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## ORDER OF THE PROGRAM

Processional / Prelude "War March of the Priests" by Felix Mendelssohn	
"The National Anthem" "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing"	Jeremiah Dennis and Jennifer Fair, Vocalists
Opening Remarks, Introductions, and Acknowledgements	Dr. Steve Rowe, Dean, Honors College
Welcome	President Zaldwaynaka "Z" Scott, J.D.
The President's Cup Award	President Zaldwaynaka "Z" Scott, J.D.
University-Wide Awards	Dr. Sonja Feist-Price, Provost & Executive Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs
College of Education Awards	Dr. Athanase Gahungu, Interim 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. LeRoy Jones II, Interim Dean
Student Success Awards	Dr. Concetta Williams, Associate Provost
University Honor Rolls	Dr. Steve Rowe, Dean, Honors College
Alma Mater "Honor and Glory"	Jennifer Fair, Vocalist
Recessional / Postlude	
Reception	CSU Jazz Ensemble

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## 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.

**Nathanael Concepcion  
Jasmin Taylor**

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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: **Ricardo Rodriguez**

Outstanding Sophomore Scholar: **Madeline Hugger**

Outstanding Junior Scholar: **Alyssa Perea**

Outstanding Senior Scholar: **Davaun Charles**

## 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.

**Gwendolyn Williams**

## 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.

**Kefira Fields**

## 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.

**Jamal Ibrahim**

### The DESR Chairperson's Recreation, Sports Management and Therapeutic Recreation Scholarship Award

The DESR Chairperson's Recreation, Sports Management and Therapeutic Recreation Scholarship Award is presented to a superior student who has shown: high academic achievement, department involvement, professional statewide participation, and exhibits personal mindfulness, social action and cultural awareness of diversity, equity, inclusion and justice.

**Efrain Rivas**

### The DESR Chicago Park District (CPD) Recreation, Sports Management and Therapeutic Recreation Scholarship Award

The DESR Chicago Park District (CPD) Recreation, Sports Management and Therapeutic Recreation Scholarship Award is presented to an undergraduate major or graduate student in the Recreation Program who has shown academic excellence, outstanding achievement and is currently employed in Recreation, Recreation Management and/or Therapeutic Recreation in the Chicago Park District.

**Corey Finkley**

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

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

**Frankie Lee**

### The Lottie C. Patarini Scholarship Award

The Lottie C. Patarini Scholarship Award is presented to an undergraduate major in the Department of Educational Studies and Recreation for academic achievement and leadership potential.

**Victor Herrera**

## 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

Graduate Award: **Dominique McFee**  
Certificate of Merit: **Tyra Anderson**

**Latasha Barnes**  
**Timika Brown**  
Graduate Awards: **Shameka Boyd**

### Educational Leadership

Graduate Awards: **Symone Bridges**  
**David Stephens**

### Elementary Education

Certificate of Honor: **Dominique Barginear**  
Certificate of Merit: **Markeisa Beal**

**Lawrence Harrison**  
**Yusef Walton**  
Graduate Awards: **Arnishia Drain**  
**Toni Jones**  
**Katrina Olson**

### Higher Education Administration

Graduate Award: **Lorena Diaz**

### Physical Education

Certificate of Merit: **Jasmine Curry**  
**Victor Herrera**  
**Sydney Wetherspoon**  
Graduate Awards: **Enrique Cervantes**  
**Wesley Needle**

### Principal Preparation

Graduate Awards: **Charenda Chapman**  
**Sara Fitzpatrick**  
**Myia Franklin**

### Special Education - Initial Licensure

Graduate Awards: **Kyle Alexander**  
**Nathalie Gougis**  
**Berea Hayes**  
**Kevin Howard**  
**Lamart Hudson**  
**Cierra Johnson**

### Special Education – Advanced Licensure

Graduate Awards: **Crystal Andrews**  
**Kelly Hasty**  
**Tamakia Hobbs**  
**Alexis Landfair**

## 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.

**Teliah Martin**

### 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.

**Jennie Ellis**

## DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

### Dr. Devi Potluri Student Award

This award is named in honor of Dr. Devi Potluri, former Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences, to recognize outstanding overall academic excellence in an undergraduate Biology student.

**Daisy Hernandez**

### **Faculty Choice Award in BIOL 1080**

This faculty-selected award recognizes outstanding student achievement in Biological Sciences Survey II Course, BIOL 1080.

**Shante Samuel**

### **Faculty Choice Award in BIOL 1701**

This faculty-selected award recognizes outstanding student achievement in Introduction to Biology I course, BIOL 1701.

**Isabelle Lawrence**

### **Faculty Choice Award in BIOL 2020**

This faculty-selected award recognizes outstanding student achievement in Anatomy and Physiology I course, BIOL 2020.

**Masturah Raheemson**

### **Faculty Choice Award in BIOL 3072**

This faculty-selected award recognizes outstanding student achievement in the Ecology course, BIOL 3072.

**Daisy Hernandez  
Joseph James**

### **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.

**Mia Martinez**

### **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.

**Dominique Moore**

### **Outstanding Freshman Award**

This award recognizes outstanding academic achievement by a freshman undergraduate Biology student.

**Isabelle Lawrence**

### **Outstanding Junior Award**

This award recognizes outstanding academic achievement by a junior undergraduate Biology student.

**Kyetrel Glass  
Jakwanna Payne**

### **Outstanding Junior Award-BIOT Major**

This award recognizes outstanding academic achievement by a junior undergraduate Biology-Secondary Education student.

**Cassandra Snyder**

### **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.

**Danyal Akbar  
Lisa Daniel  
Ashley Gorris  
Daisy Hernandez  
Bryonna Jackson  
Joseph James  
Essence Jones  
Deja Louis  
Joy Mayes  
Taylor Reese  
Diana Sanchez**

### **Walter P. Trost Memorial Award**

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

**Gabrielle Cole**

## DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS AND ENGINEERING STUDIES

### ACS Division of Biochemistry and Chemical Biology Undergraduate Award in Biochemistry

The DBC Undergraduate Award in Biochemistry or Chemical Biology is intended to recognize a graduating senior who displays a significant aptitude for biochemistry or chemical biology and to encourage further interest in the field. The award is administered by the Division of Biochemistry and Chemical Biology (BIOL) of the American Chemical Society (ACS).

Medinat Odoffin

### ACS Division of Inorganic Chemistry Undergraduate Award in Inorganic Chemistry

The ACS Division of Inorganic Chemistry has created this award to recognize achievement by undergraduate students in inorganic chemistry and to encourage further study in the field. The student awardee will have demonstrated excellence in inorganic chemistry at the undergraduate level.

Karoline Riisnaes

### American Institute of Chemists Outstanding Senior

This award is given in recognition of the student's potential achievement in the chemical professions on the basis of his/her demonstrated record of leadership ability, character, and scholastic achievement.

Mariana Garcia Reyes

### Award for Persistence in Chemistry

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

Brianna Reyes

### Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award

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

Chaunteria Robinson

### 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.

Marco Garcia Romero

### Outstanding Student in Organic Chemistry

The outstanding student in organic chemistry will have demonstrated excellence in organic chemistry and related fields based on research, coursework, and/or dedication.

Kayla Branch

### Outstanding Student in Physical Chemistry

The outstanding student in physical chemistry will have demonstrated excellence in physical chemistry and related fields based on research, coursework, and/or dedication.

Mariana Garcia Reyes

### Strengthening Community in Physics TEAM-UP Scholarship

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  
Bryanna Boroze  
Zarrhia Fye  
Xavier McGowan  
Harriet Omodayo  
Thomas Sieka  
Laszlo Toth  
N'Mari Ward  
Kennedy Whitlow

## 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.

Chloe Bonner  
Clarence Cooper  
Jada Dudley  
James Gross  
Davauhn Rose  
Marche Stollenwerck

### **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.

Chloe Bonner

### **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.

Marche Stollenwerck

## 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.

Jayadeep Shankar Reddy Chaddi  
Dheeraj Godi  
Ashley Gray  
Akshitha Reddy Kuchipatla  
Sheetal Kumar  
Nujitha Madala

Rikvitha Madulapally  
Nashithuddin Mohammed  
Jyothi Lakshmi Nagaraj

### **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.

Yonathan Getachew  
Jillian Howell  
Larry Parker  
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.

