

2015 Awards and Honors

Alphi Chi

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

Kimberly Marie Baker	Kayla M. Eiben	Alyssa Gabrielle McCreadie
Emily F. Bates	Kiana Ellinghausen	Brandon Michael
Johnnay Mikayla Benefield	Kathleen T. Hornback	Erija Mikaela Nealeigh
David G. Bengel	Paige Illing	Bonnie V. Patterson
Gabrielle Patricia Amy Bolin	Taylor Marie James	Chelsea Jarie Ralls
Austin Jerome Brown	Alexander Charles Jung	Leesa Marie Scudder
Macy Marie Buchholz	Angela Knighten	Kayla Thieman
Tristan Rebecca Chaput	Ashlee Taylor Masavage	Thomas F. Van Hook II
Travis Combs		

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.

Graduate Students

Peggy O'Mera Clark, DNP	Donita Ross, MSN
Pamela Mathews Erpenbeck, MSN	Marilyn Darlene Singleton, MSN
Kaitlyn Michelle Gregg, MBA	Lisa Steelman, MSN
Emily Jane Heyl, MBA	Stacie Seibert Taylor, MA
Merry Meg Howes, MSOL	Tiyanna Tiyi Willingham, MA
Yanira Carmen Ortega, MA	

Undergraduate Students

Lindsey Cathryn Abbott, BSN	Hana Elizabeth Goubeaux, BS
Catherine Adams, BFA	Brittany Hammond, BSN
Jayme L. Bittner, BA	Emily Suzanne Henry, BS
Alexandra Rose Bowman, BA	Lauren Marie Heugel, BA
Mary Nicole Broering, BS	Kathleen Therese Hornback, BA
Kelsey Elisabeth Carpenter, BS	Jacob Henry Hoying, BS
Tristan Chaput, BA	Paige N. Illing, BS
Andrew Douglas Countryman, BS	Alexander Charles Jung, BS
Deanna Dabbs, BFA	Rebecca Ann Kiefer, BFA
Kiana Nicole Ellinghausen, BS	Melissa Renee Kolb, BS
Erin Elizabeth Fontaine, BS	Kevin J. Kraemer, BS
Madison Rachel Freeman, BS	Leanne Elizabeth Reichert, BSN
Lindsay Corrine Griffith, BSN	Robert Charles Schaich, BA
Leesa Marie Scudder, BFA	Katie Colleen Vale-Freeburg, BSN
Kyle Thomas Sterwerf, BS	Hope Elizabeth Wurzelbacher, BS
Allison Marie Stump, BS	

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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.

Sarah Banfill	Alexis Froehlke	Nicole Sifri
Emily Bostian	Joshua Harness	Samuel Tegge
Christopher Crone	Meredith Hartfiel	Sara Treash
Kyle Damen	Amber Latham	Alexander Vohland
Zachary Dickman	Madison Long	
Kayla Eiben	Makayla McClurg	

Academic Achievement

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

Kimberly Marie Baker	Emily Marie Gilliam	Hilary E. Massengale
Emma Marie Beyer	Morgan M. Hoehn	Erija Mikaela Nealeigh
Gabrielle Patricia Bolin	Kamala Diane Horner	Kathryn Rose Rennekamp
Kathleen Mary Boland	Paige Nicole Illing	Natalie Marie Rudolf
Mary N. Broering	Taylor Marie James	Kaitlyn Marie Sterwerf
Jacob S. Cole	Rustica Pius Kayombo, OSB	Kyle T. Sterwerf
Mary Katherine Dole	Erin Nicole King	Kathleen Rose Taylor
Molly Beth Ehrnschwender	Christopher Jason Kline	Kayla Anne Thieman
Kiana Nicole Ellinghausen	Christine Ann Laake	Jacqueline Marie Unkrich
Erin E. Fontaine	Carrie R. Lunsford	Jeffrey D. Wohlfrom

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.

Lindsey C. Abbott	Megan Elizabeth James	Anna Marie Ridenour
Catherine P. Adams	Sarah M. Kaehler	Leanne E. Reichert
Erin E. Fontaine	Joani Catherine Kammer	Allison Marie Stump
Lauren M. Heugel	Amber Stephanie Latham	Jacquelyn Tackett
Paige Nicole Illing	Benjamin N. Porter	Mary Elizabeth Wagner

Alumni Book Award

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

Keyasia Mitchell	Jessica Volciak
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Dr. Peter D. Mosher 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 Dr. Peter D Mosher Physical Therapy Book Scholarship Award is an award of three core texts that are utilized extensively in the second and third years of the DPT curriculum. Current Mount DPT students are recognized for their scholastic, professional, and service achievements that contribute to the profession of physical therapy.

