

# AWARDS

## ACADEMIC AWARDS

**Thayer Award**--The family of Dr. Henry K. Thayer gives an award at each commencement to the student graduating with the highest GPA provided that the student has earned at least 60 credit hours in residence at Lander University and the student's GPA is at least 3.75.

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

### **Alliance Française Medal (French)**

Established by the Greenwood Chapter of the Alliance Française, this award is presented annually to a distinguished student of French.

### **Art Discipline Award**

Given annually by the visual arts faculty to the most outstanding major in art. The recipient must exhibit high academic achievement, leadership, and promise in the field of art education, graphic design, art history, or any of the studio disciplines.

### **Barbara A. Jackson Award (history)**

Named in honor of a former Lander first lady, this award is given annually by the history faculty to the senior history major who wrote the best senior thesis.

### **English Discipline Award**

Given annually by the English faculty to an outstanding student of English based on scholarship and on dedication to the discipline.

### **French Discipline Award**

Given annually by the French faculty to an outstanding student of French based on scholarship and on dedication to the discipline.

### **Spanish Discipline Award**

Given annually by the Spanish faculty to an outstanding student of Spanish based on scholarship and on dedication to the discipline.

### **History Discipline Award**

Given annually by the history faculty to the graduating senior majoring in history with the highest cumulative grade point average.

### **Humanities Award**

Named in honor of Lander alumna Dessie Dean Pitts, this award is given annually by the humanities faculty to the student who writes the best nonfiction essay published in *New Voices*, Lander's essay journal.

**Margaret M. Bryant Award** (humanities)

Named in honor of its donor, this award is given annually by the humanities faculty to a senior majoring in a humanities discipline who plans to enroll in graduate school and who will represent Lander University well. The award includes a monetary gift.

**Mass Communication and Theatre Discipline Award**

Given annually by the mass communication and theatre faculty to the most outstanding senior majoring in mass communication/theatre as evidenced by high academic achievement, leadership, and promise in the field of mass communication or theatre. The recipient must be expected to graduate within one calendar year of the award ceremony.

**Music Medal**

Established in 1973 by Gladys Winchester Turner, a 1954 alumna. This medal is awarded annually by the music faculty to a senior majoring in music who has maintained a high scholastic standing and has demonstrated the potential for making an outstanding contribution to the field of music education, performance, or music-related work.

**Music Discipline Award**

Given annually by the music faculty to the most outstanding junior or senior music major in recognition of high academic achievement, quality contributions to the music program, artistry, and commitment to the disciplines. The recipient must be a full time student.

**Philosophy Discipline Award**

Given annually by the philosophy faculty to an outstanding student of philosophy based on scholarship and on dedication to the discipline.

**Theatre Award for Excellence**

Given annually by the theatre faculty based upon academic record, leadership, dedication, and commitment to the theatre program.

**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS****Accounting Discipline Award**

Given annually by the accounting faculty to the most outstanding student in accounting who exhibits high academic achievement and promise of a successful career in business. The recipient must have an accounting emphasis, and must have a 3.0 GPA or above; he/she must be a graduating senior or must have graduated the previous fall or summer.

**Alan Jones Award** (political science)

Named in honor of a former international visiting professor, this award is given annually by the political science faculty to the junior or senior majoring in political science who has demonstrated the most outstanding promise entering the program.

**Display of Outstanding Sociological Imagination Award** (sociology)

Given annually by the sociology faculty to one or more sociology majors who amply demonstrated potential for success in graduate school.

**Finance/Economics Discipline Award**

Given annually by the finance/economics faculty to the most outstanding student majoring in finance/economics who exhibits high academic achievement and promise of a successful career in business. The recipient must have a finance/economics emphasis, and must have a 3.0 GPA or above; he/she must be a graduating senior or must have graduated the previous fall or summer.

**Gerontology Award**

Given annually by the gerontology faculty to the graduating senior with the highest grade point average in the gerontology program.

**Health Care Management Discipline Award**

Given annually by the health care management faculty to the most outstanding student in health care management who exhibits high academic achievement and promise of a successful career in business. The recipient must have a health care management emphasis, and must have a 3.0 GPA or above; he/she must be a graduating senior or must have graduated the previous fall or summer.

