Academic Honors and Awards 2014

Saint Mary's College recognized the following graduates for their outstanding achievement in 2014.

**Academic Honors: Honors at Graduation**

**Summa Cum Laude**

A student must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.85 for all college work.

**Magna Cum Laude**

A student must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.70 for all college work.

**Cum Laude**

A student must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 for all college work.

To qualify for graduation with honors, transfer students must complete at least nine courses at Saint Mary’s with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50.

**Awards at Graduation**

Eligibility for candidacy for all commencement awards (Valedictorian, De La Salle, school or departmental awards) is determined by the cumulative and major grade point averages of all college work completed on March 1 of the year in which the student is scheduled to participate in the commencement exercises. The student must have filed a candidacy for graduation form with the Registrar’s Office no later than March 1.

**College Awards**

**Valedictorian: Justher Gutierrez**

Congratulations to Justher Gutierrez, Class of 2014 Valedictorian. Justher is an Engaged Learning Facilitator (ELF) with CILSA, is Co-Executive Commissioner of the Honors Program, active in the French Club, and a frequent contributor to The Collegian. She is hoping to give back to her community through her work with Americorps.

**De La Salle Award: Karen Trang**

An award named in honor of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, the founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, awarded annually by the College, in memory of J. A. Graves of the class of 1872, to the student in
the senior class holding the highest record for scholarship and general excellence. This is the highest honor award at Saint Mary’s College.

**George Robert Milliken Award: Justher Gutierrez**

This award recognizes a graduating senior who has exemplified the college values through action. This award honors a student who has epitomized “the best of leadership” within our community whose influence, ideals and involvement will leave a lasting positive impression on the college.

**School Awards**

James L. Hagerty Award (School of Liberal Arts): **Justher Gutierrez**

Arthur S. Campbell Award (School of Science): **Elliot Battle**

Brother U. Jerome Griffin Award (School of Economics and Business Administration): **Katherine Wahl**

**Departmental Awards**

Henry Rand Hatfield Award (Accounting): **Erik Buckalew**

Brother Kyran Aviani Award (Art): **Caitlyn Searles**

Margaret Mead Award (Anthropology): **Andrew Vonpinnon**

Carlos Freitas Award (Biology): **Chelsea Bradley**

Linus Pauling Award (Biochemistry): **Karen Trang**

Earl W. Smith Award (Business Administration): **Daniel Bailey**

Byron Bryant Award (Communication): **Justher Gutierrez**

Adam Smith Award (Economics): **Brandon Knaus**

Brother Leo Meehan Award (English and Drama): **Nicholas Anicich**

John Muir Award (Environmental and Earth Sciences and Studies): 

Julie A. Pryde Award (Allied Health Science Program): **Nathalie Lambrecht**

Professor Ben Frankel Award (History): **Stephanie Silva**

Saint Thomas Aquinas Award (Integral Program): **Shane Blunk**

Mens Sana In Corpore Sano (Kinesiology): **Zachary Roberts**

Alfred Fromm Award (Liberal and Civic Studies Program): **Anne Simmons**

Brother Alfred Brousseau Award (Mathematics and Computer Science): **Alexandra Choy**
Dante Award (Modern Languages): Nyssa Muheim

Louis LeFevre Award (Performing Arts):

St. Albertus Magnus Award (Philosophy): Evan Skenderien

Galileo Galilei Award (Physics and Astronomy): Elliot Battle

Thomas Jefferson Award (Politics): Sarah Woolston

Frederick Whelan Award (Psychology): Kristina Graven

Jane Addams Award (Sociology): Noe Andrews

John XXIII Award (Theology and Religious Studies): Alexandra Carroll

Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz Award (Women's and Gender Studies Program): Margaret Powers

George R. McKeon Scholar-Athlete Award (Awarded to one male and one female student, distinguished as both outstanding athletes and scholars).

  • Male Athlete: Justin Howard
  • Female Athlete: Kristina Graven