



AQUINAS COLLEGE  
2020 COMMENCEMENT

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021

1 P.M.

PROGRAM

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance . . . . . Edward Elgar (from "Commencement Suite")  
arr. Jack Gale

*Aquinas College Commencement Brass Quintet  
Directed by Thomas Polett, D.M.A., Director of Instrumental Music, Professor of Music*

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Star Spangled Banner . . . . .arr. Rob Booth  
Genevieve Heidenreich, *Class of 2021*

INVOCATION

The Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak, *Bishop of the Diocese of Grand Rapids*

WELCOME AND PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Kevin G. Quinn, Ph.D.

PRESENTATION OF THE MONSIGNOR ARTHUR BUKOWSKI AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE

Stephen Germic, Ph.D., *Provost and Dean of Faculty*

ADDRESS TO GRADUATES

Paul Bee '06, *Vice President, Ticket Sales and Service, Milwaukee Bucks*

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES IN COURSE

Provost Germic

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GRADUATES

Anthony Burdick, M.S., CPA, *Associate Professor of Accounting*

CONFERRING OF DEGREES IN COURSE

President Quinn

WELCOME TO THE NEW ALUMNI

Paul Bee '06

CLOSING PRAYER

Elizabeth Konarzewski, *Class of 2020*

FINAL BLESSING

Father Bob Keller, O.P., *Chaplain*

ACADEMIC RECESSIONAL

Allegro Maestoso from "Water Music" . . . . . George Frideric Handel  
arr. Jack Gale

Triumphal March from "Aida" . . . . . Giuseppe Verdi  
arr. Bill Holcombe

Rondeau . . . . . Jean Joseph Mouret  
arr. David R. Thomas

## THE HISTORY OF AQUINAS COLLEGE AND DOMINICAN SISTERS~GRAND RAPIDS

Aquinas College is built on the legacy of the Dominican Order which was founded more than 800 years ago in southern France. It was there at a crossroads in the area known as the Midi-Pyrénées that Dominic provided a safe house for women desiring to return to the faith and turn away from the heretical sect known as Catharism. From these humble beginnings, the monastery grew and eventually branched out into many daughter sites including one in southern Germany in the area known as Bavaria. One of these cloistered monasteries in Germany, Holy Cross in Regensburg, became the source of missionary sisters who sailed to America in 1853 to serve the burgeoning immigrant population in the 19th century. No less than 12 Dominican Congregations in the United States claim Holy Cross as their foundation, including Dominican Sisters~Grand Rapids.

The story of the Dominican Sisters in Grand Rapids begins with the arrival of four nuns from Regensburg who arrived in New York City on the ship *Germania* on August 18, 1853. Following the dream of one of those nuns, Mother Augustine Neuhierl, and the invitation of Father George Ziegler, a priest from Traverse City, Michigan, four nuns and one lay sister took the next step in a remarkable journey westward to Michigan.

Four nuns and one lay sister traveled to Traverse City in 1877. They arrived on a Thursday and opened their doors to six pupils in their little school on Monday. Six soon became 50 and the little group expanded in numbers and locations to hundreds of pupils in dozens of parish schools throughout Michigan.

The training of teachers was accomplished through Normal Schools in the 1800s. The name derives from the goal of the school which was to train teachers in the “norms” required to educate their pupils. However, faced with anti-Catholic bias in the culture of that day, the sisters established their own Normal School to train young women entering the congregation and preparing to teach in parish schools. It was from this beginning that Aquinas College developed and claims its founding date of 1886.

In 1889, the sisters came to Grand Rapids to staff St. John's Home, an orphanage, at the request of Bishop Henry Joseph Richter. Here too, in 1900, they opened a school for girls, Sacred Heart Academy, and continued to train teachers in the Novitiate Normal School.

Under the leadership of the Superior Mother Gonsalva Bankstahl, the Dominican Sisters purchased the land for the current motherhouse known as Marywood in 1917. The sisters' newly created college for lay women, Sacred Heart College, merged with the Novitiate Normal School in 1922, receiving its charter from the State of Michigan in the same year.

