JIN – JOSLIN – JOUKOWSKY
AWARDS CEREMONY

May 23, 2014
3:00 – 4:30 pm
Martinos Auditorium
Granoff Center for the Creative Arts

GREETINGS
Dorsey M. James ’83, P’14
Corporation Committee on Campus Life

DESCRIPTION OF THE AWARDS
Margaret Klawunn
Interim Dean of the College
Vice President, Campus Life and Student Services

PRESENTATION OF THE AWARDS
Reception immediately following ceremony in the Lower Lobby

BROWN UNIVERSITY
Division of Campus Life and Student Services
Office of the Dean of the College
THE JOUKOWSKY SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD

The Joukowsky Scholar Athlete Award was established by Artemis A.W. Joukowsky and Martha Sharp Joukowsky. It is awarded annually to two Brown students (one male and one female) who embody the best qualities of the scholar athlete by achieving success in both the classroom and in athletic competition—a reflection of Brown’s commitment to the totality of individual accomplishment. Artemis A.W. Joukowsky, Brown Class of 1955, served as chancellor of Brown University from 1997 to 1998 and vice chancellor from 1988 to 1997. He has served on the Corporation Board of Trustees since 1985. His wife, Martha Sharp Joukowsky, a trustee emeriti and associate professor emerita of the Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World, has been a member of the Brown faculty since 1982.

JOUKOWSKY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Dennis Eamon Robertson, from Fort Saint John, British Columbia, Canada, made significant contributions to men’s ice hockey during his four years at Brown. A two-year team captain, Dennis has received numerous awards and accolades, including First Team All-Ivy in his junior and senior years, Second Team All-Ivy in his first and sophomore years, and both Hockey Co-Best Defenseman and Rookie of the Year by the Eastern College Athletic Conference. He received the James H. Fullerton Award as the first-year player who in the eyes of his teammates contributed most to the success of the team and this year received Brown Ice Hockey’s Most Valuable Player Award.

In addition to completing an A.B. in Business, Entrepreneurship, and Organization, Dennis spearheaded the Athletics Department’s annual connection with the Vartan Gregorian Elementary School; was a team leader for the annual Movember drive (Mo for moustache); and was a leader of Team IMPACT, a non-profit that pairs children with life-threatening illnesses with collegiate sports teams. Dennis was awarded the Silver Medal for Bravery for helping to rescue three teenagers from drowning in a deadly riptide during the summer after his freshman year. After graduation, Matt will fulfill a two-year entry level contract with the Carolina Hurricanes of the National Hockey League.
Michelle Maggie Shnayder, from Lincolnshire, Illinois, is one of the most decorated gymnasts in Brown’s history. Highlights of her commendations during her four years on the Women’s Gymnastics Team include receiving the 2014 Co-Scholar Athlete of the Year award from the Eastern College Athletic Conference and being named the Ivy Classic All-Around Champion in 2013. As team captain, Michelle led the team to its first team qualification at the USA Gymnastics Collegiate Nationals and its first appearance in Team Finals. Michelle is a natural athlete who worked hard to maintain this level of competition and, at the same time, to complete a Sc.B. degree in Neuroscience as well as an A.B. degree in Science and Society.

A champion of causes that she is passionate about, Michelle facilitated fundraising and events for the “Save a Child’s Heart” organization; volunteered at the Rhode Island Free Clinic; and is an EMT. She served on Brown’s Student Athlete Advisory Committee; traveled to Israel where she did volunteer work; and found time to work as an undergraduate research assistant in Brown’s Britton and Kerr Labs. Michelle was recently accepted to medical school and plans to attend immediately following graduation from Brown.
THE PROF. YONG-SON JIN & MRS. KYUNGHEE JIN PRIZE

The Jin Prize was established in honor of the late Dr. Yong-Son Jin, professor of Physics, and his wife, Mrs. Kyunghee Jin. It is awarded to an outstanding graduating senior who has achieved superior academic performance as demonstrated by grades and/or an individual project and who has a strong commitment to service, broadly defined, to Brown or to the larger community.

