

College of Health Professions & McAuley School of Nursing 1941

Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) Leadership Pin and Leadership Medallion

The ELP is designed to educate, engage and empower all Detroit Mercy students. Using the social change model, the ELP offers the opportunity to explore student leadership potential and abilities through involvement in programs, events and activities that include learning, leadership, spirituality, mentoring and service on and off campus. An asterisk indicates the student is earning a Minor in Leadership

Leadership Pin Award Candidates

Ongoing involvement in student organizations, spirituality workshops, leadership workshops, mentoring and 100 hours of community service.

Sawsan Elhady – Nursing Major – Developmental Psychology Minor*

Joseph Francis – Nursing Major*

Kendall Komajda – Nursing Major

Gracie Landrie – Nursing Major*

Ciera Love – Nursing Major*

Nina Mocerri – Nursing Major*

Johns Sam – Nursing Major*

Leadership Medallion Award Candidates

These students have met the requirements of the Leadership Pin and have additional involvement in student organizations, spirituality retreats, completed leadership coursework, mentoring and 200 hours of community service.

Sawsan Elhady – Nursing Major*

Joseph Francis – Nursing Major*

Ciera Love – Nursing Major*

Nina Mocerri – Nursing Major*

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Kappa Gamma Pi

Membership in Kappa Gamma Pi, the national Catholic college graduate honor society, is awarded to students whose lives exemplify excellence in leadership, scholarship, faith and service.

Katelynn Gasper

Mary Scott-Davis Student Empowerment Scholarship

This scholarship honors the memory of Pastor Mary Scott-Davis, who founded God Restores and Builds (GRAB) Community Outreach in Detroit. Through GRAB, Scott-Davis promoted charity and love by serving people in need in the community. This scholarship aims to carry forward her legacy of community service, especially to society's most vulnerable communities. The scholarship is awarded annually to an undergraduate student, who is at least a sophomore, enrolled in the College of Health Professions & McAuley School of Nursing.

Lena Ahmed
Favour Nwaneri

Peer Educator Award

The Peer Educator Award recognizes a Peer Educator who has been consistent in contributing to the success of their peers by effectively facilitating learning activities, modeling successful learning behaviors and displaying supportive and caring behaviors toward students, faculty and staff.

Matthew Demencuk
Kendall Komajda

Health Services Administration – Undergraduate

Chairperson's Award

The Chairperson's Award goes to graduating students who have the highest GPAs in their graduating class.

Nashrah T. Ahsan

Sister Mary Kelly Award for Outstanding Community Service

Sister Mary Kelly was a beloved faculty member in the HSA department, and a role model for compassion, helping others and striving to make the world a better place. The Sister Mary Kelly Award for outstanding community service honors an undergraduate HSA student who demonstrates her ideals, and has made significant contributions to the community.

Mariam Korkees

Hoyt Scholarship

This award is given in recognition of outstanding academic accomplishments.

Hira Khan

Outstanding Scholar Award for Innovation

This award honors those students who have demonstrated dedication and commitment to exploring novel uses of artificial intelligence within the scope of urban health and education. The award recognizes those who exhibit outstanding ingenuity in applying artificial intelligence to address urban health disparities, fostering social equity and ensuring environmental sustainability. Eligible students are those who, through their projects, showcase a profound understanding of AI's potential and are committed to ethical practices in technology use. Awardees stand out for their innovative spirit, collaborative efforts, and the practical impact of their research, embodying the future of AI in creating transformative health solutions. The award has been made possible by the support of the Titan Innovation Fund.

Courtney Christian
Lola Larrison

Internship Award

This award is given in recognition of outstanding accomplishments at the internship site.

Gwendolyn Jackson

Master of Health Services Administration

Chairperson's Award

The Chairperson's Award goes to graduating students who have the highest GPAs in their graduating class.

Syden Ahmed
Ayah Koujane

MCACHE Scholarship Award

This scholarship is sponsored by the Midwest Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives (MCACHE). The amount of \$1,500 is awarded to an MHSa student who demonstrates commitment to the MCACHE mission to advance healthcare management excellence.

DeAdra Zackery

Internship Award

This award is given in recognition of outstanding accomplishments at the internship site.

Ishnath Shamim

Sister Mary Kelly Award for Outstanding Community Service

Sister Mary Kelly was a beloved faculty member in the HSA department, and a role model for compassion, helping others and striving to make the world a better place. This award honors a graduate HSA student who demonstrates her ideals, and has made significant contributions to the community.

April Kotermanski

Maia Platt Leadership Award

This award is given to a student who exemplifies the qualities that Dr. Platt modeled in the Health Services Department for many years. This student demonstrates a strong work ethic and an extraordinary attention to detail. The student demonstrates integrity and perseverance while overcoming many obstacles and continuing to reach goals in exceedingly difficult circumstances.

Aisha Potts-Tyre

Dr. Mary Eleanor Mitsch Community Relationship Award

Dr. Mary Mitsch was Director of the HSA program, nurse and medical anthropologist who was dedicated to outreach and community partnerships. At partner organizations, students engaged in projects, where they had opportunities to work and learn with diverse populations. The award is given to a student who exemplifies the characteristics Mitsch possessed: leadership, innovation, empathy and relationship building talents used to enhance their educational opportunities while simultaneously enriching the quality of life for marginal populations.

Xavier Martin

McAuley School of Nursing

DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Students

The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Students recognizes nursing students for the above-and-beyond care and compassion shown to patients and their families.

Wiktoria Szemraj

Martina Kuechle Nursing Scholarship Award

This scholarship is in memory of Martina Kuechle who served as the director of academic affairs in the College of Health Professions from 1990-2008. This \$2,000 scholarship is awarded to a student in the traditional, pre-licensure Nursing program who demonstrates a dedication to the nursing profession, participates in extracurricular activities, collaborates with a wide variety of individuals, maintains good academic standing and exemplifies Martina Kuechle's propensity to go above and beyond.

