

University Recognition

2024 Valedictorian

The Valedictorian is the student who has demonstrated academic excellence by achieving a 3.8 or higher GPA, University involvement, service and leadership. The awardee has the honor of delivering the valedictory address at the University commencement ceremony on May 11.

The valedictorian will be announced at a future date.

The University Honors Program at Detroit Mercy

The University Honors Program at University of Detroit Mercy serves the Colleges of Business Administration, Engineering & Science, Liberal Arts & Education and the School of Architecture. The program strives to integrate the intellectual, spiritual, ethical and social development of its members by fostering a community of scholarly excellence, encouraging exploration of the larger world beyond the classroom and promoting compassionate service to society at large and to persons in need. Students graduating from the Honors Program may graduate as Presidential Scholars, Honors Scholars Cum Laude or Honors Scholars.

Presidential Scholar

Students who have completed the Honors Program curriculum, volunteered a minimum of 100 hours of community service and achieved a minimum GPA of 3.75.

Bianca M. Candela – College of Business Administration

Mia M. Cassar – College of Engineering & Science

Caleb E. Dupuy – College of Business Administration

Joseph M. Francis – College of Health Professions & McAuley School of Nursing

Fadi J. Koria – College of Engineering & Science

Erin A. Letourneau – College of Liberal Arts & Education

Jacob G. Yasso – College of Liberal Arts & Education

Honors Scholar Cum Laude

Students who have completed the Honors Program curriculum, volunteered a minimum of 100 hours of community service and achieved a minimum GPA of 3.5.

Kenia L. Contreras – College of Engineering & Science

Brendan M. Lubiartz – College of Engineering & Science

Samantha G. Strader – College of Engineering & Science

Olivia V. Vitale – College of Engineering & Science

Kappa Gamma Pi

Membership in Kappa Gamma Pi, the national Catholic college graduate honor society, is awarded to students who exemplify excellence in leadership, scholarship, faith and service.

College of Business Administration

Angela Yuhana

College of Engineering & Science

Ali Baiz

Hayat Charara

MacKenzie Patterson

Nahreen Toma

Olivia Vitale

College of Health Professions

Katelynn Gasper

College of Liberal Arts & Education

Tianna Davis

Yemi Ogunleye

Jennifer Raptoplous

Institute for Leadership & Service

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Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) **Leadership Pin and Leadership Medallion**

The ELP is designed to educate, engage, and empower all Detroit Mercy students. Using the Social Change model, the ELP offers the opportunity to explore student leadership potential and abilities through involvement in programs, events, and activities that include learning, leadership, spirituality, mentoring, and service on and off campus. An asterisk indicates the student is earning a Minor in Leadership

Leadership Pin Award Candidates

Ongoing involvement in student organizations, spirituality workshops, leadership workshops, mentoring and 100 hours of community service.

College of Liberal Arts & Education **Hayley Williams – Cybersecurity Major*** **Norman Yacoob – Criminal Justice Major***

College of Engineering and Science **Philomena H. Anton – Biology Major*** **Ali K. Baiz – Biology Major*** **Jennifer S. Elias – Honors Biology*** **Andrew Goshovskiy – Biology Major*** **Mire M. Imeri – Biology Major – Psychology Minor*** **Zahra Kanji – Biology Major – Literature Minor*** **Fadi J. Koria – Honors Biology Major*** **Irene Murua Txintxurreta – Mathematics Major – Actuarial Science Minor*** **Hayat A. Nagi – Biology Major*** **Hiba B. Nasir – Chemistry Major*** **MacKenzie Patterson – Biology Major*** **Rita M. Sallumi – Biology Major*** **Zain M. Shouman – Biology Major*** **Megan R. Zetouna – Biology Major***

School of Architecture & Community Development **Angel Mangham – Architecture Major***

College of Business Administration
Youla Nassif – Business Administration Major*

College of Health Professions & McCauley School of Nursing

Sawsan Elhady – Nursing Major – Developmental Psychology Minor*
Joseph Francis – Nursing Major*
Kendall Komajda – Nursing Major
Gracie Landrie – Nursing Major*
Ciera Love – Nursing Major*
Nina Mocerri – Nursing Major*
Johns Sam – Nursing Major*

Leadership Medallion Award Candidates

These students have met the requirements of the Leadership Pin and have additional involvement in student organizations, spirituality retreats, completed leadership coursework, mentoring, and 200 hours of community service.

College of Liberal Arts and Education

Hayley Williams – Cybersecurity Major*
Norman Yacoob – Criminal Justice Major*

College of Engineering and Science

Philomena H. Anton – Biology Major*
Ali K. Baiz – Biology Major*
Jennifer S. Elias – Honors Biology*
Andrew Goshovskiy – Biology Major*
Mire M. Imeri – Biology Major – Psychology Minor*
Zahra Kanji – Biology Major – Literature Minor*
Fadi J. Koria – Honors Biology Major*
Irene Murua Txintxurreta – Mathematics Major – Actuarial Science Minor*
Hayat A. Nagi – Biology Major*
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The John Daniels Student Servant Leader of the Year

The student awarded The John Daniels Student Servant Leader of the Year award has shown outstanding growth throughout their undergraduate career at Detroit Mercy and has distinguished his/herself by exemplary commitment in the role of servant leader. This award is named for John Daniels, Director of the Institute for Leadership & Service from 2001-09.

Fadi Koria – Honors Biology Major*