JIN PRIZE RECIPIENT

Claudine W. Yee, was admitted to Brown in 2010 as part of the Program in Medical Liberal Education and will be receiving her Sc.B. in Neuroscience. During her four years as an undergraduate, Claudine has distinguished herself academically and demonstrated remarkable commitment to serving the community. Claudine has served in several capacities in the Brown community. She tutored high school students through Brain Bee, a national neuroscience competition; worked as the Family Outreach Coordinator in ChinaCare Brown, a student-run program that helps orphans in China and Chinese adoptees in American families; and mentored students through Providence Science Outreach, the Community Health Advocacy Program, as well as ChinaCare Brown. As a Science Center Assistant, Claudine offered academic enrichment to her peers.

To quote Dr. Julianne Ip, Associate Dean of the PLME program, “Claudine loves to teach and share of herself. The Latin root for physician is ‘teaching,’ and clearly Claudine has embraced teaching as part of her professional life.” Claudine will continue her studies toward becoming a physician over the next four years at Brown’s Alpert School of Medicine. She will be an outstanding member of her medical school class and in the greater community.
THE ALFRED H. JOSLIN AWARD

The Joslin Awards are given on behalf of the University by the Division of Campus Life and Student Services to a small group of seniors who have contributed in a very significant way to the quality of student life at Brown. Award winners generally demonstrate a wide breadth of involvement during their campus years as well as substantial depth in one or more areas. Through their leadership and involvement, they have not only enhanced their own liberal education, they have also provided services, programs and other opportunities for involvement to their peers, thus enhancing the learning environment for all students.

The award is given in the name of Judge Alfred H. Joslin, a 1936 Brown graduate, a member of the Corporation from 1963-1985, and a member of the Board of Fellows. Because of this extraordinary service to the Brown community, his initial chairmanship of the Corporation Committee on Student Life, and his abiding concern for the interests and welfare of undergraduates, it is fitting that this award should be designated in his honor.
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Amelia Carmen Friedman is from Arlington, Virginia and will be receiving an A.B. in Portuguese and Brazilian Studies. While at Brown, Amelia has volunteered as an English teacher with Olneyville ESOL, as an advocate helping families at the Hasbro Children’s Hospital, and coordinated Winter Breaks Projects. She received a C.V. Starr Fellowship, mentored for the Social Innovation Fellowship, was a Teaching Assistant for Leading Social Ventures, and a member of $ocial Classmates. As a three year member of the Peer Community Standards Board, Amelia advanced the ideals of community even when they were being challenged. Her most lasting impact on Brown is the creation of the Brown Student Learning Exchange (BSLE), bringing instruction in 16 new languages and introducing more than 200 of her peers to cultures outside their own. Amelia has presented on BSLE at the Consortium for Language Teaching and Learning national conference. Throughout she has maintained high academic standards, being named to Phi Beta Kappa in her junior year. Upon graduation, Amelia will be working at Brown full-time to continue her work with the BSLE.

Saudi Garcia is from Moca, Dominican Republic and Flushing, New York and will be receiving an A.B. in Anthropology. Saudi immigrated to the United States in 2003, attending public schools in New York City. At Brown, Saudi has volunteered with the Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless and collaborated on legislative and advocacy projects to safeguard affordable housing funding. She has been a Minority Peer Counselor, a Residential Counselor and a Community Counselor. Saudi helped found Dominican Students at Brown and helped plan the 6th National Dominican Student Conference. She has worked collaboratively with peers and the administration on issues of domestic violence and sexual assault and participated in advocacy efforts leading to Brown’s decision to elevate the Women’s Rugby Football Club to full varsity status. Saudi was a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Research Fellow and a fellow at the Cogut Center for the Humanities. Upon graduation, Saudi will continue her commitment to service through City Year in the South Bronx. In the future, she hopes to attend graduate school and to dedicate her energies to helping students from nontraditional backgrounds succeed in college.
Rafael Harpo Marchand Jaeger is from Northampton, Massachusetts and will graduate in December with an A.B in Education Studies. In his time at Brown, Harpo co-founded J Street U Brown, part of a national student movement for a two-state solution to the conflict in Israel-Palestine. He co-founded the Sexual Assault Policy Task Force, is engaged in various initiatives through Brown RISD Hillel, and works to expand cooperative environmental living through the Environmental Program House. Harpo can also be found about campus performing with Shakespeare on the Green, leading a hearty round of sea shanties as Musical Director for ARRR!!!, or singing medieval liturgical chants or with Sacred Harp. He worked as a Field Manager for Elizabeth Warren for Senate and restarted a years-dormant East Coast Jewish student retreat, which continues today and has spread to Canada. He spent last summer interning in Washington, DC with Jews United for Justice on a successful campaign to provide paid sick days for all District workers and raise the local minimum wage. Upon graduation he plans to work full-time as a progressive organizer.

