The Department of English is delighted to recognize Raymond P. Moylan as the winner of this year's James D. Collins Award for the Outstanding Graduating Senior in English.

A student in the SLU University Honors Program, Raymond double-majored in English and Sociology and graduated with a G.P.A. of 3.96. His interests concern the intersection of the educational and criminal justice systems as well as how literary studies are influenced by economic and institutional forces. As his capstone project for the English Department's Research-Intensive English honors track, Raymond explored how contemporary fiction about the experience of prison uses anti-realist conventions and techniques to critique the social and economic inequalities behind mass incarceration.

Following graduation, Raymond will pursue a M.Ed. through the Alliance for Catholic Education Teaching Fellows program at the University of Notre Dame while concurrently teaching 9th grade English at Cristo Rey High School in Philadelphia.