

2026
*Honors
Convocation*



SUNY
Cortland

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Park Center Alumni Arena

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Order of Ceremony

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Dr. Marina Gorelaya
Lecturer, Performing Arts

WELCOME

Dr. Erik J. Bitterbaum
President

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Jenevieve Young
Junior, Musical Theatre

CONVOCATION ADDRESS

Dr. Kevin Sheets
Professor and Chair, History

DEPARTMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

School of Education

Dr. Andrea Lachance
Dean

School of Professional Studies

Dr. Katherine Polasek
Dean

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

Jenevieve Young

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. Katherine Polasek
Dean, School of Professional Studies

Dr. Andrea Lachance
Dean, School of Education

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

Dr. Kevin Sheets
Professor and Chair, History

Dr. Alexandru Balas
*Director, Honors Program;
Professor, International Studies*

KEYBOARDIST

Dr. Marina Gorelaya
Lecturer, Performing Arts

MACE BEARER

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

GONFALONIERS

All-University

Suzanne Sprague '84
Director, Disability Resources

Arts and Sciences

Dr. Alexandru Balas
Professor, International Studies

Education

Dr. Casey Pennington
Assistant Professor, Literacy

Professional Studies

Dr. Kenneth Cohen
*Associate Professor and Chair,
Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies*



Convocation Address Speaker

Dr. Kevin Sheets

Professor and Chair, History



Kevin Sheets, professor and chair of the History Department, has enriched academic life at SUNY Cortland for more than 25 years. His focus on American intellectual and cultural history includes research and writing projects on the development of mind and memory in the 19th century. His teaching encourages students to be critical thinkers who use knowledge of the past to shape the future, particularly through education.

Sheets' undergraduate and graduate courses explore wide-ranging topics, from the Gilded Age and Progressive Era to the history of American education. As department chair, he has helped reimagine curriculum to promote public history, the scholarship of teaching and learning and the university's W.H. Parks Family Center for Environmental and Outdoor Education at Raquette Lake.

Among his many contributions to campus, Sheets led efforts to establish SUNY Cortland's Cultural and Intellectual Climate Committee, a group that hosts scholarly conversations and events following an interdisciplinary annual theme. He also co-authored "Our Common Ground: An Illustrated History of SUNY Cortland, 1990-2017" to document the university's recent history in celebration of its sesquicentennial.

Sheets has excelled as project director for nationally recognized programs supporting K-12 teacher education. Since 2004, he has been awarded 11 federal grants from the U.S. Department of Education and the National Endowment of the Humanities totaling nearly \$4.3 million. The NEH-sponsored work inspired a forthcoming text, "Beyond the City: Re-Placing the Gilded Age and Progressive Era," which Sheets co-authored with SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor Emerita Randi Storch.

Sheets earned a B.A. in history from Gettysburg College and an M.A. and Ph.D. in history from the University of Virginia. He is married to Professor of History Laura Gathagan and they have two sons, William and Alexander.

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, 2026.

HONORS PROGRAM

An asterisk (*) following a student's name indicates enrollment in the SUNY Cortland Honors Program as of Feb. 1, 2026.

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

90 or more credit hours completed.
Cumulative grade point averages
range from 3.92 to 4.00.

Sarah Rose Adams

Exercise Science

Rory Alyse Allan

Exercise Science; Psychology

Allison Nicolle Allen

Adolescence Education: Mathematics

Sophie Mae Amering *

Professional Writing

Hope Finnegan Azzam

Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Evan Thomas Beaudry

Biomedical Sciences; Chemistry

Isaiah Dulson Brunache

Exercise Science

Andrew Robert Buckler

Exercise Science

Alexis Taylor Burke

Exercise Science

Madison Mae Camenga

Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Kayla Campbell

Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Xavier Chodan

Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Bomi Chung

Psychology

Casandra Evlain Colucci

Adolescence Education: English

Chloe Rose Comar

Exercise Science

Daniel Cook

Physical Education

Shannon Rose Coyle

Psychology

Kristina Crouthamel

Environmental Geoscience

Eman Dahan

Biomedical Sciences

Kevin Andrew Daly

Communication Studies

Vanessa Antoinette Danese

Teaching English as a Second
Language; Spanish

Kaitlin Lara Davis

Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Alexis Katherine Deon

Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Kaitlyn Diem

Biology

Isabella Dolla DuBois

Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Alyssa Marie Ebenhoch

Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Claire Leanne Engel
Sport Management; Communication
Studies

