



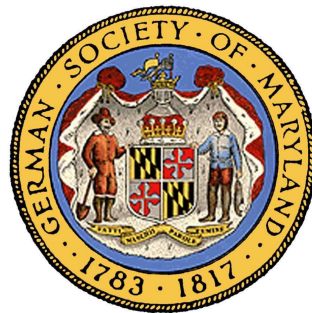
2023 Awards Ceremony for German High School and College Students

Presented by



*The American Association of Teachers of German
Maryland-DC Metro Chapter*

and



The German Society of Maryland

May 7, 2023
University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC)





PROGRAM

Welcome

Dr. Mohamed Esa, Testing Chair, AATG Maryland-DC Metro
Deborah McGee Mifflin, President, AATG Maryland-DC Metro

Greetings

Dr. Ana Oskoz, Associate Dean for Student Success,
College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, UMBC
Katharina Grüninger, Cultural Affairs Section,
Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany

Presentations

Nina Navabi and Kenga Antsilevich,
German Language Courses at the GISW
2022 Winners of the AATG-PAD Study Trip

Skylar Brown, Fallston High School
2022 Winner of the Gerhard Meinzer Summer Study Trip
Sponsored by the German Society of Maryland

Why I Chose to Major in German

Patrick Correal-Winters, UMBC '25, English/German B.A.

The German Society of Maryland Merit Award for German Majors and Minors

Presented by
Steven Harper, President of German Society of Maryland
Mohamed Esa, Chair of Education Committee of the GSM

Majors:

Axel Opwis Soares, Georgetown University
Mareike Debye, University of Maryland College Park
Paulina Leder, University of Maryland College Park

Minors:

Emma Gebhard, University of Maryland Baltimore County
Halyna Sokoliouk, Towson University





AATG and German Society of Maryland Awards

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Katharina Grüninger, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany

2023 Chapter Finalists National German Exam Scholarship

2023 Winners of the AATG-PAD Study Trip

Chloe Kang, Liberty High School
Rebecca Levi and Louisa Mulligan, German Language Courses
at the German International School Washington (GISW)

Awards for Student Achievement on the National German Exam

Closing Remarks

Dr. Mohamed Esa, Testing Chair, AATG Maryland-DC Metro

Photo Session

All students and teachers present for the awards, please assemble
at the stage for a group photo.





Awards for Student Achievement on the National German Exam Students Scoring in the 80th-89th Percentile

Centennial High School – Teacher: Will Funk-Heiser
Matthew Sedor (2)

Georgetown Preparatory School – Teacher: Erika McGinn
Yuntao Lu (3)

German Language Courses at the GISW
Teachers: Kerstin Hopkins, Dr. Talke Macfarland,
Ingrid Genzel, Louisa Reed, Skip Sidiqi

Anthony Aue (3)
Ruxandra Meinze (3)
Landon Huffman (4)

Peter Boyko (3)
Ruben Rudolph-Gonzalez (3)
Maria Pellarini (4)

Clara Hoffman (3)
Dante Greger (4)
Julius Torriero (4)

Leonardtown High School –Teacher Noel Fedeli
Zachary Horner (2)

Liberty High School – Teacher: Samantha Vasquez
Erin Thimmesch (2)

Long Reach High School – Teacher: Will Funk-Heiser
Victoria Lee (3)

Saint Paul's School for Boys – Teacher: Antje Krueger
Kate Seeman (2) Laura Dawson (3)

*) Number in () indicates test level.





Awards for Student Achievement on the National German Exam Students Scoring in the 90th-99th Percentile

Centennial High School – Teacher: Will Funk-Heiser

Audrey Ho (2) Emily Wu (2)

Fallston High School – Teacher: Richard Jones

Skylar Brown (4)

Georgetown Preparatory School – Teacher: Erika McGinn

Yo Cao (2)	Manchang Luo (2)	Ciaran McCleary (2)
Jack Rhoa (2)	Field Wang (2)	Evan Zhao (2)
Harris Croix (3)	Sameel Karzai (3)	Li Zhang (3)

German Language Courses at the GISW Teachers: Kerstin Hopkins, Dr. Talke Macfarland,

Ingrid Genzel, Louisa Reed, Skip Sidiqi

Rebecca Levi (2)	Oscar Anderson (3)	Robin Bergues (3)
Leo Claus (3)	Henrik Deininger (3)	Emilio Difilippantonio (3)
Leo Divitt (3)	Lena Fleschner (3)	Charlotte Gilmore (3)
Isabelle Hoffmann (3)	Sascha Hume (3)	Victoria Johnson (3)
Megumi Lattin (3)	Mia Lehman (3)	Paulina Mann (3)
Louisa Mulligan (3)	Siddharta Nair (3)	Annabelle Sherman (3)
Nick von Hindenburg (3)	Kenga Antsilevich (4)	Jude Attila Dotson (4)
Anna Dreyhaupt (4)	Nora Dreyhaupt (4)	Julian Heddaway (4)
Sophie Jylan (4)	Luca Lehman (4)	Rebecca Matuschek (4)
Anna Mockel (4)	Anna Rueffer (4)	Theodor Schindler (4)
Sebastian Spieles (4)	Andreas Torriero (4)	Irene Wiegand-Vera (4)

Liberty High School – Teacher: Samantha Vasquez

Chloe Kang (2)

North County High School – Teacher: Kristin Malone & Katrina Griffin

Athena Gregg (2)

Saint Paul's School for Boys – Teacher: Antje Krueger

Michael Richter (2)

Saint Hilarious Homeschool Academy – Teacher: Steven Harper

Charlie Schmidt (2)

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