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.

Leadership Pin Award Candidates
Ongoing involvement in student organizations, spirituality workshops, leadership workshops, mentoring and 100 hours of community service.
- Papia Aziz - Nursing Major*
- Miranda Berishaj - Nursing Major*
- Melissa Eatmon - Nursing Major*

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.
- Papia Aziz - Nursing Major*
- Miranda Berishaj - Nursing Major*

The John Daniels Student Servant Leader of the Year
The student awarded The John Daniels Student Servant Leader of the Year award has shown outstanding growth throughout their undergraduate career at Detroit Mercy and has distinguished his/herself by exemplary commitment in the role of servant leader. This award is named for John Daniels, director of the Institute for Leadership & Service from 2001-2009.
- Papia Aziz - Nursing Major*

*Students earning a Minor in Leadership

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.
- Maria Purcell
- Leilah Drew-Justice
- Christina Collins
Health Services Administration

Undergraduate

Chairperson’s Award

The Chairperson’s Award goes to two graduating students, one from the University Center Macomb Campus and one from the McNichols Campus, who have the highest GPAs in their graduating class.

Lisa A. Seewood — McNichols Campus
Nazaris M. Thomas – University Center

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. The Sister Mary Kelly Award for outstanding community service honors an undergraduate HSA student who demonstrates her ideals, and has made significant contributions to the community.

Nabata A. Abubaker

Internship Award

This award is given in recognition of outstanding accomplishments at the internship site.

Lisa A. Seewood
Nazaris M. Thomas

Master of Health Services Administration

Chairperson’s Award

The Chairperson’s Award goes to a graduating MHSA student who has the highest GPA in the graduating class.

Deja A. Lee

McAuley Ignatian Academic Excellence Award

This award goes to a graduate student who has the second highest GPA in the graduating class.

Brianne Jacobson

Sister Mary Kelly Award for Outstanding Community Service

This award is given to the MHSA student who demonstrates the ideals of Sister Mary Kelly, a beloved HSA faculty member who was a role model for compassion, helping others and striving to make the world a better place. We honor this awardee as someone who has made significant contributions to the community and is following in Sister Mary Kelly’s footsteps.

Lauren A. May

MCACHE Scholarship Award

This scholarship is sponsored by the Midwest Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives (MCACHE). The amount of $1,500 is awarded to an MHSA student who demonstrates commitment to the MCACHE mission to advance healthcare management excellence.

Mansi D. Jariwala
Internship Award
This award is given in recognition of outstanding accomplishments at the internship site.
Eric M. Jakovac

Health Information Management and Technology

HIMT Minor Award
This award is given to the Health Information Management and Technology (HIMT) minor who shows outstanding course work and promise in the field of health information management and technology.
Raymond O. Akinribido

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. Always willing to go the extra mile to provide individualized attention, Marty was exceptional at recruiting and advising students. Her selfless generosity, hard work and dedication to students and colleagues at Detroit Mercy are legendary. Throughout Marty’s many years of service with Detroit Mercy, her warm and welcoming manner with everyone demonstrated her commitment to the University and the College of Health Professions. This $2,000 scholarship is awarded to an individual 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 in everything she did.
Megan M. Ross

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.
Kathleen M. Novak

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

Prelicensure Program
Alissa R. Gosen — McNichols Campus
Kennidy Cornelius – Grand Rapids Campus
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
Mary M. Luckhardt — McNichols Campus
Kristen M. Kimball – Grand Rapids Campus

Sister Margaret Mary Birchmeier, OP, Award
Molly F. DeYoung — Grand Rapids Campus

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

Grace D. Choi

Sister Theresa Noth Award
The Second Degree Option Program features the Noth Award, given to a student nominated by peers. These future nurses choose a colleague who best exemplifies qualities Sister Theresa Noth was known for — professionalism, caring, selflessness and leadership. Sister Theresa Noth accomplished many things in her career in nursing education. One of those accomplishments has made it possible for people with college degrees to attain a second degree in nursing at an accelerated pace. As the dean of Saint Louis University, she established what is thought to be the first accelerated SDO nursing program in the early 1970s.

Madison A. Ebbing

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.

Rachel E. Casali — Family Nurse Practitioner
Jennifer M. Loria – Clinical Nurse Leader
Shawanda J. Myers – Health Systems Management

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.

Joyce Wilson-Eder – Family Nurse Practitioner
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.

Romana Akter
Abigail Ann Axce
Lauren Joanne Barczak
Alaina R. Beshi
Sydney J. Buckner
Cayla Colleen Capron
Sophia R. Carlesso
Kennedy T. Cornelius
Autumn Grace Cram
Amila Didic
Giovanna Norina DiMaria
Kayla Ann Doslak
Gazmend Duhanaj
Fatima A. Elkhatib
Elizabeth Mary Ervin
Ryleigh Brooke Farrell
Gabrielle Rose Fennig
Morgan Brooke Gentile
Madison Ashley Gentile
Lucia Anna Gibson
Jenna G. Gillis
Fionna Mary Gordon
Anthony Hannawa
Allison Kate Hinman
Lydia Hubbard
Regina Ivezic
Kori Caryn Keyes
James A. Klarr
Meredith Kost
Shum Sanaria Kurdi
Julia LaVoie
Rachel M. Liagre
Jennifer Christine Libert
Elizabeth Rose Long
Sophia Jane Mapes
Stewart William Mayer
Kelly Marie McCoy
Allison M. Molloy
Morgan K. Nicol
Sarah Odeh
Suzanne Marie Osinski
Emma J. Pehote
Elizabeth M. Penrice
Maria E. Purcell
Fatema Ali Rachid
Antonina Angela Rizzo
Megan Mahon Ross
Lejla Sabanovic
Allison Rose Schaefer
Lisa Annette Seewood
Noah James Shamoun
Angelina L. Smith
Nazaris Michelle Thomas
Emily Elizabeth Traub
Grace E. Turner
Alexandra Ann VanElls
Michelle Grace Ellen Wax
Victoria Lynn White
Jaime K. Wichlacz
Brenna E. Wisdom
Addison Rose Wood