

Madonna University

79th Annual Commencement

May 14-15, 2026



The Commencement tradition dates back to the Middle Ages. For today's ceremony, the Dais Party on the stage and the faculty are wearing academic regalia, whereby each element is distinctive for the degree earned.

The Mace, carried by the Chief Marshal, symbolizes the University's governing authority and is present only when the President and Trustees are in attendance.

The President's Medallion, representing the Chain of Office, carries the University's Motto *Sapientia Desursum*, "Wisdom from Above".

The portrait of Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska, the foundress of the Felician Sisters, represents the visionary leaders who founded Madonna University in 1937. The Felician Sisters sponsor several other ministries across North America.

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Madonna University Commencement

School of Business

Alliance Catholic Credit Union Arena

Thursday, May 14, 2026

11:00 a.m.

President B. Christopher Dougherty, Ph.D.

Presiding

Chris Benson, Ph.D.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Administration and Student Affairs

Master of Ceremonies

Prelude

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Voice-over Samantha Rousseau, Broadcast and Cinema Arts Graduate

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance Recorded Music
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Graduates
Chief Marshal Dennis Bozyk, Associate Professor and General Studies
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Faculty
Administrators
Trustees
Dais Party
President

The Star-Spangled Banner Everett Knapik, Music Freshman (Vocalist)

Invocation Scott Seabolt, J.D., Trustee

Welcome Chris Dougherty, Ph.D., President

Board of Trustees Introduction Rodney Patterson, M.A.Ed., Board Chair

Presentation of Distinguished Alumnus

Recipient: Jeremy Krol, B.S. '92
Presented by: Darrel Quinn, '08, B.S., Trustee

Distinguished Alumnus Remarks Jeremy Krol, B.S. '92

Introduction of Student Speaker..... Terry Harvill, Ph.D., Trustee

Student Speaker..... Marie Grandin
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Leadership

Brandon Leavitt(alternate)
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Presentation of Graduate and Undergraduate Degree Candidates

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Jessica Cummings, J.D. School of Business Dean

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Benediction Sr. M. Francis Lewandowski, CSSF, '91, M.F.A. Trustee

Alma Mater Everett Knapik, Music Freshman (Vocalist)
(All rise and join in singing the Madonna University Alma Mater found on the inside back cover)

Recessional

Recorded Music
(Please stand)

Distinguished Alumnus Award



Jeremy Krol, '92, Bachelor of Science, Accounting
2026 School of Business Distinguished Alumnus

While earning his bachelor's degree in accounting at Madonna, Jeremy Krol was an accomplished athlete. He played varsity baseball for the Crusaders from 1990 to 1992 and earned the title of "Mr. Baseball" for the 1990 season. Krol supports his Alma Mater by sharing his time, talent, and treasures. Since 2023, he has served as a member of Madonna's Finance Subcommittee. He also regularly volunteers for practice interviews to help Madonna seniors prepare for their job search.

Currently the Chief Financial Officer for a franchisee of Taco Bell restaurants, Krol has built a robust 34-year career in accounting and finance across several industries, including public relations, quick-service restaurants, casual dining, and the automotive sector. He has worked with major brands such as Ford Motor Company and Hungry

Howie's Pizza, as well as franchisee groups in the Buffalo Wild Wings and Taco Bell brands.

In addition to his professional achievements, Krol is deeply involved in youth sports. He currently coaches 11-year-olds on a travel baseball team. He co-founded the West Oakland Wings Travel Baseball Club and also has experience as a high school baseball coach. When he's not working or coaching, Krol is an avid golfer.

Krol has been married to Jenny, an alumna and former Madonna volleyball player, for 31 years. Their son, Nicholas, a 2024 Madonna alumnus, also played Crusaders baseball. Krol and his family, which includes their dog Cooper, reside in Milford, Mich.

Student Speaker



Marie Grandin

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Leadership graduate with honors, from Port-au-Prince, Haiti.



Brandon Leavitt (alternate)

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration graduate with highest honors and a minor in accounting from Novi, Mich.

School of Business

Master of Business Administration

†Leslee Alexandre
Business Administration
Haiti

†Stephanie Constantin
Business Administration
Haiti

†Andre Junior Laine
Business Administration
Haiti

Vanessa Archer
Business Administration
Haiti

ΔWagner Gameiro Febbe
Business Administration
Brazil

Deborah Jameen Love-Peel
Business Administration
Detroit, MI

†Maci Best
Business Administration
Livonia, MI

†Onyl Gedeon
Business Administration
Haiti

†Sara Michel
Business Administration
Haiti

Anaika Bissainthe
Business Administration
Haiti

Sister Donatha N. Gerard
Business Administration
Tanzania

Erica Lynn Pavlik
Business Administration
Plymouth, MI

Vanessa Cherenfant
Business Administration
Haiti

Nicole Erin Golder
Business Administration
New Baltimore, MI

Madeline Blair Percy
Business Administration
Plymouth, MI

Youveline Cherenfant
Business Administration
Haiti

Meggie Janvier
Business Administration
Haiti

Devin Romaniw
Business Administration
Livonia, MI

Saradjine Civil
Business Administration
Haiti

†Elisabeth Jean
Business Administration
Haiti

Abigail Shepard
Business Administration
Livonia, MI

Stephania Civil
Business Administration
Haiti

Ketsia Jean Charles
Business Administration
Haiti

Conald Colbert
Business Administration
Haiti

Valerie Jeannot
Business Administration
Haiti

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◇ Minor ○ Second Minor Δ Leadership Stole

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Master of Science

Katie Susanne Alexander
Business Leadership
Plymouth, MI

Joshua Christian Doss
Business Leadership
Northville, MI

Jacob Tremonti
Business Leadership
South Lyon, MI

Shaketa Blanks
Business Leadership
Inkster, MI

Holly Oswald-Case
Business Leadership
Westland, MI

Ericka J. Brown
Business Leadership
Harper Woods, MI

Mercedes Quintee Selma
Health Services Administration
Romulus, MI

Graduate Certificates

Ericka J. Brown
Non-Profit Leadership
Harper Woods, MI

Sister Donatha N. Gerard
Non-Profit Leadership
Tanzania

Nicole Erin Golder
Operations & Global Supply Chain
Management
New Baltimore, MI

Bachelor of Science

†Mustafa Abdelsamei Mohamed
Mohamedkhier*
International Business and Economics
Sudan

†Benita Rose Claire Alphonso***
International Business and Economics
India

Mohammad Hussan Berro
Computer Science
Dearborn, MI

Trey Donovan Acker***
Business Administration
Eaton Rapids, MI

†Sheldon Arnold Alphonso***
International Business and Economics
India

Abraham Nabeh Berry
Business Administration
Livonia, MI

Manha Shajeer A. M.***
International Business and Economics
India

Δ‡Ugochukwu Anidobu
Business Administration
◇Accounting
Homewood, IL

Carson James Bleicher
Business Administration
Grand Haven, MI

Chrislène Rebecca Alcy**
Business Administration and
Leadership
Haiti

Vaina Francesca Barreau*
Business Administration and
Leadership
Haiti

Anna Elizabeth Butler*
Business Administration
Pinckney, MI

†Jolyan Thib Alokka
International Business and Economics
Syria

Avery Brie Beneteau**
Accounting
Canada

Juan Martin Cajelli Triver
Business Administration
Uruguay

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Math Dyna Ceraqui** Business Administration and Leadership Haiti	Djeriane Eugène Business Administration and Leadership Haiti	Madison Amber Hogue** Business Administration ◇Accounting South Lyon, MI
†Hamad Choudhri International Business and Economics India	Thomas Earnest Gardner Business Administration Riverview, MI	Noell Robert Jackson Business Administration Livonia, MI
‡Brendan Anthony Cicalo** Sport Management Goodrich, MI	Sho-Ron Dupree Graham II Sport Management Farmington Hills, MI	Ashlee Francia Rochelle Jean* Business Administration and Leadership Haiti
‡Roseberte Carmelle Clerfond Business Administration and Leadership Haiti	Marie Noelle Fatima Grandin* Business Administration and Leadership Haiti	†Marie Eléonor Jean-Baptiste Business Administration and Leadership Haiti
ΔBriggson John Robert Cook Sport Management Birch Run, MI	Landy Guillaume** Business Administration and Leadership Haiti	ΔAnthony James Jentzer Business Administration Farmington Hills, MI
Δ‡Leah Nicole Courtney* Sport Management Plymouth, MI	Kayla Marguerite Hamelin Business Administration Webberville, MI	Fabiola Jeune* Business Administration and Leadership Haiti
Elizabeth Irene Dancey** Computer Science Plymouth, MI	†Nasir Abdul Hamid International Business and Economics Pakistan	Marion Devonté Johnson Sport Management Eastpointe, MI
†Manuska Demesmin Business Administration and Leadership Haiti	Adwaith Haneesh International Business and Economics India	Zachary Richard Johnson** Business Administration Sterling Heights, MI
Colette Denis Business Administration and Leadership Haiti	Laci Taylor Harris** Business Administration Sebewaing, MI	Louise Cléode Jostine* Business Administration and Leadership Haiti
‡Edwina Dieudonne Business Administration and Leadership Haiti	Theresa Rose Hejka** Business Administration ◇Accounting Royal Oak, MI	Δ‡Hannah Sue Keenan Business Administration Battle Creek, MI
Anne-Redferlyne Domerçant* Business Administration and Leadership Haiti	Juliana Grace Helisek** Sport Management Farmington Hills, MI	†Murtuza Ali Khan International Business and Economics India

