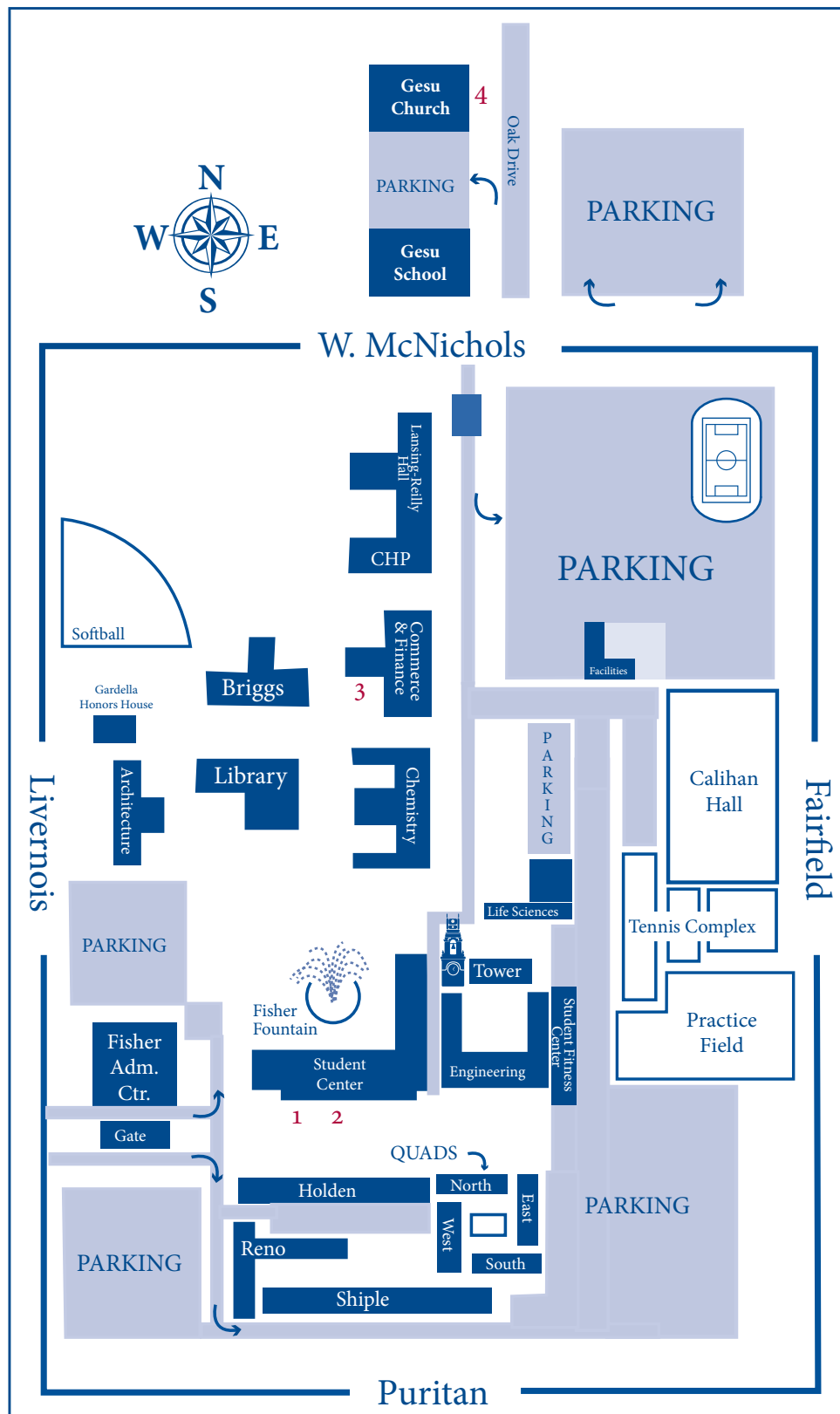




Honors Convocation

March 26, 2017

McNichols Campus



- 1 CHP — Ballroom, Student Center — 11:30 a.m.
- 2 E&S — Ballroom, Student Center — 3:15 p.m.
- 3 Liturgy — St. Ignatius Chapel, C&F Building — 1:30 p.m.
- 4 LA&E — Gesu Catholic Church, 17180 Oak Drive — 3:15 p.m.
- 3 CBA — St. Ignatius Chapel, C&F Building — 3:30 p.m.

University of Detroit Mercy
Honors Convocation

Sunday, March 26, 2017

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| 11:30 a.m. | College of Health Professions
Ballroom, Student Center |
| 1:30 p.m. | Honors Liturgy
St. Ignatius Chapel, Commerce & Finance Building |
| 3:15 p.m. | College of Engineering & Science
Ballroom, Student Center |
| 3:15 p.m. | College of Liberal Arts & Education
Gesu Catholic Church, 17180 Oak Drive |
| 3:30 p.m. | College of Business Administration
St. Ignatius Chapel, Commerce & Finance Building |

University of Detroit Mercy

is the largest and most comprehensive Catholic university in Michigan. The University's seven schools and colleges offer more than 100 academic fields of study to nearly 5,000 students from more than half the states and 30 foreign countries.

The hallmarks of Detroit Mercy's excellence are its commitment to academic excellence, its outstanding faculty, a richly diverse student body and technological innovation. Emphasizing a broad base of study for all academic fields, the University's student-centered, values-oriented education uniquely prepares today's graduates for positions of dynamic leadership well into the 21st Century. In addition, Detroit Mercy is ranked among the top tier of Midwest regional universities in *U.S. News and World Report's* 2017 Best Colleges edition.

University of Detroit Mercy was formed in 1990 by the consolidation of University of Detroit, founded in 1877 by the Society of Jesus, with Mercy College of Detroit, founded in 1941 by the Religious Sisters of Mercy. In the academic tradition of our sponsors, the University remains dedicated to providing accessible, academically excellent programs while meeting the career preparation needs of a diverse student population.

Welcome

Thank you for attending University of Detroit Mercy's 2017 Honors Convocation as we celebrate the academic and leadership achievements of Detroit Mercy students who have excelled in their coursework, extracurricular, co-curricular and service efforts in the communities where they live.

