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Honors Convocation



SUNY
Cortland



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Program

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Dr. Marina Gorelaya
Lecturer, Performing Arts

WELCOME

Dr. Erik J. Bitterbaum
President

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Jocelyn Coburn
Senior, Performing Arts

CONVOCATION ADDRESS

Nan Pasquarello
Director of Career Services Emerita

DEPARTMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

School of Education

Dr. Andrea Lachance
Dean

School of Professional Studies

Dr. Lynn E. MacDonald
Interim Dean; SUNY Distinguished Service Professor

School of Arts and Sciences

Dr. R. Bruce Mattingly
Dean

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Ann K. McClellan
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

ALMA MATER

Jocelyn Coburn

RECESSIONAL

Dr. Marina Gorelaya

A reception will be held for the honorees, guests, faculty and staff immediately after the ceremony in back of Alumni Arena. Please join us.

University Representatives

PLATFORM PARTY

Dr. Erik J. Bitterbaum
President

Dr. Ann K. McClellan
*Provost and Vice President,
Academic Affairs*

Dr. Lynn E. MacDonald
*Interim Dean, School of Professional
Studies; SUNY Distinguished Service
Professor*

Dr. Andrea Lachance
Dean, School of Education

Dr. R. Bruce Mattingly
Dean, School of Arts and Sciences

Nan Pasquarello
Director of Career Services Emerita

Jenn McNamara '01
*Director, Honors Program;
Associate Professor, Art and Art History*

KEYBOARDIST

Dr. Marina Gorelaya
Lecturer, Performing Arts

MACE BEARER

Dr. Kathleen Lawrence
*Professor, Communication and
Media Studies*

GONFALONIERS

All-University

Jacob Wright '18
*Career Coach and Educator,
Career Services*

Arts and Sciences

Dr. Moataz Emam
Professor, Physics

Education

Dr. Gillian Mertens
Assistant Professor, Literacy

Professional Studies

Dr. Kevin Dames
Associate Professor, Kinesiology

SCHOOL LINE MARSHALS

Education

Dr. Kim Wieczorek
*Associate Professor and Chair,
Childhood/Early Childhood Education*

Professional Studies

Dr. Alexis Blavos
Professor, Health

Arts and Sciences

Dr. Vincent DeTuri
*Associate Dean, School of Arts
and Sciences*

FLOOR MARSHALS

Dr. Helena Baert
Associate Professor, Physical Education

Maria Barredo
*Manager of Donor Relations,
Development*

Dr. Philip Buckenmeyer
*Professor, Kinesiology;
Chair, Honors Convocation Committee*

Dr. Timothy Davis
Associate Professor, Physical Education

Patrick Donnelly '01
Instructor, Kinesiology

Dr. Dominick Fantacone
*Director, Research and
Sponsored Programs*

Convocation Address Speaker

Michael Foki

*International Student Advisor,
International Programs*

Dr. John Foley

*Distinguished Professor,
Physical Education*

Dr. Christina Knopf

*Professor, Communication and
Media Studies*

Dr. Nimisha Muttiah

*Associate Professor, Communication
Disorders and Sciences*

Justin Neretich

*Community Engagement and
Academic Coordinator, Extended
Learning*

Matthew Pitcher '12

*Senior Financial Aid Advisor and
Scholarship Coordinator, Financial Aid*

C. Gregory Sharer

Vice President, Student Affairs

Jonah Reardon '13

Development Officer, Development

Dr. Jeffrey Walkuski

Associate Professor, Physical Education

Nanette (Nan) Pasquarello

Director of Career Services Emerita



Nan Pasquarello served SUNY Cortland for nearly 30 years in several roles supporting students, retiring in January 2025 as director of career services. Throughout her tenure, she was recognized for her tireless dedication to improving academic and student life experiences, especially outside of the classroom.

From 2019 through 2024, Pasquarello guided Career Services. She moved the university forward in its use of career-related technology, helped graduates meet employer expectations and equipped students with valuable skills through internships, undergraduate research and other applied learning experiences.

A constant advocate for students, Pasquarello was named SUNY Cortland's first full-time Title IX coordinator in 2014 and served in that role until 2019, navigating changes in federal regulations and offering crucial support for campus community members in need. Prior to that, Pasquarello held positions as the university's director of student conduct (2002-2011), career counselor and technical support specialist (1998-2002), associate director of alumni affairs (1995-1998) and transfer credit coordinator and senior admissions counselor (1992-1995).

Pasquarello remained an active leader in statewide organizations at each stage of her career and she was awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service in 2008. She also plays the flute with several musical ensembles, including the SUNY Cortland College Community Orchestra.