The school was reorganized in 1931 as Catholic Junior College and became the first Catholic college in America to be administered by a congregation of religious women and to be coeducational. The same year, the college was moved to Ransom Avenue in downtown Grand Rapids. Monsignor Arthur F. Bukowski was appointed dean in 1934 and was named president in 1937.

In 1940, the college was renamed Aquinas College in honor of St. Thomas Aquinas, the Dominican philosopher and theologian who was one of the most influential thinkers in the history of Western Civilization. The four-year college graduated its first class in 1942. St. Thomas stressed the importance of having an open mind and an open heart, of the validity of both faith and reason in the quest for truth, and for continuously learning from our life experiences. Throughout the years, the Aquinas College community has continued to foster a learning environment centered on these principles.

In the tradition of St. Thomas Aquinas, a courageous and creative thinker, Aquinas College has established a reputation for innovation. Aquinas College was the first college in Michigan to consolidate degree-completion programs for older adults, and it continues to be a leader in providing opportunities for working adults to complete their degrees and/or seek graduate-level degrees. Aquinas College was also the first college in Michigan to offer degrees in Master of Management and Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Business.

Aquinas graduates students of competence, conscience, compassion and commitment—values embraced by its 1,700 students from 29 states and 30 countries.

## LEADERS OF AQUINAS COLLEGE AND PRECEDING INSTITUTIONS

### GENERAL SUPERIORS OF THE DOMINICAN SISTERS

*leaders by reasons of their office*

1886–1915	Mother Aquinata Feigler
1915–1919	Mother Gonsalva Bankstahl
1919–1927	Mother Mary Benedicta O'Rourke
1927–1936	Mother Eveline Mackey
1936–1948	Mother Euphrasia Sullivan
1948–1966	Mother Victor Flannery

### APPOINTED PRESIDENTS OF AQUINAS COLLEGE

1937–1969	Monsignor Arthur F. Bukowski, <i>President</i>
1969–1986	Norbert J. Hruba, Ph.D., <i>President</i>
1986–1990	Peter O'Connor, Ph.D., <i>President</i>
1990–1997	R. Paul Nelson, M.A., <i>President</i>
1997–2006	Harry J. Knopke, Ph.D., <i>President</i>
2006–2011	C. Edward Balog, Ph.D., <i>President</i>
2011–2017	Juan R. Olivarez '71, Ph.D., <i>President</i>
2017–Present	Kevin G. Quinn, Ph.D., <i>President</i>

## PRESIDENT KEVIN G. QUINN, PH.D.

Dr. Kevin G. Quinn is Aquinas College's eighth president. He became president on July 1, 2017.

Prior to joining Aquinas, President Quinn was dean of the Donald J. Schneider School of Business and professor of economics at St. Norbert College in Wisconsin, an institution he had served since 1994.

Prior to earning his Ph.D. in energy and environmental economics from University of Illinois-Chicago, President Quinn worked in the private sector in the aerospace and medical imaging industries. Prior to the inauguration of the Schneider School, he served as the college's associate academic dean, as associate of the social sciences and coordinator for the economics discipline. He led the successful revitalization of St. Norbert College's general education curriculum

and served as the founding director of the Sport and Society Conference series co-produced with the Green Bay Packers.

A native of the Chicago area, Dr. Quinn taught at Loyola and at the University of Illinois-Chicago before arriving at St. Norbert. His primary research focus during the past number of years has been in the field of sports economics. One of his books, "Sports and Their Fans," which examines the history, economics and culture of the relationship between spectator and sport, grew out of material that he had gathered for his Econ 340 students.

Dr. Quinn earned his bachelor's degree from Loyola University in Chicago and his MBA from the University of Illinois-Chicago.

Kevin and his wife Terry have been married since 1984.

## THE MACE

Once a weapon in medieval combat, the mace has evolved over time into a symbol of leadership and became associated with the pride of a nation and its origins. Its presence is a tradition at inaugurations, commencements and academic convocations in institutions of higher learning.

In recent times, the mace was adopted by universities and colleges as a symbol of the power of the academic quest for truth and wisdom. It is carried at academic processions to bring authority to ceremonial occasions and to symbolize the unity and aspirations of the collegial community.

