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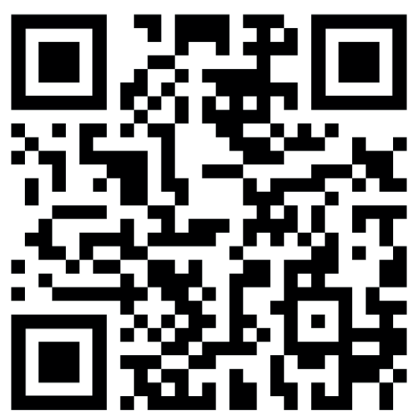


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Honors awards are presented annually by Chicago State University to give public recognition to students who have excelled and inspire others to accomplish similar outstanding achievements.

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Ms. Toni McCoy-Smith

Processional / Prelude “War March of the Priests” by Felix Mendelssohn	
“The National Anthem” “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing”	Malachi Davis, vocalist
Opening Remarks, Introductions, and Acknowledgements	Dr. Steve Rowe, Dean, Honors College
Welcome	President Zaldwaynaka “Z” Scott, Esq.
The President’s Cup Award	President Zaldwaynaka “Z” Scott, Esq.
University-Wide Awards	Dr. Sonja Feist-Price, Provost & Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs
College of Education Awards	Dr. LaVada Taylor, Dean
College of Arts & Sciences Awards	Prof. Mark Smith, Dean
College of Business Awards	Mr. Derrick Collins, Dean
College of Health Sciences & Pharmacy Awards	Dr. Charisse Johnson, Interim Dean
Division of Continuing Education and Nontraditional Degree Programs Awards	Dr. Patrice Boyles, Dean
Student Success Awards	Dr. Nayshon Mosely, Dean
University Honor Rolls	Dr. Steve Rowe, Dean, Honors College
Alma Mater “Honor and Glory”	Malachi Davis, vocalist
Recessional / Postlude “War March of the Priests” by Felix Mendelssohn	
Recessional / Postlude	
Reception	CSU Jazz Ensemble



## THE PRESIDENT'S CUP AWARD

(Outstanding Graduating Senior Award)

The President's Cup was commissioned in 1999 to recognize a graduating senior for his/her exceptional leadership, scholarship, and service. The President's Cup is presented to a graduating senior who has given outstanding service to the university, who has performed as a leader in student activities, and who has evidenced consistent superior scholastic achievement throughout his/her undergraduate career.

**Danina Hughes**  
**Valeria Vizcaino**

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## OUTSTANDING SCHOLARS AWARDS

The Outstanding Scholars Awards are presented to a freshman, a sophomore, a junior, and a senior who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship. Students selected must have maintained a better than 3.5 grade point average and have been active in the university community.

Outstanding Freshman Scholar: **Abraham Workalemahu**

Outstanding Sophomore Scholar: **Olivia Louis**

Outstanding Junior Scholar: **Nathanael Concepcion**

Outstanding Senior Scholar: **Abiodun Soneye**

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Student Achievement Award is presented to students who have shown outstanding dedication to the university and to their fellow students. Students are selected on the basis of performance in all areas of university life. Students must have demonstrated significant achievement while overcoming obstacles, challenges, or barriers or have demonstrated significant achievement with unique personal or professional experience.

**Annwhar Sefah**

## OUTSTANDING LEARNING ASSISTANT AWARD

Learning Assistants (LAs) are CSU students who work alongside faculty to help facilitate learning in the classroom. They play an essential role in supporting both their peers and course instructors. This award recognizes an LA from the previous calendar year who has gone above and beyond in their LA assignment. LAs for this award are nominated by faculty, and the awardee is decided by the University Honors Committee.

Award Winner: **Meisha Daniels**

Honorable Mention: **Patricia Shipman**



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AWARDS

The Alice Smith Memorial Award

Alice Smith, a Chicago Teachers College Alumna, a Charter Alumni Board Member, and a Chicago Board of Education Physical Education Supervisor, established this award to honor majors in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation who have demonstrated excellence in their field experience and promise in future research and practice.

Brian Jasien

Best Student Teacher in Special Education

This award is for the best student teacher in the graduate Special Education program in the Department of Advanced Studies in Education.