Pasquarello graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Binghamton University, where she earned a B.A. in English and geography and an M.A. in public policy analysis and administration. She lives in Cortland with her husband, Thomas, professor emeritus of political science at SUNY Cortland.

The Top Five Percent

The students listed on the following pages represent the top five percent of their respective classes based on grade point averages recorded as of Feb. 1, 2025.

HONORS PROGRAM

An asterisk (*) following a student's name indicates enrollment in the SUNY Cortland Honors Program as of Feb. 1, 2025.

GIFTS

Members of the top five percent of each class receive a pin from the university to acknowledge their outstanding academic achievement. The Cortland College Foundation and President's Office generously provide funds for these gifts.

Seniors

91 or more credit hours completed.
Cumulative grade point averages
range from 3.93 to 4.00.

Riya Abraham
Healthcare Management

Miranda Jade Aldrich
Psychology

Jake Peter Baglio
Media Production

Jessica Leigh Bonville
Inclusive Childhood Education

Kaitlyn Diane Bowen
Adolescence Education: Physics and
Mathematics

Isaiah Dulson Brunache
Exercise Science

Alexis Taylor Burke
Exercise Science

Cassidi Rose Callaghan
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Kayla Campbell
Inclusive Childhood Education

Veronica Madison Cantor
Inclusive Childhood Education

Gabriel Carraher
Art

Bryce Patrick Carroll
Sport Management

Sara Rae Case-Kneeland
Social Philosophy

Austin Bryan Cayward
Physical Education

Yasin Choukri
Business Economics

Logan Alexander Comfort
Business Economics

Daniel Cook
Physical Education

Caleb Cousineau
Sport Management

Erin Lorraine Crouse
Criminology

Caitlin Theresa Cunniffe
Inclusive Childhood Education

Elisabeth Maureen Daley
Speech and Hearing Science

Kevin Andrew Daly
Communication Studies

Mary Grace Grace DePalma
Communication Studies

Daniel Jefferson Delaney
Economics

Alexis Katherine Deon
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Kaitlyn Diem
Biology