†Saleha Khan** International Business and Economics Pakistan	ΔKeith James McLeod Accounting Westland, MI	Bethsaina Régis Business Administration and Leadership Haiti
†Varda Khan International Business and Economics Pakistan	Jonathon Douglas Michalski* Business Administration Brownstown, MI	Christina Kesha Renelus* Business Administration and Leadership Haiti
Benjamin Joseph Kirouac Business Administration Commerce Twp., MI	†Krishna Moothodath International Business and Economics India	‡Jacob Richard Robertson** Business Administration Livonia, MI
Caleb Lee Kosnik* Business Administration Shelby Twp., MI	‡Ameen Saleh Moqbel Hospitality and Tourism Management ◇Marketing Dearborn, MI	Jameka Lanette Ruta Business Administration Grosse Pointe Woods, MI
Safal Kunnukattil Musthafa*** International Business and Economics India	ΔGabriel Dodd Morris* Business Administration Ovid, MI	Nadia M. Saad Business Administration Dearborn Heights, MI
Michaëlle Lavertu* Business Administration and Leadership Haiti	Jennifer Ndrepeaj** Business Administration Italy	Madjina Christelle Saint-Hilaire*** Business Administration and Leadership Haiti
Brandon Tyler Leavitt*** Business Administration ◇Accounting Novi, MI	Christie Emmanuela Francesca Nicolas*** Business Administration and Leadership Haiti	Guyliney Saint-Preux* Business Administration and Leadership Haiti
‡GiAndre Mellikai Lee Computer Science Baltimore, MD	Jeshua Skye Nimmo Computer Science Novi, MI	Laura Amanda Severe Business Administration and Leadership Haiti
Valerie Mie Roodmie Lezin Business Administration and Leadership Haiti	Rianna Milvea O'Connor Sport Management Eden, NY	Amna Shaikh* International Business and Economics Portugal
Jordy Esteban Lopez Sabogal Sport Management Colombia	Logan John Palmateer** Business Administration Marysville, MI	†Inzamam Shaikh* International Business and Economics India
Alexandria Renee Loughran Business Administration New Boston, MI	Stef-Fanelle Phadael* Business Administration and Leadership Haiti	†Nadir Ali Shaikh* International Business and Economics India
Δ‡Connor Marshall McCraight Accounting Romulus, MI	Biane-Dalie Philibert** Business Administration and Leadership Haiti	Δ†Aiden Andre Shipman Sport Management South Lyon, MI
ΔTimothy David McGarry Business Administration Flat Rock, MI	Ross David Preston* Business Administration Brighton, MI	Marie Odanne Sincart* Business Administration and Leadership Haiti

Sarah Sius**
Business Administration and Leadership
Haiti

Joiada Querobin Souto***
International Business and Economics
India

ΔAlexander Adam Stojcevski
Sport Management
◇Marketing
Canada

Karlee Annabelle Stoll*
Business Administration
Chesterfield, MI

‡Tasmeen Sultana
International Business and Economics
Bangladesh

Jhonnier Torres Gonzalez
Computer Science
Colombia

Ethan Michael Treharne***
Sport Management
Livonia, MI

Adriano Emilio Troiani
Accounting
Livonia, MI

Wiline Valet
Business Administration and Leadership
Haiti

Joseph Ryan Van Goethem
Business Administration
Sterling Heights, MI

Angélissa Verpré
Business Administration and Leadership
Haiti

†Soumya Vipin*
International Business and Economics
India

Joe-Annie Volcy*
Business Administration and Leadership
Haiti

Corey Scot Watkins
Sport Management
Detroit, MI

Δ†Devin Manuel Way*
Business Administration
Livonia, MI

ΔEvan Lee Westphal
Sport Management
Livonia, MI

Schaefer Dylan Wiskur***
Computer Science
◇Sport Management
Birch Run, MI

Stephen David Wojtanowski**
Computer Science
Livonia, MI

Associate of Science

‡Zechariah Antonio Bailey
Business Administration
Detroit, MI

Certificate of Completion

Sara Sophia Castillo Ramirez
Digital Media
Colombia

‡Brendan Anthony Cicalo
Coaching
Goodrich, MI

Elizabeth Irene Dancey
Cybersecurity
Plymouth, MI

Sho-Ron Dupree Graham II
Coaching
Farmington Hills, MI

Juliana Grace Helisek
Entrepreneurship for Sport
Management Professionals
Farmington Hills, MI

Marion Devonté Johnson
Coaching
Eastpointe, MI

‡Meia Essence Johnson
Coaching
Sterling Heights, MI

Zakary Alan Kipp
Coaching
South Bend, IN

‡Shannon Kathleen Mautz
Coaching
Livonia, MI

Gage Allen Robinson
Coaching
Ypsilanti, MI

Ethan Michael Treharne
Entrepreneurship for Sport
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Livonia, MI

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Coaching
Chesterfield, MI

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Cybersecurity
St. Clair Shores, MI

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Dais Party	
President	

<i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i>	Clare Neville, Music Graduate (Vocalist) Jessica Cheney, Evonne Freeman, Sabrina Hastings, Grace Kirby, Abigail Nisley, Heidee Reynolds, Sign Language Studies Interpreting Graduates (Signers)
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Invocation Maria Holmes, Trustee

Welcome Chris Dougherty, Ph.D., President

Board of Trustees Introduction..... Rodney Patterson, M.A.Ed., Board Chair

Acknowledgement of Ernest I. Nolan Awards..... Ian Bell, Ph.D., College of Arts and Sciences Dean
John Krcatovich - Pastoral Ministry
Samantha Rousseau - Broadcast and Cinema Arts
Isabelle Penny - Animal Studies
Abigail Nisley - Sign Language Studies
George Murn III - Biology
Viktoria Zigmantaite - Nutrition

Presentation of Distinguished Alumnus

Recipient: Jessica Zarate, B.S. '08
Presented by: Jim Woodworth, B.S. '04, Trustee

Distinguished Alumna Remarks..... Jessica Zarate, B.S. '08

Introduction of Student Speaker..... Cheryl Doelker, B.S., Trustee

Student Speaker..... Samantha Rousseau
Bachelor of Arts in Broadcast and Cinema Arts

Natalie Richards (alternate)
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Distinguished Alumna Award



Jessica Zarate, '08, Bachelor of Science, Biology, Chemistry minor
2026 College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Alumna

As assistant professor and Graduate Program Director of the Forensic Science program at Madonna, Jessica Zarate has been sharing her passion for and experience in forensic science with Madonna students for 15 years.

While working as an officer with the Northville City Police Department, she earned her Madonna degree. In 2009, she was awarded her first federal research grant from the Midwest Forensic Resource Center. Zarate used the grant to work with the Michigan State Police Forensic Science Division on research focused on impressions, i.e., lifting, enhancing, and preserving bloody and other impression evidence from difficult substrates, such as human skin. Her research led to the invention and patent of the Zar-Pro™ Fluorescent Lifters – lifting strips that police departments worldwide use during

crime scene investigations. A researcher funded by the National Institute of Justice, Zarate continues to publish and present on her research, most recently in Indonesia.

She is vice president of Missing in Michigan, a member of the Michigan Mortuary Response Team, and founder of the Cold Case Investigation Team at Madonna University. She holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice with a minor in forensic science from Ferris State University and a master's in forensic science from National University.

Zarate and her husband, Mike, live on a lakeside hobby farm. They have two children: Jason, a college student in Australia, and Maecy, a high school student dual-enrolled at Madonna. A college track and field athlete, Zarate coaches high school track and field. She also enjoys time with her family on the farm, at the lake, or traveling.

Student Speaker



Samantha Rousseau

Bachelor of Arts in Broadcast and Cinema Arts graduate with highest honors, with a minor in marketing, from Canton, Mich.



Natalie Richards (alternate)

Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science graduate with honors, with a minor in chemistry for forensic science majors, from Riverview, Mich.