Dante Esposito
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Gage V. Femino
Art Studio

Deniz Eylul Fidanboy
Economics

Jillian Alexandra Finch
Healthcare Management

Juliana Franco
Communication Studies; Health
Education

Chase Daniel Fusaro
Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Emma R. Gillis
Exercise Science

Elena Gonzalez
Environmental Geoscience

Brianna Laura Grace
Spanish; International Studies

Nadiya Jade Grossman
Political Science

Kelly Ann Grusz
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Madison Brooke Hall
Psychology

Brooke Michaela Hathaway
Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Connor Hayden
Exercise Science

Jessica Ann Hegarty *
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Tyler James Hendrickson
Geology

Meghan Elizabeth Higgins
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Colin James Hughes
Sport Management

Jacob Michael Ianno
Political Science; Social Philosophy

Briana Impastato
Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Kristen Elizabeth Jepestol
Sport Management

Keara Brooke Johnson
Physical Education

Jessica Marie Kam
Criminology

Ella Kelly
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Lauren Maureen Kenny
Exercise Science

William Francis King
Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Ashley Kate Klees
Physical Education

Mikkel Elizabeth Kohn
Community Health

Abigail Kresser
Physical Education

Melissa Kummrow
Art

Henry A. Lane
Exercise Science

Anjali Latchmansingh
Archaeology

Florencia Gualdoni Loda
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Aralyssa Simone Lopez
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Shane T. Lothridge
Social Philosophy

Megan Ludgate
Art

Joleen Lusk
Exercise Science

Rhianna Marie Lynch
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Alana Mastin
Physical Education

Olivia Margaret Matrulli *
Exercise Science

Erin Mairead Mayclim
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Connor Lewis McCann *
Physical Education

The Top Five Percent

Megan Elizabeth McConologue
Physical Education

Matthew McDermott
Exercise Science

Sarah Mae McGrath
Psychology

Meghan Burke Miskovic
Community Health

MaKenna Reville Monette
Public Administration and Public
Policy

Dylan Edward Mongold
Political Science

Leah Margaret O'Loughlin
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Colleen Theresa Patrie
Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Alexis Claire Peers
Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Katherine Perry *
Professional Writing

Trevor Paul Persch
Exercise Science

Julia Gayle Peters
Adolescence Education: Social Studies

Rhianna Philbrick
Psychology

Ethan Daniel Pope
Sport Management

Ian Patrick Posillipo
Physical Education

Ellie Kristen Priscott
Healthcare Management

Jennifer Lynn Purdy
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Reilly Mae Quinn
Sport Management

Michael Rebisz
Business Economics; Mathematics

Rachel Paige Rempe
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Joseph Henry Rezendes
Exercise Science

Katherine Anne Riley
Adolescence Education: English

Morgan Emily Robideau
Media Production; Cinema Study

Kaitlin Shawna Robin
Physical Education

Kathryn Elizabeth Rodgers *
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Lydia Lin Salerno
Psychology

Brianna Paola Sanchez Soriano
Healthcare Management

Louis X. Scholl
Business Economics

Kendall Jane Shadle
Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Sharmila Sharma
Political Science

Nathan John Sherman
Business Economics; Psychology

Ashley Siergiej *
Geographic Information Systems

Jared Michael Simmons
Biomedical Sciences

Kendall Rose Sobczyk
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Dahlia Robert Spilka *
History

Marissa Shayne Stone
English

Casey Sullivan
New Communication Media

Tessa Michelle Sutton
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Jillian Rachel Sweeney
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Samantha Tahiraj
Business Economics; Mathematics

