

HONORS AND AWARDS

GENERAL COLLEGE HONORS

DEAN'S LIST

Students who earn a minimum semester grade-point average of 3.50 or better on all courses attempted with at least 12 semester-hours taken for a letter grade are named to the Dean's List for that semester. This calculation is made at the end of each semester. Students who receive "Incomplete(s)" do not qualify for the Dean's List.

ST. MARY'S SCHOLARS

Juniors and seniors with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.50 or better, who have earned at least 32 semester-hours taken for a letter grade at St. Mary's College, are designated St. Mary's Scholars. St. Mary's Scholars are determined once a year at the end of the spring semester.

HONORS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

Latin Honors: Any graduating senior who has completed a minimum of 64 semester-hours at St. Mary's College (at least 56 of which were letter-graded) is eligible for Latin honors based on the following cumulative grade-point average: 3.900-4.000 summa cum laude; 3.700-3.899 magna cum laude; 3.500-3.699 cum laude.

Nitze Scholars Program: graduating seniors enrolled in the Nitze Scholars Program are also eligible to receive one of the following citations, based on the quality of their course work in the Scholars Program curriculum, including the quality of their tutorial and portfolio work, and their performance in the St. Mary's Project. Ranked from highest to lowest, these honors are Scholars Program Distinction, Scholars Program Commendation, Scholars Program Recognition, Scholars Program Participation.

Class Valedictorian: the class valedictorian shall be the graduating student(s) in good standing at the College with the highest cumulative grade-point average, provided he or she will have completed at least 96 semester-hours at St. Mary's College of Maryland. Any student who has received a grade of F shall not be eligible.

HONOR SOCIETIES

Each society has its own nominating process and criteria for selection.

PHI BETA KAPPA

Founded in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa is the most distinguished honor society in the liberal arts and sciences: It honors excellence in academic achievement, as well as breadth of intellectual study and good character. The St. Mary's College of Maryland chapter, Zeta of Maryland, was approved by the Phi Beta Kappa Society Council in 1997 and installed in 1998, joining 254 other colleges and universities in the country. Zeta chapter elected its first students, or members in course, in the spring of 1998.

Students may be considered for election as juniors if their cumulative GPA is at least 3.9, but most students who are elected are seniors. All graduating seniors with a 3.75 cumulative GPA may be considered. However, because of bylaws limiting the number of students who can be elected, somewhat less than 10% of each graduating class is likely to be initiated.

ALPHA KAPPA DELTA

Alpha Kappa Delta is an international honor society in sociology, established in 1920 for the purposes of stimulating scholarship and promoting the scientific study of society. In addition to supporting scholarship, the Society aims to provide a forum for fellowship among sociologists. The St. Mary's College Chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta is the Mu Chapter of Maryland. St. Mary's College received its charter in 2001. Students at St. Mary's College who demonstrate excellence in sociology, and who complete a prescribed course of study are invited to seek membership in the Alpha Kappa Delta honor society.

BETA BETA BETA

Beta Beta Beta Biological Society encourages scholarly attainment in biology by reserving its regular membership for those who achieve superior academic records and who indicate special aptitude for and major interest in the life sciences. It aims to cultivate intellectual interest in the natural sciences and to promote a better appreciation of the value of biological study, thus welcoming into associate membership all those students who are interested in biology. Beta Beta Beta also endeavors to extend the boundaries of knowledge of nature by encouraging new discoveries through scientific investigation, and to this end it encourages undergraduate students to begin research work and report their findings in the journal of the

society, BIOS. It emphasizes, therefore, a three-fold program: stimulation of scholarship, dissemination of scientific knowledge, and promotion of biological research.

OMICRON DELTA EPSILON

Omicron Delta Epsilon, one of the world's largest academic honor societies, was created through the merger of two honor societies: Omicron Delta Gamma (founded in 1915), and Omicron Chi Epsilon (founded in 1955). Omicron Delta Epsilon has over 560 chapters located in the United States, Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, Mexico, Puerto Rico, South Africa, Egypt, and France. The St. Mary's College of Maryland local chapter, the Kappa Chapter of Maryland, was founded in 1991. It inducts an average of 20 new members annually. The objectives of Omicron Delta Epsilon are the following: the recognition of scholastic attainment and the honoring of outstanding achievements in economics; the establishment of closer ties between students and faculty in economics within colleges and universities, and among colleges and universities; the publication of its official journal, *The American Economist*; and the sponsoring of panels at professional meetings as well as the Irving Fisher and Frank W. Taussig competitions.

