

Eileen Nelson Scholarship for Senior Excellence

The Eileen Nelson Scholarship honors the contributions of emeritus faculty member Eileen Nelson by recognizing a student who has exemplary involvement in the honors thesis program, vigor in research and service, excellence in academic achievement, and the intention to pursue graduate education in psychology. The scholarship provides financial assistance to the award winner during their senior year. This scholarship was made possible by the generous donations of the family and friends of Dr. Eileen Nelson. You can contribute to this fund by making a donation online.

2020 Award Recipient – Keiva Brannigan

Casey Mitschele Dorsey Scholarship

This scholarship recognizes a single student who has a record of exceptional experiences and performance among his or her peers. The award is made possible by the generous donations of JMU alumni, Casey M. Dorsey and her husband Jeffrey.

2020 Award Recipient – Jordan Gamache

James O. Benedict Senior Teaching Award

This award is named for faculty member James O. Benedict and honors a senior who has demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in higher education in the field of Psychology or who has served as a teaching assistant in Psychology while an undergraduate student. Once endowed, this award will become a scholarship and will provide funds annually to a deserving student.

2020 Award Recipient – Emma Denelsbeck

Joann H. Grayson Outstanding Field Placement Award

This award is given to students who distinguish themselves on the basis of their commitment, use of psychological theory, and professional performance.

2020 Award Recipient – Cassidy White

Jerry O. Haynes Memorial Award for Outstanding Seniors

This award is named after faculty member Jerry O. Haynes and honors graduating seniors who possess outstanding records of achievement in academics, service, and research.

2020 Award Recipient – Cassidy White

Joel D. West Senior Distinguished Service Award

This award recognizes seniors who reflect commitment to the field of psychology through their service activities.

2020 Award Recipient – Meshayla Lumpkin

Best Psychology Thesis Award

Each year the Department of Psychology faculty recognize one completed thesis project with this award.

2020 Award Recipient – Alyssa Williamson

Senior Award for Achievement in Research

This award is given to senior students who have demonstrated significant achievement in undergraduate research projects.

2020 Award Recipient – Cassidy White

Senior Award for Academic Achievement

This award is given to senior students who have demonstrated significant overall academic achievement in their undergraduate studies, especially in psychology.

2020 Award Recipient – Mira Gruber

James J. Hart Memorial Scholarship

This award is named after faculty member James J. Hart. For many years it has honored the outstanding performance among junior students. Donations to the James J. Hart Scholarship Fund were sufficient enough in 2010 to award the first James J. Hart Memorial Scholarship. The recipient of this award is an outstanding Junior psychology major who not only has high academic achievement, but also, through their activities and aspirations, demonstrates a commitment to improving the human condition.

2020 Award Recipient – Mallory Jungles

JMU Leadership and Service Scholarship

This scholarship provides financial assistance to a junior-level student who demonstrates, through their activities, the core leadership values of service, attitude, teamwork, and excellence. This scholarship is awarded to a student committed to serving the greater JMU Community and/or the Harrisonburg/Rockingham County communities.

2020 Award Recipient – Maria Castillo

LeAnn Whitlock Memorial Scholarship

This award recognizes distinguished academic performance and service to the university by a minority student whose talents, skills, and abilities enable them to enrich the JMU community. The scholarship was initiated by the Theta Nu Chapter of the Zeta Pi Beta Sorority in honor of psychology major LeAnn Whitlock, a student at James Madison University from Roanoke, Virginia who was abducted from the Valley Mall in Harrisonburg and murdered on January 5, 1990. The scholarship has been enabled through generous contributions of LeAnn's family and friends, psychology faculty, several sororities, and matching corporate funding.

2020 Award Recipient – Oda Reinert

Thomas E. & Sherry Woodroof Rogowski Scholarship

This scholarship recognizes a single student who has a record of exceptional experiences and performance from among her or his peers. The award is made possible by the generous donations of JMU alumni, Thomas E. & Sherry Woodroof Rogowski.

2020 Award Recipient – Rebecca Millson

Junior Award for Achievement in Research

This award is given to juniors who have demonstrated significant achievement in undergraduate research projects.

2020 Award Recipient – Madison Sarlo

Junior Award for Distinguished Service

This award is given to juniors who have demonstrated significant achievement in undergraduate service projects.

Not Awarded in 2020

Junior Award for Achievement in Teaching

This award is given to juniors who have demonstrated significant achievement serving as an undergraduate teaching assistant.

2020 Award Recipient – Caroline Abramowitz

Junior Award for Academic Achievement

This award is given to junior students who have demonstrated significant overall academic achievement in their undergraduate studies, and especially in psychology.

Not awarded in 2020

Outstanding Achievement in Statistics & Research Methods

This award is given to students who have shown significant talent in the methods courses through research creativity and diligence about good research design and data analysis strategies.

2020 Award Recipients – Nick Trusty, Evin Tunador, Katherine Bloom, Shannon Ledwith