Kayleigh Eames

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Samantha Marie Erwin

Exercise Science

Tyler James Ferragamo

Sport Management

Ashley Marie Ferraro

Social Philosophy

Martin Leonard Flyntz

Adolescence Education: English

Elizabeth Anne Furcick

Exercise Science

Chase Daniel Fusaro

Inclusive Childhood Education

Madison Gaffney

Art

Alex Garcia

Exercise Science

Emma R. Gillis

Exercise Science

Nora Rose Glover

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Olivia Mary Grabowski

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Denneille Graham

Speech and Hearing Science

Kelly Ann Grusz

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Cole Hale Haldane

Exercise Science

Dylan Thomas Harter

Political Science

Brooke Michaela Hathaway

Inclusive Childhood Education

Ryan Matthew Hayes

Physics

Cameron Cole Holland

Adolescence Education: Mathematics

Colin James Hughes

Sport Management

Briana Impastato

Inclusive Childhood Education

Kristen Elizabeth Jeppestol

Sport Management

Keara Brooke Johnson

Physical Education

Ella Kelly

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Andrew John Kidder

Geographic Information Systems

William Francis King

Inclusive Childhood Education

Mikkel Elizabeth Kohn

Health Education

Madison Anne Krouse

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Lauren Michelle Kruger

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Melissa Kummrow

Art

Henry A. Lane

Exercise Science

Anjuli Latchmansingh

Archaeology

Ryan Douglas Lehtonen

Adolescence Education: Mathematics

Riley Christine Letta

Psychology

Genevieve Rose LoBaido

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Florencia Gualdoni Loda

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Aralyssa Simone Lopez

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Megan Ludgate

Art

Catherine Lusardi

Communication Studies

Emma Louise Madigan

Psychology

Mackenzie Ryan Madison

Inclusive Childhood Education

Emma Margaret Maertz

Inclusive Childhood Education

Mikenzie Ann Martens

Physical Education

Olivia Margaret Matrulli

Exercise Science

The Top Five Percent

Megan Elizabeth McConologue

Physical Education

Matthew McDermott

Exercise Science

Riley Eileen Meckley

Adolescence Education: Social Studies

Michael James Middaugh

Physical Education

Meghan Burke Miskovic

Community Health

Karina Mogavero

Environmental Geosciences

Cole Michael Mura

Biology

Gabrielle Taylor Nadler

Sport Studies

Gregory Neofitos

Sport Management

Jessica Anna Ocsman

Inclusive Childhood Education

Gabriella Nicole Pastore

Adolescence Education: English

Colleen Theresa Patrie

Inclusive Childhood Education

Alexis Claire Peers

Inclusive Childhood Education

Jason Anthony Peisahovitch

Professional Writing

Katherine Perry

Professional Writing

Trevor Paul Persch

Exercise Science

Julia Gayle Peters

Adolescence Education: Social Studies

Rhianna Philbrick

Psychology

Ellie Kristen Priscott

Healthcare Management

Tannu Punj

Political Science

Pipher Reid

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Kylie Elaine Rejman

Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Allyson Elizabeth Roth

Adolescence Education: Mathematics

Brianna Paola Sanchez Soriano

Healthcare Management

Allie Maria Schwerthoffer

Healthcare Management

Nathan John Sherman

Business Economics

Kendall Rose Sobczyk

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Gabriela Solis

Psychology

Zachary James Taylor

Adolescence Education: Physics and Mathematics

Matthew Alfonse Torto

Exercise Science

Skyler Elizabeth Turpin

Inclusive Childhood Education

Jessica Valensisi

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Grace Mary Vanderlip

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Austin W. Voorheis

Exercise Science

Emily Lynn Vy

Inclusive Childhood Education

Kayla Joan Wagner

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Sophia Gail Walker

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Mackenzie Lee Stuttle Weaver

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Kimberly Grace Westenberg

Adolescence Education: Biology

Lily Belle Woodis

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Megan Marie Wright

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Ryder William Wynn

History; Anthropology

Juniors

**56 to 89 credit hours completed.
Cumulative grade point averages
range from 3.90 to 4.00.**

Sarah Rose Adams
Exercise Science

Rory Alyse Allan
Exercise Science

Sophie Mae Amering *
Professional Writing

Jessica Taylor Argus
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Rocco John Ashman
Physical Education

Tyler Joseph Avelli
Physical Education

Hope Finnegan Azzam
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Joseph Thomas Berry
Physical Education

Sydney Adeline Best
Pre-Major

Jamaal Boyce
Physical Education

Dylan Connor Bruetsch
Business Economics

Andrew Robert Buckler
Exercise Science

Richard David Buza
Strength and Conditioning for Human
Performance

Victoria Michele Cave *
Exercise Science

Anthony Cawley
Physical Education

Xavier Chodan
Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Christopher William Cinque
Exercise Science

Evan Joseph Collette
Exercise Science

Chloe Rose Comar
Exercise Science

Shannon Rose Coyle
Psychology

Christian Charles Craparo
Biology

Samantha Cuzzo
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Vanessa Antoinette Danese
Teaching English as a Second
Language; Spanish

Gabrielle Isabella Danyew
Art Studio

Kaitlin Lara Davis
Inclusive Childhood Education

John Denning
Physical Education

Isabella Dolla DuBois *
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Alyssa Marie Ebenhoch
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Claire Leanne Engel
Sport Management; Communication
Studies

Molly Margaret Farrell
Speech and Hearing Science

Christina Theresa Fatato
Physical Education

Francisco Brandon Garcia
Physics and Engineering (3+2)

Javen Griffith
Exercise Science

Nadiya Jade Grossman
Political Science

Connor Paul Hanafin
Inclusive Childhood Education

Jessica Ann Hegarty *
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Jacob Michael Ianno
Political Science; Social Philosophy

Braden Robert Jordan
Political Science

Jessica Marie Kam
Criminology

Lauren Maureen Kenny
Exercise Science

The Top Five Percent

Ashley Kate Klees
Physical Education

Abigail Kresser
Physical Education

Jaslynn Christine Leach *
English; Political Science

Shane T. Lothridge
Social Philosophy

Joleen Lusk
Exercise Science

Rhianna Marie Lynch
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Joslyn Marie Maciak
Sport Management

Erin Mairead Mayclim
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Connor Lewis McCann *
Physical Education

Shawn McChesney
Inclusive Childhood Education

Raquel McGarry
English

Sarah Mae McGrath
Psychology

Camille Raffaela McNicholas
Psychology

MaKenna Reville Monette
Public Administration and Public
Policy; Community Health

Dylan Edward Mongold
Political Science

Christopher Timothy Francis Murphy
Adolescence Education: Social Studies

Ashley Nelson
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Ashlee Lynn Nickerson
Political Science

Leah Margaret O'Loughlin
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Gillian Nicole Pivnick
Criminology

Jennifer Lynn Purdy
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Michael Rebisz
Business Economics; Mathematics

