COLLEGE-WIDE AWARDS AND PRIZES

(Awards and prizes are based upon seven semesters of completed work)

Rev. Francis A. O’Malley, SJ, Memorial Award is awarded to the member(s) of the graduating class who has achieved the highest cumulative average among students who have completed four years of study at Canisius College. This award is based on eight semesters of completed work and is announced at graduation.

Rev. James M. Demske, SJ, Scholastic Achievement Award is bestowed upon a senior(s) who has transferred to Canisius College and has completed at least 60 credit hours at Canisius. This student will have achieved an exceptionally high cumulative average while a student at Canisius. This award is based on all semesters of completed work at Canisius and is announced at graduation.

The Alumni Association Distinguished Senior Award is awarded to a senior(s) who has distinguished him/herself through leadership roles and service to the college.

ALANA Achievement Award is bestowed on a senior who exemplifies the Jesuit value of Magis through academic excellence, character, leadership and dedication to the Canisius community and to others.

The Campus Ministry Award is given to a graduating senior who has contributed to the Canisius College community through participation in the events and programs of Campus Ministry and who has taken a leadership role in faith and justice activities.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards are given to faculty members, students, or administrators whose lives and work best represent the ideals of Dr. King.

All-College Honors Program

Robert J. Butler Award for Leadership is awarded to the student(s) who has made particularly significant contributions to the All-College Honors Program.

Kristin M. Brady Award for Excellence in All-College Honors Thesis is awarded to the student who has written the best thesis that year.

Amy Betros Community Service Award. In the Jesuit spirit of “men & women for and with others,” this award is named for Amy Betros, who co-founded and co-directs St. Luke’s Mission of Mercy on the East Side of Buffalo, as it provides food, clothing, shelter, and tutoring for those in need.

John J. Hurley Award is awarded to the All-College Honors student graduating in the spring semester who best exemplifies the Jesuit values of academic excellence, leadership, and the promotion of justice. The award is named for the Canisius College president who was an outstanding All-College Honors student (Class of 1978) at Canisius and, since then, has exemplified the spirit of magis as a community leader, generous benefactor, and a tireless advocate of social justice.

Raichle Pre-Law Center

The Albert R. Mugel Award is presented annually by the Raichle Pre-Law Center. It is given to a senior intending to pursue a career in law and whose achievements, individual character and dedication to the welfare of the community best exemplify the career and ideals of Albert R. Mugel. Mr. Mugel was a member of the college’s Board of Trustees and worked tirelessly to enhance the Pre-Law Center and enhance its position in Western New York.

Urban Leadership Learning Community

The Lenore "Lee" Rosica Award for Outstanding Leadership and Service is presented to the Urban Leadership Learning Community senior who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service both at the college and in the wider community.

The Sebastian J. "Red" Rosica Award for Excellence in Academic Achievement is presented to the Urban Leadership Learning Community senior who has earned the highest GPA in their undergraduate career.

Women & Gender Studies Program

The I. Joan Lorch Award for Women’s Studies is awarded to a student who has made a significant contribution to promote women’s issues on the Canisius College campus through such activities as writing a newspaper series, performing committee work, or representing women’s issues on a governing body.