

# Senior Investiture Honors Convocation



MCDANIEL COLLEGE  
WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND

*The Third Day of May, Two Thousand Nine*

## LIST OF HONORS

### ACADEMIC AWARDS

- MALCOLM L. MELTZER PSYCHOLOGY AWARD* . . . . . CARLA FELICE SCHWAGER
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*IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE* . . . . . MARY ELIZABETH BOUNDS  
. . . . . SARAH COLLEEN BRACKBILL  
. . . . . RACHEL ANNE PYLES
- MICHAEL AND POLLY BEAVER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE*  
*IN EDUCATION.* . . . . . KARA FAITH MILLER
- CLYDE A. SPICER AWARD* . . . . . WESLEY ELIZABETH MANN
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. . . . . JENNIFER GREER SANDLER
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*IN MATHEMATICS* . . . . . DAVID GRANT GRIMES
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- ESTHER SMITH AWARD* . . . . . AMBER HARTE MAURER
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<i>AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHEMISTRY OR BIOCHEMISTRY</i> . . .	THAO LAN PHUONG TRAN
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<i>VOX MAGNA CLARA AWARD</i> . . . . .	MELISSA LYNN STICKLES

ACTIVITY AND LEADERSHIP AWARDS

<i>GREEK MAN OF THE YEAR</i> . . . . .	JOHN FRIEDRICH KELLEY
<i>GREEK WOMAN OF THE YEAR</i> . . . . .	JENNIFER ANN HOLT
<i>ELIZABETH LINTZ BURKHARDT MEMORIAL SERVICE AWARD</i> . . . . .	JENNIFER ANN HOLT
<i>STEVE ROBERT WILSON ’75 MEMORIAL AWARD</i> . . . . .	CODY JUSTIN CRUTCHLEY
. . . . .	KEVIN JEFFREY BOWMAN
. . . . .	KRISTIN JULIA DULING
<i>CHARLES W. HAVENS AWARD</i> . . . . .	LAUREN ELIZABETH WYBLE
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. . . . .	GREGORY STEVEN MILLER
<i>LYNN F. GRUBER MEDAL</i> . . . . .	KATE MARIE MALONEY
<i>JOHN A. ALEXANDER MEDAL</i> . . . . .	JUSTIN ANDREW REITZ
<i>FAITH MILLARD MEDAL</i> . . . . .	MICHELLE LYNN FLUTY
<i>MARY WARD LEWIS PRIZE</i> . . . . .	MICHELLE LYNN FLUTY
<i>BATES PRIZE</i> . . . . .	CODY JUSTIN CRUTCHLEY

## THE IRA G. ZEPP DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD

*The Ira G. Zepp Distinguished Teaching Award recognizes inspired classroom work and dedication to students. Originally established in 1995, and enhanced in 2005 by Charles E. Moore, Jr., Class of 1971 and Carol Hoerichs Moore, Class of 1970, this award honors the beloved emeritus faculty member Ira G. Zepp who taught full time in the Department of Religious Studies until his retirement in 1994.*



### PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE HERBERT SMITH

**H**erb Smith is both a professor and practitioner of political science whose expertise in the applied aspects of the governmental process prepare his students — first and foremost — to become fully productive citizens of a democracy. He earned his master’s degree and Ph.D. in political science from The Johns Hopkins University and joined the faculty here in 1973, teaching courses in “American Political Institutions,” “State and Local Governments,” and “Campaigns and Elections,” among others. Over the past three-and-a-half decades he has also continued to ply his political know-how in Baltimore City and Maryland, serving as a campaign manager, campaign consultant, media coordinator, and public opinion pollster for offices as varied as governor, county executive, judge, city council representative, and mayor.

While these roles add depth and texture to his lectures, Dr. Smith believes their real value resides in the opportunities they create for experiential student learning. “Internships work,” he often says, “because they connect book-based theoretical knowledge with the practicalities of the real. A professor can eloquently explain the necessity of legislative bargaining and compromise, but actually seeing delegates and state senators wheeling and dealing in a conference committee communicates those concepts in a way never to be forgotten.”

Because of Dr. Smith’s positive reputation and personal connections on the Hill in Annapolis, interns recommended by him invariably are snapped up by senators and delegates. That McDaniel is disproportionately represented by interns is a direct result of the esteem accorded to Dr. Smith. Professor Smith’s students have worked at internships ranging from semester-long assignments in the Maryland General Assembly to short-term campaign jobs. They have gained real-world experience as exit pollsters for WBAL-TV and Fox News, canvassers for state-wide and local candidates, and telephone interviewers for the McDaniel College Survey Research Center, which Dr. Smith founded and operates as director.

Numerous articles written by Dr. Smith have appeared in professional and government publications and his opinions on local and national politics are sought early and often by the media. Dr. Smith has written close to one hundred articles of political analysis and commentary published in the *Baltimore Sun* and other newspapers, and he is frequently quoted in political news stories appearing in the *Washington Post*, the

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*New York Times*, and assorted local Maryland newspapers. Dr. Smith has appeared frequently as a political commentator on Maryland Public Television's "State Circle" and on local news stations. He was a regular on Dan Rodricks's "Breakfast with Rodricks" broadcast by WMAR-TV for its entire four-year run. His opinions and analysis are often heard on such radio stations as WBAL and WFBR and he was also interviewed by National Public Radio and his comments heard on "All Things Considered."

During his tenure at McDaniel College, Dr. Smith has served on every major faculty committee, ably led his Political Science and International Studies department as chair, and has become a true "voice of reason" on campus for students and faculty alike. Not surprisingly, his political science courses are regularly overflowing with students. Many go on to law school, others become lobbyists thanks to the exposure they get to politics through Dr. Smith's brand of hands-on teaching. Still others cultivate successful careers in politics across the state and country. Just ask freshman U.S. Congressman Frank Kratovil, class of 1990, about Dr. Smith's influence on his career.

For Dr. Smith, changing lives is not limited to academics. A decade ago, he was inspired to share with students his passion for fishing. The resulting courses, "Fishing the Florida Keys," "Fishing Maryland," and "Fishing and Diving Belize," are extremely popular and often life-changing events for many undergraduates who are motivated to take their first plane ride, or their first trip outside the United States, to participate in one of these courses.

Dr. Smith's student-centered approach to all he does is encapsulated in the standard opening speech he delivers to all of his classes:

"Good morning. I'm Professor Herb Smith. Over this semester, I will work very hard for each and every one of you. I don't have any students to waste, and if you experience difficulty in any assignment, reading, or lecture, I need to know. I'm here for you and I expect you to be here — not for me, but for yourself."



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