Baker, C'08

## **Closing Remarks**

# Previous Award Winners

## **RICHARD W. LEATHERMAN, SR. AND IDA MAY LEATHERMAN MACE BEARER AWARD**

*The Mace Bearer is an honored position filled by the graduating senior with the highest grade point average.*

1998	Karen Gayle Smith-Will
1999	Mary F. Hogan
2000	Marina M. Taylor
2001	Jacqueline C. Mathews
2002	Cynthia Marie Johnson
2003	Clinton Douglas Darby
2004	Jonathan Payne DeShazo
2005	Patricia Wood Fagan
2006	Stefanie A. Hutchison
2007	Amy C. Hess
2008	Laura Morris
2009	Brian L. Taylor
2010	Patrick Jinks
2011	Jerry Stire
2012	Laura Taylor
2013	Jane Meriwether Delano Gilmore
2014	Brian Edward Spitzer
2015	Kelly Patricia Bryan
2016	Jack H. Foster, Jr.
2017	Samantha Elizabeth Eastlack
2018	Rebecca Hubbard
2019	Travis Sparrow
2020	Jerrod Hawkes

*Beginning in 2013, the Award officially became: Richard W. Leatherman, Sr. and Ida May Leatherman Mace Bearer Award*

## **JEAN H. PROFFITT STUDENT SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS**

*Presented to a graduate in recognition of outstanding service to the school.*

1996	Gilbert Franklin Logan, III
1997	Vanessa Laverne Wilson
1998	Donna Lee Wallain
1999	Marcia Pitts Englert
2000	Bonnie Jean Davies
2001	Annette Lynn Ardler
2002	Jarita Taylor Fife
2003	Linda Greco Koch
2004	Susan M. Hopfensperger Susan D. Murphy
2005	Phil J. Edris
2006	Marla Horsley
2007	Dianne Foster St. John
2008	Francine Reynolds
2009	Brenda Ann Neckvatal
2010	Christopher Riddick
2011	Trishawanna Murray
2012	Martha Pittaway Jimmy Nickerson
2013	John Ephraim Butt
2014	George Bernard Siecko
2015	Chris S. Hall
2016	Tracey N. Taylor
2017	Mark Joseph Reyes Gan
2018	Kimberley Payne
2019	Tyler Plantier
2020	Sarah Petty

*Beginning in 2014, the award officially became: Jean Proffitt Award for Service to SPCS*

## **GIBB FAMILY DISTINGUISHED**

### **ALUMNUS/ALUMNA AWARD RECIPIENTS**

*Presented to a distinguished alumnus/alumna for his or her service to the University, the community, and/or profession.*

1995	Robert R. Staples UC'72
1996	William E. Brazier UC'76
1997	John M. Plunkett UC'70
1998	Charles K. Tribble UC'68, L'71
1999	Earnest A. Huband UC'68
2000	H. William Kuehl, Jr. UC'73
2001	Carolyn R. Martin UC'86
2002	Fenton N. Hord UC'70
2003	Sarah O. Gunn UC'81
2004	Thomas W. Pearson UC'63
2005	Valerie J. Agnew, SCS'96
2006	Andrew Gibb, UC '83
2007	Connie E. Harvey, UC'95
2008	Fred Itzkowitz, UC'75, G'76
2009	W. Joseph Winston, UC'71
2010	Mary Ramsey Evans, SCS'02, G'06
2011	Scott Strickler, UC '87
2012	Patricia Gallagher, SCS'97
2013	Thomas W. Winfree, C'77
2014	Catherine Smylie McGehee
2015	Vanessa L. Jones
2016	Linda Koch, C'03
2017	Catherine W. Eagles, C'00
2018	Robert Reed, C'13
2019	Greg Mays, C'14, GC'16
2020	Eric Beatty, '01, GC'12

