

Awards and
Honors
for the SPCS
Graduating
Class of
2020



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Dear 2020 SPCS Award Winners,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the School of Professional and Continuing Studies, we send warm congratulations to each of you as you complete your academic journey here at the University of Richmond! We normally hold SPCS Night to recognize members of each year's graduating class who have been selected by their professors and peers for outstanding academic performance. Each of you being recognized has demonstrated an unwavering focus on your studies, pushing through obstacles you never imagined, and finishing what you started with great gusto. You inspire all of us, and we take great pride in celebrating your success.

While we cannot gather in the Modlin Center for our traditional SPCS Night celebration, we are pleased to share this commemorative brochure with you, which highlights a number of special awards and honors dedicated to graduates in the School of Professional and Continuing Studies. I invite you to share this memento with family and friends. Know that we're proud of you and that we're applauding all you've accomplished.

Congratulations!

Jamelle S. Wilson, Ed.D., Dean

Jerrod Hawkes

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

Established in 2013, and donated by Dr. Richard E. Leatherman, Jr., 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 of Richmond Mace and leading the graduates in the SPCS Commencement procession.

Flag and Banner Bearers

Kiana Bradford United States Flag Bearer
Tammy Alexander University of Richmond Flag
Bearer

Tiffany Humphrey SPCS Banner Bearer

Brian Kraeh

SPCS Student Speaker

The student speaker is selected from among the top graduating students.

Eric Beatty

Gibb Family Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient

Dr. Meghan Rosatelli

**Itzkowitz Family Distinguished Adjunct Faculty Award
Recipient**

Sarah Petty

Jean H. Proffitt Student Service Award

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

Katie Troy

**Steve Neal Book Award in Recognition of Outstanding
Undergraduate Achievement**

Noah Cox and Fletcher Cox

**Steve Neal Book Award in Recognition of Outstanding
Graduate Achievement**

Originated in 2006 and endowed by Dr. Richard Leatherman, these Human Resource Management awards commemorate the achievements of Captain Steven R. Neal of the Chesterfield County Police Department. He retired in 2011 after a 29-year career with the department.

Robert Richards

**George E. Christopher and George W. Swartz Memorial
Book Award**

This book award for a graduate in the Information Systems Program was created beginning with the SCS Night, May 5, 2004, and endowed by Dr. and Mrs. Ned K. Swartz in memory of their fathers. Dr. Swartz served as our Associate Dean from October 2001 to June 2015.

Ian Barclay

McDonald Davis, Jr. Book Award

Created the academic year 2005-2006, this IT Management book award was endowed by Dr. McDonald Davis, III in honor of his dad, McDonald Davis, Jr. Don Davis served as an adjunct professor in Information Systems from 1997 to 2014.

Emily Ball

**Kuehl Book Award in Recognition of Excellence in the
Bachelor of Liberal Arts Program**

Originally created in 2000 and called the Investment Consultant and Management Company of Virginia Book Award in the Liberal Arts, it was awarded to the top graduate in the BLA Program. In 2019, it was renamed in honor of the donor, Bill Kuehl.

Elizabeth Darling

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

At the 50th anniversary SPCS Night event, May 8, 2013, it was announced that Program Chair, Dr. Dan Roberts, endowed a book award for the top graduate in the MLA Program. It was created to honor the memory of his parents, Daniel McDonald Roberts and Frances Taylor Roberts.

Rachel Biundo

Louis J. Narduzzi Memorial Book Award

This award was initially formed in 2000 to honor a graduate in the Emergency Services Management Program. It was endowed by students and friends of Dean James L. Narduzzi in 2000 in honor of Dean Narduzzi's father, a policeman for 36 years. After the elimination of the ESM Program in 2015, the award was renamed to honor a graduate in the Nonprofit Studies Master's Program.

Trish Messer

William R. Marshall, Jr. Memorial Book Award

This book award, in recognition of excellence in the Paralegal Studies Program, was created in 2001 and endowed by family and friends in memory of William R. Marshall, Jr., (UR Law School, 1965). Mr. Marshall taught in the SCS for over 30 years and brought a wealth of knowledge and inspiration to students in the program.

Lindsey Winston

Samuel E. Perry, Jr. and Nancy B. Perry Book Award in recognition of Excellence in the Teacher Licensure Pro- gram and Master of Teaching Programs, grades K-6

Originally anonymously endowed, this book award for the Teacher Licensure Program was first presented in 2002. At SCS Night in 2006, the new title became official and was renamed the Samuel E. Perry and Nancy B. Perry Book Award in recognition of Excellence in the Teacher Licensure Program, Grades K-6. Dr. Perry served as Program Chair of our Education Department for many years. Effective with the 2019-20 academic year, the award was renamed to its present title.

Cindy Weber

Ann C. Taylor Book Award in recognition of Excellence in the Teacher Licensure and Master of Teaching Pro- grams, grades 7-12

Created for the May 11, 2006 SCS Night, this award was endowed by Porcher L. Taylor, the SPCS Paralegal Program Chair, to honor his mother, Ann C. Taylor. Ms. Taylor has had an extended career in education and serves on several boards to champion education and leadership potential for women. Effective with the 2019-20 academic year, the award was renamed to its present title.

Ian McClure

James W. Lanham Award for Excellence in Curriculum and Instruction

Established in 2014 and endowed by friends and family in memory of Dr. James Lanham, a long-time and dedicated faculty member of the SPCS Education Department, it was created to recognize the outstanding achievements of a graduate in the Curriculum and Instruction Program.

Beverly L. Cocke

Catherine S. Fisher Award for Excellence in Education- al Leadership

This book award was endowed by friends, colleagues and family members in honor of Catherine S. Fisher who served as Program Chair in the School from 2003 until 2014. It was established in 2014 to recognize an outstanding graduate in the SPCS Educational Leadership Program.

Sarah Petty

Taylor Kie Cousins Award for Service to the University Community

Endowed by Ed and Elisabeth Wray for SCS Night, 2007, it was created to honor the long time dedication by SCS adjunct faculty member, Taylor Cousins. Renamed in 2013 to Taylor Kie Cousins Award for Service to University Community, it is awarded to a graduating senior who has given outstanding service to the SPCS.

Grainne Murray

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

Beginning with the 2006 Commencement, Porcher Taylor endowed this book award in honor of his father. General Colin Powell cited Dr. Taylor as "an early role model." The award is given to a student who best exemplifies the characteristics of a leader, both inside and outside of the classroom.

Adrienne Stewart

Elizabeth Spindler Scott Book Scholarship Award

In recognition of Betty Scott's years of dedication to the students in the SCS, friends and family members endowed this scholarship in 2006. The \$200 check is awarded to an upcoming senior with the highest GPA in the BLA Program, and will be used to purchase books during the last year of study in the SPCS.

Albana Bourke and Gabriella Kaszala

Joanita Bbaale Senoga Book Award in Recognition of Academic Excellence by a Student Whose Native Lan- guage is not English

In 2006, Dr. Richard Leatherman endowed this book award. It was created to acknowledge the challenges faced by graduating students whose native language is not English. The first recipient of the award was Joanita Bbaale, who was an employee of Dr. Leatherman.



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