

Outstanding Business Student Awards

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The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce's Education Committee and the Rotary Club of Cumberland are pleased to announce the winners of the Annual Outstanding Business Student Awards.

This is the thirty-third year area business students have been recognized for their achievements in business courses in the county's public and private high schools, Allegany College of Maryland, and Frostburg State University.



Erica Metheny
Allegany High School

Erica, a junior at Allegany High School, has been class president for three years. She has a 4.45 GPA and is an AP Scholar student. She has been a member of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) for three years and held the position of president. In November 2020 she organized her chapter's participation in the state FBLA's Media Madness program. She has also competed at the regional, state, and national levels in FBLA. Erica has been actively involved with the Masonic youth group, the Order of the Rainbow for Girls, where she gained her public speaking skills. As a Maryland Rainbow state officer, she not only did volunteer work such as serving fundraiser breakfasts and caroling at nursing homes but gave speeches and traveled across the state of Maryland. She is the daughter of Richard and Debra Metheny of LaVale, Maryland.

Corinne Donoway
Bishop Walsh School

Corinne is the Editor-in-Chief of the 2021-2022 yearbook at Bishop Walsh School. She has done an amazing job on this year's yearbook considering the many restrictions of the pandemic. She is also responsible for assisting the other editorial leaders and supports photographers and other staff members as well. Corinne is an intelligent, creative, and talented young woman. Her traits have made her well suited to not only following but giving directions, leading her classmates, and performing detailed tasks behind the scenes.



Jackson Dayton
Calvary Christian Academy

Jackson has a 3.32 GPA. He is on the varsity soccer and basketball teams. He is a member of a group that leads worship in the weekly school chapel. As part of his sports management class, he does many chores around the school. He has worked outside of school as a machine operator at First Fruits, a sanitary engineer at Knoble Mountain Hauling, sous chef at Chef Paul's and a farm worker at True Vine Farms. Jackson plans to attend either Liberty University or Valley Forge and major in business administration.



Cody Blankenship
Center for Career and Technical Education

Cody is completing the P-TECH Program, which is housed in the Center for Career and Technical Education. The program allowed him to earn 60 credits at Allegany College of Maryland during his four years in high school. In May, he will graduate from ACM with an associate degree in Cyber Security, two weeks before he receives his high school diploma and CTE Certification in IT Networking. Cody has achieved all of this while maintaining a 3.9 GPA. He has been an active member in Future Business Leaders of America and has competed at the regional and state competitions for the past two years. In addition, he has worked independently completing IT work orders for CTE and has shown the ability to communicate with adults in a professional manner and problem solve various IT-related issues. Upon graduation, Cody will begin an internship with IBM and plans to secure a job in the cybersecurity field while pursuing his bachelor's degree in Computer Science.

Rachel Jones
Mountain Ridge High School

Rachel is a senior honor roll student who maintains an overall 4.38 GPA. In addition to her business classes, she has taken 13 honors classes, 6 advanced placement classes and 10 college courses. She completed four of those college courses during the summer. She is treasurer of the National Honor Society, co-editor of the yearbook and a member of the Green School Committee, the Spanish Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. At her church, Rachel is a member of the youth mission team, the audio/visual team and helps with Vacation Bible School. She has also volunteered at the Union Rescue Mission and at the Covid vaccination clinic at the hospital. Rachel also finds time to work at Chick-fil-A and the Frostburg Freeze. She plans to attend Grove City College, majoring in exercise science and minoring in business. Rachel is the daughter of David and Elaine Jones of Frostburg.





Emily Beck
Allegany College of Maryland
Business Management

Emily graduated from Mountain Ridge High School in 2019 and is now enrolled at Allegany College of Maryland to study business with an emphasis on marketing. During her last semester at ACM, she decided to change direction and study real estate and finance. She passed the real estate licensing course and completed an internship with Coldwell Banker Professional Real Estate Services in the Fall of 2020. Through these experiences studying and working in the real estate industry she discovered that this would be her future academic focus. She graduated with honors from ACM in December 2020 with an Associates of Applied Science degree in Business Management and a Letter of Recognition in Marketing and Sales. After graduation Emily worked at Coldwell Banker until starting school at Frostburg State University in January 2021. She is currently working on her bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and a minor in Economics. After graduating from FSU, she plans to begin her career by investing in real estate in college towns and potentially opening her own rental property business.

