

2016 Awards and Honors

Alpha Chi

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

Emily Bostian	Vanessa Godines	Natalie Marie Rudolf
Andrew Bruner	Jacob Allen Hedrick	Allison Schuler
Elisabeth Ashleigh Burg	Debra Kaye Jones	Cynthia Shivers
Kelly Burger	Christine Laake	Kaitlyn Sterwerf
John K. Copella	Madison Jonelle Long	Kathleen Taylor
Kyle Damen	Hilary Elyse Massengale	Sidney Trasser
Olivia Dean	Megan Mary Moore	Angela J. Turck
Anthony Faillace	Madison Perry	Sayzon Turner

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

Maria C. Aielli, MA	Laura Jacobus Rue, MSN
Barry Lee Chambers, MBA	Carla Joisil, MSN
Valerie Jean Christie, MSN	Rebecca Long, MA
Melonie June Eads, MA	Kimberly Ann Muse, MSOL
Janet S. Gilbert, DNP	Kelly Ann Pidgeon, MBA
Donna Rebecca Mae Harris, MSN	Natalie Elaine Robinson, MA
Margaret Ellen Hocker, MBA	Maryann D. Shirkey, MSN
Dawn Marie Honican, MSN	Sarah Ann Taulbee, DNP

Undergraduate Students

Kimberly Marie Baker, BS	Megan Mary Moore, BA
Emily Frances Bates, BA	Chelsea Jarie Ralls, BSN
Gabrielle Bolin, BA	Natalie Marie Rudolf, BS
Hilary Elyse Massengale, BSN	

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.

Sean Birnbrich	Nathanael Hornback	Danielle Ripperger
Andrew Booth	Rachel Jackson	Amanda Shelby
Joseph Ely	Paige Kiesewetter	Caleb Smith
Morgan Hoehn	Sean McElroy	Erica Walsh
Kaitlyn Hoelmer	Mackenzie Money	Michael Weil
Matthew Hofmann	Peter Rideout	Pamela Wisniewski

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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
Emma Marie Beyer
Gabrielle Patricia Bolin
Anna E. Drees
Mary Katherine Dole
Annalise M. Eckhoff
Morgan Michelle Hoehn
Carolyn Rosella Kesterman

Erin Nicole King
Christine Ann Laake
Tyler Michael O'Neil Potter
Natalie Marie Rudolf
Meghan Jo Safreed
Megan Cecelia Simmermeyer
Kathleen Rose Taylor
Jacqueline Marie Unkrich

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.

Kimberly Marie Baker
Johnnay Mikayla Benefield
Gabrielle Patricia Bolin
Kelly Burger

Molly Beth Ehrnschwender
Joseph Ely
Sarah Nicole Kaiser
Megan Mary Moore
Kayla Thieman

Alumni Book Award

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

Logan Chowning
Sebastian Cunningham

Emily Hertel
Megan Simmermeyer

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.

Benjamin Fannin
Lindsey Moore
Alexis Smith
Morgan Steinberg

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Physical Therapy White Coat Award Recipients

Myles Beeman	Samantha Harrigal	Logan Sillies
Mary Broering	Kaitlyn Harris	Alexis Smith
Jocelyn Brown	Danielle Hausfeld	Caleb Statler
Lauren Cain	Carly Hughes	Jonathan Steiger
Jill Carroll	Rebekah Hunt	Morgan Steinberg
Colton Church	Paige Illing	Samuel Stratton
Joshua Cook	Adam Mattingly	Katherine Waggoner
Becca Cooper	Patrick McNamara	Ryan Warren
Haley Copes	Lindsey Moore	Alesha Williams
Allison Dilts	Karen Muddiman	Benjamin Wilson
Benjamin Fannin	Phillip Mueller	Nicole Wirth
Bill Fullen	Alexander Niemann	
Kyle Haas	Juliana Prine	

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.

Monica Brucher, Middle Childhood Education

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.

Amanda Schrand, Inclusive Early Childhood Education

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.

Maxwell Baltzersen, Business Administration concentration in International Business

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.

Molly Brauch, Religious Studies

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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.

LaShanna Braswell
Dawn Honican
Kim Baker
Kelly Burger
Josh Harness
Erija Nealeigh
Kayla Thieman

Garrett Bascom
Molly Brauch
John Copella
Cheyenne Tobler
Monica Brucher
Emilee Hollis
Leandra McCrary

Andi Saylor
Mary Bowman
Camauri Cromwell
Emily Hertel
Al McNeal

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 2015-

Jordan Alexander
Caroline Briggs
Kelly Burger
Michelle Bushle
Logan Chowning
Camauri Cromwell

Sara Crowell
Sebastian Cunningham
John Ewing
Summer Hamilton
Kaelynn Hisle
Cody Hurley

Keyasia Mitchell
Mitchell Moorhead
Sydney Reed
Shannon Rheaume
Kathryn Scheurer
Makeba Taylor
Quincy Webb

