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The 24th Annual Andrew Young School of Policy Studies

Honors Day Ceremony

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Dear Andrew Young School Honors Students, Families and Friends,

Earlier this semester, we began preparations for our 24th Annual Honor Day celebration with great anticipation. This annual recognition of our honors students and fellows – each of whom serves as an extraordinary example of the knowledge shared and impact of the Andrew Young School – is one of the highlights of our academic year.

Know that we celebrate each of you for your special accomplishments, although the manner in which we do so has changed. We appreciate your ongoing dedication to knowledge and your service to academia, policy and community, despite challenges we could have never imagined when the semester began.



You are our promise, our future. With joy and pride, we anticipate what your gifts will mean to the many communities you will serve.

Fondly,
Dean Sally Wallace

Andrew Young School of Policy Studies Awards

THE CAROLYN MCCLAIN YOUNG LEADERSHIP FUND AWARD

Established to provide training opportunities for government officials, junior executives in national finance ministries and young people who may be the leaders of tomorrow in countries with emerging economies, especially in Africa and the Caribbean.

**OLASUBOMI OLAOLUWAKITAN DAVID AYENI
KYELA GADI**

THE JEAN CHILDS YOUNG FELLOWSHIP

Established in honor of Jean Childs Young through the generosity of R. Charles Loudermilk, Sr., chairman emeritus and founder of Aaron Rents, Inc., who attended Georgia State University in 1948 and was inducted into the Robinson College of Business Hall of Fame in 2005. This endowment, which honors the life and legacy of Jean Childs Young, provides fellowships for graduate students in the Andrew Young School and supports the Jean Childs Young lecture series.

**ANASTASSIA HARDY
DIANI JULYE**

**CAROLINE LOOS
KRISTEN WIMBERLY**

THE ANDREW YOUNG FELLOWSHIP

Established in honor of Ambassador Andrew Young through the generosity of many supporters, this three-year fellowship is awarded annually to outstanding students pursuing Ph.D.s in economics, public policy or criminal justice.

**BRETT ALFREY
TOMOYUKI FUJIMOTO**

**KATELYN HANCOCK
DANYE MEDHIN**

THE NANCE LU MESCON SCHOLARSHIP

Established by Michael Mescon, former dean of Georgia State University's J. Mack Robinson College of Business, and founder and inaugural holder of the world's first chair in private enterprise in the Andrew Young School, and his wife Enid Mescon, to honor the memory of their beloved daughter. This scholarship provides financial support for outstanding undergraduate students while raising awareness and stimulating scholarship around issues relating to eating disorders. Recipients complete an independent study course with research focused on eating disorders and present a poster on the topic at the GSU Undergraduate Research Conference.

AVA COTLIAR

THE DEAN'S FELLOWSHIP

Established through the generosity of The Coca-Cola Foundation in honor of Ambassador Andrew Young, the three-year Dean's Fellowship is awarded annually to outstanding students pursuing doctoral degrees in the Andrew Young School.

JUNE MI KANG
EUN JOO KWON
CAROLINE LAMPRECHT

MENG YE

TASHA RAMIREZ
RAINEY WHITE
JOSE XILAU

AYS UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Established to provide financial assistance to outstanding undergraduate leaders and scholars in the Andrew Young School, this scholarship is awarded for academic merit, leadership and need.

Ji HYUN KIM

UNIVERSITY FELLOWS

Established by Georgia State University to support doctoral students engaged in the research of faculty recruited to join the Andrew Young School under the Second Century Initiative (2CI). This program is building internationally recognized scholarly strength and critical mass around common research themes to enhance the university's overall quality, interdisciplinary richness and competitiveness. The fellowship is awarded for up to four years to outstanding students pursuing a Ph.D. in economics, public policy or criminal justice.

