

# Honors and Awards

May graduates, regardless of participation in the ceremony are eligible for awards at commencement. October and December graduates, regardless of when or if they participate in a commencement ceremony, are eligible for awards in the May following completion of their degree requirements. In order to be eligible for any award at the college the student must be in good standing with regard to citizenship, as determined by the Student Development Office, and academically, as determined by the Office of the Dean.

## *Graduation Honors*

Students graduate cum laude, magna cum laude, or summa cum laude according to the following minimum requirements:

- cum laude: cumulative grade point average of 3.50 to 3.64 at the time of graduation
- magna cum laude: cumulative grade point average of 3.65 to 3.79 at the time of graduation
- summa cum laude: cumulative grade point average of 3.80 or higher at the time of graduation

## *Dean's List*

At the end of the fall and spring terms, the college publicly recognizes those undergraduate students who have distinguished themselves through their superior academic achievement by placing their names on the Dean's List. To qualify, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.50 or better while carrying a minimum of twelve credits in graded courses. Courses graded pass/fail may not be included as part of the twelve credits. Full time nursing students enrolled in NUR clinical courses may also be considered for the Dean's List.

## *Alpha Chi Award*

This award is given to a graduating Alpha Chi student who, in the opinion of the members of Alpha Chi, best exemplifies the ideals of the society – truth and character – through work at the college in support of chapter activities.

## *Barbara Johnson Stearns Award*

Established in honor of a member of the Class of 1932, this award honors a member of the senior class, who has demonstrated exemplary leadership and dedication to the college community.

## *Capstone Experience Awards*

The capstone experience differs from major to major, but its purpose is to ensure that all seniors demonstrate their accumulated knowledge through action and effectively communicate their knowledge and actions to others in an interdisciplinary setting.

## *Student Commencement Speaker*

Seniors, faculty and staff nominate students to give the Student Commencement Address. A selection committee reviews drafts of speeches submitted by the nominated students. A medallion is presented to the senior who represents the character of the graduating class and will give an inspirational and engaging speech that represents the college's values and learning outcomes.