

BARD COLLEGE

STUDENT  
AWARDS CEREMONY  
2021



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**WELCOME**

Bethany Nohlgren

**REMARKS**

Leon Botstein

**SENIOR PRIZES AND AWARDS**

**SENIOR CLASS SPEAKER**

Talaya Robinson-Dancy '21

**COLLEGE-WIDE SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, AND PRIZES**

**FACULTY SPEAKER**

Miles Rodríguez

**ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, AND PRIZES**

**STAFF SPEAKER**

Lisa Benincasa

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Leon Botstein

# SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, AND PRIZES

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### **Alumni/ae Reunion Scholar**

Established with a gift from the alumni/ae reunion classes in 1950 and supported each reunion since, this scholarship is given to one or more students who demonstrate academic excellence and exemplary citizenship, and is awarded by the Bard College Alumni/ae Association Board of Governors

*Alex Dablah*

### **Amicus Foundation Scholar**

An endowed scholarship awarded annually to a qualified and deserving student in the field of economics

*Eli Shapiro*

### **Hannah Arendt Scholar**

A scholarship, in memory of Hannah Arendt, awarded annually for study at Bard to a worthy and qualified first-, second-, or third-year student

*Ariel West*

### **Artine Artinian Scholar**

An endowed scholarship established by Artine Artinian, professor emeritus of French, and given annually to talented and deserving students in the Division of the Arts

*Lillian Benkoil, Seamus Heady*

### **Association of Episcopal Colleges' Charitable Service Scholar**

Established in the 1980s through the Episcopal Church's Venture in Mission, this program supports students at Episcopal colleges who are engaged in volunteer service in their campus community and beyond

*Megumi Kivuva*

### **Milton and Sally Avery Scholar**

Awarded to qualified and deserving students in the undergraduate programs in the arts

*Brandon Hartley*

*Manny Williams*

### **BBL Construction Services Scholar**

A scholarship established through the generosity of the firm of BBL Construction Services and given annually to a deserving student of superior academic achievement

*Manny Williams*

### **Andrew Jay Bernstein '68 Memorial Scholar**

A scholarship in memory of Andrew Jay Bernstein '68, awarded annually to psychology majors who demonstrate a deep commitment to the field of psychology

*Emma Heffron*

**Heinz and Elizabeth Bertelsmann Scholar**

A scholarship awarded annually to a qualified and deserving student with a serious interest in either politics or environmental studies

*Pam Jaramillo*

**Heinrich Bluecher Scholar**

A scholarship in memory of Heinrich Bluecher, awarded annually for study at Bard to a worthy and qualified first-, second-, or third-year student

*Kent Zheng*

**Alexander Borodin Scholar**

Established by a proud alumnus, an annual scholarship awarded to an outstanding Conservatory student who has also moderated into biology, chemistry, biochemistry, or physics—in a pursuit of music and science as exemplified by the great surgeon, chemist, and composer Alexander Borodin

*Monika Dziubleski*

**John W. Boylan Scholar in Medicine and Science**

A scholarship given to a premedicine or science major who maintains an interest in literature or music

*Clare Herzog*

**Kenneth Bush '36 Memorial Scholar in Mathematics**

A scholarship given annually in memory of distinguished mathematician Kenneth A. Bush '36 to a junior who has demonstrated excellence in mathematics

*Julia Sheffler*

**Harry J. Carman Scholar**

A scholarship established in memory of Dr. Harry J. Carman and awarded for general academic excellence

*Joelle Powe*

**Class of '65 Scholar**

A scholarship established by the Class of 1965 on the occasion of their 35th reunion, awarded annually to a student who embodies their spirit of leadership and intellectual curiosity

*Felicia Flores*

**Class of 1968 Scholar**

A scholarship established by the Class of 1968 upon the occasion of its 25th reunion and awarded to a student who, in the judgment of the faculty and the dean of the college, best exemplifies the spirit of social activism and community service that distinguished the Class of 1968 during its years at Bard

*Yasser Abdulfatai*

**Class of 2010 Scholar**

A scholarship in memory of James Kirk Bernard '10, Anna Finkelstein '10, and Warren Hutcheson '10, awarded annually to a rising senior who shows a commitment to the social and academic community

*Victoria Amezcua*

**Margaret Creal Scholar in Written Arts**

An endowed scholarship established in memory of the writer Margaret Creal, awarded annually to an international woman undergraduate student in the Program in Written Arts

*Ajshe Sulejmani*

**Muriel DeGré Scholar**

A scholarship given annually by family and friends in memory of Muriel DeGré, wife of Gerard DeGré, professor of sociology at Bard College from 1946 to 1968, and awarded to a deserving Upper College woman who exemplifies both scholarship and service to the community

*Meylin Colindres*

**Berta and Harold J. Drescher Scholar**

A scholarship established to honor David E. Schwab II '52, chairman emeritus of the Board of Trustees, and awarded to a deserving student of high moral and intellectual stature

