

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022, 1 PM

ALTRIA THEATER
6 NORTH LAUREL STREET
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Congratulations to the VCUarts graduating Class of 2022.

I am honored to celebrate with you and welcome you into a global family of alumni as you mark this pivotal moment in your academic lives. Today you join a fellowship of talented peers who share a commitment to purposeful experimentation and creative excellence.

You have shown tremendous resolve and honed your talents to reach this very moment. As artists, designers, creators, and historians, you were curious, critical, and dynamic in your studies. The skills you acquired encouraged you to develop your abilities to find inspiration in the unknown. At the same time, VCUarts has prepared you to bring forth new and multifaceted ideas. Ahead is a lifetime of opportunities in the world, and you have the support of an international community of artists and scholars at your side.

As students of VCUarts, you have demonstrated unwavering determination and resiliency, and these characteristics will serve you throughout your life and career. Many of you were forced to change everything and then dared to start anew, but your courage inspired all of us to excel beyond limitations to achieve what you have today.

This year's graduation is a celebration of you and all you have achieved. I am most proud to call you alumni of VCUarts.

Congratulations!



Carmenita D. Higginbotham

Dean, Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts
Special Assistant to the Provost for VCUarts Qatar

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

**SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
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RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
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TyRuben Ellingson, **Cinema Program**

Holly Alford, **Painting + Printmaking**

Bonnie McCoy, **Theatre**

Cynthia Myron, **Craft/Material Studies and Sculpture + Extended Media**

Ryan Patton, Ph.D., **Art Education**

Carolyn Phinizy, Ph.D., **Art History**

Jon-Phillip P. Sheridan, **Photography + Film**

Roberto Ventura, **Interior Design**

Stephen Vitiello, **Kinetic Imaging**

Matt Wallin, **Communication Arts**

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DOHA, QATAR

SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
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Christopher Fink, *Fashion Design*

Astrid Kensinger, *Graphic Design*

Rab McClure, *MFA in Design*

Simone Muscolino, *Art Foundation*

Patty Paine, *Liberal Arts and Sciences*



2022 May Commencement Speaker

VALERIE CASSEL OLIVER

Valerie Cassel Oliver has served as the Sydney and Frances Lewis Family Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts since 2017. Her 2018 debut exhibition at the museum was the fifty-year survey of work by Howardena Pindell. The traveling exhibition, “Howardena Pindell: What Remains to be Seen,” was co-organized with Naomi Beckwith and named one of the most influential of the decade. Cassel Oliver subsequently organized “Cosmologies from the Tree of Life,” an exhibition featuring over thirty newly acquired works from the Souls Grown Deep Foundation. Most recently, she curated the critically acclaimed exhibition “The Dirty South: Contemporary Art, Material Culture, and the Sonic Impulse.” The sweeping survey was honored as one of the best exhibitions of 2021 and is currently traveling to venues across the U.S. through January 2023.

Prior to the VMFA, Cassel Oliver served as the Senior Curator at the Contemporary Arts Museum Houston (CAMH) from 2000 to 2017, where she organized numerous exhibitions including the acclaimed “Double Consciousness: Black Conceptual Art Since 1970 (2005),” “Cinema Remixed & Reloaded: Black Women Artists and the Moving Image Since 1970 with Dr. Andrea Barnwell Brownlee (2009),” and “Radical Presence: Black Performance in Contemporary Art (2012)”. She has also mounted significant survey exhibitions for Benjamin Patterson, Donald Moffett, Trenton Doyle Hancock, Jennie C. Jones, Angel Otero, and Annabeth Rosen.

Cassel Oliver was the director of the Visiting Artist Program at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (1995–2000) and a program specialist at the National Endowment for the Arts (1988–1995). In 2000, she was appointed one of six curators to organize the Biennial for the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York.

Cassel Oliver is the recipient of a Getty Curatorial Research Fellowship (2007), a fellowship from the Center of Curatorial Leadership (2009), the High Museum of Art's David C. Driskell Award (2011), the Arthur and Carol Kaufman Goldberg Foundation-to-Life Fellowship at Hunter College (2016), the James A. Porter Book Award from Howard University (2018), the Detroit Institute of Art's Alain Locke International Art Award (2022), and the Audrey Irmas Award for Curatorial Excellence from CCS Bard College (2022). From 2016 to 2017, she was a Senior Fellow in Curatorial Studies at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and, in spring 2020, she served with Hamza Walker as a Fellow for Viewpoints at the University of Texas at Austin.

Cassel Oliver holds an Executive MBA from Columbia University, New York; an M.A. in art history from Howard University in Washington, D.C., and a B.S. in communications from the University of Texas at Austin.

ART EDUCATION

MASTER OF ART EDUCATION

Roxanne Lopez Brown

VCUarts Graduate Travel Grant

Hillary N. Zell

VCUarts Graduate Student Dean's
Scholarship

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Haley Jane Brown

Minor in Art History
Minor in Psychology
Ruth Hibbs Hyland Scholarship

Zack William Moses

Ren E. Newport

Abigail Zoe Poush

Minor in Painting + Printmaking
Allen N. Lewis Scholarship
University Dean's Scholarship

Nicole Welch Cain

Tia Alexis Colon

Anjali Larae Diezman

Minor in Art History
Minor in Craft/Material Studies

Mary Josephine Rigglin

Minor in Painting + Printmaking
Art Education Merit Award

Anh Hoang Ha

Minor in Art History
Academic Achievement Award
Art Education Merit Award
Virginia Merit Award

Shahar H. Smith

Minor in Art History
VCUarts Dean's Scholarship
Virginia Merit Award

Ashley Ann Kraatz

Minor in Art History
Academic Achievement Award

Yuna Suk

Minor in Art History

Sadaf Moradi

Minor in Art History
Minor in Painting + Printmaking
Academic Achievement Award
VCUarts Talent Scholarship