Danielle Tucker
Allegany College of Maryland
Business Management

Danielle moved to Cumberland, MD four years ago where she started a family and returned to school. She will graduate this spring with an associate degree in Business Management and currently maintains a 3.7 overall GPA and will graduate with honors. Danielle interned at ALCOVA Mortgage. Her plan upon graduating is to enroll in the real estate course offered by the ACM Continuing Education program. Danielle has a passion for real estate and sees this field as a pathway to personal financial success and an opportunity to help people, including families like hers, to fulfill their dreams of owning a home. As a mother of two young children, she has been challenged by the need to attend classes, complete required readings and assignments, and study, all while being a full-time stay at home mom. She is very proud of having excelled at school while raising a family.



Susan Yoder
Allegany College of Maryland
Business Management

Susan will receive an associate degree in Business Management this spring and has accepted a job offer from AmeriServ in their Loan Department as a CSR. She currently works for H & R Block, Northwinds Golf Course and Shanksville Stoneycreek School District. She is the mother of three children and grandmother of one. Over the years she has been an active volunteer in many organizations, including the Shanksville (PA) Fire Department where she became an EMT in 1994. She held

various offices in the Ladies Auxiliary while it existed. She has been a PTSA member for over 20 years and held several offices, which included chairing many fundraising events. She is a member of the Dress to the Nines organization, the 11th Society of Farm Women and Shanksville United Methodist Church. In college she met the challenge of simultaneously being a single mother, full-time worker and student. Susan plans to complete her bachelor's degree in Business, while working at Ameriserv.



Eric Beitzel
Frostburg State University
Department of Accounting

Eric is graduating with a degree in Accounting in May 2021 and currently has a 4.00 GPA. He studied at Rosedale Bible College and Garrett College before joining Frostburg State University for his Accounting degree. He has two years of intern experience at Beitzel Corporation in Grantsville, MD assisting in accounts payable processes and expense management. As part of the Rosedale International REACH Program, he led a four-member team to Istanbul, Turkey to work with refugees. Currently he serves as a local outreach coordinator for Cherry Glade Mennonite Church, and he also serves as the outreach coordinator for Cru Campus Ministry for both Garrett College and Frostburg State University.

Brandon McCloskey
Frostburg State University
Department of Economics

Brandon will graduate in May with a Bachelor of Science degree and a double major in Economics and Business Administration. He is an excellent student with a current grade point average of 3.922. He was employed for four years at Chick-fil-A in Cumberland, most recently as kitchen director. For the past year Brandon has been employed as Program Management Intern at Northrop Grumman.



Justin Hershberger
Frostburg State University
Department of Management

Justin will earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, with a concentration in Human Resource Management. He has an impressive 3.67 GPA and has been ever-present on the Dean's list. He is a thoughtful team-oriented individual who put 100% into his work. He is a quiet leader who strives to do his best in everything he does. Because of his determination and working off campus, he will graduate debt-free. Throughout his two years at FSU, he has overcome numerous hardships and obstacles and has become a better, stronger person because of them.

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Madison Finnan
Frostburg State University
Department of Marketing and Finance

Madison is a graduating senior in Business Administration with a concentration in Global Business at Frostburg State University.

She maintains a 3.56 GPA and holds many leadership roles on campus – President of the Marketing Club, VP of Beta Gamma Sigma and a member of the National Society for Leadership and Success. She participated in the “Pitch Perfect” one-day immersion conference in 2019 and earned a first runner-up award. She works part-time at Bentley Homes as a property shower. As a leader in the Marketing Club, Madison co-created the “Let’s Connect” event, where student members network with working professionals in the field of marketing and business.

Natalie Gray
Frostburg State University
Department of Marketing and Finance

Natalie is a graduating senior majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing and a minor in Management at Frostburg State University. While managing an excellent academic record and high 3.8 GPA, she serves as a cross-country and track and field coach for local high school students. She is Secretary of the Marketing Club, member of the FSU Honors’ Program and Beta Gamma Sigma honor society. Natalie also runs cross-country for FSU.



Brandon McCloskey
Frostburg State University
Department of Marketing and Finance

Brandon is a graduating senior with a dual major in both Business Administration – Finance and Business Economics at Frostburg

State University. He consistently maintains a spot on the Dean’s List for his near-perfect GPA. He is currently a program management intern at Northrop Grumman. He earned a “Top Performer” intern award through Northrop Grumman in 2020. He has earned several highly coveted, competitive scholarship for his academic accomplishments. Brandon plans to work for Northrop Grumman after graduation.

Neil Cardiff
Frostburg State University
MBA Program

Neil was an exceptional MBA student at Frostburg State University. The faculty were impressed with his work and he performed all assigned tasks beyond their expectations. He provided clear and understandable examples/solutions to problems he faced. Neil actively aided other MBA students in his courses by participating in discussion boards and leading many conversations. He was always respectful in his communications with faculty and provided a student’s perspective on how to tweak assignments to better aid students.

