

To recognize the work of our graduating Bachelors students, many programs and academic departments offer awards for which no application is required and is selected by the faculty in each program. Details of each award are listed below:

Academic Excellence Award for Human Services and Community Justice

The “Academic Excellence Award for Human Services and Community Justice” is a prestigious recognition presented to a student who has demonstrated exceptional scholarly academic achievements within the Department of Counseling and Human Services. This award celebrates the recipient's outstanding academic achievements, commitment to excellence, and dedication to the principles of counseling and human services.

Albert Elias Memorial Award

This award was established in memory of Professor Albert Elias by his family and the Department of Law, Police Science and Criminal Justice Administration. An expert in correctional studies, Professor Elias pioneered guided group interaction as an intervention to rehabilitate juvenile delinquents. The award is presented to a graduating Correction Officer with the highest cumulative GPA.

Alex Smith Award for Excellence in Criminology

The Department of Sociology established this award in honor of Professor Emeritus Alex Smith, one of the founders of John Jay College. The award is given to a graduating senior with the highest GPA in the Criminology major.

Alexander Joseph Memorial Award

In honor of Alexander Joseph, the first Chairman of the Science Department, this award is granted to a graduating senior who has the highest GPA in Forensic Science with plans to attend graduate school.

The Angeline Butler Social Justice Leadership Award

The Angeline Butler Social Justice Leadership Award recognizes one outstanding graduating student who demonstrates exceptional commitment to community advocacy, community service, community engagement, community leadership, and/or community education related to social justice and civil rights. This award aims to honor one graduating student selected by the Africana Studies faculty who actively work to address systemic issues and empower their communities, embodying the spirit and values of Angeline Butler.

Anne Schreiber Memorial Award

This award was established by Associate Registrar Emerita Jennie Gisses in memory of her sister Anne. It is given to a graduating senior who has made marked progress in English as a second language. The director of the Center for the English Language Support selects the award winner.

Arthur & Elaine Neiderhoffer Award

This award is given to an undergraduate in memory of Professor Arthur Niederhoffer (Faculty 1967- 81), a distinguished sociology scholar and author of *Behind the Shield*, the classic text in its field. This award is given to a promising senior in Forensic Psychology or Criminal Justice, who has strong research interest and plans to attend graduate school.

Bernard Locke Award

The Department of Psychology established this award in memory of Bernard Locke, Professor of Psychology and former Dean of Students. This award is presented to a graduating senior for outstanding achievement in Psychology.

Brother Wagner Award

The Department of Law, Police Science and Criminal Justice Administration, the Wagner family, and the Order of Christian Brothers established this award in memory of Brother Robert Wagner, Christian Brother, professor, and advocate for the rehabilitation of adolescent offenders. The award is given to the graduating senior with the highest GPA in the correctional studies minor. The Registrar's Office identifies candidates and the faculty of the Department of Law, Police Science and Criminal Justice Administration selects the award winner.

Collective Spirit Award for Collaborative Work in Gender Justice

This award celebrates the achievements of students' collaborative work in activism, scholarship, and education for gender justice. Honoring the spirit of the Combahee River Collective, the award recognizes the work of knowledge and power that is shared and enjoyed by the communities that build it.

Criminal Justice Distinguished Award

This award is given to the graduating student or students with the highest GPA in the Criminal Justice BA program.

CUNY BA/BS Distinguished Scholar Award

Upon graduation, one award is given to a CUNY/BA and one to a CUNY/BS student with the highest GPA.

Donald and Leah Riddle Scholarship Award

Established in memory of John Jay College's second President and his wife Leah, this award is given to the graduating senior with the highest GPA in the Criminal Justice BS major. Dr. and Mrs. Riddle believed strongly in the importance of critical and analytical course content for law enforcement officers. After succeeding the College's first President, Dr. Riddle introduced courses in languages and the humanities to the curriculum.

Donald Hoffman Memorial Reward

The Department of Sciences established this award in memory of Donald Hoffman, professor of Toxicology. This award is given to the graduating senior who has demonstrated academic excellence in the Toxicology major.

Dorothy and Solomon Bohigian Operations Research Award

This award, established by Professor Emeritus Haig Bohigian to honor the memory of his parents, recognizes the graduating senior who has best demonstrated excellence and originality in Operations Research.