Jesse McGleughlin is from Cambridge, Massachusetts and will be receiving an A.B. with honors in Africana Studies. Jesse has a keen ability to intuit deeper issues and to work for system change to address these. As a tutor, Head Coordinator, and Summer Camp Director for the Brown Refugee Tutoring and Enrichment Program, she came to see the impact of mental health issues on refugee families and convened community leaders to work to mobilize resources. On campus, she was the Student Director of the Rose Writing Fellows Program and a Pembroke Scholar. She also directed the Cambridge Youth Enrichment Camp through Harvard, was an Arthur Liman Public Service Fellow working on the Safety Net Project in New York City, and received the Steinhaus-Zisson Research Grant for her thesis titled “Performing Citizenship: Fannie Lou Hamer and the 1964 Freedom Vote.” After graduation, Jesse will participate in the Humanity in Action Fellowship in Berlin, Germany to study human rights and discrimination. In January, she will begin nine months in South Africa as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant.
Christine C. Moon is from Toronto, Canada and received her A.B with honors in Anthropology this past December. At Brown, peer leadership and advising are critical to student success, and Christine sought opportunities to support the success of her fellow students, serving as a Residential Peer Leader, Health Careers Peer Advisor, Meiklejohn, and Women in Science and Engineering mentor. She was a Leader Fellow and Residential Advisor for the Brown Leadership Institute for high school students, through which her co-workers voted her “Best Community Builder.” She was a tutor and co-Community Fellow with the Partnership for Adult Learning and Coordinator for the University Community Academic Advising Program. Her leadership was also visible through the Asian Arts Fest, Model UN, Premedical Students’ Association, and VISIONS. Christine received a Royce Fellowship to conduct research for her thesis on end-of-life-care for South Korean elders. When asked for a statement about her future plans, Christine offered this quote from author Neil Gaiman: “You’re alive. That means you have infinite potential. You can do anything, make anything. If you change the world, the world will change.”

Oyeleye Odewunmi is from Queens, New York and will be receiving an A.B. in Economics in December after completing his final semester with study at the Queen Mary University of London. While at Brown, Oyeleye has been actively involved in mentoring both fellow Brown students as well as local Providence high school students, including serving as a Residential Peer Leader, Coordinator for the Making Moves Mentoring Program, and volunteering with the youth development program at the John Hope Settlement House and with the Kappa League. He has also provided critical leadership to sustain Brown’s long history of Black Greek Letter Organizations as President of Brown’s chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council and as President and Treasurer of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He was also elected by his peers to serve on the Undergraduate Finance Board and has worked as a student caller for the Brown Annual Fund. This summer, Oyeleye will be in the Business Advisory Program at Ernst & Young where he will be working full-time upon graduation.
Sarah R. Presant is from Poway, California and will be receiving an A.B. in Environmental Studies. Sarah was instrumental in rejuvenating the Foxpoint-Brown Chapter of Project Eye to Eye. Initially founded at Brown, Sarah’s efforts resulted in the return of the organization’s national gathering to Brown. Through Eye to Eye, Sarah also created a space for students with learning disabilities to build a sense of community with one another. Sarah also played a critical role in being a visible student face for the Student and Employee Accessibility Services office. She was also a four year member of the Women’s Polo Team, serving as its academic liaison and volunteer coordinator. She served as Co-President of the Brown Jewish Athletes Group, Class of 2012 Lime Connect Fellow, participated in the Women’s Launch Pad mentoring program, and worked as a member of the Brown Alumni Relations Reunion staff. After graduation, Sarah will travel to Europe (with Andrew Silverman) to work towards her goal of visiting every continent before she is 30. She will then return to California to work for Google.