ART HISTORY

MASTER OF ARTS

Brooke Alexandra Heiche

Bernice B. Gordon Art History
Scholarship
Bess T. Brownell Architectural History
Scholarship
Bruce M. Koplín Award in Museum
Studies
Graduate Teaching Assistantship

Anna Elizabeth Jennings

Graduate Teaching Assistantship

Errol Christopher-Jordan Nelson

Arts Graduate Assistantship
Fredrika and Paul Jacobs Graduate
Merit Scholarship
Margaret N. Gottwald Scholarship
VCUarts Graduate Travel Grant

Abigail Ramsbottom

Graduate Teaching Assistantship
Khalifa Research Assistantship

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Alexis Amber Atkinson

Natalie Frances Duke

Minor in History
Barbara Ellen Powers Memorial
Scholarship
VCUarts Dean's Scholarship
Virginia Merit Award

Kyle Logan Maurer

Maurice Bonds Scholarship
Richard Carlyon Student Research
Award for Independent Study
William R. Gaines Scholarship

CINEMA

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Harold Wheeler Barbour III

Minor in Psychology

Galen Quin Hogan-Barden

Minor in Craft/Material Studies

Colton Wesley Johnson

Jesslyn Sheri McCartney

Minor in Religious Studies

Seddik Niazi

Minor in Psychology
Minor in Sociology

Jasiah Potter

Sydnee Marie Scott

Minor in History

COMMUNICATION ARTS

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Rae Alberts

Jasmine Marie Araujo

Academic Achievement Award

Laura Anne Bendick

Minor in Art History
Virginia Merit Award

Bailey Andrew Biggs

Loki Bischoff

Minor in Painting + Printmaking
Academic Achievement Award
Scholarship Fund of Alexandria Award

Ashtin Paige Bowman

Minor in Art History
Academic Achievement Award
University Scholarship
Vernon Daniel Smith Memorial
Scholarship

Riley Michelle Brown

Virginia Merit Award

Selena T. Bu

Virginia Merit Award

Anastasia Marie Caron

Minor in General Business
Virginia Merit Award

Lauren Nicole Chassee

Vince Ciciora

University Scholarship

Jocelynn A. Conway-Layman

Academic Achievement Award

Miriam Grace Cooper

University Scholarship

Erin Lee Crawford

Academic Achievement Award
Albert Epshteyn Scholarship

Jazmin Rachele Cruz

Academic Achievement Award

Lydia Alexandros Damianeas

Miranda Lee Davis

Jackson Malone D'Errico

Minor in Art History

Jenny Dou

Virginia Merit Award

Anne Louise Dugger

Trinity Mirai Dunkerley

Nabeeha Emran

Academic Achievement Award

Yumika Fushimi

Dabney and Joseph Cortina Scholarship
in the Arts
VCUarts Talent Scholarship

Nick Garnhart

Minor in Environmental Studies

Jacqueline A. Gottschalk

Minor in Psychology
Gwynn Epps and Mitchel August Merit
Scholarship
Virginia Merit Award

Andrew Stephen Grant

Virginia Merit Award

Claudia Sophia Guillen

Outstanding Achievement Award in Art
Foundation
Virginia Merit Award

Evan Wiley Hackler

Minor in Marketing Insights
Virginia Merit Award

Liam Morgan Harrison

Kayla Tien Hoang

Zekeya D. Hurley

Minor in Computer Science
University Scholarship

Mary Rachel Jones

Academic Achievement Award
Rao Family Scholarship

Michelle Kwak

School of the Arts Award

Kayli Dakotah LaMontagne

Minor in Creative Writing
Virginia Merit Award

Sarah Elizabeth Leckemby

Minor in Art History
Academic Achievement Award

Olivia M. Libbey

University Scholarship

Jacquillin Hoang Ly

Academic Achievement Award

Samantha Lee Malzahn

Virginia Merit Award

Cygnus Alexandra Bennett Mare

Minor in Art History

Julia K. Martinez-Miller

Minor in Painting + Printmaking
University Provost Scholarship
University Scholarship

Shayla Marie McCartney

Academic Achievement Award

Sara A. McCormick

Concentration in Scientific Illustration
Minor in Biology
Academic Achievement Award

Meaghan Elizabeth McCraw

Minor in English
University Scholarship

Sarah Nicole McDonald

Minor in English
Virginia Merit Award

Gabrielle-Joan A. Miller

Minor in Craft/Material Studies
Minor in Creative Writing
VCUarts Advocacy Scholarship
Virginia Merit Award

Sam Minner

Michael Edward Mizusawa

Sayana Michelle Mullins

Elika Nikouee

Katherine Joann Nowak

Concentration in Scientific Illustration
R. Harvey Cavan, Jr. Scholarship
Virginia Merit Award

Erin Danielle Parker

Paris Lela Parsons

Rao Family Scholarship

Alyson Grace Witt Piccione

Minor in Creative Writing

Natthawut Pimsuwan

Minor in Painting + Printmaking
Academic Achievement Award
University Scholarship

Elvira Polifonte

Virginia Merit Award

Emma Joy Rimmer

Concentration in Scientific Illustration
Minor in Biology

Da In Seo

Nicholas Robert Siviter

Dagmar S. Smith

Virginia Merit Award

Wesley James Smith

Minor in Creative Writing

Abigail R. Souvannaphandh

Minor in Creative Writing
Virginia Scholarship
Virginia Merit Award

Odette Lux Strider

Concentration in Visual Effects
Academic Achievement Award
University Scholarship
VCUarts Dean's Scholarship