RUSLAN GALYAMOV
VICTORIA HEMLEY

ERICA MTENGA
LUISA NAZARENO

AMIS STEPHAN ENDOWMENT FOR UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION

Established by Drs. William Amis and Paula Stephan, the Amis Stephan Endowment provides financial assistance to outstanding undergraduate leaders at Georgia State University. This university-wide scholarship is awarded for academic merit, leadership and need. Half of the scholarship recipients are Andrew Young School students.

BRIANA JACKSON
LAYTON McCOY

TERRANCE MELTON
TYSHAWN TUCKER

ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Established by Drs. Robert Moore and Julie Hotchkiss, this scholarship provides financial assistance to students in good academic standing who are eligible to participate in a study abroad program.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

ABISOLA AKINKUOWO
MARINA CHAJI

MARYAM SALIHU
JALISSA SPALDING

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

FATOUMATA BARRY
McKENZIE BETHEL
LAUREN DEAS
FERYAL ELHAGANY
MEKLIT GEBR
JENNA GRANGER

MAYA HEARD
TONI MOORE
ZAHRAH MUHAMMAD
RICHMOND OPUNI
DAKOTA REYNOLDS
ANIQUE ROBERTS

CHRISTINA-SAMMANATHA RICKS-GRAY

SUMMER ACCELERATOR SCHOLARSHIP

The Summer Accelerator Scholarship provides financial assistance to seniors who take one or two summer courses to complete their Andrew Young School undergraduate degree.

EDWIN ADAMS
MICHAEL BADRU
COREY CAMPBELL

JESSICA GARCIA
BREANIQUE GEDDES
TIARA WHITFIELD

THE PAUL D. COVERDELL FELLOWSHIP

The Paul D. Coverdell Fellows program awards assistantships for outstanding returned Peace Corps Volunteers earning a graduate degree at the Andrew Young School. Through this program, fellows bring their international experience to the classroom and complete substantive internships related to their program of study in underserved communities in the Atlanta area.

KELSEY DUFF

EILEEN MCGOWAN

LAURA PETIT

RISE AWARD

Established through the generosity of Sam and Angie Allen, this award provides financial assistance to outstanding undergraduates in the Andrew Young School. This scholarship is awarded for academic merit, commitment to community service, and financial need.

MONIQUE ADAMS
DJEMA BABARA
GABRIELLE CRENSHAW
AMANDA DANIEL
JALIA GARZA
ASHLEY GORDON

CASSIDY KANTORIS
CHINELO MONEKE
HERNAN PASTRANA
PERJAH ROBERTS
KRISOLIN SANFORD
LEVITICUS SMITH

ASHON WILLIAMS

BYARS FAMILY UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Established by alumna Linda Byars (B.B.A. '68, M.A. '73), this award provides financial assistance to first generation college students in good academic standing with a 3.0 GPA or higher.

TOMEKA JOSEPH

DIONNE YOUNG

Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology Awards

THE JAMES L. MADDEX JR. SCHOLARSHIP

Established in honor of James L. Maddex, Jr., professor emeritus of criminal justice, this merit-based scholarship is awarded annually to undergraduate or graduate criminal justice majors.

JESSICA ALLOMONG
KAYLA BANKS

SEUNGHU CHI
AMBER GALLOWAY

TRISHA JOHNSTON

CHRISTINA-SAMMANATHA RICKS-GRAY

TREY ROBINSON

REBEKAH WILLIAMS

THE CHRIS PERRIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Shared by the Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology and the School of Social Work, this merit-based scholarship is presented annually to a rising junior or senior majoring in each area. It was established by the Georgia Council of Juvenile Court Judges in memory of Chris Perrin, executive director of the council and an alumnus of Georgia State University.

KAYLA BANKS
OSHARRA CAINE

KRISOLIN SANFORD
REBEKAH WILLIAMS

THE PHIL PETERS SCHOLARSHIP

Presented in memory of E.P. "Phil" Peters, director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (1980-1985), this merit-based scholarship is given annually to a junior majoring in criminal justice.