*Olivia Couture*

**Ralph Ellison Scholar**

A scholarship given annually, without regard to racial, ethnic, or other personal background or characteristics, to a deserving student or students who, in the judgement of the faculty and administration, have contributed significantly to the Bard College community's understanding of difference and its efforts to end discrimination

*Maya Frieden*

**Nesuhi Ertegun Scholars in Music**

Scholarships established in memory of Nesuhi Ertegun, who made a great contribution to American music and to jazz in particular, and awarded annually to qualified and deserving students with a serious interest in music, especially jazz and Black American music

*Vigil Brandon*

*Matt Macari*

*Nandi Woodfork-Bey*

**Elsie and Otto Faerber Scholar**

A scholarship awarded in the name of Otto Faerber '27, upon the nomination of the dean of students, to an individual with determination, a passion for exploration, and a willingness to perform community public service

*Anna Schupack*

**Louisa E. Fish '59 Bronx Scholar**

Awarded with preference to "a girl from the Bronx," as she was. Louisa graduated from the Bronx High School of Science and Bard College with the help of scholarships, and was a pioneer in the field of market research for more than three decades.

*Valentina Flores Mayen*

**Seth Goldfine Memorial Scholar**

A scholarship given annually in memory of Seth Goldfine, who founded the Rugby Club at Bard, recognizing a student who displays outstanding leadership in academic work and athletics for the benefit of the entire Bard community

*Felicia Flores*

**Eric Warren Goldman '98 Scholar**

Awarded annually to qualified and deserving students in the undergraduate program at Bard, preferably in economics or another field of social studies

*Hazel Carson*

**Philip H. Gordon Family Moral Leadership Scholar**

A scholarship awarded annually to students who have demonstrated moral leadership by actively opposing prejudice, discrimination, and violence

*Alejandra Rodriguez-Ortiz*

**Richard D. and Nancy M. Griffiths Scholar**

A scholarship established by longtime Director of Buildings and Grounds Dick Griffiths and his wife, Nancy, for a talented and deserving student who has shown a deep appreciation for the Bard campus and an interest in environmental matters

*Olivia Tencer*

**Professor Jacob Grossberg Studio Arts Scholar**

A scholarship established by his wife, Diane S. Williams '66, and given to a deserving and promising student who has moderated into the Studio Arts department

*Jamie Toomey*

**Warren Mills Hutcheson Scholar in Religion**

Established by his family in his memory and awarded annually to students moderating in religion who best exemplify Warren's deep inquisitiveness, aptitude for the analysis of primary sources, and inspired, original thought

*Isabelle Desroches*

**Clinton R. and Harriette M. Jones Scholar**

Established in 1958 by the Reverend Canon Clinton R. Jones '38 in memory of his father and mother, a scholarship awarded annually to a qualified and deserving student of the College

*Matthew Alvarado*

**Stanley Landsman Scholar**

The Stanley Landsman Fund, established by the family and friends of Stanley Landsman, provides for two undergraduate scholarships to be awarded annually, on recommendation of the faculty, to a rising junior and senior majoring in the visual arts

*Atlas Hutchinson*

*Nicole Shemansky*

**Eugene M. Lang Scholar**

An endowed scholarship established by the Eugene M. Lang Foundation, to support students of promise

*Tahj Frazier*

**Lenore Latimer Scholar**

In honor of Lenore Latimer, professor of dance and choreography at Bard College for 33 years, who was told at the age of seven she didn't have the body for dance. Undaunted, she learned from and danced with a veritable who's who of modern dance—a lifetime in the pursuit of the expressive beauty and power of the human body. Awarded to a moderated student in any division who best reflects the spirit of Lenore's dedication and determination in pursuit of a life passion

*Lily Moerschel*

**Clair Leonard Scholar**

A scholarship established by the friends of Clair Leonard, professor of music at Bard from 1947 to 1963, in his name and memory, for excellence in the field of music

*Danielle Slawinski*

**Murray Liebowitz Eastern European Scholar**

A scholarship established by Murray Liebowitz, Bard College trustee and former overseer of Bard College at Simon's Rock: The Early College, for Eastern European immigrants or the children of these immigrants

*Aleksandar Vitanov*

**Arthur F. Martin Jr. '56 Scholar**

A scholarship established in memory of Arthur F. Martin Jr. '56 and awarded annually by his former classmates, friends, and teachers to a qualified and deserving student in the Division of Science, Mathematics, and Computing, with preference given to a student intending to enter medical school

*Annie Espinosa*

**Emerald Rose McKenzie '52 Scholar**

A scholarship awarded in memory of Emerald Rose McKenzie '52 to a female student who is committed to anthropology or sociology and gender studies and who demonstrates a strong commitment to humanitarian ideals

*Victoria Amezcua*

**Sally K. McMurray '48 and Raymond D. McMurray '48 Scholarship for Study Abroad**

Established by Claudia and Chris McMurray in honor of their parents' adventurous spirits and dedication to an expansive Bard education. Scholarship assistance awarded annually to a moderated student or students who travel abroad to further their education.

