

ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Impact and Excellence

Awards 2026

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Welcome and Introduction of Hosts

CHRIS CHAMBERS, *president*, Student Government Association
KESHAWN JOHNSON, *student member*, board of trustees

Welcome and Greeting

DR. DAWN LINDSAY, *president*

Buffet Dinner

Cellist

CHANEL KELLY

Presentation of Awards

Closing Remarks

KHADIJAT RICHMOND, Ed.D., *interim dean*, Student Development
Director, Transfer Advising

Presentation of Awards

Diversity and Inclusion Excellence Award

This award recognizes students who have helped create an equitable and respectful environment at AACC and in the broader community.

KESHAWN JOHNSON

FREDERICK NERIC

Riverhawk Highflyer Award

This award recognizes staff who have contributed to students' success "above and beyond" the call of duty by coaching, mentoring or facilitating workshops during the academic year.

CYNTHIA GUILLEN

REBECCA TOLLEY

Riverhawk Student Community Engagement Award

This award recognizes the promotion of and engagement in civic activities within the AACC community by an AACC student.

CHRIS CHAMBERS

NICK TAYLOR

Riverhawk Faculty/Staff Community Engagement Award

This award recognizes the promotion of and engagement in civic activities within the AACC community by an AACC faculty or staff member.

ELIAS DUBOSE

Hawk Spirit Community Organization Award

This award recognizes a community organization aligned with the mission of AACC and has demonstrated the institution's values by supporting student success.

PROVIDENCE GREENHOUSES

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Zeitgeist Award

This award recognizes staff and faculty members who have demonstrated outstanding efforts to foster greater appreciation, advancement and celebration of diversity.

JOANNA BAUGHAN

RAYNA SIMON

Student Ambassador of the Year Award

This award recognizes a student who excels at representing their peers and the college beyond the classroom.

GAVIN KESSELRING

***Distinguished Leadership Award:
Student Member, Board of Trustees***

This award recognizes the current student member of the board of trustees for their exemplary service and leadership to the student body and the college community.

KESHAWN JOHNSON

Outstanding Leadership Award: SGA President

This award recognizes the current Student Government Association president for outstanding service and leadership to the student body.

CHRIS CHAMBERS

Student Government Association Leadership Award

This award recognizes the current members of the Student Government Association executive board for outstanding dedication and service to the Student Government Association.

JOLIE SO, *executive vice president*

FREDERICK NERIC, *vice president of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility*

JADA LEWIS, *vice president of Finance*

DANIEL AMAYA, *vice president of Outreach*

Presentation of Awards

Teaching Excellence Award

This award recognizes faculty members who have demonstrated excellence in teaching in an online or in-person environment.

JACLYN GAMBONE, PH.D.

TIMOTHY MAYHILL

Character Awards: Student Engagement

This award recognizes students who demonstrate trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, compassion and good citizenship — all attributes that shape who we are as people and affect our interactions in school, family, community and life.

COREY J. KNOX

ELIJAH W. PARKER

JOLIE SO

Christine Storck Legacy Award

This award recognizes a staff or faculty member each year who challenged students to increase their skills and knowledge and to apply these to real-world situations.

ANTIONE TOMLIN, PH.D.

Outstanding Club or Organization Advisor of the Year

This award recognizes an advisor from a club or organization who has excelled in leading and advising.

JACLYN GAMBONE, PH.D.

Outstanding Club or Organization Member of the Year

This award recognizes a club or organization member who has been outstanding in their service over the past year.

ALEX BRADFORD

Outstanding Club or Organization of the Year

This award recognizes the club or organization that clearly demonstrates their objectives and purpose.

SUPER SCIENCE CLUB

Leadership Challenge Award

This award recognizes students who have successfully completed the Leadership Challenge for the current academic year.

ROZINA AHSAN

CHRISTINA KEUMENI

ZIRABELLE BATE

YAW OPOKU-AFRIYIE

NAKIERA BEA

JOLIE SO

WALESKA CRUZ

BRYNN SUROSKY

ELLEN HOLLANDS

NICK TAYLOR

Military/Veteran Resource Center (MVRC) Service Award

This award recognizes the student-veteran's selfless dedication, commitment and time to changing the lives of military-connected students in a meaningful way.

MARCUS ADAMS

Determination by Any Means (DBAM) Award

This award is presented to SASP participants who have continued to persevere amid personal, family, academic or social and global challenges that have threatened to thwart their goals.

VICTOR O. AIGBEDION

XXAVIEN MACKELL

DE'SYRE BRASHEARS

SHAMYA MALLOY

GREGORY BROWN

KIERRE W. MCCUNE

BRETT CONLON

ELIJAH W. PARKER

KADE DIANE

JAVEON K. REED

DAMMY KAYODE

MARCELO STENZEL

COREY J. KNOX

Presentation of Awards

Student Achievement and Success Program Welcome Back Award

This award recognizes a SASP student who has begun or returned to college after working for a number of years, caring for a family, changing careers or other reasons that influenced a delay in beginning college.

SARAH WILSON

Student Achievement and Success Program Rising Star Award

This award recognizes a SASP student who has shown tremendous improvement in time management, study habits and grades or has overcome a personal setback during the academic year.

BREY'N J. LOVING

ERIC REYES-IGNACIO

Student Achievement and Success Program Character Award

This award recognizes a SASP student who demonstrates attributes of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, compassion and good citizenship that shape who we are and influences our interactions in school, family, community and life.

DENISS LIRA

JOHNATHAN T. MORTON

Student Achievement and Success Program Most Active Achiever Award

This award recognizes a SASP student who has demonstrated the most involvement in SASP, college services and activities which have enhanced the student's success and connection with the college.

LILY G. DAVIS

***Student Achievement and Success Program
Student of the Year Award***

This award is presented to a SASP student who has demonstrated leadership and overcome barriers while giving back to the college community and is progressing toward completion.

LEYLA CASTILLO FLORIAN

Janice D. Watley Visionary Award

This award is presented to a faculty or staff member whose passion for education and unwavering dedication to students has set a benchmark for excellence within our institution supporting the mission and vision of SASP. This award honors those who not only deliver outstanding academic and personal support but also demonstrate an unyielding commitment to fostering a culture of inclusion and belonging.

WILFREDO VALLADARES LARA

Louis L. Siegert Award – Outstanding Student-Athlete on a Women’s Team

This award recognizes a student-athlete on a women’s team across all athletic programs for their outstanding achievements in the classroom and on the field or court.

EMMA MIGA

Dr. David S. Jenkins – Outstanding Student-Athlete on a Men’s Team

This award recognizes a student-athlete on a men’s team across all athletic programs for their outstanding achievements in the classroom and on the field or court.

JAMES KAVNEY

Presentation of Awards

Dr. Andrew G. Truxal – Outstanding Second-Year Student-Athlete on a Men’s Team

This award recognizes a member of a men’s team in their second season of competition for their outstanding achievements in the classroom and on the field or court.

CAMDEN HODGES

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MCKENZIE GILBERT

Riverhawk Character Award – Men’s Team

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HOPE LEWIS

Riverhawk Commitment to Success — Men’s Team

This award recognizes the student-athlete on a men’s team who is committed to the success of their program, as well as the Riverhawk Athletics Department. This honoree exemplifies the mission of Riverhawk Athletics and embodies the values of professionalism, respect, integrity, development and equity.

WILL MADDOX

JAYLEN MARBLEY

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EDEN ABEY

Bruce Springer Appreciation Award

This award recognizes a nonstudent-athlete who has demonstrated dedication and exemplary service to AACC Athletics. The award is named after Bruce Springer, who served 45 years at the college as an instructor, coach, coordinator of Athletics and Athletic director.

GEOFFREY BARBER

Presentation of Awards

Dean William Evans – Scholar-Athlete on a Women’s Team

This award recognizes the scholar-athlete of the year on a women’s team for their accomplishments within the classroom. This award takes into consideration credits attempted in the academic year, total credits earned, grade point average, academic rigor and additional service to the college while balancing the requirements of being a student-athlete.

NADIA SUBER

Dr. John S. Laycock – Scholar-Athlete on a Men’s Team

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MATTHEW DONALDSON

A Special Thanks

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ALEX AMATO and **JAMIE GOELLER** of HIS Signs LLC for providing ASL interpreting services during tonight's program

All **STAFF** and **FACULTY** who volunteered to serve our honorees this evening

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