SEUNGHU CHI

TREY ROBINSON

REBEKAH WILLIAMS

THE LARRY E. QUINN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Provides scholarships to employees of law enforcement agencies in the metropolitan Atlanta area who are part-time or full-time students in the criminal justice program of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.

OSHARRA CAINE

THE UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Presented to the student who has maintained the highest grade point average in the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice program during their junior or senior year.

MICHAEL HINES

ISABELLA NUCCIO

THE AYSPS EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING CRIMINAL JUSTICE AWARD

The Andrew Young School values excellence in teaching along with excellence in research. This award recognizes the student who, in the judgment of the faculty, has performed exceptionally well in teaching.

MATHESON SANCHEZ

THE BOBBY JOE CHANCEY SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Provides scholarships to full-time criminal justice students planning a career in law enforcement who are entering their sophomore or junior year, considered "at-risk" and have financial need. Recipients may continue to receive the scholarship each year until graduation as long as they remain in good academic standing.

TREY ROBINSON

REBEKAH WILLIAMS

THE AYSPS CRIMINAL JUSTICE & CRIMINOLOGY STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology recognizes students who exhibit exemplary leadership and service.

SARAH SEPANIK

THE AYSPS EXCELLENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE & CRIMINOLOGY DOCTORAL RESEARCH AWARD

The Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology recognizes outstanding research produced by doctoral students.

SHANNA FELIX

JUDGE ANDREW A. MICKLE SCHOLARSHIP IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

This merit-based scholarship recognizes an exceptional undergraduate or graduate student pursuing a degree in criminal justice.

CHRISTINA-SAMMANATHA RICKS-GRAY
TREY ROBINSON **REBEKAH WILLIAMS**

Department of Economics Awards

THE JACK BLICKSILVER SCHOLARSHIP

Established in memory of Jack Blicksilver, professor of economics, this scholarship is awarded annually to a student who excels in economics.

MARIA MORALES-LEON

THE E.D. (JACK) DUNN FELLOWSHIP

Established to honor Georgia Banking Commissioner E.D. "Jack" Dunn, a Georgia State alumnus, this fellowship is awarded annually to a deserving graduate student in the Andrew Young School with academic and research interests in public finance, financial regulatory policy impact on national, regional and local economics or public management.

YASIN CIVELEK

THE CAROLE KEELS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Established in honor of Carole Y. Keels, a Georgia State University alumna, this scholarship recognizes a student with significant career experience who is pursuing a degree in economics. At the age of 38, Keels returned to college to complete both a master's and Ph.D. in economics.

FRANCISCO BELTRAN SILVA

THE GEORGE MALANOS SCHOLARSHIP

Given in memory of George Malanos, professor of economics and the first chair of the department, to Ph.D. students selected by the faculty as best exemplifying a commitment to the exchange of ideas and creation of a community of scholars.

NICARDO McINNIS

THE MARK E. SCHAEFER M.A. IN ECONOMICS AWARD

Established in honor of Mark E. Schaefer, professor of economics, this award recognizes the student with the highest grade point average in the Master of Arts in Economics program.

SHAHRUKH SAVAJA

THE ECONOMICS AWARD

Presented by the faculty to the undergraduate who achieves the highest grade point average in economics courses above the 2000 level and demonstrates a commitment to the study of economics.

SEOJIN KIM

THE ECONOMICS STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Presented to an outstanding senior majoring in economics as selected by a faculty committee, this award signifies academic excellence and outstanding service in the economics student community.

VIRAJ CHORDIYA

THE EXCELLENCE IN MICROECONOMICS AWARD

Awarded to the best economics major in intermediate microeconomics during the previous year. The student earning this award has shown a deep interest in the subject, demonstrated a thorough understanding of the material and its applications, and has attained a high level of academic achievement.

