

SBU STUDENTS AWARDED ACADEMIC HONORS FOR 2020-2021

BOLIVAR, Mo. – Southwest Baptist University students have been recognized for their contributions to their academic areas and divisions during the 2020-2021 academic year.



The 2020-2021 honorees include:

- Outstanding Music Student – **Chantel Biddinger McKnight**, Morrisville, Mo.
- Outstanding Art Student – **Rebecca Foltz**, Marshfield, Mo.
- Outstanding Elementary Education Student – **Caroline Drury**, Park Rapids, Minn.
- Outstanding Middle School Education Student – **Grace Werner**, Neosho, Mo.
- Outstanding Physical Education Student – **Delanie Tipton**, Huntsville, Ark.
- Outstanding Kinesiology Student – **Ashley Horton**, Flemington, Mo.
- Outstanding Sport Management Student – **Jakob Partee**, Clever, Mo.
- Kelly Martin Outstanding Criminal Justice Student – **Chanelle Boldridge**, Shawnee Mission, Kan.
- Evelyn Mercer Outstanding Social Work Student – **Tobi Barta**, Basehor, Kan.
- Pearlene Breshears Outstanding Psychology Student – **MeLeah Ridenour**, Nixa, Mo.
- Outstanding History and Political Science Student – **Rachel Van Bebber**, Auburn, Ill.
- Outstanding Accounting Student – **Triniti Grant**, Camdenton, Mo.
- Outstanding Business Area Student – **Alexis Stout**, Lee's Summit, Mo.
- Outstanding Computing Area Student – **Ben Schulz**, Omaha, Neb.
- Division of Computing and Math Servant-Leadership Award – **Emily Wipf**, Marshfield, Mo.
- Outstanding Mathematics Area Student (James Frederick Hurst Math Award) – **Haley Bahn**, Springfield, Mo.
- Outstanding Chemistry/Physics Student – **Adrian Palmer**, Pottersville, Mo.

- Outstanding Biology Students – **Hannah Bredehoeft**, O’Fallon, Mo.; **Audra Addison**, Marionville, Mo.
- Outstanding English Student – **Makenna Krysl**, Hollister, Mo.
- Outstanding Communication Student – **Trejan Rowbotham**, Kisse Mills, Mo.
- Outstanding Theatre Student – **Christina Foltz**, Marshfield, Mo.
- Outstanding Christian Ministry Student – **James Friesen**, Olathe, Kan.
- Baker Book Award – **Eli McGrady**, Pittsburg, Mo.
- Florence Nightingale Award – **Amelia Masters**, Republic, Mo.
- Female Academic Excellence & Servant-Leadership Award – **Nicole Horstman**, Mokane, Mo.
- Male Academic Excellence & Servant-Leadership Award – **Blake Lutgen**, Strafford, Mo.
- Gordon & Judy Dutile Honors Program Graduates – **Audra Addison**, Marionville, Mo.; **Dason Boren**, Carl Junction; **Hannah Bredehoeft**, O’Fallon, Mo.; **Lexie Clements**, Jackson, Mo.; **Draden Davis**, Butler, Mo.; **Caitie Diepenbrock**, Bolivar, Mo.; **Jack Erbland**, Ironton, Mo.; **William Koch**, Clinton, Mo.; **Amelia Masters**, Republic, Mo.; **Eli McGrady**, Pittsburg, Mo.; **Nathan Spencer**, Garfield, Ark.; **Haley Stoner**, Roseville, Calif.; **Sarah Swainston**, Warrensburg, Mo.; **Grace Tayloe**, Owensville, Mo.; **Marissa Whiteside**, Alton, Ill.; **Stephen Winder**, Bolivar, Mo.; and **Megan Worthington**, Camdenton, Mo.

In addition to the individual honors, SBU Interim President Dr. Brad Johnson presented cords to 126 seniors graduating with honors - 43 Cum Laude, 35 Magna Cum Laude and 48 Summa Cum Laude.

SBU will host five Spring commencement ceremonies – three undergraduate ceremonies on Friday, May 14 and two graduate ceremonies on Saturday, May 15 – in order to comply with health department guidelines for gathering sizes. The ceremonies also will be available for viewing simultaneously on livestream. Visit www.sbuniv.edu/commencement for more information about the ceremonies.

PHOTO: SBU Interim President Dr. Brad Johnson (right) presents honors cords to Wayd Davis during the academic honors ceremony.

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