Anthony Bond  
Zorriante Broan

The Brenda Lacey Cunningham Memorial Scholarship

Brenda Lacey Cunningham served as a passionate and caring educator and principal in CPS for 32 years, who devoted herself to a lifelong journey of learning at Chicago State University that spanned decades. She earned a B.S. in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from CSU in 1982, a M.A. in Educational Leadership and Administration from CSU in 2003, and will receive a posthumous Doctorate of Education degree from CSU in May 2025. Her family established this scholarship to honor her passion for learning and her legacy of service.

Student(s) to be named at Honors Convocation

Highest State Test Score in Special Education

This award is for the student who has achieved the highest state test score in their cohort in the graduate Special Education program in the Department of Advanced Studies in Education.

Elisa Richard

The HEPER Chicago Public Schools (CPS) Health Education and Physical Education Scholarship

The HEPER Chicago Public Schools (CPS) Health Education and Physical Education Scholarship in the amount of \$500 is presented to an undergraduate or graduate student in the Health Education or Physical Education Program who has shown academic excellence, outstanding achievement and is currently employed in the Chicago Public Schools.

Enrique Cervantes

The Isamae Wilkes Mallet Memorial Scholarship

With her Master of Science in Education from CSU, Isamae Wilkes Mallett Bowie ‘71 served in the Chicago Public Schools for 38 years as a teacher, director of libraries, and assistant principal. Before her passing, she expressed her vision to educate generations to come. Her family created Mae’s Boutique, to use the proceeds from selling her prized possessions, to establish a scholarship at Chicago State for outstanding students pursuing a career in elementary education.

Student(s) to be named at Honors Convocation

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION,  
DEPARTMENTAL HONOR AND MERIT AWARDS

Departmental Merit and Honors Awards are presented to students chosen by each department in recognition of the students’ high academic achievement in their particular disciplines.

Early Childhood Education

Certificate of Honor:

Robin Williams

Certificate of Merit:

Tyra Anderson

Denae Slater

Graduate Awards:

Jamaal Applewhite

Shameka Boyd

Falyn Harper

Elementary Education

Certificate of Honor:

Diana Roses-Gutierrez

Certificate of Merit:

Dominique Barginear

Lawrence Harrison

Latoya Lewis

Graduate Awards:

Jailin Burchett

Kimberly Hollings-Johnson

Wenting Wang

Higher Education Administration

Graduate Awards:

Marcus Hawkins

Millicent Jackson

Physical Education

Graduate Awards:

Tyler Fawbush

Natalie McLemore

Esteban Rosales



**Principal Preparation**

Graduate Awards: **Elvia Hernandez**  
**Vanessa Howard**  
**Esmeralda Velasco**

**Special Education**

Graduate Awards: **Niamh Burke**  
**Eda Guven**  
**Luis Munoz**

**COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES AWARDS**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ART & DESIGN**

**John E. Smith Memorial Scholarship**

A well-known photographer throughout Chicago, and editor & chief of Africa-US Today magazine, John E. Smith '83 was a Dean's List student while studying photography & television production at Chicago State. He also helped lead the Art Club, Channel One TV/ Radio Club, the Student Government, and the Tempo newspaper. The Mahogany Scholarship Heritage Foundation set up this scholarship to honor his legacy.

**Julian Campbell**

**The Marva Jolly Memorial Award for Excellence in Crafts**

The Marva Jolly Memorial Award is presented annually to an Art major who shows great promise in the field of crafts. This award was established to honor Marva Jolly who was an Assistant Professor of Ceramics in Art & Design.

**D'Lisa Gunn**

**DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

**Earl E. Sherff Memorial Award**

This award is named in honor of former Biology department chair, Earl E. Sherff, to recognize an outstanding undergraduate Biology student.

**Bryonna Jackson**  
**Deyja Jackson**  
**Deja Louis**  
**Valeria Vizcaino**

**The Edward C. Collin Memorial Award**

This award is named in honor of former Biology department chair, Edward C. Collin, to recognize an outstanding undergraduate Biology student.

**Lisa Daniel**  
**Daisy Hernandez**  
**Annwhar Sefah**

**Herbert E. Smith Memorial Award**

The Herbert E. Smith Memorial Award was established in his memory to honor minority science majors who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship and intend to pursue graduate studies in the biological and physical sciences.

