



2020-2021  
**Wilder School  
Student Awards  
& Recognition**

Monday, April 12, 2021  
2:00-3:00 p.m.



**VCU**

L. Douglas Wilder School of  
Government and Public Affairs

# **Program**

## **Welcome and Remarks**

Susan Gooden, Ph.D.  
Dean and Professor

Shajuana Isom-Payne  
Assistant Dean of Student Services

## **Presentation of Academic Program Awards and Scholarships**

## **Closing Remarks**

Shajuana Isom-Payne

# **Academic Program Awards**

## **Criminal Justice**

### ***Outstanding Graduate Student Award***

Frances Stadlin

### ***Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award***

Amalia Agnew

## **Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness**

### ***Graduate Awards***

Jared Girres and Darshan Parikh

### ***Undergraduate Award***

MaraLee Landrum

## **Public Administration**

### ***Leadership Award***

Amanda Silvester

### ***Outstanding Scholar Awards***

Sam Montana and Sachiko Murakami

### ***Public Service Award***

Spencer Graves

## **Urban and Regional Studies and Planning**

### ***American Institute of Certified Planners***

### ***Outstanding Student Award (graduate)***

Amelie Rives

***American Planning Association, Virginia Chapter,  
Outstanding Student Award (graduate)***

Leah Demarest

***American Planning Association, Virginia Chapter,  
Outstanding Student Award (undergraduate)***

Tessa Demarest

***Peter Schultz Award for Outstanding Performance***

Kennedy Johnson

## **Scholarship Awards**

### **Graduates**

***Edward E. Willey Graduate Award for Excellence***

Whitney Brown, *Master of Public Administration*

***Elizabeth Roderick Scholarship***

Victoria Ball, *Master of Public Administration*

***Eva S. Hardy Scholarships***

Jovan Burton, *Master of Public Administration*

Quinn Mathlin, *Master of Public Administration*

***Excellence in VA Government Awards Scholarship***

Taylor Fletcher, *Master of Homeland Security and  
Emergency Preparedness*

***Jacobson Family Planning Scholarship***

Valerie Washington, *Master of Urban and Regional Planning*

***Jeffrey S. Cribbs, Sr. Endowed Scholarship in Philanthropy***

Victoria Ball, *Master of Public Administration*

Quinn Mathlin, *Master of Public Administration*

***John J. Accordino Scholarship***

Maria Dougherty, *Master of Urban and Regional Planning*

***John Marlles Scholarship***

Noah Holmes Foster, *Master of Urban and Regional Planning*

***Karen Lynn Becker MURP Student Scholarship***

LaToya Gray, *Master of Urban and Regional Planning*

***Leigh E. Grosenick Scholarship***

Alexandria Valorose, *Master of Public Administration*

***Robert Holsworth Graduate Student Enrichment Fund***

Kamal Alhassan, *Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration*

***Thomas C. and Cathleen C. Burke Scholarship***

Joy Joyner, *Certificate in Nonprofit Management*

***VCPA - T. Edward Temple Scholarship***

Anne Weidhass, *Master of Urban and Regional Planning*

***VLGMA - T. Edward Temple Scholarship***

Cassandra Ardern, *Master of Public Administration*

***Wilder Merit Scholarship***

Frances Stadlin, *Master of Criminal Justice*

**Undergraduates**

***Eric W. Witzig Scholarship***

Gina Chan, *Criminal Justice*

***Excellence in VA Government Awards Scholarship***

Gabrielle McGeachy, *Criminal Justice*

***James Hooker Memorial Scholarship***

Michael Kyrychenko, *Criminal Justice*

***Kohlbeck Memorial Scholarship for Service & Excellence***

Dakota Jennings, *Homeland Security and  
Emergency Preparedness*

***Schulz-Porter Endowed Scholarship***

Jacqueline Stephens, *Urban and Regional Studies*

***Tillett Scholarship***

Aynsleigh Escher, *Criminal Justice*

***Wilder Merit Scholarship***

Hezha Barzani, *Homeland Security and  
Emergency Preparedness*

## **Recognitions**

### **Black History in the Making**

Chanté Holt

*Bachelor of Urban and Regional Studies*

Lonette Ott

*Bachelor of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness*

Starr Robinson

*Bachelor of Criminal Justice*

Maya Rogers

*Master of Public Administration*

Nathan Teklemariam

*Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration*

Valerie Washington  
*Master of Urban and Regional Planning*

**Wilder School Student Ambassadors  
and Advisory Council**

Tyrone Boyce  
*Bachelor of Urban and Regional Studies*

Spencer Graves  
*Master of Public Administration*

Nadya Syazsa  
*Bachelor of Urban and Regional Studies and  
Bachelor of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness*

Raymond Velez  
*Bachelor of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness*



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