MYTIAH CALDWELL

THE RESEARCH EXCELLENCE IN ECONOMICS AWARD

The Research Excellence in Economics Program (Re2P) provides academically superior students the means to further their skills in empirical research beyond the classroom to better prepare for graduate school and real-world applications in economics. Participants have opportunities to present their research at national professional conferences and research competitions and for publishing consideration.

SEOJIN KIM

THE IEML AWARD

Given annually in recognition of outstanding academic achievement in the International Economics and Modern Languages (IEML) program.

VICTORIA AARON

THE QUANTITATIVE ECONOMICS AWARD

Established by economist Harold Ball, a Ph.D. alumnus, this award is given annually to recognize distinguished performance in quantitative economics.

UMAIR AYAZ

MAXWELL CHOMAS

THE AYS EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING ECONOMICS AWARD

The Andrew Young School values excellence in teaching as it does excellence in research. This award recognizes a student who, in the judgment of the faculty, has performed exceptionally well in the classroom.

SAMUEL ASARE

THE ZEINAH DANIELLE AOUANI SCHOLARSHIP

Established by Dr. Zaier Aouani and Dr. Seunghae Grace Eau, current Clinical Associate Professor of Economics, in memory of their beloved daughter. This scholarship provides financial support for outstanding undergraduate students majoring in economics who have a minimum GPA of 3.2 and are registered for a research course.

SEOJIN KIM

Department of Public Management & Policy Awards

THE GOVERNOR JOE FRANK HARRIS AWARD

Given in honor of Georgia Gov. Joe Frank Harris, whose administration was noted for improvements in education and who served as a Distinguished Executive Fellow in the Andrew Young School, to one or more Georgia resident students based on academic merit.

MARGARET BECKLEY

THE DAN SWEAT AWARD

Established in memory of Georgia State alumnus Dan E. Sweat, the storied Atlanta civic leader, this assistantship is awarded to one or more deserving graduate students with career interests in public service.

NANCY MEDCALF

THE EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

This award recognizes high academic standing and professional promise.

UNDERGRADUATE AWARD

MASANUE VAH

GRADUATE AWARDS

EDWARD CHILDREE

JEFFERY BRANTLEY

THE PUBLIC MANAGEMENT & POLICY CPUA SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded in the fall to one or more outstanding incoming MPA or MPP students. Recipients must maintain full-time status, be in good standing in the graduate program and serve as graduate research assistants in the Department of Public Management & Policy.

ADEDOTUN SEYINGBO

THE BEST RESEARCH PAPER AWARD

Presented annually to a graduate student in the public management and policy program, as selected by a faculty committee. Student papers nominated by faculty examine topics such as privatization, human resource issues in the public and private sector, and public finance and financial management.

MARGARET WILLIFORD

THE OUTSTANDING INTERN AWARD

This award recognizes undergraduate and graduate students who, in the judgment of the faculty, have performed exceptionally well as interns.

UNDERGRADUATE AWARD

ANDREW EDMONDSON

GRADUATE AWARD

MARGARET BECKLEY

THE AMANDA G. HYATT FELLOWSHIP

Established to honor the late Amanda Hyatt and her legacy of commitment to public service and education, this award recognizes a graduate student in policy studies who has demonstrated leadership and a proven commitment to compassionate public service.

BEN BRADBURY

THE OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL STUDENT IN PUBLIC POLICY AWARD

Awarded by the faculty to Ph.D. in Public Policy candidates who best exemplify academic excellence and an ongoing commitment to scholarship in the field of public policy.

JOOWON JEONG

THE AYSPS EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING POLICY AWARD

The Andrew Young School values excellence in teaching along with excellence in research. This award recognizes a student who, in the judgment of the faculty, has performed exceptionally well in teaching.

Bo Li

THE RICK ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP

Established in honor of Rick Anderson, a Georgia State alumnus who worked under various mayoral administrations including Amb. Andrew Young's, this award recognizes a graduate student focusing their study in government management or finance.