The Detroit Mercy students being honored today have applied the knowledge they have learned in the classroom and used it in their clinical placements, internships, co-op experiences and volunteer projects. Moreover, these academically talented and socially conscious students exemplify the traditions of our Jesuit and Mercy education.

In a very special way, the entire University community thanks our students' parents, spouses, family members and friends who have supported them toward achieving their goals and aspirations. Additionally, we extend appreciation to Detroit Mercy faculty and staff for their dedication and service to our students.

Please enjoy this Honors Convocation with your family and friends and congratulations to all of our student honorees. We know that you are and will continue to be leaders in your fields of study and in your communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Antoine M. Garibaldi".

Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D.
President

University Recognition

2017 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 13.

The valedictorian will be announced at the Honors Liturgy.

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 Scholars

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.

Maria G. Romo-Canchola

Honors Scholars 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.

Christopher A. Clark

Honors Scholars

Students who have completed the Honors Program curriculum, volunteered a minimum of 100 hours of community service, and achieved a minimum GPA of 3.3.

Ana L. Barajas-Preciado

Dominic J. Scarlett

Kappa Gamma Pi

Membership in Kappa Gamma Pi, the national Catholic college graduate Honor Society, is awarded to students whose lives exemplify excellence in leadership, scholarship, faith and service.

Noor Al-Khafaji
Ana L. Barajas-Preciado
Kimberly Barbour
Janelle Bardallis
Rachel Beltman
Yousif Brikho
Elizabeth Connors
Andrea M. D’Onofrio
Tara Doud
Genevieve Eickholt
Jacob Flyte
Lucas Goode
Rebecca Alexis Griffin
Myron C. Hampton Jr.
Tanya Harris
Frank John Holecek
Rayyan Jaber
Sehie Olivia Koh
Alina Kopp
Rachel McCready
Holly Mikita
Lauren Munoz
Victoria Murad
Eve Eliya Nissan
Megan L. Port
Maria Guadalupe Romo-Canchola
Saymn Shamoan
Mario A. Suarez-Manjarres
Lauren Sutton
Meghan Tarrance
Jenna Vollbach

The Institute for Leadership and Service

1995

Mission

The University of Detroit Mercy's Institute for Leadership and Service provides opportunities for all members of the Detroit Mercy community to engage in social change for the common good. The Institute upholds the ideals of our founders who believe in the promotion of justice and compassionate service to those in need as we are "transforming lives to lead and serve."

Presenters

Kathleen Zimmerman-Oster, Ph.D., Director of Research, Evaluation and Leadership Development

Monica Williams, Dean of Students

Fr. Tim Hipskind, S.J., Director of Service Learning

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 and service on and off campus.

Leadership Pin Award Candidates

Ongoing involvement in student organizations, spirituality workshops, leadership workshops and 125 hours of community service. The Pin Award will be distributed at the Campus Leadership and Service Awards Ceremony April 12.

College of Liberal Arts & Education

Mary LeAnnais -Criminal Justice/
Industrial-Organizational Psychology**

Blair White -Psychology**

Karic Jones - Psychology/
Communication Studies**

Zeinab Almanfi - Social Work

College of Engineering & Science

Alaa Anbari - Biology
Ben Cornell - Architectural Engineering
Elizabeth Connors - Biochemistry**
Stephanie Fudalla - Biochemistry

Nara Gonczigsuren - Biology**
Jillian Grabowski - Biology**
Myron Hampton - Biology**
Sehie Olivia Koh - Biochemistry**

College of Health Professions/McAuley School of Nursing

Andrea D'Onofrio – Nursing**
Mario Goro - Nursing**
Ze'Anaia Jimenez - Nursing**

Christen Kemp – Nursing**
Mackenzie Maniaci – Nursing
Lori Stiring – Nursing**

School of Architecture

Joseph Harmon - Architecture**

Leadership Medallion Award Recipients

Have met the requirements of the Leadership Pin and have additional involvement in student organizations, spirituality retreats, completed leadership coursework and 250 hours of community service.

School of Architecture

Joseph Harmon - Architecture**

College of Liberal Arts & Education

Mary LeAnnais - Criminal Justice/Industrial-Organizational Psychology**

Karic Jones - Psychology/Communication Studies**

Rachel Joseph - Criminal Justice/Intelligence Analysis**

Blair White - Psychology**

College of Business Administration

Noor Al-Khafaji - Business Administration**

Sarah Montone - Business Administration/MBA**

Irina Slizovskaya - Business Administration**

College of Engineering & Science

McKenna Brohl - Biology**

Elizabeth Connors - Biochemistry**

Nara Gonczigsuren - Biology**

Jillian Grabowski - Biology**

Myron Hampton - Biology**

Shie Olivia Koh - Biochemistry**

College of Health Professions/McCauley School of Nursing

Andrea D'Onofrio - Nursing**

Mario Goro - Nursing**

Ze'Anaia Jimenez - Nursing**

Jessica Grauer - Nursing**

Alina Kopp - Nursing**

Lori Stirling - Nursing**

***students minoring in Leadership*

The John Daniels Student Servant Leader of the Year

The students awarded The John Daniels Student Servant Leader of the Year award have shown outstanding growth throughout their undergraduate career at Detroit Mercy and have distinguished themselves by exemplary commitment in the role of servant leader. This award is named for John Daniels, Director of the Institute for Leadership and Service from 2001-09.

Myron Hampton

Rachel Joseph

Shie Olivia Koh

Mary LeAnnais

College of Business Administration

1916

The College of Business Administration prepares diverse students to serve business organizations and society with competence, compassion and conscience. Rooted in the Jesuit and Mercy traditions, the College champions academic excellence and good character by encouraging intellectual, spiritual, ethical and social growth.

Presiders

Joseph G. Eisenhauer, Ph.D., Dean, College of Business Administration

Leonard J. Kloft, Ph.D., Assistant Dean, College of Business Administration

Invocation

Gerald Cavanagh, S.J., Ph.D.