Patrick James Suess

Sarah Michiko Grace Taylor

Kenna Leigh Thacker

Minor in Creative Writing
Academic Achievement Award
Virginia Merit Award

Mathew Lily Loreine Vogel

Minor in Creative Writing
Virginia Merit Award

Madi Leigh Walker

Academic Achievement Award

Civic Organization Scholarship

Emily Schaeffer Waugh

Virginia Merit Award

Sianna Arnzelliue Westley

Scholarship America Award

Noah James Wilson

Concentration in Visual Effects
Minor in Spanish
University Provost Scholarship

Angelina Irene Winston

R. Harvey Cavan, Jr. Scholarship
University Scholarship

Calysta Rhianna Wright

Anna Yang

Minor in Biology

Anna Marie Zielinski

Concentration in Scientific Illustration
Minor in Biology

CRAFT/MATERIAL STUDIES

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Gabrielle A. McHugh

Charitable Windgate Foundation
Assistantship
Graduate School Assistantship
Graduate Teaching Assistantship

Juan-Manuel Pinzon

Alice Cabell Horsley Parker Scholarship
Graduate Teaching Assistantship

Sarah Kimberly Reagan

Alice Cabell Horsley Parker Scholarship
Graduate Teaching Assistantship
VCUarts Graduate Research Grant
VCUarts Graduate Travel Grant

Mark Tan

Alice Cabell Horsley Parker Scholarship
Graduate Teaching Assistantship
VCUarts Graduate Research Grant
VCUarts Graduate Travel Grant

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Hope Bishop

Neve Ravallet Coppersmith

Minor in Art History
Virginia Merit Award
Windgate-Lamar Fellowship Nominee

Rylee Janet Holihan

Margaret M. Scruggs Scholarship

Carley Madison Lang

Minor in Art History

Yu-Yun Lin

Minor in Art History

Andrew Alexander Lopez

Kimmy Vu Nguyen

Dual Degree - BA in History

Jillian Ann Rose

Minor in Art History

Dani Heather Simons

State Scholarship
University Scholarship

William Frost Stacy

James Michael Wickum

Minor in Art History
Craft Apprenticeship Program Award

DANCE + CHOREOGRAPHY

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Erika Hasina Belcher

Minor in Psychology
Academic Achievement Award
Etta and Bernie Edwards Endowment for the Arts
Rams Reconnect Award

Joi Ayanna Brown

Minor in Psychology
Carpenter Foundation Scholarship

Qiana Nashay Cook

Opportunity VCU Scholarship
University Scholarship

Sara J. Dellinger

Carpenter Foundation Scholarship
Presidential Scholarship

Tamara A. Denson

Minor in Media Studies
Carpenter Foundation Scholarship

Rebecca Louise Gargiulo

Carpenter Foundation Scholarship
Etta and Bernie Edwards Endowment for the Arts
University Scholarship
University Provost Scholarship
VCUarts Advocacy Scholarship

Sarah Grace Peck

Casey Barbara Gutenberger

Minor in General Business
Virginia Merit Award

Alexiana K. James

VCUarts Undergraduate Research Grant

Keola Marie Jones

Academic Achievement Award
Carpenter Foundation Scholarship
Stephen Moore Scholarship
VCUarts Dean's Scholarship
Virginia Merit Award

Nelson Enrique Mejia

Joie Allison Mouran
Carpenter Foundation Scholarship
VCUarts Dean's Scholarship

Alicia Grace Olivo

Carpenter Foundation Scholarship
Scholarship America

Taylor Nicole Peters

Minor in General Business
University Scholarship

Nia Alexandra Reynolds

Minor in Fashion Merchandising
Academic Achievement Award
Dance Scholarship

Ashley Renee Sese

Minor in Marketing Insights

Maria Alice Williams

Academic Achievement Award

Jane Frances Wyatt

Minor in Education
Academic Achievement Award

MiKayla Noel Young

Minor in Social Welfare
Carpenter Foundation Scholarship
University Scholarship
VCUarts Dean's Scholarship

FASHION DESIGN + MERCHANDISING

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Amaia Alexandria Anderson

University Scholarship

Madison Elizabeth Baldwin

University Scholarship

Jordan Renea Boyd

Videtic Fashion Merchandising
Scholarship

Payton Kailana Boyer

Anthony Alex Calcagni

Minor in Marketing Insights

Britney Lynn Castellanos

Minor in Marketing Insights
Academic Achievement Award

Sharon Olivia Chapman

Minor in General Business
Line Development Cotton, Inc.
Scholarship
Margaret M. Scruggs Scholarship

Catherine Rose Siu Chen

Jakayla Ta'shae Christian

Erik Azim Conyers

Minor in Marketing Insights

Charlotte Rider Delumpa-Alexander

Minor in Marketing Insights
Academic Achievement Award
Line Development Cotton, Inc.
Scholarship

Alyssia M. Farkouh

Minor in Marketing Insights

Taylor Janae Free

Minor in General Business

Jaskirat Kaur Gill

Terri-Lynn Marie Hudgen

Minor in General Business

Arianna Michelle Jackson

Margaret M. Scruggs Scholarship

Jillian Paige Jacobson

Virginia Merit Award

Alexis Theresa Jaynes

Yellow Ribbon Award

Kasidi Shea Lovell Jordan

Perry Travis Lee

Marta Courtenay Locklear

Virginia Merit Award

Matthew Gene Malsbury

Academic Achievement Award

Zoe A. Mermagen

Minor in Spanish
Minor in General Business
Line Development Cotton, Inc.
Scholarship

Annie Lynn Miller

Minor in General Business
Minor in Media Studies
Line Development Cotton, Inc.
Scholarship