*Ashe Hutchinson*

**Marie McWilliams and Francis X. McWilliams '44 Scholar**

Established by Marie McWilliams and her brother Francis X. McWilliams '44 in appreciation of the education and learning imparted to him

*Lance Sum*

**Katherine Lynne Mester Memorial Scholar in Humanities**

Awarded to students who carry on her spirit of generosity, her kindness, and her genuine love of learning. This scholarship has been established in her memory by her loving husband, Professor Joseph Luzzi, and her parents, Lynne and Fred Mester

*Huba Zaman*

**Milners “Canadian” Scholar**

A scholarship made possible through the generosity of the Milners Fund and awarded with preference to an undergraduate student studying during a summer session at a Canadian university, or to a student in Environmental and Urban Studies or the Division of Social Studies

*Albert Rosario-Pichardo*

**Paul J. Pacini Music Scholar**

A scholarship established by Paul J. Pacini and given annually to a deserving student majoring in classical music, preferably voice or composition

*Hannah Suggs*

**Charles and June Patrick Scholar**

A scholarship awarded annually to one or more qualified and deserving juniors who have contributed most to the general welfare of the College through participation in the athletic program

*Justin Fiume*

*Christina Kiser*

**Photography Scholar**

An endowed scholarship to benefit talented and deserving students who are studying photography

*Riley Truchel*

*Matthew Zweigbaum*

**Mark Purlia '71 Memorial Scholar**

A scholarship given by the parents of Mark Purlia '71, in his name and memory, and awarded annually to a student who, in the judgment of the Division of Languages and Literature, best fulfills conditions of ability and character

*Ruthie Boumboume*

**Stanley '65 and Elaine Reichel Science Scholar**

A scholarship awarded to an outstanding and deserving student to complete his or her education in the sciences at Bard. The scholarship is an offshoot of the Stanley and Elaine Reichel Fund for the Future of Science at Bard, which was created in 1989 by Stanley Reichel '65 and Elaine Reichel to recognize the excellence of Bard's Division of Science, Mathematics, and Computing.

*Monika Dziubelski*

**Ilene Resnick '87 and Daniel Weiss '87 Scholar**

A scholarship established by alumni/ae Ilene Resnick '87 and Daniel Weiss '87 to enable talented and deserving students to attend Bard College

*Rasheeda Graham*

*Ambar Rosario*

**Lynda and Stewart Resnick Scholar**

A scholarship established by the parents of Ilene Resnick '87 and given annually to a deserving student from either California or Pennsylvania who demonstrates exceptional academic promise

*Nandi Woodfork-Bey*

**Betsy Richards '91 Memorial Scholar**

A scholarship given by the parents and friends of Betsy Richards '91, in her name and memory, and awarded annually to a student who is a music major and demonstrates a strong interest in the liberal arts

*Matt Macari*

**David and Rosalie Rose Scholar**

A scholarship awarded by the president of the College, upon the recommendation of the faculty, for academic excellence and commitment to high ideals in scholarship in the field of economics

*Gillian Adkins*

**William F. Rueger '40 Memorial Scholar**

A scholarship named for William F. Rueger '40, a devoted alumnus who served Bard College as chairman of the Board of Trustees and as a life trustee, and awarded to a student of the classics who demonstrates excellence in Greek or Latin

*Em Setzer*

**Joan A. Schaffer '75 Scholar**

A scholarship established through the generosity of a Bard College alumna in recognition of her 50th class reunion, and awarded annually to a deserving student first in their family to attend college

*Edibeth Mencia Roy*

**Seraphic Doctor Scholar**

Established by Johanna Shafer '67 and Michael Shafer '66 and awarded annually to a student who shows a commitment to faith in God and to simplicity of lifestyle as exemplified by Saint Francis

*Isabelle Desroches*

**Murray G. and Beatrice H. Sherman Scholar**

A scholarship to a deserving student who demonstrates academic excellence and financial need

*Kelany De La Cruz*

**Siebens Lindholm Scholar**

An endowed scholarship established through the generosity of dedicated alumna and Director of Admissions Mackie Siebens '12 and her husband, Interim Athletics Director David Lindholm, to support deserving students

*Thomas Harris*

**Cooky Heiferman Signet '56 Scholar**

A scholarship given by the parents of Esther Heiferman Signet '56, in her name and memory, and awarded annually to a qualified and deserving student in the field of social studies

*Katherina Wahi*

**Stephen P. Snyder '62 Scholar**

Awarded to students in the Division of Social Studies who have not only shown excellence in academics but have also made a significant contribution to the life of the College and its community

*Max Toth*

**Spadaccia Family Scholar in Literature**

An endowed scholarship established by the Spadaccia family and awarded to an outstanding Upper College student who has moderated in literature

