



Trinity College of Arts & Sciences

Psychology Undergraduate
Diploma and Award Ceremony

Class of 2025

*Sunday, May 11, 2025
Duke Chapel*



Class of 2025

Order of Ceremony

Welcome

Dr. Rick Hoyle

Associate Chair of Psychology & Neuroscience and Professor of Psychology & Neuroscience

Graduate Reflection

Serena Raj

Class of 2025

Psychology Awards

Dr. Bridgette Hard

Director of Undergraduate Studies of Psychology & Neuroscience and Professor of the Practice of Psychology & Neuroscience

Recognition of Students Graduating With Distinction

Dr. Makeba Wilbourn

Professor of the Practice of Psychology & Neuroscience

Faculty Remarks

Dr. Michael Tomasello

James F. Bonk Distinguished Professor of Psychology & Neuroscience

Awarding of Diplomas

Closing Remarks

Dr. Rick Hoyle

Music By

Katherine Johnson

Organ Scholar

Please remain seated until all graduates and faculty have exited. Family and friends are invited to join their graduates outside to celebrate over lunch.

FIRST MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY

Isabela Agi Maluli §

Rosemary Elaine Alfonsi

Lauren Abigail Allen §

Akuorkor Adotso Allotey

Sophie Brooks Ashley

Jane Elizabeth Atkeson

Dana Renee Baca

Sealey Elizabeth Bacardi

Phoebe Claire Backer

Breanna Evett-Nicole Barrett

Madalyn Sarah Bielskis

Charles Thomas Blocksidge III

Brianna Ogreeda Borbely

Ethan Tyler Brous §

Jeslyn Naraya Brouwers ∞§

Baleigh Nicole Bruster

Vivien Estelle Buchmann

Sofia Taylor Buckminster

Shelby Leigh Bumgarner

Nia Sterling Capers

Olivia Claire Carbonell

Whitney Susan Carmichael

Sophia Morgan Cary

Austin W. Chang

Zachary Bryce Chapman

Riana E. Coffman

Helen Marie Cooper §

Ryan Copeland

Charli Adelina Cordoves

Alexandra Kaitlyn Costigan §

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FIRST MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY

Emily Morgan Darby §

Peniel Daspan

Briana Lee Davies

Angelica Maria Deoleo Valentin §

Avery Bette Dermer

Madison Michaela Dietz

Franck Longmou Djidjeu

Shelley Dong

Taylor Rose Donovan ∞§

Genevieve Durham

Chisom Ezigbo §

Jack Ryan Feldstein

Logan K. Ferrero

Connor Chadwick Fogleman ∞

Lanay Donyelle Fuller

Alyssa Anastasia Gabbidon §

Abigail Elizabeth Geiser

Samson Edward Genatt

Carley Ruth Genser ∞

Sydney Jaye Girvin

Erin Elizabeth Gleason

Ana Emily Gold

Anna Bailey Goldberg

Jamie Gonzalez

Alejandra Isabel Gonzalez-Acosta ≈

Miranda Sulzberger Green

Rohan Abhinav Gupta

Sahmir Allan Hagans

Aaron Anthony Hall

Mya Harris

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Ryan John Higgins

Neleh Antynette Hopper §

Skylar Rayelle Hughes

Michelle Izogie Igbinadolor §

Ngozi Chizoba Iloh

Kavya Jain

Rani Ayana Jones ∞

Rylie Kay Kadel

Sabrina Kianni

Joshua Kim

Luke Benjamin Klores

Carina Rose Lageyre

Hanna Belle Lavi §

Madeleine Rose Lefkowitz

Chloe Isabella Mahachek §

Kaelin Rose Main ∞§

Nyrobi Lynn Manuel

Melina Alexia Manuelidis

Jewel Asia Marks

Kia Marshall

Mariah Alyssa Mathias

Sydney Ariane Maynor §

Caroline Anne Mays

Carolina Ribeiro Mechetti

Hibatoullah Mokhtari

Kelly Ann Molthrop

Ivy Judith Morin ∞

Kerry Elizabeth Nease

Lauren Carrington Norman ∞§

Margo O'Meara

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Abhinay Orugunta

Emma Sofia Ostlund

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Carla Naomi Pollen §

Serena Raj ∞

Victoria Monet Ramirez

Rachel Mychela Richardson

Calista Elena Ringas

Rebecca Emily Ritterband

Alissa Juanita Rivero ∞

Henry Alexander Rodin

Luke William Rubin

Daniela Nicole Salazar-Santos

Sarah Margalit LaRue Schwartz §

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Franchesca Nichole Silva

Elliot Isabella Cadence Smith ∞

McKenna Allyn Smith

Eleanor Rebecca Sokolowski §

Giulia-Uma Soler-Roig d'Ecclesia Farace

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Jenna Sohee Yeam

Maia Sara Wenger §

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Sarah Elizabeth Williams ∞§≈

Elliot Joshua-Youngmin Yoon

Kelly Elyse Wilson

Nancy Zhang

SECOND MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY

Elijah Efrain Barboza

Seungyun Lee §

Barbara Teresa Cardenas Codriansky

Shantelle Mendez

Catherine Flanagan

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Joshua Mathieu Gilmer

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William Thomas Haddad

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Kelly Kagaya Chinn

Amalia Gianni Desir

Irene Y. Feng

Kate Elizabeth Flanagan

Noelle deLisser Fuchs

Santiago Garcia ∞

Sara Claire Ai Fen Goh

Talia Rose Goodman

Makayla Marie Gorski

Jordan Lindsay Grabelle

Evan Harrison Greer

Julia Light Grimes

Madeleine Maree Hammack

Joshua Damian Helguera

Ana Herndon ∞

Avery Ellen Hodges

Katherine Holo

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Jacqueline Gabel Irvin

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Elizabeth Sarah Lukasz

Karina Marinovich

Mary Katherine Merenich

Kamali Anaya Mitchell

Kendall Pearlene Motley

Clare Kathleen New

Adetomi Oreoluwa Oderinde

Julie Zhichen Ou

Darrah Blake Parker

Xuancheng Pei

Laurin Elizabeth Potter

Nolan Daniel Potter

Astha Ray

Katherine Anne Reddy

Sophia Elizabeth Rees

Ella Julia Rubell

Ariella Alexis Ruiz

Katherine Elise Schilling

Samantha Erin Seewald §

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Alexander Wang §

Wenqi Yang

Shirley Wang

Vivian Zhang

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GRADUATION WITH DISTINCTION

Lauren Abigail Allen

A Breath of Fresh Air”: How Trauma-Informed Schools Impact Discipline and the Gendered Discipline Disparity

Mentor: Dr. Katie Rosanbalm
Sanford School of Public Policy

Catherine Flanagan

Investigating the Interplay Between Creativity, Rumination and Episodic Memory

Mentor: Dr. Kevin LaBar
Department of Psychology & Neuroscience

Jeslyn Naraya Brouwers

Why Students Hate Group Projects: Understanding the Psychological Barriers to Collaborative Learning

Mentor: Dr. Bridgette Hard
Department of Psychology & Neuroscience

Alyssa Anastasia Gabbidon

Beyond Words: Understanding the Impact of Race on Gesture Usage and Comfort in Dyadic Interactions

Mentor: Dr. Sarah Gaither
Department of Psychology & Neuroscience

Charli Adelina Cordoves

Biracial Socialization: The Effects of Racial Socialization and Phenotype on Biracial Identity

Mentor: Dr. Makeba Wilbourn
Department of Psychology & Neuroscience

Anna Bailey Goldberg

Fostering Intellectual Humility: Investigating Pathways to Mitigate Political Polarization in the United States

Mentor: Dr. Rick Hoyle
Department of Psychology & Neuroscience

Emily Morgan Darby

“What Are We?”: An Analysis of Commitment, Satisfaction, and Confrontation Affect in Young Adults’ Relationships Throughout a Classroom-Based Intervention

Mentor: Dr. Gregory Samanez-Larkin
Department of Psychology & Neuroscience

Neleh Antynette Hopper

Unveiling the Intersections: How Discriminatory Practices Shape Black Women’s Interactions with Their Children’s Healthcare