Stephen Taranto
History

Zachary James Taylor *
Adolescence Education: Physics and
Mathematics

Brooke Catherine Tillotson *
Biology

Matthew Alfonse Torto
Exercise Science

Marisa Rose Triolo

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Skyler Elizabeth Turpin

Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Jessica Valensisi

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Grace Mary Vanderlip

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Carson Anthony Vien

Speech and Hearing Science

Kayla Joan Wagner *

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Thomas Michael Walker

Physical Education

Chelsey Weber

Biology

Kimberly Grace Westenberg

Adolescence Education: Biology

Jordyn Trinity Wolff

Adolescence Education: Mathematics

Justin Womeldorph

Economics

Lily Belle Woodis *

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Juniors

**57 to 89 credit hours completed.
Cumulative grade point averages
range from 3.92 to 4.00.**

Emma Rose Accetta

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Gabriella S. Acosta

Psychology

Syrriah N. Alexander

Art

Filippa Simone Aneborn

Psychology

Sophia Ashman

Physical Education

Julie Marie Baker

Human Services Studies

Mariam Barry

Biomedical Sciences

Joshua Bishop

Sport Management

Christopher Cosmo Bistocchi

Professional Writing

Kerisa Elizabeth Burns

Political Science; Sociology

Louisa Eileen Butterworth

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Evan Joseph Collette

Exercise Science; Psychology

Logan Daubenspeck

Business Economics

Nathan Brett Dennis

Sport Management

Jean Charles Diaz

Media Production

Anderson Elise Eggleston

Physical Education

Kaia Lynn Farley

Biology

Kyra Fennell

Psychology

Nicole Marie Gallagher

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Kirsten Garrison *

Business Economics

Gabriella Gemelli

Mathematics

Emily Ann George

Psychology

Alexandra Rose Geosits *

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Georgina Lenore Giannatsis

Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Aidan Michael Goering

Adolescence Education: Earth Science

Ron Esther Halawani

Geographic Information Systems

Hayley Ann Harrell

Art

The Top Five Percent

Abra Mae Henneberg

Exercise Science

Madison Dorothea Houghton

Archaeology; International Studies

Braden Robert Jordan

Political Science

John Albert Kay

Exercise Science

Benjamin Lange

Geographic Information Systems

Sydney Grace Lena

Biology

Caitlyn Ruth Link

Early Childhood and Childhood Education; Spanish

Josiah Theoden Locke

Physical Education

Haley Elizabeth Loscalzo

Adolescence Education: Mathematics

Aviya F. Luke

Psychology

Tylar William MacIntyre *

Criminology; Psychology

Katherine Patricia Dawne Mahoney

Exercise Science

Paige Elizabeth Marino

Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Erin Grace McCarthy

Physical Education

Jenna Kathleen McLean

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Chiara Anne Messina

Strength and Conditioning for Human Performance

Athena Joy Molina *

Musical Theatre

Brianna Navon

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Phelan Joseph Nguyen

Political Science

Akhil Olahannan

Physical Education

Shannon Eileen Ozminkowski

Exercise Science

Magdalena Lynn Parish

Biomedical Sciences

Phoebe Katherine Peer *

Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Sophia Rezende Peterson

Art; International Studies

Ailani Mae Pierce

English

Emily Lynn Pierro

Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Salvatore James Purpura *

Business Economics

Mary Margaret Repass *

Psychology

Liam Daniel Richman

Exercise Science

Liam Thomas Ring

Exercise Science

Anthony Marc Rizzo

Communication Studies

Lily Theresa Robideau

Political Science

Hailee Ann Rodd

Adolescence Education: Social Studies

Stephen Michael Rush

Adolescence Education: English

Ava Louise Russo

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Hannah Sangeetha Ruttle

Human Services Studies

Jonathan Richard Slick

Exercise Science

Megan Celine Smith

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Bryann Judith Symonds

Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Arielle Marie Szathmary

Business Economics

Kelsey Megan Thornton

Criminology

Analie Rose VanManen

Adolescence Education: English

Laura Vasilopoulos

Early Childhood and Childhood Education

Nicholas James Verdichizzi

Sport Management

Sophia Anne Wahl *
Communication Studies

Emily Margaret Walby *
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Brooke Walsh
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Michelina Williams
Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Addelynn Marie York *
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Samantha Rose Zerbo
Inclusive Early Childhood Education
Walby

Olivia Patricia Ziomber
Fitness Development

Sophomores

26 to 56 credit hours completed.
Cumulative grade point averages
range from 3.94 to 4.00.

