ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONOR SOCIETIES

Undergraduate Academic Awards

Academic Affairs

BRAMS Scholar Award
This award is presented annually to a graduating high school senior who is part of the Quinnipiac University/Betsy Ross Arts Magnet School Partnership. Award recipients are selected based on academic achievement.

President’s Scholarship Award
This award by the president of Quinnipiac goes to the student who has attained the highest scholastic standing in the graduating class and who has completed at least 90 credits at Quinnipiac.

Student Writing Awards
Quinnipiac University Writing Across the Curriculum recognizes exemplary student writing both in and across the disciplines. Students working in the arts, humanities, social sciences, communications, STEM, business, nursing and health sciences have received cash prizes, gift cards, and the honor of having their writing published in the Quinnipiac University Casebook, as published by the College of Arts and Sciences.

Alumni/Parent Relations

Alumni Association Academic Achievement Awards
At graduation, the Alumni Association presents an award to the honors student from each of the undergraduate schools who has attained the highest scholastic standing and who has completed 90 credits at QU. These awards are made possible by the Alumni Association National Board of Governors.

Alumni Chair Award
This award honors the graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, commitment to creating student awareness of the Alumni Association and facilitating increased interaction between alumni and students.

College of Arts and Sciences

Christopher Becker Memorial Prize in History
The History Department awards the Becker Prize to the graduating senior with the highest overall grade point average.

Beta Beta Beta Award
This award is presented to the graduating senior in the Department of Biological Sciences who is a member of the Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honor Society (Upsilon Chapter) and has attained the highest academic standing.

Cengage Law in Society Student Award
This award is given annually to two Law in Society students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and professional growth in the major, and who have contributed to the departmental culture of excellence.

College of Arts and Sciences Award for Special Achievement
This award is given to the graduating senior in the College of Arts and Sciences who has a record of exceptional achievement in the face of adversity. The award was established in honor of Morris Woskow, former professor of psychology and dean.

James Fickes Award for Excellence in Mathematics
This award is given to the senior mathematics major who has shown the greatest achievement and future promise as a mathematician, and who has demonstrated leadership both in and outside the classroom.

Barry Fritz Award in Psychology
This prize is given each spring to a senior in psychology who has completed an independent study project that is both creative and relevant. These two qualities characterized the research of Professor Barry Fritz, in whose honor the award was established. To be considered, the project must be completed by the fall of senior year, but also could be completed in previous years.

Joan Phillips Gordon Prize in Sociology
This award, in honor of Joan Phillips Gordon, former chair of the sociology department, is presented annually to a senior in sociology, social services, criminal justice or gerontology, who has demonstrated outstanding academic and leadership qualities.

The Lynne Gershenson Hodgson Prize in Gerontology
This award, in honor of Professor Emerita Lynne Gershenson Hodgson, former chair of the Department of Sociology, Criminal Justice and Anthropology, is presented annually to a senior gerontology major or a departmental major who has pursued interests related to the field of gerontology, and who has demonstrated outstanding academic and leadership qualities.

Legal Studies Book Award
This prize is given annually to the senior Law in Society student with the highest grade point average who has demonstrated exceptional ability in the major, and who has contributed to the departmental culture of excellence.

Outstanding Engagement in the Field of Anthropology
The Outstanding Engagement in the Field of Anthropology award is given to a graduating Quinnipiac senior who embodies and exemplifies the core values and ethos of the discipline. The award is given to a student who has sought opportunities to share their knowledge of the field with others, either through outreach, research or other forms of service; has incorporated anthropological lessons and ideas into their overall college experiences; and demonstrates the importance of learning with, and from, others.

Benjamin Page Award in Philosophy
This award, in honor of Professor Benjamin Page, who demonstrated extraordinary commitment to philosophy at Quinnipiac for more than 40 years, is given to the graduating student who has similarly contributed to upholding the value of philosophy at Quinnipiac.

R. Gordon Pauluccy Graduation Prize in Psychology
This award, established by the Pauluccy family, is made annually to the senior major in psychology who has the highest overall grade point average.

Political Science Best Senior Thesis Award
The political science faculty established this award to recognize graduating senior students in political science who have submitted outstanding as well as original theses.
Political Science Outstanding Senior Award
This award recognizes a senior in political science who has shown high academic achievement, made a significant contribution to campus life and/or shown excellent leadership qualities.

