Alpha Delta Nu (Nursing) Awards

Students need to receive a B or higher in all nursing courses, have a cumulative GPA (Grade Point Average) of 3.0 or above and exhibit professionalism on and off campus.

David K. Hill Memorial Scholarship Award

Awarded to a student enrolled in mathematics and science courses with a 3.5 GPA (Grade Point Average) or above that is intending to pursue a bachelor's in science degree or the equivalent and is engaged in the community through community service or student activities. The selection is made by the Educational Foundation Board of Directors, Scholarship and Award Committee.

Engineering Pathways

Engineering Pathways is a cohort-based experience. Students enrolled in the program work through the foundational courses together, in sequence. As such, all technical coursework in the plan of study must be completed for a grade while enrolled in the program – this includes mathematics, physics, computer science, chemistry, and engineering/major-specific coursework. Prior credit, including through AP and dual enrollment, may not be used to satisfy technical coursework requirements for the program. Students will work with Engineering Pathways advisors in Grainger Engineering to select appropriate major-specific technical courses and Gen Eds or other electives to round out the plan of study to meet the AES requirements.

Excellence in the Discipline Awards

Students are chosen for exemplifying excellence within the discipline, distinguishing themselves in at least two of the following four areas: scholarship, research, performance, or service. They must have completed a minimum of 6 credit hours at Harper in the discipline by the end of spring semester and be receiving a degree or certificate by the end of the academic year. Students must have a minimum GPA (Grade Point Average) of 3.2 (on a 4.0 scale) within the discipline for which they are being nominated and no less than a 2.0 cumulative GPA (Grade Point Average).

Global Scholar Distinction

The Global Scholar Distinction is a graduation honor designed to promote, acknowledge, and reward individual students' real, life-changing growth during their studies at Harper College. A student who earns the Global Scholar Distinction will meet the following requirements: a) Grade of C or better in 12 hours of interdisciplinary academic coursework; b) Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA (Grade Point Average); c) Complete the Abstract and Prospectus of the project proposal; d) Capstone project.

Honors Program Graduates

To be eligible to be an Honors Program Graduate, students must do four things: a) amass a cumulative total of twelve hours of Honors credit; this usually amounts to four Honors courses; b) take our Honors Colloquium (HUM/HST 105) course somewhere along the way; c) maintain an overall Harper grade point average of 3.25; d) graduate with an Associate's degree.

James Brown Memorial Honors Scholar Transfer Award

Basic Qualification(s): To qualify a student must be an Honors Program member and ready to transfer at the end of the Spring/Summer semester. Students do not need to apply for this award. Instead, they may be nominated by one of their Honors course instructors or one of the Honors Program Coordinators. Each year, the selected student will have demonstrated excellence in the classroom, especially in Honors courses, and will have contributed to the Honors Program beyond the classroom as well.

James J. McGrath Award

The James McGrath Award was started by former Harper College President, James McGrath as a tribute to those special people who have unselfishly given time, effort, and funds to uphold the excellence of the institution. The McGrath Award has been awarded to 34 recipients since its inception in 1986.

Motorola Solutions Foundation Awards for Excellence

Awarded to a student studying engineering, information technology or public service with a 3.5 GPA (Grade Point Average) or above, achievements in community service, and 3 letters of recommendation. The selection is made by the Educational Foundation Board of Directors, Scholarship and Award Committee.

Phi Theta Kappa All Phi-Phi Awards

All Phi Phi students are those who have excelled in their service to the Phi Phi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. Some are officers, some are leaders on our extended projects, some have presented at conferences or Induction Ceremonies, but all have put in the work that makes our chapter active, vibrant, and successful.

Phi Theta Kappa All Illinois Awards

To be nominated to the All-Illinois Academic Team, a student must first be nominated to Phi Theta Kappa's All-USA Academic Team. Two students are selected from a pool of excellent applicants. Typically, All-Illinois Academic Team members have superb GPA's (Grade Point Average) as well as a record of service and activity in the chapter. In addition, students must describe one impressive endeavor and submit a letter of recommendation addressing that endeavor.

The Professor Powell and Larry Moats Extra Five Minutes Faculty Award

Each year the Provost invites recent Harper graduates (degreed and have completed 45 credits or more at Harper) to write back to us about a Harper staff and/or faculty member who "Made A Difference" for them. The winner is chosen by a selection committee of students who are members of Student Government who read all letters, discuss the applicants, and select the one who they felt made the largest impact on student(s) at Harper College and fulfilled the spirit of Larry Moats by going above and beyond giving them the extra time and made a difference in their lives.

Social Justice Studies Graduation Distinction

This distinction is earned by students who complete 12 or more credit hours of specialized social justice themed course sections that focus on imagining, analyzing, and achieving justice. In addition, students complete a capstone project that provides the opportunity to reflect on, apply, and demonstrate what was learned in the Social Justice Studies coursework.

4.0 Grade Point Graduates

To be eligible for this distinction, students must have completed 45 credit hours at Harper College, have a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 and graduate either the spring or summer 2021 semester with an Associate Degree.