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GRADUATION AWARD WINNERS 2025

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary awarded prizes to members of the Class of 2025 during the graduation exercises held May 33. This year's honorees were:

The Ashton History Prize, outstanding achievement in church history, **Scott K. Stolte**, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Jennie Rigg Barbour Memorial Prize, for second highest rank, **Alexis Rachel Obernauer**, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Watson Samuel Boyce Music Prize, **John Davis Creach**, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Brooks Foundation Commencement Prize, for highest standing in pastoral care, **Anne Leech**, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Robert M. Ezzell Homiletics Prize, excellence in preaching, **Scott K. Stolte**, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Faculty Prize in Formation, for embodying the formative values of the Seminary, **Alexis Rachel Obernauer**, Pittsburgh, Pa., and **Destini Hodges**, Harrisburg, Pa.

The Faculty Prize in Leadership, for a D.Min. student who significantly contributed to cohort formation, **Frances Yi-Hsun Lin**, Escondido, Calif., and **Kathryn P. Lester-Bacon**, Durham, N.C.

The Faculty Prize in Public Theology, **Ebony J. Grisom**, Bronx, N.Y.

The Paul T. Gerrard Prize in Homiletics and Pastoral Care, **Scott K. Stolte**, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Jackson Hale Prize in Polity, **Scott K. Stolte**, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Thomas Jamison Scholarship, for the student with the highest grade average, **Emily P. Cowser**, Bethel Park, Pa.

The Michael Wilson Keith Memorial Prize in Homiletics, **Emily P. Cowser**, Bethel Park, Pa.

The Robert A. Lee Church History Prize, **Winnie Wang**, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Sylvester S. Marvin Fellowship, for post-graduate study to the highest standard in coursework across the curriculum, **Emma Katherine Lander**, Severn, Md., and **Alexis Rachel Obernauer**, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The John W. and Miriam G. Meister Award in Pastoral Ministry, **Destini Hodges**, Harrisburg, Pa.

Middlesex United Presbyterian Church (Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.) Memorial Prize in Biblical Studies, **Emma Katherine Lander**, Severn, Md.

The Clara Edna Miller Prize in Pastoral Theology, **Mathew David Meyer**, Beaver Falls, Pa.

The Richard J. Rapp Memorial Award in Doctor of Ministry Studies, **Nsenga Gad Mpoyo**, Atlanta, Ga.; **Michael Warren Galicia**, Butler, Pa.; **Karleen A. Jung**, Monticello, Minn.; **Sheryl Anne Spencer**, Tobermory, Ontario, Canada; **Joann White**, Saranac Lake, N.Y.; **Ebony J. Grisom**, Bronx, N.Y.

The Andrew Reed Prize, excellence in Bible exegesis, **Wendy S. Farone**, Glenshaw, Pa.

The Henry A. Riddle Fund for Graduate Study, **Emily P. Cowser**, Bethel Park, Pa.

The John Watson Prize in New Testament Greek, **Emily P. Cowser**, Bethel Park, Pa.

The William B. Watson Prize in Hebrew, **Emma Katherine Lander**, Severn, Md., and **John Davis Creach**, Pittsburgh, Pa.



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