CU ANNOUNCES OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Chowan students playing chess in front of the Hawks Nest.

The Chowan University Honors Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2017-2018 Outstanding Student Awards:

- Victoria Maria Baez-Quiroz
- Zoe R. Beale
- Carrie Elizabeth Blowe
- Olivia Rae Borer
- Alyssa Michelle Born
- Jeremy Kagan Brooker
- James Bradford Conley
- Amber Nicole Cunningham
- Roxana Daneshjoo
- Kyle Robert Davison
- Charles Richard Donaldson
- GermaNa Lolita Farrior
- Melany Melissa Garcia Lopez
- Rafael dos Santos Goncalves
- Katrina Emma Hodge
- Keishaunda Marie Johnson
- Regina Marie Jones
- Kjahna Miccollette O’Keefe
- Courtney Ann Marie O’Keefe
- De’Srea Monique Reaves
- Chantel Alisaeya Roberts
- Benjamin David Schuch
- Amber Leigh Smaltz
- Kimlin D. Sykes
- Sean Michael Timmons
- Brittany Nicole Tschida
- Evelyn Hope Walker
- Danielle L. Weldon
- Richard O’neill Whitted

Selection for the Chowan University Outstanding Student Awards is based on the following criteria:

- Embodies the attributes of a leader
- Academic achievement (3.0 or higher)
- Evidence of campus and/or community service
- Exemplifies good citizenship
- Has made significant contributions to Chowan over the past year
- Junior or Senior status
Chowan’s chapter of Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) attended the National Leadership Conference from June 23-27 in Anaheim, California. The students participated in competitive events at the conference.

- Alesha Butler, Sales Presentation and Integrated Marketing Campaign. She placed 10th in Sales Presentation.
- Tijuan Jackson, Project Management.
- Erika Sanchez-Vergara, Integrated Marketing Campaign.
- Kimlin Sykes, Marketing Concepts.

Kevin Misenheimer, Assistant Professor of Management, accompanied the students and served as a competitive event judge at the conference.

This year’s conference theme was "A Legacy of Leadership," celebrating PBL’s 75th anniversary.
7th ANNUAL
CELEBRATION of
FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP and
CREATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 14
6:00 P.M.
CHOWAN ROOM
On October 26, 2017, David Ballew, Associate Professor of History, attended the Virginia Historical Society’s Banner Lecture. The lecturer was Edward Ayers, who gave a presentation entitled, "The Thin Light of Freedom: The Civil War and Emancipation in the Heart of America."

Bryan Herek, Associate Professor of English, attended the American Shakespeare Center’s 9th Blackfriars Conference, in Staunton, Virginia, on October 24-29. The conference was established to explore and celebrate early modern drama.

Bo Dame, Associate Professor of Physical Sciences, attended the North Carolina National Estuarine Research

Reserve Workshop on Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment for Coastal Habitats in Corolla on October 24.

Pamela Woodard, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, completed an oral defense of Chapters 1-3 of her dissertation on October 26-29.

Amy Wethington, Associate Professor of Biology, submitted a grant to the Northeast NC Coastal Research and Environmental Education Fund for research on freshwater snails in Hertford County.

Georgia Williams, University Librarian, participated in SACSCOC peer reviewer training in Versailles, Kentucky, on October 26-27.
SPRING 2018
ENGL 465
The Hobson Course
ONE CR. HR.

AN EVENING WITH
Jim Grimsley
Author of Winter Birds
A Sue Kaufman Prize Winner
2018 Hobson Prize Recipient

CLASS TIMES:
February 25, March 11, 18, 25
Mondays 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Vaughn Auditorium

PROFESSOR:
Jennifer Norlum

Hobson Day Events
Monday, April 2
6:00 pm – Hobson Prize Conference and House
7:30 pm – Hobson Prize Lecture
"There are only two qualities a university ought to impart," declared Arthur Lehman Goodhart, master of University College at Oxford University, "the first is clarity and honesty, and the second is intellectual curiosity." He added, in this 1952 lecture, "the highest form of education consists in encouraging" individuals "to ask questions," to, above all else, "Search for Truth."

In the uncertain world we reside in today, a world where "truth" no longer has a special allure, where an individual is no longer bound to it, where truth is an option, I would add a need for a third quality: a university must stand up for the truth.

Yet, as individuals blur the distinction between fact and fiction, between real news and fake news, members of the university community, both faculty and students, are turning a blind eye to what we know is not true.

The atmosphere of insecurity, of fear and suspicion, is all around us. Two weeks ago a student visited my office. As we discussed her classes, she noted how she was tired of her biased professor. When I asked for details, the student stated: "We keep hearing that black men are imprisoned at six times the rate of white men and the imprisonment rate for African American women is twice that of white women.

Stunned, I responded, "but those are facts. Your professor is telling you the truth."

And the student noted, "I know. I'm just tired of the tension in creates in the classroom between the students and between the students and the professor."

I wrote the first draft of this column, which included the bulleted items below, on the evening of Monday, October 16, just hours after an individual claimed that George W. Bush and Barack Obama had never called Gold Star families to offer their condolences - an appalling, despicable, unnecessary lie. I chose not to publish it last week because the culture of silence that is rapidly developing in the United States dictates that truth telling be viewed as just another act of political partisanship.

But now I can’t shake off the words of Republican Senator Jeff Flake. On Tuesday, October 24, Flake stood on the floor of the United States Senate and elegantly challenged Americans to "never meekly accept . . . the flagrant disregard for truth and decency." His call to stand up for the truth reminded me it is proper in my role as chief academic officer, especially in these troubling times, to note the truth.

- Hillary Clinton won the popular vote in the Presidential Election of 2016.
- Andrew Jackson died sixteen years prior to the beginning of the Civil War.
- The United States is not the highest taxed nation in the world.
- Frederick Douglass is dead.
- There are seven articles in the
Constitution, not twelve.

- Most people do know that Abraham Lincoln was a Republican.
- The Civil War was about preserving the institution of slavery.
- Bragging about sexually assaulting women is not locker-room talk.
- When NFL players kneel during the National Anthem, they are protesting social injustice.
- It is improper to protest while on the job. This applies to all, including professional football players and the Vice President of the United States.
- Stealing the words of others is plagiarism regardless of who committed the act.
- The Confederate flag is a symbol of heritage, racism, and treason.
- Displaying the Confederate flag disrespects and dishonors the memory and sacrifice of the American soldiers who died fighting under the American flag during the Civil War, if not all wars.
- The crowd at Obama’s first inauguration was many times larger than the crowd at January’s inauguration.
- Facts are supported by evidence and denying evidence doesn’t change the facts.
- A rise in the stock market is not directly related to the federal debt, meaning it does not lower the debt.
- Bob Corker voted against the “Iran Deal.”
- The Senate did not have the fifty votes required to pass a health care bill, regardless of who may or may not have been ill.
- The United States has not renovated nor modernized the nuclear arsenal since January 20th of this year.
- The FBI has always reported to the Department of Justice.
- Climate change is not a Chinese hoax, nor was it invented by by an overweight man sitting on a bed in New Jersey.
- Evolution is not a theory.
- The Soviet Union invaded Finland in 1938. The Finns have not forgotten.
- The list of oppressive acts in the United States in the last 100 years is long.
- Sexual preference is biologically determined.
- FDR, to name just one, accomplished more in the first ninety days of his presidency.
- Obama did not wiretap a tower in New York before or after the election.
- There was no Bowling Green Massacre.
- Nothing happened in Sweden.
- John McCain is a hero.
- The Holocaust happened.
- The United States discriminated against Japanese Americans during World War II.
- Psychotically is not a word.
- Italy is a nation, not a person.
- The president of the United States is the president of the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- The response to Puerto Rico is disgraceful.
- The United States did vet refugees under Obama.
- Refugees are not Skittles.
- The Declaration of Independence was written in 1776 by Thomas Jefferson, not by NPR on July 4, 2017.
- Presidential campaign officials did meet with Russians.
- The Russians did meddle in last year’s election.
- Obama was born in the United States.
- We have always been allowed to say “Merry Christmas.”
- Racism is inherent in white
culture.

- The pyramids were not used to store grain.
- Aladdin is a fictional town.
- Jesus did not eat Chick-Fil-A.
- There are only three branches in the federal government.
- The greatest American speeches were delivered by Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King Jr.
- It is inappropriate for a speaker to tell Boy Scouts about a drug/alcohol-infused boat party he once attended.
- Being black does not make you classless and posing in the nude does not give you class.
- The oceans are rising.
- Dennis Hastert is not a victim; he is a pedophile.
- Obamacare is not worse than slavery.
- Making gay marriage legal is not worse that declaring human beings property.
- Eating a cracker is not a form of asking for forgiveness.
- The Confederate Army is not the greatest army in history. It lost.
- Winners are called revolutionaries; losers are called traitors.
- Muslims are no more terrorists than Christians are.
- A gathering of Muslims did not cheer in New Jersey on September 11, 2001, but a New Yorker did brag about now having the tallest building in Manhattan.
- The United States was built on the backs of immigrants and slaves.
- If you defend white supremacists, then you sound like a white supremacist.
- The Panama Canal was not built in 2017.
- Pittsburgh does not support the United States withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement.
- The Democrats have no power.
- Typing slowly is not an accommodation for the politically slow-witted.
- Ted Cruz's father did not assassinate JFK.
- When visiting areas devastated by natural disasters, one shouldn't hawk one's products.
- Saturday Night Live is the voice of the Democratic Party.
- Wonder Woman and Santa Claus are not real.
- Jesus is not a white European.
- Amazon pays taxes.
- James Comey's Senate hearing was more exciting than "Must See TV" of the 1980s and 1990s.
- Comey was fired because of the Russian investigation.
- History will remember those who took a knee to give the rest of us the courage to stand up.
- When women speak out, especially women of color, white men are more aggressive in their attacks on them.
- Most people know that France is America's oldest ally. Even by fish, Blueberry, knows this.**
- Alexander Hamilton was an immigrant.
- Snow in Texas does not disprove climate change. That's just stupid.
- Dylan Roof shot nine individuals in Charleston because they were black, not because they were Christians.
- Obamacare and the Affordable Care Act are one and the same.
- A story in an issue of ThisWeek last year describing a massacre in Hawaii in the 1800s was fabricated.
- The media has not covered up terrorist attacks.
- Putin is a killer.
- The term "American exceptionalism" was invented by Stalin as a form of ridicule.
- The Benghazi Committee was established to bring Clinton down.
- Eating rainbow Doritos do not make you gay.
- Canadian exceptionalism is real.
- The world is not flat.
- In his denunciation of a particular individual, Senator Flake did not once invoke the name of He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named. Neither did John McCain when he called out Vietnam War era draft dodgers this week. Nor have I.