## **ITZKOWITZ FAMILY DISTINGUISHED ADJUNCT**

### **FACULTY AWARD RECIPIENTS**

1977	Julian E. Savage (deceased)
1978	Richard J. Dunsing
1979	William R. Marshall, Jr. (deceased)
1980	Walter A. McFarlane
1981	Kathleen M. Graeber (deceased)
1982	Earnest A. Huband
1983	Franklin J. Boyer (deceased)
1984	Earnest A. Huband
1985	Dennis L. Warmke
1986	Gregory D. Foreman
1987	Helen C. Fields
1988	John M. Plunkett
1989	Elizabeth S. Scott
1990	James E. Hendricks (deceased)
1991	James P. Kennedy
1992	Mary T. Dobbs
1993	James M. Helms, III
1994	Joseph C. Mitchell
1995	Elisabeth Evans Wray
1996	Mary Turner Dobbs
1997	Elizabeth S. Scott
1998	Mary-Ellen Kendall
1999	James M. Helms, III
2000	Martha L. Edmonds
2001	Shirley J. Hoerter
2002	Patricia B. Carey
2003	Rosalind B. Reilly
2004	Gregory D. Foreman
2005	Anne Marie Morgan
2006	Debra W. Hanson
2007	Jada P. Banks
2008	Maria Poindexter
2009	Robert S. Kelley

- 2010 John A. Zinn, III
- 2011 Cathy Herweyer
- 2012 Timothy Duffee
- 2013 Gerald Lee Quirk
- 2014 Carrie Anne Ludovico
- 2015 David A. Myers
- 2016 Connie L. Hill
- 2017 Daniel L. Hocutt
- 2018 Wendell Roberts
- 2019 April Greenan
- 2020 Meghan Rosatelli

*Beginning in 2014, the award officially became: Itzkowitz Family Distinguished Adjunct Faculty Award*

**25-YEAR MEDALLION RECIPIENTS**

- 2004 Debra Williams Hanson  
James Marvin Helms, III  
Walter A. McFarlane  
Elisabeth Evans Wray
- 2006 Martha Edmonds  
Gregory Foreman  
Rosalind Reilly  
Elizabeth Scott  
Michael Wriston
- 2008 Mary Dobbs
- 2009 Jean Moorefield
- 2016 Michael Champlin
- 2017 Tom Gates  
Dan Roberts  
Dennis Warmke

# Awards and Honors

## **Book Awards**

Book Awards recognize academic success and dedication to the School of Professional and Continuing Studies and the University. They are presented to top students in each program, as chosen by the faculty.

### **Jean H. Proffitt Student Service Award**

Established in 1996 by the School of Professional and Continuing Studies and the SPCS Student Government Association, this award is presented to a graduating senior recognized by his/her peers for outstanding service to the School. The award is given in honor of the service exemplified by long-time University College and SCS staff member Jean H. Proffitt, C'83.

### **Richard W. Leatherman, Sr. and Ida May Leatherman Mace Bearer Award**

Established in 2013, this award honors the memory of Richard W. Leatherman, Sr. and Ida May Leatherman and is given in recognition of academic excellence. The award recipient is given the honor of carrying the University Mace and leading the graduates in the Commencement procession.

### **Colonel (U.S.A., Ret) Porcher L. Taylor, Jr., Ph.D. Book Award for Community Leadership**

Established in 2006, this award honors Dr. Porcher L. Taylor, Jr. and the servant leadership he has exemplified his entire life. Dr. Taylor, a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., served in World War II, Vietnam and the Korean Wars. Dr. Taylor also served as Vice President for Student Affairs at Virginia State University and has spent his entire life involving himself in civic, charitable, educational and religious causes and serving as a role model for youth. This award is given to a graduating student who has provided leadership and involvement to their community.

### **Taylor Kie Cousins Award in Recognition of Outstanding Service to the University Community**

Established in 2010, this award is given to a graduating student who exemplifies outstanding service and leadership to the University community. This award is in memory of Adjunct Professor Emeritus Taylor Cousins' service and commitment to the School of Professional and Continuing Studies as a teacher and in recognition of his involvement in service to the community.

# Awards and Honors (continued)

## **Elizabeth Spindler Scott Book Scholarship Award**

Given by friends and students in honor of her 28-year teaching career at the University of Richmond School of Continuing Studies, this award is presented annually to recognize a rising senior who has demonstrated academic success in the Bachelor of Liberal Arts program. The award shall be used to purchase books during the student's final year of study at the School of Professional and Continuing Studies.

## **Distinction Awards**

Passed with Distinction honors are awarded to Master of Education candidates who have submitted capstone projects or comprehensive written examination responses that exceed faculty expectations by demonstrating an alignment of research and practice, thorough knowledge of the content, and evidence of integrated connection to theory through best practice.