**Joseph James**

**Marian Wilson-Comer Award**

This award is given to an undergraduate Biology student who has demonstrated extensive departmental service and/or participation in student groups.

**Festus Asante**  
**Gabrielle Cole**

**Scheinbuks Scholars Award**

This award is named in honor of Julian Scheinbuks, a former Lecturer in the Department of Biology and is merit based. Students must have a strong GPA and show a commitment to scholarship and service.

**Angelica Bahena**  
**Dakota Bankole**  
**Adaria Blackwell**  
**Denesha Gorman**  
**Daisy Hernandez**  
**LaGail Jennett**  
**Xavier Lyons**  
**Taylor Reese**  
**Diana Sanchez**  
**Trinity Thomas**



## DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS AND ENGINEERING STUDIES

### American Institute of Chemists Outstanding Senior

The awards are given in recognition of a demonstrated ability, leadership, and professional promise. Candidates are chosen and nominated by their faculty members.

**Ashley Saucedo**

### Award in Analytical Chemistry

This award recognizes exceptional performance in the area of Analytical Chemistry.

**Ashley Saucedo**

### Award in Biochemistry

This award recognizes exceptional performance in the area of Biochemistry.

**Ashley Saucedo**

### Award in Inorganic Chemistry

This award recognizes exceptional performance in the area of Inorganic Chemistry.

**Mariana Reyes**

### Award in Organic Chemistry

This award recognizes exceptional performance in the area of Organic Chemistry.

**Meisha Daniels**

### Award in Physical Chemistry

This award recognizes exceptional performance in the area of Physical Chemistry.

**Meisha Daniels**

### Chemistry and Physics Student Leadership Award

This honor is awarded to seniors majoring in chemistry or physics who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in student organizations and service to the department.

**N'Mari Ward**

### Chemistry Persistence Award

This honor is given to a chemistry major who has exhibited true perseverance and determination in the completion of their degree.

**Kevin Bulley**

### CRC Press Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award

This award is given in recognition of outstanding academic performance by a freshman chemistry student.

**Isabella Navarrete**

### Herbert E. Smith Memorial Award

The Herbert E. Smith Memorial Award was established in his memory to honor minority science majors who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship and intend to pursue graduate studies in the biological and physical sciences.

**Meisha Daniels**

### Physics Persistence Award

This honor is given to a physics major who has exhibited true perseverance and determination in the completion of their degree.

**Xavier McGowan**

### Sigma Pi Sigma National Physics Honor Society

Sigma Pi Sigma exists to honor outstanding scholarship in physics; to encourage interest in physics among students at all levels; to promote an attitude of service of its members towards their fellow students, colleagues, and the public; and to provide a fellowship of persons who have excelled in physics. Sigma Pi Sigma's mission is not completed in the induction ceremony with the recognition of academic accomplishment. In the four dimensions of honor, encouragement, service, and fellowship, the mission of Sigma Pi Sigma takes a longer view.

**N'Mari Ward  
Thomas Sieka  
Laszlo Toth**



**Strengthening Community in Physics**

The Strengthening Community in Physics (SCP) initiative and scholarship program is designed to support student success through cohort building and a multi-pronged mentoring network. Funded by TEAM-UP Together, this initiative aims to foster a strong sense of belonging and engagement among physics students at CSU.

Star Bolden  
Zarrhia Fye  
Xavier McGowan  
Harriet Omodayo  
Thomas Sieka  
Laszlo Richard Toth  
N’Mari Ward

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, MEDIA ARTS & THEATRE**

**Creative Achievement Award in Media Arts**

This award is granted to students in the Department of Communications, Media Arts & Theatre who have shown outstanding creative achievement in Media Arts.

Robii Bijou  
Robert Pierce Blount IV  
Janiela McKinney  
Gabrielle Razo  
Pearlie Reid  
Trumaine Smith  
Sebastian Montoya  
London Wesley

**Creative Achievement Award in Theatre**

This award is granted to students in the Department of Communications, Media Arts & Theatre who have shown outstanding creative achievement in Theatre.

Robii Bijou  
Robert Pierce Blount IV  
Pearlie Reid  
Gwendolyn Williams

**Special Recognition in Public Relations**

This award is granted to graduating seniors in the Department of Communications, Media Arts & Theatre who have shown outstanding achievement in the field of public relations.