Joseph Henry Rezendes
Exercise Science

Katherine Anne Riley
Adolescence Education: English

Morgan Emily Robideau
Media Production

Kathryn Elizabeth Rodgers *
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Katherine Frances Ronsini
Health Education

Ashley Siergiej *
Geographic Information Systems

Jared Michael Simmons
Biomedical Sciences

McKenzie Marie Smith
Physical Education

Ryan Taylor Stark
Exercise Science

Douglas Dean Stickle *
Adolescence Education: Physics and
Mathematics

Marissa Shayne Stone
English

Tessa Michelle Sutton
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Jillian Rachel Sweeney
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Ruben Fabricio Treminio
Adolescence Education: Social Studies

Marisa Rose Triolo
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Chelsey Weber
Biology

Cassidy Christina Williams
Sociology

Emily Winski
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Lauren Elizabeth Wodzinski
Exercise Science

Jordyn Trinity Wolff
Adolescence Education: Mathematics

Justin Womeldorph
Economics

Olivia Patricia Ziomber
Fitness Development

Sophomores

26 to 55 credit hours completed.
Cumulative grade point averages
range from 3.93 to 4.00.

Filippa Simone Aneborn
Psychology

Mariam Barry
Biochemistry

Antonio Saverio Blasi *
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Kerisa Elizabeth Burns
Political Science

Hanna Marie Cavello
Physics and Engineering (3+2)

Mia Cole
Adolescence Education: English

Eman Dahan
Biology

Christopher Patrick Dalton
Adolescence Education: Mathematics

Logan Daubenspeck
Business Economics

Lauren Rose DeJohn
Speech and Hearing Science

Jean Charles Diaz
Media Production

Kyra Fennell
Psychology

Natalie Angel Figueroa *
Speech and Hearing Science

Juliana Franco
Communication Studies

Erin Elizabeth Galligan
Psychology

Landon Matthew Garrett
Physical Education

Delaney Grace Gaughan *
Speech and Hearing Science

Emily Ann George
Psychology

Alexandra Rose Geosits *
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Georgina Lenore Giannatsis *
Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Madison Dorothea Houghton
Archaeology

Michael Anthony Houser
Exercise Science

Chloe Rose Jaquin
Exercise Science

Declan Philip Kennedy
Adolescence Education: Social Studies

Skye Jennings Keparutis
Sport Management

Justin Lee Kurtz
Pre-Major

Justin Legault
Business Economics

Haley Elizabeth Loscalzo
Adolescence Education: Mathematics

Delaney Elisabeth Lowndes
Adolescence Education: Biology

Tylar William MacIntyre *
Criminology

Peter Forbes William March
Biology

Angela Rose Martin
Political Science

Erin Grace McCarthy
Physical Education

Jenna Kathleen McLean
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Sofia Layne Mucci
Media Production

Hannah Grace Mulhern
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Mariya Nelyubova
Exercise Science

Parker Ryan Nowitzke
Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Leila Alisan Oliver
Psychology