Charles T. Fisher, III Chair of Business Ethics and Professor of Management

Accounting Award

An award presented annually to an outstanding Accounting graduating senior and to an outstanding Accounting graduate student in recognition of exceptional academic achievement.

Undergraduate Student: **James M. Staszel**

Graduate Student: **Emily E. O'Brien**

Forensic Accounting Student: **Eric K. Marogi**

Beta Alpha Psi Certificate

A certificate of merit presented by Beta Alpha Psi (Alpha Xi Chapter) to a graduating member demonstrating an optimum record of service to the University and high scholastic achievement.

Angela Dusina

Charles B. Felton

Holly G. Hedemark

Beta Alpha Psi Award

A plaque and a certificate of merit given each year by Beta Alpha Psi (Alpha Xi Chapter) to its graduating member who has earned the highest scholastic average in his or her total undergraduate program.

Anna R. Mindling

Alpha Iota Delta Award

An award given by the Delta Mu Chapter to an outstanding graduating senior and to an outstanding graduate student in Decision Sciences and Information Systems in recognition of academic achievement, commitment to service and ethical and moral standards.

Undergraduate Student: **Hayley A. Tarantine**

Graduate Student: **Bryan A. Kessler**

Decision Sciences Award

An award presented annually to an outstanding Decision Sciences graduating senior and to an outstanding Decision Sciences graduate student who have demonstrated outstanding scholastic achievement and show exceptional promise as scholars in this field.

Undergraduate Student: **William E. Coderre**

Graduate Student: **Rosanna K. Reynolds**

Global Jesuit Business Student Association Award

Students attending Jesuit business schools worldwide, through their personal and professional ventures, are committed to enriching the communities in which they live and work as well as establishing the benchmark for socially responsible organizations. The Global Jesuit Business Student Association (GJBSA) award is given to an undergraduate student and to a graduate student in recognition of their academic achievements and community involvement.

Undergraduate Student: **Sarah A. Montone**

Graduate Student: **Kellie M. Masserant**

Finance Award

An award presented to an outstanding Finance graduating senior and to an outstanding Finance graduate student who have demonstrated exceptional scholastic achievement and show exceptional promise as scholars in this field.

Undergraduate Student: **Kyle A. Beauregard**

Graduate Student: **Katelyn L. Clapp**

Financial Executives International Award

This award is presented to an outstanding undergraduate student and to an outstanding graduate student in Accounting and/or Finance. The awardees will have their names inscribed on a plaque and receive recognition at a dinner meeting sponsored by the Detroit chapter of Financial Executives International.

Undergraduate Student: **Holly G. Hedemark**

Graduate Student: **Mary M. Eicher**

Business Law Award

An award presented to an outstanding Business Law graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding scholastic achievement and shows exceptional promise as a scholar in this field.

Dhruv S. Patel

Management Award

An award presented to an outstanding Management graduating senior and to an outstanding Management graduate student who have demonstrated exceptional scholastic achievement and show exceptional promise as scholars in this field.

Undergraduate Student: **David M. Bushe**

Graduate Student: **John W. Robertson**

Marketing Award

An award presented to an outstanding Marketing graduating senior and to an outstanding Marketing graduate student who have demonstrated exceptional scholastic achievement and show exceptional promise as scholars in this field.

Undergraduate Student: **Sarah A. Montone**

Graduate Student: **Jeffrey Turner**

Beta Gamma Sigma Award

An award presented by Beta Gamma Sigma (Beta of Michigan Chapter) to a graduating member in recognition of outstanding academic achievement.

Haleigh R. Ristovski

Business Administration Award

A certificate presented annually by the Dean of the College of Business Administration to graduating students in Business Administration in recognition of outstanding academic achievement in the College.

Sarah A. Montone
Haleigh R. Ristovski
Maahierah Salie
James M. Staszal

Dean's Leadership Key

A key given annually to a graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership and involvement in University-approved co-curricular activities and, at the same time, has maintained overall academic excellence.

Brooke E. Sharpe

Dean's Award

A certificate awarded to graduating seniors having an optimum record of student leadership and service to the College of Business Administration.

Noor N. Al-Khafaji
Devynne L. Davis
Nicole R. Fitch

Fitzgerald Award

An award given each year in the name of Dr. Lloyd E. Fitzgerald, Dean of the College of Commerce & Finance from 1935 to 1963, to the graduating Business Administration senior designated as having the optimum record of scholarship, student leadership and service to the University.

Holly G. Hedemark

Dr. Lloyd E. Fitzgerald Annual Scholarship

A plaque and a scholarship presented to a non-traditional student who has demonstrated academic excellence in the College of Business Administration. This scholarship is made possible through the generosity and support of the Fitzgerald family.

Craig L. Holt

Anthony Stremiecki Scholarship

Established by Anthony Stremiecki '61, the Anthony Stremiecki Scholarship fund provides financial support for University of Detroit Mercy students. It is awarded to a student enrolled in the College of Business Administration with preference for accounting students of Polish, African-American or Hispanic descent. The scholarship is renewable three years following the first award as long as the student continues to meet the scholarship criteria and remains in good academic standing.

Kristina R. Vollmer

Crystal L. Windham Scholarship for Business Students

The Crystal L. Windham Scholarship for Business Students provides scholarship assistance to students in the College of Business Administration who fulfill the scholarship requirements. The scholarship is awarded to an African-American undergraduate or graduate student, either full- or part-time, enrolled in the College of Business Administration, and in good academic standing. The scholarship is renewable as long as the student meets the criteria.

Melba E. Dearing

Dennis C. and Eileen Drenikowski Scholarship

The Dennis C. and Eileen Drenikowski Scholarship fund provides financial assistance to students in the College of Business Administration who fulfill the scholarship requirements. Awarded to a student enrolled in the College of Business Administration and in good academic standing.

Yunsoo Jeong

Dr. Leonard E. Plachta Accounting Scholarship

The primary focus of the scholarship is to encourage qualified junior, senior, or master's degree accounting students who aspire to teach accounting at the collegiate level to become Ph.Ds. If there are no such qualified candidates, the scholarship may be awarded to promising accounting majors at the master's, junior or senior levels.