Ronald J. Quirk Spanish Writing Contest
The Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures sponsors an annual Spanish writing contest. Eligible students are junior or senior Spanish majors who write an essay in Spanish, which is judged by departmental professors. The first- and second-place winners are honored at the College of Arts and Sciences award dinner with a commendation and a monetary prize.

The Matt Rafferty Memorial Economics Department Student Achievement Award
This award is given to the student majoring in economics who has shown outstanding academic achievement and contributed significantly to the department.

Rachel Ranis Prize in Social Justice
This award, conferred in recognition of Professor Ranis, is presented to a senior in sociology, social services, criminal justice or gerontology, who has demonstrated a passion for social justice.

Alice B. Remail Memorial Award
This award is presented to the graduating student majoring in English with the highest academic record and is given in memory of a distinguished member of the department.

Aurea C. Schoonmaker Spanish Award
In honor of Professor Aurea C. Schoonmaker’s 43 years of exemplary teaching at Quinnipiac University, this prize is awarded to the senior Spanish major with the highest grade point average.

Senior Service Prize in Criminal Justice
This award is presented to the senior criminal justice major who exhibits extraordinary service to the program, campus life and community.

Alfred P. Stiernotte Memorial Prize
This award is presented to the graduating student who has earned distinction in the study of philosophy.

Orville J. Sweeting Memorial Chemistry Award
This award, in memory of Orville J. Sweeting, former faculty member and Quinnipiac provost, is presented to a graduating senior who has exhibited outstanding achievement in both the academic and senior research setting in chemistry or biochemistry.

School of Business
Award for Academic Excellence - Bachelor of Business Administration
This award is presented to a graduating Bachelor of Business Administration student who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement in the program.

Bellizzi-McMullen Leadership Award
The Bellizzi-McMullen Leadership Award is named in memory of Professor Emeritus Frank Bellizzi and Professor Emeritus Ron McMullen, who are together recognized for their dedication and passion in cultivating the leadership skills of Quinnipiac students. Well loved by students and faculty, Professors Bellizzi and McMullen embodied the values they taught – emotional intelligence and compassion for others. This award is given each year to a senior Management student who exhibits the qualities consistent with these values. This award recognizes students who demonstrate emotional intelligence and compassion in leadership roles, on campus or in the community, and superior academic performance.

Biomedical Marketing Department Student Achievement Award
This award is presented to a graduating student exhibiting outstanding scholarship, independent creativity and extracurricular activities directly related to biomedical marketing.

Computer Information Systems Outstanding Senior Award
This award is presented to an outstanding Computer Information Systems senior in recognition of academic excellence and student leadership.

Entrepreneurship Student Achievement Award
This award is presented to the senior entrepreneurship major who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in entrepreneurial activities and academic performance.

Finance Department Outstanding Senior Award
This award is presented to a graduating senior for academic achievement in finance.

International Business Award
This award is given to a graduating senior in international business for demonstrating academic excellence and professional qualities within the international business program.

Ronald Marangell Award
This award is presented to an outstanding graduating accounting major in memory of Ronald Marangell, a former Quinnipiac accounting student.

Marketing Department Student Achievement Award
This award is presented to a student possessing expertise in marketing who has made contributions to the field and the marketing department.

Edward J. Scannell Prize
This award, in memory of a former trustee, is given to two graduating business students who have demonstrated outstanding citizenship.

School of Communications
Outstanding Achievement in Advertising and Integrated Communications
This award is presented to a graduating senior from the School of Communications in the advertising and integrated communications program, who has shown high academic achievement, made significant contributions to the program, campus life and/or has shown excellent leadership qualities on campus.

Outstanding Achievement in Film, Television and Media Arts (BA)
This award is presented to a graduating senior from the School of Communications in the film, television and media arts bachelor of arts program, who has shown high academic achievement, made significant contributions to the program, campus life and/or has shown excellent leadership qualities on campus.

Outstanding Achievement in Film, Television and Media Arts (BFA)
This award is presented to a graduating senior from the School of Communications in the film, television and media arts bachelor of fine arts program, who has shown high academic achievement, made significant contributions to the program, campus life and/or has shown excellent leadership qualities on campus.
Outstanding Achievement in Graphic and Interactive Design
This award is presented to a graduating senior from the School of Communications in the graphic and interactive design program, who has shown high academic achievement, made significant contributions to the program, campus life and/or has shown excellent leadership qualities on campus.

Outstanding Achievement in Journalism
This award is presented to a graduating senior from the School of Communications in the journalism program who has shown high academic achievement, made significant contributions to the program, campus life and/or shown excellent leadership qualities on campus.