**Management/Marketing Discipline Award**

Given annually by the management/marketing faculty to the most outstanding student majoring in management/marketing who exhibits high academic achievement and promise of a successful career in business. The recipient must have a management/marketing emphasis, must be expected to graduate within the academic year of the award ceremony, and must have a must have a 3.0 GPA or above.

**Political Science Discipline Award**

Given annually by the political science faculty to the graduating senior majoring in political science with the highest cumulative grade point average.

**Sociology Discipline Award**

Given annually by the sociology faculty to the graduating senior majoring in sociology with the highest cumulative grade point average.

**Wall Street Journal Award**

The Department of Business faculty presents this most prestigious award annually to a business major for overall outstanding academic achievement and promise of success in the field of business administration. The award is normally given to a graduating senior with the highest GPA.

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION****Early Childhood Education Discipline Award**

Given annually by the education faculty to the graduating senior majoring in early childhood education who best exemplifies academic achievement, moral character, professionalism and exemplary teaching ability.

**Elementary Education Discipline Award**

Given annually by the education faculty to the graduating senior majoring in elementary education who best exemplifies academic achievement, moral character, professionalism and exemplary teaching ability.

**Graduate Education Award**

Given annually by the graduate education faculty to an outstanding graduate who best exemplifies professional leadership in the areas of teaching, contributions to the profession and school community and preferred dispositions of the *Professional Instructional Leader*.

**Exercise Studies Discipline Award**

Given annually by the physical education and exercise studies faculty to an outstanding graduating senior majoring in exercise studies based on excellent academic accomplishments as indicated by the cumulative grade point average and an involvement in the major.

**Physical Education Discipline Award**

Given annually by the physical education and exercise studies faculty to an outstanding graduating senior majoring in physical education based on excellent academic accomplishments as indicated by the cumulative grade point average and an involvement in the major.

**Psi Chi Undergraduate Research Award (psychology)**

Given annually by the psychology faculty to one or more psychology majors who demonstrated outstanding ability in conducting an independent research project.

**Psychology Discipline Award**

Given annually by the psychology faculty to the graduating senior majoring in psychology with the highest cumulative grade point average.

**Secondary Education Discipline Award**

Given annually by the education faculty to the graduating senior majoring in secondary education who best exemplifies academic achievement, moral character, professionalism and exemplary teaching ability.

**Special Education Discipline Award**

Given annually by the education faculty to the graduating senior majoring in special education who best exemplifies academic achievement, moral character, professionalism, and exemplary teaching ability.

**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS****Biology Discipline Award**

Given annually by the biology faculty to the most outstanding senior in biology as evidenced by high academic achievement and a promise of an exemplary career in biology, medicine, or related fields. The recipient must be a biology major expected to graduate within the calendar year of the award ceremony. At the time of graduation, the recipient must have completed at least 60 hours overall and 20 hours in biology at Lander.

**Chemistry Discipline Award**

Given annually by the chemistry faculty to the senior majoring in chemistry with the highest cumulative grade point average above 2.8. Juniors are considered if there are no qualifying seniors.

**Chemistry and Engineering Dual Degree Award**

Given annually by the chemistry faculty to the junior majoring in chemistry and engineering with the highest cumulative grade point average above 2.8. Sophomores are considered if there are no qualifying juniors.

**Computer Information Systems Discipline Award**

Given annually by the discipline faculty to an upperclassman majoring in computer information systems who has completed at least 60 hours overall, including upper level computer science courses. The selection is based on grade point average and promise in the major.

**Environmental Science Discipline Award**

Given annually by the environmental science faculty to an outstanding graduating senior majoring in environmental science. Criteria for selection are excellent academic accomplishments as indicated by the cumulative grade point average and promise of an exemplary future career reflected by service to the discipline or community.

**Generic Nursing Discipline Award**

Given annually by the nursing faculty to the graduating senior majoring in nursing with the highest cumulative grade point average. The recipient must not have repeated any Lander University nursing major program requirement course for a higher grade, must be currently enrolled in senior nursing courses, and must be expected to graduate within one calendar year of the award ceremony. The award includes a monetary gift.

