Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts

Honors Day

Saturday, April 25, 2015
5:00 p.m.
Nebraska Union Ballroom
University of Nebraska—Lincoln
Program

Welcome and Introductions. .................................................. Charles O’Connor
Endowed Dean

* Student Awards *

Dean’s Award for Academic Excellence. ................................. Nathaniel Sullivan
Glenn Korff School of Music

*Given to the student who has achieved the highest cumulative grade point average of all graduating seniors in the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts.*

College Alumni Board’s Undergraduate Student Leadership Award. ...... Bryan Howard
Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film

*Given to students who have proven to be leaders through their scholarship, talents, service and dedication.*

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award. ......................... Allen Morris
Department of Art and Art History

*Honors the work of a graduate teaching assistant who has demonstrated true excellence in teaching.*

F. Pace Woods Scholarships. .................................................. Elizabeth Katt
Department of Art and Art History
Eric Martens
Glenn Korff School of Music
Alexis Borchardt
Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film

*A College-wide award given to students who have demonstrated academic and creative/scholarly excellence.*

Anne and William (Laurie) Porter Awards for Creativity in the Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film. ......................... Sarah Resch
Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film Undergraduate Student
Michaela Stein
Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film Graduate Student
Amber Hongsermeier
Glenn Korff School of Music’s Dance Division
Undergraduate Student

*Given to students who have demonstrated the highest level of achievement and excellence in theatre, film and dance.*
Vreeland Awards in Art and Music
Francis William Vreeland Awards. ........................................... Elizabeth Katt
Department of Art and Art History
Undergraduate Student

Gabrielle Valdez
Department of Art and Art History
Graduate Student

Ida M. Vreeland Awards. .......................................................... Caitlin Gilmore
Glenn Korff School of Music
Undergraduate Student

Masayoshi Ishikawa
Glenn Korff School of Music
Graduate Student

* Given to recognize the creative achievements of the recipients in art and music. *

* Faculty/Staff Awards *

Recognition of Hixson-Lied Faculty and Staff Awards:
College Distinguished Teaching Award. .................................... Karen Kunc
Department of Art and Art History

Hixson-Lied Awards: .............................................................. To be announced
Leadership Award in Curriculum or Programmatic Development
Achievement Award in Academic Advising
Junior Faculty Achievement Award in Teaching
Senior Faculty Achievement Award in Research and Creative Activity
Junior Faculty Achievement Award in Research and Creative Activity
Faculty Award for Outreach, Engagement or Service
Staff Awards for Outstanding Service

* Special Recognition *

Recognition of the retirements of Professor of Art Ed Forde and Associate Professor of Art Mo Neal

Recognition of the graduating Hixson-Lied Fellows:
Avi Arenfeld, Department of Art and Art History
Chadric Devin, Department of Art and Art History
Victoria Halverson, Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film
Masayoshi Ishikawa, Glenn Korff School of Music
Lynda A. Laird, Glenn Korff School of Music
Jana Krajciova Manning, Glenn Korff School of Music
Chris Varga, Glenn Korff School of Music
Michaela Lynne Stein, Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film
David Tousley, Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film
Joshua Zink, Glenn Korff School of Music

* Faculty Service Award *

College Alumni Board’s Faculty Service Award. ......................... Janice Stauffer
Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film
• Alumni Awards •

College Alumni Board’s Alumni Achievement Awards. .........................  

Susan Puelz  
Department of Art and Art History  

Barbara Zach  
Glenn Korff School of Music  
B.M. 2001  

Nancy Marcy  
Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film  
M.F.A. 1987  

Recognizes alumni from each academic unit of the College who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and overall professional excellence.  

• Award of Merit •

College Alumni Board’s Award of Merit. ................................. Lucy Buntain Comine  

Honors those who have made contributions to the College, but who are not necessarily an alumnus of the College.  

Award of Merit  

Lucy Buntain Comine  

Dr. Lucy Buntain Comine. Buntain Comine transitioned to a part-time status at the University of Nebraska Foundation last spring, stepping down from her position as Senior Development Director for the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts. She started at the Foundation in 1989 and has worked with the Hixson-Lied College since its founding in 1993. She was also a member of the University of Nebraska Department of English faculty before moving to the Foundation.  

