

AWARDS AND HONORS

General Honors

St. Bonaventure University grants three grades of distinction to graduates whose cumulative index of academic scholarship indicates leadership and high scholastic attainment.

- Summa Cum Laude – when the index is 3.90 or above
- Magna Cum Laude – when the index is 3.60 to 3.89
- Cum Laude – when the index is 3.25 to 3.59

Dean's List

All full-time undergraduate students who have an academic index of 3.25 or better in the previous semester may be included in the Dean's List. The name of any student may be withdrawn at any time by the Vice President for Academic Affairs if the student fails to maintain a satisfactory standard of scholarship and conduct.

Honor Societies

To be eligible for membership in an honor society a student must have been in residence for at least two years (four semesters), or have earned at least 60 credit hours, and must be of good character and show promise of leadership.

- **Alpha Delta Sigma** is the honor society of the American Advertising Federation.
- **Alpha Mu Alpha** is the marketing honor society.
- **Alpha Psi Omega** is the National Theater Honor Society.
- **Beta Gamma Sigma** is the national honor society for business students in AACSB-accredited schools.
- **Chi Alpha Epsilon, Zeta Epsilon Chapter - Chi Alpha Epsilon** was formed to recognize the academic achievements of students admitted to colleges and the universities through non-traditional criteria such as Educational Opportunity Programs.
- **Delta Epsilon Sigma** is the national scholastic honor society for students in Catholic colleges and universities.
- **Kappa Delta Pi** is an international honor society for students in education. The University's Xi Nu Chapter is open to juniors and seniors whose overall GPA is 3.25 or better.
- **Kappa Tau Alpha** is the national honor journalism/mass communication society with members limited to those students in the top 10 percent of their class based on their overall indices.
- **Phi Alpha Theta** is an international honor society for students in history.
- **Phi Eta Sigma** is the national honor society for college freshmen who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher at the close of a full-time curricular period during their first year.
- **Pi Delta Phi-Eta Theta Chapter** is the national honor society for students of French.
- **Pi Gamma Mu** is the international honor society in social science. History and sociology majors are also eligible to join.
 - Membership includes:
 - lifetime membership
 - a certificate and a gold-plated key pin
 - a subscription to the Pi Gamma Mu Newsletter and to the International
 - Social Science Review

- eligibility for a graduate school scholarship
- advancement in government service rating
- invitation to regional meetings and conventions
- academic recognition and enrichment

- **Pi Mu Epsilon-New York Omega Chapter** is the national honorary mathematics fraternity.
- **Pi Sigma Alpha** is the national honor society in political science.
- **Psi Chi** is the national honor society in psychology.
- **Sigma Delta Pi** is a national honor society for students in Spanish.
- **Sigma Pi Sigma** is the national honor society in physics.

Societies

These organizations provide the student with an opportunity to meet fellow students in mutual bonds of friendship and achievement. These are:

- **Alpha Kappa Mu** - for students pursuing the bachelor of science degree in the School of Arts and Sciences.
- **American Advertising Federation** - St. Bonaventure Chapter, Student Affiliate.
- **American Chemical Society** - St. Bonaventure Chapter, Student Affiliate.
- **Gold Bar Club** is a professional society for ROTC students, but is open to the entire student population.
- **Iota Delta Alpha** - for students pursuing the bachelor of science degree in the School of Arts and Sciences.
- **Society of Professional Journalists** is the national professional journalism and mass communication society, open to undergraduates with above-average academic standing who have participated in professional or collegiate media, or both.
- **Student Section** - St. Bonaventure Chapter of the Society of Physics Students.

Awards

St. Bonaventure University each year grants the following honors and awards for outstanding scholarship and achievement:

- **The Ideal Bonaventure Man.** This honor is awarded to a male senior who, in the judgment of a Committee on Student Affairs, eminently exemplifies the values and qualities – personal, social, academic and spiritual – which the University aims to develop in all its male students.
- **The Ideal Bonaventure Woman.** This honor is awarded to a female senior who, in the judgment of a Committee on Student Affairs, eminently exemplifies the values and qualities – personal, social, academic and spiritual – which the University aims to develop in all its female students.
- **General Excellence in the Arts Curriculum.** This is an honor awarded to the senior who maintained the highest academic standing in an arts program during four years at the University.
- **General Excellence in the Science Curriculum.** This is awarded to the senior who maintained the highest academic standing in a science program during four years at the University.
- **General Excellence in the Business Curriculum.** This is awarded to the senior who maintained the highest academic standing in a business program during four years at the University.
- **General Excellence in the Education Curriculum.** This award is presented to the senior who maintained the highest academic

standing in elementary education or physical education during four years at the University.