*Aven Williams*

**Mary and Richard Sugatt Scholar**

A scholarship for students who have distinguished themselves in both the academic life of the College and the leadership of the student body

*Liam Gomez*

**I. Brewster Terry III '38 Memorial Scholar**

A scholarship established and endowed in 1987 by the classmates, friends, and family of I. Brewster Terry III '38, in his name and memory, and awarded to students in the Upper College whose commitment to liberal learning manifests itself in distinguished work in both the classroom and the College community

*Andrew Roberge*

**William E. Thorne Scholar**

A scholarship named for its donor and awarded to a student who intends to enter the ministry

*Matthew Alvarado*

**Beth M. Uffner Scholar in the Arts**

Awarded to a student who has shown perseverance in facing the challenges of pursuing a college education and who displays a serious interest in the arts

*Alice Schavoir*

**Walter B. James Fund/ New York Community Trust Scholar**

A scholarship given annually to a qualified and deserving student

*Jeremias Brea De Los Angeles*

**Patricia Ross Weis Scholars**

Created in honor of longtime trustee and Bard College alumna Patricia Ross Weis and awarded annually to two talented students who have excelled in Moderation in the social sciences and who uphold Bard's values by ensuring a strong community

*Cleveland Lovett*

*Stecy Mbemba*

**Hilton Weiss Scholar**

A scholarship named in honor of a distinguished teacher, mentor and friend. Given by Daniel Fulham O'Neill '79 and awarded to a moderated student in chemistry.

*Bryan Palma Flores*

**Jonathon Weiss '89 Scholars in Drama Performance**

A scholarship given by the parents of Jonathon Weiss '89, in his name and memory, and awarded annually to students matriculated in the Theater and Performance Program who show promise for a career in acting, directing, set design, or similar fields

*Emily Kaufman-Bell*

*Faith Williams*

**Werner Wolff Scholar**

A scholarship given annually in memory of Dr. Werner Wolff, professor of psychology at Bard from 1942 to 1957, by his former students and awarded to a deserving student for excellence in the field of psychology or anthropology

*Paxton Angell*

**Jane Fromm Yacenda Scholar in the Arts**

A scholarship given annually to a deserving student or students of painting whose work combines innovation with a love of craft

*Willie Gary*

## AWARDS

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### **Bard College Jazz Studies Jeff Marx Award**

An award established by the family, friends and colleagues of Jeff Marx, the noted tenor saxophonist who played with the greats from San Francisco to New York and across Europe. Awarded to music majors who have shown a significant achievement in the development of their creative process while bringing a positive and constructive energy to the Bard Jazz Studies program.

*Mikalah Jenifer*

### **Book Awards for Excellence in Language Learning**

Awarded to one student from each foreign language program taught at the College, upon the nomination of the faculty in each language program; based on effective language learning, growth and improvement over the course of study, enthusiasm, diligence, commitment, and leadership in the classroom

*Raphael Lewis (Arabic)*

*Madeline Chilton (Chinese)*

*Stella Scanlon (French)*

*Bella Bergen, Guy Bollin (German)*

*Rowan Swain (Greek)*

*Aviv Porath (Hebrew)*

*Benjamin DeBisschop (Italian)*

*Jade Ling Garstang (Japanese)*

*Maggie Hough (Latin)*

*Jonah Roth (Russian)*

*Emma Kuntz (Spanish)*

### **Class of 1969 Award**

An annual award given to a junior or senior who, in the judgment of the faculty and the dean of the College, has demonstrated a commitment to justice, peace, and social equity through scholarly pursuits, community involvement, and personal example

*Keyvious Avery*

*Angelica Merino Monge*

### **Alice P. Doyle Award in Environmental Studies**

An award given annually to a student who shows outstanding potential in the field of environmental studies, particularly in exploring the social dimensions of environmental issues

*Ross Sounart*

### **Naomi Bellinson Feldman '53 Internship Award**

Given yearly to support a student internship, preferably related to music or social sciences

*Mikalah Jenifer*

**William Frauenfelder Award**

An award established in honor of William Frauenfelder, beloved professor of modern languages and literature for more than 30 years, awarded to a sophomore or junior excelling in the study of one or more foreign languages  
*Zachary Young*

**Jean M. French Travel Award**

Given annually to a rising senior for travel in the service of his/her senior project  
*Maya Frieden*

**Harold Griffiths '31 Award in Chemistry**

An award given in memory of Harold Griffiths '31, through the generosity of his widow, Ethel S. Griffiths, to a deserving third-year student who, according to the faculty of the Division of Science, Mathematics, and Computing, demonstrates excellence in chemistry and outstanding potential  
*Michelle Reynoso*

**Peter Hutton Film Award**

In honor of Peter Hutton, a renowned filmmaker, professor, and beloved colleague; an award given to a junior or senior film major in recognition of exceptional skill, artistry, and commitment to the art of filmmaking  
*Lindsey Shaw*

