

2013 Awards and Honors

Alpha Chi

A national coeducational scholarship society honoring students who have demonstrated academic excellence and exemplary character.

Catherine Adams	Lynne Haag	Michelle Pohl
Scott Alexander	Lee Hartinger	Amy Scalf
Jessica Baltzersen	Kamala Horner	Kelleen Scott
Susan Baynes	Kathryn Jauch	Jennifer Smith
Laura Beck	Kristen Kayse	Elizabeth Sullivan
Samantha Buschle	Kelly Keith-Liggett	Kelly Swift
Camille Chiappone	Sarah Moderbacher	Maria Tedesco
Kelly Collins	Sherry Mullins	Sara Vice
Cynthia Crump	Claire Perry	Jennifer Vogel
Ashley Eilers	Heather Pfeiffer	Monica Walsburger
Amber Griffith	Megan Pfeiffer	

Kappa Gamma Pi

The national college honor and service society for honors graduates who demonstrate outstanding scholarship, service achievement and leadership ability. Members further pledge themselves to continued leadership and future service.

Lisa A. Beck, B.S.N.	Jean Marie Ackner, M.S.O.L.	David M. Mergy, D.P.T.
Katherine L. Braun, B.S.N.	Emily Christine Becker, M.S.N.	
Karen Louise Buchanan, B.A.	Laurie Huff, M.A.R.S.	
Nancy N. Odipo, B.S.N.	Jaclyn Marie Ionna, M.S.N.	
Jessica A. Pykosz, B.S.	Nancy Lynn Kolb, MSOL	
Amy M. Scalf, B.A.	Jean McNamara, M.S.N.	
Monica Denise Walsburger, B.S.N.	Amberly Dana Schmaltz, M.S.N.	
Teresa M. Wood, B.S.N.	Elizabeth Selmeyer, M.S.N.	
	Todd Andrew Uterstaedt, M.S.O.L.	

Chi Alpha Sigma

An honorary college athletic society which recognizes high academic achievement, exemplary character, positive attitude, and sport letter winners at the college level.

Lauren Bishnow	Kayla Cornette	Hayley Kanta	Brandon Polking
Garrett Briener	Phillip Gilmore	Christopher Klaine	Lee Rogers
Joseph Busam	Shane Hall	Kenneth Kunkel	Kelleen Scott
Samantha Buschle	Nathan Islamovsky	Ann Middendorf	Jennifer Vogel
Jake Butler	Kathryn Jauch	Ashley Mills	Thomas Witterstaetter
Alec Camp	Krista Johnson	Sarah Moderbacher	
Gina Carmosino	Nicholas Kaminsky	Kory Phelps	

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Academic Achievement

Awards are presented to those full time students who have completed at least 29 semester hours at the College of Mount St. Joseph while maintaining a 4.0 cumulative grade point average.

Mary N. Broering	Kathleen T. Hornback	Leanne E. Reichert
Jacob S. Cole	Kamala Diane Horner	Kelleen L. Scott
Christina M. Dimitroff	Carrie R. Lunsford	Jennifer S. Smith
Ashley C. Eilers	Ashley R. Mills	Kyle T. Sterwerf
Robert A. Fay	Melissa Ann Nicholas	Thomas Frederickson Van Hook
Erin E. Fontaine	Heather E. Pfeiffer	Jennifer M. Vogel
Amanda Michelle Gratsch	Michelle Lea Pohl	Gregory P. Williams
Lauren M. Heugel	Jessica A. Pykosz	

Honors Program

Designed for highly motivated and high achieving students who take a series of challenging and fascinating courses during their years at the Mount.

Brittany Bowman-Johnson	Courtney Kramer	Mario Pellegrino
Sean Brooks	Evan Lolli	Jenna Shull
Kathleen Clifton	Jennifer Miller	Jennifer Szekely
Julia Hall	Ashley Mills	Molly Thiemann
Robin Hoerth	Molly Moran	Wesley Thompson

Alumni Book Award

Presented by the Alumni Association, this award recognizes students for outstanding scholastic or service achievements.

Emily Berning	Ashley Eilers
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Physical Therapy Book Scholarship Award

To recognize current MSJ DPT students for their scholastic, professional, and service achievements that contribute to the profession of physical therapy. The award is intended to support the integration of life and learning into professional practice as a compassionate and competent health care provider. The PT Book Scholarship shall be an award of three core texts that are utilized extensively in the second and third years of the DPT curriculum and are representative of the major practice patterns in physical therapy as defined by *The Guide to PT Practice*.

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Physical Therapy White Coat Ceremony

The APTA's (American Physical Therapy Association's) Brad Campaign promotes: One of the most effective ways for us to elevate the status of physical therapists in the eyes of physicians, nurse practitioners, the insurance industry and consumers is for us to behave as health care professionals. This behavior can be demonstrated in how we manage our business and work environment and in how we conduct ourselves with patients and other professionals. One example of this includes appropriate attire and maintaining a professional personal appearance. The white coat designates a physical therapist as a "professional" health care provider who fosters professionalism, entrepreneurialism, inspirational qualities, and knowledgeable patient care.

