

Award Honoree – Ignatian Award, Daniel J. Mulhauser, S.J., Veterans Service

The Ignatian Awards, founded by the Alumni Association's Awards Committee, honor the accomplishments of Le Moyne College's alumni and friends, embodying the philosophy of St. Ignatius and the core tenets of Jesuit education. The Ignatian Award, Daniel J. Mulhauser, S.J., Veterans Service, recognizes exceptional support to the veteran and/or military community. This award is presented during Reunion and/or Golden Reunion Weekend.



Most Recent - Ignatian Award, Daniel J. Mulhauser, S.J., Veterans Service Mary Kelleher-Crabtree '84

Two decades ago, Mary Kelleher Crabtree left a lucrative career in the private sector to follow in the footsteps of her parents who were both public servants. At a time when a tsunami of seriously injured soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan was overwhelming the military healthcare system, she was appointed as chief of research oversight and compliance, tasked with integrating two of the Department of Defense's flagship hospitals to form Walter Reed National Medical Center. She and her team ensured that service members, particularly our wounded warriors, had uninterrupted access to cutting-edge research and therapeutic interventions throughout the transition. She continued her federal career serving as a senior policy analyst for the director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), then joined the Department of Veterans Affairs serving in various roles, including director of program integration, assistant deputy chief research & development officer and as a key member of the VA's COVID-19 response team, focused on securing vaccines and therapeutic interventions for our nation's veterans. She is currently the associate executive director for health sciences at the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

On the Le Moyne College alumni association board from 2013 to 2021, Mary was known as the initiator of many engagement opportunities, especially those supporting

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veterans. For years, she and Jim Minogue '76 have championed DC-area alumni engagement with Honor Flights, welcoming World War II, Korean and Vietnam veterans from Central New York to our nation's capital to tour their monuments and be celebrated. Mary was also a catalyst in encouraging DC-area alumni to participate in Wreaths Across America (WAA) at Arlington National Cemetery. Now, Le Moyne alumni across the country participate in WAA at their local veteran cemeteries each December.

Mary was awarded her bachelor's degree from Le Moyne with a major in biology in 1984 and has stayed connected to the College. Throughout her career, Mary has received numerous accolades, including the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Medal, the second-highest honor a federal civilian employee can receive. She has also earned citations from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under three different political administrations. But if you asked Mary, as the proud daughter and spouse of a veteran, she would say it is her greatest honor to give back.

Past Recipients

Previous Award	
Winners	
2023	James Lauducci '63
2024	Mary Kelleher - Crabtree '84