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School of Business Newsletter

Letter from the Dean



Welcome to the 2025–2026 Academic Year, Business Students!

Dear Students,

Welcome back to another exciting year at Madonna University's School of Business! I am Jessica Cummings, Dean of the School of Business, and I am thrilled to begin this academic year's journey with you. Whether you are returning or just starting out, we are committed to helping you grow, succeed, and transform your future. Allow yourself to grow and develop through your experiences: in the classroom, through internships, mentorships, service learning, guest speakers, and signature events like our Business Student Conference.



2025-2026 Mission and Heritage Theme: Widening Our Tent for Charism and Mission

Each year, Felician Services Inc (FSI) provides a mission and heritage theme that is shared across all ministries and celebrated in a special way during Mission and Heritage Week, October 3-10. This year's theme is drawn from Isaiah 54:2, "Enlarge the space for your tent, spread out your tent cloths unsparingly; lengthen your ropes and make firm your pegs..." Through the theme "Widening Our Tent for Charism and Mission" we are called by the animating spirit of Blessed Mary Angela to serve others by being more inclusive and making room. We are called to respond to the signs of these times in our own special way and together, create a new culture that prioritizes relationships over structures, and empowers generativity.

Save the Date: Business Student Conference – February 5, 2025

This is our premier event and a must-attend for all business students! Held in the **Welcome Center**, the conference offers a unique opportunity to:

- Network with alumni, business professionals, and faculty
- Learn about diverse business paths
- Enjoy lunch and meaningful conversations

We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

Mentorship Program: Expanding Opportunities

Following the successful launch of our mentorship program in 2024, we are excited to recruit **Cohort 2** this fall for the winter semester. This initiative gives students a competitive edge through personalized guidance from experienced professionals. Stay tuned for more details!

Faculty Highlights & New Programs

We are pleased to welcome **Dr. Megan Dougherty**, who brings expertise in sport management, and **Mr. Ivan Gappy**, who brings expertise in computer science. Additionally, the School of Business implemented two new programs this academic year:

- Cybersecurity
- Business Analytics

If you are interested in these programs, speak with your academic advisor.

Global Impact: Welcoming Haiti MBA Cohort

We are proud to announce the admission of **ten Haiti alumni** into our MBA program. With support from the Felician Sisters and Madonna University leadership, these students will join online classes alongside domestic peers, engaging through Zoom lectures and virtual office hours. We wish **Cohort 3** great success!

Academic Planning & Support

Do not forget to schedule a meeting with your faculty advisor before the term ends. Your advisor can help you stay on track with your plan of study, internships, job placement, and mentoring opportunities.

And remember—my door is always open. If I am away, feel free to leave a note, email me, or make an appointment with my Program Coordinator, Mrs. Laura Carravallah. I am happy to support you in any way I can.

Homecoming & Gratitude

As we prepare to celebrate **Homecoming October 9-12**, let's take a moment to reflect on all we are grateful for. I am proud of our students, alumni, faculty, and staff who make Madonna University such a special place.

Looking forward to a year of growth, connection, and transformation. Let's make it unforgettable! Warm regards, Jessica Cummings, JD Dean, School of Business Madonna University

Jessica Cummings
Dean

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CHAIR'S CORNER UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS



*Andrew Malec
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Welcome to the Fall 2025-2026 Term!

I hope you had a wonderful summer. As we commence the 2025-2026 academic year, please let me know if you have any questions about graduate courses or programs in the School of Business. I support each of you as you diligently work to make meaningful progress toward your goals. Please let me know how I may be of assistance.

Graduate students, remember to follow your plan of study and also check your student advising Blackboard group for any announcements (MBA Student Advising or MSBL Student Advising). School of Business graduate students are automatically enrolled in these groups which are updated on an annual basis. If you do not have access to your group, please send me an email with your student number. These groups are used to provide essential information for our graduate students.

Undergraduate students, it is not too early to think about your next steps. I recommend you take time to talk to family, friends, faculty, and mentors about your academic and career plans. I am available to discuss graduate programs offered in the School of Business. The School of Business offers the Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Master of Science in Business Leadership (MSBL). Reviewing information online about the programs is a great place to start.

Please take a moment to review your goals and let me know if I may be of assistance.

I look forward to working with you this academic year.

Best Regards,

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GRADUATE PROGRAMS – High Achievement Awards

These graduate students were recognized for having achieved a grade point average of 3.75 or higher with completion of 2/3 of their major requirements.

May 2024

Michael Aldini
Alan Bobby ^D
Hussein Dabaja
Michael DiPonio
Faisal Fathaul
Fakir Mohammed ^D
Heniben Gheewala
Jordan Graham
Ryleigh Jacobs
Molly-Kate Johnson
Reilly Johnson
Patricia Landreth

Chris Martin
Joshua Phillips
Nicholas Pietras
Abigail Powell
John Rehm
Hannah Rothenberg
Ann-Marie Scott
Lindsay Taipala
Abin Kurian Varghese ^D
Luisa Wiewgorra

May 2025

Leslee Alexandre ^H
Maci Best
Marie Estelle Cameau ^H
Marlon De Freitas
Renan De Sousa Paiva
Onyl Gedeon ^H
Carlos Martinez Rodriguez
Erica Pavlik
Mary Philimona
Megan Rankin
Lindsay Taipala
Michael Victor ^H
Alexandria Zimmerman



^D Dubai Program
^H Haiti Program

HONORS CONVOCATION

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS – Highest Achievement Awards

The following individuals were honored with the Highest Achievement Award. This award is presented to our undergraduate students in each business degree program who has achieved:

- a 3.75 GPA or better
- at least 90 semester hours
- a minimum of 30 semester hours at Madonna University
- 15 semester hours within the past three semesters, and
- completed 25 semester hours in their major

May 2024

Jesmin Akther ^D
Connor Carrigan
Ashley Chichila
Wadsanne Fleurival ^H
Kenneth Germain
Naisha Guillaume ^H
Felicite Jocelin ^H
Joseph Krakowiak
Justin LaVoie



Djennyka Lifaite ^H
Matthew MacLellan
Bobby Martin
Joshua Muse
Vincent Rodrigues ^D
Devin Romaniw
Eric Roy Santos
Muhammad Shahbaz ^D
Abigail Shepard
Malidza Valcenat ^H
Ramon Luis Venturini Da Rocha
Andrew Wallace
Jayden Williams
Kayla Winowiecki
Mia Wolfbauer
Kyle Zaya

May 2025

Chislene Alcy ^H
Brendan Cicalo
Jenna DePriest

Haley Eby
Varenkha Giordani ^H
Landy Guillaume ^H
Madison Hogue
Felicite Jocelin ^H
Louise Jostine ^H
Djennyka Lifaite ^H
Matthew MacLellan
Theodoros Mazaris
Christie Nicolas ^H
Logan Palmateer
Stef-Fanelle Phadael ^H
Jacob Robertson
Adam Sabbagh
Madjina Saint-Hilaire ^H
Eric Roy Santos
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