Juliana Claire Banville
Communication Studies

Alexander Benavides
Sport Management

Noah Michael Benito
Business Economics

Jack Berger
Adolescence Education: Social Studies

Drew Patrick Britton
Exercise Science

Olivia Marjorie Campagna
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Anthony James Carlo
Business Economics

Emma Grace Cefaratti
Speech and Hearing Science

Samuel Blake Christiano
Business Economics

Madison Marie Clarhaut
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Lila Ann Bryant Coon
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Carter William Corbett
Business Economics

Angelina Cracco
Psychology

Landen John Cumm
Business Economics; Sport
Management

Hudson Australis DeLisle
Biology

Maria DeSabato *
Adolescence Education: Mathematics

Kayla Catherine Diehl
Psychology

Gabriella Dietz
Graphic Design and Digital Media

Gillian Ann Dinsmore
Exercise Science

Andres Escamilla
Business Economics

Kyle Donovan Faulkner
Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Paul John Fitzgerald
Pre-Major

Annabel Loretta Gell
Communication Studies

Mary Rose Germakovski
Speech and Hearing Science

Louis Paul Giorgione
Sport Management

Miracle Hackett
Pre-Major

Nathan Abraham Hellman
Adolescence Education: Social Studies

The Top Five Percent

Jaysea Rayne Herbstsomer *
Criminology

Aiden Matthew Hryhorenko
Physical Education

Meghan Hubbard
Psychology

Gabrielle Victoria Hudson
Speech and Hearing Science

Kayla Nicole Jackson
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Mia Elizabeth Jones
Biology

Mya Susan Kinne
Political Science

Justin Legault
Business Economics

Lauren Nicole Markel
Sport Management

Sierra McLaughlin
Psychology

Raquel Natale
Adolescence Education: English

Emily Marie Neuman
Adolescence Education: Social Studies

Jazlyn Marie Nichols
Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Jacob Ophiuchus Niederbuhl
Adolescence Education: English

Kendra Ann Niles *
Biomedical Sciences

Alyssa Brianna Orellana *
Speech and Hearing Science

Sydney Elizabeth Orr
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Mathew Thomas Paglino
Physics

Emma Perez
Communication Studies

Sofia Christina Poulos
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Ava Grace Rademacher
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Oban Louis Rader
Pre-Major

Tyrese Jaiden Reddick
Political Science

Benjamin Stephen Reed
Sport Management

Leah Mae Rehm
Physical Education

Katrina Sanford
Exercise Science

Grace Elizabeth Schiller
Therapeutic Recreation

Alexa Lee Schroeder
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Shane Callum Shelest
Business Economics

Cassidy Rae Shur
Psychology

Sara Sierzega
Exercise Science

Ella Claire Smith
Speech and Hearing Science

Bryan M. Sredniawski
Business Economics

Arleigh Johanna Stanbro
Psychology

Claire Marie Stutz
Psychology

Logan Mark Sundt
Archaeology

Anne Taylor
Adolescence Education: Mathematics

Nathan Charles VanAlphen
Physical Education

Ashley Nicole Walters
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Cassidy Maeve Wendt *
Speech and Hearing Science

Audrey Nichole White *
Biology

Molly Katherine Williams
Art Studio

Freshmen

**12 to 25 credit hours completed.
Cumulative grade point averages
range from 3.84 to 4.00.**

Giovanna Noel Angrisani
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Bemnet Tilahun Ayalew
Physics and Engineering (3+2)

Abhipsha Bhandari
Chemistry

Owen Michael Brant
Pre-Major

Harper Thomas Connally
Business Economics

Madalyn Rose Cook
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Haley Faustina Davies
Communication Studies

Ana Sofia De Anda Gomez
Teaching English as a Second
Language; Spanish

Matthew James Douglas
Physical Education

Maeve Elena Eisenhandler
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Joseph Gennaro Gigante
Criminology

Alessandra Giglio *
Biology

Hailey Madison Goldsmith
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Gabriella Grace Galto
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Carly Greaver
Musical Theatre