Kristen Asman
Kimberly Beekman
Amanda Bishop
Natalie Box
Christine Brightwell
Courtney Cole
Brandon Dayton
Joel Feist
Jonathan Golding
Megan Hermann
Garrett Hounshell
Natayla Itskovich

Erik Jacob
Casey Jones
Kara Kinnear
Kristen Koenig
Alyssa Liebrecht
Jillian Lipari
Kelly Lyons
Hannah Miller
Brandon Modafari
Jason Modafari
Kimberly Reckelhoff
Spencer Rickert

Elizabeth Schaefer
Lindsay Schiefer
Megan Smith
Rachel Thompson
Madisyn Vaclav
Jason Versteeg
Timothy Vogelsang
Jaimie Watkins
Elizabeth Winey
Wilbert Wise
Amy Zech

Sister Elizabeth Cashman Service Award

Given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the mission of the College through involvement in, and initiation of, service. Special consideration is given to applicants involved in Service Learning, Campus Ministry and other College or College club sponsored events.

Leanne E Reichert

Dave Scharfenberger Community Service Award

Given to a student who has demonstrated exceptional service to the College and the greater Cincinnati communities. Special consideration to those students involved in the Plus One Service Learning Credit, a Service Immersion Trip or a service – oriented club or organization.

Laura Beck

Bing Litonjua Award for Excellence in International Understanding

Awarded to a junior or senior who has demonstrated excellence in international understanding, especially with respect to issues of social justice.

Peter Thompson

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St. Catherine Medal

The St. Catherine Medal is sponsored by Kappa Gamma Pi, the national Catholic college honor society. It is named for St. Catherine, the patroness of scholars, and honors unusual and unselfish service, an active commitment to faith, and service to church and community.

Steven Sutherland

Excellence in Leadership

Open to all students who demonstrate leadership, character and service in organizations on campus and/or in the community.

Lindsey Abbott
Tristan Chaput
Camille Chiappone

Allie Duell
Courtney Ernst

Dana Langenbrunner
Sara Lierman

Leadership Pathways

The Leadership Pathways co-curricular certificate program challenges students to discover their pathway to leadership by connecting their voice with exemplary leadership practices to become actively engaged in campus life and to make a difference in their workplaces and the communities in which they live.

Lesley Bishop
Katie Donovan

Courtney Ernst
Andy Stoeckel

Student Government Executive Board

Courtney Ernst	President
Carmella Caine	Vice President
Brittany Golliday	Treasurer
Alexandra Duell	Secretary

Distinguished Student Awards

This is the highest honor the Mount bestows upon graduating seniors in the traditional and nontraditional baccalaureate programs and the graduate programs. The recipients must demonstrate superior academic performance; community service in keeping with the Christian mission of the College; and dynamic interpersonal communication skills in academic and community settings.

Traditional:	Jessica Pykosz, Bachelor of Science, Athletic Training
Nontraditional:	Greg Williams, Bachelor of Arts in Music with a minor in Catholic Studies
Graduate:	Todd Uterstaedt, Master of Science in Organizational Leadership

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Adjunct Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award

This award honors an outstanding colleague who demonstrates exceptional teaching as an adjunct faculty member. Candidates are nominated by the department chairs.

Suzanne C. Smith, Adjunct Clinical Instructor of Nursing

Suzanne has been an adjunct faculty member for the Mount since 2001. She has primarily been a clinical instructor, and has worked with BSN and MN students. She started in pediatric clinicals and has been an instructor at Bayley Place and Mercy Western Hills Hospital, and completed preceptorships at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, University Hospital, VA Hospital and Shriner's Hospital. Suzanne is an employee at Shriner's Hospital, and she has worked there for 22 years, 18 as the evening night nursing supervisor; the last four years in the operating room.

Suzanne has previously been recognized for excellence. She was the Marilyn Jenkins Memorial Nursing award winner in 2003, and won the prestigious Florence Nightingale award in 2008. Suzanne Smiths' service as an adjunct instructor enriches our Department of Nursing, our students and the entire Mount community. We are proud to recognize a member of our Mount family with this honor.

Sister Adele Clifford, S.C. Award

The most prestigious teaching honor presented to a full-time member of the faculty. It is named in honor of the late Sister Adele Clifford, a Sister of Charity and long time professor of Biology as well as a former president of the College. Student nominations play a significant role in selecting the recipient.

Elizabeth Mason, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of English and Modern Languages

The Clifford Award recognizes faculty members who have significantly influenced students' lives and demonstrated excellence in teaching. Clifford Award recipients are nominated by students and chosen by a committee consisting of past faculty recipients and current students. The nomination requirements include a narrative essay in support of the nominee and a minimum of five signatures of students experienced in working with or taking at least one class with the nominee.