**Alexander Hirschhorn Klebanoff '05 Award for Outstanding Achievement in Art History**

Awarded to a student whose Senior Project demonstrates extensive scholarship and daring originality. The student should also demonstrate a commitment to art and artists in and around Bard College and show both a deep appreciation and diversified understanding of art history.  
*Tatiana Alfaro, Vita Sherin-Jones*

**Reamer Kline Award**

An award given anonymously by an alumnus of the College to deserving students who, in the judgment of the president, best perpetuate the high ideals, devotion, and energetic involvement in the life and work of the College exemplified by Dr. Kline during his 14 years as president of Bard  
*Jamie Hoelzel*

**Robert Koblitz Human Rights Award**

An award established in 1987 by Bard alumni/ae who are former students of Robert Koblitz, late professor emeritus of political studies, in his name and honor, and awarded annually to a member of the Bard community— student, faculty, administration, or staff—whose work demonstrates an understanding of and commitment to democracy

*Elections at Bard*

*Team leaders:*

*Jonathan Becker*

*Erin Cannan*

*Sarah de Veer*

*Kathy Gaweda*

*Sadia Saba*

### **Natalie Lunn Technical Theater Award**

The Lunn Award honors the legacy of Natalie Lunn, Bard technical theater director 1972–1999, with two awards: an internship at Bard SummerScape or an award to pursue a technical theater internship at a professional company of the student's choice

*Dmitri Ades-Laurent*

*Ella Baldwin*

### **Mary McCarthy Award**

An award given to a junior who, through competitive selection by a special jury, is deemed the most promising and talented prose writer entering the senior year

*Lou Rosenblatt*

### **Larry McLeod '76 Award in Jazz**

An award established by the family and friends of Larry McLeod '76 and given annually to a student who has done much to keep the sound of jazz going at Bard

*Lukas Hutzler*

### **Shelley Morgan Award**

An award given to faculty, staff, or students, who display the qualities of leadership, compassion, commitment, and dedication to the Bard community

*Malia Du Mont*

### **Elizabeth Murray and Sol Lewitt Studio Arts Award**

An award given annually to two deserving seniors whose work exemplifies dedication, commitment, and integrity

*Thea McRae*

*Celia Nicolson*

### **Natural Philosophy Award**

An award established by Andrew Choung '94 and given to a moderated student pursuing a substantial combination of studies in both the natural and social sciences, reflecting the spirit of a renaissance education

*Kane Moser*

### **Photography Advisory Board Scholar Award**

A two-year award given annually to one or more moderated Photography Program majors, to cover the material cost associated with Upper College photographic work

*Hazel Dunning*

*Syd Merritt-Brown*

### **Presser Undergraduate Scholar Award**

An award given for the senior year to an outstanding student majoring in music

*Caleb Carman*

### **Justus and Karin Rosenberg Award**

An award given to two moderated Bard undergraduate students, with preference given to rising Seniors, who have shown intellectual leadership to support their research for a written Senior Project in Middle Eastern or Jewish Studies, or a combination of both. Preference given to students comparing the Jewish and Middle Eastern narratives.

*Ariela Katzman-Jacobson  
Aviv Porath*

### **Serota Award in Computer Science**

An award in memory of Kevin Daniel Serota, a maker and professional engineer of unmanned systems; originally a fellowship at Bard's Center for the Study of the Drone, this award is given annually to a moderated undergraduate in Computer Science who has shown promise and dedication in using technology to improve the human condition and make a positive impact on society

*Henry Chang*

### **C. T. Sottery Award**

An award established by an alumnus of the College and given annually to a junior for significant achievement in chemistry and for an outstanding contribution to the work of the Division of Science, Mathematics, and Computing

*Nataniel Janer Pagan*

### **Studio Arts Award**

An award given annually to two deserving seniors whose work exemplifies dedication, commitment, and integrity

*Moshopefoluwa Olagunju  
Timothy Wehrle*

### **Christina R. Tarsell Athletics Award**

An award given to commemorate the life and achievements of Chris Tarsell, a beautiful soul who is too soon gone. The award is given to a female student who exemplifies the spirit of sportsmanship and service to the athletic program, with a preference to a member of the tennis team.

*Katie Esposito*

### **Christina R. Tarsell Service Award**

An award given to commemorate the life and achievements of Chris Tarsell, a beautiful soul who is too soon gone. The award is given to a moderated student who enriches the community through humanitarian service and bridge building.

*Tatiana Alfaro*

### **Christina R. Tarsell Studio Arts Award**

An award given to commemorate the life and achievements of Chris Tarsell, a beautiful soul who is too soon gone. The award is given to a talented junior or senior of integrity whose work exemplifies intellectual openness, humanism, and a passion for light and color.

