Since 1982, the College has singled out "the best of the best" among entering students to participate in a multi-faceted honors program. These students, who comprise about 5 to 10 percent of each entering class, are recognized as James Monroe Scholars. Beginning in 1990, each Monroe Scholar has been guaranteed a summer scholarship of $2,000 to support an independent project to be undertaken after either the sophomore or junior year.

Among Monroe Scholars in the class of 1998 are:

- James Forest Bush, II
- Anne Elizabeth DeLanoy
- Jennifer Michelle Johnson
- Michael C. Ke
- Kimberly Jean Lester
- Kimberly Ann O'Neil
- Susanna Hewon Shin
- Jeffrey Vance Vernon
- Jennifer Lynn Wasyk

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