Mia L. Lasenby

Patrick T. Wirtz Accounting Award

An award presented to a junior Accounting major in recognition of superior academic achievement. This award is given in memory of Professor Patrick T. Wirtz, a teacher, scholar and practitioner of accounting who served Mercy College and University of Detroit Mercy 25 years, most recently as Discipline Coordinator of Accounting from 1996 until his untimely death in 2010. The award is made available through the generosity of his family and friends.

Tacarra S. Banner

Gary T. MacLean Expendable Scholarship

Established by Gary T. MacLean '65, the Gary T. MacLean Expendable Scholarship provides scholarship support for University of Detroit Mercy students. The scholarships are awarded to students enrolled in the College of Business Administration, with a preference given to students enrolled in the Accounting program, and in good academic standing.

Ahmad A. El-Sayed
Holly G. Hedemark
Paola V. Ramirez

Hayley A. Tarantine
Mark A. Wenderski

Nick and Joan Spiroff Scholarship for Finance Students

The Nick and Joan Spiroff Scholarship for Finance Students is an expendable scholarship that provides financial assistance for students studying in the College of Business Administration. The recipient must be a citizen of the United States and maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better.

Joseph J. Palleschi

Phyllis E. Peters Look Scholarship

Firmly believing that education is the key to success, Phyllis E. Peters Look '51 established the Phyllis E. Peters Look Scholarship to provide financial assistance for students studying in the College of Business Administration with preference given to students enrolled in the Accounting program. The Phyllis E. Peters Look Scholarship is awarded to students maintaining good academic standing.

Daniel D. Bartolotta
Angelo J. Di Ponio
Adam C. Findlay
Charles N. Rewold

Samer T. Sabri
Daniel E. Savaya
Ariana M. Stefanovski

George R. Bodurow Memorial Scholarship

Established in memory of George R. Bodurow '57, whose commitment to education served as an inspiration to others throughout his lifetime, the George R. Bodurow Memorial Scholarship provides scholarship funds based on scholastic achievement to qualified graduate students with preference given to students seeking a law degree or MBA. Full-time and part-time students are eligible.

Youssef Hammoud

Robert W. Redlin Memorial Scholarship

The Robert W. Redlin Memorial Scholarship honors the memory of Mr. Robert W. Redlin, who contributed to the academic excellence of University of Detroit Mercy as a professor of Accounting from 1970-89. The fund exists to provide annual scholarship assistance to deserving Detroit Mercy undergraduate students enrolled in the College of Business Administration and specializing in Accounting. It was established by Mr. Redlin's family in his honor and in the spirit of assisting students toward the high standard of education he fostered as a professor.

Shawn R. Spezia

Rev. Gerald F. Cavanagh, S.J. Endowed Scholarship

Established by Detroit Mercy alumni, faculty and friends to honor Fr. Cavanagh, the Rev. Gerald F. Cavanagh, S.J. Endowed Scholarship provides support for an undergraduate business major in the College of Business Administration who engages in the most meaningful service-learning experiences as determined by the College of Business Administration and maintains good academic standing.

Dhruv S. Patel

Joseph and Margaret Kloka Endowed Scholarship

Established by Joseph Kloka '67, the Joseph and Margaret Kloka Endowed Scholarship provides scholarship support for Detroit Mercy students. Appreciating the practical application of education, Joe and Margie Kloka established the scholarship to provide financial assistance to students studying in the College of Business Administration and the College of Engineering & Science because these disciplines embody practical application.

Amador Olvera

Patrick J. Freeman Memorial Scholarship

Established in memory of Patrick J. Freeman '67 by Deloitte & Touche. Formerly the Haskins & Sells Foundation Scholarship, the Patrick J. Freeman Memorial Endowed Scholarship fund provides scholarships for students studying in the College of Business Administration.

Paola V. Ramirez

Thomas F. Russell Endowed Scholarship

Established with an estate gift from Thomas F. Russell '48, the Thomas F. Russell Endowed Scholarship provides financial support for University of Detroit Mercy students in the College of Business Administration. The scholarship is awarded to undergraduates who graduated from a Michigan high school and maintain good academic standing.

Noor N. Al-Khafaji

Honor Societies

The College of Business Administration will induct honorees into Alpha Iota Delta, Beta Alpha Psi, Beta Gamma Sigma, and the Global Jesuit Business Student Association on Sunday, April 2, 2017.

Alpha Iota Delta

The purposes of Alpha Iota Delta are to confer distinction for academic excellence in the decision sciences and computer information systems; promote the infusion of the functional and behavioral areas of administration with the tools, concepts, and methodologies of the decision sciences and computer information systems; and promote professional fellowship among students, faculty, and administrators who share a common interest in the development of decision sciences and computer information systems.

Beta Alpha Psi

Beta Alpha Psi is a scholastic and professional society dedicated to the advancement of the financial information professions. The purposes of Beta Alpha Psi and the Alpha Xi Chapter at University of Detroit Mercy are to instill a desire for self-improvement, to foster high moral and ethical standards, to encourage and give recognition to scholastic and professional excellence, to cultivate a sense of responsibility and service, to promote the collegiate study of financial information, and to provide for its members opportunities to associate with practicing professionals.

Beta Gamma Sigma

Beta Gamma Sigma, the International Scholastic Honor Society for Business, was founded in 1913. Membership in Beta Gamma Sigma, which is based on competitive academic standards, represents the highest international recognition a student in the field of business can achieve. The mission of Beta Gamma Sigma is to encourage and honor high academic achievement and personal excellence in the study and practice of business.

Global Jesuit Business Student Association

The mission of GJBSA is to recognize the academic achievements and community involvement of students attending Jesuit business schools worldwide. Through their personal and professional ventures, our members are committed to enriching the communities in which they live and work as well as establishing the benchmark for socially responsible organizations.

