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# MORTUARY SCIENCE CLASS OF 2015

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## The Next Chapter Begins



On August 7, many of the graduating mortuary science students joined with their families and program faculty at the 2015 recognition ceremony at Lakeland Manor of Saint Clair Shores. Over the course of the evening, students and faculty celebrated one another's achievements throughout the academic year.

The graduates of 2015 are grateful for the friendships forged and the enriching academic environment.



**Our concluding celebration:** (Upper left) Program director, Mark Evelyn, addresses the attendees. (Middle left) Catherine Cosnowski, Jaylene Castle, and Miranda Kitchen. (Bottom left) Rob Parent and wife, Ashley. (Above) The three amigos: Dane Galvin, Scott Young, and Conor Schwehofer.

*Photos: R. Labinski, A. Parent, & other contributing photographers*

# Student Achievement Awards

*The following 2015 graduates were recognized  
for their academic achievement.*

Beaver Edwards Restorative Art Award–

**Lisa Malear & Kathlene Rodgers** (left)

Gerald P. Cavellier Excellence in Embalming Award–

**Jasmine Arnold** (lower left)

Mary L. Williams Science Award–

**Gabriele Ducharme** (lower middle)

Walter D. Pool Student Achievement Award–

**Katherine Ash** (lower right)



## Congratulations!

*The following students have accepted new positions in funeral  
service and we are pleased to join in their excitement!*

**Jasmine Arnold**– Resident trainee:

Chas Verheyden Funeral Homes Inc., MI

**Joshua Goertz**– Resident trainee:

McCabe Funeral Home, Canton/Farmington Hills, MI

**Lauren Shumaker**– Resident trainee:

Chas Verheyden Funeral Homes Inc., MI

**Olivia Thompson**– Resident trainee:

Rossell Funeral Home Inc., Flushing, MI



**A Time of Transition:** Graduate, Andrea Sebby, shakes hands with program faculty.



## CLASS SUPERLATIVES

## Guest Speaker– Robert Reece

Jasmine Arnold	Most friendly
Kate Ash	Most organized
Stephanie Bogner	Class optimist
Jaylene Castle	Most confident
Catherine Cosnowski	Best sense of humor
Gabby Ducharme	Most hardworking
Chris Duzak	Most likely to own a funeral home
Duane Gaedcke	First to make a million
Dane Galvin	Secretly a superhero
Josh Goertz	Most punctual
Pat Kenrick	Best mustache
Jasmin King	Most ambitious
Miranda Kitchen	Most likely to pass the NBE without studying
Tara Kornilov & Mary Lehr	Dynamic Duo
Lisa Malear	Most involved
Rob Parent	Kid at heart
JaCobe Payne	Most knowledgeable
Lindsay Payne	Most caffeinated
Michaela Pelton	Best hair
Andrew Pixley	Most connections
Tiana Richardson	Most honest
Kiki Rodgers	Class green thumb
Michelle Rugley	Best dressed
Jilliann Rutherford	Class sweetheart
Conor Schwehofer	Most likely to win the lottery
Andrea Sebby	Most likely to socialize outside class
Lauren "Red" Shumaker	Most creative
Eli Terry	Most likely to win the Nobel Prize
Olivia Thompson	Most likely to take over the world
Brandy Williams	Best smile
Nikki Williams	Most likely to be caught singing
Scott Young	Most competitive

### ***Farewell, 5439 Woodward!***

*It's been a year filled with numerous lectures pertinent to our careers as well as the value of working relationships in the academic and professional arena. We look forward to seeing one another "in the field"!*



Robert Reece was not only the guest speaker for the 2015 recognition ceremony but he was a graduate, as well. Mr. Reece completed Wayne State University's mortuary science certificate program in 1963.

After years of successfully running his own business, Reece decided to return to Wayne State University and complete the bachelor of science degree. Reece traveled to Detroit from Los Angeles for academic advising. He completed several general education courses and a directed study to meet the university's requirements.

Congratulations, Mr. Reece!

## Part Time Faculty Award



This year's part time faculty award was presented to Professor John Desmond. He taught *Funeral Directing* (MS 3800) and *Funeral Service Marketing & Merchandising* (MS 3810). Desmond has brought his numerous years of experience and countless stories into the classroom to educate and empower young funeral service professionals.