Mentor: Dr. Whitney McCoy
Duke Sanford School of Public Policy

GRADUATION WITH DISTINCTION

Skylar Rayelle Hughes

Not Paying Attention? Attention Moderates
Misinformation Correction, but Non-Probative
Pictures Don't

Mentor: Dr. Elizabeth Marsh
Department of Psychology & Neuroscience

Victoria Monet Ramirez

The Role of Culture on Health: A Sociocultural
Examination of Hispanic Health Paradox

Mentor: Dr. Cristina Salvador
Department of Psychology & Neuroscience

Kaelin Rose Main

Decision-Making in Tandem: How the Presence
of Another Agent Shapes Children's Individual
Goal-Pursuit

Mentor: Dr. Tamar Kushnir
Department of Psychology & Neuroscience

Alissa Juanita Rivero

The Emergence of Children's Group Cooperation

Mentor: Dr. Michael Tomasello
Department of Psychology & Neuroscience

Carolina Ribeiro Mechetti

Perceived Competition and Mental Health: The
Moderating Role of Sense of Belonging Among
Premedical Students at Duke University

Mentor: Dr. Timothy Strauman
Department of Psychology & Neuroscience

Sanai Kayla Tolbert

The Mind-Body Connection: How Depression and
Anxiety Impact Pain Experiences in Sickle Cell Disease

Mentor: Dr. Eve Puffer
Department of Psychology & Neuroscience

Kelly Ann Molthrop

We Can't Do Things Like a 'Normal' Family:
Examining the Lived Experiences of Caregivers
Raising a Child with Misophonia

Mentor: Dr. Mark Zachary Rosenthal
Department of Psychology & Neuroscience

Sarah Elizabeth Williams

"Because I Promised Her": Investigating the Effects
of Collaborating and Making Promises on Three-
and Five-Year-Olds' Sense of Commitment

Mentor: Dr. Michael Tomasello
Department of Psychology & Neuroscience

GRADUATION WITH DISTINCTION

Emma Xiong

Can I Play with That One? How 4- to 6-Year-Old Children Use Obligation and Permission Rules to Guide Behavior in Novel Situations

Mentor: Dr. Tamar Kushnir
Department of Psychology & Neuroscience

Jennifer Shia Xu

The Collective Burden of Discrimination: How Prenatal Vicarious Racism Affects Birth Outcomes

Mentor: Dr. Elisabeth D. Conradt
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

GRADUATION WITH DISTINCTION OUTSIDE THE MAJOR

Madalyn Sarah Bielskis

Finding Rhythm in Enigmatic Subjectivity: Glissant, Fanon, and Janet on the Indeterminacy of Psychological Trauma

Mentor: Dr. Antonio Viego
Program in Literature

Miranda Harris

Autism and Early Prediction Skills: Evaluating the Remote Infant Studies of Early Learning

Mentor: Dr. Elena Tenenbaum
*Program II:
The Medical and Social Experience of Disability*

Tigerlily Kaynor

Harnessing Stress Precognition to Improve Saltmarsh Restoration Success

Mentor: Dr. Brian Silliman
*Interdepartmental:
Psychology & Sociology*

Jenna Sohee Yeam

Reclaiming the End: Death Doulas Shaping the American Dyingscape

Mentor: Dr. Anne Allison
Department of Cultural Anthropology

HONORABLE SENIOR THESIS

Sarah Margalit LaRue Schwartz

Uncovering the Links Between Worry, Mindfulness
and EEG Microstates Before and After the Koru
Mindfulness Intervention