John Clay Humphreys
Business Economics

Emily Anne Jankowski
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Ava Jane Kasulinous
Criminology

Kaylee Carmen Klymkow
Pre-Major

Chloe Kniskern
Biology

Hailey Rachel Lite
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Cristina Lynn Maston
Early Childhood and Childhood
Education

Michael Patrick Molinelli
Criminology

Jaxen Davis Montana
Business Economics

Nana Nakagawa
Exchange Student

Caitlin Lee Osuchowski
Psychology

Morley Dennis Phillips
Exercise Science

Kurt Louis Plattel
Physical Education

Mia Rose Powers
Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Isabella Teresa Ramos
Psychology

Geneviève Catherine Sbrocca
Business Economics

Jai Sindhi
Sport Management

Logan W. Swarthout
Adolescence Education: Social Studies

Bianca Nicole Vigilante
Communication Studies

Connor Wellbrock
Psychology

Juliana Marie Williams
Psychology

Jillian Kathryn Wolf
Psychology

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.

The scholarships and awards from the Cortland College Foundation 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

Robin Baez

Alpha Kappa Phi/Agonian/Sigma Sigma Sigma, Sigma Rho Sigma Scholarship

Cortland College Foundation

Kenia Barraza

Cortland's Urban Recruitment of Educators (C.U.R.E.) Award

Foundations and Social Advocacy

Xavier Chodan

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

Childhood/Early Childhood Education

Ava Colletti

Kendra Nelson Memorial Award
Geography

Alexis Deon

Excellence in Elementary STEM Knowledge Award

Childhood/Early Childhood Education

Abigail Garcia

Senior Award for Academic Excellence

Childhood/Early Childhood Education

William King

Inclusive Education Award

Foundations and Social Advocacy

Rhiana Lawrence

Excellence in Teaching Performance Award

Childhood/Early Childhood Education

Analyssa Lopez

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

Cortland College Foundation

Emily Pierro

Alpha Delta Junior Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Rian Thomas

Spina-Friedgen '71 Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Addelynn York

Alpha Delta Junior Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

School of Arts and Sciences

Allison Allen

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

David Barry

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

Mariam Barry

Past Presidents Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Evan Beaudry

Top Graduating Senior in Chemistry
Chemistry

Abhipsha Bhandari

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

Dr. Arden P. Zipp Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Scholarships and Awards

Bradley Blake

Outstanding Student Research in Chemistry
Chemistry

William Joseph Phelps '69 Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Pierce Burn

Rozanne M. Brooks Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement
Cortland College Foundation

April Burshtein

Marion C. Thompson Memorial Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Emma Caraher

Anthropology Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement
Sociology/Anthropology

Reese Chudoba

Alpha Delta Junior Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Casandra Colucci

Marion C. Thompson Memorial Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Vanessa Danese

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

Gabrielle Danyew

Muriel and Newell Keegan Prize for Excellence in Art
Cortland College Foundation

Ana Sofia De Anda Gomez

Virginia Levine, Ph.D. Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Nicolette DeCicco

Senior Psychology Major Achievement Award
Psychology

Grace DeMeo

Peter F. Eisenhardt '67 Learning Community Award – Philosophy and Education
Cortland College Foundation

Shreya Dhital

Barry L. Batzing Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

James F. Casey '50 Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Saliou Diallo

Dr. Norman B. Reynolds Memorial Award
Cortland College Foundation

Aspen Eden

John L. Fauth Award for Professional Promise
Geology

Milena Favaro

Laura Horsman '90 Memorial Award
Communication and Media Studies

Kyra Fennell

Junior Psychology Major Achievement Award
Psychology

Ginger Gacio

Gerald M. Surette Scholarship In Political Economy
Cortland College Foundation

Madison Gaffney

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

Chiara Graziano

Thomas O. Mwanika Award
Communication and Media Studies

Ron Halawani

Olive C. Fish Award
Geography

Hayley Harrell

Alpha Delta Junior Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Gerald N. DiGiusto Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Heather Hayes