The Top Five Percent

Carly Jean Olson

Inclusive Childhood Education

Shannon Eileen Ozminkowski

Mathematics

Dev Patel

Psychology

Abbey Paul *

Communication Studies

Phoebe Katherine Peer *

Inclusive Childhood Education

Kayleigh Maiy Pellicano

Adolescence Education: Social Studies

Vanessa Peluso

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Perry

Communication Studies

Emily Lynn Pierro

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Holly Anne Pizzigati

Psychology

Kathleen Elizabeth Plunkett

Pre-Major

Ian Patrick Posillipo

Physical Education

Mary Margaret Repass *

Psychology

Ava Louise Russo

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Ojilvy Sanchez

Adolescence Education: Mathematics

Chloe Schettino

Speech and Hearing Science

Alana Ivelis Shear

Exercise Science

Nyah Lee Sinkler

Business Economics

Sofia Mikaela Taylor

Adolescence Education: Social Studies

Catherine Amanda Tonchuck

Physical Education

Analie Rose VanManen

Adolescence Education: English

Nicholas James Verdichizzi

Sport Management

Nicole Donna Marie Visciano

Speech and Hearing Science

Gabriella Voss

Business Economics

Sophia Anne Wahl *

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Emily Margaret Walby *

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Brooke Walsh

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Addelynne Marie York *

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Samantha Rose Zerbo

Inclusive Childhood Education

Freshmen

**12 to 25 credit hours completed.
Cumulative grade point averages
range from 3.83 to 4.00.**

Fahad Abdullah

Exchange Student

Raina Grace Albro

Health Education

Elisabeth Anne Baranello

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Noah Michael Benito

Business Economics

Kaitlin Bowen

Psychology

Carolyn Rose Caracciolo

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Francesca Rose Castellana

Psychology

Samuel Blake Christiano

Business Economics

Marleigh Perrine Delisle

Pre-Major

Eliana Mae DiBiase

Healthcare Management

Sophia Lynn DiMartino

Speech and Hearing Science

Gillian Ann Dinsmore

Exercise Science

Colin Robert Foley

Pre-Major

Isabella Brianna Giacomelli

Physical Education

Tyler Pelaseyed Hansen

Exercise Science

Sienna Grace Harrison

Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Lucille Anne Holland

Biomedical Sciences

Aiden Matthew Hryhorenko

Physical Education

Conor John Humphrey

Business Economics

Samira Louise Hyman

Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Fiona Maeve Joss

Therapeutic Recreation

Jake Alan Kaplan

Pre-Major

Yuseon Kim

Exchange Student

Rowan Abbott Leddy

Pre-Major

Keegan David Lynch

Archaeology

Sullivan Maher

Exercise Science

Dino Vincent Manna

Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Aaliyah Magdalena Mazara-Rivera

Exercise Science

Sophia Rose McGuigan

Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Catherine Josephine Moakley

Social Philosophy

Athena Joy Molina *

Musical Theatre

Anabella Maria Pacchiana

Adolescence Education: English

Vegas Petersen

Psychology

Sophia Rezende Peterson

Art

Anthony Procaccino

Pre-Major

Benjamin Stephen Reed

Sport Management

Enzo Louis Riccione

Communication Studies

Shane Callum Shelest

Business Economics

Elliot Mia Smith

Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Dakota Marie Spinelli

Pre-Major

Jamie Christine Taylor

Criminology

Kelsey Megan Thornton

Criminology

Johnny R. Van Scoyk

Media Production

Scholarships and Awards

Academic excellence is the primary criterion for all awards acknowledged at Honors Convocation. All recipients must have a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Other student attributes are typically recognized as well and are provided in the award descriptions available at cortland.edu/honorsconvocation.

Many of the scholarships and awards are made possible by generous contributions from donors who are committed to investing in the promise of a SUNY Cortland education. The recipients on the following pages are listed by school — the School of Education, the School of Professional Studies and the School of Arts and Sciences. Each school houses the following majors:

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Early Childhood and
Childhood Education
Inclusive Childhood Education
Inclusive Early Childhood Education
Selected Studies

SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Coaching
Community Health
Exercise Science
Fitness Development/
Strength and Conditioning
Health Education
Healthcare Management
Human Service Studies
Outdoor Recreation
Physical Education
Recreation
Recreation Management
Selected Studies
Speech and Hearing Science
Sport Management
Sport Studies
Strength and Conditioning
Therapeutic Recreation
Tourism and Recreation

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Adolescence Education
(Grades 7-12)

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Earth Science
- English
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Physics and Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Spanish

African American Studies
Anthropology
Archaeology
Art
Art Studio
Biochemistry
Biology
Biomedical Sciences
Business Economics
Chemistry
Cinema Study
Communication Studies
Conservation Biology
Criminology
Economics
Engineering (3+2)
English

Environmental Geoscience
Geographic Information
Systems (GIS)
Geography
Geology
Graphic Design and Digital Media
History
Individualized Degree Program
International Studies
Mathematics
Media Production
Musical Theatre
New Communication Media
Physics
Political Science
Pre-Major
Professional Writing
Psychology
Public Administration and
Public Policy
Social Philosophy
Sociology
Spanish
Teaching English as a Second
Language

School of Education

Hope Finnegan Azzam

Alpha Delta Junior Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Cassidi Rose Callaghan

Spina-Friedgen '71 Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Peter Alfred Civarelli

*Peter F. Eisenhardt '67 Learning
Community Award – Philosophy
and Education*
Pre-Major

Kayleigh Eames

Spina-Friedgen '71 Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Grace Elizabeth Flynn

*Excellence in Elementary STEM
Knowledge*
Childhood/Early Childhood
Education

Stacy Ghansah

Inclusive Education Award
Foundations and Social Advocacy

Abigail Shea Gregory

Outstanding Senior Seminar Paper
History

Emilee Lyn Jeffrey

Excellence in Teaching Performance
Childhood/Early Childhood
Education

Florencia Gualdoni Loda

*Senior Award for Academic
Excellence*
Childhood/Early Childhood
Education

Julia Rose Maher

Alpha Delta Junior Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Nicole Catherine Mattila