OMICRON DELTA KAPPA

The Omicron Delta Kappa Society, Inc. honor society for student leadership, recognizes and encourages superior scholarship, leadership, and exemplary character. Membership in ODK (founded in 1914) is awarded to undergraduate junior and senior students; to graduate students; to faculty, staff, administration and alumni; and to persons qualifying for honorary membership ("honoris causa"). Student membership candidates must rank in the upper 35 percent in scholarship of their school or college and must show leadership in at least one of five areas: scholarship; athletics; campus or community service, social and religious activities, and campus government; journalism, speech, and the mass media; and creative and performing arts. The circle at St. Mary's College of Maryland was chartered in 1999. The chapter sponsors speakers, leadership activities, the Special Olympics, and works with several community organizations.

PHI ALPHA THETA

Phi Alpha Theta is a national honor society in history. It was organized at the University of

Arkansas in 1921, and since then it has grown to more than 750 chapters. The membership of Phi Alpha Theta is composed of students and faculty who have been elected to membership on the basis of excellence in the study and writing of history. As a professional society, Phi Alpha Theta promotes the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication, and the exchange of learning among historians in a variety of ways. It seeks to bring students and faculty together both intellectually and socially for mutual understanding and encouragement of their common interest in the study of history. St. Mary's College is home to the Alpha-Iota-Kappa chapter of Phi Alpha Theta.

PI SIGMA ALPHA

Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society, was founded in October 1920 at the University of Texas. Today, Pi Sigma Alpha is recognized by its membership in the Association of College Honor Societies as one of the leading honor societies. Chapters are located throughout the United States with membership well over 100,000. Juniors and seniors in the upper one-third of their class are eligible to join. Initiates must have completed 10 semester-hours of political science coursework, including at least one class at the upper-division level, with a B or higher average in all political science courses. Initiations are held in the fall and spring. The St. Mary's chapter, Sigma Omicron, installed in 1992, holds informal dinners and presentations by outside speakers of interest.

PSI CHI

Psi Chi, the national honor society in psychology, was founded in 1929 to encourage excellence in the study of psychology and the advancement of the science of psychology. The St. Mary's chapter was established in 1987 as the first academic honor society at St. Mary's College. Students majoring in psychology or related fields who have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00, rank in the upper 35% of their class, and demonstrate superior scholarship in psychology are eligible to join Psi Chi. The St. Mary's chapter sponsors guest speakers, career seminars, field trips, and social activities related to the study of psychology; its members also serve as tutors.

SIGMA TAU DELTA

Sigma Tau Delta is the international English honor society, founded in 1924. The purpose of Sigma Tau Delta is to place "distinction upon

undergraduates, graduates and scholars in academia, as well as upon professional writers who have recognized accomplishments in linguistic or literary realms of the English Language.” The St. Mary’s College chapter of Sigma Tau Delta is the Alpha Eta Delta Chapter.

AWARDS

A faculty/staff committee selects recipients for general College awards, student awards, and faculty awards. In addition, the St. Mary’s Mathematics Foundation, the Office of the Vice President and Dean of the College, and the Student Government Association select recipients of awards within their respective areas. All awards are presented at the annual Awards Convocation.

COLLEGE AWARDS

Arts Alliance Awards for accomplishments in art, music, theater, and creative writing.

Biology Service Award to recognize academic achievement and service to the biology program.

Book prizes in Chinese, French, German, and Spanish: French Embassy Book Award for outstanding achievement; German Embassy Book Award for outstanding achievement; departmental book awards in Chinese and Spanish for outstanding achievement; Department of International Languages and Cultures Book Award for outstanding achievement by a student studying two or more languages;

The Betty W. Briscoe Award, provided by the John Hanson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (Calvert County), to a Calvert County history major;

The Colton History Award, provided by the Major William Thomas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (St. Mary’s County), in memory of Ophelia Biscoe Colton ’27, to a deserving history student;

The Hampton Davey Award, established by trustee E. Brooke Lee, in memory of long-time faculty member Hampton “Red” Davey, to recognize an outstanding senior majoring in political science.

Department Award in anthropology and sociology;

Department Award for distinguished achievement and excellence in the division;

Department Award in economics;

Department Award for excellence in biology;

Department Award for excellence in chemistry and biochemistry;

Department Award for excellence in mathematics and computer science;

Department Award for excellence in physics;

Department Award in political science;

Department Award in public policy;

Department Merit Award, given occasionally to a graduating senior to recognize superior academic work and a strong commitment to pursue a career in a specific professional field;

Margaret Eagle Dixon Award in English literature, given by Adele Dixon Tomey ’39JC, in memory of her mother, a 1904 St. Mary’s graduate;

Economics Faculty Award for academic excellence and contribution to the discipline.

