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Quick Facts

- The Jurée Capers Political Science Graduate School Award supports graduating Winthrop seniors who will pursue graduate degrees in political science.
- Jurée Capers '08 is an assistant professor of public management and policy at Georgia State University.



Jurée Capers

ROCK HILL, S.C. - K. Jurée Capers '08, a public administration and policy scholar, remembers well the Winthrop professors who sparked her interest in political science. In fact, her success story fueled the creation of a new annual award for graduating seniors interested in post-graduate degrees.

Established by Kenneth Meier, Charles H. Gregory Chair in Liberal Arts at [Texas A&M University](#), the award supports a graduating Winthrop senior who intends to pursue a graduate degree in political science. Meier presented the inaugural Jurée Capers Political Science Graduate School Award to Anthony Jablonecki '14, a sociology major from Hilton Head, South Carolina, at Scholars Day in spring 2014, with Capers in attendance.

Meier served as Capers's adviser during her Ph.D. studies at Texas A&M. He explained that he established the award to "recognize the quality education provided by the Department of Political Science at Winthrop and to honor Dr. Capers."

He noted that Capers was "an exceptional graduate student" who "will be an outstanding scholar, teacher and mentor."

Capers works as an assistant professor of public management and policy at [Georgia State University](#) in Atlanta, Georgia. She earned B.A. degrees in political science and psychology at Winthrop. Capers credits Winthrop with providing rigorous curriculum and leadership opportunities that "helped me prepare to excel in the position that I'm in now."

The Varnville, South Carolina, native said that she is "honored and awed" to be the inspiration for the K. Jurée Capers Political Science Graduate School Award.

"I hope that the award continues to help other students move forward in their future careers," added Capers.

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