Adams-Hill Theater Award
Cortland College Foundation

Tyler Hendrickson

*W. Maxwell Hawkins Award for
Academic Excellence*
Cortland College Foundation

Madison Houghton

Alpha Delta Junior Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

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

Meghan Hughes

*Academic Achievement and Service
Award*
Economics

Savannah Ippolito

*Peter F. Eisenhardt '67 Learning
Community Award- Philosophy
and Education*
Cortland College Foundation

Braden Jordan

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

Jessica Kam

*Criminology Award for Outstanding
Academic Achievement*
Sociology/Anthropology

Minju Kim

Dr. Peter Jeffers Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Sophia Lardaro

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

Spina-Friedgen '71 Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Jaslynn Leach

*Marion C. Thompson Memorial
Scholarship*
Cortland College Foundation

*Van Akin Burd Memorial
Scholarship in English*
Cortland College Foundation

Shane Lothridge

Best Paper in Ethics
Philosophy

Tylar MacIntyre

The Psychology Research Award
Psychology

Megan Marsala

Award for Excellence in Spanish
Modern Languages

Raquel McGarry

*Del Ivan Janik Award for Excellence
in Undergraduate Shakespeare
Studies*
Cortland College Foundation

Nicholas McGuire

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

Scholarships and Awards

Anahis Mercedes

James McKee Memorial Award
Africana Studies

Makenna Monette

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

Dylan Mongold

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

Abigail Morse

*Arden P. Zipp Prize in Inorganic
Chemistry*
Cortland College Foundation

Christian Napolitano

*Gerald M. Surette Scholarship In
Political Economy*
Cortland College Foundation

Killian Newman

*Peter F. Eisenhower '67 Learning
Community Award– Earth and
Environment*
Cortland College Foundation

Hannah Nolan

Aldo Leopold Award
Biological Sciences

Magdalena Parish

Past Presidents Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Sebastian Patino

*Non-Traditional Student Major
Achievement Award*
Psychology

Julia Peters

Walter Hanchett Award
History

Rhianna Philbrick

*Psychology Academic Excellence
Award*
Psychology

Ailani Pierce

Van Akin Burd Prize for English
Cortland College Foundation

Lydia Polche

*Marion C. Thompson Memorial
Scholarship*
Cortland College Foundation

Michael Rebisz

*Fred Hanga Jr. Memorial Award for
Excellence in Business Economics*
Economics

*Outstanding Achievement in
Mathematics by a Senior*
Mathematics

Haileigh Rhodes

*W. Graham Heaslip Award for
Research Excellence*
Geology

Vanessa Rizzo

*Chair's Award for Academic
Excellence*
Economics

Morgan Robideau

M. Eugene Bierbaum Award
Communication and Media
Studies

Jackson Rubin

*Outstanding Teacher Potential in
Biological Sciences*
Biological Sciences

Sharmila Sharma

*Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Best
Paper – Political Science*
Political Science

*William Rogers Memorial Award
for Excellence in Political Science*
Political Science

