

# Awards and Honors

Every year, the College holds an Awards Convocation to recognize outstanding merit and achievement among students and faculty members. The College, various academic departments, campus organizations, and outside sources also present awards to Ripon undergraduates. Below is a list of awards presented on a regular basis.

**Achievement Award in Anthropology:** *to the outstanding senior in anthropology.*

**Achievement Award in Sociology:** *to the outstanding senior student in sociology.*

**Achievement Award in Art:** *to the student who has shown the highest degree of excellence in art.*

**Beta Beta Beta Award in Biology:** *to the senior biology major who has demonstrated the greatest degree of excellence and initiative in the biological sciences.*

**J. T. Lewis Prize in Biology:** *to the student who shows outstanding initiative and performance in the introductory biology course.*

**Dr. Charles Nichols Award:** *to a student with a special interest in botany. Should there be no such student in any given year, the award may be made to another biology student. It is awarded in memory of Dr. Charles Nichols, Professor of Biology Emeritus.*

**Senior Business Administration Prize:** *to the outstanding senior in business management.*

**Larry Barker 1940 Prize in Chemistry:** *to the first-year student planning to major in chemistry who best combines the qualities of high scholarship, personal integrity, and simple friendliness.*

**Franklin L. Stone Award:** *to the sophomore majoring in chemistry who shows an outstanding capacity for scholarship and hard work and a personal dedication to doing her or his best; in memory of Franklin L. Stone, an employee of the College from 1959-73 and from 1974-83.*

**Leone Oyster 1919 Memorial Scholarship and Prize:** *to the junior majoring in chemistry who best combines the qualities of scholarship and hard work which characterized Professor Oyster, a member of the chemistry department from 1920-62.*

**Guy and Maude Russell 1911/1917 Chemistry Scholarship Award:** *to the student majoring in chemistry who best combines the qualities of scholarship, leadership, and service to fellow students.*

**Mrs. John James Communication Award:** *for the best senior speech communication major.*

**E. R. Nichols Campus Communicator Award:** *awarded to the member of the campus community who best exemplifies the ideals of communication supported by Pi Kappa Delta. These qualities include clear presentation, useful responses, and active and sympathetic listening.*

**Curtis A. MacDougall 1923 Debate/Forensic Award:** *established in memory of Curtis MacDougall, distinguished Ripon alumnus and Northwestern University Journalism professor, this award recognizes an outstanding student involved in forensics.*

**John Livingston 1949 Endowed Economics Scholarship:** named in honor of Professor Jack Livingston, Professor of Economics at Ripon College for 23 years and the College's first Delmar D. Wensink Professor of Political Economy. Established by a group of Professor Livingston's former students to help future generations of economics students and to honor the name, standards, and reputation of this distinguished Ripon alumnus and teacher. Given annually to a junior majoring in economics who has exhibited outstanding achievement and interest in economics.

**Milton H. Westhagen Award in Economics:** to the senior economics major who has exhibited outstanding achievement and interest in economics; named for the late Milton H. Westhagen, chair of Ripon's economics department from 1948-72.

**Burton J. Stallard 1926 Prize in Education:** to the senior with a career goal in education who has demonstrated constructive insight into the fundamental issues in education, who has been actively involved in education-related experiences, who possesses broad interests, and who has an above-average academic record.

**Jean Woolley WIDS Scholarship:** Established to recognize the importance Jean gave to teacher education and to performance-based, interactive learning.

**Mrs. John James Prize in Composition:** to the student who has done the most outstanding work in English composition.

**Pierre Guiet Prize in English:** awarded in memory of Professor Pierre Guiet, a member of the Ripon College English Department from 1958 to 1966, to a senior English major intending to go into graduate work.

**Ethel Lyon 1912 Graduate Scholarship in English:** a graduate award, the sum of which is to apply toward tuition to the graduate school of the recipient's choice; established in memory of Ethel Lyon.

**Dorothea Wilgus Pickard Prize in Creative Writing:** presented annually to the student who has done the best work in creative writing over the past year.

**German Language Prize:** to the student who has achieved the best work in German language studies.

**German Literature Prize:** to the student who has achieved the best scholarly work in German literature.

**Global Studies Achievement Award:** to a student who has demonstrated superior work in Global Studies courses and effectiveness in improving campus and community understanding of global issues.

**John F. Glaser Award:** an award given annually in memory of Dr. John F. Glaser, Professor of History at Ripon from 1954-79, to a junior who has shown distinction in the study of history.

**Achievement Award in History:** to a senior history major for distinction in the work of the history department.

**Edwin W. Webster 1919 Endowed Scholarship in History:** to a major in history in memory of Edwin Webster, both a student at Ripon and a member of the faculty from 1921-22, 1923-62.

**Ripon College Mathematics and Computer Science Award:** recognizes student achievement by giving an award to a first, second, or third year student majoring in mathematics or computer science.