- **General Excellence in the Journalism/Mass Communication Curriculum.** This award is presented to the senior who maintained the highest academic standing in journalism/mass communication during four years at the University.
- **Overall Excellence in Health Science** The recipient of this honor has been chosen by the Faculty of the School of Health Professions based upon their excellent academic achievement
- **General Excellence for a Transfer Student.** This award is presented to the senior transfer student who maintained the highest academic standing during their time at the University.
- **The John J. McNamee Award for General Excellence in the Elementary Education Curriculum.** This is an honor awarded to the senior judged by the faculty of the School of Education to be outstanding in scholarship and achievement in elementary education.
- **The John J. McNamee Award for General Excellence in the Physical Education Curriculum.** This is an honor awarded to the senior judged by the faculty of the School of Education to be outstanding in scholarship and achievement in physical education.
- **The Overall Excellence in Sports Studies Award.** This is an honor awarded to the senior judged by the faculty of the Department of Physical Education to be outstanding in service and academic achievement in Sports Studies.
- **The Al Nothem Student Teaching Award in Elementary Education** is awarded annually to an exceptional graduating senior in Elementary Education.
- **The Al Nothem Student Teaching Award in Physical Education** is awarded annually to an exceptional graduating senior in Physical Education.
- **The Al Nothem Student Teaching Award in Adolescence Education** is awarded annually to an exceptional graduating senior in Adolescence Education.
- **The Sister Margaret Flynn, O.S.F., Award** is given to the outstanding transfer elementary education student.
- **Senior Theology Award.** This is given to the senior who has shown general excellence in theology courses for four years.
- **The Boyd Litzinger Award** is awarded to the senior who, in the judgment of the Department of English, has done outstanding work in English for four years.
- **The Sister Mary Anthony Brown Philosophy Award** is presented to the senior who has demonstrated general excellence in philosophy courses.
- **The S.C. Cornelio Award** is presented to an outstanding senior who will be attending law school.
- **The John M. Orland Philosophy Pre-Law Award** is to be awarded each year to the graduating senior whose record best demonstrates academic excellence in philosophy of law combined with meritorious service to the Bonaventure community.
- **The Latin Award** is awarded to the sophomore who has done outstanding work in Latin courses for two years.
- **The Malcolm V.T. Wallace Award for Latin** is presented to an outstanding undergraduate in Latin.
- **The Greek Award** is given to the sophomore who, upon recommendation of the Classical Language Department, has accomplished general excellence in Greek.
- **The Father Roderick Wheeler Award** is presented to the outstanding senior history major.
- **The Jandoli Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Journalism Curriculum** is awarded to a senior who, in the judgment of the Jandoli School of Communication, has excelled in the area of journalism in an outstanding manner.
- **The Mark Hellinger Award** established in 1960, is granted annually to the senior in the Jandoli School of Communication who, in the judgment of the faculty, has demonstrated academic excellence and genuine promise in the area of mass communication and journalism. A monetary award is also given.
- **The Koop Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Broadcast Curriculum** goes to a senior who has excelled in the area of broadcast in an outstanding manner.
- **The Mosser Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Strategic Communication Curriculum** goes to a senior who has excelled in the area of strategic communication in an outstanding manner.
- **The Mary A. Hamilton Woman of Promise Award** recognizes the Jandoli School of Communication female student who has excelled in and out of the classroom, set an example for peers and demonstrated great promise for success in future endeavors.
- **The Father Cornelius Welch Award for Achievement in Photography** goes to a senior who has excelled in achievements in photography.
- **The Military Science Award** is presented to the senior who, upon the recommendation of the Department of Military Science, demonstrated outstanding leadership and academic excellence in his or her military science courses for four years.
- **The Instrumental Music Award** is given to the senior who has demonstrated general excellence in instrumental musical activities for four years.
- **The Choral Music Award** is given to the senior who has demonstrated general excellence in choral music activities for four years.
- **The Theater Award** is given to the student or students who have demonstrated dedication and excellence in SBU Theater production and the study of theater.
- **The Visual Arts Award** is given to the senior who has demonstrated general excellence in visual arts activities for four years.
- **The Biology Award** is presented to the biology senior who, upon the recommendation of a departmental committee, demonstrated general academic excellence and specific accomplishment in the field of biology.
- **The John L. and Leone E. Worden Award** is given to a Biology or Biochemistry junior demonstrating exceptional academic performance. The award supports mentored undergraduate research during the senior year at St. Bonaventure University.
- **The Mathematics Award** is given to the senior who, upon the recommendation of the department of mathematics, has demonstrated general excellence in mathematics throughout their undergraduate career.
- **The Computer Science Achievement Award** is given to the senior who, upon the recommendation of the department of computer science, has demonstrated general excellence in computer science for four years.
- **The Computer Science Service Award** is given to the senior who, upon the recommendation of the department of computer science, assisted the department by assuming duties critical to the success of the program.
- **Pi Delta Phi Award** - French Honor Society is given to the senior who has contributed unselfishly to the chapter and has shown general excellence in French.