Joyce Olatunde

Mercy Heritage Scholarship Award

The Mercy Heritage Scholarship is awarded to a full-time sophomore, junior or senior Nursing student with outstanding academic achievement, demonstrating dedication to the nursing profession and service to the community.

Zoe Morris

Cleveland Watts Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a McAuley School of Nursing (MSON) African American graduate or undergraduate student with demonstrated community-based leadership. The scholarship is named in memory of Cleveland Watts, 1st Master Sergeant of World War II, Korea and Vietnam wars. Sergeant Watts, the beloved father of an MSON administrator, was the first to integrate the 82nd Airborne Division during earlier times of inequity and injustice.

Treasure Turner
MarLanna Witcher

Academic Excellence

Presented to the graduating undergraduate full-time students with the highest GPA.

Prelicensure Program
Joseph Francis – McNichols Campus
Katelynn J. Gasper – Grand Rapids Campus

Summative Leadership Awards

Selected by faculty and awarded to the student who exemplifies the mission of the University and the McAuley School of Nursing through excellence in academics, leadership in clinical practice and community service. The awards are named for esteemed leaders in professional nursing education and practice.

Catherine McAuley Award
Prelicensure Program
Chloe Bayne – Grand Rapids Campus
Joseph Francis – McNichols Campus

Sister Judith Mouch, RSM, Award

This is awarded to a traditional senior nursing student nominated by peers. These future nurses choose a colleague who best exemplifies qualities Sister Judith Mouch is known for — compassion for others, fierce advocacy and commitment to vulnerable populations and the underserved.

Kathy Alrayyashi

Graduate Nursing Awards

Awards for Academic Excellence

Presented to the graduate in each program who has demonstrated academic excellence throughout the program and achieved the highest GPA in the class.

Family Nurse Practitioner
Lilian Elhur
Stephanie George
Nursing & Healthcare Leadership
Payton Wielgosz

Loretta Ford Nurse Practitioner Award

This summative leadership award is selected by faculty and awarded to the Family Nurse Practitioner student who exemplifies the mission of the University and the McAuley School of Nursing through excellence in academics, leadership and community service.

Monica Vasquez

Nurse Anesthesia Spirit of Mercy Award

This award, chosen by the Nurse Anesthesia senior class, is awarded to the senior student who, over the course of their time as a nurse anesthesia student, most embodies the Mercy values as described below. Central to a Mercy education are the tenets of excellence, leadership and character.

Learning: We commit to academic excellence that fosters integrity, intellectual rigor, personal development and student-centered learning in an environment that values reflection and inclusivity.

Mercy: We commit to heartfelt solidarity with those suffering and in need, and to engage in transformative acts of mercy and justice; love, compassion, forgiveness, caring and kindness.

Justice: We commit to confronting oppressive systems as we recognize all persons' innate dignity and uniqueness reflected in the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and the Mercy and Jesuit traditions.

Service: We commit to selfless service and advocacy in recognizing and responding to the needs of all with a focus on the disadvantaged, underserved and vulnerable populations.

Community: We commit to collaborating with others at a local, national and global level, whose mission is to improve health equity, eliminate health disparities and enhance health outcomes.

Madalina Felice

Nursing Leadership Impact Award

This annual award honors a student in the MSON Graduate Program who exemplifies a positive impact within their community and the profession. Attributes of the awardee include outstanding achievement in the ability to lead, innovate, provide vision, execute, integrate evidence into practice, lifelong learning, ensure outcomes, and charisma.

Jen Bailey

Janet M. Baiardi Nursing Award

This is awarded to a Master's Entry Advanced Generalist Nursing student who demonstrates the guiding values of the McAuley School of Nursing as exemplified by Dr. Janet M. Baiardi.

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Maria Dalal
Sarah Loeffler

Treasure Turner
MarLanna Witcher

Dean's Scholar Award — Undergraduate

In recognition of scholastic achievement with a cumulative GPA of 3.75
for a minimum of 30 credit hours of undergraduate course work completed
at Detroit Mercy while earning first undergraduate degree.

Sarah Abubaker
Riha Ahmed
Mardig M. Alajajian
JoAnna O. Alexander
Kathy S. Alrayyashi
Candace Barbera
Michelle J. Bodnariuk
Grace K. Brutto
Katherine Bykerk
Marisa E. Clark
Carter D. Clarkson
Hannah V. Dawood
Jasmine C. Dumitru
Nicholas F. Dumitru
Madeline E. Duquette
Vanessa G. Fernandez
Joseph M. Francis
Justin Francis
Alyse N. Garrisi

Katelynn J. Gasper
Shania George
Alena M. Haio
Anne M. Komoroski
Hannah S. Kuruvilla
Gracie A. Landrie
Meredith Leavell
Caitlin R. Luca
Kaitlynn B. Mansour
Olivia R. Marrs
Brandon R. Mayer
Lauren E. Mazur
Yasmin F. Merhi
Rachael A. Molnar
Zoe A. Morris
Adriana Mroz
Yacine Ndiaye
Madison L. Oakie
Joyce I. Olatunde

Ami M. Patel
Evangelia M. Pispidikis
Olivia M. Poelker
Soraya M. Puerto-Khalil
Brenna L. Pyszel
Jenna L. Rokicki
Antonio Romano
Navine Saad
Jessica N. Sarnacke
Kayla B. Schultz
Gabriella M. Serafimoski
Cecilia R. Smith
Chloe J. Steenbergh
Samantha M. Thomas
Erica E. Toupin
Avery N. Verlinde
Josephine M. Vulaj