*Isaiah Schwartz*

**Richard Teitelbaum Award in Electronic Music**

This award is given in memory of Richard Teitelbaum, a distinguished member of the Bard faculty and a pioneer in the field of electronic music, to recognize a student majoring in music who has demonstrated creative excellence as an electronic musician

*Akoni Kaminoff*

**Professor Bernard Tieger Award in Labor, Community, and History**

An award established in memory of Professor Emeritus of Sociology Bernard Tieger, by his family, friends, students, and colleagues, given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding scholarship in labor studies or in the studies of communities and preferably a special interest in the Village of Tivoli

*Anna Schupack*

**Lindsay F. Watton III Memorial Essay Award**

An award established by the family and friends of Lindsay F. Watton III that commemorates the life achievements and numerous contributions of Professor Watton to the development of Russian and Eurasian studies at Bard College. It is awarded annually to a student whose essay on topics in Russian and Eurasian studies demonstrates excellence and dedication to the field.

*Michaela Angier*

**Lindsay F. Watton III Memorial Research Award**

An award established by the family and friends of Lindsay F. Watton III that commemorates the life achievements and numerous contributions of Professor Watton to the development of Russian and Eurasian studies at Bard College. It is awarded annually to a rising senior whose Senior Project promises excellence in the field

*María Julia Hernández Sáez*

**Christopher Wise '92 Award in Environmental Studies and Human Rights**

An endowed award established in memory of Christopher James Wise '92, given through the generosity of his friends and family, to support a student's internship in environmental studies and/or human rights

*Mikala L'Hote*

## PRIZES

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### **Margaret and John Bard Scholars Prize**

Honorary scholarships awarded annually by the faculty of each division of the College to not more than two students in each division for outstanding academic achievement in the field of major interest

*Narain Darakananda, Taylor Ndiaye (Arts)*

*Layl Andary, Isis Pinheiro (Languages and Literature)*

*Rachel Boyd, Annie Espinosa (Science, Mathematics, and Computing)*

*Duhita Das, Joelle Powe, Talaya Robinson-Dancy (Social Studies)*

### **Bard Biology Prize**

A prize given annually to a graduating senior in biology who has demonstrated curiosity, perseverance, resilience, and achievement through engagement with the discipline and the world

*Ashley Nicolich*

### **Bard College Conservatory of Music Prize**

A prize presented to graduating seniors at the Bard College Conservatory of Music who, in the opinion of the faculty, best embody the values of the Conservatory

*Helen Wu*

### **Bard Equity and Inclusion Achievement Prize**

A prize awarded each year to the graduating Equity and Inclusion senior who best exemplifies the spirit of the program through academic achievement and personal growth

*Dani Mingo*

### **Andrew Jay Bernstein '68 Prizes**

A prize in memory of Andrew Jay Bernstein '68, given to a junior for the purpose of assisting the preparation of the Senior Project in psychology

*Isaiah McRoberts*

A prize in memory of Andrew Jay Bernstein '68, given to one or more seniors in recognition of the originality and quality of the Senior Project in psychology

*Hadley Parum*

### **Marc Bloch Prize**

A prize given each year by the Historical Studies Program to one or more students who complete the best Senior Projects in historical studies

*Talaya Robinson-Dancy*

**Heinrich Bluecher Prize**

A prize in memory of Dr. Heinrich Bluecher, professor of philosophy at Bard College from 1952 to 1967, given annually by his family, friends, and former students to one or more Upper College students who best exemplify ideals of scholarship such as those espoused by Dr. Bluecher

*Scout Etterson*

*Rosie Levi*

**Franz Boas/Ruth Benedict Prize**

A prize given to a senior in recognition of the achievement demonstrated by the student's Senior Project in anthropology

*Ariela Katzman-Jacobson*

**President Leon Botstein Prize**

A prize endowed by the Bard faculty on the occasion of 30 years of President Botstein's leadership of the College, given to a graduating senior with a strong academic record across the disciplines who has been judged by the faculty to have demonstrated intellectual ambition, creativity, and integrity

*Riti Bahl*

**Irma Brandeis Prize**

A prize given annually to a third-year student or students with an excellent academic record, whose Senior Project in literature, languages, history, art history, philosophy, or the history of science is outstanding for both broadness of vision and precision of thought. The prize honors Bard's distinguished, longtime faculty member Irma Brandeis, whose contributions to Dante scholarship and to Bard College exemplify the virtues embodied in this prize

*Kent Zheng*

**Rachel Carson Prize**

Honors the outstanding Senior Project in environmental and urban studies that reflects Carson's determination to promote biocentric sensibility

*Olive Chen*

*Will Santora*

**Jennifer Day Memorial Prize**

A prize awarded in memory of Professor Jennifer Day to a student enrolled in the eight-week summer session at Smolny College in Russia who has a history of academic achievement

*Abigail Crosby*

**Maya Deren Prize**

A prize given anonymously in memory of Maya Deren and awarded to a film major for excellence in and commitment to cinema