Lisa Smith

*D. Jo Schaffer Scholarship in Art
and Art History*
Cortland College Foundation

Vic Steiner

*Outstanding Achievement in Social
Philosophy*

Philosophy

Douglas Stickles

*H. Kendall Reynolds Memorial
Scholarship in Physics*

Cortland College Foundation

Marissa Stone

*Father Edward J. O'Heron
Scholarship*

Cortland College Foundation

*Marion C. Thompson Memorial
Scholarship*

Cortland College Foundation

Robert Rhodes '53 Scholarship

Cortland College Foundation

Lukas Struble

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

Cortland College Foundation

Arielle Szathmary

*Peter F. Eisenhardt '67 Learning
Community Award- Our Wild
World*

Cortland College Foundation

Samantha Tahiraj

*Faculty Award for Academic
Achievement*

Economics

Anna Tanzman

*Archaeology Award for Outstanding
Academic Achievement*

Sociology/Anthropology

Zachary Taylor

*Outstanding Senior Physics Major
Award*

Physics

Kelsey Thornton

Past Presidents Scholarship

Cortland College Foundation

Brooke Tillotson

*Outstanding Student Research in
Biological Sciences*

Biological Sciences

Ruben Treminio

Leonard F. Ralston Award

History

Luke Van Galen

Ann C. Allen Memorial Award

Communication and Media
Studies

Analie VanManen

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

Cortland College Foundation

Bianca Vigilante

Andrew M. Banse Award

Performing Arts

Molly Williams

Gerald N. DiGiusto Scholarship

Cortland College Foundation

Past Presidents Scholarship

Cortland College Foundation

Annabelle Wolchak

Dr. Willis R. Newman Scholarship

Cortland College Foundation

Justin Womeldorph

*Academic Excellence Award In
Economics*

Economics

Jenevieve Young

Charles T. Griffes Music Scholarship

Cortland College Foundation

Scholarships and Awards

School of Professional Studies

Faith Bauer

Katherine Allen Whitaker Award
Health

Colby Butts

Spina-Friedgen '71 Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Carmine Carlucci

Outstanding Senior Student in Strength and Conditioning for Human Performance
Kinesiology

Anthony Cawley

T. Fred Holloway Award
Physical Education

Daniel Cook

Francis J. Moench 1916 Award
Physical Education

Emily DeSimone

Judith Smith Kelemen Junior Award
Communication Disorders and Sciences

Marin Eighmey

Past Presidents Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Claire Engel

Alpha Kappa Phi/Agonian/Sigma Sigma Sigma, Sigma Rho Sigma Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Ryan Farrell

Class of 1967 Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Delaney Gaughan

Alpha Delta Junior Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Leah Grinnell

Katherine Allen Whitaker Award
Health

Sara Hopkins

Communication Disorders and Sciences Professional Promise Award
Communication Disorders and Sciences

Marquis Jackson

Outstanding Senior Student in Sport Studies
Kinesiology

Kaylee Klymkow

Peter F. Eisenhardt '67 Learning Community Award- Happiness and Society
Cortland College Foundation

Austin Lally

Spina-Friedgen '71 Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Jacob Maloof

Outstanding Senior Student in Fitness Development
Kinesiology

Matthew McDermott

Outstanding Senior Student in Exercise Science
Exercise Science

Ashlynn McGrorty

Dorothy Arnsdorff Award
Physical Education

Tasha Myers

Gustave B. Timmel Award
Health

Calistus Nwuzor

Leonard T. Gath Award
Health

Shannon Ozminkowski

Alpha Delta Junior Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

Colleen Peers

Judith Smith Kelemen Senior Award
Communication Disorders and Sciences

Emily Peters

*Thomas L. Goodale '61 and
Sonja D. Goodale Community
Service Scholarship*

Cortland College Foundation

Reilly Quinn

*Outstanding Student in Sport
Management*

Sport Management

Hannah Ruttle

Alpha Delta Junior Scholarship
Cortland College Foundation

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

Cortland College Foundation

Cynthia Saravia Reyes

Spina-Friedgen '71 Scholarship

Cortland College Foundation

Ava Sepp

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

Cortland College Foundation

Class of 1967 Scholarship

Cortland College Foundation

Megan Spencer

Bessie L. Park 1901 Award

Physical Education

Harrison Sussman

Outstanding Senior in Coaching

Kinesiology

Ashley Upson

Ross L. Allen Award

Health

Angelena Walker

Spina-Friedgen '71 Scholarship

Cortland College Foundation

Cassie Williams

John "Jack" MacPhee Award

Recreation, Parks and Leisure
Studies

Vanessa Worth

*Thomas L. Goodale '61 and Sonja
D. Goodale Community Service
Scholarship*

Cortland College Foundation

Charlotte Young

Harlan "Gold" Metcalf Award

Recreation, Parks and Leisure
Studies

All-University Award**Analie VanManen**

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**Judson H. Taylor****Leadership House**

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

Alexis Deon
William King
Tessa Sutton
Marisa Triolo
Kayla Wagner

School of Professional Studies

Daniel Cook
Claire Engel
Emma Gillis
Keara Johnson
Matthew McDermott

School of Arts and Sciences *

Kaitlyn Diem
Deniz Eylul Fidanboy
Tyler Hendrickson
Shane Lothridge
Dylan Mongold
Sharmila Sharma

** This list comprises 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.