The 2017 Winston Family Honors Best Student Paper Award winners and their faculty mentors were honored at a special luncheon in the Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center at the University of Maryland on May 5, 2017.

The awards were given to the following students (listed along with their faculty mentors), and more pictures from the awards luncheon follow below:

**Best Honors Essay**

**Dougal Forrest**  
*When the Time Comes*  
HONR 278D National Security Dilemmas  
**Faculty Mentor:**  
Mr. Daniel Rosenthal, University Honors

**Jillian Kunze**  
*Solar Cells in Outer Space*  
HONR 229L Climate Change: Science, Economics, and Governance  
**Faculty Mentor:**  
Dr. Ross J. Salawitch, Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Science
Best Honors Research Paper

Cavan Morley
Gentrification and Race: Examining the Impact of Gentrification on Minority Populations
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Oscar Barbarin, Department of African American Studies

Chika Okusogu
Affirmative Action for African-Americans: Social Justice or Discrimination in Higher Education?
SOCY100H Introduction to Sociology
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Brian Connor, Department of Sociology

Olivia Turner
Encryption Regulation: A Privacy Disaster or a Security Breakthrough?
HONR269P Formulating US Science and Technology Policy
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Hank Lucas, Robert H. Smith School of Business

Best Honors Thesis

Adam G. Berger
Surface Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy Sensors For Detection of Drugs and Small Molecules: Towards Real-World Applications
Bioengineering Departmental Honors Thesis
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Ian White, Department of Bioengineering

Natalia Sampaio Moura
Disrupting Toxin and Anti-Toxin Interaction in Mycobacterium tuberculosis through a High Throughput Drug Screen
Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics Departmental Honors Thesis
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Volker Briken, Department of Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics

Carolina Velloso
“What Have I to Do With Politicks?’
Public Women’s Intellectual Spaces in Early America
History Departmental Honors Thesis
Faculty Mentors: Dr. Holly Brewer and Dr. Clare Lyons, Department of History
Dr. Susan Dwyer (Honors College), Dougal Forrest, Mr. Daniel Rosenthal and Dr. Traci Dula (Honors College)

Dr. Susan Dwyer (Honors College), Jillian Kunze, Dr. Ross J. Salawitch and Dr. Traci Dula (Honors College)
Dr. Susan Dwyer (Honors College), Cavan Morley, Dr. Oscar Barbarin, and Dr. Traci Dula (Honors College)

Dr. Susan Dwyer (Honors College), Chika Okusogu, Dr. Brian Connor, and Dr. Traci Dula (Honors College)
Dr. Susan Dwyer (Honors College), Dr. Hank Lucas (student winner Olivia Turner not pictured), and Dr. Traci Dula (Honors College)

Dr. Susan Dwyer (Honors College), Adam G. Berger, Dr. Ian White, and Dr. Traci Dula (Honors College)
Dr. Susan Dwyer (Honors College), Natalia Sampaio Moura, Dr. Volker Briken, and Dr. Traci Dula (Honors College)

Dr. Susan Dwyer (Honors College), Carolina Velloso (faculty mentors Dr. Holly Brewer and Dr. Clare Lyons not pictured), and Dr. Traci Dula (Honors College)