*Nic Villarosa*

**Alice P. Doyle Prize in Environmental Studies**

A prize given annually to a graduating senior whose Senior Project illuminates the social dimensions of environmental issues

*Julia Gloninger*

### **Jacob Druckman Memorial Prize**

A prize established by Ingrid Spatt '69 to honor the memory of Jacob Druckman, a beloved teacher and friend, and associate professor of music from 1961 to 1967, awarded to a senior in the Music Program who demonstrates excellence and innovation in music composition

*Eli Weinstein*

### **Lyford P. Edwards Memorial Prize**

A prize awarded annually in memory of Lyford P. Edwards, a former professor of sociology at the College, to a student in the senior class who demonstrates excellence in the social sciences

*Dani Mingo*

### **Elizabeth Frank and Andrew D. Frank '68 Senior Project Prize in Music Composition**

An endowed prize created by Bard literature professor Elizabeth Frank in honor her brother, the composer Andrew D. Frank '68. Andrew studied composition at Bard with Jacob Druckman and Eli Yarden and, some forty years after graduating, happened to mention to Elizabeth one Sunday afternoon that he was revising his senior project just for the sheer fun of it.

*Patrick Staples*

### **William Frauenfelder Translation Prize**

A prize established in honor of William Frauenfelder, professor of modern languages and literature from 1934 to 1957 and 1969 to 1977, and awarded to a senior whose project includes a substantial work of literary translation of particularly high quality and attention to scholarship

*Sui Generis*

*Editors:*

*Zoe Allen*

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### **Sara Gelbart Prize in Mathematics**

A prize honoring a woman whose life was devoted to the encouragement of science and scholarship and given annually to the student who shows the most promise and produces outstanding work in mathematics

*Raphael Walker*

### **Antonio Gramsci Prize**

A prize awarded annually to a qualified and deserving student, nominated by the Division of Social Studies, who has demonstrated excellence in political studies, political economy, and the policy implications of academic analysis

*Maeve McKaig*

### **Jerome Hill Prize**

An award given in memory of Jerome Hill to a senior with an excellent Senior Project and for exceptional service to the Film and Electronic Arts Program

*Glafira Shanabrook*

**Hudsonia Prize**

A prize awarded each year by Hudsonia Ltd. to a qualified and deserving student showing promise in the field of environmental studies

*Benjamin Harris*

**Ana Itelman Prize for Choreography**

A prize established by her family, friends, and admirers in memory of Ana Itelman, professor of dance from 1957 to 1969 and joint founder of the Drama/Dance Program at the College. It is awarded, when the occasion suggests, to dance students who have shown creativity, imagination, and theatrical invention as directors, choreographers, or creators of other forms of performance art and whose work embodies wit, style, dynamism, and visual flair, as did hers.

*Sakinah Bennett*

**Ana Itelman Prize for Performance**

A prize established by her family, friends, and admirers in memory of Ana Itelman, professor of dance from 1957 to 1969 and joint founder of the Drama/Dance Program at the College. It is awarded, when the occasion suggests, to dance students who have shown onstage in both acting and dance the expressiveness she worked to develop.

*Katherine Skinner*

**William E. Lensing Prize in Philosophy**

An annual prize in memory of William Lensing, professor of philosophy from 1949 to 1981, given to one or more Upper College philosophy majors chosen by the program's faculty for excellence in the field

*Anna DeRosa, Niko Mbaye*

**William J. Lockwood Prizes**

A prize awarded to the senior student who, in the judgment of the president, has contributed most to the general welfare of the College

*Duhita Das*

A prize awarded to the senior student who, in the judgment of the president, has contributed most to the intellectual life of the College

*Adrian Costa*

**Wilton Moore Lockwood Prize**

A prize awarded to students who have submitted particularly distinguished creative and critical writing in course work

(creative)

*Emily Rose Folan*

(critical)

*Viveca Lawrie*

**Jamie Lubarr '72 Research Prize**

A prize awarded in honor of Jamie Lubarr '72 to a student in anthropology, film, or photography, to facilitate the making of an ethnographic or documentary film, video, or photographic series as part of a Senior Project that combines anthropology and the visual media

*Ariel West*

**Amie McEvoy Prize for Public Service**

A prize established by the Board of Trustees of the College and given annually in the name and honor of Amie McEvoy, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board and the Bard Faculty from 1981 to 2020, to a rising Junior or Senior student selected by the President who exemplifies a commitment to public service and the life of the college, and aspires to a superb command of language

*Najwa Jamal*

**Adolfas Mekas Prize**

Awarded for exceptional scriptwriting by a senior film student

*Stella Seganti*

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A prize honoring the student who has written the outstanding Senior Project in American studies

*Claire Lampson*

**Paul J. Pacini Prize in Music**

A prize created by Paul J. Pacini and given to a deserving student, studying voice in the Music Program, to assist with expenses associated with recitals, performances, Moderation or the Senior Project

