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St. Andrews Students Recognized for Academic Excellence

(Laurinburg, NC)—The annual Awards Convocation, recognizing over 130 students for their academic achievements, was held at St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Thursday morning.

Freshmen who have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average at the end of the fall semester are those chosen as *Benson Fellows*. Students of the class of 2006 recognized as Bensons Fellows are Jessica Michelle Antash, Lauren Saxton Bertram, Katherine Elizabeth Bitzan, Emily Kate Boomgarden, Jennifer Elizabeth Bucklin, Kelly A. Chaplin, Erin Reynolds Cooper, Shelly Nicole Heath, Jennifer B. Heinbockel, Laura Elyse Heinbockel, Christine M. Scott, and Katheryn Annette Spannaus.

Sophomore Honors are extended to those in the class of 2005 who have achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.25 by the conclusion of the fall semester of their second year of study. Recipients of the sophomore Honors certificates are Erin Noel Banks, Virginia Tharpe Bennitt, Tiffany Colleen Blanchard, Jamie Anne Boulais, Charity Davis Brown, Janna Leigh Burns, Charles Andrew Chiswick, Eleanor Laurel Cook, Nichole Cherie Doucette, Brian David Ducker, Mari A. Finn, Cynthia Jean Gay, John Michael Genest, Jesus Gonzalez, Melanie Rose Goodstein, Kristen Elizabeth Hefner, Jonathan P. Hermanson, Aaron Gray Hoster, Jennifer Lea Johnson, Casey June Kallenberg, Joshua Thomas Lindsey, April Dawn K. Link, Stephanie Dawn Nelson, Mica L. Nguyen, Natalie Diane Norwood, Abigail Ann Phagan, Matthew N. Phelps, Katherine Rebecca Rakestraw, Jarrett Paul Razon, Sarah Yvonne Rhodes, Sarah Rebecca Rhymer, Audrey Janell Rolfe, Mark Richard Schomaker, Jennifer Kristin Sheehan, Allison Nicole Sullivan, Virginia Claire Summerell, Cara Thompson, Tyler Andrew Williams, Jennifer J. Yager, and Nathan Young.

The *St. Andrews Honor Society* has 27 students being added to its membership. It recognizes students with junior or senior standing who are enrolled during the spring semester or who have completed graduation requirements since the last commencement and who have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5. The new members in 2003 are Brandi Elaine

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Ankney, Andrena W. Barnett, William Gustavus Batz, Selena E. Bolger, Rebekah Ann Buehler, Kevin W. Christman, Leigh Anna Clinard, Jesse E. Grayton, Peter Dewitt Gut, Jeremy Halinen, Jennie Victoria Hartman, Christopher Erik Hewlett, Rachel L. Hoag, Samantha Leigh Holsinger, Jan E. Kraft, Kimberly K. Makahilahila, Kirsten M. McGee, Denise Ann McLeod, Tobias Dominique Neher, Lori A. Patterson, Shelley D. Shoe, Jessica D. Walls, Kristen E. Welton, Lisa G. Dove Dumas, Karen Oldham Elliott-Hammer, Melissa Carol Mashburn, and Stephanie B. Wilson.

Alpha Chi National Honor Society is a coeducational honor society whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among colleges and university students. Its name derives from the initial letters of the Greek words *Alstheia*, meaning truth, and *Xarakter*, meaning character. At St. Andrews, induction into Alpha Chi requires a minimum 3.8 grade point average for juniors and seniors. In addition to honoring scholarly achievement, Alpha Chi seeks to find ways to assist members in cultivating those habits of mind and heart that “make scholarship Effective for good” as stated in the Alpha Chi constitution. This year’s inductees from the Sandhills campus are Ginger Gentry, Lisa Godwin, Jennifer Sheree Nall, Sandi L. Scagline and Patricia S. Wright. Inductees from the Laurinburg campus are Brandi Elaine Ankney, Rebekah Buehler, Jeremy C. Halinen, Jennie Hartman, Christopher Hewlett, Rachel Hoag, Kimberly Makahilahila and Lori Ann Patterson. Graduates from the fall 2002 inducted into Alpha Chi are Karen Oldham Elliott-Hammer and Melissa G. Mashburn.