Teaching Assistant: Kayla Thieman

The following students completed the Bridging Differences module in the Fall of 2015-

Garrett Bascom
Kimberly Collins
Mercy Mukiri
Elizabeth Odenbeck

The following students completed the Leadership Pathways module in the Spring of 2016-

Max Baltzersen
Mary Bowman
Greg Brugger
Rico Bush
Maria DiTullio
Ryan Durkin

Noah Freppon
Mishelle Hill
Kat Mapes
Kara Marshall
Al McNeal
Sidney Miles

Kenny Mitchell
Emma O'Dell
Matt Paluga
Kevin Polking
Maria Sams
Garrett Weaver
Aaron Willis

Teaching Assistant: Kim Baker

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Leadership Unwrapped Academy cont.

The following students completed the Giving Voice to Values module in the Spring of 2016-

Max Baltzersen	Maesie Frauenknecht	Cody Roseberry
Caroline Briggs	Emily Hertel	Aaron Willis
Camauri Cromwell	Dorae "Mishelle" Hill	
Kasey Dunn	Courtney Reed	

Student Government Executive Board 2015-16

President – Erija Nealeigh	Senators:	Jessica Casdorph	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			

Student Government Executive Board 2016-17

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Vice President – Sydney Koo		Camauri Cromwell	Daniel Mueller
Treasurer – Mary Bowman		Sarah Gravunder	Ryan Pinckney
Secretary – Anna Kaufman		Emily Hertel	

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: Erija Nealeigh, Bachelor of Science, Biology. Erija will give the afternoon commencement address representing undergraduate students.

Graduate Student Award: Hayley Lantz, Master of Arts in Teaching. Hayley will give the morning commencement address representing graduate students.

Higher Learning Commission Accreditation

Mount St. Joseph University's accreditation was reaffirmed for 10 years this spring. Thank you Dr. Diana Davis for your leadership on this process. Diana worked tirelessly with the steering committee, her writing team of Alan deCourcy and Buffy Barkley, and many members of the faculty and staff to earn our affirmation.

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FACULTY AWARDS

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.

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

Dr. Christensen's nomination for the Clifford award was supported by over 100 students. They have experienced "Dr. C" as a professor who brings out natural talents in students. Enthusiastic, with clear expectations for the students, she is a professor who takes a personal interest in students and is willing to help them outside of class. Her nomination materials state: "Her genuine intentions and teaching strategies make her the ideal professor. She encourages class participation by asking critical thinking questions to get student's brains going. She believes that writing is a huge part of our daily and professional lives... With that in mind she asks us to connect life events that are relevant to class topics and writing skill together in the classroom, which she includes in one lecture a week. Finding time to meet with her to go over material outside of class is never hard to do. A meeting with Dr. Christensen always results in students leaving feeling more confident about class material, a more positive outlook, and most likely a piece or two of chocolate. She takes a personal interest in each of her student's lives. She wants to know their career ambitions and help them get there."

Heather's interest in connecting to students outside the classroom was also noted. "Dr. C is great about connecting the Mount with organizations in the community that serve others. A prime example of this is with the Blood: Water campaign that she is helping Group Fitness lead. The organization helps to build wells and establish water hygiene in Africa. In addition, it is a good way to encourage the Mount community to make healthier beverage choices. Dr. C also helped Group Fitness to participate in the Beautiful Lengths campaign, where she donated her hair as well. Dr. C is about helping students to see that they are in the position to help people and that is where their energy is best spent."

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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.

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

Since her arrival at MSJU in 2012, Dr. Lassiter has, through her contributions to the fields of Religion and Pastoral Theology, far exceeded the criteria to be named this year's Emerging Scholar.

Dr. Lassiter's work has been published in the International Journal of Practical Theology, Journal of Reflective Practice: Formation & Supervision in Ministry, and in Journal of Pastoral Theology, all of which are rigorous, peer-reviewed journals. Through these published articles, Dr. Lassiter is establishing her national and international reputation as a scholar, having been evaluated by a group of peers who view her work as important to the growth of the field. Dr. Lassiter has also presented numerous papers at regional, national, and international conferences, having most recently presented her work at the Society of Pastoral Theology Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado. Dr. Lassiter's scholarly efforts have culminated in the publication of her monograph titled *Recognizing Other Subjects: Feminist Pastoral Theology and the Challenge of Identity* by Pickwick Publications in 2015. Her book, which explores issues of identity-gender, race, class, and orientation-in providing "just care," has been called "path breaking."

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.

John Ballard, Ph.D., Professor of Business Administration

John Ballard does this through his research, his blog, his tweets, and his impressive book, *Decoding the Workplace*. His book is scholarly yet easy to understand. His reputation for this work is national and international.