The purposes of the St. Ignatius Chapter of the GJBSA are to confer distinction for academic excellence upon students attending Jesuit business schools and to encourage their pursuit of lifelong education, to acknowledge and promote a spirit of community involvement among its members, to promote and encourage ethical and socially responsible business practices among its members and in the global business community, and to act as a catalyst for the advancement of business thought and theory.

Dean's Honor Certificate

A certificate presented annually by the Dean of the College of Business Administration to Business Administration undergraduate students who have earned at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average for all previous work taken at University of Detroit Mercy.

Freshmen

Donavon K. Dempsey
Erin E. Dyer
Nicole G. Gebara
Michael C. Kostuch
Marie Maitrot
Mallory A. Miller
Zoey N. Oatis
Gillian J. Toler
Sofia M. Tomasic
Artem Vasheshnikov
Julianne G. Weidman
Mark A. Wenderski

Sophomores

Alexander L. Akins
Connor J. Bennardo
Hector E. Castiglioni
Morgan E. Gleason
Samuel D. Horton
Molly R. Kane
Kathleen M. Lyons
Steven L. Manrique
Alexia C. Mantzopoulos
Lemar Maschuq
Vania I. Noguez
Nicole J. Ostrovsky
Denis Preka
Emily A. Rapp
Pauline Van Herck
Matthew R. Vangalen
Natalie A. Vizard

Juniors

Daniel D. Bartolotta
Jacob T. Bering
Angelo J. Di Ponio
Eric J. Faulman
Sydney N. Fetherolf
Adam C. Findlay
Sarah E. Fioritto
Emmett M. Green
Tyler J. Hughes
Mohamed Kazbour
Eric D. Macrow
Amador Olvera
Joseph J. Palleschi
Spiro J. Pliakos
Paola V. Ramirez
Jason D. Roberts
Daniel E. Savaya
James W. Solomon
Shawn R. Spezia
Ariana M. Stefanovski

Seniors

Nicholas G. Allen
Kyle A. Beauregard
Thomas R. Bowman
David M. Bushe
Adam T. Clauss
William E. Coderre
Matthew D. DeVries
Angela Dusina
John T. Engelman
Alexander A. Erickson-Suzuki
Charles B. Felton
Nicole R. Fitch
Grant C. Harrison
Holly G. Hedemark
Craig L. Holt
Anna R. Mindling
Sarah A. Montone
Tyler M. Moorman
Annelise N. Niermann
Dhruv S. Patel
Charles N. Rewold
Haleigh R. Ristovski
Maahierah Salie
Brooke E. Sharpe
Irina I. Slizovskaya
James M. Staszal
Alexis N. Steixner
Jacqueline A. Szydlowski
Hayley A. Tarantine
David C. Thompson
Aaron C. Trosclair
Richard A. VanderHagen

Please join us for light refreshments immediately following the program.

College of Engineering & Science

1911

It is our mission to serve the Detroit area and the national and the world communities through the education of professional engineers, scientists and mathematicians, and through the discovery, application and dissemination of knowledge.

That education will be personally focused on the needs of each student, value-centered in the tradition of the Catholic Church, affordable, and unexcelled in quality of instruction and content. It will be characterized by a hands-on nature, which includes frequent laboratory experiences and an integrated cooperative experience for all students. It will be convenient to all students, whether full-time or part-time, on-campus or off-campus.

The College will discover and apply knowledge, which effectively addresses the critical opportunities and challenges of the urban and industrial communities. It will do so in active and intimate partnerships with industry and government.

We will be helpful, courteous and professional in all internal and external interactions.

All plans and activities of the College must flow from this mission.

Presiders

Gary Kuleck, Ph.D., Dean, College of Engineering & Science

Katherine Snyder, Ph.D., Associate Dean, College of Engineering & Science

Nassif Rayess, Ph.D., Associate Dean, College of Engineering & Science

Invocation

R. Gerard Albright, S.J., Ph.D., Professor, Biology

Scholar Award Criteria

All students who receive either Scholar Key Awards or Scholar Certificate Awards have a minimum GPA of 3.75 as of the end of Term I of the academic year covered by the Honors Convocation.

**One rare and exceptional deed is worth far more
than a thousand common ones.**

— *St. Ignatius*

Scholar Key Awards

Scholar Key Awards are given as follows: Freshmen with 12-31 credit hours must have a 4.0. Sophomores with 32-62 credit hours must have a 3.9 or above. Juniors with 63-94 credit hours must have a 3.8 or above. Seniors with 95 or more credit hours must have a 3.8 or above.

Freshmen

Hibat A. Alhabbal
Humza I. Ali
Rita J. Benjamin
Ahyoung Cho
Jeremiah B. Ducusin
Noraan A. Hassan
Jasmine N. Jefferson
Matthew A. Lupsan
Ajith R. Manipala
Brittnee E. Morey
Jada J. Nelson
Jay B. Patel
Courtney M. Pefley
Ethan R. Powers
Ila Sayed
Francis C. Wells

Sophomores

Mustafa Azam
Farhad K. Baghaie
Eoin S. Barry
Michele S. Bhagwagar
Mayuri Bharathan
Salar M. Brikho
Sarah I. Buhay
Tina Dhillon
Nupur P. Dixit
Mariam R. Hanna
Kayla E. Hughes
Kellie M. Hurst
Ali H. Issa
Cecilia R. Jones
Nicole Junn
Paul S. Kamash
Jordan N. Manno
Julia K. McAree
Diana L. McMahan
Lucas P. Miller

Kelly M. Murdock
Monica Nessim
Stephanie O. Spiterly
Emily A. Tien
Victoria A. Warzocha

Juniors

Alaa M. Abu-Mahfouz
Maria M. Athnasios
Zaina Azam
Nicholas R. Boynton
Nicole E. Doran
Abdulkareem M. Harunani
Anthony Huffman
Christina E. Jones
Daniel P. Kolpasky
Kaitlin S. Lambert
Yuyi Li
Sara W. Makki
Danielle N. Maxwell
Selena M. Mendez
Hannah M. Newell
Chris H. Noh
Nathaniel R. Nunez
Hershan S. Octain
Mary M. Payne
Maloree B. Perkins
Nawrooz S. Putris
Daha R. Roumayah
Dylan P. Salem
Devan E. Schulert
John R. Sherwood
Kevin Suiter
Hannah E. Susick
Alicia J. Van Drunen
Joseph S. Wu
Kathrine E. Yacoo

