

# College of Health Professions 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.

**Hannah Dawood** – Nursing\*

**Justin Francis** – Honors Nursing\*

**Isabella Kardachian** – Honors Nursing\*

**Joyce Olatunde**– Nursing\*

#### **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.

**Hannah Dawood** – Nursing\*

**Justin Francis** – Honors Nursing\*

**Isabella Kardachian** – Honors Nursing\*

**Joyce Olatunde** – Nursing\*

#### **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.

**Alena Haio**

**Joyce Olatunde**

### **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.

**Nyla Williams**

### **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.

**Ebtesam Alsanai**

**Hannah Dawood**

## **School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences**

### **Health Services Administration – Undergraduate**

#### **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.

**Amal Aldhahi**

**Deaira Chaney**

#### **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.

**Samara Nhab**

# **Master of Health Services Administration**

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**Vidhya Elango**

## **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.

**Deja Brown**

## **Dr. Mary Eleanor Mitsch Community Relationship Award**

Dr. Mary Mitsch was director of the HSA program, a 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.

**Candace Barbera**

# **Health Sciences**

## **Distinguished Scholar Award in Health Sciences**

The Distinguished Scholar Award recognizes a student in the Health Sciences program who has achieved the highest cumulative GPA within the program. This honor reflects exceptional academic excellence, intellectual discipline and sustained commitment to scholarly achievement.

The recipient exemplifies the highest standards of academic performance and dedication to learning.

**Selda Allos**

# **Sports & Exercise Sciences**

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The Distinguished Scholar Award recognizes a student in the Sports & Exercise Sciences program who has achieved the highest cumulative GPA within the program. This honor reflects exceptional academic excellence, intellectual discipline and sustained commitment to scholarly achievement. The recipient exemplifies the highest standards of academic performance and dedication to learning.

**Emi Thomas**

### **SHRS Exemplary Engagement in Learning Award**

This award honors a student who demonstrates outstanding commitment to active, reflective and transformative learning. The recipient consistently engages deeply in academic or experiential environments, exhibits professional presence and leadership, and integrates feedback to foster continuous growth. Through compassion, integrity and service, this student embodies the Mercy and Jesuit traditions of excellence, justice and leadership in action.

**Ryon Walker**

## **Physician Assistant Program**

### **Academic Excellence**

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

**Saima Ambia**

**Nadia Hamdan**

**Karly Kizi**

**Kenneth Schmidtke**

**Gavin Wink**

### **Joseph and Agnes Bongero Scholarship**

Scholarship awarded to students enrolled in the Physician Assistant program who have demonstrated financial need and are in good academic standing at the University.

**Sofi Carranza-Lemus**

### **Physician Assistant Endowed Scholarship**

Scholarship awarded to students in the Physician Assistant program who are in good academic standing at the University. Recipients must be U.S. or Canadian citizens. Awarded to students demonstrating meaningful community service of six months or greater, prior to applying for the scholarship.

**Renee Mohamed**

### **John and Barbara Wolak Scholarship**

Scholarships are awarded to students in good academic standing in the Physician Assistant Program with preference given to students with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.

**Gracie Ellis**

**Lauren Hamama**

**Aya Jouni**

**Valencia Khamoro**

**Haylen McKnelly**

**Humaira Raza**

### **Joseph O'Reilly Scholarship**

Scholarships are awarded to students in good academic standing in the Physician Assistant Program with preference given to students with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.

**Jenna Achkar  
Cecilia Harris  
Sophia Ishaq  
Emma Jasina  
Selena Shaba  
Savanah Solomon**

### **Nick and Joan Spiroff Scholarship**

Scholarships awarded to students who are in good academic standing in the Physician Assistant Program with preference given to students with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.

**Brooke Mastronardi  
Madison McDonald**

### **Katherine Diem Scholarship**

Scholarship awarded to students enrolled in the PA program, who have demonstrated financial need and are in good academic standing at the University.

**Aya Bazzi**

## **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.

**Prabhleen Kaur**

### **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.

**Teagan Ferrington**

### **Academic Excellence**

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

#### ***Prelicensure Program***

**Katherine Bykerk  
Jessica Francis  
Passionay Smith**

### **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 Duquette**

**Erica Toupin**

#### **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 was known for — compassion for others, fierce advocacy and commitment to vulnerable populations and the underserved.

**Zahra Albdair**

### **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*

**Abigail Clauss**

**Nicole Hamway**

#### **Loretta Ford Nurse Practitioner Award**

This summative leadership award 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.

**Mayra Barajas-Barragan**

## **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.

**Mackenzie Riordan**

## **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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**Ebtesam Alsanai**  
**Ashley Cleveland**  
**Constantina Sinani**

## **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.

**Sarah Abubaker  
Mina Aldhahab  
Alexa Barba  
Meher Bhullar  
Grace Brutto  
Amanda Chadwick  
Carter Clarkson  
Kathleen Clay  
Alyson Culkin  
Hannah Dawood  
Brianna Drouin  
Janelle Elia  
Anna Feldpausch  
Cheri Flounory  
Justin Francis**

**Alyse Garrisi  
Nayeli Gonzalez-Garcia  
Alyssa Grzywacz  
Cynthia Hamade  
Anh Huynh  
Ivana Jovanovski  
Emily Kakos  
Luczi Kuhns  
Deanielle Kukla  
Meredith Leavell  
Caitlin Luca  
Kaitlynn Mansour  
Olivia Marrs  
Brandon Mayer  
Kayla Nafso**

**Soraya Puerto-Khalil  
Brenna Pyszel  
Avary Sacdalan  
Ivia Saffo  
Gabriella Serafimoski  
Ava Sherwood  
Zachary Somsel  
Isabelle Tuma  
Anisa Tumbul  
Alexis Williams  
Lila Yousif  
Olivia Zetouna  
Malaak Zreik**