Outstanding Achievement in Media Studies
This award is presented to a graduating senior from the School of Communications in the media studies program who has shown academic achievement, made significant contributions to the program, campus life and/or shown excellent leadership qualities on campus.

Outstanding Achievement in Public Relations
This award is presented to a graduating senior from the School of Communications in the public relations program, who has shown high academic achievement, made significant contributions to the program, campus life and/or has shown excellent leadership qualities on campus.

Overall Achievement Award
This award is presented to a graduating senior from the School of Communications who has shown high academic achievement, made significant contributions to the program, campus life and/or shown excellent leadership qualities on campus.

School of Engineering
Outstanding Achievement in Civil Engineering
This award is presented to the outstanding civil engineering senior in recognition of academic excellence and student leadership.

Outstanding Achievement in Computer Science
This award is presented to the outstanding computer science senior in recognition of academic excellence and student leadership.

Outstanding Achievement in Industrial Engineering
This award is presented to the outstanding industrial engineering senior in recognition of academic excellence and student leadership.

Outstanding Achievement in Mechanical Engineering
This award is presented to the outstanding mechanical engineering senior in recognition of academic excellence and student leadership.

Outstanding Achievement in Software Engineering
This award is presented to the outstanding software engineering senior in recognition of academic excellence and student leadership.

School of Health Sciences
Biomedical Sciences Achievement Award
This award is given each year to a senior majoring in biomedical sciences who has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement and who has contributed significantly through service to the Quinnipiac community and to the greater community beyond the university.

Diagnostic Medical Sonography Achievement Award
This award is given each year to a senior majoring in diagnostic medical sonography who has shown exceptional academic achievement and who has contributed significantly to the department.

Health Science Studies BS Degree Completion Program Achievement Award
This award recognizes a graduating senior from the part-time, online, Health Science BS-Completion Program who has shown exceptional academic achievement.

Health Science Studies Student Achievement Award
This award is given each year to a senior majoring in health science studies who has shown exceptional academic achievement and has contributed to the program, school or university.

Microbiology and Immunology Student Achievement Award
This award is presented annually to a senior microbiology and immunology major who has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement, and who has contributed significantly to the understanding, promotion and advancement of microbiology and immunology.

Occupational Therapy Academic Achievement Award
This award recognizes a graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding academic work in all aspects of the curriculum while demonstrating distinguished contributions to occupational therapy department.

Occupational Therapy Service Leadership Award
This award recognizes a graduating senior who has demonstrated distinguished service in the university and the greater community that exemplifies the values of the occupational therapy profession.

Ryan J. O’Neil Entry-Level Master’s Physician Assistant Award
This award is presented to the senior Entry-Level Master’s Physician Assistant (ELMPA) student who has most exemplified leadership, academic excellence, a cooperative attitude and the strength of character of a future health care professional. The award is in memory of Ryan J. O’Neil, a former ELMPA student.

Harold Potts Memorial Physical Therapy Award
The award, given in memory of Harold Potts, former chairman, professor and founder of the physical therapy program at Quinnipiac, is presented from the faculty to an undergraduate third- or fourth-year physical therapy student, who will be entering into the graduate program in the coming year, who has demonstrated academic and leadership excellence, as well as exemplary service to the program, community and has the potential for exemplary service to the profession.

Radiologic Sciences Student Achievement Award
This award is given each year to a graduating senior majoring in radiologic sciences who has shown exceptional academic achievement and who has contributed significantly to the department.

Joseph J. Woods, PhD, Athletic Training/Sports Medicine Outstanding Student Award
This award is given to a senior athletic training student in good academic standing that emulates the legacy Joseph J. Woods, PhD, set forth by putting others first. This student has demonstrated leadership qualities, commitment to community service, good mentorship and outstanding character. This student has made a meaningful impact to the Athletic Training and Sports Medicine Program, the School of Health Sciences or the Quinnipiac community at large.

School of Nursing
Holistic Nursing Practice Award
This award recognizes clinical excellence and exceptional potential in the discipline of nursing. It is presented to the senior nursing student.
who has demonstrated a strong commitment to the unity of body, mind, emotion and spirit in the delivery of health care.

Keiser Foundation Student Loan Repayment Award
The Keiser Foundation Award is presented after graduation to two nursing students at the undergraduate or graduate level. Preference will be given to U.S. veterans. The students are chosen based upon financial need, merit and extracurricular commitment in the health care field.