There is nothing like *Decoding the Workplace* in the business world. John takes academic research studies and theories and makes them easy to understand. This is a great service to the business, people are applying the ideas in his book. Mount Saturday MBA students will read it this spring. Last summer John was interviewed on Cincinnati Business Talk about his book. It was one of the most downloaded podcasts of the year.

In his blogs John describes research findings and then discusses the practical aspects of the studies. He tweets links to studies and other useful information. He writes articles for business leaders that are published online by the American Management Association. In all of these activities John is making management scholarship easier to understand and apply.

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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.

Sylvia Dick, Art Department

Susan Lawrence, Art Department

The Adjunct Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award usually honors a colleague who demonstrates exceptional teaching. This year we have an unusual situation. The two adjunct faculty members being recognized have worked together as a team in the Art department, and it was clear that one could not be recognized without honoring the other as well. The 2016 recipients of the Adjunct Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award are Sylvia Dick and Susan Lawrence from the School of Arts and Humanities.

Susan and Sylvia bring to their teaching more than sixty years of combined experience with art education at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. That's two careers worth of wisdom that they draw on in their work with our art education students. For a third year they have been a combined force in spearheading summer art workshops for art educators; this allows art educators to appreciate the quality education that students can obtain here at the Mount. Mount alumni themselves, their commitment to art education, to their students, and to the Mount is inspiring. They participate fully in, and sometimes even host, department and gallery events, and they participate in planning and curriculum development as part of the Department of Art & Design. Their work with the Ohio Art Education Association and the Southwest Ohio Art Education Association gives the Mount a strong regional presence in art education.

Sabbaticals, Fall 2016

Field Guide to Birds of the Dalton

Jill Russell, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biology

Sabbaticals, Spring 2017

Global Survey of Geriatric Education for Physiotherapists (Phase 1); Attitudes of Student Physical Therapists working with Older Adults (Phase 2); Interventions and Effect on Attitudes in Student Physical Therapists working with Older Adults (Phase 3)

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

Summer Research Grants

Development of Methods for the Analysis of Craft Beer

Christa Currie, Ph.D., Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry

Project V: the 2016 emergence of the periodical cicadas in eastern Ohio

Gene Kritsky, Ph.D., Chair and Professor, Department of Biology

"Your Life Can Be Different...Study and Be Strong:" Priscilla Parker and the Parker Academy, New Richmond, Ohio

Jennifer Morris, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of History

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Biodiversity of Avian Species in the North Slope

Jill Russell, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Biology

Working with the Manuscripts of Virginia Woolf's Diaries

Drew Shannon, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of English & Modern Languages

Elizabeth Seton Mission Award

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 who have demonstrated individual commitment to living out the mission in service to students and the University.

Mission Award, Support Staff

Robin Campbell Massie, Administrative Assistant, School of Business

Robin has been associated with MSJ in multiple capacities in which she has demonstrated outstanding commitment. Robin has had several roles here at the University over the years. Her first position was in the housekeeping department. In this position she was able to show her pride in the work she completed.

One of the highlights of her life has been the completion of her bachelor's degree while being employed at MSJ.

After graduation Robin accepted the position of Administrative Assistant in the School of Business. In this role she is the "heart" that provides caring and the "head" that keeps us all organized. She organizes and coordinates the undergraduate and graduate spring semester honors and awards dinners and programs. She coordinates the School of Business retreat, workshop, and meetings with the School of Business advisory board. She is the contact person for all the adjuncts. Her kindness to everyone and welcoming and friendly spirit to everyone who comes into the offices make the School of Business a very positive environment in which to work.

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Mission Award, Administrative Staff

Lynn Taber, Records and Registration Coordinator, Registrar's Office

Lynn is the school certifying official, working with our Veteran students. Veterans will come talk to Lynn for course advice and just to stay connected. Many a veteran has said that their Mount experience was wonderful thanks to Lynn.

Lynn has assisted with VIC (Veterans in Community) and functions sponsored by VIC, such as basket raffles for donating money to scholarships and sponsoring a guardian on the honors flight to Washington, D.C.

She works with all students who are taking classes through consortium arrangements. Her focus is on student success and she works diligently to help them understand that partner school's requirements and the requirements of taking an online course.

Lynn also coordinates graduation for the Registrar's Office and works with all graduating students to make sure all the details are correct to give them a wonderful day of celebration. Lynn wants the best for every student at Mount St. Joseph University.

Lynn is very service oriented. She has gone to New Orleans twice now. For example, Lynn enjoys getting involved with Founder's Day for the Mount's patron saint, Trick or Treat for the children, and the Harvest Home parade with the Veterans. Last year Lynn was involved with Lauren Hill's journey and all the events that were organized around our inspirational hero.

Retirement Recognition

John Ballard, Ph.D., Professor of Business Administration

Michael Klabunde, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, English and Modern Languages

Lynn Poynter, M.Ed., Chair and Assistant Professor of the Department of Music