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 undertaken after either the sophomore or junior year.

Monroe Scholars in the Chemistry Class of 2009 are:

- Nashrah Ahmed
- Sarah Milam
- Tom Essig
- Anna Muto
- Rachel Fovargue
- Brandon Ritzo
- Carlin Hauck
- Mara Rosenkrantz
- Jacob Kuperstock
- Cyrus Wegbreit