*This isn't true. The Puritans in colonial Massachusetts outlawed Christmas.

**I do not have a fish named Blueberry.
WATT POTTERY

THE BRADY C. JEFCOAT MUSEUM OF AMERICANA WILL HOST AN OPEN HOUSE TO SHOWCASE A COLLECTION OF WATT POTTERY ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

The Brady C. Jefcoat Museum of Americana will host an open house to showcase a beautiful collection of Watt Pottery that has been donated by Chris and Linda White, the President and First Lady of Chowan University. This collection contains over 250 pieces of Watt Pottery.

The open house is scheduled for Friday, November 10, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Home Economics Building, which is behind the Jefcoat Museum.

The Watt family of Ohio started the Watt Pottery in 1922. Later, the company introduced colorful, but simple, patterns against a cream clay, which gave the wares a unique country appeal. Watt introduced the apple pattern in 1952. Originally, the apples had three leaves. After 1958, two leaves were used.


In 2006, after a devoted career in the public-school system, Jayne Wolfskill joined the Chowan University faculty, serving faithfully for 11 years, retiring in May 2017. In September, the Chowan University Board of Trustees named Wolfskill professor emeritus upon recommendation by the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees to the full Board.

Danny Moore, Provost stated, “Jayne understood what Chowan is about. She taught her colleagues that what we do each moment of our Chowan day has a positive impact on the lives of our students, and at the end of the day all that matters is what we did to assist a student in taking a step closer to achieving his or her goal.”

Wolfskill, who served as Chair of the Department of Teacher Education, was the recipient of numerous awards during her Chowan tenure.
**THIS WEEK IN READING: THE BEST NEW NOVELS**

**FUTURE HOME OF THE LIVING GOD BY LOUISE ERDRICH**

"The world as we know it is ending. Evolution has reversed itself, affecting every living creature on earth. Science cannot stop the world from running backwards, as woman after woman gives birth to infants that appear to be primitive species of humans. Thirty-two-year-old Cedar Hawk Songmaker, adopted daughter of a pair of big-hearted, open-minded Minneapolis liberals, is as disturbed and uncertain as the rest of America around her. But for Cedar, this change is profound and deeply personal. She is four months pregnant."

**RADIO FREE VERMONT BY BILL MCKIBBEN**

"As the host of Radio Free Vermont, seventy-two-year-old Vern Barclay is currently broadcasting from an 'undisclosed and double-secret location.' With the help of a young computer prodigy named Perry Altersen, Vern uses his radio show to advocate for a simple yet radical idea: an independent Vermont, one where the state secedes from the United States and operates under a free local economy."

**OVERHEARD**

"I randomly send out surveys unless I randomly forget to do so."

-- An Assessment Coordinator
SOMETHING MORE

According to Business Insider, bomb shelters are in the midst of a revival. The revival is the result of the tensions between the United States and North Korea. One manufacturer stated that orders increased upon the election of Donald Trump.

FALLOUT SHELTER
Mother and daughter pose in their home fallout shelter in Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1962.

AIR RAID SHELTER AD
This Fam-Shel Air Raid Shelter ad appeared in the Sacramento Bee on February 24, 1951.

MCDONALD’S
Fallout shelters were built under many McDonald’s during the 1950s and 1960s.

ACADEMIC EVENTS

Friday October 27
HCSA Haunted Library, 8:00-10:00 p.m. (Whitaker Library)

Sunday October 29
Honors College Enrichment Trip to George Washington’s Mount Vernon

Thursday November 2
Scholarship Luncheon, 12 noon (Jenkins Center)

Sunday November 5
Last Day to Drop Classes with a W

Friday November 10
The Brown Lady Academic Bowl Tournament Begins, 11:00 a.m. (Vaughan Auditorium)

Monday November 13
Pi Gamma Mu/Alpha Phi Sigma Induction Ceremonies, 7:00 p.m. (Vaughan Auditorium)
IT'S A CELEBRATION!

Honors College Student Association
Awards Dinner

November 19, 2017, 6:30 pm
John's Seafood