Seniors

Jalil Alchy
Alaa Anbari
Hamzeh H. Charafeddine
Inseok Choi
Brian J. Curtis
Nikitta Dhillon
Genevieve E. Eickholt
Angeline M. Fisher
Frank J. Holecek
Raza M. Hussain
Nadine H. Hussein
Rayyan M. Jaber
Spencer O. Keashly-Warters
Benjamin R. Kendell
Shie Koh
Kaylee M. Kromrei
Molly E. Laird
Seongnoh Lee
William S. Mathers
Lauren A. May
Rachel K. McCready
Ashley N. Meerschaert
Grace L. Nguyen
Khanh K. Nguyen
Eric M. Pabian
Jennifer M. Ponkowski
Justin A. Pothoof
Carley R. Rice
Salman Saleh
Sara Tinawi
Kaitlan F. Vossen
Thomas J. Yantus

Scholar Certificate Awards

Scholar Certificate Awards are given as follows: Freshmen with 12-31 credit hours must have a 3.75 to 3.99. Sophomores with 32-62 credit hours must have a 3.75 to 3.89. Juniors with 63-94 credit hours must have a 3.75 to 3.79. Seniors with 95 or more credit hours must have a 3.75 to 3.79.

Freshmen

Angelina Antonyan
Armando Brucaj
Mackenzie J. Burns
Selena Cholak
Colleen E. Desrochers
Melinda T. Dickow
Omar Dlewati
Wiley C. Dressell
Nour El Yaman
Adetoun D. Fagade
Charandeep S. Ghotra
Jessica M. Gould
Jon-Michael X. Grabowski
Syed D. Hussain
Mary F. Jaddou
Yunhee Jeong
Yisha Jiang
Cameron M. Johns
Wayman A. Jones
Alexis B. Kearney
Karam M. Marji
Rachel M. McGue
Megan K. Pace
Zachary M. Satawa
Angela M. Shubsda
Arren E. Simpson
Nicholas M. Van Heck

Tiffany P. Vu

Garret D. Weaver
Sun H. Won
Sandra Zilkovska

Sophomores

Neha N. Ahmed
Nicholas E. Carlino
Kelly I. Crossley
Julia P. Dennis
Nicholas A. Dimkovski
Amber C. Elinsky
Carly R. Fiorido
Michael M. Fouad Meshriky
Dominique S. Gasso
Morgan E. Girardi
Mary E. Girjis
Elizabeth A. Gonser
Rivonda S. Hirmiz
Alex B. Jackman
Stephanie N. Kaddis
Kayley M. Lazarski
Emily L. Maslovich
Salahuddin A. Mohamed
Zoia Naseem
Alice Piatkowski
Nicole B. Topping

Juniors

Jesse R. Berndt
Noele P. DeOrnellas
Erica B. Hunt
Devon J. Laird
Carolyn Quan
Montasir Rahman
Ashna P. Rao
Rojin Edward C. Teodoro

Seniors

Albaraa N. Abdulkhalek
Leanna M. Alaiwat
Kimberly M. Barbour
Rachel J. Beltman
Jacob T. Flyte
Jason Hannawa
Christine Hillebrand
Yoo Chul Jung
Lucas Mathes
Brian C. O'Hara
Grant A. Prior
Luke A. Stempien
Brice J. Thelen

Special Academic Awards

Biology Department Award

A plaque presented by the Department of Biology to the graduating senior Biology major with the highest scholastic standing.

Genevieve E. Eickholt

American Chemical Society Award

A plaque presented to the graduating senior Chemistry and Biochemistry major having the highest scholastic average in the field of chemistry.

Rachel K. McCreedy B.S. Biochemistry

Kaitlan F. Vossen B.S. Biochemistry

Brian Curtis B.S. Chemistry

American Institute of Chemists Award

A plaque presented to a graduating Chemistry major for scholastic achievement in Chemistry.

Carley R. Rice

Elihu Geer Scholastic Achievement Award

Awarded to the senior Architectural or Civil Engineering student in the Structures/Foundation/Construction Option having the highest GPA.

Seth Horwat

Leon S. Johnston Award

A monetary award and plaque given to the bachelor of science graduating senior who has attained the highest academic achievement in Mathematics or Computer Science. This award honors Leon S. Johnston, Professor of Mathematics from 1929-55.

Gabriel Y. Hanna

Felbarth Memorial Award

A plaque presented to the freshman engineering student with the highest grade in Engineering Graphics, who has attained the highest quality point ratio in his or her studies. This award is presented in honor of Professor Wayne Felbarth who mentored students in Engineering Graphics for 33 years.

Kayla E. Hughes

Pi Tau Sigma

A plaque presented to the full-time Mechanical Engineering student who has attained the highest quality point ratio during his or her sophomore year.

Catherine J. Maples

Tau Beta Pi

A plaque presented to the full-time sophomore (second year) engineering student who has attained the highest overall quality point ratio in his or her academic studies.

Job S. Gumma

John J. Uicker Award

A plaque presented to the Mechanical Engineering student having the highest scholastic standing in upper division courses. John J. Uicker began his career at the College as an instructor in 1941 and rose to professor and acting dean. He retired as Professor Emeritus in 1973.

Brendan C. O'Neill

Eta Kappa Nu

A plaque presented to the outstanding sophomore Electrical Engineering student who has proven himself or herself through high scholastic achievement and personal attributes as worthy of consideration for future membership in Eta Kappa Nu.

Yuyi Li

IEEE Outstanding Senior Award

A plaque awarded to the outstanding senior Electrical Engineering student who combines high scholastic achievement and personal attributes that embody a passion for the profession.