General Honors Certificates were awarded to students who have successfully completed all phases of the General Honors Program. 2003 recipients were Mindy Anne Berkery, Matthew Ian Dowling, Krista Forsman, Kristen Anne Moore, Lauren Schroeder, and Kimberly R. Simon.

Valparaiso Fellowship Recipients are Lloyd E. Blevins, III, Eleanor Cook, Adrienne Linette Davis, Aaron Robert Gatten, Joshua Thomas Lindsey, Stephanie Nelson, Cara M. Thompson, and Tyler Williams.

The *Jonathan Barger Award* is given each year for participation in the St. Andrews at Brunnenburg program. Established by the family of Jonathan Barger '91, whose plans to participate in the Brunnenburg Fall Semester study program were tragically cut short by an automobile accident, the 2002 Jonathan Barger Award went to Tyler Williams.

Study abroad as a formal part of their St. Andrews education is the focus of the *Mary B.A. Howell Scholarships*. The Howell Trust Scholarship fund was created in honor of Mary B.A. Howell,

mother of Billy Howell, Jr., a former Trustee of the College. Her grandson, Syderham B. Howell, was graduated from St. Andrews in 1982, having participated in the College's study abroad program. The 2003 recipient is Kristen Hefner.

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges was established in 1934 to highlight the individual and diverse talents of this country's most prominent students. Students are recognized for this honor based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. Joining the ranks of one of the most highly regarded and long-standing honor programs in the nation from St. Andrews are Natalie Ah Sam, Andrena Barnett, Macy Bass, Mindy Berkery, Patti Black, Selena Bolger, Kalifa Bojang, Frank Bria, Ben Brownell, Kristjan Cheyne, Rachel Hoag, Jennifer Gannon, Steven Guarini, Peter Gut, Christopher Hewlett, Sandra Lennon, Melody McCord, Keith Mino, Kristen Moore, Tobias Neher, Lori Patterson, Nate Rohler, Shelley Shoe, Jacob Seigel, Kimberly Simon, and Cristina Wright.

The *Memorial Chapbook Awards* honor student literary accomplishments in memory of Jeanette McClelland '75 and Alan Bunn '74 who, while students at St. Andrews, showed great promise as writers of verse and fiction. Jeremy Halinen received the Alan Bunn Award for his poetry and fiction of verse, "*After the Beginning.*" Parrish Ravelli is the winner of the Jeanette McClelland award for his poetry, "*When the Music Stops.*"

The *Jackson Morton Memorial Award* was given to Matthew Phelps for the strongest contribution to the 2003 CAIRN, "*South of Tunisia.*"

Recognizing an outstanding rising junior or senior, majoring in mathematics or computer science, the *William H. Somerville Scholarship* was awarded to Mark Schomaker.

The *Dames of St. Andrews Scholarship* is given to one or two rising seniors who are outstanding students and who have been active in the campus community. This year's recipient is Diana Corral.

The *George and Louis Fouke Honors Award in Politics* is given this year to Kimberly R. Simon in recognition of her integrity, leadership qualities, and outstanding scholarship demonstrated through her studies in the politics department.

A rising junior or senior enrolled in the teacher education curriculum, with an expressed interest in "special needs education" is chosen to receive the *Edith Williams Bullock Award*. The award was established in memory of Edith Bullock, wife of former professor Leslie Bullock, and a

well-known teacher in Scotland County. This year's recipient is Krista Forsman.

The Robeson County Lambda Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma International Society selects a senior female student, in the field of education, who is a strong representative of the ideals of the teaching profession. The recipient of the 2003 scholarship award is Lisa N. Godwin.

The Scotland County Delta Omicron Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma International Society selects a junior female student, in the field of education, who has great potential in the teaching profession. The recipient of the 2003 scholarship is Sharon F. Thompson.

The Humanities and Fine Arts Division awards include the *2002 Timothy J. Olthoff Memorial Scholarship Award* to James Holman for demonstrated achievement in the field of visual arts. The Religious Studies Department award went to Denise McLeod for her academic achievement and contribution to the St. Andrews community.

The Mathematical, Natural and Health Sciences Division awards included the *All American Collegiate Scholars Award* which went to Mindy Berkery, Sara Frappier, Sandra Lennon, and Ian Webb. Laura Preble and Eleanor Cook were recognized as the *Glaxosmith-Kline Women in Science* scholars. *Abbott Summer Research Grants* were awarded to Laura Preble and Anthony Davis to work with Professor Brian Akers and Ashley Kondziela to work with Professor John Moeller. Biology Scholar Award was give to Mindy Berkery. CRC Press Achievement Award in Chemistry was given to Jennie Hartman and Jesse Grayton. MERCK Award in Organic Chemistry went to Kim Makahilahila. Sara Frappier received the Thomas R. Blackburn Award in Chemistry. Outstanding Freshman/Sophomore Award in Mathematical Science went to Mark Schomaker. Ian Webb won the National Collegiate Mathematics Award. Jessica Walls was recognized as the Outstanding Psychology Scholar.

The Social and Behavioral Sciences Division awards included *Excellence in Business Administration-sports Management* to Cristina Wright, *Excellence in Business Administration-Management* to Macy Bass, *Excellence in Business Administration—Marketing* to Francis Bria, *Excellence in business Administration—Accounting and Finance* to Kimberly Simon, *Excellence in business Administration—International Business* to Peter Gut, and the *Wall Street Journal Award* to Tobias Neher.

The *National Collegiate Business Merit and Omicron Delta Epsilon Society* awards went to Matalie Ah Sam, Macy Bass, Stephanie Davis, Jennifer Gannon, Taryn Gaudet, Cindy Gribin, Dara Mahhoney, Angela McFawn, Amy Miller, Keith Mino, David Miyamoto, Tobias Neher, Misty

Rivera, Nathaniel Rohler, and Kebony Thompson.

PI Gamma Mu Society awards were given to Macy Bass, William Batz, Rebecca Bennis, Selena Bolger, Francis Bria, John Chalfa, Leigh Anna Clinnard, Rachael Curry, Matthew Dowling, Jennifer Ferkinhoff, Krista Forsman, Jennifer Gannon, Peter Gut, Christopher Hewlett, Rachael Hoag, James Hollman, Sarah Marsh, Amy Miller, Tobias Neher, Lori Patterson, Misty Rivera, Nathaniel Rohler, Lauren Schroeder, Shelly Shoe, Kebony Thompson, Samantha Weiland, and Cristina Wright.

William Loftus, vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the College reviewed faculty achievements throughout the past year. George Melton's book, Darlan, (first published in English in 1998) has been translated into French and hit the bookstores of France in early December - in a very large first printing. It is a singular honor for a French publisher to acknowledge the value of an American historian's analysis of a controversial period in French history. But there is a down side -- George was forced to fly to Paris in December for a launching party and book signing. He said it was dirty work, but someone had to do it.

The Greatest Hits of Ronald Bayes, a collection of favorite poems from 1960 to 2002, was published in January as part of a series of such collections of favorite poems by prominent contemporary poets. Ron may not have written more books than you can count, but having an abacus handy wouldn't be a bad idea. I'll return to Ron in a few minutes.

David Herr, with the able research assistance of six chemistry and history students in a Senior Research Seminar, has written a book that was published this winter called, Compassion and Excellence: A Brief History of the Pinehurst Surgical Clinic.

Three members of our academic community completed academic degrees this year. David Herr and Hideko Kawamoto have completed doctoral degrees, and Debbie Smith, the Registrar, finished her Master's degree.

Brian Akers has an article on Evolution "in press." And he has made a number of presentations both on and off-campus. His presentations to professional meetings have focused on aspects of the mushroom.

Al Bardi has presented a paper on "Domestic Violence and Entitlement" at the Sandhills Psychology Conference. He is also the Editor of the Conference's on-line journal. Al's Assessment and Evaluation Class has developed an optimism scale and the students will be making a presentation at a meeting of the Carolinas Psychology Conference. He also worked with a group of students to produce a holiday stress reduction guide that was published in the Laurinburg Exchange. He's also going to be singing for a SAILL class at Scotia Village. His rendition of "Yo Ho Ho and a

Bottle of Rum” has been called indescribable.

Ron Bayes has been invited to speak at the 20th Annual Ezra Pound Conference this summer, and he will be accompanied by student Matt Phelps, who has also had a paper accepted. Matt will discuss The Mystique of Studying Pound at Brunnenburg.