The mace, carried by the Aquinas College Faculty Marshal, represents the traditions and values of Aquinas College. The dark walnut staff is topped by a bronze circular Aquinas College seal that symbolizes the values of Aquinas College as an institution of higher learning. St. Thomas Aquinas, the Dominican order and the city of Grand Rapids are represented in the seal. Surrounding a brass plated drum below the seal are the names or seals of the four institutions which evolved into Aquinas College: Novitiate Normal School (1886–1922), Sacred Heart College (1922–1927), Marywood College (1927–1931) and Catholic Junior College (1931–1940). Circling the staff are four brass rings, each engraved with one of the four pillars of the Dominican charism: prayer, study, service and community.

## THE ACADEMIC TRADITION

The gowns and hoods worn by the graduates, faculty, staff and trustees have their roots in medieval religious garb. The gown is an adaptation of the priest's robe, and the hood resembles the monk's cowl. Academic attire began to appear on campuses in the United States in the late 1890s.

### THE GOWN

Each degree has its own gown style. The gown worn by bachelor's degree recipients is a yoked, closed-front garment with long, pointed sleeves. The gown worn by master's degree recipients can be worn either open or closed. Its sleeves are long and slit just above the elbow to allow the forearm to protrude. A doctorate degree recipient's gown also can be worn either open or closed, has full, bell-shaped sleeves, and is trimmed with velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on each sleeve.

### THE HOOD

Each degree also has its own hood style. The bachelor's degree graduate's hood is three feet long; the master's degree graduate's is three and one-half feet; the doctorate degree graduate's is four feet long with wide panels on either side. The color or colors of the hood's lining are those of the institution granting the degree. Aquinas graduates' hoods are silver and maroon. The colored velvet binding or edging of the hood—in different widths according to degree—indicates the following areas of study: dark blue for philosophy, light blue for education, pink for music and music education, white for arts and letters, yellow for sciences, orange for engineering, brown for business, and scarlet for theology.

### HONOR CORDS

Bachelor's degree candidates graduating with honors will wear special honor cords around the neck. A silver cord indicates Cum Laude, a maroon cord indicates Magna Cum Laude, and both silver and maroon cords indicate Summa Cum Laude. A white cord honors those students with a family legacy of attending Aquinas College, meaning having a parent or grandparent graduate or earn a minimum of 60 credits.

Note: The maroon, black and white tri-color cord indicates that the student has completed an AQ Advantage Center Experiential Learning Experience (e.g., internship, student research, study away, digital badge).

## 2020 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



PAUL BEE '06

Vice President, Ticket Sales and Service, Milwaukee Bucks

Paul Bee is a graduate of Aquinas College, where he was a two-sport athlete in track and basketball. His career commenced as an undergraduate, when he interned with the West Michigan Whitecaps as a group ticket sales representative.

After graduating in 2006 with a dual major in business and communication, he began full-time work as an inside sales representative with the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers. While in Cleveland, Paul was promoted to a group sales account executive before transitioning to the role of business development specialist. In that role, he focused on full-season ticket sales, while building a more well-rounded leadership skillset.

After four and a half years with the Cavaliers, Paul seized the opportunity to start a group sales department with the NHL's Detroit Red Wings and Olympia Entertainment. He quickly took on the leadership role of inside sales manager, which led to a spell as group sales manager before he was promoted to director of ticket sales. As director of ticket sales, Paul played a fundamental role in the opening and selling of Little Caesars Arena.

After seven years in Detroit, Paul joined the NBA's Milwaukee Bucks as vice president of ticket sales. As part of the Bucks organization he has been able to play a role in transitioning his team and the season ticket members into the Bucks new home, Fiserv Forum. Joining him in Milwaukee is his beautiful family: wife Krystal, daughter Kennedy and son Jaxson.

