Fourteen seniors have been honored as Winthrop Scholars in a ceremony at Connecticut College.

The designation of Winthrop Scholar is CC’s highest academic honor, reserved for students elected to Phi Beta Kappa in the fall of their senior year.

The students are: Andrey Stefanov Anev, Kelly Marie Campbell, Kirsti Johanna Fitzgerald, Ramona Ana Georgescu, Victoria Alexandra Kazlauskas, Elizabeth Chase Kennedy, Dimiter I. Kirilov, Abby Hutchison L’Heureux, Alexa Katharine Lynch, Katherine Elizabeth Mueller, Cooper David Offenbecher, Nikki Ann Palmieri, Jessica Marie Phillips and Peter Erven Slomiany.

Connecticut College’s practice of honoring Winthrop Scholars for exceptional scholarship dates to 1928. The title refers to John Winthrop the Younger (1606-1676), who founded the college’s host city of New London and served as governor of Connecticut. A remarkable scholar, he was one of the most learned and versatile men in New England. On his first trip to the New World, despite crowded shipboard conditions, he brought two large barrels packed with books, which were to become the nucleus of one of the finest libraries in the colonies. As a scientist he was an international figure and one of the earliest members of the Royal Society of London. As an astronomer he made his own telescope, one of the few telescopes in the New World. The Delta of Connecticut Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa was installed at Connecticut College on February 13, 1935. At that time, the faculty voted to retain the designation of Winthrop Scholar as its highest honor, reserved for students elected to Phi Beta Kappa in the fall term of their senior year.

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