**Lander Science Scholar Awards**

Given annually by the faculty of the Department of Biology and the Department of Physical Sciences to up to four lower and upper classmen among the most promising science majors, including freshmen and upper classmen, who have a grade point average of at least 3.5 in science and a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5.

**Mathematics Discipline Award**

Given annually to an upperclassman majoring in mathematics who has completed at least 60 hours overall, including upper level mathematics courses. The selection is based on grade point average and promise in the major.

**The Mathematical Association of America Award**

Given by the mathematics faculty to a junior or senior mathematics major based on promise in the field of mathematics. The award includes a one year membership in the Mathematical Association of America.

**Mathematics or Computer Science and Engineering Dual-Degree Award**

Given annually by the mathematics/computer science faculty to an outstanding student majoring in computer science or mathematics and intending to earn an engineering degree at Clemson University. The recipient should be in the final year of study at Lander University prior to matriculating to Clemson University. The selection is based on grade point average and potential for success in the field of engineering

**Nell Henry Award (biology)**

Established by Gwendolyn Burton Caldwell to honor a student possessing the qualities of character and achievement exemplified by Professor Nell Henry, and given annually to a rising senior woman (or a man if no woman fits the criteria during that year) majoring in biology who has a grade point average of at least 3.5 in science and a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 and who has high potential for future scholastic achievement and contributions to the field of biology. The recipient receives a monetary award as well as the Nell Henry Award gold pin.

**Physics Discipline Award**

Given annually by the physics faculty to the introductory physics student with the most outstanding achievements.

**RN-BSN Discipline Award**

Given annually by the nursing faculty to the registered nurse with the highest cumulative grade point average on course work completed at Lander University. The recipient must have earned credit for at least four Lander BSN completion courses after admission to the RN-BSN completion option and must not have repeated any RN-BSN completion courses or BIOL 304 for a higher grade. The recipient receives a monetary award.

### **Tapp Freese Memorial Award (nursing)**

Named in honor of nursing professor Dr. Barbara Freese's parents, this award is given annually by the nursing faculty to a senior majoring in nursing with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.3 who has not repeated any Lander University nursing major program requirement course for a higher grade and who is currently enrolled in honors study in either the Lander University Honors Program or the Department of Nursing Honors Program. The award includes a monetary gift.

## **ATHLETIC AWARDS**

### **Boyce M. Grier Award**

Established in memory of Dr. Boyce M. Grier, eighth president of Lander University. Awarded annually to a student, selected from among the members of the men's and women's intercollegiate teams, the cheerleaders, and the band, who represents those ideals held dear by Dr. Grier. These ideals include sportsmanship, integrity, pride in the University, and a positive attitude. The selection is made by the coaches and the advisors of the various groups. The name of the winner each year will be inscribed on a permanent plaque which is displayed in the trophy case of the University (awarded at the athletic banquet).

### **Hodges Medal**

The Dr. Samuel C. Hodges Medal is given by the Hodges family to the female student-athlete of the year. The recipient will be chosen from among participants in women's intercollegiate sports and will be a person of recognized athletic ability, outstanding character, acceptable scholarship, and leadership ability which extends beyond sports (awarded at the athletic banquet).

### **Bill Wells Award**

The Bill Wells Award was established by M. V. Wells in 1979 for the male student-athlete of the year. The recipient will be chosen from among participants in men's intercollegiate sports and will be a person of recognized athletic ability, outstanding character, acceptable scholarship, and leadership ability which extends beyond sports (awarded at the athletic banquet).

## **MILITARY AWARDS**

### **Colonel James A. Lander Award**

This award is presented to the outstanding senior cadet who has demonstrated moral character, high military and general academic standing, extracurricular involvement and leadership qualities.

### **Lieutenant Colonel Walter Roark Award**

Awarded to the junior cadet who has demonstrated a high degree of proficiency in military science and in overall academic studies who also exemplifies high qualities of leadership, devotion to duty, and patriotism.

## **SERVICE AWARD**

### **President's Award**

Given annually by the President of Lander University in recognition of unique exemplification of the *ethic of service* to the Lander community.