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 2000 are:

- Michael Clark
- Jennifer Dueber
- Amy Gilchriest
- Alessandra Leri
- Theresa Nguyen
- Sarah Satterlee
- Christina Spencer
- Jennifer Stone
- Benjamin Suhr

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