This year's Clifford Award nominators wrote statements such as, "...what makes Dr. Elizabeth Mason an amazing professor...every single class she displays enthusiasm and passion for whatever topic we are talking about. Her discussions are insightful and often incorporate real life examples that allow students to understand the concepts. Another student states, "She has guided me to be the best student possible by pushing me to become a better writer." "She is dedicated to the course work and content, and cares about each and every one of her students." Her nomination repeatedly mentions her excellent advising, the guidance she has provided to the "Lions On Line Literary Magazine". This nomination was supported by 24 students and endorsed by her Dean.

Dr. Mason earned her B.A. in English from Michigan State University, her MFA in Creative Writing from Bowling Green State University, and her Ph.D. in English from Case Western Reserve. We are proud to congratulate Liz on her achievement of being selected for the Clifford Award this year!

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Distinguished Scholar Award

This award, presented to an Associate or full Professor, recognizes the skill and contributory aspect of his or her career as a distinguished scholar who has been nationally and/or internationally recognized for scholarly achievement.

Mark Fischer, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry

Mark Fischer's body of research demonstrates the quality of his scholarly work. He has had 19 publications in high impact scientific journals since 1992, with three first author publications in just the last year. He has formed a productive collaboration with Dr. Nicholas Money at Miami University that has involved Mark applying his expertise in physics to mycology, an entirely different field from his post-graduate work in protein structure and motion. This ability to take one's expertise and apply it to a new arena is a clear mark of a distinguished scholar. His most recent scholarship was presented in Scotland at the premier conference for mycologists, and he has received significant external funding for his work. His peers clearly rate his work as internationally recognized, significant, ground-breaking, creative, and expanding his field.

Emerging Scholar Award

This award is presented to a tenure track Assistant Professor who has achieved outside validation that the kind and direction of his or her scholarly work has potential to make a significant contribution to the discipline.

Adam Konopka, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Philosophy

Adam's application reveals an appreciable amount of scholarly activity. In the past year, Adam has had three articles accepted, one article length book review, and one book review (co-authored with Mike Sontag) that has been accepted but not published. Between 2006 and the present, Adam has a total of 12 published articles in different, referred, scholarly journals. Since 2010 he has delivered 7 presentations before national & international scholarly organizations.

He was awarded the Early Career Scholar Award by the Association of Professional & Practical Ethics. His work was recognized as one of the highest awards given by the Association and represents a significant milestone in academic achievement. In June 2012 he presented a paper and commentary at the first and keynote session of the 43rd international conference for the Husserl Circle, held at Boston College.

Sabbaticals -- Fall 2013

AWAKENED BY FIRE: A Decorated Russian General's Encounter with God (book)

Jeff Hillard, MFA, Associate Professor of English and Modern Languages

The History of American Humor in Public and Place

Peter Robinson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History

Sabbaticals -- Fall 2013 (50%) Spring 2014 (50%)

Working Memory, Phonological Memory, L2 Aptitude, and L2 Proficiency

Rick Sparks, Ed.D., Professor of Undergraduate Education

Leadership Research Grants

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“Ethical Literacy in a Digital Age”

Robert Bodle, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Communication and New Media Studies

“Fragmented Childhoods: An Ethical Leadership Approach to Community Action and 21st Century Childhood Research”

Nazneen Kane, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Sociology and Criminology

Summer Research Grants

A Rock Art Primer for Students and Teachers

Jeanne Buccigross, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry and Physical Sciences

Prolactin and Human Breast Cancer: What is the Story?

Heather Christensen, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biology

Impact of Professional Certification on Clinical Course Outcomes in a DPT Program

Lisa Dehner, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Physical Therapy

Muscle Imbalances in Collegiate Saddleseat Equestrian Athletes

Marsha Eifert-Mangine, Ed.D., Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy

Lament and Liberation: Feminist Subjectivity, Syrian Opposition, and Practical Theology

Katherine Lassiter, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Religious and Pastoral Studies

Development of a Chick Chorioallantoic Membrane (CAM) Assay at the Mount

Tracy Reed-Kessler, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biology

Research and Development of Educational Theories, (course EDU XXX)

Tsila Evers, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Education

Kathleen Hulgin, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Education

Evaluation of a Blackboard Orientation Module of Online and Blended Learning

Christa Currie, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Physical Sciences

Clarissa Rosas, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Education

Elizabeth Seton Mission Awards

The Mission of the College is the heart and soul of the Mount and defines who we are and how we teach, mentor, and guide our students. The College’s annual Elizabeth Seton Mission Award recognizes members of the administrative and support staff who have demonstrated individual commitment to living out the mission in service to students and the College.

Mission Award, Support Staff

Peggy Gruen, Administrative Assistant in Athletics and Recreation

Mission Award, Administrative Staff

Donna Hemberger, Associate Director of the Office of Admission

Recognition of the retirement of Dr. Sharon Bollen