## DEGREE IN COURSES

### Master of Management

Kristie Lynn Beech  
Kasey Rae Delinsky  
Elisabeth Ann Deller  
Scott Peter Stephen Doney  
Marc Grossman  
Aljenis Hernandez  
Rachel Horos  
Elizabeth Anne Ingraham  
Matthew S. Jacobson  
Sara Emerick Karasinski  
Jack McCarren  
Andrejs Maksis Ruperts  
LeAnn Marie Secord  
Stephanie Spratling  
Andrea Nicole Swartz  
Kendra Kelly Venema  
Regan Leigh Vollmer  
Alexis Worthington

### Master in the Art of Teaching

Ashley Marie Bartley  
Lindsay Brelinski  
Addie C. Collins  
Brittany Dietz  
Samantha Louise-Kulis Gibson  
Jolyn Kay Graham-Gillis  
Vonda L. Karnazes  
Allison Marie Kolean  
Aline C. Le  
Charon Leal  
Casey Stephen Longo  
Nicole Lynn Ludwig  
Samantha Parks  
Abigail Lynne Shotwell  
Kurt Steiner

### Master in Education

Sean Michael Lowing Briggs  
Ashley Ann Messier

### Master of Arts in Counseling

Robert Eggleston III  
Mary B. Thornsen

### Bachelor of Arts

Joi Adams  
Theresa Andary  
Kristen L. Avila\*\*\*  
Yesenia Maria Bernal\*\*  
Claudia Lane Boerigter\*\*  
Latoya V. Booker\*\*\*  
Olivia G. Borgdorff  
Miriam Rose Brooks\*\*√

Adam John Bundy  
Cara Burns\*  
Jessica Rose Byle  
Haley Callahan  
Ethan Campbell  
Stephanie Kay Chenlo\*\*  
Bailey M. Chouinard\*\*\$‡  
Emily Cipriano\*  
Christopher Alan Coffeen  
Ranee Lynn Cole  
September B. Cook\*  
Campbell J. Crosby  
Amy Cutlip\*\*¥  
Kelsey Lynn Dassance  
Kayleigh Louise Davies\*\*  
Alexa Mae Deutschmann  
Martina Devetak  
Mai Thi Do\*\*  
Isabella Doolittle\*  
Erin Dwan\*\*\$¥  
Montana Earegood\*  
Colby J. Elder  
Emily Emerson  
Stacy Lynell Fellows\*\*\*  
Winter Delight Fricke\*\*  
Esperanza Garcia  
Bridget Gibley\*\*\*\$¥  
Nicholas Godi ◊  
Catalina Vergara Gomez\*  
Christina Marie Gonzalez\*\*~  
Traxton Gordon\*  
Zachary William Haines  
Jayna Janice Hambrick\*\*\*  
Audrey Rose Hannah  
Madalyn Hanson\*  
Grayson Harding  
Hannah Kay Hazelbach\*\*¥  
Cassandra Herrington\*\*\*  
Satchel Horton  
Angelic Houston  
Sierra Catherine Howes\*  
Zachary Allen Hufnagel\*\*  
Isabelle R. Huisman\*\*  
Lukas J. Isenga\*\*\*\$¥  
Emily Jeynes  
Rebecca Sue Johnson  
Noah James Kellogg  
Brittany Nguyen Klemish ◊  
Karla Marie Kolean  
Elizabeth Anne Konarzewski\*\*  
Karissa E. Lantz Δ  
James E. Laramy\*\*\*

Nicholas Matthew Lenz\*~  
Jiaqi Lin  
Nathan Maurer\*\*  
Joshua W. Mick  
Caitlin Miller\*\*¥  
Keli Jo Miller\*\*  
Rabecea Faye Montgomery  
Mitchell Bernard Mulroy  
Kayla Thy Nguyen\*\*  
Jane Noah\*\*  
Alyssa Lynn Noch\*\*\*\$‡  
Allison Grace O'Connell\*\*  
Klarie Alexandra Louise Ojenus\*\*  
Haruka Onodera\*\*  
Isabella K. Ouellette\*~  
Janna Pant\*  
Tiffany Lorraine Patrick\*  
Harumi S. Patzy Meneses  
Dino James Piccinini\*\*\*¥  
Alyssa Pickle\*  
Danielle McKenzie Porter √  
Sena K. Precious  
Laura C. Reese\*\*  
Ian Reul  
Kaitlin R. Rohloff  
Tea Romanowski\*\*  
Anna Louise Rose\*\*\*\$¥  
Margaret Meta Rose\*\*\*\$¥  
Aubrey Amor-Mekyla Ruiz  
Stephen Rumler\*\*\*  
Alexa Christine Rumohr  
Abigail Safago  
Mariana Santos  
Emily Michelle Sapak ~  
Elizabeth Irene Schoof\*\*\*\$¥  
Emily E. Scott\*\*  
Anna-JO Stuart\*~  
Jacob Paul Sweet\*  
Nell Simone Szymanski\*  
Sydney Theis\*\*\*\$¥  
Meghan Thornton ◊~  
Laurel Robin Timmer\*  
John VanWeezel\*  
Samuel S. Verburg ~  
Simon Vernon\*\*  
Mackenzie Jordan Walters  
Samuel B. Werner\*  
Kyprii Nyaza Emma Symone  
Whitney  
Frenisha V. Wiggins  
Camaryia Monique Williams  
Nicholas Coe Young