Jason Hannawa

Cooperative Education Center Co-op Student of the Year 2016

Co-op Students of the Year completed at least two cooperative education assignments with an overall rating of outstanding from their supervisors and demonstrated mastery of the workplace competencies necessary for professional development.

José Rodriquez

Thomas C. Hanson Scholastic Achievement Award

Awarded to the senior Environmental or Civil Engineering student in the Urban-Environmental option, having the highest quality point average.

Charlie J. Hancock

**I have great confidence in you
to do what you think best. State your opinion and
always act with courage.**

—Catherine McAuley

College of Health Professions / McAuley School of Nursing **1941**

The College of Health Professions, in the Mercy and Jesuit traditions, prepares professionals to lead individuals, families and communities to optimal health and well-being.

Presider

Christine M. Pacini, Ph.D., RN
Dean, College of Health Professions

Invocation

Joel Medina, S.J., RN

Health Services Administration Program Awards

Chairperson's Award

Ali Medlej - McNichols
Samantha Anulare – Macomb

Lee Holmberg Student Achievement Award

Lee Holmberg taught by example how to manage multiple priorities and the award is given to the HSA student who demonstrates his ideals.

Renee Pearson

Internship Award

Kiranpreet Kaur

Health Information Management Program Awards

Chairperson's Award

Anthony Agrusa

Honors Award

This is an award given to honor a student with the highest grade point who is both majoring in HIM and minoring in Leadership.

Bradley Kent

McAuley School of Nursing Awards

Martina Kuechle Nursing Scholarship Award

This scholarship is established in memory of Martina Kuechle who served as the director of academic affairs in the College of Health Professions from 1990-2008. Always willing to go the extra mile to provide individualized attention, Marty was exceptional at recruiting and advising students. Her selfless generosity, hard work, and dedication to students and colleagues at University of Detroit Mercy are legendary. Throughout Marty's many years of service with Detroit Mercy, her warm and welcoming manner with everyone demonstrated her commitment to the University and the College of Health Professions. This \$2,000 scholarship is awarded to an individual in the traditional, pre-licensure nursing program who demonstrates a dedication to the nursing profession, participates in extracurricular activities, collaborates with a wide variety of individuals, maintains good academic standing and exemplifies Martina Kuechle's propensity to go above and beyond in everything she did.

Anthony Croft

Academic Excellence

Presented to graduating undergraduate full-time students with the highest GPA.

Prelicensure Program

Mario Goro - Detroit

Alayna Stratton - Grand Rapids

Summative Leadership Awards

Selected by faculty and awarded to the student who exemplifies the mission of the University and the McAuley School of Nursing through excellence in academics, leadership in clinical practice and community service. The awards are named for esteemed leaders in professional nursing education and practice.

Catherine McAuley Award

Prelicensure Program

Jessica Grauer - Detroit

Alyssa Kloosterhouse - Grand Rapids

Sister Margaret Mary Birchmeier, OP, Award

Kailey Stutzky - Grand Rapids

Theresa Noth Award

Presented to the Second Degree Option student selected by his or her peers who best exemplifies the qualities of professionalism, caring, selflessness, and leadership.

Kyle Schroeder - October 2016

Jennifer Lochner - February 2017

Family Nurse Practitioner, Health Systems Management, Nursing Education and Adult Health CNS and Clinical Nurse Leader Awards

Awards for Academic Excellence

Presented to the graduate in each program who has demonstrated academic excellence throughout the program and achieved the highest GPA in the class.

Family Nurse Practitioner - **Brittany Shamoun**

Health Systems Management - **Wendy Kunath**

Nursing Education/ Clinical Nurse Specialist - **Kristina Johnson**

College of Health Professions / McAuley School of Nursing

Dean's Scholar Award — Undergraduate

In recognition of scholastic achievement with a cumulative GPA of 3.75 for a minimum of 30 credit hours of undergraduate course work completed while earning their first undergraduate degree.

Ambur Alexiou
Sarahanne Anderson
Zahraa Annan
Peter Assenmacher
Sydney Bammel
Alexandra Berry
Stefana Bojescu
Amanda Chiu
Vanessa De La Cruz
Jessica Demulder
Amanda Evans
Kailyn Gasso
Maya Ghandour
Mallory Goldman
Mario Goro
Jessica Grauer
Samantha Habib
Kyle Hackenberger
Katelyn Henry
Jamie Hetzel
Merima Huremkic
Meghan Hydorn
Sabrina Jamil
Taylor Jirjis
Erika Kelley
Christen Kemp

Katrina Kossajda
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Nahida Legu
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Lori Stirling
Alayna Stratton
Samantha Torres
Sara Tuomey
Meggan Wells-Schmidt
David Wise
Harper Young-Whitman
Chaher Zogheib

Closing Remarks

College of Liberal Arts & Education

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The College of Liberal Arts & Education prepares students to participate in a diverse and changing world in the Jesuit and Mercy traditions as “men and women for others.” The College provides a student-centered education in an urban context which stimulates a desire for the life-long exploration of the intellectual, spiritual and ethical dimensions of what it means to be human.

Presider

Mark E. Denham, Ph.D., Dean

Invocation

Justin Kelly, S.J., Associate Professor, Religious Studies

The Dudley Randall Poetry Awards

Award winners will be announced.

Graduate Student Awards - Department

Excellence in Intelligence Analysis

Presented to a student who is completing a Master of Science in Intelligence Analysis and whose work in the program has shown dedication and competence at the highest level.

Douglas E. Zundel

Joan K. Wilder Award

Presented to a graduating student in the Education program and whose paper demonstrates scholarship in content and form, creativity in approach and/or insight.

Donielle Salazer

Richard H.L. Marshall Award for Graduate Excellence in Information Assurance

Presented to a graduate student in the Master of Science Information Assurance program who has exhibited the highest capability and leadership in both academics and service to the country. The award is named for Richard Henry Lee Marshall to honor his contributions to the security of the nation.

Ryan Winn

Computer and Information Systems Graduate Award

Presented to a graduate student in the Master of Science in Computer & Information Systems program who has demonstrated outstanding scholastic achievement and shows exceptional promise as a scholar in this field.