College of Arts and Sciences

Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry

John Michael Krcatovich
Pastoral Ministry
Westland, MI

Master of Science

Angelica Aycock
Nutrition and Dietetics
Mexico

Sara Ibseilah
Nutrition and Dietetics
Dearborn, MI

Ryenne Ritchie
Nutrition and Dietetics
Sterling Heights, MI

Damon Jon Baker
Forensic Science
Livonia, MI

Tajkia Malique
Nutrition and Dietetics
Warren, MI

Emma Margaret Rose Romine
Forensic Science
Plymouth, MI

Nathaniel Tkacz Breitner
Forensic Science
Westland, MI

Shaina Renee Najim
Nutrition and Dietetics
Farmington, MI

Kourtney Leigh'Kala Rouser
Forensic Science
Pontiac, MI

Fatme Hassan Elhellani
Nutrition and Dietetics
Dearborn, MI

Madison Olstyn
Nutrition and Dietetics
St. Clair Shores, MI

‡Anthony Saucedo
Nutrition and Wellness
Taylor, MI

Bouchra El-Zaatari
Nutrition and Dietetics
Garden City, MI

David Payne
Non-Profit Leadership
Farmington Hills, MI

Juwanna P. Holley-Woods
Non-Profit Leadership
Detroit, MI

Emilia Puda
Forensic Science
Northville, MI

Graduate Certificates

†Zina Alqawasmi
Nutrition and Dietetics
Westland, MI

David Payne
College Leadership and Administration
Farmington Hills, MI

‡Anthony Saucedo
Nutrition and Dietetics
Taylor, MI

Juwanna P. Holley-Woods
Human Services
Non-Profit Leadership
Detroit, MI

Yamne Sanchez Tame
Nutrition and Dietetics
Mexico

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Bachelor of Arts

‡Blessing Divine Batalonga Broadcast and Cinema Arts ◇Business Administration Ann Arbor, MI	Sabrina Katherine Hastings* Sign Language Interpreting Studies Oregon, OH	Heidee Jo Reynolds*** Sign Language Interpreting Studies ◇Literature Oscoda, MI
Megan Elizabeth Buck Animal Studies ◇Psychology Dearborn, MI	Carson Collen Hedgepeth Communication Studies Detroit, MI	Samantha Lee Rousseau*** Broadcast and Cinema Arts ◇Marketing Canton, MI
Emma Michaelyn Cheek*** Animal Studies ◇Biology Van Buren Township, MI	Michael S. Khoury*** Music Northville, MI	Onishka Michelle Serrano Ortiz General Studies Kalamazoo, MI
Jessica Ellen Cheney** Sign Language Interpreting Studies Milford, MI	Emily Hope Kruse** Broadcast and Cinema Arts ◇Journalism Livonia, MI	‡Allison Marie Shaw** Fine Arts Westland, MI
Jihyeong Chung General Studies South Korea	‡Sungwoo Lee General Studies South Korea	Brandon Matthew Siedlik*** Broadcast and Cinema Arts Omaha, NE
Blazej Cimochoowski** Graphic Design Poland	‡Ryota Nakajima** Graphic Design Japan	△Steven Smith Broadcast and Cinema Arts Allen Park, MI
Robert Oscar DeDecker General Studies Gibraltar, MI	Clare Maureen Neville Music Livonia, MI	‡Khloee Starr Stoll* Graphic Design Chesterfield, MI
Michael Francis Donegan General Studies Grosse Pointe Park, MI	△‡Jared Paul Nissan General Studies Westland, MI	Corey Scot Watkins General Studies Detroit, MI
‡Stacey Ann Dugás General Studies Plymouth, MI	Jin Ogawa General Studies Japan	Keel Leslie Watson IV General Studies St Clair Shores, MI
Evonne Alyshea Freeman Sign Language Interpreting Studies Ypsilanti, MI	Daniella Patrice Owens*** General Studies Oak Park, MI	Ahmoni K. Weston General Studies Inkster, MI
Cecilia Rose Gipson* Animal Studies ◇Graphic Design for Non-Art Majors Grand Rapids, MI	△‡Alyvia Christine Pendergrass*** English ◇Speech Communication Harrison Twp., MI	Zoe Anne Zagar Broadcast and Cinema Arts Livonia, MI
Shayla Danielle Graham*** Communication Studies Farmington Hills, MI	Isabelle Grace Penny*** Animal Studies ◇Biology Livonia, MI	
‡Camren Greer Broadcast and Cinema Arts Detroit, MI	Angela Petrushevskia Mladenoski Graphic Design North Macedonia	

Bachelor of Music

Kevin Ziye Liang
Music Performance
Livonia, MI

Bachelor of Science

Kelsey Jessica Baker***
Biology
◊Chemistry
Garden City, MI

Viktoria Korina Garcia*
Forensic Science
◊Biology for Forensic Science Majors
◊Chemistry for Forensic Science Majors
Dearborn, MI

Natalie Ann Richards*
Forensic Science
◊Chemistry for Forensic Science Majors
Riverview, MI

Alexandra Victoria Beally**
Forensic Science
◊Chemistry for Forensic Science Majors
Plymouth, MI

ΔLauren Elizabeth Godin
Biology
Livonia, MI

Isabella Grace Richley**
Forensic Science
◊Chemistry for Forensic Science Majors
Brownstown, MI

Jasmine An-Marie Bell
Forensic Science
◊Chemistry for Forensic Science Majors
Dearborn Heights, MI

‡Ava Marie Hazimeh**
Mathematics
◊Biology
Dearborn, MI

Gianni Christopher Rosa
Forensic Science
◊Chemistry for Forensic Science Majors
Macomb, MI

Carol Taleb Bou Harfouch
Nutrition and Wellness
◊Business Administration
Madison Heights, MI

Tristan Brady Janson
Forensic Science
◊Chemistry for Forensic Science Majors
Clinton Twp., MI

Tessa Murial Sandum**
Forensic Science
◊Biology for Forensic Science Majors
◊Chemistry for Forensic Science Majors
Augusta, MI

Kira Lynn Buza***
Biochemistry
◊Nutrition
Shelby Twp., MI

‡Nicholas Howard Johnson**
Biology
Ann Arbor, MI

Alexandra Claire Sherlock
Biology
Garden City, MI

Elisa-Judith Colon
Dietetics
Southgate, MI

Peyton Laura Lehman**
Forensic Science
◊Chemistry for Forensic Science Majors
Olivet, MI

Anna Marie Skomra*
Forensic Science
◊Chemistry for Forensic Science Majors
Canton, MI

‡Vincent Mark Cuschieri**
Mathematics
◊Chemistry
Pinckney, MI

Kaylee Lynette McKenney***
Forensic Science
◊Chemistry for Forensic Science Majors
Plainwell, MI

†Ella Nancy Stephens
Nutrition and Wellness
Plymouth, MI

Astoncros D. Flores
Biology
◊Chemistry
Allen Park, MI

George J. Murn III
Biology
◊Chemistry
Livonia, MI

Sydnee Marie Tenerelli*
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◊Chemistry for Forensic Science Majors
Grand Blanc, MI

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Biology
Dearborn, MI

Viktorija Zigmantaitė***
Nutrition and Wellness
Ypsilanti, MI

Associate of Arts

Esther Ngozichukwu Amanze
General Studies
Westland, MI

Joel Oliver Disbrow
General Studies
Westland, MI

Marlene Perez Santiago
General Studies
Westland, MI

Certificate of Achievement

◇Kelsey Jessica Baker
Pre-Medicine
Garden City, MI

Viktoria Korina Garcia
Crime Laboratory Technician
Pre-Medicine
Dearborn, MI

Natalie Ann Richards
Crime Laboratory Technician
Riverview, MI

Jaylynn Savannah Banks
Crime Laboratory Technician
Redford, MI

‡Lauren Elizabeth Godin
Pre-Physician Assistant
Livonia, MI

Isabella Grace Richley
Crime Laboratory Technician
Brownstown, MI

Alexandra Victoria Beally
Crime Laboratory Technician
Plymouth, MI

Tristan Brady Janson
Crime Laboratory Technician
Clinton Twp., MI

Tessa Murial Sandum
Crime Laboratory Technician
Augusta, MI

Jasmine Bell
Crime Laboratory Technician
Dearborn Hts., MI

Peyton Laura Lehman
Crime Laboratory Technician
Olivet, MI

Alexandra Claire Sherlock
Pre-Medicine
Garden City, MI

†Glory Jae Czajka
Crime Laboratory Technician
Brownstown, MI

Kaylee Lynette McKenney
Crime Laboratory Technician
Plainwell, MI

Anna Marie Skomra
Crime Laboratory Technician
Canton, MI

Astoncros D. Flores
Pre-Medicine
Allen Park, MI

‡Ashley Lauren Pflaum
Crime Laboratory Technician
Waterford, MI

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Crime Laboratory Technician
Grand Blanc, MI

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Certificate of Completion

Jaylynn Savannah Banks
DNA Analysis
Redford, MI

Alexandra Victoria Beally
DNA Analysis
Plymouth, MI

Jasmine An-Marie Bell
DNA Analysis
Dearborn Heights, MI

Megan Elizabeth Buck
Sustainability Studies
Dearborn, MI

Emma Michaelyn Cheek
Human-Animal Bond
Sustainability Studies
Van Buren Twp., MI

Viktoria Korina Garcia
DNA Analysis
Dearborn, MI

Cecilia Rose Gipson
Human-Animal Bond
Sustainability Studies
Grand Rapids, MI

Tristan Brady Janson
DNA Analysis
Clinton Twp, MI

Kaylee Lynette McKenney
DNA Analysis
Plainwell, MI

Keira Elise Murphy
Spanish for Law Enforcement
Roseville, MI

Isabelle Grace Penny
Sustainability Studies
Livonia, MI

‡Ashley Lauren Pflaum
DNA Analysis
Waterford, MI

Natalie Ann Richards
DNA Analysis
Riverview, MI

Isabella Grace Richley
DNA Analysis
Brownstown, MI

Tessa Murial Sandum
DNA Analysis
Augusta, MI

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Chesterfield, MI

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Macomb, MI

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Friday, May 15, 2026

11:00 a.m.

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Presiding

Chris Benson, Ph.D.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Administration and Student Affairs

Master of Ceremonies

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Voice-over Samantha Rousseau, Broadcast and Cinema Arts Graduate

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Graduates
Chief Marshal Dennis Bozyk, Associate Professor and General Studies
Program Director

Faculty
Administrators
Trustees
Dais Party
President

The Star-Spangled Banner Karsten Sabo, Sign Language Studies Sophomore (Vocalist)

Invocation Cheryl Doelker, B.S., Trustee

Welcome Chris Dougherty, Ph.D., President

Board of Trustees Introduction Rodney Patterson, M.A.Ed., Board Chair

Presentation of Distinguished Alumnus

Recipient: Daniel Centers, B.S., '07
Presented by: Roch McClain, MBA, Trustee

Distinguished Alumnus Remarks Daniel Centers, B.S., '07

Introduction of Student Speaker Sue Rokosz, P.E., Trustee

Student Speaker Brittany Musko
Master of Social Work

Daniela Diaz (alternate)
Psychology

Presentation of Graduate and Undergraduate Degree Candidates

Elena Qureshi, Ph.D. Graduate School Interim Dean

Sue Ann Sharma, Ph.D. College of Education and Human Development Dean

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Benediction Terry Harvill, Ph.D., Trustee

Alma Mater Karsten Sabo, Sign Language Studies Sophomore (Vocalist)
(All rise and join in singing the Madonna University Alma Mater found on the inside back cover)

Recessional

Recorded Music
(Please stand)

Distinguished Alumnus Award



Dan Centers, '07, Bachelor of Science in Social Studies

2026 College of Education and Human Development Distinguished Alumnus

Centers currently serves on the leadership team at the Michigan Department of Education as special assistant to State Superintendent Glenn Maleyko.

Engaged in his community from a young age, Centers earned the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. For his Eagle Scout project, he raised significant funds and collected toys for the Ronald McDonald House in Detroit. As an adult, he was recognized by the Michigan Jaycee Foundation as their Outstanding Young Michigander for his charitable fundraising efforts to help pay down student lunch debt in Livonia and Westland. He also received the Franciscan Values Award from Madonna University for his work supporting youth charitable causes.

A former elementary school teacher, Centers served on the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education for nearly nine years. During his tenure, he received the Award of Merit and the Award of Distinction from the Michigan Association of School Boards. He later served as a board member for the organization.

Centers also worked as chief of staff to the chair of the Michigan Senate Education Committee. In that role, he contributed to key education legislation, including efforts to repeal mandatory third-grade retention, reform teacher and administrator evaluations, and expand access to cost-free school meals for students. In 2024, he received a tribute from Governor Whitmer and state legislators recognizing his work.

He lives in Lansing Township, Mich., with his fiancée, Caitlin, and their two golden retrievers, Kelvin and Riley.

Student Speaker



Brittany Musko

Master of Social Work graduate from Davisburg, Mich.



Daniela Diaz (alternate)

Bachelor of Science in Psychology graduate with highest honors from Detroit, Mich.

College of Education and Human Development

Doctorate of Education

‡Dina Angela DuBuis
Leadership and Innovation
Livonia, MI

Lisa Erickson
Leadership and Innovation
Westland, MI

Suzanne Marie Zainea
Leadership and Innovation
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

‡Spencer Lee Riley
Leadership and Innovation
Garden City, MI

Master of Arts

Lyric Bingham
Higher Education Administration
Romulus, MI

Ian Carroll McKimmy
Higher Education Administration
Farmington, MI

Master of Arts in Teaching

Alanna June
Autism Spectrum Disorders
Dearborn Heights, MI

Geneva Walker-Smith
Early Childhood Education
Southfield, MI

‡Kayne Marie Williams
Autism Spectrum Disorders
Carleton, MI

Master of Science

Joelina Abdallah
Criminal Justice Leadership and
Intelligence
Dearborn, MI

Kendall L. Fay
Criminal Justice Leadership and
Intelligence
Livonia, MI

Gianna Rose Mason
Criminal Justice Leadership and
Intelligence
Livonia, MI

Ammar Alzuad
Criminal Justice Leadership and
Intelligence
Dearborn Heights, MI

Brianne Catherine Gears
Criminal Justice Leadership and
Intelligence
Howell, MI

Kasia Ann Reese
Criminal Justice Leadership and
Intelligence
Detroit, MI

‡John Zachary Beadle
Criminal Justice Leadership and
Intelligence
Canton, MI

‡Nawal Jamal Hallani
Transformational Education Leadership
Dearborn, MI

Autumn Monét Latrice Robinson
Humane Leadership
Detroit, MI

‡Nawal Hassan El-Hellani
Transformational Education Leadership
Dearborn, MI

†Catherine Jeanine Hunter
Humane Leadership
Cotati, CA

ΔSamantha Elaine Wakefield
Criminal Justice Leadership and
Intelligence
Livonia, MI

Master of Science Clinical Psychology

Patrick Joseph Bertoni
Clinical Psychology
Dexter, MI

Lauren Marie Harris
Clinical Psychology
Trenton, MI

Alexis Joy Anne Rivera
Clinical Psychology
Commerce Twp., MI

Caleb Joshua Bonno
Clinical Psychology
Canton, MI

Natalie Lynn Kade
Clinical Psychology
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI

Anthony Paul Thibodeaux
Clinical Psychology
Wayne, MI

Gabriella Duff
Clinical Psychology
Livonia, MI

Madison D. Kuehn
Clinical Psychology
Livonia, MI

Alex Jordan Thomas
Clinical Psychology
Farmington Hills, MI

Aiman S. Garous
Clinical Psychology
Livonia, MI

TaShona Lynn Rambus
Clinical Psychology
Van Buren Twp., MI

Master of Social Work

Autumn Alexander
Social Work
Warren, MI

Charity Marion Jones
Social Work
Clarkston, MI

Cynthia Elizabeth Saunders
Social Work
Oak Park, MI

Jill Rochelle Anderson
Social Work
Southfield, MI

Madalyn Mae Kirchoff
Social Work
Canton, MI

Sarah Grace Schwanke
Social Work
Berkley, MI

Octavia S. Bronaugh
Social Work
Inkster, MI

Brittany Musko
Social Work
Davisburg, MI

Jana Delores Settler
Social Work
Detroit, MI

Erica Renee Croom
Social Work
Fraser, MI

Antiesia Ashlee Nelson
Social Work
Westland, MI

Logan Nicole Sibel
Social Work
Dearborn Heights, MI

‡Jessica Rose Grima-Jewett
Social Work
Hartland, MI

Emma Maria Penney
Social Work
Canton, MI

Melissa D. Squirewell
Social Work
Redford, MI

Carrie Maureen Jernigan
Social Work
Brighton, MI

Dorene LaJuan Perry
Social Work
Detroit, MI

Ashley Lashawnda Tamper
Social Work
Westland, MI

Jasmine June Johnson
Social Work
Southfield, MI

Jeanne Vera Robinson
Social Work
Richmond, MI

Janelle Nicole Welch
Social Work
Detroit, MI

Graduate Certificate

Autumn Alexander School Social Work Warren, MI	†Catherine Jeanine Hunter Human-Animal Bond Non-Profit Leadership Cotati, CA	Jeanne Vera Robinson Addiction Studies Richmond, MI
Jill Rochelle Anderson Addiction Studies Southfield, MI	Antiesia Ashlee Nelson School Social Work Westland, MI	Cynthia Elizabeth Saunders Addiction Studies Oak Park, MI
Erica Renne Croom School Social Work Fraser, MI	Emma Maria Penney School Social Work Canton, MI	Sarah Grace Schwanke School Social Work Berkley, MI
‡Jessica Rose Grima-Jewett Human-Animal Bond School Social Work Hartland, MI	Kasia Ann Reese Financial Crimes Compliance Detroit, MI	†Sarah Ina Ame Spears School Social Work Detroit, MI

Bachelor of Arts

ΔSamuel Lawrence Bauer* Social Studies ◇Political Science Norton Shores, MI	Δ‡Aiden Michael Haver** Social Studies ◇Political Science Muskegon, MI	Chelsea Laina Weatherford* Political Science Wixom, MI
ΔHenry Edmund Bielecki II* Social Studies ◇History Lake Orion, MI	Δ‡Cameron Scott Kruse* Social Studies Livonia, MI	

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Bachelor of Science

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Physical Education and Health K-12
Canton, MI

Jessica Ann Beels
Criminal Justice
Kenoskee, MI

‡Samantha Ann Bihun***
Early Childhood Education
Comprehensive Elementary Education
Westland, MI

Destiny Lashelle Brown
Psychology
Detroit, MI

‡Princess Priscilla Browne
Exercise and Sport Science
Guyana

Jocelyn Adriana Burnham**
Criminal Justice
St. Clair Shores, MI

Twyla Sanae Burroughs**
Paralegal Studies
Brownstown Twp., MI

Shannon Elizabeth Butki**
Criminal Justice
Westland, MI

Paige Nicole Caradonna**
Psychology
Warren, MI

‡Brendan James Catlin*
Criminal Justice
St. Clair Shores, MI

Taylor Sinclair Christman
Criminal Justice
Westland, MI

Madisyn Brooke Conrad**
Criminal Justice
◊Accounting
Northville, MI

Sandreea Eunice Cueva***
Psychology
Livonia, MI

ΔDustin Charles Cummins
Criminal Justice
Milford, MI

ΔJermaine Carlos Davis*
Criminal Justice
◊Business Administration
Ypsilanti, MI

Daniela Diaz***
Psychology
Romulus, MI

Amber Caitlin Dominick*
Early Childhood Education
Comprehensive Elementary Education
Garden City, MI

Δ‡Katherine Elizabeth Dybicki**
Early Childhood Education
Comprehensive Elementary Education
Van Buren Twp., MI

Katlyn Marie Errigo
Criminal Justice
Livonia, MI

Kooper John Etheridge**
Exercise and Sport Science
Battle Creek, MI

Mariah Lynn Evans**
Psychology
Livonia, MI

†James Patrick Fajack***
Criminal Justice
Livonia, MI

‡Mallory Elizabeth Forsyth
Early Childhood Education
Comprehensive Elementary Education
Riley, MI

Angel Gary
Exercise and Sport Science
Cassopolis, MI

Δ‡Alissa Isabel Gauthier***
Early Childhood Education
Comprehensive Elementary Education
Grand Blanc, MI

Anna Elizabeth Gjekaj*
Psychology
Farmington Hills, MI

Hayden Shawn Hall*
Criminal Justice
Waterford, MI

Emmalee Rebecca Hubbard***
Early Childhood Education
Elementary Education
Farmington Hills, MI

Carla Teresa Jackson
Psychology
◊Criminal Justice
Livonia, MI

Benjamin Allen Jeng***
Criminal Justice
Belleville, MI

LeeAnn Theresa Johnson
Criminal Justice
Psychology
Oxford, MI

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Rhonda Nicoele' Johnson Williams Paralegal Studies Roseville, MI	Clayton James Floyd McKinstry*** Physical Education and Health K-12 Grant Park, IL	Nash Michael Phillips Criminal Justice Kimball, MI
Zakary Alan Kipp Exercise and Sport Science ◇Nutrition South Bend, IN	†Dominic Alexander Michels Criminal Justice Livonia, MI	‡Rachel Mya Piper*** Early Childhood Education Comprehensive Elementary Education Livonia, MI
Dylan Christian Kenneth Kuschel Criminal Justice Livonia, MI	‡Alex Trifun Momirovski* Criminal Justice Washington, MI	Grace Adriana Provenzano*** Criminal Justice Shelby Twp., MI
Alvaro Lopez Pineiro Criminal Justice ◇Biology for Forensic Science Majors Spain	Danielle S. Monroe Criminal Justice ◇Sociology Redford, MI	ΔAlexis Marie Raffin Criminal Justice Westland, MI
ΔEmery Victoria Lucier Psychology Canada	Keira Elise Murphy** Criminal Justice ◇Psychology Roseville, MI	Michaela J. Reason Family and Consumer Sciences Burton, MI
‡Taylor Morgan Malone** Early Childhood Education Elementary Education Warren, MI	‡Megan Elizabeth Myers Criminal Justice Livonia, MI	Whitney Alaya Ricks Criminal Justice Westland, MI
Isabella Elloitt Marshke Criminal Justice ◇Psychology Bloomfield Hills, MI	Ayana Rose O'Neal*** Early Childhood Education Elementary Education Farmington Hills, MI	ΔMarkail D. Riley Exercise and Sport Science Detroit, MI
‡Randa Amer Matti** Criminal Justice Macomb, MI	‡Cassandra Marie Rea Osborn*** Early Childhood Education Elementary Education Dearborn, MI	‡Deron Roberts Exercise and Sport Science Guyana
‡Shannon Kathleen Mautz Exercise and Sport Science ◇Sport Management Livonia, MI	ΔRyley Marie Osentoski Early Childhood Education Comprehensive Elementary Education Flat Rock, MI	Gage Allen Robinson** Exercise and Sport Science ◇History Ypsilanti, MI
		Jessica Renee Rodriguez** Criminal Justice Dundee, MI

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Emergency Management
Roseville, MI

Natalia Sarmiento Diaz**
Psychology
Colombia

Nicole Paige Satchell**
Paralegal Studies
New Baltimore, MI

‡Sally Shina
Paralegal Studies
Sterling Heights, MI

LeShawna Jacqueline Smith-Stinson*
Paralegal Studies
Warren, MI

‡Justin David Starkey
Exercise and Sport Science
Lancaster, OH

Δ‡Emily Therese Theisen***
Early Childhood Education
Comprehensive Elementary Education
Newport, MI

Xavier Jamar Toole
Criminal Justice
Denver, CO

Kristen Elizabeth Torrice
Criminal Justice
Sterling Heights, MI

Mia Alexis Tracy*
Psychology
Commerce Twp., MI

ΔAlonzo Edward Misela Vaitogi-Ford
Criminal Justice
Detroit, MI

ΔGabriel Gordon Luke Vennard*
Exercise and Sport Science
Chesterfield, MI

Karla Jazmin Villalobos*
Psychology
◇Children and Families
○Criminal Justice
Ypsilanti, MI

Morgan Shea Waddington
Criminal Justice
◇Spanish
Chesterfield, MI

‡Ava Grace Wilson**
Criminal Justice
◇Spanish
Macomb, MI

‡Siubhan Faith Yung***
Family and Consumer Sciences
◇Sociology
Ypsilanti, MI

Δ‡Sophia Alexandra Zervos**
Early Childhood Education
Comprehensive Elementary Education
Northville, MI

Bachelor of Social Work

Ghifran Jabber Al-aulaikhan
Social Work
Dearborn, MI

Cayli Elizabeth Glowka*
Social Work
Eastpointe, MI

‡Alexis Jeanne Grace
Social Work
Grand Ledge, MI

Amber Elizabeth Kaledas***
Social Work
◇Criminal Justice
Canton, MI

Lauren Alonna Lee**
Social Work
Southfield, MI

Britney A. Manning
Social Work
Flat Rock, MI

ΔJulianna Renee Sadler
Social Work
◇Criminal Justice
Perry, MI

‡Olivia Mae Scott***
Social Work
West Branch, MI

Teraja Anisa Williams**
Social Work
New Baltimore, MI

Katie Lynn Zajas**
Social Work
Atlanta, MI

Associate of Science

‡Austin Tyler Smolenski
Criminal Justice
Taylor, MI

Certificate of Achievement

‡Emily Patricia Czarnecki
Paralegal Studies
Birmingham, MI

Certificate of Completion

†Theresa Jean Baptiste
Community Leadership
Haiti

Sandreea Eunice Cueva
Forensic Psychology
Livonia, MI

Emery Victoria Lucier
Forensic Psychology
Canada

Alexandra Victoria Beally
Crime Scene Practice
Plymouth, MI

Amber Caitlin Dominick
Essentials of Instruction
Garden City, MI

‡Taylor Morgan Malone
Essentials of Instruction
Warren, MI

Shannon Elizabeth Butki
Animal Cruelty Investigation
Crime Scene Practice
Forensic Psychology
Homeland Security
Private Investigation
Private Security
Westland, MI

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Essentials of Instruction
Van Buren Twp., MI

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Community Leadership
Flat Rock, MI

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Forensic Psychology
Livonia, MI

Keira Elise Murphy
Forensic Psychology
Roseville, MI

Paige Nicole Caradonna
Forensic Psychology
Homeland Security
Private Security
Warren, MI

†Synthia Ebony Grace Howard
Community Leadership
Romulus, MI

‡Cassandra Marie Rea Osborn
Essentials of Instruction
Dearborn, MI

Carla Teresa Jackson
Forensic Psychology
Livonia, MI

Grace Adriana Provenzano
Homeland Security
Shelby Twp., MI

‡Brendan James Catlin
Homeland Security
St. Clair Shores, MI

Rhonda Nicoele Johnson Williams
Aging and Older Adults
Roseville, MI

Natalie Ann Richards
Forensic Psychology
Riverview, MI

Madisyn Brooke Conrad
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Monroe, MI

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Homeland Security
Private Investigation
Private Security
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Neuroscience
Ypsilanti, MI

†Samorah Farley Zephirin
Community Leadership
Haiti

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Crime Scene Practice
Private Security
Sterling Heights, MI

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Homeland Security
Private Investigation
Chesterfield, MI

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Essentials of Instruction
Northville, MI

Teaching Certificate

ΔJeremy Barber
Canton, MI

‡Alissa Isabel Gauthier
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Dearborn, MI

Samuel Lawrence Bauer
Norton Shores, MI

‡Aiden Michael Haver
Muskegon, MI

Ryley Marie Osentoski
Flat Rock, MI

Henry Edmund Bielecki II
Lake Orion, MI

‡Ava Marie Hazimeh
Dearborn, MI

‡Alyvia Christine Pendergrass
Harrison Township, MI

‡Samantha Ann Bihun
Westland, MI

Emmalee Rebecca Hubbard
Farmington Hills, MI

‡Rachel Mya Piper
Livonia, MI

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Garden City, MI

‡Taylor Morgan Malone
Warren, MI

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Newport, MI

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Van Buren Township, MI

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Graduates
Chief MarshalDennis Bozyk, Associate Professor and General Studies
Program Director
Faculty
Administrators
Trustees
Dais Party
President

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Invocation Sue Rokosz, P.E., Trustee

Welcome..... Chris Dougherty, Ph.D., President

Board of Trustees Introduction.....Rodney Patterson, M.A.Ed., Board Chair

Presentation of Distinguished Alumna

Recipient:Kelly Baird-Cox, MSN, '94, DNP, '17

Presented by:Stella Evangelista, MD, Trustee

Distinguished Alumna Remarks..... Kelly Baird-Cox, MSN, '94, DNP, '17

Introduction of Student Speaker..... Steven Harte, Ph.D., Trustee

Student Speaker..... Elezabeth Shinoj
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Kristin Watkins (alternate)
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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Benediction Sr. M. Francis Lewandowski, CSSF, B.A. '91, MFA, Trustee

Alma Mater Karsten Sabo, Sign Language Studies Sophomore (Vocalist)
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Recessional

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(Please stand)

Distinguished Alumna Award



Kelly Baird-Cox '94, MSN, '17, Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
2026 College of Nursing and Health Distinguished Alumna

As Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Baird-Cox leads nursing strategy, practice, and workforce development at one of the nation's leading academic medical centers.

Baird-Cox's more than 35-year career as a nationally recognized nurse executive and transformational leader began at the bedside as a staff nurse. She progressed to clinical nurse specialist and pediatric nurse practitioner before advancing into executive leadership. She has led inpatient, ambulatory, emergency, perioperative, and women's and children's services, consistently elevating clinical excellence, quality, safety, and patient outcomes.

Prior to joining Henry Ford Health, she served as Chief Nursing Officer at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and Von Voigtlander Women's Hospital at University of Michigan Health, where she led a Magnet-designated organization through significant growth, transformation, and operational complexity.

As a proud two-time Madonna alumna, Baird-Cox is deeply committed to developing future nurse leaders and advancing the profession through mentorship, academic partnerships, and innovative nursing practice. She has contributed nationally as a mentor, speaker, and leader.

Baird-Cox serves as president of the Michigan Organization of Nurse Leaders as an authentic, purpose-driven leader committed to empowering nurses to lead, innovate, and shape the future of healthcare.

Student Speaker



Elezabeth Shinoj

Bachelor of Science in Nursing graduate with high honors from New Hudson, Mich.



Kristin Watkins (alternate)

Bachelor of Science in Nursing graduate with honors from Dexter, Mich.

