

LIST of AWARDS

Jesse Helms Award

The Senator Jesse Helms Award recognizes students who, by their commitment to Christian principles, conservative ideals, a strong work ethic, and statesmanship, honor the legacy of Senator Jesse Helms.

John Quincy Adams International Relations Award

The John Quincy Adams Award recognizes the International Politics & Policy students who, by their commitment to international awareness, academic excellence, and virtuous statesmanship, reflect the example of John Quincy Adams, whose service as a U.S. senator from Massachusetts and one of America's foremost diplomats and influential secretaries of state led to his election as the sixth president of the United States and a notable post-presidency as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Ronald S. Godwin Award

Named after the founding dean of the Helms School of Government, this award recognizes students for their accomplishments and distinguished activities outside the classroom, as well as their involvement in important political issues.

G. Howard Gregory Award

The G. Howard Gregory Award recognizes students who exemplify a commitment to duty, honor, and morality, and who demonstrate professionalism and an assiduous approach to the study of criminal justice.

Nathan Hale Award

The Nathan Hale Award is presented to two students who best exemplify the courageous spirit, character, and dedication of our nation's first spy. At only 21 years old and facing execution by the British, Nathan Hale boldly declared, "I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country."

The Patrick Henry Awards

The Patrick Henry Leadership and Competition awards are given to select seniors who have received acceptance to ABA-accredited law schools. The award recognizes students who demonstrate academic achievement, leadership within the legal studies arena, and dedication to the principles of life, liberty, duty, and honor, all while exhibiting the fruit of a love for Christ.

Dean's Council

The Dean's Council graduates are recognized for their leadership, service, and statesmanship to the Helms School of Government.

Dean's Leadership Award

Recipients of this award are recognized for their significant contributions to the Helms School of Government and student body through their principled leadership.

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE AWARDS

Master of Arts in Public Policy

Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Master of Science in Political Science

Master of Public Administration

Master of Science in International Relations

Master of Science in National Security

Doctor of Criminal Justice/ Doctor of

Philosophy in Criminal Justice

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy

Doctor of Public Administration/ Doctor of

Philosophy in Public Administration

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2025 Graduation Awards

Jesse Helms Award	<i>Colin Miley</i>
John Quincy Adams Award	<i>Michaela Campbell</i>
Ronald S. Godwin Award	<i>Jose David Fernandez Avila</i>
G. Howard Gregory Award	<i>Ty Carr</i>
Nathan Hale Award	<i>Anya Veinberg and Max Belanger</i>
Patrick Henry Award for Leadership	<i>Emerson Allen</i>
Patrick Henry Award for Competition	<i>Riley Banker</i>
Dean's Council Award	<i>Emerson Allen, Lindsey Allen, Riley Banker, Mary Benton, Kennedy Bolton, Isaiah Carter, Destiny Hutchins, Ryan Mapes, Kennedi Whitesel</i>
Dean's Leadership Award	<i>Sarah Beddingfield, Lucas Gottlieb, Joshua Harden, Ashlyn Hilton, Logan Kase, Madolyn Moore</i>
Outstanding Graduate Award, Master of Arts in Public Policy	<i>Matthew McCracken & Nicole Tarantino</i>
Outstanding Graduate Award, Master of Science in Criminal Justice	<i>Zakiya Ponton-Bey</i>
Outstanding Graduate Award, Master of Science in Political Science	<i>Melissa Hamilton</i>

Outstanding Graduate Award, Master of Public Administration.....*Anthony Brown*

Outstanding Graduate Award, Master of Science in International Relations.....*Krew Williams*

Outstanding Graduate Award, Master of Science in National Security.....*Kelly Midtsem*

Outstanding Graduate Award, Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice.....*Robert Gleason*

Outstanding Graduate Award, Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy.....*Magdeline Hedrick*

Outstanding Graduate Award, Doctor of Philosophy in Public Administration.....*Felicia McIntyre*

Congratulations to this year's award recipients!

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of
the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

Colossians 3:17, English Standard Version