**Senior Computer Science Award:** awarded to a senior doing the most outstanding work in the field of computer science.

**Senior Mathematics Award:** to the senior doing the most outstanding work in mathematics.

**Harry A. Cody, Jr. 1933 Memorial Award in Military Science:** presented to an ROTC cadet in his or her junior year who is a student in good standing, loyal to the College, of high moral character, and possesses demonstrated officer-ship qualities.

**“Sarge” Peters Award:** *presented annually to a deserving first-year student with a demonstrated level of academic performance and a desire to continue at Ripon and in ROTC. This award is in memory of Master Sergeant Arthur Peters who served 54 years in the U.S. Army, with the last 24 years (from 1920-44) at Ripon College.*

**Calmerton/Yahr Music Award:** *based on scholarship, musical ability, and leadership in music.*

**Lucile Mosling Grams Endowed Music Award:** *given in memory of Beverly Thomann, a special member of the Ripon community and of the College family. As an author, educator, student, and volunteer, she was always giving help to others. Presented annually to a junior majoring or minoring in music. Student should have a demonstrated interest in one or more areas of the musical arts.*

**Robert Rashid 1936 Music Award:** *to the student who has made the most significant musical contribution to the music department; given in memory of Robert G. Rashid, alumni director and public relations director of the College from 1967-72.*

**Bruce Martz Endowed Music Award:** *given to recognize outstanding achievement and interest in music by current and future students at Ripon College.*

**Donald Bruening 1962 Prize in Philosophy:** *to a senior possessing notable interest and ability in philosophy; given in honor of Donald Bruening.*

**William E. Tyree Graduate Scholarship:** *to the senior major who has shown special interest and ability in philosophy and who will begin graduate study the following fall. Funded by William E. Tyree, Professor of Philosophy at Ripon from 1950-83.*

**William Harley Barber Award in Physics:** *to the best student in physics for the current academic year; given in honor of William Harley Barber, Ripon Professor of Physics from 1906-46.*

**Rensselaer Engineering and Science Affiliated College Award for Excellence:** *in order to receive this award and scholarship a student must fulfill three requirements: the designee must be a member of a participating institution, an outstanding student in the pre-engineering program, and an applicant for admission to Rensselaer. The award carries with it a Rensselaer scholarship.*

**Achievement Award in National Security Studies:** *presented to a student in National Security Studies who has completed the minor requirements in an outstanding manner and who has gone above and beyond in the field.*

**Achievement Award in Politics and Government:** *for outstanding work in politics and government.*

**Gordon R. Connor Scholarship:** *awarded annually to a junior with a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or better with an interest in politics and government. In memory of Gordon R. Connor, past president and chief executive officer of Connor Forest Industries.*

**Achievement Award in Psychology:** *to the outstanding senior psychology major.*

**Reverend Edward S. Roberts 1916 Memorial Scholarship:** *presented to a student of at least junior standing who has stated an interest in entering the ministry and demonstrated scholarly achievement in his or her chosen field of study.*

**Grace Gertrude Goodrich 1906 Classics Award:** *named in honor of Grace Gertrude Goodrich, a member of the Class of 1906, distinguished Professor of Classics at the College, and one-time Dean of Women. Awarded to a junior or senior who has shown distinction in the Classical studies.*

**Latin League of Wisconsin Colleges:**

*To a graduating senior with a Classical Studies major or minor who has shown excellence in their studies.*

**Achievement Award in Foreign Languages:**

*to the student or students who have regularly demonstrated excellence in junior- and senior-level foreign language courses.*

**Achievement Award in French:**

*to the student or students who have regularly demonstrated excellence in junior- and senior-level courses.*

**Achievement Award in Spanish:**

*to the student or students who have regularly demonstrated excellence in junior- and senior-level courses.*

**Wisconsin Association Of Foreign Language Teachers Certificate Of Excellence:**

*in recognition of outstanding student achievement in a foreign language.*

**Wisconsin Association Of Foreign Language Teachers-Future Foreign Language Teachers Certificate:**

*recognizes the student who exhibits high potential as a teacher of foreign languages.*

**Classical Association of Middle West and South (CAMWS):**

*to recognize outstanding work in the studies of the classics.*

**Theatre Achievement Award:**

*awarded for excellence in some area of theatre.*

**Bernice Wells Carlson Award:**

*establishes a weekly eight-hour work grant to provide a hands-on opportunity for students interested in pursuing librarianship.*

**Samuel N. Pickard Award:**

*to the members of the upperclass who have made the most significant contribution to Ripon College through scholarship, athletic achievement, and personal character. Mr. Pickard served as a trustee of the College from 1932-73.*

**John Storzer Graduate Study Scholarship:**

*to the senior athlete with the highest cumulative grade point (this athlete must have earned at least two letters); established in memory of Ripon coach, teacher, and athletic director John Storzer who served from 1958-73.*