English Department Award for creative writing;

English Department Award for scholarship;

Human Services Award, established in 1993 to recognize a junior or senior psychology, human development, or human studies major who demonstrates outstanding potential as a practitioner in human services;

Human Studies Major Award, established in 2003 to recognize a student majoring in human studies who has demonstrated a superior understanding of the themes and methods of human studies as evidenced by the quality of the student’s work in courses in the major and in any experiences such as field studies or internships;

William James Prize, established in 1986 to recognize a superior understanding and expression of philosophical discourse;

The Mattie M. Key Award in mathematics, provided by a bequest from Mattie M. Key;

Frank McCutcheon Award for achievement in art studio (named in memory of a former St. Mary’s College art student);

Natalie and Ben Parran Award, established in

1980 by Toni Collery Steedly '80 and Benjamin Parran, Jr. in memory of their daughter and their son, to recognize a deserving teacher-education candidate devoted to helping young people;

Psychology Major Award, established in 2003 to recognize a psychology major who demonstrates superior understanding of the themes and methods of the discipline;

The Alison Quinn Award in history, provided by a gift from David Beers Quinn, to encourage students to maintain an interest in history and to specialize in the subject;

David Beers Quinn Award in history, in honor of a distinguished former faculty member;

Religious Studies Award, established in 1993 to recognize a student who demonstrates a superior understanding of the themes and methods of religious studies;

Joseph B. Ross, Jr. Award for achievement in art history and art studio (named in memory of a former St. Mary's College art professor);

May Russell Historical Achievement Award, established in 1978 by The St. Mary's County Historical Society, to foster interest in Maryland history in memory of former College president May Russell.

Robert Thun Memorial Award is given periodically by the Sotterley Mansion Foundation for research utilizing the materials at Sotterley Mansion;

The Vasari Prize, a book prize to recognize accomplishment in art history;

Margaret Floy Washburn Award, established in 1990 to recognize a junior or senior psychology major exemplifying superior understanding of research and experimentation in psychology;

Wilhelm Wundt Award, established in 2003 to recognize a student's excellence in quantitative and methodological course work.

Lisa Zsebedics Award, established in 1985 in memory of a former student, to recognize an outstanding first-year student or sophomore committed to studying human developmental processes;

MATHEMATICS FOUNDATION AWARDS

The St. Mary's Mathematics Foundation, an independent organization in St. Mary's County promoting mathematics, provides the following awards:

Senior Award for excellence in mathematics or computer science and for contribution to the College mathematics program;

Calculus Prize for excellence in first-year calculus;

Jeanne Brocavich Scholarship for outstanding achievement and promise in mathematics or computer science. It was established in memory of a former member of the St. Mary's mathematics faculty and is given to a rising junior.

STUDENT AWARDS

Academic Athlete Award, established in 1975 to recognize both the male and female junior (or senior) varsity athletes with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.50 or better who have earned at least 32 semester-hours at St. Mary's College and who have played an important role on one or more varsity teams;

Alumni Award, provided by the Alumni Association, to a student for exemplary character and ideals in representing the College;

Board of Trustees Award, provided by the Board of Trustees for distinguished contribution to the College.

S. Ethel Chance Award for significant contribution to student life through dedication to and participation in student organizations;

Community Service Award, provided by the Board of Trustees, to a student who has reached out beyond the College to make a difference in the lives of people in the local community;

Coopersmith Award, provided by Jack and Esther Coopersmith, to a senior for campus political leadership;

Faculty Scholarship Award, provided by the St. Mary's College faculty, to deserving students of academic promise;

First-year Student Award for outstanding contributions to student life;

Friends of The Chesapeake Award, established in 1990 by a local environmental organization to recognize a student who has undertaken an environmental project on campus;

The Gentlemen's Club Alumni Award to a graduating senior who exemplifies the ideals of the alumni group;

Margaret E. Keen Award, provided by the St. Mary's Chapter, American Association of University Women, to a senior woman who personifies the purpose of the AAUW: commitment to life-long learning, the advancement of women, and responsibility to society;

Edward T. Lewis Poetry Award, in honor of the ten-year anniversary of Edward T. Lewis's presidency at St. Mary's College, was established in 1993 by the Alumni Association to recognize a promising young poet;

John Petruccelli Memorial Award, provided by a special fund established within the College Foundation, to a student for academic attainment, devotion to the College and the cause of education, and responsibility to society;

Rhoda-Stark Memorial Award in Gender Studies, established in 2001 to recognize a single student who has demonstrated excellence in any one of the following areas: in the research and writing on gay, lesbian, or gender issues; in activism on or off-campus on behalf of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered communities; or in the performing arts, culminating in the public performance of a work that addresses gay, lesbian, or gender issues

Study-Abroad Award, provided by Technical Consulting, Inc. to help defray travel and educational costs for a student's study overseas;

FACULTY AWARDS

The Aldom-Plansoen Distinguished Professorship was established through the generosity of Jarrod Aldom '97 and his family. The professorship is competitively awarded to newly tenured faculty and provides research funds for faculty scholarship to sustain and enrich scholarly contributions.

The Hilda C. Landers Endowed Chair in the Liberal Arts was established through the generous support of the Arthur E. Landers, Jr. and Hilda C. Landers '23 Charitable Trust, the focus of which is the development of broad perspectives on knowledge and the fostering of links among academic fields of study. In perpetuity, the holder of this chair is a distinguished teaching scholar with broad expertise in the arts and letters. This chair honors a faculty member whose accomplishments in the liberal arts have set

him or her apart from academic peers, an eminent and gifted teacher who provides leadership for both the students and faculty of St. Mary's College of Maryland. Moreover, as mandated by the Landers Chair agreement, this scholar strives to furnish vital support and enrichment to the College's fundamental courses in the arts and letters as well as in a particular area of specialization.

The Steven Muller Distinguished Professorship in the Arts honors faculty whose accomplishments in the arts distinguish them among their creative peers. The faculty member who holds this chair is a participant in the broader world of art and culture that informs the opportunities for students at St. Mary's College, creating the foundation for their exploration and expression in the creative arts. He or she is a dedicated and talented teacher who calls on practical knowledge and experience in ways that have proven effective among students.

The Steven Muller Distinguished Professorship in the Sciences honors faculty whose accomplishments in the sciences have established their command of a field of research relevant to our understanding of the world we inhabit. The faculty member who holds this chair contributes to vital dialogue among scientists, enhanced by the research contributions of St. Mary's College students. Through laboratory and field exploration, the scientific principles of inquiry and analysis are applied to develop the systematic and technical skills of our students whose lives are enriched by the excitement of discovery.

The George B. and Willma Reeves Endowed Chair in the Liberal Arts, the College's first endowed chair, is awarded to a professor who holds outstanding academic qualifications and a demonstrated capacity to share knowledge through teaching across the curriculum. The chair is endowed by the generous support of the late George Bradford Reeves, a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, and his wife, Willma Reeves, along with a matching grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The G. Thomas and Martha Myers Yeager Endowed Chair in the Liberal Arts was established through the generosity of G. Thomas Yeager and Martha Myers Yeager '41. The distinguished occupant of this position pos-

sesses a broad expertise in the social or behavioral sciences and is an eminent scholar and gifted teacher. This scholar holds outstanding academic qualifications and has a demonstrated capacity to share knowledge through teaching in the unique honors college curriculum at St. Mary's College of Maryland. He or she serves as a resource for the entire College and works to foster links between academic disciplines and to provide broad perspectives on knowledge. As a leader and renowned scholar, this individual serves as a center around which our remarkable academic community coheres.

DODGE AWARDS FOR FACULTY: SEVEN AWARDS PROVIDED BY GIFTS FROM PROFESSOR EMERITUS NORTON T. DODGE AND PROFESSOR DONALD R. STABILE:

The Homer L. Dodge Award for Outstanding Service; and

The Homer L. Dodge Award for Excellence in Teaching; and

The Homer L. Dodge Awards (2) for Excellence in Teaching by Junior Faculty are named in memory of the donor's father to recognize service to the College and outstanding teaching.

The Norton T. Dodge Award for Scholarly and Creative Achievement; and

The Norton T. Dodge Awards (2) for Scholarly and Creative Achievement by Junior Faculty are named in honor of Norton T. Dodge to recognize professional activity of the faculty.

The seven awards are given over a three-year cycle. Recipients are selected by a special committee headed by the provost of the College.

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT AND DEAN OF THE COLLEGE AWARDS

The Office of the Vice President and Dean of the College selects the recipients of the following awards:

Faculty-Student Life Award, by the Leadership Development Committee, to a faculty member for significant contribution to student life;

In addition, the Office of the Vice President and Dean of the College coordinates the selection of students named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities* and presents certificates to students named.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION AWARDS

The Student Government Association recognizes students, faculty, and staff who, in their day-to-day dealings with the SGA and its related organizations, have shown concern, selflessness, and loyalty to the concept of the SGA and its related organizations. The SGA selects and presents three awards:

SGA Award for Student Service;

SGA Award for Faculty Service;

SGA Award for Administrator or Staff Service.

Joyce Cliff-Romano Award for the student who has exhibited exceptional leadership on campus;

Club of the Year Award is given to the club/organization that has demonstrated excellence in carrying out the mission of its charter;

Club Leader of the Year: Unsung Hero Award given to a student who has worked unselfishly for the betterment of the campus community.