Anna Patricia Miranda-Molinós

Minor in Media Studies
Minor in Marketing Insights
University Scholarship

Maia Iman Mitchell

Minor in Marketing Insights

Alexander Matthew Moss

Minor in Spanish
Academic Achievement Award
Margaret M. Scruggs Scholarship

Willow Ann Murphy

Lauryn Antionette Myers

Minor in Spanish
Margaret M. Scruggs Scholarship

Brenda Phuong Nguyen

Minor in Marketing Insights
Academic Achievement Award
University Scholarship

Crystal Jadi Nguyen

Academic Achievement Award

Allison Camille Perry

Heine Le Pham

Academic Achievement Award
Margaret M. Scruggs Scholarship

Yusra Saidu Samaila

Minor in Marketing Insights

Wyatt Jagr Schechter

Minor in Marketing Insights

Savannah Rose Slack

Minor in Marketing Insights
Women's Lacrosse Scholarship

MaeLynn Amber Soto

Minor in Political Science

Natalie Steinberg

Minor in Marketing Insights
University Scholarship

Macy Stephenson

Minor in Political Science

Abigail Paige Stevens

Minor in Marketing Insights
Outstanding Fashion Merchandising
Award

Elizabeth Rose Thompson

Minor in Marketing Insights

Elinor J. Toy

Virginia Merit Award

Yosachi Casey Velasquez

Minor in Marketing Insights

Alysson Nicole Villalobos

Minor in Marketing Insights
Virginia Merit Award

Eboni Tiana Yates

Margaret M. Scruggs Scholarship

Tristan Thokeina Zambrano

Margaret M. Scruggs Scholarship
University Scholarship

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Jingyi Cai

India Claiborne Cloe

H. Theo Young Scholarship

Cheyenne Bryia Eve Darmanie

Stuti Epari

Taisha Gavin-Collins

Kahfi Naufal Aziz Hidayat

Virginia Merit Award

Minah Kim

Adaora Ifeoma Okoye

Line Development Cotton, Inc.
Scholarship
University Scholarship

Christianah M. Owolabi

Line Development Cotton, Inc.
Scholarship
Margaret M. Scruggs Scholarship
Otti Windmueller Scholarship
University Scholarship

Maneva Soa Raharison

Minor in Fashion Merchandising
Margaret M. Scruggs Scholarship

Michael Ray Robinson, III

Academic Achievement Award

Jaeden Leigh Wells

Minor in Fashion Merchandising
University Dean's Scholarship
University Scholarship
VCU Award

De'Jah Jamahzea Willis

Sophie Anne Wilson

Minor in Fashion Merchandising

GRAPHIC DESIGN

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Hannah (HH) Hiaasen

Graduate School Assistantship
Graduate Teaching Assistantship
VCUarts Graduate Research Grant

Faheem Ahmed Khan

MFA in Design
VCUarts Qatar Student Representative

Dellil Liban Mohammed

Graduate Teaching Assistantship
Graphic Design Graduate Award
Robert and Joye Ledford Graduate
Scholarship
The Anderson Assistantship
Black History in the Making Honoree

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Noor A. Abdulwahab

VCUarts Qatar Student Representative

Naima Monif Almajdobah

VCUarts Qatar Student Representative

Shannon Tylor Baker

Minor in Painting + Printmaking
Virginia Merit Award

Aliza Ann Bucci

Ruixue Cai

Erin Elizabeth Christoph

Academic Achievement Award
Virginia Merit Award

Catherine Grace Dillon

Virginia Merit Award

Jeanelle Villareal Estanislao

Academic Achievement Award
R. Harvey Cavan, Jr. Scholarship
Virginia Merit Award

Hannah Mohammed Fakhri Jassim Fakhri

VCUarts Qatar Student Representative

Micah S. Fitzgerald

University Dean's Scholarship

Mary Brenae Flournoy

Minor in Sociology
Academic Achievement Award
Virginia Merit Award

Grace Catherine Fuller

Minor in Media Studies

Cade Coakley Gromos

University Scholarship
Virginia Merit Award

Aidan Lawrence Halpin

University Scholarship

Hannah Leah Hartstein

Minor in Media Studies
University Provost Scholarship
University Scholarship

Kaylin Elizabeth Harvey

Virginia Merit Award

Nan He

Jingyuan Huang

Natalie Grace Iman

Minor in Italian Studies
University Dean's Scholarship

Monica Cecilia Jimenez Sablich

Friends of VCU Libraries Scholarship
George And Nancy Woltz Scholarship
University Dean's Scholarship

Gabrielle Isabella-Rylee Lambeth

Creative Daring Scholarship in Design

Chuyan Li

University Scholarship
VCU Award

Jiani Liu

Gayatri Maelathil

Co-Valedictorian
VCUarts Qatar Student Representative

Lindsay Chaisson Magnant

Minor in Painting + Printmaking
Academic Achievement Award

Jaya Shah Matteis

Minor in Italian Studies
V. Max Beard Merit Scholarship

Shayla McCloud

Academic Achievement Award

Anya Kaylin McKee

Minor in Craft/Material Studies
Virginia Merit Award

Jaycen Raekwon Mitchell

Academic Achievement Award

Rutuja Y. Nagulpelli

Jayce Nguyen

University Dean's Scholarship
William B. Clopton Scholarship

Quynh Ai Thuy Nguyen

Minor in General Business
VCUarts Undergraduate Research Grant

Sophie May Nguyen

Virginia Merit Award

Yeanpu J. Nimely

Hironoshin Nishikawa

Elizabeth Rose Oliver

Minor in Psychology

Zoe Christine Pearson

University Scholarship
Black History in the Making Honoree

Shayla Minhvy Pham

Minor in Painting + Printmaking
Academic Achievement Award
VCUarts Undergraduate Research Grant
Virginia Merit Award

