Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences
Report of the Committee on Undergraduate Academic Excellence 2016-2017
October 12, 2017

The Committee on Undergraduate Academic Excellence considers recommendations by
the departments and programs of students deemed worthy to be cited as graduating “with
department honors” or “with program honors.”

The Committee on Undergraduate Academic Excellence met during the spring quarter to
review applications for dual and interdisciplinary honors, various scholarships, and to
consider recommendations of candidates for departmental and program honors.

Approval of Candidates for Departmental and Program Honors

The Committee on Undergraduate Academic Excellence considered recommendations
from all Weinberg College departments and programs. It received recommendations of
honors for 185 projects and approved all recommendations. This is an increase of 14
projects from the previous academic year 2015-16 when 171 projects received honors.

Two students successfully completed the requirements for dual honors, that is, honors in
two programs or departments.

Ten students received Interdisciplinary Honors under the guidelines approved by the
College Faculty in the spring of 2005. During the previous academic year, only five
students were awarded interdisciplinary honors.

Prizes and Awards

The Franklin N. and Lee L. Corbin Prize was awarded to two students, each of whom
received $5,000 to support their costs for the first year of graduate or professional school.
The 2016-17 winners are:

Samuel Garcia, a dual-degree Bienen/Weinberg College student majoring in Vocal
and Opera Performance and Asian Languages and Cultures. This fall, Samuel began
a Master’s program in Musicology at Taiwan University’s Graduate Institute of
Musicology.

Aaron Gordon, majoring in Political Science. Aaron began a J.D. program at Yale
Law School this fall.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee on Undergraduate Academic Excellence:

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