*Emilie A. Kudela Excellence in
Advocacy and Early Childhood
Education Award*
Childhood/Early Childhood
Education

Crystal C. Nuñez

*Cortland's Urban Recruitment of
Educators (C.U.R.E.) Award*
Foundations and Social Advocacy

Sophia Teresa Piscitelli

*Helen E. Smith Award for
Excellence in Student Teaching*
Childhood/Early Childhood
Education

Autumn Brook Stoia

Spina-Friedgen '71 Scholarship
Education or Physical Education

Lily Belle Woodis

Kendra Nelson Memorial Award
Geography

School of Arts and Sciences

Bowie Zoroaster Aldrich

Class of 1967 Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Mariam Barry

*Chemical Rubber Company
(C.R.C.) Press Award for
Outstanding Student in General
Chemistry*
Chemistry

Dr. Arden P. Zipp Scholarship
Chemistry

Evan Thomas Beaudry

Dr. Peter Jeffers Scholarship
Chemistry

Jonathan Benavente

Class of 1967 Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Scholarships and Awards

Leah Ann Bernhardt

Muriel and Newell Keegan Prize for Excellence in Art

Art and Art History

Sophia Isabella Boccio

Top Graduating Senior in Chemistry

Chemistry

Julie Bowker

Marion C. Thompson Memorial Scholarship

English

Jack Brammer

H. Kendall Reynolds Memorial Scholarship in Physics

Physics

Jacqueline Brown

Gerald N. DiGiusto Scholarship

Art and Art History

Sierra Dawn Brown

Non-Traditional Student Major Achievement Award

Psychology

Eve Charlotte Carlo

M. Eugene Bierbaum Award

Communication and Media Studies

Sara Rae Case-Kneeland

Outstanding Achievement in Social Philosophy

Philosophy

Gabriela Castro Sierra

Anthropology Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement

Sociology/Anthropology

Kurtis Joseph Henry Chamberlain

Marion C. Thompson Memorial Scholarship

English

Yasin Choukri

Fred Hanga Jr. Memorial Award for Excellence in Business Economics

Economics

Bella Chuley

Gerald N. DiGiusto Scholarship

Art and Art History

Jocelyn T. Coburn

Charles T. Griffes Music Scholarship

Performing Arts

Caroline Lisbeth Coronel

The Psychology Research Award

Psychology

Brandon Matthew Cosentino

Academic Achievement and Service Award

Economics

Aydan Coughlin

Junior Psychology Major Achievement Award

Psychology

Erin Lorraine Crouse

Criminology Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement

Sociology/Anthropology

Matteo Conner Junito Cubero

John L. Fauth Award for Professional Promise

Geology

Thomas Robert Curty

Andrew M. Banse Award

Performing Arts

Vanessa Antoinette Danese

Award for Excellence in Spanish

Modern Languages

Alpha Delta Junior Scholarship

Cortland College Foundation

Darien Craig DeFrancesco

Arden P. Zipp Prize in Inorganic Chemistry

Chemistry

Shreya Dhital

James F. Casey '50 Scholarship
Residence Life and Housing

Jean Charles Diaz

Past Presidents Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Milena Favaro

Marilou B. Wright '68, M '69
Memorial Scholarship for Non-
Traditional Students
Cortland College Foundation

Ashley Marie Ferraro

Best Paper in Ethics
Philosophy

Ginger Lee Gacio

Gerald M. Surette Scholarship In
Political Economy
Economics

Madison Gaffney

Gerald N. DiGiusto Award for
Excellence in Studio Art
Art and Art History

Olivia Grace Goodman

Adams-Hill Theatre Award
Performing Arts

Ziyang Guo

Academic Excellence in Economics
Economics

Dylan Thomas Harter

William Rogers Memorial Award
for Excellence in Political Science
Political Science

Ryan Matthew Hayes

Outstanding Senior Physics Major
Award
Physics

Cameron Cole Holland

William H. Reynolds Award for
Outstanding Achievement in
Mathematics by a Senior
Mathematics

Madison Dorothea Houghton

Peter F. Eisenhardt '67 Learning
Community Award - World First
Pre-Major

Dwayne Jones

Dr. Norman B. Reynolds Memorial
Award
Biological Sciences

Simay Kaya

Award for Excellence in Teaching
English to Speakers of Other
Languages
Modern Languages