**Jeff A. Thompson 1987 Athletic Award:**

*to a student athlete who has demonstrated enthusiasm, determination, perseverance, and unselfishness in the intercollegiate wrestling and/or football program at Ripon College. In memory of Jeff A. Thompson.*

**Richard O. and Elizabeth Poulsen Hader Scholarship:**

*to a junior on the basis of outstanding dedication and service to the College.*

**David L. Harris Memorial Award:**

*given by the student senate to the student who has contributed most to the betterment of the College community through clubs and organizations within Ripon College.*

**American Association of University Women Awards:**

*The Webster family established two American Association of University Women Awards (AAUW) to express appreciation for outstanding service by junior and senior women. Criteria are: good academic achievement and service to the College, to the Ripon community and to humankind. These awards were established in 1987 as a lasting tribute to the wife of Edwin W. Webster, class of 1919 and professor of history at Ripon College from 1921 to 1962. Mrs. Webster not only supported her husband's activities but was a significant contributor to the College through her work with the AAUW, the Ripon College Women's Club and other volunteer work. Students were welcomed into the Websters' home and given the support, comfort and, sometimes, the admonitions which helped them to become better students and better people.*

**Admission Office Student Volunteer Senior Excellence Award:** *to a senior at Ripon College who has demonstrated significant volunteer contributions through outstanding dedication, dependability, personal character, and service to Ripon College and the Office of Admission.*

**Admission Office Student Volunteer Achievement Award:** *to a freshman, sophomore, or junior at Ripon College who demonstrates outstanding dedication, dependability, personal character and service to Ripon College and the Office of Admission through his/her volunteer efforts and contributions.*

**Alumni Association Senior Award:** *to members of the senior class who have through leadership, enthusiasm, involvement and personal achievement, contributed to the betterment of campus life at Ripon College.*

**Class of 1991 Award:** *to a junior who has maintained an excellent academic record while contributing significantly to Ripon College's extracurricular life. The recipient must be a conscientious student, create a positive image as a member of the community, and personify Ripon College's emphasis on the well-rounded experience of a liberal arts education. The award is made available by an anonymous member of the class of 1991.*

**Robert Cole Memorial Award:** *presented annually by the Hughes House Society in honor of Bob Cole. Professor Cole was a member of the Ripon College History department from 1966 until his death in 1993. The award is presented to the student who, in the judgement of the Society's membership, most clearly represents the virtues and the values Bob Cole held most dear.*

**Deans' Award:** *to an outstanding senior chosen for scholarship, leadership, character, and service to the College.*

**Office of Community Engagement**

**Excellence in Service Award:** *to a student who has made both the Ripon College and outreach communities better places to live through passion and dedication within the service field.*

**Clifford Crump, Phi Beta Kappa Award:** *to a sophomore and a junior chosen by the Ripon chapter of Phi Beta Kappa on the basis of academic attainment, breadth of cultural interests, evidence of intellectual interest outside the classroom, and service to the community; established in honor of Clifford Crump, former chairman of Ripon's mathematics department from 1937-58.*

**Student Support Services Outstanding Tutor Award:** *to the student tutor who exhibits a high degree of dedication for helping others in an academic area, who has a professional approach in working with the Student Support Services staff, and who has a history of success in assisting his/her peers achieve a deeper understanding of a discipline.*

**David L. and Elizabeth W. Harris Memorial Scholarship:** *to the member of the junior class who, through academic achievement and service to the College community, best expresses the ideals and values of David L. Harris, dean of men at the College from 1954-83.*

**Resident Life Programmer of the Year:** *to a member of the resident life staff who has demonstrated leadership, creativity and a dedication to providing students with co-curricular learning opportunities. This person has increased the value of residential living by creating a variety of social and educational opportunities in which residents participate.*

**Resident Life Staff Member of the Year** *to a senior member of the resident life staff who has contributed greatly to the quality of residential life through initiative as a counselor, mentor and programmer.*

**Elliott-Schaffnit Award:** *to the WRPN staff member who has shown excellence in broadcasting and the most creativity in programming.*

**Howard C. Hansen Award:** *to the WRPN staff member in recognition of outstanding performance throughout a given year.*

**Student Organization Leadership**

**Award:** *to student organizations whose members have exemplified outstanding service to the campus and community.*

**Student Leadership Award:** *to student leaders exhibiting dependability, dedication, service to campus and outstanding leadership qualities.*

**Faculty/Staff Mentor Award:** *to individuals who promote in and out of classroom learning experiences.*

**Senior Class Award:** *to the outstanding faculty member as chosen by members of the senior class.*

**May Bumby Severy 1908 Awards:** *to the faculty members who have shown the highest degree of excellence in teaching.*

**James Underkofler Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching:** *to a faculty member for outstanding performance and excellence in undergraduate teaching. Given in honor of James Underkofler and his 48 years of service to Wisconsin Power & Light and the utility industry.*