Shuang Li

Undergraduate Student Awards – College

Clarence J. McLeod Award

Presented in memory of Congressman Clarence J. McLeod to the College of Liberal Arts & Education junior with the highest academic average after five semesters.

Mary A. Warr

Undergraduate Student Awards – Department

Communication Excellence Award

Presented to a graduating Communication Studies senior who has demonstrated academic excellence and who has applied communication competence to benefit the community.

Jenna L. Daniel

Computer & Information Systems Undergraduate Award

Presented to the undergraduate student in the Computer & Information Systems program who has demonstrated outstanding scholastic achievement and shows exceptional promise as a scholar in this field.

Benjamin S. Bourdeau

Helen Kean Undergraduate Studies Award

Presented for the best undergraduate Education student paper demonstrating scholarship in content and form, and creativity in approach and/or insight.

Antony Nedanovski

Malcom Carron, S.J., Education Award

Presented to the graduating senior with the highest grade point average in the Education program for seven terms.

John D. Hess

Howard Walsh Memorial Award

Presented to the English major who has demonstrated the greatest proficiency in English language and literature; the award was founded in 1927 by Annie Doheny Walsh.

Nicole P. West

Catherine A. Caraher History Prize

Presented to a History major in recognition of outstanding academic achievement. The award is named in honor of the former chair of the History Department.

Michael Van Gundy

Historic Memorials in Detroit Award

Presented to a History major by the Historic Memorial Society in Detroit for outstanding achievement in the study of American history.

Justin Armstrong

Msgr. John C. Vismara Award

Presented to an outstanding Philosophy major.

Ilia A. Panev

Political Science Award

Presented to the graduating senior with a commitment to academic excellence and service in the Political Science Department.

Ilia A. Panev

Economics Award

Presented to a student majoring in Economics or Financial Economics who shows exceptional promise in the field.

Lucas E. Goode

John J. Muller Psychology Award

Presented to an outstanding undergraduate pursuing an advanced degree in Psychology.

Maria G. Romo-Canchola

Jerome Rozycki Criminal Justice Studies Award

Presented to the graduating senior with the highest grade point average in the Criminal Justice program for seven terms.

Rachel K. Joseph

Social Work Award

Presented annually to the graduating senior with the highest grade point average in the Social Work program for seven terms.

Sunkrea K. Mason

**Our desires and pursuits...
must be renewed day after day,
hour after hour—we can never desist,
for not to go forward is to go back.
We can never say, “it is enough.”**

—Catherine McAuley

Dean's Gold Key Award

Presented annually to honor freshmen with at least 15 hours in residence who have achieved a 4.0 grade point average; sophomores and juniors with 30 or more hours in residence who have achieved at least a 3.90 grade point average; and seniors with 30 or more hours in residence who have achieved at least a 3.80 grade point average

Freshmen

Savannah N. Sloan

Sophomores

Sarah L. Hirschmann

Selena C. Mansour

James L. Parchell

Juniors

Phylisha M. Drayton

Lydia A. Mikail

Mary A. Warr

Seniors

Nicole M. Ajini

Emily F. Auten

Benjamin S. Bourdeau

Bobbi T. Gibb

Jean D. Johnson

Daniel G. Jones

Rachel K. Joseph

Mary E. Kleinpell

Mary G. LeAnnais

Patrick J. Masterson

Antony Nedanovski

Jasmine N. Nelson

Maeve K. Nichols

Maria G. Romo-Canchola

Erin C. Stein

Dean's Award

Presented to undergraduate students who are not Dean's Gold Key awardees and have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or better through Term I of this academic year.

Freshmen

Isabella M. Calcaterra
Allison M. Frantz
Grayson H. Gardner
Mitchell T. Grengs
Tegan R. McManus
Mary K. McNally
Andre J. Moon
Dominic Turcott
Eryn E. Zelek

Sophomores

Justin Armstrong
Kye A. Dozier
Jaylen Forest
Da' Jonae D. Foster
Tiffeny J. Gripper
James M. Lietzow
Allison F. McDonough
Brittney E. Melick
Heather A. Nelson
Marlene L. Nelson
Karen J. Rucker
Joshua J. Sexton
Hannah M. Tillman
Elijah J. Zentz

Juniors

Genna M. Brewer
Daniel T. Chapman
Brittany N. Derr
Jamillah A. Douthet
Bryan D. Eastman
Savanna R. Ferstle
Brooke E. Galli
Robin I. Gravlin
Patrinia R. Grayson
Brogan A. Holmes
Ali I. Jamaladin
Melissa A. Keith
Carly R. Lowler
Ali M. Magyaros
Josephine R. Maples

Seniors

Emma L. Mucci
Christina Nguyen
Russell Nixon
Lashea N. Rhodes
Brian A. Singleton
Taylor M. Smith
Erica L. Tessmer
Michael Van Gundy
Jerome Walker
Kashaun D. Warren

Seniors

Zeinab M. Almanfi
Paul Bitetti
Jewuel M. Boswell
Derick A. Casier
Christopher A. Clark
Robert Dejesus
Aubrey K. Formica
Lucas E. Goode
Shereca Gordon
Tanya Harris
Janelle Hejaj
Matthew L. Houtekier
Moneera N. Kassim
Matthew S. Lahey
Adam R. Lewis
Ashe' V. Lewis
Gregory T. Marzec
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Craig Z. Oster
Ilia A. Panev
Christina Roberts
Christopher M. Sassak
Michael R. Schesnuk
Thomas H. Slaughter
Jaclyn M. Snyder
Jacob A. Sumara
Daniel Torriglia
Samantha N. Vail
Nicole P. West

Mission

University of Detroit Mercy, a Catholic university in the Jesuit and Mercy traditions, exists to provide excellent student-centered undergraduate and graduate education in an urban context. A Detroit Mercy education seeks to integrate the intellectual, spiritual, ethical and social development of our students.

Vision

University of Detroit Mercy will be recognized as a premier private university in the Great Lakes region, distinguished by graduates who lead and serve in their communities.

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