Her impact on the college has been nearly impossible to quantify, as she has been involved with every major gift to the College, including the Hixson-Lied Endowment, the Mary Riepma Ross Endowment, the Glenn Korff Endowment, the John W. Carson Endowment, the Eisentrager-Howard Gallery, the Jim and Rhonda Seacrest Excellence Fund, to many other scholarships and gifts.  

She is currently involved in major gift development and special projects for the Foundation.
Alumni Achievement Award in Art

From 1984 to 2004, Puelz was a visiting assistant professor of art in watercolor, art history, design and drawing at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. She has also been visiting artist at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas; Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma; and Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona. She has had 22 one-person shows including the Great Plains Art Museum at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln; Krasl Art Center in St. Joseph, Michigan; the Museum of Nebraska Art in Kearney, Nebraska; and Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha, Nebraska. Since 1985, she has participated in 35 group exhibitions. Her major awards have come from Watercolor U.S.A., Art Quest, the Mid-America Arts Alliance, Taos National Honors Exhibition, National Watercolor Society, Museum of Nebraska Art, Cooper Foundation and the Association of Nebraska Art Clubs. Additionally, her work is featured at www.susanpuelz.com.

Barbara Zach, B.M. 2001  
Alumni Achievement Award in Music

Zach is executive director of Lincoln’s Symphony Orchestra (LSO). She joined the orchestra staff in 2001 as Operations/Personnel Manager & Music Librarian, taking responsibility for all details of concert production. She was appointed executive director in 2005. Since taking the helm, Zach has guided LSO through a critical time of artistic growth and audience expansion. Most recently, she secured major multi-year underwriting to allow LSO to move to a new home in the Lied Center for Performing Arts. In conjunction with the new venue, LSO implemented an affordable ticket price initiative in an effort to become accessible to every segment of its community. Since then, the orchestra has performed for more than twice as many audience members as they did previously, and a majority of LSO’s individual donors have increased their contributions to support this initiative. In 2007, the League of American Orchestras invited Zach to be one of 12 national participants in the inaugural class of the two-year long Executive Leadership Program. She was also elected by her peers to serve as chairman of their management group. Zach graduated from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln with dual degrees in mathematics and piano performance.

Nancy Marcy, M.F.A. 1987  
Alumni Achievement Award in Theatre and Film

Marcy is a writer, educator, director and professional actor. She retired in 2009 from her position as education director at the Coterie Theatre in Kansas City (a nationally recognized theatre for youth and family audiences) but continues to teach their Master Acting classes and Reaching the Write Minds playwriting workshops. A professional actress, Marcy has performed with the Nebraska Repertory Theatre, Nebraska Theatre Caravan, Okoboji Summer Theatre and Kansas City’s Unicorn Theatre, American Heartland Theatre, The Coterie Theatre, Quality Hill Playhouse, Missouri Repertory Theatre (now Kansas City Repertory Theatre), Just Off Broadway Theatre (Melting Pot KC), Metropolitan Ensemble Theatre, The Fishtank Performance Studio and The Kansas City Fringe Festival (various venues). Marcy has a special love for working on new plays—beginning with her thesis role in A Stone’s Throw at UNL—through this date by volunteering to read with various playwriting classes.
Faculty Service Award

Janice Stauffer, Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film

The Faculty Service Award will be presented to Associate Professor of Theatre Janice Stauffer, from the Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film. Stauffer has been the resident costume designer and a theatre faculty member since 1979. She has designed more than 40 productions for the Nebraska Repertory Theatre and is a founding member of Flatwater Shakespeare. She has also designed costumes at the Utah and Illinois Shakespearean Festivals and is a member of United Scenic Artists. Numerous theatres have benefitted from her expertise as a designer and/or as an advisor, including the Lincoln Community Playhouse, Haymarket Theatre, the Angels Theatre Company and UNL Opera. She is an exceptional mentor for her student designers, always going that extra mile.

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