Lorraine Barger  
Colleen Bradburn  
Jazmin Bravo  
Stacy Burgoon  
Angela Caringella  
Melanie Delcorse  
Garifalia Durkin  
Eddie Eng  
Elisabeth Fisher  
Marshaye Giles  
Rebecca Hase-Plefka  
Jennifer Hohe  
Allison Isztok  
Andrew Janotta  
Sara Johansen  
Zerdali Jones  
Elizabeth Meehan  
Michaeline Perry  
Mia Pidlaoan  
Mary Punter  
Maria Schillinger  
Thomas Stagg  
Alexandria Steiner  
Erin Williams

### **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.

**Jalia Pitchford**

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

### **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.

**Betty Hall**

### **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.

**Ashley Morris**

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

### **Chicago State University Sociological Imagination Award**

The Chicago State University Sociological Imagination Award is given to seniors in the Sociology Program who exemplify the principles of sociological insight as described by Mills in The Sociological Imagination and who have the drive and determination to make sociological learning a life-long pursuit.

**Erica Lee  
Ashley Marsh**

### **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.

**Samanta Alam**

### **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.

**Victor Horne**

### **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.

**Michael Conley**

### **The African American Studies W.E.B. DuBois Award**

The W.E.B. Dubois African American Studies award is presented to a student who shows a commitment to careful and thorough research in social sciences.

**Alicia Cox-Bey**

## **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.

**Niara Washington**

### **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.

**Valerie Jarrett**

## **COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES, 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.

### **Adult Integrated Learning**

Certificate of Honor: **Anthony Ladd**  
Certificate of Merit: **Willie Hampton**  
**Latina' Presswood-Holmes**  
**Willie Selders**  
**Bryanna Williams**

### **Africana Studies**

Certificate of Honor: **LaDonna Brinson**

### **Art & Design**

Certificate of Honor: **Mo'Nay Mosely**  
Certificate of Merit: **Serenity Howard**  
**Clarissa Saldana**  
**Victoria Serano**

### **Biology**

Certificate of Honor: **Daisy Hernandez**  
Certificate of Merit: **Danyal Akbar**  
**Kathleen Flores**  
**Mia Martinez**  
Graduate Award: **Ashley Gorris**  
**Zoe Leone**  
**Diana Sanchez**

### **Chemistry**

Certificate of Honor: **Karoline Riisnaes**  
Certificate of Merit: **Mariana Garcia Reyes**  
**Brianna Reyes**  
**Paige Rizzo**

### **Computer Science**

Certificate of Honor: **Maleck Johnson**  
Certificate of Merit: **Isa Abdussalam**  
**Asim Gasmelseid**  
**Abiodun Soneye**  
Graduate Awards: **Mohamed Alie Saccoba Conteh**  
**Tykiera Olive-Stalling**  
**Tejaswini Palle**

### **Criminal Justice**

Certificate of Honor: **Alyssia A. Darko**  
Certificate of Merit: **Tiffany A. Alexander**  
**Tiyanna S. Williams**  
Graduate Awards: **James C. Simmons**  
**Martin Watson**

### **English**

Certificate of Honor: **Nathanael Concepcion**  
Certificate of Merit: **Zaria Glover**  
**Vanessa Johnson**  
Graduate Awards: **Alexa Barnes**  
**Aliska Crossley-Wesley**

### **Geography, Urban, and Environmental Studies**

Graduate Awards: **Anil Bhattarai**  
**Christie Richardson**  
**Michael Smith**

### **History**

Certificate of Honor: **Imaad Elliott**  
Certificate of Merit: **Thomas Herzog**  
**Karul Scott**  
Graduate Awards: **JoAnn Kyle**  
**Tametrius Files**

### Individualized Curriculum Program

Certificate of Honor: Tia Banks  
Jasmin Taylor  
Queanna Taylor  
Certificate of Merit: Angela Chester  
Jaylyn Mason

### Mathematics

Certificate of Honor: Lawrence Clark  
Certificate of Merit: Andre Johnson

### Media Arts

Certificate of Honor: Jada Dudley  
Certificate of Merit: Inez Cagle  
Danielle Walls

### Music

Certificate of Honor: Kevon Carter  
Certificate of Merit: Malachi Davis  
Bryan Frias  
Trinity Roberts

### Psychology

Certificate of Honor: Katrina Slayden  
Certificate of Merit: Kenielle Basemore  
Zeynep Ertam  
Krystal Evans

### School Counseling

Graduate Award: Brandi Cowan

### Sociology

Certificate of Honor: Dychea Johnson  
Certificate of Merit: Tatyana Albritten

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AWARDS

### Outstanding Senior in Accounting

This award is given to a graduating senior who has an outstanding GPA and demonstrated leadership in Accounting.

