

University Recognition

2025 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 10.

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, Health Professions & McAuley School of Nursing, Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences and the School of Architecture & Community Development. 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 community engagement. Students graduating from the Honors Program may graduate with the Presidential Scholar Award or the Honors Cum Laude Award.

Presidential Scholars

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

Mark Formosa – College of Business Administration

Joshua Hoenscheid – College of Business Administration

Hannah Kuruvilla – College of Health Professions

Amelia Borchich – College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

Rebecca De La Garza – College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

Cristal Guzmán – College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

Katherine Mutschler – College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

Aldo Tricoli – College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

Oriekaose Agholor – College of Engineering & Science

Nooralzahraa Aldegeily - College of Engineering & Science

Ayesha Azam – College of Engineering & Science

Ulah Fargo – College of Engineering & Science

Selina Hakim – College of Engineering & Science

Abigail Karjala – College of Engineering & Science

Rosa Rozman – College of Engineering & Science

Selena Saffo – College of Engineering & Science

Antonela Shyti – College of Engineering & Science

Larisa Snegourenko – School of Architecture & Community Development

Angelena Youhana – School of Architecture & Community Development

Honors Cum Laude

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

Kyla Matthews – College of Business Administration

Hasan Al Wakeel – College of Engineering & Science

Jannath Aurfan – College of Engineering & Science

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. An asterisk indicates the student is also 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 Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

Rebecca De La Garza – Honors Psychology*

Maria Gojcaj – Psychology – Addiction Studies Minor*

Ali Laho – CIS Cyber Security & Health Services Administration*

College of Engineering and Science

Oriekaose Agholor – Honors Robotics and Mechatronic Systems Engineering*

Rayan Akhdar – Biology – Psychology Minor*

Nooralzahraa Aldegeily – Biology

Jannath Aurfan – Honors Biology – Literature Minor

Ayesha Azam – Honors Biology*

Claudette Bacall – Biology*

Taspiya Begum – Biology*

Ulah Fargo – Honors Biology*

Selina Hakim – Honors Biology – Literature Minor*

Zoe Madden – Biology*

Roxana Nistor – Biology*

Ali Odeh – Biology*

Pragna Patel – Biology*

Maryam Qoda – Honors Biology

Suhana Rouf – Honors Biology*

Haneen Shadeed – Biology*

Antonela Shyti – Honors Biochemistry*

College of Business Administration

Mark Formosa – Honors Business*

Yara Mourani – Business*

College of Health Professions & McCauley School of Nursing

JoAnna Alexander – Nursing*

Ali Laho – CIS Cyber Security & Health Services Administration*

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 Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

Maria Gojcaj – Psychology – Addiction Studies Minor*

Ali Laho – CIS Cyber Security & Health Services Administration*

College of Engineering & Science

Rayan Akhdar – Biology – Psychology Minor*

Jannath Aurfan – Honors Biology – Literature Minor

Claudette Bacall – Biology*

Ulah Fargo – Honors Biology*

Selina Hakim – Honors Biology – Literature Minor*

Zoe Madden – Biology*

Roxana Nistor – Biology*

Ali Odeh – Biology*

Maryam Qoda – Honors Biology

Suhana Rouf – Honors Biology*

Haneen Shadeed – Biology*

College of Business Administration

Mark Formosa – Honors Business*

Yara Mourani – Business*

College of Health Professions & McCauley School of Nursing

JoAnna Alexander – Nursing*

Ali Laho – CIS Cyber Security & Health Services Administration*

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.

Maria Gojcaj – Psychology – Addiction Studies Minor*

Alpha Sigma Nu Inductees

2024

**Sarah Abubaker
Humza Ijlal Ali
Mikaela Alexis Almeida
Kelley Jane Cole
Erin Leigh DeFever
Caleb Edward Dupuy
Mark Formosa
Joseph Michael Francis
Farah Ghaith
Lauren Elizabeth Giese
Zachary David Green
Kyle R. Guthrie
Daleen Siheim Hammoud
Abigail V. Karjala
Chanel Katoula
Victoria Marie King
Michael R. Koester
April Anne Kotermanski
Kevin M. Lynch
Amna Mazen Ali Mazen
Grace M. Monette
Kristyn Park
Anupam Patil
Yashodhara Vivek Patil
Jennifer Carol Raptoplous
Rita J. Rasho
Ryan William Roelant
Jasmine Shuangbi Roeske
Christina Shaw Sutrov
Samantha E. Talieri
Merna Tawfik
Tina Toma Toma
Aldo Michael Tricoli
Thaija Vincent**

2025

**Krystal Chanell Adams Macon
Farzad Kameron Baghaie
Candace Barbera
Caleb H. Campbell
Donika Dedvukaj
Reem Mohamad Elzagher
Rachel Faith Florence
Emily Rose Forth
Jenna Chloe Foster
Justin Francis
Gavin Andrus Fruge
Lewis V. Gardella
Haley Lynn Gavigan
Gabriella Claudia Greenlaw
Selina Hakim
Joshua P. Hoenscheid
Fatima Chafic Hojeij-Khashab
Kari Renee Jenkins
James Magu Kamau
Natalie Margaret Kenny
Tamara Laska
Mary Matta
Steven P. Meerschaert
Anvi M. Nandish
Vincent Tochukwu Nwanze
Danya Obeid
Yachun Pan
Tara Lorraine Peters
SofiaRose Raad
Marianna C. Seal**

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.

Mahdi Ayoub – College of Engineering & Science

Walaa Bazoun – College of Engineering & Science

Tia Ellison – College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

Eryka Ely – College of Engineering & Science

Praise Ihunwo – College of Business Administration

Natalie Kenny – College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

Isabel Mansour – McAuley School of Nursing

Roxana Nistor – College of Engineering & Science

Grace Saroki – McAuley School of Nursing

Chloe Steenbergh – McAuley School of Nursing