Benjamin and Juliette Trewin Award for Academic Excellence in Nursing
This award recognizes academic excellence and exceptional potential in the discipline of nursing. It is presented to a nursing student with the highest overall grade point average. The award is supported by the Benjamin and Juliette Trewin Memorial Endowed Fund, which was established for the nursing program by Estelle Trewin Beecher in memory of her parents.

Benjamin and Juliette Trewin Award for Professional Leadership in Nursing
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Student Affairs
Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Distinguished Service Award
This award recognizes a graduating senior who has contributed significantly to the spiritual, religious and moral welfare of the Catholic community at Quinnipiac.

Outstanding Senior Award
This award is given to a graduating senior who has at least a 3.25 GPA, is in good standing with the university and has sustained engagement in a student organization, program or cause on campus or in the community over their Quinnipiac career; evidenced learning through the achievement of multiple personal or professional goals; developed excellent collaboration skills; and demonstrated dedication and impact in the university and surrounding communities.

Outstanding Student Affairs Leadership Award
This award is given to a graduating undergraduate Quinnipiac student who has achieved at least a 3.25 GPA, is in good standing with the university and has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities; worked closely with university staff on at least one project, program or initiative; exhibited a cooperative attitude; and measurably improved the student experience at Quinnipiac.

H. Pearce Family Community Leadership Award
This award is given to a senior who has best exemplified the spirit of volunteer community service while at Quinnipiac University.

Philip Troup Achievement Prize
In honor of the first president of Quinnipiac, this prize is given to a graduating senior who has contributed most to the welfare of Quinnipiac through strength of character and qualities of leadership.

Graduate Academic Awards
Academic Awards
Faculty Award for Academic Excellence
These awards recognize students who have distinguished themselves for both outstanding academic achievement and contributions to the program, as determined by the faculty.
  • Master of Business Administration
  • Master of Science in Accounting
  • Master of Science in Business Analytics
  • Master of Science in Cybersecurity
  • Master of Science in Interactive Media and Communications
  • Master of Science in Journalism
  • Master of Science in Organizational Leadership
  • Master of Science in Public Relations
  • Master of Science in Sports Journalism

Academic Excellence Awards
These awards recognize the outstanding academic achievement of graduate students who have completed their programs of study. In the opinion of the program directors, these students have excelled in all phases (didactic and/or clinical/laboratory) of their graduate education.
  • Doctor of Nursing Practice
  • Entry-Level Master of Occupational Therapy
  • Master of Health Science/Advanced Medical Imaging and Leadership
  • Master of Health Science/Biomedical Sciences
  • Master of Health Science/Physician Assistant
  • Master of Health Science/Radiologist Assistant
  • Master of Science in Molecular and Cell Biology
  • Master of Science in Nursing
  • Master of Social Work

School of Health Sciences
Gaylord Specialty Healthcare Scholarship Award
This award is given by Gaylord Hospital to two third-year graduate physical therapy students. The award recognizes students who have exemplified Gaylord Hospital’s five values: integrity, compassion, accountability, respect and excellence. These values are the foundation in helping Gaylord provide and achieve the dedicated caring service that has become the hallmark of its employee philosophy.

Dr. Kenneth V. Kaloustian Award
This award is given to a second-year graduate student in the pathologists’ assistant program. This award recognizes outstanding performance in both academic and clinical areas of study. The individual is chosen based on high moral character, leadership qualities and a significant contribution to both the program and to Quinnipiac University.

Post-Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy Achievement Award
This award is given each year to a doctoral student who has completed their program of study and who has demonstrated academic and leadership excellence and the potential for exemplary service to the profession.

William B. Shaffer Jr. Award
The cardiovascular perfusion program presents this award to a graduate student who has exhibited outstanding performance in both academic
and clinical areas of study. The individual is chosen based on high moral character, leadership qualities and a significant contribution to both the program and to Quinnipiac University.

Mark F. Tantorski Memorial Award
In memory of Mark F. Tantorski, a 1980 graduate of the physical therapy program, an award is made to a third-year graduate student in physical therapy who has exhibited academic excellence, high moral character and leadership qualities and, through co-curricular activities in the area of physical therapy, has added to their professional growth.

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Undergraduate Honor Societies
College of Arts and Sciences
Alpha Kappa Delta
Alpha Kappa Delta is an international sociology honor society designed to stimulate scholarship and promote the scientific study of society.

Alpha Psi Omega
Alpha Psi Omega recognizes excellence in all areas of theater study and production. Membership is based on cumulative grade point average and achievement during the university main stage theater production season in the areas of performance, technical production and theater administration.