Luis Shane Quintanilla

Lester W. Morris, Jr. Scholarship

Paul Wesley Ramsey

Academic Achievement Award
VCUarts Undergraduate Research Grant

Leilani Marie Rants

Minor in Creative Writing

Sarah G. Richardson

Minor in Media Studies

Elora Michelle Romo

Minor in Painting + Printmaking
University Provost Scholarship

Christina Nicole Sande

Arielle Cora Schobel

Minor in Anthropology

Erin Holly Shaw

Minor in Fashion Merchandising
Margaret M. Scruggs Scholarship

Lydia Lauren Shull

Emily J. Sieber

Makenzie Marie Smith

Alice Britt Steffler

Minor in Painting + Printmaking
Virginia Merit Award

Adam Jeffrey Stegall

University Scholarship

Petra Selin Tuzun

Alana P. Ward

Minor in Media Studies
University Scholarship

Emma Virginia Elizabeth Winters

Gabrielle Nicole Wood

Academic Achievement Award
Creative Daring Scholarship in Design
Virginia Merit Award

Da In Yang

Elizabeth Kathy Yoo

Minor in Computer Science
Creative Daring Scholarship in Design
Virginia Merit Award

Zhiyu Zhu

Ana Karen Zuniga

Academic Achievement Award

INTERIOR DESIGN

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Emily Jane Adams

Commonwealth Art Award
Terry Noack Endowment for the Arts
Graduate Award
VCUarts Graduate Travel Grant

Nishtha Chawla

Charles Thomas Woods Merit
Scholarship
Commonwealth Art Award

Hallie Walker Gillespie

Commonwealth Art Award

Emily Delores Kalafian

Americorps National Service Award
Commonwealth Art Award
Terry Noack Endowment for the Arts
Graduate Award

Patricia DiPasquale Lamb

Kristy McDaniel Leitzel

Graduate Teaching Assistantship

Lisa T. Moon

Commonwealth Art Award

Stephanie Lynne Wilburn

Graduate Teaching Assistantship
VCUarts Graduate Travel Grant

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Noof Tariq A H Al-Naama

Co-Valedictorian
VCUarts Qatar Student Representative

Mariana Bethzabe Alcalá-Ramos

Betty Kathryn McKay Memorial
Scholarship

Yasmine Ali

Academic Achievement Award

Sarah Jihee An

Academic Achievement Award

Ashley K Bautista

Virginia Merit Award

Jocelyn Marie Bell

Interior Design Scholarship

Jenna Kathleen Bramblet

Minor in Painting + Printmaking
Creative Daring in Design Scholarship
VCUarts Dean's Scholarship
Virginia Merit Award

Leonie Sophie Brightly

Academic Achievement Award
Han Schroeder Scholarship
Roger Baugh Scholarship
Virginia Merit Award

Keenan M Diggs Rhodes

Carolyn Christmas Interior Design
Scholarship
University Scholarship

Madison C. Donnelly

Miriam Reyna Gibson

University Dean's Scholarship

Hyun Jun Han

Chanel Cherise Hogan

VCUarts Talent Scholarship

Akira Janae Holland

University Dean's Scholarship

Brock Kenneth Hubbard

Kyle Robert Johnston

Hamilton-Field Scholarship

Shainah Dane Basalan Juras

VCUarts Qatar Student Representative

Sophie F. Kozlowski

Virginia Merit Award

Claudia Mackenzie-Pearl Lawson

Caitlin Marie Neenan

Priyanka Patrik Patel

Sarah Marie Repetti

Nora Patricia Sanchez

Hamilton-Field Scholarship
University Scholarship

Alexandra Victoria Sarinana

Roger Baugh Scholarship

Gillian Grace Smith

Minor in Psychology
Minor in Art History
Robert F. Hester Scholarship
University Scholarship

Isabelle Katherine Stadulis

Julie Christian Trent

Tova Welenson

Betty Kathryn McKay Memorial
Scholarship

Zichen Zhou

KINETIC IMAGING

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Isabella Kubo

Dean's Office Assistantship
Graduate Teaching Assistantship
VCUarts Graduate Research Grant

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Arts Graduate Assistantship
VCUarts Graduate Research Grant

Chad Edgar Mundie, Jr.

Graduate Teaching Assistantship
VCUarts Graduate Research Grant

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Philip Blake Archer

Minor in Art History
Award of Excellence in Kinetic Imaging
Virginia Merit Award

Reyane Ashtar

Virginia Merit Award

Ho Lam Chan

Taylor Elise Colimore

Award of Excellence in Kinetic Imaging
University Scholarship

Haylee Anne Crow

Minor in Mathematics
Academic Achievement Award
Virginia Merit Award

G. Lawson Cumming

Adam Alexander Dabbs

VCUarts Undergraduate Research Grant
VCUarts Dean's Scholarship
in Kinetic Imaging
Virginia Merit Award

Catherine Grace Duckwall

Virginia Merit Award

Noren R. Gelberg- Hagmaier

Minor in Art History
Minor in Sculpture
Award of Excellence in Kinetic Imaging
Academic Achievement Award
Virginia Merit Award

Anna Elizabeth George

Award of Excellence in Kinetic Imaging
National Merit Scholarship
Presidential Award

Grayson Stanton Gigante

Award of Excellence in Kinetic Imaging

Jasmine F. Gladney

Academic Achievement Award
Virginia Merit Award

Phoenix Lauren Grove

Justin Thomas Hartwell

Air Force Aid Society Award

Sarah A. Hawkins

Academic Achievement Award

Tobias Jin Hong

Outstanding Achievement Award in Art Foundation

Skyler Edith Kaczmarczyk

Award of Excellence in Kinetic Imaging University Scholarship

Jonathan Kyle Lawson

R. Harvey Cavan, Jr. Scholarship

Emma Elizabeth Link

Minor in Art History

Lilli A. Manso

Academic Achievement Award
Outstanding Achievement Award in Art Foundation
University Scholarship
Virginia Merit Award