Amanda Kerley
Camille Chiappone
Michelle Pohl

Sister Elizabeth Cashman Service Award

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

Kelly Burger

Dave Scharfenberger Community Service Award

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

Angela Knighten

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.

Tiffany Henson

Catherine Schultz

St. Catherine Medal

The St. Catherine Medal is sponsored by Kappa Gamma Pi, the national Catholic university 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.

Kelly Burger

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Excellence in Leadership

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

Garrett Bascom	Brady Eagan	Erija Nealeigh
Monica Brucher	Erin Fontaine	Rosemary Oglesby-Henry
Kelly Burger	Brittany Golliday	Leanne Reichert
Tevin Byers	Hana Goubeaux	Andi Saylor
John Copella	Rebecca Heizer	Amanda Schrand
Tristan Chaput	Emilee Hollis	Kayla Thieman

Leadership Unwrapped Academy

Leadership Unwrapped is an informal and interactive Leadership Academy designed to strengthen important transformational leadership capacities to Connect, Commit, Lead and Grow. Students gather for eight-week themed experiences that provide excellent opportunities to meet others and encourage campus involvement and career success. A co-curricular leadership certificate is earned for each successfully completed module in the series.

The following students completed the Leadership Pathways module in the Fall of 2014

Kimberly Baker	Tanya Harper	Veronica Murray
Marissa Chambers	Danielle Hausfeld	Sarah Neal
Kimberly M. Collins	Emilee Hollis	Madison Perry
Whitney Crosley	Jennifer Jones	Alicia Riley
Marvin Edwards	David Lantz	Shawnte Sanders
Charlotte Foran	Garret Liette	Andi Saylor
Matthew Gatherwright	Ashlee Masavage	Amanda Tinsley
Sarah Gravunder	Mercy Mukiri	Sarah Turpin

The following students completed the Leadership Pathways module in the Spring of 2015

Delano Allen III	Amber Latham	Courtney Reed
Akeem Britten	Petronellah Mupereri	Catherine Schultz
Michelle Cates	Zach Perkins	Anna Steiner
Stacy Jacobs	Nick Pyros	Allison Stump

The following students completed the Giving Voice to Values module

Kelsey Howard	Mercy Mukiri	Andi Saylor
Sarah Laffey	Sarah Neal	Tyler Throckmorton
Keyasia Mitchell	Greta Sandnas	

Student Government Executive Board

President – Erija Nealeigh	Senators:	Jessica Casdorff	Victoria Hancock
Vice President – Kayla Thieman		Mary Dole	Cassandra Huber
Treasurer – Garrett Bascom		Brett Glass	Anna Kaufman
Secretary – Amanda Schrand		Sarah Gravunder	Sydney Koo
Club Relations Coordinator – Kelly Burger			

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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 Mount; and dynamic interpersonal communication skills in academic and community settings.

Traditional Student Award: Leanne Reichert

Graduate Student Award: Whittney Brady

FACULTY AWARDS

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.

Lisa Campbell, Education Department

Lisa has been an adjunct faculty member for the last ten years for the Education department, primarily courses supporting the TEAM MSE program.

Lisa is a well-respected consultant for the Hamilton County Education Service Center who provides training throughout the state for K-12 teachers and administrators on new initiatives.

She has been instrumental in helping MSJ Education faculty to keep informed about the latest curriculum updates. She also provided a series of presentations at the Education department meetings to assist faculty in learning the new state standards. Lisa frequently visits MSE students at their respective schools and offers advice on how to better serve the students they teach.

She has also worked closely with the Director of MSE to update curriculum and course delivery. She assisted with moving blended course offerings to fully online course offerings. She attends all TEAM MSE orientations, capstone presentations, and end of the year graduation celebrations. She is a dedicated and creative teacher.

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Sister Adele Clifford, S.C. Award

This is 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 Mount. Student nominations play a significant role in selecting the recipient.

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.

Brooke Gialopsos, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Criminology

This year's Clifford Award nominators wrote statements such as, "Dr. Brooke has a way of making every student feel important and recognized. She wants each of her students to succeed and will do anything she can to help her students achieve their dreams." Another student states, "She is so passionate about the field of criminology and her profound knowledge brings new light to any project, helps students think outside the box, and encourages students to not back down from a challenge." Her nominations repeatedly mention her excellent inspirational teaching styles and desire to help students make good connections to Co-op positions and graduate programs. One nominator shared, Dr. Gialopsos embodies the spirit of the Clifford Award and the Mount's mission. This nomination was supported by more than 30 students and endorsed by the Dean of the School of Behavioral & Natural Sciences.