- **Modern Language Awards** are given to senior majors in French and Spanish who, in the judgment of the department, have shown outstanding achievement in the literature and language of their major.
- **Sigma Delta Pi Award** - Spanish Honor Society is given to the senior who has contributed unselfishly to the chapter and has shown general excellence in Spanish.
- **The Sigma Pi Sigma Award** is granted to the outstanding senior physics major of the graduating class, upon a vote of the department staff.
- **The International Studies Award** is awarded to the senior who has done outstanding work in International Studies.
- **The Carl Wagner Psychology Honors Award** recognizes distinguished participation in the psychology program.
- **The Alpha Gamma Psi Award** is given to the senior psychology major who has shown excellence in course work for four years.
- **The Political Science Award** is given to the outstanding senior majoring in political science.
- **The Thomas A. Augustine Award**, established by Rosella Augustine in memory of her brother, a former faculty member, is presented annually to a major in sociology, history, social science or journalism/ mass communication who is recommended by the appointed committee.
- **American Chemical Society Penn-York Section Excellence in Chemistry Award** is given to a senior who has demonstrated general excellence in chemistry.
- **American Institute of Chemists Award** is an award given to the senior who has maintained the highest rank in all the courses offered by the department of chemistry.
- **The Dr. Pierre R. Bretey Award** is presented to a senior student majoring in finance who attains the highest academic standing.
- **The John G. Watson Award for Business Leadership** is given to a senior who has attained a high cumulative academic index in the School of Business and has demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities.
- **The S. John Guson Award** is presented annually to the senior student majoring in accounting who, in the opinion of the faculty has made the greatest contribution to enhancing the program.
- **The Accounting Excellence Award** is given to an outstanding senior majoring in accounting.
- **The Y.S. Pandit Award** is given to a graduating student who, through industry and perseverance, exhibits a sense of responsibility to achieve excellence in the field of business administration and economics.
- **The New York State Society of CPAs Senior Award of Honor** is given to the senior who has achieved outstanding academic distinction in accounting.
- **The Outstanding Transfer Student in Accounting Award**
- **The Austin Finan Award in Finance** is presented to a senior student majoring in finance who shows academic excellence in finance.
- **The Dr. John H. Burns Award for Excellence in Finance** is awarded to a senior who maintains academic excellence in finance during his or her four years at the University and shows a commitment to the Franciscan spirit.
- **Award for Overall Excellence in Marketing.** The intent of the award is to recognize overall student excellence in marketing. The minimum requirements include senior standing with grade point average above 3.0, both overall and in marketing. The student should have successfully completed at least 45 credit hours at SBU and must show evidence of significant participation in extracurricular activities. The student should not be the recipient of another award for overall excellence in the School of Business.
- **Award for Overall Excellence in Management.** The intent of the award is to recognize overall student excellence in management. The minimum requirements include senior standing with grade point average above 3.0, both overall and in management. The student should have successfully completed at least 45 credit hours at SBU and must show evidence of significant participation in extracurricular activities. The student should not be the recipient of another award for overall excellence in the School of Business.
- **The HEOP Award** is given to the graduating senior who has made a significant contribution to the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), demonstrated exemplary academic achievement and contributed to the university community.