Saiara Mashiat

Award of Excellence in Kinetic Imaging
Minor in English

Max L. McDaniel-Neff

Award of Excellence in Kinetic Imaging
Minor in Philosophy

Gabriel Fields Miller**Andrew Joseph Perrius****Grant Edward Pisner****Emma Lynn Marie Riedel**

University Scholarship

Cameron Louis Silva**Elias G. Simpson**

Minor in Creative Writing

Alex Mint Smith**Dylan Lee Snook****Bethany A. Surratt**

Minor in Music
Academic Achievement Award

Clare Marie Teegarden

Academic Achievement Award

John Harrison Trinder**BaoTRAN N. VO**

Award of Excellence in Kinetic Imaging
Minor in Painting + Printmaking

Matthias Paul Weiland

Baccalaureate Certificate in
Fundamentals of Computing

Baillie Ann Whittington

Award of Excellence in Kinetic Imaging
Virginia Merit Award

Alice Yeh

Dual Degree - BFA in Filmmaking
Minor in Art History
Academic Achievement Award
Virginia Merit Award

MUSIC

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Myles A. Baldwin

Minor in Political Science
University Provost Scholarship
Weinburg Undergraduate Scholarship

Colin James Bradley

Cvana Clarkson

Minor in Computer Science
Academic Achievement Award

Sarah Robbins Dobson

Caroline Remi Fry

Minor in Entrepreneurship
Helga Attems Classical Music
Scholarship
Virginia Merit Award
Waverly M. Cole Scholarship

Nathan Wesley Fussell

Academic Achievement Award
Jazz Students Fund Scholarship
Margaret and Joseph Fisher Scholarship
Pep Band Award

William Brett Gailey

University Dean's Scholarship

Jerry Lewis Grimes

Jazz Students Fund Scholarship
Pep Band Award

Janice Faith Guzman

Minor in Religious Studies
Virginia Merit Award

Travis Jordan Krickovic

Gregory Antonion Morton

Minor in Musical Theatre
Helga Attems Classical Music
Scholarship
Virginia Merit Award

Helena Jonelle Nuckols

Merit Award for Italian Study
University Scholarship

Erica Frances Ohmann

Friends of VCU Music Scholarship
Helga Attems Classical Music
Scholarship
Waverly M. Cole Scholarship

Nickolas Tye Proffitt

Jazz Students Fund Scholarship

Jose Mari Acero Santos

Jazz Students Fund Scholarship

Cameron Michael Shattuck

Academic Achievement Award

Zachary Logan Short

Meghan Adair Ward

Minor in Psychology

Virginia Lee Willis

Minor in Psychology
Academic Achievement Award
Friends of VCU Music Scholarship
Jessica McCain Memorial Scholarship
Robert and Jane Wait Merit Scholarship
Virginia Merit Award

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MUSIC

Seth David Armistead

Jonathan Rowe Davis

Tara' Yasmina Davis

Academic Achievement Award
Jazz Students Fund Scholarship

Matthew Tyler Dixon

McLeod Scholarship

Benjamin Wade Eisenberg

Minor in English
Jazz Students Fund Scholarship
Jazz Studies Scholarship

Garrett Allen Ellinger

Frances Christyna Frederick
Minor in Psychology
Academic Achievement Award
Jane D. Ohly Voice Scholarship
Virginia Merit Award

Katarina Christiana Izdepski

Cathleen May Abriam Johnson

Curtis Wayne Kenney, Jr.

Trinity SarahLee Kenny

Friends of VCU Music Scholarship
William Gaines Scholarship

Daniel Reed Konicki

Friends of VCU Music Scholarship
Sue Durden Scholarship

Allen Krista Macuno

Virginia Merit Award

Noah John Mendoza

Friends of VCU Music Scholarship
University Dean's Scholarship

Ashley Barbara Purisima

Jesus Silva Merit Scholarship
Virginia Merit Award

Alexei Mark Staruk

University Scholarship

Devin Patrick Sullivan

Academic Achievement Award
Jesus Silva Merit Scholarship

Julia Catharine Terhune

Ellis Graham Williamson

PAINTING + PRINTMAKING

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Lukaza Branfman-Verissimo

Graduate School Assistantship
Graduate Teaching Assistantship
VCUarts Graduate Research Grant

Juliana Bustillo

Covington Travel Scholarship in the Arts
Graduate School Assistantship
Graduate Teaching Assistantship
VCUarts Graduate Research Grant

Ekaterina Muromtseva

Fulbright Scholarship
Institute of International Education
Award
VCUarts Graduate Research Grant
VCUarts Graduate Studies Scholarship

Eleanor Mahin Thorp

Graduate Teaching Assistantship

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS**Hassan Khalid Alshehhi**

Minor in Art History
VCUarts Qatar Student Representative

Jordan Barrett**Andromeda Mariah Calkins**

Minor in Art History
Margaret M. Scruggs Scholarship

Margaret Courtney Clisham

Minor in General Business
Minor in Art History
University Scholarship

Anna Claire Feddersen

Minor in Art History

Kayla Gavin

Minor in Psychology
Academic Achievement Award
Christopher Bell Memorial Scholarship
Esther E. Motz Memorial Scholarship
Margaret M. Scruggs Scholarship

Sabrina Anne Gray**Regina Guerrero Perez**

Minor in Art History

Shayne Josiaha Herrera

Academic Achievement Award
Barbara Ellen Powers Memorial
Scholarship
Cooling and Corlin Scholarship
Deborah Ferguson Scholarship

Esther E. Motz Memorial Scholarship
Margaret M. Scruggs Scholarship
Outstanding Painting + Printmaking
Award

Levi Ryan Keatts

Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Art History

Ethan Quinn King

Minor in Art History
Peachtree Award in Visual Arts

Oliver Charles Kuhn

Minor in Art History
Margaret M. Scruggs Scholarship
University Scholarship

Maia Elizabeth Langheim

Cooling and Corlin Scholarship
James Bradford Scholarship
Margaret M. Scruggs Scholarship
Virginia Merit Award

Asha Martin**Ilene Catherine Martin****Amuri D. Morris**

Dual Degree - BS in Business
Academic Achievement Award
Clarence B. and Nell G. Williams
Scholarship
GRASP Scholarship
Juried Fine Art Exhibition Award
Katherine Gomez Nelson Scholarship

Margaret M. Scruggs Scholarship
McLeod Scholarship
Phillip B. Meggs Memorial Scholarship
Reena Shrestha Memorial Scholarship
Virginia Caring University Scholarship

Rachel Elizabeth O'Connor

Minor in Psychology
Minor in Art History
Virginia Merit Award

Amiri Jamil Daniel Richardson-Keys

Margaret M. Scruggs Scholarship
Opportunity VCU Scholarship

Kyla Rayne Saxon

Minor in Art History
Minor in General Business

Skylar Elise Simmons

Minor in Art History
Margaret M. Scruggs Scholarship
Peachtree Award in Visual Arts
University Provost Scholarship
University Scholarship
VCUarts Advocacy Scholarship

Patricia Brennan Wall

DUAL- BA in International Studies
Minor in Spanish
Minor in Art History

Da Yeon Yoo

Hee Sun Yoo

Margaret M. Scruggs Scholarship
Outstanding Painting + Printmaking
Award
University Scholarship

PHOTOGRAPHY + FILM

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

M. Albertson

Graduate Teaching Assistantship
VCUarts Graduate Research Grant

William Glaser Wilson

Graduate School Assistantship
Graduate Teaching Assistantship

Caroline Anne Minchew

VCUarts Graduate Student Dean's
Scholarship
VCUarts Graduate Research Grant

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Chloe Gordon Abbott

Minor in Political Science
Virginia Merit Award

Alec J. Alford

Amelia Leigh Berg

Minor in Media Services

Jasmine G. Bonner

Academic Achievement Award
David Robert McLellan Scholarship

Cina Madeleine Boutin

Minor in Psychology

Aislinn Enya Brady

Alexander Harrison Brandt

Angela Shea Carr

Nicholas James Carusi

Timothy Daniel Cerva
Minor in General Business

Braden Thomas Cmeyla

Cullen Marie Dinneen
Dual Degree - BA in History
Minor in Art History
Academic Achievement Award
Juried Fine Art Exhibition Award
Virginia Merit Award

Jasmine Alexandria Elmore
Etta and Bernie Edwards Scholarship
VCUarts Student Award
VCUarts Talent Scholarship
William B. Clopton Scholarship
William R. Gaines Scholarship
P+F Most Outstanding Film Junior
P+F Most Outstanding Film Senior

Jasmyne Tonae Harris
Minor in Art History
Opportunity VCU Scholarship
University Scholarship
VCUarts Dean's Scholarship
VCUarts Talent Scholarship

Massayan A. Jallah

Kayla Nichelle Jones

Best in Show, Senior Thesis Exhibition
Minor in Sociology
Virginia Merit Award

Anais Augustine Kaminski

Alexandra Diana Lambros

Minor in Psychology

Yaxuan Liu

Minor in General Business

Raeann Sky Love

Academic Achievement Award
Juried Fine Art Exhibition Award

Kayleigh Isobel MacDonald
Minor in Craft/Material Studies
VCUarts Undergraduate Research Grant
P+F Most Outstanding Photo Junior

Myles L. Manuel
Academic Achievement Award
David Robert McLellan Scholarship
VCUarts Dean's Scholarship
Virginia Merit Award
P+F Most Outstanding Film Sophomore

Hannah Markowitz
David Robert McLellan Scholarship

Ian Shane McFadden
Minor in Psychology
David Robert McLellan Scholarship
Virginia Merit Award

Valeria Moreno
Minor in Media Services
David Robert McLellan Scholarship
Virginia Merit Award

Erin Elizabeth Murray
Minor in Art History
Virginia Merit Award

Samuel T. Musselman

Myron Stuart Smith

Academic Achievement Award
VCUarts Talent Scholarship

Conor Nicholas Spriggs

Academic Achievement Award
School of the Arts Award

Morgan M. Thomas

Sarah Dale Van Demark

Minor in Art History

Lily Ru Vita

Certificate in Product Innovation

Gabriel Solomon Williamson

David Robert McLellan Scholarship

Alice Yeh

Dual Degree - BFA in Kinetic Imaging
Minor in Art History
Academic Achievement Award
Virginia Merit Award

SCULPTURE + EXTENDED MEDIA

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Dylan Ahern

Art Foundation Assistantship
Graduate Teaching Assistantship
VCUarts Graduate Research Grant
International Sculpture Center's
Outstanding Student Achievement
in Contemporary Sculpture Award
Nominee

Saar Shemesh

Graduate School Assistantship
Graduate Teaching Assistantship
Paul F. Miller Graduate Scholarship
VCUarts Graduate Research Grant

Manal Fouad Shoukair

Graduate Teaching Assistantship
VCUarts Graduate Research Grant

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Brittany Michelle Beach

Minor in Art History
Minor in Craft/Material Studies
University Scholarship
VCUarts Talent Scholarship