College of Nursing and Health

Doctor of Nursing Practice

†Bess Bertolis
Nursing Practice
Commerce Twp., MI

Hosanna Joy Lewis
Family Nurse Practitioner
Wayne, MI

Kelly Meghan Roberts
Nursing Practice
Dearborn, MI

‡Lauren Elizabeth Collavino
Nursing Practice
Canada

‡Gregory Scott Patterson
Nursing Practice
Berkley, MI

†Joss Shrout
Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse
Practitioner/Family Nurse Practitioner
Livonia, MI

‡McKenzie Renee Karas
Nursing Practice
Flat Rock, MI

Rajbir Kaur Randhawa
Family Nurse Practitioner
Canton, MI

Master of Science in Nursing

‡Oluwabunmi Nancy Adeyemi
Nurse Practitioner
Westland, MI

‡Alexandra Horgos Mihulin
Nurse Practitioner
Farmington Hills, MI

‡Rolland Zinju Nkemazeh
Nurse Practitioner
Farmington Hills, MI

‡Tena Bolanca-Trajkovic
Family Nurse Practitioner/
Adult-Gerontology Acute Care
Nurse Practitioner
Macomb, MI

‡Dwede Ellen Kobbah
Family Nurse Practitioner
Detroit, MI

‡Rajbir K. Randhawa
Nurse Practitioner
Canton, MI

Thomas D. Bonnell V
Nursing Administration
Brighton, MI

‡Amanda Cherie Lamoreaux
Nurse Practitioner
Clinton Twp., MI

‡Melissa Joy Robbins
Nurse Practitioner
Livonia, MI

‡Camelia Irina Campeau
Nurse Practitioner
Canton, MI

‡Hosanna Joy Lewis
Nurse Practitioner
Wayne, MI

‡Kathleen A. Williams
Adult-Gerontology Acute Care
Nurse Practitioner
Livonia, MI

‡Samar Fayed
Family Nurse Practitioner
Farmington Hills, MI

‡Iqbal Kaur Mahal
Nurse Practitioner
Canton, MI

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Master of Science in Nursing/Master of Business Administration

Sarah Beatrice Head
Nursing Administration / Business
Administration
Fowlerville, MI

Evan Nicholas McDowell
Nursing Administration / Business
Administration
South Lyon, MI

Natalia Owczarzak
Nursing Administration / Business
Administration
Westland, MI

Mathew John Myatt
Nursing Administration / Business
Administration
Howell, MI

Graduate Certificate

‡Daniel Peter Konja
Family Nurse Practitioner
Farmington Hills, MI

‡Zachary Lee McAllister
Family Nurse Practitioner
Canton, MI

‡Mindy Sue Sznyr
Adult-Gerontology Acute Care
Nurse Practitioner
Wayne, MI

Bachelor of Science

Gayla N. Hicks-Wheeler
Gerontology
Perrysburg, OH

Brooke Marie Kibedy
Population Health
Woodhaven, MI

‡Johnny Nazim Stepek**
Health Sciences
White Lake, MI

‡Paulina Maria Kowalczyk*
Population Health
Westland, MI

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Noor Jasim Abdulhadi
Nursing
Northville, MI

‡Sarah Al-Dhaheri
Nursing
Dearborn, MI

Mazen Muaid Alsaad*
Nursing
Dearborn, MI

‡Yassen Said Abdullah
Nursing
Dearborn, MI

Olivia Lauren Alexander
Nursing
Woodhaven, MI

‡Amina J Alsaegh
Nursing
Dearborn Heights, MI

†Zaineb Daa Abdulrasul**
Nursing
Dearborn Heights, MI

‡Lena Hamid Alhassan**
Nursing
Dearborn, MI

Nooralhuda Ahmad Alzoubi
Nursing
Dearborn, MI

Mahdi Ramez Abikhodr
Nursing
Dearborn, MI

Doha Mohammed Alhillo
Nursing
Dearborn Hts., MI

Allana Bashar Arabo
Nursing
West Bloomfield, MI

Ali Hassan Aboualayoui*
Nursing
Dearborn, MI

Faten Arafat Aljahmi
Nursing
Dearborn, MI

‡Ali M. Awada
Nursing
Troy, MI

†Aisha Al-Aswadi
Nursing
Dearborn Heights, MI

Rachel Elizabeth Allen
Nursing
Brownstown, MI

‡Madison Elizabeth Bajis***
Nursing
Fort Gratiot, MI

Jeffrey John Ballard Nursing Lake Ann, MI	‡Lauren Ashley Boudreau Nursing Milford, MI	Δ‡Maria Lynn Curtis Nursing Clinton Twp., MI
†Feras S. Baraka* Nursing West Bloomfield, MI	†Ashley Lauren Burke** Nursing Gibraltar, MI	‡Marianne Michael Dickow Nursing Commerce Twp., MI
‡Julia Maria Barbu** Nursing Clinton Twp., MI	Riley Morgan Bush Nursing Garden City, MI	Keturah Bhala Dikong Nursing Westland, MI
Kalin Susanne Bates Nursing Livonia, MI	‡Isabela Serena Caban** Nursing Detroit, MI	Jessica Lynn Dunkel* Nursing Fenton, MI
‡Hayat Mohamed Baydoun** Nursing Dearborn Hts., MI	Lucy Michele Carroll Nursing Wyandotte, MI	Jillian RunCen Ebert** Nursing Dearborn, MI
Madilyn Jane Beckwith* Nursing Farmington Hills, MI	‡Ghazale Ahmad Charara Nursing Dearborn Heights, MI	Aneeta Eeso Nursing West Bloomfield, MI
Aya Hassan Beydoun* Nursing Dearborn, MI	Δ‡Emily Veronica Chlebek* Nursing ◇Spanish Livonia, MI	†Nevene A. Eldayeh Nursing Dearborn, MI
Josephine Vincenza Biundo Nursing Canada	Olivia Marie Collins** Nursing Garden City, MI	Zeinab Sally Elsebaei Nursing Dearborn Heights, MI
Mia Dolores Borg** Nursing Westland, MI	Sarah Nellie Collins* Nursing Dearborn, MI	Reagan Elizabeth Esch** Nursing Fowlerville, MI
Adam Troy Bortz Nursing Rochester Hills, MI	Isabella Mary Covert Nursing Livonia, MI	Jenelle Regina Faranso Nursing West Bloomfield, MI
Andrea Marie Bostic* Nursing Commerce Twp., MI	Tatyana Sonya Cranford** Nursing Romulus, MI	‡Madalynn Paige Ferguson* Nursing Garden City, MI

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Ariun Senyan Forbes Nursing Dearborn, MI	‡Amar Hamade* Nursing Dearborn, MI	Haylee Marie Jackson* Nursing Woodhaven, MI
Alyssa Marie Fusco Nursing Cottrellville, MI	‡Batoul Mohamad Hamka** Nursing Dearborn, MI	Ria Jain Nursing West Bloomfield, MI
‡Sarah Elizabeth Gaffan** Nursing Brighton, MI	‡Nahla Hammoud* Nursing Dearborn Heights, MI	‡Sandi Jardali Nursing Dearborn, MI
‡Claire Isabel Garner** Nursing Dearborn, MI	Dylan G. Harris Nursing Van Buren Twp., MI	Daniel Carl Johns** Nursing Chesterfield, MI
‡Emilee Rose Gascoigne* Nursing Westland, MI	Farah Ali Hassoun Nursing Dearborn, MI	‡Alexis Anne Johnson Nursing Wyandotte, MI
†Elizabeth Rose Gealer Nursing Harrison Township, MI	‡Bianca Tamara Hawasli* Nursing Bloomfield Hills, MI	Neily Marie Johnson Nursing Livonia, MI
Hannah Cheryl Godfrey Nursing ◇Psychology Southgate, MI	‡Jacob Nicholas Heins Nursing Sterling Heights, MI	Abigail Ann Kaczor* Nursing Temperance, MI
Danielle Victoria Gonzalez Nursing Chesaning, MI	Madison Nicole Hibbs Nursing Hamburg Twp., MI	McKayla Sada Kajj Nursing West Bloomfield, MI
‡Sydney Elizabeth Goodrich* Nursing Ray, MI	Matthew Andre Hildenbrand** Nursing Mason, MI	‡Hailey Nicole Kendzorek* Nursing Gibraltar, MI
Autumn Elizabeth Gubert-Bullington* Nursing New Hudson, MI	Taylor Katherine Hogan** Nursing Washington, MI	Cassidy Marie Khamerko Nursing Waterford Twp., MI
‡Tori Charisse-Tamia Guyton Nursing Detroit, MI	†Jessica Allyn Hoover** Nursing Lake Orion, MI	‡Faith Nevaeh Klinge Nursing Wayland, MI
‡Zeinab Kassem Hachem Nursing Garden City, MI	Gediola Naim Iljazi Nursing Canton, MI	Laura Mackenzie Korff Nursing Westland, MI

Jasmine Marie Kosta** Nursing Livonia, MI	†Alison Olivia Lyijynen Nursing Bloomfield Hills, MI	ΔLilly Luther McKee Nursing Fenton, MI
†Lindsey Kathryn Kowalski* Nursing Milan, OH	‡Shannon Margaret MacKillop*** Nursing Bloomfield Hills, MI	‡Mouhamad Salim Mehdi* Nursing Dearborn, MI
Abigail Marie Kozaczynski* Nursing Farmington Hills, MI	Sara Ali Makki* Nursing Dearborn Heights, MI	‡Vanessa Meka* Nursing Troy, MI
Mackenzie Rae LaBuhn** Nursing East China, MI	†Mohammad Ali Mallah* Nursing Dearborn Heights, MI	Natalie Marie Meloche*** Nursing Canton, MI
ΔIsabella Marie Lashaway Nursing ◇Spanish Plymouth, MI	‡Ali Habib Mansour Nursing Dearborn, MI	Emma Rose Mood* Nursing Westland, MI
McKenna Nicole Lauer* Nursing Livonia, MI	†Corrin Dina Martinez* Nursing Livonia, MI	‡Christopher A. Moore* Nursing Eastpointe, MI
Lindzey Mae Lawrence Nursing Davison, MI	Kara Ann McBride Nursing Farmington Hills, MI	Alesia Lavette Morris** Nursing Detroit, MI
Tessa Lynn Leece Nursing Champion, MI	‡Kate McShane McClory Nursing Grosse Pointe Woods, MI	Allison Morgan Mullins Nursing Livonia, MI
‡Victoria Ellen Ley* Nursing Wayne, MI	‡Molly Erin McCormick* Nursing Dexter, MI	†Muhammad Taha Muqtadir** Nursing Fremont, CA
Jillian Peyton Lipinski*** Nursing Macomb, MI	Catherine Elise McDougall Nursing Livonia, MI	‡Sara Mustapha Nursing Canton, MI
Brianna Noreen Llewellyn* Nursing Waterford, MI	‡Molly Ann McGroarty Nursing Northville, MI	Jordyn Rae Myatt** Nursing Macomb, MI

