

William Wallace Memorial Scholarship Award



The late Dr. William A. Wallace served on the Marshall University Graduate Counseling faculty in Huntington, WV from 1967 until his retirement in 1994. During his long tenure at the University, Dr. Wallace was known by his students and colleagues as a dedicated professor and advisor, accomplished writer, and inspirational leader. As a scholar, he was the author of two counseling texts and co-author of a third. His contributions as an exemplary leader are chronicled by his years of service as a professor and program chair, author of the 1985 CACREP accreditation self-study, and charter membership in the MU Upsilon Chapter of the Chi Sigma Iota Honorary society. In recognition of these and many other accomplishments, the Counseling Program Training Laboratory was named in his honor on December 6, 2008. Shortly thereafter his wife, Lois F. Wallace, founded the “William A. Wallace Memorial Scholarship” which is awarded each year to the graduate student who best demonstrates scholarly accomplishment and program service. The list of recipients to date are listed below. .

2008	Alan Cole
2009	Rebecca Harshbarger
2010	Stephanie Roush
2011	Eric Gumm
2012	Tyler Burns
2013	Nicholas Dunbar
2014	Kaitlyn Nida
2015	Lisa Otten
2016	Elena Goldblum

2017 Katie Pennington
2018 Sabrina McCauley
2019 Hannah Karr
2020 No Award Given (COVID-19)
2021 Samantha Lose
2023 Emily Barnard
2024 Allison McClure
2025 Tiffany Okieme

Manford Sonstegard Award



History: The Manford Sonstegard Award was established some time in the 1980s; exact date is unknown. The award is in memory of Dr. Manford Sonstegard, who died in 2009 at the age of 97. Dr. Manford Sonstegard studied directly under Rudolf Dreikurs and taught as an Adlerian theorist at Marshall University (then the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies; COGS) for many, many years. Sonste, as he was known, was awarded the first *professor emeritus* honor from COGS, and was fond of helping any graduate student in need, sometimes beyond the call of duty. Some of our current professors remember *their* professors describing sleeping at Dr. Sonstegard's home as displaced graduate students. Sonste mentored many of our program's current professors, including Dr. Bob Rubenstein and Dr. Carol Smith. Sonste is known worldwide for his pioneering work with adolescents and children, especially through group work.

Criteria: The recipient of the Manford Sonstegard Award shall be a Counseling student based on the South Charleston campus of Marshall University in the College of Education and Professional Development. The professors of the Counseling Program shall select the recipient on an annual basis in the Spring semester each year. The award is for outstanding academic accomplishments in the field of counseling.

Recipients:

2025: Chioma Nwabufoh
2024: Natalie Reider
2023: None awarded

2022: None awarded
2021: None awarded
2020: Brittany McAdoo
2019: None awarded
2018: Ashley Somerville
2017: Lisseth Torreblanca