JUSTIN JACKSON

School of Social Work Awards

FIELD PLACEMENT AWARDS

Recognizes students who have, in the judgment of the faculty, gone above and beyond in their field placement while demonstrating initiative and creativity.

JAMES BEDINGFIELD
KIRA BURNETT
SHIMAR CLEMENTS
GABRIELLE GORDON
ERIN GRESS

SIMIRROR HARRIS
COURTNEY MARTIN
JAMES PIERCE
MOLLY SCOTT
ELLEN SUMMERLIN

DIANE B. DAVIS AWARD

This award was established in memory of Diane B. Davis, a colleague who exemplified high standards of professional practice. The faculty selects a senior B.S.W. student who has demonstrated a consistency of competency and creativity in social work with a minimum grade point average of 3.75.

KAYLEE BAUM

WANDA K. CARDWELL MEMORIAL AWARD

This award was created in memory of Wanda K. Cardwell. The recipients are students who have exemplified courage, determination and perseverance in the completion of their goal, despite obstacles.

AISHA CLINTON

LEVITICUS SMITH

CHERESE GADDY

OUTSTANDING M.S.W. STUDENT AWARD

Presented to a graduating M.S.W. student who has demonstrated both service to the school and embodiment of the community partnership concentration.

JULIA OLIVER

OUTSTANDING PART-TIME M.S.W. STUDENT AWARD

Presented to a graduating part-time M.S.W. student who has demonstrated both service to the school and embodiment of the community partnership concentration.

MEGAN WYCKOFF

CHRIS PERRIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Established by the Georgia Council of Juvenile Court Judges in memory of Chris Perrin, executive director of the council and an alumnus of Georgia State University, this merit-based scholarship is presented annually to a rising junior or senior majoring in degree programs in the School of Social Work and the Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology.

KENYAH FARLEY

Other Awards and Honors

THE UPS FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP

UPS Fellows gain an opportunity to learn about the work of The UPS Foundation in conjunction with their graduate studies.

**MIKA BILLINS
NATALEE JONES**

**BERNARD MEJIA
ALICIA MONTGOMERY**

DAN E. SWEAT DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP

Established in memory of Dan E. Sweat, a Georgia State alumnus, this fellowship is designed to support doctoral students with the completion of dissertation research. The dissertation must address an urban, community or education issue and have some policy relevance.

ALFREDO MARTIN

GROWING LEADERS FELLOWSHIP

Growing Leaders fellows gain the opportunity to work with an organization that helps families build better lives and children reach their highest potential through its holistic approach of mixed-income housing, cradle-to-college education and community wellness.

OMOLOLA AREAGO

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER ATLANTA FELLOWSHIP

The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta (CFGa) fellows gain the opportunity to work with the organization that has long-served the greater Atlanta area by connecting donors, nonprofits, community leaders and others to strengthen the region through philanthropy.

COURTNEY CARMICHAEL

ATLANTA LEGAL AID SOCIETY FELLOWSHIP

Atlanta Legal Aid Society fellows are MPA or MPP students selected annually to work directly with the Atlanta Legal Aid Society. They get a well-rounded introduction to the nation's critical legal issues – from public benefits to complex mortgage litigation – while assisting in researching and developing program administration and policy development.

HIBA AMJAD

RASHAD WILLIAMS

Andrew Young School of Policy Studies

Andrew Young's philosophy and focus on economic opportunity, human rights and social justice are the foundation of our school. Our academic programs and research – often global in scope – focus on the importance of local action and collaboration to make the world a more efficient and equitable, peaceful and prosperous place.

Today we celebrate you and your significant accomplishments. We also celebrate the great promise you offer your communities and our world in your future endeavors as a public manager, policymaker, community partner, faculty member, civic leader – or any path you follow.

We encourage you to remain engaged with our community at the Andrew Young School. Email your favorite professors, come visit our campus and attend our public events.

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