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Fatema Hassan Mzannar Nursing Dearborn Heights, MI	Alisha Vk Patel*** Nursing Northville, MI	‡Nusrat Sadique Nursing Warren, MI
‡Taylor Marie Nelson* Nursing New Baltimore, MI	†Unnati Jayesh Patel* Nursing Canton, MI	Jawad Rabih Saleh Nursing Dearborn Hts., MI
Thi Dinh Ngo** Nursing ◇Sociology Vietnam	Riley Elizabeth Patzer Nursing Highland, MI	Chadia Salhi Nursing Canton, MI
Mare Nilaj* Nursing Northville, MI	†Bailey John Paulus** Nursing Waterford, MI	Sharon Nicole Sandoval Nursing Ypsilanti, MI
Kailyn Ann-Marie Nunneley Nursing Livonia, MI	‡Nichole Pippins-Jones Nursing Canton, MI	Adam Jeffery Sawicki Nursing Grosse Ile, MI
†Fadia Kassem Omar*** Nursing Lebanon	Madison Marie Plaut** Nursing Clyde, MI	△‡Leya Sayed-Ahmad Nursing ◇Psychology Dearborn, MI
Kayla Elizabeth Owsley Nursing Dexter, MI	†Robert Marko Popovski Nursing Shelby Twp., MI	‡Drake David Schultz** Nursing Commerce Twp., MI
Claire Elise Pagnucco** Nursing Livonia, MI	Melanie Rae Radtke** Nursing Dearborn, MI	‡Erik Edward Sevo Nursing Bloomfield Hills, MI
‡Savannah Noel Pakulski* Nursing St. Clair Shores, MI	‡Mary Therese Ramirez Nursing Ypsilanti, MI	‡Amanda Shahinllari Nursing Westland, MI
‡Cameron Alexander Pall Nursing Howell, MI	†Skylar Lynn Rogers* Nursing Warren, MI	†Aliyah Sara Sharifi** Nursing Manchester, MI
Hyeonju Park* Nursing South Korea	‡Gabriella Rose Rolak** Nursing Dearborn, MI	Elezabeth Rachel Shinoj** Nursing New Hudson, MI
Magdalena Brygida Pasierb** Nursing Farmington Hills, MI	Emily Mary Roth* Nursing Howell, MI	‡Nawal Natalie Sleiman* Nursing Dearborn Heights, MI
‡Megan Alma Passow Nursing Pinckney, MI	†Hadi Saab* Nursing Livonia, MI	Korryn Halli Smith Nursing Waterford, MI

‡Michael James Smith Nursing Van Buren Twp., MI	‡Olivia Delphine Tofil** Nursing South Lyon, MI	Madyson Nicole Wild** Nursing Northville, MI
‡Ian Nikhil Sood* Nursing Ann Arbor, MI	Madison Elizabeth Turley Nursing Ypsilanti, MI	†Katherine Elizabeth Wright* Nursing Walled Lake, MI
Chardonay Arcaia Sykes Nursing Detroit, MI	‡Kiaira Alexis Turner-Johnson Nursing Novi, MI	Michaela Genevieve Wroblewski* Nursing Grosse Ile, MI
Mitzi Marie Lacson Tanalgo** Nursing Philippines	Jocelyn Elaine Wagnitz* Nursing Allen Park, MI	†Fares Yasin Nursing Canton, MI
Gabrielle Anne Theodorovich Nursing Canton, MI	Kristin Joy Watkins* Nursing Dexter, MI	‡Dania Yassin Nursing Dearborn Heights, MI
‡Jessica Paige Thomas** Nursing Wyandotte, MI	†Megan Elizabeth Weston Nursing Macomb, MI	Chanel Tresa Yusuf* Nursing Sterling Heights, MI
†Chad Dillon Thomson** Nursing Saline, MI	Diamond Destiny White Nursing Westland, MI	‡Ashley Ann Zimmerman*** Nursing Livonia, MI
Hailey Noelle Titus* Nursing Brighton, MI	Megan Elizabeth Wickham Nursing Livonia, MI	

Certificate of Completion

Amber Elizabeth Kaledas
Dementia Care
Canton, MI

Brooke Marie Kibedy
Care Management for the Older Adult
Dementia Care
Woodhaven, MI

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Past Honors and Citations Awarded

Mother Mary DeSales Tocka, CSSF†	Doctor of Laws 1967 (posthumously)
Rudolph R. Kleinert†	Honorary Citation 1968
Anton Jakobs†	Honorary Citation 1968
Nancy Tanger†	Honorary Citation 1969
Johney J. Cheney†	Doctor of Laws 1970
Sr. Mary Angelica Dembinski, CSSF†	Doctor of Humanities 1970
Honorable Philip A. Hart†	Doctor of Humanities 1971
Honorable Edward H. McNamara†	Honorary Citation 1972
Sr. Mary Columbine Radzilowski, CSSF†	Doctor of Humanities 1973
Sr. Mary Virginette Chlebowska, CSSF†	Doctor of Humanities 1974
Roger A. Voskuyl†	Doctor of Humanities 1974
Honorable James L. Ryan	Doctor of Laws 1976
Honorable Edward H. McNamara†	Doctor of Laws 1976
John W. Porter†	Doctor of Humanities 1977
Honorable Carl D. Pursell†	Doctor of Laws 1977
John L. Gaffney†	Doctor of Laws 1978
Sr. Mary Danatha Suchyta, CSSF†	Doctor of Humanities 1978
Honorable Patrick J. Duggan†	Honorary Citation 1979
Richard E. White†	Honorary Citation 1979
Thomas Aquinas Murphy†	Doctor of Humanities 1980
Sr. Mary Clarentine Dzienis, CSSF†	Doctor of Humanities 1981
Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C.†	Doctor of Humanities 1982
Russell G. Mawby†	Doctor of Humanities 1983
Thomas Monaghan	Doctor of Humanities 1983
Edmund C. Cardinal Szoka†	Doctor of Humanities 1984
Andrew Brodhun†	Honorary Citation 1984
Sr. Mary Amadeus Lewicka, CSSF†	Doctor of Humanities 1985
Edward Rose†	Doctor of Humanities 1985
Loret Miller Ruppe†	Doctor of Humanities 1986
Sr. Mary Angeline Filipiak, CSSF†	Doctor of Humanities 1987
Honorable William Ford†	Doctor of Laws 1987
Frank Hayden†	Doctor of Humanities 1987
John T. Scott†	Doctor of Humanities 1987
Sr. Rosemary Donley, S.C.	Doctor of Humanities 1988
Gary D. Hawks†	Doctor of Humanities 1988
Emmet Tracy Sr.†	Doctor of Humanities 1989
Frances Carney†	Doctor of Humanities 1989
Bishop Moses B. Anderson, S.S.E.†	Doctor of Humanities 1989
Michael Ilitch†	Doctor of Humanities 1990
Christian Wiyghan Cardinal Tumi†	Doctor of Humanities 1990
Lech Walesa (in absentia)	Doctor of Humanities 1990
Cardinal Adam J. Maida	Doctor of Education 1991
Leo Obloy†	Doctor of Business Admin. 1991
Bernice (Ostrowski) Obloy†	Doctor of Humanities 1991
Honorable J.J. Simmons III†	Doctor of Laws 1991
Edward O. Blews Jr.	Doctor of Laws 1992
Thomas G. Bosco†	Doctor of Business Admin. 1992
Marilyn F. Lundy†	Doctor of Education 1992
Arthur W Meek†	Doctor of Humanities 1992
Sr. Mary Cynthia Strzalkowski, CSSF†	Doctor of Humanities 1993