Andrew E. Silverman is from New York City, New York and will be receiving a Sc.B. in Neuroscience. Within a month of arriving at Brown, Andrew was elected the President of his class, a position he continued to be elected to for his Brown career. He has also represented Brown through his work as a Tour Guide for the Bruin Club. He was also actively engaged in building community and enhancing the experience of his fellow students in his academic endeavors, serving as leader of the Neuroscience Departmental Undergraduate Group, as Head Tutor for the Office of the Dean of the College, and as a Teaching Assistant for Organic Chemistry I & II and Introduction to Neuroscience. He was awarded the Outstanding Teacher’s Assistant Award by his peers in 2012. On top of it, he has a sense of humor that he shares through his participation in Brown/RISD Standup Comics. Upon graduation, he will be joining Sarah Presant as she travels to Europe. He will then return home to work as a medical assistant in an interventional pain management clinic before attending medical school.
Kimberly Takahata is from Franklin, Massachusetts and will be receiving an A.B. in English. While at Brown, her engagements reflected the Brown curriculum’s ethos of breadth and depth and her style of leadership reflected the grace she studied in her thesis on New England Puritan poetry. She was involved in Brown’s Catholic community throughout her Brown career, serving as Co-Coordinator of its Pastoral Council in her senior year. She served as both Vice President and Campus Tour Guide Coordinator for the Bruin Club. Kimberly was a Writing Fellow for three years, member of the Undergraduate Library Advisory Board, Senior Prose Editor of Clerestory Journal of the Arts, a Community Assistant for two years, and a member of the Community Health Advocacy Program. She helped coordinate the Dash for Diabetes for three years and was a Community Assistant for two. She received two UTRA grants, including one to organize TEDxBrownUniversity: Life, Learning, and Liberal Education. After graduation, she will continue her studies at Columbia University in the Ph.D. program in English and Comparative Literature.

Yen Jay Tran is from Montclair, California and will be receiving an A.B. in Ethnic Studies. Yen has been a leader within the Sarah Doyle Women’s Center, contributing to preparation for the Center’s 40th Anniversary and the organization of Women’s History Month. This year, he organized the first-ever Masculinity Series. Yen was also active in the Third World Center and LGBTQ Center, serving as a member of the TWC Student Advisory Board, a facilitator for the Third World Transition Program, Co-Leader of the Queer Community Committee, and Open House Coordinator for the IvyQ2012 Conference Planning Committee. He was Film Archivist for Modern Culture and Media, Co-Leader of the Ethnic Studies Departmental Undergraduate Group, and a mentor with the Matched Advising Program for sophomores. Yen also helped with the planning of A Day on College Hill and was Finance Director for the Machado Hispanic Program House. His many and diverse engagements on campus also led to his nomination and selection as a Presidential Host. After graduation, Yen plans to find work that would allow him to stay in Providence or New England, with the intention to then attend graduate school.
Hanna M. McPhee and Michelle T. Site received a team award for Brown STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math). STEAM is a national movement to incorporate humanistic, artistic, and creative elements into STEM education and practice. Through their founding and leading Brown STEAM and their collaboration with the STEAM initiative at RISD, Michelle and Hanna have not only ensured a staggering program of creative events, they have placed the STEAM efforts on College Hill in the vanguard of efforts nationally. Their success was made possible in no small part due to their complementary leadership capacities and campus connections and networks. With their significant focus on emerging new leadership, they have also ensured the effort's sustainability. What is even more remarkable is that beyond their leadership in Brown STEAM, they each have other notable contributions to student life at Brown.

Hanna is from Wellesley, Massachusetts and will be receiving an A.B in an Independent Concentration in Biologically Inspired Design. Hanna is a varsity athlete on Brown’s Track and Field Team and competes in pole vault. She served as Contest Captain for the Solar Decathlon and was both a Women Peer Counselor Representative and a Community Assistant. After graduation, she will be working in tech strategy and advertising with Digitas in San Francisco.

Michelle is from Tampa, Florida and will be receiving an A.B in Biology. She served as a Science Center Fellow, Women Peer Counselor, and Brown International Scholars Program Fellow. Michelle was also active in the arts beyond Brown STEAM through her work in the Orwig Music Library and as a RISD Museum Gallery Lecturer. Additionally, she was a Research Intern at Rhode Island Hospital. Michelle will be staying in Providence to work as an Associate Design Researcher at Ximedica, a medical device design and product development firm.
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