Mentor: Dr. Moria Smoski
Department of Psychology & Neuroscience

PSYCHOLOGY AWARD RECIPIENTS

**Jerome S. Bruner Award for Excellence in
Undergraduate Research**

Jeslyn Naraya Brouwers

**Karl E. Zener Award for Academic
Excellence in Psychology**

Alyssa Anastasia Gabbidon

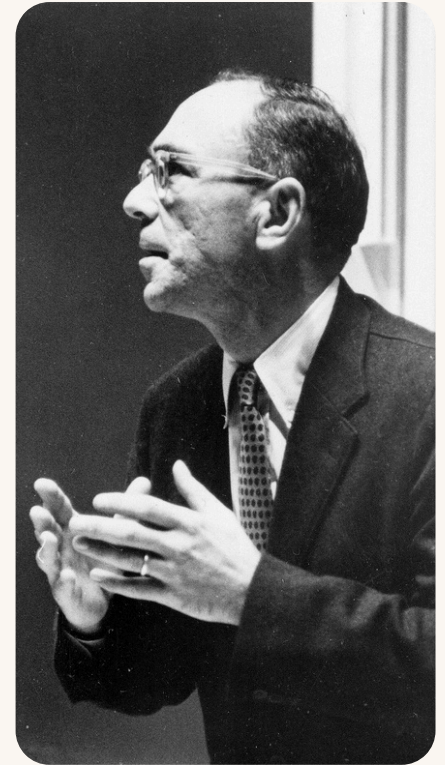
PSYCHOLOGY AWARDS

THE JEROME S. BRUNER AWARD

The Jerome S. Bruner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research recognizes a student who displays excellence in intellectual curiosity with emphases on research experience and the potential for future scholarly activity. The award consists of a monetary prize and inclusion by name on a memorial plaque.

Jerome Bruner (1915–2016) was a distinguished Duke alumnus who graduated as part of the class of 1937. An eminent psychologist, Dr. Bruner described an undergraduate education marked by brilliant faculty, intellectual friends, reading Russian novels, and courses in anthropology, psychology, and sociology. He worked in a lab on East Campus and developed a love of research, which led him to earn a Ph.D. at Harvard in 1941. Dr. Bruner held faculty positions at Harvard, Oxford, and New York University. His work was crucial to the establishment of cognitive psychology as a discipline, but was also remarkable for its breadth, with major contributions to learning theory, developmental psychology, and education.

Being granted the Bruner Award is an important honor for any student who is passionate about research and scholarship.



THE KARL E. ZENER AWARD

The Karl E. Zener Award is given annually to an undergraduate psychology major at Duke University who has shown outstanding performance in scholarship. The Award is based on the quality of the student's thesis as judged by a faculty committee. This thesis may be a report of original research or it may be an analysis of a problem with a relevant literature review. Nomination for the Award is made by members of the Psychology faculty. The award consists of a monetary prize and inclusion by name on a memorial plaque.

Karl Zener (1903–1964) came to Duke University in the late 1920s. He served as Director of Graduate Studies for many years and later as the Chair of the Department of Psychology. At Duke, Dr. Zener performed research related to conditioned response, problems of motivation, and the psychology of perception, amongst other topics. In an article from 1962, Dr. Zener described the view of psychology as a science in which “the workforce is comprised of individuals not only of high intellectual capacity but marked openness and sensitivity to their experience” (Sigmund Koch, 1999: *Psychology in Human Context*).

Being granted the Zener Award is an important honor for any student who is passionate about and wishes to make a meaningful scientific contribution in the field of psychology.



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Associate Chairs of Psychology & Neuroscience

PHOTOGRAPHS

As graduates are handed their diplomas, a picture will be taken by a professional photographer with “Photo Specialties.”

A free color proof will be sent to your current mailing address, including a password for online viewing. You are under no obligation to purchase prints.

To receive an email notification the moment your photos are online, please visit www.photospecialties.com to pre-register.

If you do not receive a proof within a week of the ceremony, please contact info@photospecialties.com or call 1-800-722-7033.

LIVESTREAM

Please share the recorded livestream with family and friends
<https://www.youtube.com/live/bH5Rdx7ymHo?si=VyB66mkvJd2LF24z>.



Congratulations, Class of 2025!

On behalf of the Office of Undergraduate Studies in Psychology, we extend our sincere congratulations on your outstanding accomplishments. Wishing you continued success as you move forward into the next chapter of your journey. We are proud of you and excited for what lies ahead!

“EDUCATION MUST BE NOT ONLY A TRANSMISSION OF CULTURE BUT ALSO A PROVIDER OF ALTERNATIVE VIEWS OF THE WORLD AND A STRENGTHENER OF THE WILL TO EXPLORE THEM.”

–JEROME S. BRUNER



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