Luke Donovan Kingston

Outstanding Paper in Historical
Methods
History

Nadiia Kostiuk

Dr. Willis R. Newman Scholarship
Biological Sciences

Melissa Kummrow

J. Catherine Gibian Award for
Excellence in Art History
Art and Art History

Anjuli Latchmansingh

Archaeology Award for Outstanding
Academic Achievement
Sociology/Anthropology

Jaslynn Christine Leach

Van Akin Burd Memorial
Scholarship In English
English

Peyton Danyelle Leach

Peter F. Eisenhardt '67 Learning
Community Award - Earth and
Environment
Pre-Major

Ryan Douglas Lehtonen

Outstanding Achievement in
Mathematics by a Senior
Mathematics

Scholarships and Awards

Riley Christine Letta

*Senior Psychology Major
Achievement Award*
Psychology

Isabella Grace Macdonald

*Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Best
Paper*
Political Science

Benjamin John Macie

*Chair's Award for Academic
Excellence*
Economics

Tylar William MacIntyre

Past Presidents Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Emma Louise Madigan

*Psychology Academic Excellence
Award*
Psychology

Sophie Isabel Marin

Aldo Leopold Award
Biological Sciences

Leah Rose Masi

*Laura Horsman '90 Memorial
Award*
Communication and Media
Studies

Karina Mogavero

*W. Graham Heaslip Award for
Research Excellence*
Geology

MaKenna Reville Monette

*Robert and Teresa Spitzer M '89
Award for Excellence in Political
Science*
Political Science

Alpha Delta Junior Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Angelina Montemarano

*Gerald M. Surette Scholarship In
Political Economy*
Economics

Layla Richele Myers

*Sidney R. Waldron Award for
Academic Excellence*
International Studies

Jeremiah Robert Naused

*Award for Outstanding
Achievement in Public
Administration and Public Policy*
Political Science

Avery Grace Negus-Daviero

Leonard F. Ralston Award
History

Eric Matthew Nowak

Ann C. Allen Memorial Award
Communication and Media
Studies

Gabriella Nicole Pastore

*Del Ivan Janik Award for Excellence
in Shakespeare Studies*
English

Zhenne Pengel

James McKee Memorial Award
Africana Studies

Katherine Perry

*Marion C. Thompson Memorial
Scholarship*
English

Sophia Rezende Peterson

*D. Jo Schaffer Scholarship in Art
and Art History*
Art and Art History

Connor Ploof

*Peter F. Eisenhardt '67 Learning
Community Award - Earth and
Environment*
Pre-Major

Makiah Kristopher Poli

*Outstanding Student Research in
Biological Sciences*
Biological Sciences

Tannu Pun

*Award for Outstanding
Achievement in Law and Justice*
Political Science

Michael Rebisz

*David L. Pugh Award for Superior
Achievement in Mathematics by a
Junior*
Mathematics

Valerie Reith

Virginia Levine, Ph.D. Scholarship
Modern Languages

Haileigh Rebecca Rhodes

*W. Maxwell Hawkins Award for
Academic Excellence*
Geology

Katherine Anne Riley

*Timothy Chung '76 Award for
Excellence in American Literature*
English

Morgan Emily Robideau

Thomas O. Mwanika Award
Communication and Media
Studies

Past Presidents Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Edie Lynn Russo

*Outstanding Teacher Potential in
Biological Sciences*
Biological Sciences

Ashley Siergiej

Olive C. Fish Award
Geography

Lisa Olivia Smith

Past Presidents Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Faith Marie Stone

*Father Edward J. O'Heron
Scholarship*
English

Marissa Shayne Stone

Van Akin Burd Prize
English

Kuba Szulejko

*William Joseph Phelps '69
Scholarship*
Physics

Julia Danielle Uhteg

Alpha Delta Junior Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Brianna Arielle Viera

*Award for Excellence in Adolescence
Education: Spanish*
Modern Languages

Benjamin Wilson

*Rozanne M. Brooks Award
for Outstanding Academic
Achievement*
Sociology/Anthropology

Dahlia Nicole Wilson

Gerald N. DiGiusto Scholarship
Art and Art History

Claudia Ava Winterberg

*Faculty Award for Academic
Achievement*
Economics

Ryder William Wynn

Walter Hanchett Award
History

Caden James Yancey

Spina-Friedgen '71 Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Mikayla Rose Zappulla

*Peter F. Eisenhardt '67 Learning
Community Award - Happiness
and Society*
Pre-Major

Sean Patrick Zupko

*Outstanding Student Research in
Chemistry*
Chemistry

Scholarships and Awards

School of Professional Studies

Savannah Rose Adami

John A. MacPhee Scholarship
Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies

Lauren Elizabeth Bertrand

Outstanding Senior Student in Strength and Conditioning for Human Performance
Kinesiology