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.

Jamie Leslie, Ph. D., Assistant Professor of Nursing

Dr. Jamie Leslie has worked creatively to lay the groundwork for her research, all while implementing important advances in the Doctor of Nursing Practice curriculum. She has pursued work in the scholarship of teaching and learning, and has worked to engage students in her classroom. This is perhaps best evidenced by her project, "The Social Class Lunch: A creative strategy to improve understanding of global economics." This pedagogical research was presented at both the International Lily Conference on College Teaching as well as the Midwest Nursing Research Society Conference, and it is currently under review for publication. She has also embraced the culture of The Mount in her scholarship with her pending publication "What can nurses learn from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton?" Jamie also continues to contribute to research within the field of nursing, and presented some of this work last year at the Midwest Nursing Research Society Conference: "Registered Nurse-Client Trust in the Home Health Care Setting: A Concept Analysis." Dr. Leslie has certainly built a notable foundation of research in her short time at The Mount.

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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.

Gene Kritsky, Ph. D., Chairperson and Professor of Biology

Dr. Gene Kritsky is known nationally and internationally for his scholarship. His impressive publication record includes several books and a substantial number of peer-reviewed articles and presentations. (Since receiving the distinguished scholar award in 2007, he has published 33 manuscripts / books and has been invited to author a paper for the Annual Review of Entomology.) The quantity of his work is matched by the quality, as Gene has published in a number of prestigious scientific journals, including Nature. In fact, his colleagues have described his dedication to research and publishing as “virtually unparalleled.” This was evidenced in 2012, when Gene received the Founders’ Memorial Award from the Entomological Society of America (the highest honor in his field). Throughout his career, Gene has made contributions to the knowledge of the history of science (including several works on Charles Darwin), insect evolution, insect systematics, and contemporary beekeeping. He serves as the editor of “American Entomologist” and is an adjunct curator for the Cincinnati Museum Center. Most recently, he has conducted groundbreaking research on the history of apiculture (including the array of beehives constructed by different cultures worldwide). This work was published in 2015 in his well-received book, “The Tears of Re: Beekeeping in Ancient Egypt.” He was also invited to present at the International Beekeeping conference in Greece last year. While Gene is certainly a valued member of the scientific community, he is also known as a professor that does all that he can to inspire and share his passion for science with others.

Sabbaticals, Fall 2015

Using Pseudoscience to Teach Science

Dr. Tim Lawson, Chair and Professor of the Department of Psychology

Sabbaticals, Spring 2016

Examining Missing and Unidentified Person Issues to Inform Professionals, Engage the Public, and Aid Case Resolution

Dr. Elizabeth Murray, Professor of the Department of Biology

Summer Research Grants

What Measures Predict First Time Pass Rate on the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE)?

Jamie Bayliss, PT, M.PT., Assistant Professor, Director of Clinical Education, Health Sciences

Entropy and Anxiety: A Book About The Second Law and a 19th-Century Scientist’s Mental Health

Eric Johnson, Ph. D., Associate Professor of Chemistry

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Summer Research Grants cont.

Carbohydrate Counting to Prevent Cardiac Disease

Jamie Leslie, Ph. D., Assistant Professor of Nursing

Core Capstone 473 (Exploring Poverty) Course Development

William Lonneman, D.N.P., Assistant Professor of Nursing

Office Hours Poems

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

Doing Number Talks with Preservice Teachers as Preparation for Future Classroom Practice

Laura L. Saylor, Ph. D., M. Ed., Associate Professor of Undergraduate Education

Technology and Music: Connecting Persons with Dementia to Pleasure in Their Past

Judy L. Singleton, Ph. D., Chairperson and Associate Professor of Sociology and Social Work

Elizabeth Seton Mission Award, presented by Dr. Tony Aretz

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

Mission Award, Support Staff

Cathy Steinriede, Administrative Assistant, The Learning Center

Mission Award, Administrative Staff

Velma Dailey, Director, Studio San Giuseppe/Flats Gallery

Retirement Recognition

Jeanne Buccigross, Ph. D., Professor of Chemistry

Alan deCourcy, D. Min., Associate Professor of Religious Studies

Mary Riestenberg, Ph. D., Associate Professor of Chemistry

Marilyn Serraino, Ph. D., Associate Professor of English and Modern Languages

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

Angela Bossu Wolfe, Ed. D., ATC, Associate Professor of Athletic Training