

# College of Health Professions & McAuley School of Nursing 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.

**Sawsan Elhady – Nursing Major – Developmental Psychology Minor\***

**Joseph Francis – Nursing Major\***

**Kendall Komajda – Nursing Major**

**Gracie Landrie – Nursing Major\***

**Ciera Love – Nursing Major\***

**Nina Mocerri – Nursing Major\***

**Johns Sam – 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.

**Sawsan Elhady – Nursing Major\***

**Joseph Francis – Nursing Major\***

**Ciera Love – Nursing Major\***

**Nina Mocerri – Nursing Major\***

**Johns Sam – Nursing Major\***

### **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.

**Katelynn Gasper**

### **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 & McAuley School of Nursing.

**Lena Ahmed**  
**Favour Nwaneri**

### **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.

**Matthew Demencuk**  
**Kendall Komajda**

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

#### **Chairperson's Award**

The Chairperson's Award goes to graduating students who have the highest GPAs in their graduating class.

**Nashrah T. Ahsan**

#### **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.

**Mariam Korkees**

#### **Hoyt Scholarship**

This award is given in recognition of outstanding academic accomplishments.

**Hira Khan**

### **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. 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.

**Courtney Christian**  
**Lola Larrison**

### **Internship Award**

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

**Gwendolyn Jackson**

### **Master of Health Services Administration**

#### **Chairperson's Award**

The Chairperson's Award goes to graduating students who have the highest GPAs in their graduating class.

**Syden Ahmed**  
**Ayah Koujane**

#### **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 MHS A student who demonstrates commitment to the MCACHE mission to advance healthcare management excellence.

**DeAdra**

### **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.

**Aisha Potts-Tyre**

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

Dr. Mary Mitsch was Director of the HSA program, 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.

**Xavier Martin**

## **McAuley School of Nursing**

### **DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Students**

The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Students recognizes nursing students for the above-and-beyond care and compassion shown to patients and their families.

**Wiktoria Szemraj**

### **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.

**Joyce Olatunde**

### **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.

**Zoe Morris**

## **Cleveland Watts Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to a McAuley School of Nursing (MSON) African American graduate or undergraduate student with demonstrated community-based leadership. The scholarship is named in memory of Cleveland Watts, 1st Master Sergeant of World War II, Korea and Vietnam wars. Sergeant Watts, the beloved father of an MSON administrator, was the first to integrate the 82nd Airborne Division during earlier times of inequity and injustice.

**Treasure Turner**  
**MarLanna Witcher**

## **Academic Excellence**

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

**Prelicensure Program**  
**Joseph Francis** – McNichols Campus  
**Katelynn J. Gasper** – 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**  
**Chloe Bayne** – Grand Rapids Campus

### **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.

**Monica Vasquez**

### **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 diinn-2 (zgJ-0.004 Tc 0.004 Tw (i)-2 (ng)10 ( 2 (nn-2 (zgJ-0.00T)-2 (i)- 0 -2 Tna)4 (l)-2 ( de)o10

## **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.

**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.

**Maria Dalal**  
**Sarah Loeffler**

**Treasure Turner**  
**MarLanna Witcher**

**Dean's Scholar Award —**