University Recognition

2021 Valedictorian
The Valedictorian is the student who has demonstrated academic excellence by achieving a 3.7 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 15.
The valedictorian will be announced at a future date.

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

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

- Parth Bhagat
- Devin Mendez
- Leonardo Romero-Barajas
- Thomas Mueller
- Peyton Thomas
- Zachary Kennedy

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

- Chanel Bashi
- Natalia Gomez
- Davina Nikaj

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.

- Paul R. Formosa College of Business Administration
- Karishma Sharma College of Business Administration
- Maria Purcell College of Health Professions & McAuley School of Nursing
- Leilah Drew-Justice College of Health Professions & McAuley School of Nursing
- Christina Collins College of Health Professions & McAuley School of Nursing
- Tyiesha Head College of Engineering & Science
- Ariana Matway College of Engineering & Science
- Mira Hamady College of Engineering & Science
- Benjamin Westphal College of Liberal Arts & Education
Alpha Sigma Nu Candidates
Alpha Sigma Nu, the honor society of Jesuit institutions of higher education, recognizes those students who distinguish themselves in scholarship, loyalty and service. The only honor society permitted to bear the name Jesuit, ΑΣΝ encourages its members to a lifetime pursuit of intellectual development, deepening Ignatian spirituality, service to others and a commitment to the core principles of Jesuit education.

Lena Akkad
Nicholas E. Ancona
Shawn Ryan Austin
Shannon K. Brown
Randall S. De Young
Erica K. Eden
Farah Etiba
Jacob T. Flyte

Emily B. Garcia
Mariam H. Ibrahim
Zachary J. Kennedy
Omar Mario Masabni
Thomas R. Mueller
Sarah A. Odeh
Kinga N. Perkowska
Nurzaham Raham

Paola V. Ramiirez
Dylan P. Salem
Claire E. Sandu
Mina E. Spryszak
Nathan D. Wilson
Jennifer L. Yessa

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

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

College of Liberal Arts and Education
Dalonzo Curges Political Science Major, Business Law Minor*
Kenneth Donaldson Political Science Major*
Edwin Jurado Psychology Major*
Melissa Stein Social Work Major*

College of Business Administration
Davina Nikaj 5-Year MBA*
Peyton Thomas 5-Year MBA*
Meena Younan Business Administration Major*
College of Engineering and Science
Jasika Chhina Biology Major*
Emily Forth Biology Major*
Morgan Kyle Biology Major*
Devin Mendez Biology Major, Honors Program*
Gina M. Peruzzi Biology Major, Honors Program*
Jency Shaji Biology Major, Literature Minor
Mehar Soni Chemistry Major, Literature Minor
Katelyn Spring Biology Major*
Stephanie Stoian-Ianc Biology Major*
Lorraine Yuen Biology Major

College of Health Professions & McCauley School of Nursing
Papia Aziz Nursing Major*
Miranda Berishaj Nursing Major*
Melissa Eatmon Nursing Major*

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

College of Liberal Arts and Education
Dalonzo Curges- Political Science Major, Business Law Minor*
Kenneth Donaldson Political Science Major*
Edwin Jurado Psychology Major*

College of Business Administration
Meena Younan Business Administration Major*

College of Engineering and Science
Jasika Chhina Biology Major*
Emily Forth Biology Major*
Morgan Kyle Biology Major*
Stephanie Stoian-Ianc Biology Major*

College of Health Professions & McCauley School of Nursing
Papia Aziz Nursing Major*
Miranda Berishaj Nursing Major*
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.

Papia Aziz Nursing Major*
Dalonzo Curges Political Science Major, Business Law Minor*
Kenneth Donaldson Political Science Major*
Edwin Jurado Psychology Major*