Richard Brett and student Danica Goodman have just produced a TV program for Scotland High School on its Workforce Development Program. This may only be the first in a series of such television shows spotlighting people, places and programs of local interest that will be hosted by Brenda Gilbert. He is also mentoring students who are preparing a promotional video for our Admissions Office in an entirely digital format. And he’s working a screenplay (so if you catch him staring at you, stop whatever you’re doing, unless you want the world to see it).

John Brubaker was invited to speak to the National Convention of the United States Lacrosse Coaches’ Association, and at the NCAA Lacrosse All-American Banquet.

Pam Ely and Pam Case will be away this weekend with two groups of psychology students who will also be making presentations of their faculty-mentored research at the Carolinas Psychology Conference meeting.

Bill Caudill has been busy winning Piping awards, but also writing papers. He was the Keynote Speaker at the annual General Meeting of Clan Donald. He’s also seen two articles published, one on “Scottish Highlanders in Southern Literature” and another on Highland music in North Carolina. And he was the historical content editor for a forthcoming novel.

Allen Dotson and Brian Akers (with Lee Hinson-Hasty) will be administering a three-year grant from the Metanexis Foundation that will fund a dialogue exploring the dynamic interface between science and religion.

David Herr has also co-authored three articles, two dealing with computer-mediated learning environments and the third focusing on the Reconstruction period after the Civil War.

Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty will be telling you shortly about the Valparaiso Project for which she has received a \$10,000 grant. The project will have significant student and faculty involvement. She has also published a biographical profile of Pearl Buck and has been invited to make numerous presentations at Presbyterian Church gatherings.

Margaret Houston presented a paper at the Simposio Internacional Bienal de Estudios Oaxaquenos, in Mexico, on theories of the origins of maize.

Rita Johnson, Director of DeTamble Library, will be making a presentation this weekend at the Association of College and Resource Libraries 11th Annual Conference. Her topic is

“Personalized Library Instruction Programs.”

“A friend of our son has set himself the goal of climbing the highest mountain on every continent in the world” said Loftus. “Hideko Kawamoto has apparently set herself the goal of winning a major electro-acoustic music composition award on every continent, and at every major electronic music festival in the world. And she’s closing in on her goal -- most recently at the Bonk International Contemporary Music Festival.”

Dick Prust has published two articles: “Being Resolved, Having Identity, and Telling One’s Story” and “Personality and Pretence” -- only the most recent additions to his years-long study of personhood.

Larry Schulz and Dorothy Wells were awarded a grant to study ways to expand opportunities for study and travel abroad for students with disabilities. Only two such grants were made nationally.

Gene Smith was a discussion leader at the National SMART START conference. He also made a presentation on Teaching Social Science and Mathematics using US Currency and Coins, assisted by four students.

Kim Tracy has made presentations on Brain Compatible Learning Styles for both the Scotland and Cumberland County Schools. She and a student also made a presentation at the North Carolina Education Forum on the electronic portfolios our Education students have been preparing since last year.

Pebbles Turbeville led the higher education forum at the annual NARHA national conference. She also made a therapeutic riding presentation at the NARHA regional meeting this spring -- with two students assisting in the presentation.

Carl Walters, along with Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, were selected to participate in the DuPont Summer Seminar at the National Humanities Center last summer. And Carl went to China, at the invitation of the China Christian Council, to deliver a series of lectures at colleges and seminaries in Shanghai and Chunzu. Carl also recently presented a paper on the Roots of Indian Nationalism.

And Ted Wojtasik’s second novel, Collage, has been accepted for publication next year. A short story called “Greeting Cards” has been published in the literary journal at Bennington College. And he has recently begun a monthly newspaper column called “A Taste of Literature.”

In addition to the student academic awards, Robert Hopkins, Professor of Business and Economics, Carl F. Walters, Jr., Warner L. Hall Professor of Religious Studies, and Norman T. Boggs, III, Associate Professor of Chemistry were recognized for 20 years of service to the College. Jerry Patterson, Custodial Services and Edna Ann Loftus, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and

Professor of English, were recognized for 25 years of service to the College. Thirty-five years of service awards went to George Melton, Distinguished Professor of History, Richard Prust, Professor of Philosophy, and Ronald H. Bayes, Writer-in-Residence and Distinguished Professor of Creative Writing.

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