

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.

JoAnna Alexander – Nursing*

Ali Laho – Health Services Administration & CIS Cyber Security *

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.

JoAnna Alexander – Nursing*

Ali Laho – Health Services Administration & CIS Cyber Security *

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.

Isabel Mansour

Grace Saroki

Chloe Steenbergh

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.

**Enaes Adeseye
Joyce Olatunde**

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.

Carter Clarkson

Health Services Administration – Undergraduate Chairperson’s Award

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

Charles Mair

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.

Jacob Cichoracki

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 through the Center for Augmenting Intelligence. 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.

Liberty Booth

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.

Ali Laho

Upsilon Phi Delta Honor Society

The mission of the Upsilon Phi Delta Honor Society is to recognize, reward and encourage academic excellence in the study of healthcare management and policy.

Enaes Adeseye

Ali Laho

Selena Sawa

Hailey Ambers

Lola Larrison

Brooklyn Sciuto

Liberty Booth

Megi Lazri

Omimah Yahya

Royam Fatima

Alexis Okros

Anthony Yip

Clare Forester

Heather Rice

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.

Vidya Elango

James McEvitt

Imani McNeal

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Vidya Elango

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.

Candace Barbera

Hoyt Scholarship

This award is given in recognition of outstanding academic accomplishments.

Mary Edwards

Internship Award

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

Imani McNeal

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.

James McEvitt

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Ashlee Avila
Candace Barbera
Mary Edwards
Vidhya Elango

Ranin Fakhreddine
Xavier Martin
James McEvitt
Marion McNeal

Aisha Potts-Tyre
Jack Rastigue
Aisha Syed

Physician Assistant Program

Academic Excellence

This award recognizes Physician Assistant students who have excelled academically earning a cumulative GPA of 3.98 or better.

Lauren Allen
Andreas Comso
Kara Erickson
Katarzyna
Kochaniewicz

Amanda Malpede
Lauren McFarlane
Paige Meigs
Salina Mueller
Anthony Robinson

Noel Shamoun
Morgan Tohme

McAuley School of Nursing

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.

Zoe Morris

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.

Justin Francis

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. Sgt. Watts, the beloved father of an MSON administrator, was the first to integrate the 82nd Airborne Division during earlier times of inequity and injustice.

Zoe Morris

Academic Excellence

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

Prelicensure Program

Madison Oakie – McNichols Campus

Kayla Schultz – 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

Madeline McIver – Grand Rapids Campus

Erica Toupin – 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.

Olivia Marrs

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

Samantha Neamonitis

Cody Ball

Lillian Carlyle

Loretta Ford Nurse Practitioner Award

This honor 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.

Cody Ball

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.

Isabelle Miller

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.

Jennifer Riesenber

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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**Aamanda Essak
Tracy Hoosang
Lauren Marosi**

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.

Ayatt Abdullah

Sarah Abubaker

Riha Ahmed

JoAnna O. Alexander

Hailey A. Ambers

Latifa Amzil

Grace K. Brutto

Katherine Bykerk

Marisa E. Clark

Carter D. Clarkson

Hannah V. Dawood

Nicholas F. Dumitru

Tina M. Elwart

Anna G. Feldpausch

Cheri A. Flounory

Justin Francis

Alyse N. Garrisi

Shania George

Rebecca A. Goulette

Alyssa J. Grzywacz

Alena M. Haio

Ivana Jovanovski

Anne M. Komoroski

Amanda J. Krueger

Deanielle I. Kukla

Hannah S. Kuruvilla

Meredith Leavell

Caitlin R. Luca

Kaitlynn B. Mansour

Olivia R. Marrs

Brandon R. Mayer

Yasmin F. Merhi

Rachael A. Molnar

Adriana Mroz

Sienna J. Murphy

Madison L. Oakie

Evangelia M. Pispidikis

Soraya M. Puerto-

Khalil

Brenna L. Pyszal

Kayla B. Schultz

Cecilia R. Smith

Dianna E. Spero

Chloe J. Steenbergh

Samantha M. Thomas

Erica E. Toupin

Anisa Tumbul

Josephine M. Vulaj

Alexis M. Williams

Lila R. Yousif