Lambda Epsilon Chi
Lambda Epsilon Chi is the national honor society for Law in Society students and recognizes those students who have demonstrated superior academic performance in a legal studies program.

Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society
The Quinnipiac chapter runs events on campus for students interested in history. The chapter sponsors trips to historical sites and museums as well as regional and national history conferences. Students are eligible to join if they have Quinnipiac credit for at least four college-level history courses. Three of the history courses must be completed at QU. Students need a 3.0 GPA overall and a 3.1 in history courses.

Phi Sigma Biological Honors Society
The Phi Sigma Biological Sciences Honor Society is a national honor society that promotes research and academic excellence in the biological sciences. Undergraduate students are invited to become members if they have achieved junior status, are in the top 30 percent of their class and are actively engaged in, or have participated in research at Quinnipiac University under the direct supervision of a Quinnipiac faculty member in an area related to the biological sciences.

Phi Sigma Tau
Phi Sigma Tau is the International Honor Society in Philosophy. Students in all schools of the university who have taken two or more philosophy courses and maintained a GPA of 3.33 or higher in both their philosophy courses and their overall GPA are eligible for induction into Phi Sigma Tau.

Pi Sigma Alpha
Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, is the only honor society for college students of political science and government in the U.S. The political science program annually nominates juniors and seniors who have excelled both in political science and their overall coursework. Its purpose is to stimulate scholarship and intelligent interest in political science, and to honor political science majors and minors who display leadership and academic achievement.

Psi Chi
Psi Chi is the international psychology honor society, founded for the purposes of recognizing and promoting excellence in the science and application of psychology.

Sigma Delta Pi
Sigma Delta Pi, the national honor society in Spanish, honors students who attain excellence in the study of the Spanish language and the literatures and cultures of Spanish-speaking people. To be considered for membership in Sigma Delta Pi, a student must: be a junior, have a GPA of 3.2 overall, maintain a GPA of 3.2 in all Spanish courses, and have completed 18 credits in Spanish at the 200 level or above, including two semesters of advanced Spanish language courses as well as an advanced course in Hispanic literature or culture.

Sigma Phi Omega
Sigma Phi Omega, the national academic honor society in gerontology, recognizes the excellence of those who study gerontology/aging. The society seeks to promote scholarship, professionalism, friendship and services to older persons, and to recognize exemplary achievement in gerontology/aging studies and related fields.

Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society
Sigma Tau Delta's central purpose is to confer distinction upon students of the English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate and professional studies. Our members have the opportunity to be recognized for their outstanding achievements, enrich their education and advance their careers.

School of Business
Beta Alpha Psi
Beta Alpha Psi is an honorary organization for financial information students and professionals. Membership is open to accounting majors
and is based on cumulative grade point average and achievement in accounting courses.

**Beta Gamma Sigma**
Beta Gamma Sigma is the National Business Honor Society. Only schools of business accredited by AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, may have a chapter of this society. Membership is by invitation only and invitees must be in the top 10 percent of their class.

**Financial Management Association International—National Honor Society**
The FMA National Honor Society recognizes scholastic achievement of students who have demonstrated superior scholarship. Individuals accepted for membership have the distinction of belonging to the only honorary society that specifically recognizes the achievement of finance majors who demonstrate expertise in finance and financial decision making.

**School of Communications**
**Lambda Pi Eta**
Lambda Pi Eta is the National Communication Association's official honor society. Quinnipiac's Tau Delta chapter seeks to recognize, foster and reward outstanding scholastic achievement; stimulate interest in the field of communication; promote and encourage professional development; provide an opportunity to discuss and exchange ideas in the field of communication; promote closer relationships between faculty and students; and explore options for graduate education in communication studies.

**School of Engineering**
**Eta Pi**
Eta Pi is the School of Engineering's honor society for engineering majors. Its goal is to recognize those who have conferred honor upon their alma mater by distinguished scholarship and exemplary character as students in engineering or by their attainments as alumni in the field of engineering. Student membership is based on scholastic performance and exemplary character.

**School of Health Sciences**
**Alpha Eta Honor Society**
Alpha Eta is the national honor society that recognizes scholarship and academic achievement of health professions students enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs.

**School of Nursing**
**Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing**
Tau Rho is the Quinnipiac University chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. The mission of this honor society is to advance world health and celebrate nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership and service. Membership is by invitation to undergraduate and graduate students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship and academics.

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**Graduate Honor Societies**

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**School of Business**
**Beta Gamma Sigma**
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