

# University Recognition

## 2026 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 9.

**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.

**Jason J. Zanchetta** – College of Business Administration

**Justin Francis** – College of Health Professions

**Haley L. Gavigan** – College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

**Ronan Mansilla** – College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

**Sarah Morar** – College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

**Joshua Otten** – College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

**Grace K. Patrick** – College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

**Morgen Rhodes** – College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

**Jenna Saker** – College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

**Yousef D. Al-Ani** – College of Engineering & Science

**Mostafa I. Ismail** – College of Engineering & Science

**Ji X. Luth** – College of Engineering & Science

**Marc G. Naddaf** – College of Engineering & Science

**Shirli Qushku** – College of Engineering & Science

## **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.

**Nashia N. Aldhahi** – College of Engineering & Science

**Qamar Elia** – College of Engineering & Science

**Maria Isabella Goolsby** – College of Engineering & Science

**Hadi H. Harb** – College of Engineering & Science

**Mohamed Hijazi** – College of Engineering & Science

**Alexandria J. Jarbo** – College of Engineering & Science

**Tamara Laska** – College of Engineering & Science

# **Institute for Leadership & Service (ILS) 1995**

## **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 Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences**

**Rumaysa Khan** – Cybersecurity

**Natasha Davis Mickles** – Political Science – Psychology

**Morgen Rhodes** – Honors Political Science – Women's and Gender Studies\*

## **College of Engineering and Science**

**Amira S. Abuhmoud** – Honors Biology\*  
**Deniya E. Cowart** – Honors Biology\*  
**Hadi H. Harb** – Honors Biology\*  
**Mohamed Hijazi** – Honors Biology\*  
**Alexandria J. Jarbo** – Honors Biology, Psychology\*  
**Miranda J. Jasinski** – Biology\*  
**Roseann H. Karana** – Biology\*  
**Harleen Kaur** – Biology\*  
**Dalia Khoshe** – Biology\*  
**Mazin Mehmood** – Biology\*  
**Abigail M. Shamoan** – Biology\*  
**Brigita Sumskas** – Chemistry, Psychology\*

## **College of Business Administration**

**Kyah Benn** – Accounting\*  
**Victoria King** – Accounting, Catholic Studies\*  
**Vinny Levesque** – Business\*  
**Jason Zanchetta** – Honors Business\*

## **School of Architecture & Community Development**

**Taylor Myers** – Architecture\*

## **College of Health Professions & McCauley School of Nursing**

**Hannah Dawood** – Nursing\*  
**Justin Francis** – Honors Nursing\*  
**Isabella Kardachian** – Honors Nursing\*  
**Joyce Olatunde** – Nursing\*

## **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 Engineering and Science**

**Amira S. Abuhmoud** – Honors Biology\*  
**Deniya E. Cowart** – Honors Biology\*  
**Hadi H. Harb** – Honors Biology\*  
**Mohamed Hijazi** – Honors Biology\*  
**Alexandria J. Jarbo** – Honors Biology, Psychology\*  
**Miranda J. Jasinski** – Biology\*  
**Roseann H. Karana** – Biology\*  
**Harleen Kaur** – Biology\*  
**Dalia Khoshe** – Biology\*  
**Mazin Mehmood** – Biology\*  
**Abigail M. Shamoan** – Biology\*  
**Brigita Sumskas** – Chemistry, Psychology\*

## **College of Business Administration**

**Kyah Benn** – Accounting\*  
**Victoria King** – Accounting, Catholic Studies\*  
**Vinny Levesque** – Business\*  
**Jason Zanchetta** – Honors Business\*

## **School of Architecture & Community Development**

**Taylor Myers** – Architecture\*

## **College of Health Professions**

**Hannah Dawood** – Nursing\*  
**Justin Francis** – Honors Nursing\*  
**Isabella Kardachian** – Honors Nursing\*  
**Joyce Olatunde** – Nursing\*

## **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.

**Victoria King** – Accounting, Catholic Studies\*

## **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.

**Aleya Marra** – College of Business Administration

**Victoria King** – College of Business Administration

**Yuridia Hernandez-Osorio** – College of Business Administration

**Alexandria Jarbo** – College of Engineering & Science

**Lena Bawazir** – College of Engineering & Science

**Joyce Olatunde** – College of Health Professions

**Alena Haio** – College of Health Professions

**Melissa Converse** – College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

**Kimberlynn DeBolt** – College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

**Natalia Bajjey** – College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

**Morgen Rhodes** – College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

**Erin DeFever** – College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences

**Jesse Walker** – College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences