

Ignatian Award, Carl Thomas '65 Spirit Award

The Ignatian Awards, established by the Alumni Association's Awards Committee, honor the achievements of Le Moyne College's alumni and friends, reflecting the philosophy of St. Ignatius and the core principles of Jesuit education. The Ignatian Award, Carl Thomas '65 Spirit Award, is bestowed upon an alumnus or alumna who mirrors the values demonstrated by Carl Thomas during his tenure as Director of HEOP. The recipient embodies academic excellence, integrity, and a strong commitment to the College's mission and community. This award is presented during Reunion and/or Golden Reunion Weekend.

2025 Recipient - Staci S. Dennis-Taylor '10



A dedicated public servant, accomplished attorney and rising leader in the Central New York legal community, the Honorable Staci S. Dennis-Taylor '10 exemplifies the Le Moyne mission through her commitment to justice, equity and service. In November 2024, Staci was elected judge in Syracuse City Court, part of the 5th Judicial District of the New York State Unified Court System, and was officially installed on the bench on Jan. 1, 2025.

Staci brings more than a decade of legal experience to the bench, having built a career marked by advocacy, compassion and integrity. She served as a law clerk to the Hon. James P. Murphy, New York State Supreme Court justice, and practiced family and matrimonial law at Wesley Clark Peshkin PLLC. For six years, she prosecuted cases involving domestic violence, child abuse and sexual assault in the Onondaga County District Attorney's Office, where she rose to the role of Municipal Courts bureau chief. Earlier in her career, she mediated family court matters at New Justice Conflict Resolution Services. She began her legal journey as a legal secretary at Bousquet Holstein PLLC.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Staci is deeply engaged in her community. She serves on numerous boards, including the Onondaga County Bar Association, Central New York Women's Bar Association, Syracuse Community Connections and the Lender Center for Social Justice at Syracuse University.

Her accolades include the 2024 Rising Star Award from the Onondaga County Bar Association, the Black Law Student Association Legacy Award from Syracuse University College of Law, and recognition as a CNY Business Journal "40 Under 40" honoree.

A proud Syracuse native and Corcoran High School graduate, Staci earned her bachelor's degree in English from Le Moyne and her Juris Doctorate from Syracuse University College of Law.

Previous Recipients

Year	Recipient
2019	Giavonni Lucas '95
2020	Alexis E. Powell '85
2021	Todd Corley '91
2022	Omairys G. Rodriguez '12
2023	Stanley Brown '83
2024	Kofi Addai '04