Elaine Noel Award

The Department of Psychology established this award in 1999 in memory of Elaine Noel, who served as the Psychology Department Secretary from 1980 to 1996. The award is given to the Forensic Psychology student with an excellent record in the program who has made a special contribution to the John Jay College community.

Excellence in the Biological Sciences Award

The Department of Sciences established this award for a graduating senior who has demonstrated academic excellence in the Cell and Molecular Biology major.

Field Practicum Star Award

The Field Practicum Star Award is a distinguished accolade presented to a student who has exhibited exceptional dedication, proficiency, and impact during their field placement internship within the Department of Counseling and Human Services. This award celebrates the recipient's outstanding performance in the practical application of human services and community justice principles.

Harold Sullivan Award in Law and Society

This award is presented to a graduating senior majoring in Law & Society who most demonstrates academic excellence in the major.

Herbert L. Erlanger Wellness Award

Established by Professor Jane Katz in memory of her husband Herbert L. Erlanger, this award is given to a graduating senior who has been a member of a John Jay varsity team and has demonstrated wellness in lifestyle, sportsmanship and team spirit, outstanding individual sports achievement, and a commitment to public service.

History Department Award

This award is given to a graduating senior in the Global History major with the best senior paper and the highest GPA in major classes.

Humanities and Justice Award

This award is given to a graduating senior whose prospectus and senior thesis represent the highest standards of research in the study of justice as a humanistic discipline.

Interdisciplinary Studies Award

Established by the faculty and alumni of the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, this award is presented to a graduating senior who has demonstrated not only academic excellence but also the ability to integrate the department's various disciplines into some common understanding of the human condition. The faculty and alumni of the department select the winner.

International Criminal Justice Excellence Award

This award is given to two graduating seniors in the International Criminal Justice major who have the highest cumulative GPA.

Jerome Metzner Award in Forensic Science

The Department of Sciences established this award in memory of Jerome Metzner, professor of biology. This award is given to the graduating senior who has demonstrated academic excellence in the Forensic Science major.

Juan Antonio Soto Scholarship Award for Excellence in Spanish

Established by Dr. Liliana Soto-Fernandez and Dr. Catherine Rovira of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, this award is given to a graduating senior with a minor in Spanish who holds the highest GPA.

Lawrence J. Kaplan Humanities Award

Established by Professor Emeritus of Economics Lawrence J. Kaplan, the award is presented to a graduating senior who has shown excellence in the study of the humanities. Winners are nominated and selected by faculty members, with the participation of Professor Kaplan.

Outstanding Graduate in English

This award is given to an exemplary graduating senior in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and leadership in the English Department.

Petra Shattuck Prize for Distinction in Political Science

The Department of Political Science established this award in memory of Professor Petra Shattuck, whose most significant work centered on the civil rights of Native Americans. The award is given to a graduating senior who has demonstrated academic excellence and distinction in the Political Science Major.

Phillip Gisses Award

This award was established by Associate Registrar Emerita Jennie Gisses in memory of her husband. It is given to the graduating senior who either is a member of the New York City Fire Department or has the highest GPA in the Fire Science major. The Department of Public Management faculty selects the award winner.

Philosophy Department Graduation Award

This award is given to a graduating philosophy major each year in recognition of excellence in scholarship and service to the philosophical community at John Jay College.

Richard Henry Hommel Award

The Richard Henry Hommel Award was established by alumnus Richard W. Hommel in memory of his son. The award is given to a graduating senior who has made an outstanding contribution to theatrical performances at the College. The faculty of the English Department selects the award winner.

Robert S. Morrow Prize (UGRD)

The Department of Psychology established this award in memory of Professor Robert S. Morrow, the first coordinator of the Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology Program. The award is given to one or more graduating seniors who have demonstrated academic excellence in the Forensic Psychology major.

Ruth S. Lefkowitz Mathematics Prize

This prize was established by Charles S. Lefkowitz in honor of his wife, Professor Emerita Ruth S. Lefkowitz, former chairperson of the Department of Mathematics. The award is presented to a graduating senior for outstanding academic performance in the Computer Science & Information Systems major.