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

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

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

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

Senators:  Jessica Casdorph  Victoria Hancock
           Mary Dole     Cassandra Huber
           Brett Glass  Anna Kaufman
           Sarah Gravunder Sydney Koo
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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.
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 out 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