*Alice Baum*

**Don Parker Prize for Dance**

A prize awarded annually to one or more seniors in the Dance Program who have shown the greatest development and progress as performers at Bard

*Arlo Tomecek*

**Don Parker Prize for Theater and Performance**

A prize awarded annually to one or more seniors in the Theater and Performance Program who have shown the greatest development and progress as performers at Bard

*Anya Petkovic*

*Tatyana Rozetta*

**Sidney Peterson Prize**

A prize given to a senior for exceptional service in the spirit of the late experimental filmmaker

*Luke Haaksma*

**M. Susan Richman Senior Project Prize in Mathematics**

An award named in honor of Dr. Richman, mathematician, university educator and administrator, and mother of two mathematicians, given annually to recognize the senior student exhibiting the most mathematical creativity, as determined by the mathematics faculty

*Tobias Timofeyev*

**Seymour Richman Music Prize for Excellence in Brass**

Established in memory of Seymour Richman (1932–48), a talented and joyous trumpet player, given annually to an outstanding senior Bard College Conservatory of Music brass instrument player whose performances have embodied creativity, originality, and dedication

*Evan Petratos*

*Liri Ronen*

**Robert Rockman Prize**

A prize established by the Class of 1966 to honor and acknowledge Robert Rockman, a beloved teacher devoted to making the Bard experience come to life for over 40 years, and awarded to a junior or senior for excellence in literature and theater

*Laila Perlman*

**Arwa Salih Prize in Middle Eastern Studies**

An annual prize honoring the spirit and scholarship of writer and student activist, Arwa Salih. It is awarded to an Upper College Middle Eastern Studies major, chosen by the program's faculty, for excellence in the field.

*Abigail Toomey*

**Bill Sanders '90 Memorial Prize**

A prize given in memory of Bill Sanders '90 to a student for appreciative, elegant, and insightful critical writing in English literature

*Liam Mayo*

**Margaret Creal Shafer Prizes in Composition and Performance**

Given by the Hudson Valley Chamber Music Circle to music majors who have excelled—one as a composer, the other as a performer—and demonstrated active participation in the Music Program

(composition)

*Ayanna Battle*

*Clay Hillenburg*

(performance)

*Isabella Argondizza*

*Narain Darakananda*

**Dr. Richard M. Siegel '43 Memorial Prize in Music**

A prize given in memory of Dr. Richard M. Siegel '43 to a student majoring in music who, in the judgement of the faculty, demonstrates academic excellence

*Hadley Parum*

**Dr. Richard M. Siegel '43 Memorial Prize in Science**

A prize given in memory of Dr. Richard M. Siegel '43 to a student majoring in science who, in the judgement of the faculty, demonstrates academic excellence

*Maddie Epstein*

**Idahlia Gonzalez Stokas Memorial Prize**

A prize awarded in loving memory of Idahlia Gonzalez Stokas to a graduating senior who best exemplifies the spirit of Bard and who, having overcome personal challenges during his or her studies, has demonstrated academic excellence

*Dayveliz Hernandez Muztafa*

**Adolf Sturmthal Memorial Prize**

A prize established by the family, former students, and friends of Adolf Sturmthal—economist, educator, and author, who served on the Bard faculty from 1940 to 1955—and awarded annually to a senior student who has done outstanding work in the field of economics

*Tyler Emerson*

**Carter Towbin Prize for Theater and Performance**

A prize awarded annually in memory of Carter Towbin to an Upper College theater student in recognition of creativity, versatility, and overall contribution to the work of this program

*Morgan Barnes-Whitehead*

*Adrian Costa*

*Nat Currey*

**Special Carter Towbin Prize**

A prize awarded to one or more majors or nonmajors in recognition of their exceptional contribution to the technical work of the Theater and Performance Program

*Dmitri Ades-Laurent*

**Lindsay F. Watton III Memorial Prize**

A prize established by the family and friends of Lindsay F. Watton III, Professor of Russian Language and Literature, awarded annually to a senior whose senior project demonstrates excellence in the field of Russian and Eurasian Studies. The project should be interdisciplinary and reflect a knowledge of Russian or the Slavic/Eurasian language relevant to the theme of the project.

*Noah Wurtz*

**William Weaver Prize in Music and Languages**

The renowned translator and authority on opera, William Weaver, a distinguished member of the Bard faculty, devoted his career as writer and teacher to exploring the links between language, music, and the visual arts. This prize is awarded to a senior conservatory student whose work is in the spirit of William Weaver

*Helen Wu*

**Written Arts Prize**

A prize offered by the faculty of the Written Arts Program to the graduating senior or seniors whose Senior Project is of the highest quality

*Hakima Alem Arebo*

**Suzanne Clements Zimmer '55 Prize**

A prize in memory of Suzanne Clements Zimmer '55, established by her husband, Karl Zimmer, and given annually to a deserving and promising sophomore art major

*Olivia McLeod*

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