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Belmont Abbey College Recognizes Adrian Award For Teaching Excellence Recipient

Belmont, N.C. (April 11th, 2025) – Belmont Abbey College held the 34th Annual Academic Awards Ceremony on April 11, 2025, in the Haid Ballroom. Among the thirty-eight awards presented was the prestigious Adrian Award for Teaching Excellence. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Adrian established the award in 1984 to recognize outstanding teaching performance by Belmont Abbey College faculty.

Belmont Abbey College encourages students to learn, seek truth, and thrive in an authentic and supportive environment—guided by exceptional faculty who lead in their fields and serve as exemplary community members. This year, the college honored Dr. Nancy Llewellyn, Associate Professor of Latin, with the Adrian Award for Teaching Excellence.

“Dr. Llewellyn has made a striking impression on campus as an exceptional teacher and mentor since her arrival in 2017,” said Dr. Joseph Wysocki, Provost at Belmont Abbey College.

A true embodiment of the Benedictine hallmarks, Dr. Llewellyn brings simplicity, enthusiasm, and depth to the challenge of teaching Latin—making a notoriously difficult subject accessible, engaging, and enjoyable. Beloved by both students and colleagues, she fosters a dynamic classroom experience rooted in active participation and deep respect for the classical tradition.

One student shared, “Dr. Llewellyn (Magistra) is an exceptional teacher with a passion for the Latin language. She encourages her students to speak only Latin in class and uses creative methods like vocabulary games to keep us engaged. She’s always available for help, and thanks to her, my understanding of Latin has grown immensely. It’s amazing to see how much of the English language is rooted in Latin. Dr. Llewellyn is a treasure at our school, and we are so fortunate to have her.”

In addition to her work at Belmont Abbey College, Dr. Llewellyn teaches Latin at the Charlotte Diocese’s St. Joseph College Seminary and is the co-founder of the Veterum Sapientia Institute, an organization dedicated to forming Catholics in their cultural and spiritual heritage through the teaching of living Latin and Greek.

The faculty at Belmont Abbey College are committed to guiding students in their pursuit of truth, excellence, and virtue. Past recipients of the Adrian Award include Dr. Thomas Varacalli, Dr. Matthew Siebert, Dr. Heather Ayala, Dr. Mike McLeod, and Dr. Joshua M. Hren—each a testament to the College’s tradition of academic distinction and transformative education.

About Belmont Abbey College: Founded in 1876, Belmont Abbey College is a private, Catholic baccalaureate and liberal arts institution. Our mission is to educate students in the liberal arts and sciences so that in all things God may be glorified. Guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition and the Benedictine spirit of prayer and learning, we welcome a diverse body of students and provide them with an education that will enable them to lead lives of integrity, to succeed professionally, to become responsible citizens, and to be a blessing to themselves and to others. Our beautiful and historic campus is conveniently located just 10 miles west of Charlotte, N.C., and is currently home to more than 1500 students. For more information, visit <https://belmontabbeycollege.edu/>.