Kathleen Byrne

Human Service Studies Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement
Health

Joshua Richard Carguello

Leonard T. Gath Award
Health

Alina Jean Chojnowski

Katherine Allen Whitaker Award
Health

Nathaniel Conlen

Outstanding Senior in Coaching
Kinesiology

Amanda Rose Dirig

Spina-Friedgen '71 Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Claire Leanne Engel

Alpha Delta Junior Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Keirra Elizabeth Etere

Dorothy Arnsdorff Award
Physical Education

Tyler James Ferragamo

Outstanding Senior Student in Sport Management
Sport Management

Molly Mae Gallagher

Thomas L. Goodale '61 and Sonja D. Goodale Community Service Scholarship
Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies

Alex Garcia

Outstanding Senior Student in Exercise Science
Kinesiology

Melinda Anne Gardner

Harlan "Gold" Metcalf Award
Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies

Jay '66 and Bettie Lee Yerka Scholarship for Excellence in Recreation and Leisure Studies
Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies

Denneille Graham

Judith Smith Kelemen Senior Award
Communication Disorders and Sciences

Kirstyn Leigh Hastings

Outstanding Senior Student in Fitness Development
Kinesiology

Kaitlyn Anne Jones

Barry L. Batzing Scholarship
Health

Gustave B. Timmel Award
Health

Jeter Michael King

Alpha Delta Junior Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Ginamarie Kirk

Past Presidents Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Alana Mastin

Spina-Friedgen '71 Scholarship
Education or Physical Education

Megan Elizabeth McConologue

Bessie L. Park 1901 Award
Physical Education

Gabrielle Taylor Nadler

*Outstanding Senior Student in
Sport Studies*
Kinesiology

Marybeth Marie Ortlieb

Alpha Delta Junior Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Carlene Palmer

*Alpha Kappa Phi/Agonian/Sigma
Sigma Sigma, Sigma Rho Sigma
Scholarship*
Alumni Engagement

Thomas George Rice

Francis J. Moench 1916 Award
Physical Education

Katherine Mary Schaefer

*Communication Disorders and
Sciences Professional Promise
Award*

Communication Disorders and
Sciences

Mackenzie Regan Talbot

Judith Smith Kelemen Junior Award
Communication Disorders and
Sciences

Ryan F. Walsh

*Alpha Kappa Phi/Agonian/Sigma
Sigma Sigma, Sigma Rho Sigma
Scholarship*
Alumni Engagement

Riley Ann Wood

Kathleen W. Green Award
Communication Disorders and
Sciences

Charlotte Adeline Young

*Thomas L. Goodale '61 and Sonja
D. Goodale Community Service
Scholarship*
Recreation, Parks and Leisure
Studies

All-University Award

Bailee Noel Guernsey

Irmgard Mechlenburg Taylor Award
Presented to the student with the
highest grade point average in the
School of Arts and Sciences who is
a Phi Kappa Phi Member.

Residence Hall Award

Bishop Hall

Donald Parish Brooks Scholarship
Recognizes the residence hall
having the highest cumulative
average.

Scholarships and Awards

Senior Academic Achievement Award

Presented on behalf of the Alumni Association to the top five seniors in each school pursuing their first bachelor's degree at SUNY Cortland.

School of Education

Kayla Campbell
Alexis Katherine Deon
Briana Impastato
Genevieve Rose LoBaido
Florence Gualdoni Loda
Colleen Theresa Patrie
Kylie Elaine Rejman
Megan Marie Wright

School of Professional Studies

Bryce Patrick Carroll
Samantha Marie Erwin
Alex Garcia
Trevor Paul Persch
Brianna Paola Sanchez Soriano
Allie Maria Schwerthoffer

School of Arts and Sciences *

Jake Peter Baglio
Gabriel Carraher
Kaitlyn Diem
Martin Leonard Flyntz
Madison Gaffney
Andrew John Kidder
Melissa Kummrow
Megan Ludgate
Karina Mogavero
Cole Michael Mura
Katherine Perry
Nathan John Sherman

** These lists comprise the 26 students who, all with 4.0 grade point averages, tied for top honors.*



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Alma Mater

By lofty elm trees shaded round,
Tioughnioga near,
Our grand old Cortland College stands,
To all of us how dear!
We'll sing to thee, dear Alma Mater,
Of love that shall never die,
We'll strive for thy glory eternal,
Keep thy stainless honor high.
Inspiring each son and each daughter
The noblest aims to try,
All thy fame and thy spirit,
Thy might are ours
As the swift years hurry by.