Tegan Robins

### Outstanding Senior in Finance

This award is given to a graduating senior who has an outstanding GPA and demonstrated leadership in Finance.

Jose Monge

### Outstanding Senior in Management

This award is given to a graduating senior who has an outstanding GPA and demonstrated leadership in Management.

Moussa Bocoum

### Outstanding Senior in Management Information Systems

This award is given to a graduating senior who has an outstanding GPA and demonstrated leadership in Management Information Systems.

Nadjema Morille

### Outstanding Senior in Marketing

This award is given to a graduating senior who has an outstanding GPA and demonstrated leadership in Marketing.

Angel Ingram

### Outstanding Senior in Supply Chain Management

This award is given to a graduating senior who has an outstanding GPA and demonstrated leadership in Supply Chain Management.

Briana Brewer

### Outstanding Achievement in MBA Program

This award is given to students that have an earned GPA of 4.0 and have completed a minimum of 50 percent of the courses required towards their MBA.

Larshon Gaylor  
Luai Hayajneh  
Citlali Zambrano

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, DEPARTMENTAL HONOR AND MERIT AWARDS

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### Accounting

Certificate of Honor:  
Certificate of Merit:

Jasmine Payne  
Mohammed Al-Rashed  
Jason Cook  
Tegan Robins

### Finance

Certificate of Honor:  
Certificate of Merit:

Jose Monge  
Jacob Draaisma  
Ricardo Rodriguez  
Kyera Sims

### Management

Certificate of Honor:  
Certificate of Merit:

Shannon Bankston  
Moussa Bocoum  
Esther Ogbaisi  
Jordan Underwood-Black

### Management Information Systems

Certificate of Honor:  
Certificate of Merit:

Nadjema Morille  
Aarushi Bhanot  
Metogbe Padonou  
Chantanese Scarbroughs

### Marketing

Certificate of Honor:  
Certificate of Merit:

Ricky Hamberlin  
Da Jane Bose  
Angel Ingram  
Denyah Russell

### Supply Chain Management

Certificate of Honor:  
Certificate of Merit:

Yusuf Tijani  
Briana Brewer  
Rhonda Cannady  
Kesha Hardy

### Masters in Business Administration

Grad Awards:

Larshon Gaylor  
Luai Hayajneh  
Citlali Zambrano

## 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.

Koty' Lechae McCoy  
Brya Fullilove

### 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.

Whitney Bright  
Antawan Love

### 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.

Sultan Alhijazin  
Breona Chandler  
Erin Everett  
Denise Fiesta

### 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.

Arriel Ausley  
Evangelina Parrish

### 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 2025 semester.

Edlyn Acosta  
Arriel Ausley  
Rosheen Baker  
Tyler Brown-Henderson  
Hannah Brownstein  
Brianna Camphor  
Bianca Guardiola  
Shai Horton  
Mia Hughes  
Asya Leschinsky  
Kaitlin Martin  
Koty' Lechae McCoy  
Mary McMiller  
Laila Nichols  
Evangelina Parrish  
Mykayla Sebastian  
Sally Sintim  
Jillian Tyson  
Yanisha White  
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 2025 semester (and in good academic standing).