Jad Alhijazin  
Lucas Fontana

**DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTING, INFORMATION AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES, AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Outstanding Achievement Award in Computer Science – Graduate Students**

This award is given to the students who maintained a 4.0 GPA in the Computer Science graduate program.

Wasisu Adedamola  
Shivadeep Bandari  
Partha Praveen Reddy Bhoomireddy  
Sushma Maganti  
Faisal Masood  
Raga Sindhu Mathukumilli  
Saichand Mekala  
Chandu Prasad Reddy Potukanuma  
Ramya Chandrika Draksharapu  
Akhila Patlolla  
Pooja Tanneru  
Nikhil Chowdary Thummalapalli  
Neha Khanam Pathan

**Outstanding Achievement Award in Computer Science – Undergraduates**

This award is given to the students who maintained a 4.0 GPA in the Computer Science undergraduate program.

Isa Abdussalam  
Luka Assaf  
Yonathan Getachew  
Karly Klaer  
Trent Lewis  
Xenia Martin  
Boris Mojsa  
Abraham Workalemahu



**Outstanding Achievement Award in Library and Information Science**

This award is presented in recognition of outstanding achievement during their graduate studies in Library and Information Science. These students have maintained a 4.0 GPA.

Chris Cairolì  
Joy Fine  
Connie Hemrich  
Nathan Jernigan  
Emily Kaye  
Andrew Matsas  
Taylor Morris  
Linnea Phillips  
Henrique Rodrigues  
Tom Tervanis  
Macklyn Thornburgh  
Breen Tivnan

**Outstanding Achievement Award in Technology and Performance Improvement Studies**

This award is given to the students who maintained a 4.0 GPA in the program.

Tomas Menchaca

**Steven E. Fitch Foundation Scholarship**

Steven E. Fitch and his wife Cynthia graduated from Chicago State University in 1993. Blessed with scholarships as students, Cynthia wants to honor her husband’s long legacy of giving back and his passion for Computer Science and Sports Journalism by blessing CSU students in these fields. Steve was a computer science instructor at Southland College Prep, founded the Amateure Sports News Network, authored The Digital Divide, and was a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi.

Maxine Jones

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, WORLD LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES, AND INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS**

**Byron and Kyron Lipscomb Excellence in Writing Award**

Celebrating her distinguished career as an English Professor and administrator dedicated to student support and success at Chicago State University, Dr. Delores Lipscomb named this scholarship for her son and grandson in 2025. The scholarship recognizes an English major of Sophomore or Junior standing who has demonstrated high academic achievement, outstanding analytical and critical writing skills, and who has been engaged in the department, the university, and the community.

Nathanael Concepcion

**Creative Writing Award in English**

The Creative Writing Award in English is awarded to an English major with a 3.5 or above grade point average.

Angela Walton

**Irwin J. Suloway Graduate Paper in English**

The Irwin J. Suloway Graduate Paper awarded is given to a graduate student with a 3.5 or above grade point average who has completed a substantial research paper, independent study, or capstone project under faculty mentorship.

Jacqueline Martinez

**Wilbur Hatfield Memorial Award**

The W. Wilbur Hatfield Memorial Award is awarded in honor of W. Wilbur Hatfield, former chairman of the Department of English, for high achievement in English.

Zaria Glover

**DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, SOCIOLOGY, HISTORY, AFRICANA STUDIES, & ANTHROPOLOGY**

**Herbert Rau Award in Geography**

The Herbert Rau Geography Graduate Award is in memory of Dr. Herbert Rau, a former professor in the Geography Program who had a positive impact on his many students in the graduate Geography Program over the years. The award is given annually to a graduate student who maintains an exceptional commitment to the discipline and demonstrates excellence in geographic inquiry.

Desaray Crosby



**The History & Africana Studies MA’AT Award**

This award is given to a History & Africana Studies major who has maintained high scholarship of at least a 3.0 GPA (cumulative) and has demonstrated the characteristics of MA’AT in her life. These characteristics are: truth, harmony, balance, justice, reciprocity, integrity, and propriety. MA’AT epitomized the moral/ethical principles of the ancient Kemetic African society.

**Ayanna Dixon**

**Joseph Chada Memorial Graduate Award**

The Joseph Chada Memorial Award is presented to a history graduate student who shows great promise of scholarly achievement in historical research.

**Phyllis Walker**

**The W.E.B. DuBois Sociology Award**

This award is presented to a senior-level sociology major who has demonstrated academic promise and success and who embodies the principles of sociological inquiry.

**Alexander Raiford**

**DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELING**

**Research Award in Psychology**

These students have shown distinction in research in the field of psychology and have represented Chicago State University and the Department of Psychology and Counseling at regional research conferences, demonstrating their excellent presentation skills and even winning an award for Best Oral Presentation at the annual Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference at the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, Indiana.

**Cornesia Graham  
Regginald Mickens-Ridgenal  
Ayicia Murray**

**Rising Scholar in Psychology**

This student demonstrates resilience and perseverance in their academic work, and incredible improvements in social, emotional, and psychological intelligence.

**Eric French**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK**

**Gladys Scott Community Service Award**

This award recognizes an outstanding Chicago State University Master of Social Work student and continues the legacy of Gladys Scott, a dedicated community and political activist and motivational group worker from Chicago’s Hyde Park. Dr. Doris Perry, Director of the Chicago State MSW program from 1998 to 2006, established the scholarship in her mother’s memory in 2001.

**Milandria Watts**

**Dr. Mikal Rasheed Scholarship**

This award, initiated by the Alumni of the MSW program at Chicago State University, recognizes an outstanding Chicago State University Master of Social Work student and continues the legacy of Dr. Mikal Rasheed, former Director of the Department of Social Work from which he retired in 2016. Throughout his Social Work Career, Dr. Rasheed was devoted to community activism, men’s mental health, and the complexities and mysteries of spirituality. Dr. Rasheed made his transition on July 7, 2021.

**Le’Tavia Hill**

**COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES,  
DEPARTMENTAL HONOR AND MERIT AWARDS**

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**Art & Design**

Certificate of Honor:  
Certificate of Merit:

**Danina Hughes  
Jennie Ellis  
Katie Fountain  
Mo’Nay Mosely**

**Biology**

Certificate of Honor:  
Certificate of Merit:

**Valeria Vizcaino  
Daisy Hernandez  
Annwhar Sefah  
Destiny Span  
Angelica Bahena  
Diana Sanchez**

Graduate Award:



**Chemistry**

Certificate of Honor:  
Certificate of Merit:

Ashley Saucedo  
Meisha Daniels  
Mariana Reyes  
Karoline Riisnaes

**Computer Science**

Certificate of Honor:  
Certificate of Merit:

Maxine K. Jones  
Emiliano Casadero  
Arturo Maximiliano Sandoval Dominguez  
Kurtis Toledo  
Tanvi Anantula  
Sushma Durgapu  
Ranadeep Minupala

**Criminal Justice**

Certificate of Honor:  
Certificate of Merit:

Larry D. Leggett  
Desiree L. Castro  
Alyssia A. Darko  
Leonardo Diaz  
Domonique D. Austin  
Frank S. Sheets

Graduate Awards:

**English**

Certificate of Merit:  
Graduate Awards:

Hedessah Sanders  
Ashley Morris  
Andrea Parker

**French**

Certificate of Honor:  
Certificate of Merit:

Harriet Omodayo  
Rayah Taylor

**Geography**

Graduate Awards:

Desaray Crosby  
Matthew Pawlowski

**History & Africana Studies**

Certificate of Honor:  
Certificate of Merit:

Christophe Horton  
Gregory Carranza  
Victor Horne

**History**

Graduate Awards:

Sharessa Brookins  
Marlon Conway  
Appreccia Faulkner

**Library and Information Science**

Graduate Awards:

Blanca Hurley  
Ingrid Lindstrom  
Patrick Sullivan

**Mathematics**

Certificate of Honor:  
Certificate of Merit:

Khyree M. Beyah  
Ijahanna Davis  
Dahveed Dennis  
Ericka Moore  
Geri Garmon

Graduate Award:

**Media Arts**

Certificate of Honor:  
Certificate of Merit:

Gabrielle Razo  
Jad Alhijazin  
Trumaine Smith  
Gwendolyn Wiliams

**Music**

Certificate of Honor:  
Certificate of Merit:

Trinity Roberts  
Kevon Carter  
Donovan Lloyd  
David Palafox

**Physics**

Certificate of Honor:  
Certificate of Merit:

Kennedy Whitlow  
Star Bolden  
Chasity Noble  
Harriet Omodayo

**Psychology**

Certificate of Honor:  
Certificate of Merit:

Abimbola Aladetuyi  
Tracy Beal  
Alexis Meriweather  
Kaylen Poindexter



**Sociology**

Certificate of Honor: **Alexander Raiford**  
Certificate of Merit: **Kyndal Jones**  
**Jelecia Gladney**

**Spanish**

Certificate of Honor: **Mycah Spells**  
Certificate of Merit: **Zaria Glover**

**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AWARDS**

**The Abiola Ogunmekan Memorial Scholarship**

As an international student from Nigeria, Abiola Ogunmekan overcame the challenges of raising a family while earning her degree at CSU and working multiple jobs to maintain enough money in her bank account to renew her student visa each year. Her family wants to honor her mother’s legacy by easing this burden for current international students out of the African Diaspora at CSU.

**Kehinde Babatunde**  
**Taiwo Babatunde**

**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS,  
DEPARTMENTAL HONOR AND MERIT AWARDS**

Departmental Merit and Honors Awards are presented to students chosen by each department in recognition of the students’ high academic achievement in their particular disciplines.

**Accounting**

Certificate of Honor: **Tegan Robins**  
Certificate of Merit: **Mohammed Al-Rashed**  
**Mohammad Mizyed**  
**Anthony Watkins**

**Finance**

Certificate of Honor: **Favour Chukwukelu**  
Certificate of Merit: **Kiera Lynn**  
**Shakayla McDuffie**  
**Tamera Otis**

**Management**

Certificate of Honor: **Bruno Baez**  
Certificate of Merit: **Shannon Bankston**  
**Moussa Bocoum**  
**Ivory Nola-Scott**

**Management Information Systems**

Certificate of Honor: **Zacarria Porter**  
Certificate of Merit: **Aida Azimi**  
**Ciara Jones**  
**Derrell Williams**

**Marketing**

Certificate of Honor: **Dawn Birkenfield**  
Certificate of Merit: **Rionna Carpenter**  
**Asha Walker**

**Supply Chain Management**

Certificate of Honor: **Torrence Jackson**  
Certificate of Merit: **Olumide Farinmade**  
**Sayef Ihmeidan**  
**Leroy Kirk**

**COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND PHARMACY  
AWARDS**

**Artice W. Harmon Memorial Scholarship**

The Artice W. Harmon Memorial Scholarship awards \$500 to a graduate-level occupational therapy major and underrepresented minority who demonstrates initiative in scholarly pursuits, leadership abilities and diligence in the pursuit of a career in occupational therapy.

**April Austin**

**Batia Levy Family Scholarship**

This award is given to a minority student in their last year of the occupational therapy curriculum with a clinical promise to support participation in Level II fieldwork.

**Jasmine D. Jennings**



**Chicago State University Foundation Scholarship Award**

This award recognizes students who are enrolled full-time in the P3 or P4 year, with a minimum 2.9 GPA (in good academic standing) and with active involvement within pharmacy organizations and community service.

**Tuiana Brown**  
**Monique Esther-House**  
**Denise Fiesta**  
**Elom Tegebede**

**CVS Health Foundation Award**

This award recognizes students who are in good academic standing and are interested in community pharmacy practice.

**Tuiana Brown**

**Cynthia Heath-Baldwin Award**

This award is given in the name and memory of Cynthia Heath-Baldwin, former alumna and faculty of occupational therapy, to a student who has demonstrated significant personal and professional development in the field of occupational therapy.

**Donnesha Patterson**

**Dean’s List in Health Information Administration**

This award recognizes students in the Bachelor of Science, Health Information Administration program that have earned at least a GPA of 3.5 in Fall semester 2024.

**Saul Castillo-Ata**  
**Ashley Coleman**  
**Sangenia Hamilton**  
**Akeriel Murphy**

**Dean’s List in Nursing**

This award recognizes students in the Bachelor of Science, Nursing program that have earned a GPA of at least 3.5 for Fall semester 2024.