Cole Matthew Clark

Dangerous Artist Award
Jose Puig Award

Kaylee-Anne Rowan De Chellis

Minor in Art History

Kyle Logan Maurer

Dual Degree - BA in Art History
Maurice Bonds Scholarship
Richard Carlyon Student Research
Scholarship
Virginia Merit Award
William R. Gaines Endowment Fund
Scholarship

Hien Nguyen

Minor in Art History
Minor in Craft/Material Studies
Academic Achievement Award
Charles C. Renick Scholarship
John Roos Memorial Scholarship
Jose Puig Memorial Scholarship
VCUarts Undergraduate Research Grant
William B. Clopton Scholarship
William R. Gaines Endowment Fund
Scholarship
Windgate-Lamar Fellowship Nominee
International Sculpture Center's
Outstanding Student Achievement
in Contemporary Sculpture Award
Nominee

Fynn Phillips**Michael J. Price**

Minor in Entrepreneurship

Jessica Suzanne Rosen**Anna Claire Rosenberg**

Minor in Craft/Material Studies
Minor in Art History

THEATRE

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Sabrina Elizabeth Becker

Commonwealth Art Award
Graduate Teaching Assistantship

William Browning

Jennifer Jones Hundley Graduate
Theatre Scholarship

Hogan Taft Holt

Commonwealth Art Award
Graduate Teaching Assistantship

Katherine Elizabeth Jackson

VCUarts Graduate Student Dean's
Scholarship

Jacob Garrett LeBlanc

Graduate Teaching Assistantship
VCUarts Graduate Student Dean's
Scholarship
Virginia Repertory Assistantship

Ashley Love

Graduate Teaching Assistantship
VCUarts Graduate Student Dean's
Scholarship

David Michael Powell

Graduate Teaching Assistantship
State Scholarship
Virginia Repertory Assistantship

David Watson

Graduate Teaching Assistantship
Virginia Repertory Assistantship

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Hanna Elizabeth Clinton

Minor in Social Welfare

River Rose Cowan

Minor in Media Services
University Scholarship

Katherine Elizabeth Fitzgerald

Kaili C. Fox

William Michael Heckman

Julie Elaine Alexander Hedrick

Minor in Education
Academic Achievement Award
Jerry Williams and Mark Reed Theatre
Scholarship
Richard and William Newdick Theatre
Scholarship
Theatre VCU Alumni Scholarship

Anna Marie Holzem

Minor in Sociology
University Dean's Scholarship
Virginia Merit Award

Sharaia Ilene Hughes

Richard and William Newdick Theatre
Scholarship
Theatre VCU Alumni Scholarship
Virginia Merit Award

Joseph Kay Hyatt

Minor in Creative Writing
Academic Achievement Award
Opportunity VCU Scholarship
Theatre VCU Alumni Scholarship

Noah Michael Johnson

Wagoner Family Endowed Scholarship

Erik Daniel Mayes

Kiera Rose McManus

Evertt Blandford Endowed Scholarship

Meredith B. Puster

Nathan Allan Rankin

Academic Achievement Award

Diana Sudak

Kirsten Williams

Minor in Creative Writing
McLeod Scholarship

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Taylor Marie Aragon

Amy R. Ariel

Minor in Mathematics
Minor in Physics
Affinity License Plate Scholarship
Alice Cabell Horsley Parker Scholarship
Eugene Trani Leadership Scholarship
Goodwin Endowed Scholarship
Kym Franklin Scholarship
Richard and William Newdick Theatre Scholarship
Student Tech Advisory Committee
Theatre VCU Alumni Scholarship
University Provost Scholarship
VCUarts Undergraduate Research Grant

Amber Fe Armstrong

William Rangel Cardozo

Megan E. Coatney

Minor in Nonprofit Management & Administration

Catherine Marie Cochran

Kym Franklin Scholarship
Opportunity VCU Scholarship
Richard and William Newdick Theatre Scholarship
Theatre VCU Alumni Scholarship
Thomas John Keller Scholarship
University Scholarship
Yellow Ribbon Award

Nakiya Annette Dowell

Academic Achievement Award
Emily Reid Ellen
Minor in English
Minor in General Business
Virginia Merit Award

Katrina Elise Elliott

Minor in Education

KT Farmer

Kym Franklin Scholarship
Richard and William Newdick Theatre Scholarship
Theatre VCU Alumni Scholarship
VCU Award

Calvin Lee Graves, Jr.

Jeffrey Bowen Hales

Minor in Creative Writing

Samuel James Heller

Virginia Merit Award

Tyra Johne Huckaby

Minor in General Business
Academic Achievement Award
Affinity License Plate Scholarship
Richard and William Newdick Theatre Scholarship
Theatre VCU Alumni Scholarship

Acadia F. Khan

Alexa Elizabeth Lushetsky

Minor in General Business
University Scholarship
Virginia Merit Award

Orlea Holly Mattson

Corey Terrell Norman

McLeod Scholarship
Rams Reconnect Award

Shinji Elspeth Oh

Virginia Merit Award

Sheridan Brooks Parkinson

Tatjana Katharina Shields

Academic Achievement Award
Virginia Merit Award

Liam Michael Storm

Rickaya Brianna Sykes

Minor in Media Studies
Richard and William Newdick Theatre
Scholarship
Theatre VCU Alumni Scholarship

Delaney Elizabeth Theisz

Caroline Mae Woodson

Minor in Creative Writing
Richard and William Newdick Theatre
Scholarship
Rosina Hengstenberg Scholarship
University Provost Scholarship
University Scholarship
VCUarts Undergraduate Research Grant

Lane Everett Woodward

Minor in Human Resource Management

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