James S. Bonadeo†	Doctor of Business Admin. 1993
Reverend Eddie K. Edwards†	Doctor of Education 1993
David E. Hanson	Doctor of Education 1994
Honorable Elizabeth Stevens	Doctor of Business 1994
Father William Cunningham†	Doctor of Humanities 1994
Antonio R. Flores	Doctor of Education 1995
Sr. Mary Dennis Glonek, CSSF†	Doctor of Education 1995
William T. Phillips†	Doctor of Business 1995
Leo J. Brennan Jr.†	Doctor of Education 1996
Mary Lyons†	Doctor of Business 1996
William C. Stokoe†	Doctor of Education 1996
Honorable Dennis W. Archer	Doctor of Education 1997
Sr. Margaret Carney, O.E.	Doctor of Humanities 1997
Monika K. Hellwig†	Doctor of Sacred Theology 1997
Sheldon Hackney†	Doctor of Humanities 1998
Honorable Marcia C. Kaptur	Doctor of Public Admin. 1998
Don Massey†	Doctor of Business Admin. 1998
Monsignor James Robinson, S.S.E.†	Doctor of Education 1998
Blessed Mary Angela Truskowska†	Doctor of Education 1999 (posthumously)
Jean Corr †	Doctor of Business 1999
Noel Goemanne†	Doctor of Music 1999
Eleanor M. Josaitis†	Doctor of Education 2000
Frank D. Stella†	Doctor of Humanities 2000
Major General Lucius Theus†	Doctor of Business 2000
Leah L. Chase	Doctor of Education 2001
Thomas B. Murphy†	Doctor of Business 2001
Tarik S. Daoud†	Doctor of Business Admin. 2002
Helen C. Daoud†	Doctor of Business 2002
John H. Sennett†	Doctor of Humanities 2002
Dianne M. Sennett†	Doctor of Humanities 2002
Sr. Mary Lauriana Gruszczynski, CSSF†	Doctor of Education 2003
Honorable Joseph K. Knollenberg	Doctor of Humanities 2003
Monsignor Stanley Edward Milewski†	Doctor of Theology 2003
Robert Thompson	Doctor of Business 2003
Ludger Beauvais†	Doctor of Humanities 2004
Sr. Mary Damascene Brocki, CSSF†	Doctor of Educational Admin. 2004
Sr. Mary Raymond Kasprzak, CSSF†	Doctor of Humanities 2005
Michael H. Obloy	Doctor of Business 2005
Jo Obloy	Doctor of Business 2005
Sr. Mary Renetta Rumpz, CSSF†	Doctor of Humanities 2006
John Marshall, III	Doctor of Philanthropic Leadership 2006
James J. Padilla	Doctor of Business Admin. 2006
Sr. Mary Janice Ziolkowski, CSSF†	Doctor of Humanities 2007
Edward P. Czapor	Doctor of Business Admin. 2007
Mother Mary Cajetan Jankiewicz, CSSF†	Doctor of Education 2008 (posthumously)
David DiChiera†	Doctor of Arts 2008
Archbishop Pietro Sambi†	Doctor of Humanities 2008
Edward Parks	Doctor of Humanities 2009
Hongjun Lu	Doctor of Business Admin. 2010
C. David Campbell†	Doctor of Humanities 2010
Paulson Mathew Chunkapura	Doctor of Public Admin. 2011
Kaup Mohamed	Doctor of Business Admin. 2011
Sister Mary Barbara Ann Bosch	Doctor of Humanities 2012

Sid E. Taylor	Doctor of Humane Letters 2012
Robert Svoboda†	Doctor of Architectural Design 2012
Sister Mary Clarette Stryzewski	Doctor of Ministerial Leadership 2013
Richard Walawender	Doctor of Humane Letters 2013
Sr. Mary Christopher Moore	Doctor of Humane Letters 2014
Michael F. McManus Jr.†	Doctor of Business Admin. 2014 (posthumously)
William J. Harahan†	Doctor of Philosophy 2014
Leonard Charles Suchyta	Doctor of Humanities 2015
Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron	Doctor of Pastoral Theology 2015
U.S. House Speaker John Boehner	Doctor of Laws 2016
Francis Edward Murphy†	Doctor of Humane Letters 2016
Jose Limjoco Evangelista, M.D.	Doctor of International Relations, 2017
Stella Salgado Evangelista, M.D.	Doctor of Humane Letters, 2017
David Baker	Doctor of Laws, 2018
Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, Ph.D.†	Doctor of Humanities, 2018
Michael Galligan-Stierle, Ph.D.	Doctor of Humane Letters, 2019
DeBow Freed, Ph.D.†	Doctor of Humane Letters, 2020
Gerald Smith	Doctor of Humane Letters, 2022
Bishop Donald E. Hanchon	Doctor of Humane Letters, 2023

† deceased

Past Distinguished Alumni Awards

1997	Norene F. Daly, Ph.D., '67†	2019	Bryant George, '10,'19
1998	Dorothy Ozog Carson, M. Ed., '70†	2021	Errin Brooks, '09
1999	Arthur R. Lenaghan, '74	2021	Curtis Caid, '91
2000	Andrea R. Nodge, '84	2021	Cali Crawford, '08
2001	Diane M. Gustin, '72†	2021	Jennifer Kirkland, '96
2002	Mary Anne Barczak, '57	2021	Michelle Moccia, '82,'07,'15
2003	No award presented	2022	Perrmella Harris, '98
2004	Warren C. Evans, '75	2023	Najah Bazy, '98
2005	Sister Edith Marie Agdanowski, CSSF, '43†	2024	Keith Booms, '12
2006	M. Joan Nardi, '51 Trudy Bonk, '51† Lorraine Ciak, '51†	2024	Aaron Cox, '03
2007	Joan Duggan, '73	2024	Doug Dascenzo, '00
2008	Nancy Enright, '61	2024	Sr. M. Francis Lewandowski, '91
2009	Michael R. Harbut, M.D., '78	2025	Eric Haley, '10
2010	Sr. Ann Stamm, CSSF, '60†	2025	LaDonna Myers, '01
2011	Brian L. Davis, '02, '08 Lucy A. Thomas, '83	2025	Judy Paull, '12
2012	Brigadier General (ret.) Carol Ann Fausone, '95	2025	David Piasecki, '02
2013	Christine M. Lees, '89		
2014	Eileen M. Ashley, '84		
2015	Beatrice Czenkusz, '56†		
2016	Mary Beth Smykowski, '96, '99		
2017	Timothy W. Turner, '87		
2018	Christina Kary, '62		

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Madonna University Tradition

The Significance of Academic Regalia

According to customs defined in the 1890s and generally followed since, the academic regalia indicates:

Gown – generally black; the bachelor’s has a long pointed sleeve, the master’s usually slit in the arm or elbow for the arm to protrude with the sleeve hanging down to the hemline. Doctors’ gowns are fuller, with velvet panels down the front and often velvet bars on the sleeves. Madonna’s doctoral gowns are the University’s blue with black and gold trim.

Hood – the most telling of garments, no longer needed to keep the professor and student warm, indicates the level of the degree for master’s and doctoral graduates (by length of the hood and width of the velvet trim), the discipline in which the degree was earned (by color of the velvet trim) and the college or university which made the award (by the satin colors exposed in the lining). Madonna University colors are blue and gold. The velvet trim seen today will reveal degrees in the arts and letters (white), science (yellow), nursing (apricot), social work (citron), education (light blue), business (light brown), philosophy (dark blue), music (pink), theology (scarlet).

The mortarboard is the most common form of academic head covering, although a soft beret-style cap has been adopted by some schools. The tassel for doctors is gold.

Chain of Office and Academic Processional Mace

The Presidential **Chain of Office** symbolizes the authority vested in the Office of the President by the Madonna University Board of Trustees. Donated by Dianne Saholski, and designed and hand-crafted by Marian Owczarski†, the Chain of Office is comprised of a medallion that depicts the University seal, and a gold chain that includes the “M with the flame” enhanced in the school colors of blue and gold, and amber semi-precious stones that reflect the Polish heritage of the Felician Sisters, the University founders.

An **Academic Mace** is a ceremonial scepter providing a connection with the past. A descendant of the medieval mace, it often appears as a ceremonial staff used in processions that precede royalty, magistrates, church and university officials. During the ceremony it serves as a symbolic weapon to protect and proclaim the values of harmony, truth, justice and learning.

The academic processional mace of Madonna University has distinctive symbols reflecting the mission and ideals of Madonna University:

The **head or crown** consists of a three-sided “M” representative of the Madonna, Patroness of the University, with a large **central flame** emanating from the base of the crown, symbolizing the flame of wisdom as in the University motto: “Sapientia Desursum – Wisdom from Above.”

The Mace’s **equilateral triangles** demonstrate belief in the triune God, a central theme of the Catholic heritage of the University. Other religious and academic symbols include the **cross of the Christian tradition and two globes**, a large one representing the terrestrial nature of the world and a smaller one symbolizing the celestial or spirit world. A terminal column serves to support and unite all the functions of the Mace. Surrounding the celestial globe and the terminal column are names representing philosophers, astronomers, theologians and spiritual leaders important to the academic heritage of Madonna University. These include: Aristotle, Plato, Copernicus, Galileo, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Bonaventure, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Catherine of Siena and Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska, foundress of the Felician Order of Sisters.

The Mace, a gift from Dr. Alan† and Mrs. Doris† Eichman, was designed and created by Artist Phillip Fike† of Detroit. The project began in 1987 and was completed in 1994.

† deceased

Honor Societies

Chi Alpha Epsilon – *TRIO*

Delta Mu Delta – *Business*

Kappa Delta Pi – *Education*

Kappa Gamma Pi – *National Catholic College Graduate Honor Society*

Kappa Iota Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International – *Nursing*

Lambda Epsilon Chi – *Paralegal Studies*

National Society of Collegiate Scholars

Phi Alpha – *Social Work*

Phi Alpha Theta – *History*

Psi Chi – *Psychology*

Sigma Phi Omega – *Aging Studies*

Sigma Zeta – *Science and Mathematics*

Madonna University Alma Mater

*Inspired by the Madonna University School Song
Composed by Sister M. Francilene Van de Vyver C.S.S.F.
President of Madonna University (1976–2001)*

Madonna, our Alma Mater,
with Wisdom, Truth and Light,
In service and love you send us forth,
May you be forever bright.

Refrain:

Where e'er we go, what e'er we do,
we will raise your standard high.
Madonna, our Alma Mater,
your colors now bravely fly.

Madonna, our Alma Mater,
in mem'ry you will remain.
The goodness and truth we take with us,
Forever we will proclaim.

Refrain:

Where e'er we go, what e'er we do,
we will raise your standard high.
Madonna, our Alma Mater,
your colors now bravely fly.

Tune: Ellacombe

*Text by Linette Popoff-Parks (2006)
Wirttemberg Songbook (1784)*

Madonna University's Mission and Values

The mission of Madonna University, a Catholic and Franciscan institution of higher learning, is to instill in its students Christian humanistic values, intellectual inquiry, a respect for diversity, and a commitment to serving others through a liberal arts education, integrated with career preparation and based on the truths and principles recognized within a Catholic tradition.

Madonna's mission receives its spirit from these Franciscan Values:

Respect for the dignity of each person

Peace and justice

Reverence for creation

Education for truth and service