**Adjoa Amponsah**  
**Oluwatoyin Awoyemi**  
**Dezaray English**  
**Teanna Gordon**

**Lisa Hamilton**  
**Kimberly Milburn**  
**Abdul Muqeeth Mohammed**  
**Jakyrrah Muhammad**  
**Eianncris Panaligan**  
**Erica Watson**

**Dean’s List in Occupational Therapy – Undergraduate Students**

This award recognizes undergraduate students in the combined Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences/Master of Occupational Therapy program that have earned a GPA of at least 3.5 for Fall semester 2024.

**Evangelina Parrish**  
**Shanice Simmons**

**Dean’s List in Occupational Therapy**

This award recognizes students in the Master of Occupational Therapy program that have earned a GPA of at least 3.5 for Fall semester 2024.

**Arriel Ausley**  
**Rosheen Baker**  
**William Barquin**  
**Jan Kirsten Cabatu**  
**Brianna Camphor**  
**Pamela Cave**  
**Thomas Costin**  
**Aaliyah Davis**  
**Bianca Guardiola**  
**Shai Horton**  
**Kaitlin Martin**  
**Donnesha Patterson**  
**Samantha Patzelt**  
**Julia Senteno**  
**Jillian Tyson**  
**Amanda Weimer Merin**  
**Jala Wilson**



**Dean’s List in Pharmacy**

This award recognizes students in the Doctor of Pharmacy program that have earned a GPA of at least 3.5 for Fall semester 2024.

Omotola Adebisi  
Dana Alnashif  
Jeneen Ammouri  
Rofiatou Ayoola  
Tuiana Brown  
Aaron Caldwell  
Breona Chandler  
Ryan Davidson  
Monique Esther-House  
Gary Liang  
John Olalusi  
Kaylee Spegal  
Elom Tegebede  
Gerald Thomas  
Shakib Zegar

**Dean’s List in Public Health – Graduate Students**

This award recognizes students in the Master of Public Health program that have earned a GPA of at least 3.5 for Fall semester 2024.

Vincent Barrah  
Shonniece Hatcher  
Brianna Montgomery  
Markia Phoenix  
Oyinkansola Sokunbi  
Xiomaira Villa

**Dean’s List in Public Health – Undergraduate Students**

This award recognizes students in the Bachelor of Science, Public Health program that have earned a GPA of at least 3.5 for Fall semester 2024.

Bill Okumu

**Eskenzi Health Scholarship**

The award is given to students in the 4th year of the pharmacy program seeking a twelve-month, postgraduate training experience (PGY1).

Elom Tegebede

**Promising Public Health Professional Award**

The Promising Public Health Professional Award is given to public health students who have a GPA 2.5 or higher for undergraduate students or 3.0 or higher for graduate students and have established track record of public health leadership and practice (externally and in-class).

Shonniece Hatcher  
Xiomaira Villa

**Public Health Leadership Award**

The Public Health Leadership Award is given to public health students who have a GPA 2.5 or higher for undergraduate students or 3.0 or higher for graduate students and who demonstrate leadership in class and externally involving Public Health.

Bill Okumu  
Oyinkansola Sokunbi

**Public Health Service Award**

The Public Health Service Award is given to public health students who have a GPA 2.5 or higher for undergraduate students or 3.0 or higher for graduate students and who demonstrate service in public health (volunteer work/organization).

Vincent Barrah

**Walgreens Excellence Scholarship**

This award recognizes P3 or P4 students who are in good academic status, are in need of financial assistance, and have demonstrated leadership with an interest in community pharmacy.

Denise Fiesta

**COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND PHARMACY,  
DEPARTMENTAL HONOR AND MERIT AWARDS**

Departmental Merit and Honors Awards are presented to students chosen by each department in recognition of the students' high academic achievement in their particular disciplines.

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**Terrance Jones**

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Levi Sr. and Willie Funches overcame the challenges of the Jim Crow South to become anchors in their South Side Community. To honor their commitment to the pursuit of education, their children set up this scholarship to help Chicago State students from the South Side of Chicago to pursue their dreams and give back to their communities.

**Students to be named at Honors Convocation**

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Dr. Leslie Roundtree selflessly served Chicago State for 32 years, as a professor of Occupational Therapy, Department Chair, Dean, and Interim Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs. This scholarship commemorates the numerous programs she instituted to advance student success and enhance the educational options at CSU.

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