Jeneen Ammouri  
Rofiatou Ayoola  
Breona Chandler  
Denise Fiesta  
Miracle Mensah  
John Olalusi

### 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).

LaTaylor Johnson  
Yasmeen Scott

### 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.

Jayla Williams  
Raheem Young

### 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).

Sharon Harmon  
Shanice Williams

## 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.

### Health Information Administration

Certificate of Honor: **Akeriel Murphy**  
Certificate of Merit: **Saul Castillo-Ata**  
**Ashley Coleman**  
**Porche Washington**

### Nursing

Certificate of Honor: **Adjoa Amponsah**  
Certificate of Merit: **Oluwatoyin Awoyemi**  
**Abdul Muqeeth Mohammed**  
**Shelia Smith**

### Pre-Occupational Therapy

Certificate of Honor: **Aaliyah Solis**  
Certificate of Merit: **Kelli Hewitt**  
**Marsella Horton**  
**Kayla Powell**

### Pre-Physical Therapy

Certificate of Honor: **Precious Asere**  
Certificate of Merit: **Kefiri Fields**  
**Jaden Laster**  
**Oluwatamilore Ogundeyi**

### Public Health

Certificate of Honor: **Jania C. Doyal**  
Certificate of Merit: **Jasmine Bates**  
**Bill Okumu**  
**Jayla Williams**  
**Karol Hoffman**  
**Tisa Scruggs**  
**Raheem Young**

Graduate Awards:

## STUDENT SUCCESS AWARDS

### Black McDonalds Operators Association Scholarship

The Black McDonald's Operators Association of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana (BMOA) proudly supports ten students in good academic standing at Chicago State University who demonstrate financial need. Each recipient is awarded a \$2,500 scholarship, reinforcing BMOA's steadfast commitment to expanding educational opportunity and advancing student success at CSU. This scholarship represents one of several meaningful investments BMOA has made to strengthen its partnership with Chicago State and further the University's mission.

**Taylor Norris**  
**Kayla Umbra-Atkins**  
**Valerie Jarrett**  
**Gennifer Foster**  
**Malik Alomari**  
**Dychea Johnson**  
**Vanessa Garcia Landa**  
**Ashley Thrasher**  
**Ohemaa Barnes**  
**Ericka Pearson**

### The Levi Sr. and Willie Funches Legacy Scholarship

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.

**Michelle Brumfield**  
**JoShona Wimbish**

### Dr. Ernest E. Gibson Memorial Scholarship

In memory of the late Dr. Ernest E. Gibson, two scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded to academically outstanding students with demonstrated financial need who are members of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity chapter at Chicago State University. This gift honors Dr. Gibson's enduring legacy and reflects the values his family proudly upholds—leadership, scholarship, and service. Through this scholarship, his family hopes to inspire future generations of students to pursue lives grounded in purpose, excellence, and community impact.

**Charles Pleasant**  
**Quimari Carter**

### The Leslie Roundtree Student Success Scholarship

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.

**Nyasia Sims**  
**Jada White**  
**Daniela Torres**

### Abiola Ogunmekan Memorial Scholarship

The Abiola Ogunmekan Memorial Scholarship honors the legacy of Abiola Ogunmekan, an international student from Nigeria who demonstrated extraordinary resilience while pursuing her degree at Chicago State University. While raising a family, working multiple jobs, and navigating the financial requirements to maintain her student visa, Abiola exemplified determination and perseverance. In her honor, the Ogunmekan family established this scholarship to help ease the financial burden for international students from the African Diaspora at CSU. This \$2500 scholarship supports students who embody resilience, determination, and a commitment to advancing their education in the face of challenges—continuing Abiola’s legacy through their own academic and personal journeys.

**Azeez Lawal**

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### THE PRESIDENT’S LIST, 2025-2026

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Jaleah Batton  
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Tacara Buchanan  
Herbert Burden  
Jason Cook  
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Queanna Taylor  
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Precious Asere	Kevin Hikichi
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Dominique Barginear	Theo Hustler
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### THE UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST, 2025-2026

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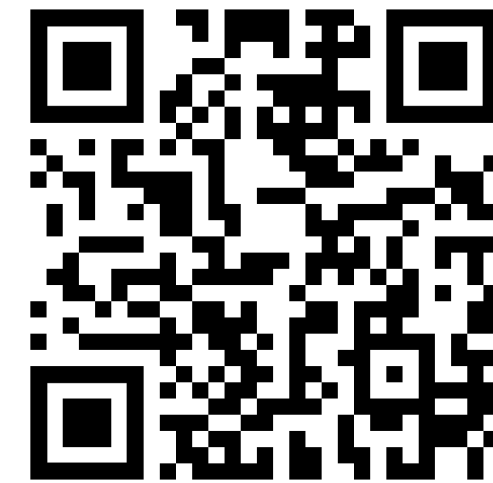
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