### Bachelor of Science

Emily Adams  
Kirsten Andrews\*\*  
Nicholas A. Bacheller  
Zachary Edward Barnes  
Sara Beth Boersma\*\*\*ø  
Kailey Book  
Bailey Rebecca Brown  
Jordan Buckingham\*  
Jade Rose Burch\*\*  
Francesco Calabrese  
Nicholas Alexander Cardwell  
Kevin J. Clinthorne  
Delaney Coldiron\*\*Π  
Ashley Paige Cooper\*  
Madalyn Renee Crawford\* ◊  
Aria Cusenza\*\*\*  
Svetlana V. A. Djirackor\*\*\*+  
Atilla Halil Erhan  
Eunice Young Eyamba  
Joshua Fischer —  
Bailey Jean Freeland  
Benjamin S. Galat\*  
Spencer Matthew Graham\*  
Lauren Haggart\*\* ◊  
Kelsey Renee Hall \$Π  
Hailey W. Jack\*\*\*Π  
Morgan Jewell  
Megan Kelsey Jones ◊  
Aimee E. Judd\*\*\*Π  
Edward Richard Kaleel\*\*  
Michael J. Kalinowski\*\*  
Reece Matthew Karns  
Taylor Terese LaBine ◊  
Matthew Lazzar  
Angelo León ◊  
Kate Marie Liberacki\*\*  
Marisa Colleen Loya\*  
Mia Elena Loya\*  
Maxwell Thomas Ludka  
Maria Holliday Maguire\*Πø  
Richard Kent Martin  
Connor Matulaitis  
Emmett Edward McDaniel  
Nathan A. McKeown\*  
Kaitlyn Moore  
Olivia Nichols  
Kelly Marie Nickson  
Steven P. Nisbet\*\*\*  
Shay Michael Ostyn  
Trisha Lynn Phillips  
Ericka L. Prichard

Anna Repesh\*\*  
Juliette Katherine Rickel\*\*§  
Emma Rose Robertson\*\*  
Lauren Sanford\*  
Samantha Marie Schaller\*\*\*  
Cristina Scheuerman  
Alyssa Schwartz  $\zeta$   
Rachel Noelle Smith\*\*\*  
Ty E. Smith\*  
Stefanie Ann Smoes  
Zachary Snyder  
Alessandra Sorenson  
Sean C. Spratt  
Emma Steckelberg\*\*  $\zeta$   
Avery Marie Tafelsky  
Mason Allen Theile  
Melissa Nicole Varacalli\*\*  $\zeta$   
Katherine Vitella  
Giavonna Ward  $\approx$   
Mitchell L. Weber  
Amanda Wells  $\zeta$   
Danielle Wilde  
Taylor Christine Wilson

### **Bachelor of Arts in General Education**

Marisa Alvarado  
Grant Michael Cook  
DeSamuel Dermaine Curtis  
Robert Deiz  
David Flowers  
Amy Lee Grant  
Neil Harold  
Alisa Winqvist Hole  
Sophia Joy Swearingen Kirchoff  
Kathleen Raab  
Lindsey Ann Slater  
Ashton Spicer  
Ingrid E. Vredevoogd\*\*\*  
Cynthia May Warner\*  
Desiree Webb  
Jordan Marjorie Westlund  
Aaron M. Whaley

### **Bachelor of Professional Accountancy**

Max Henry Berry\*  
Korey Clark  
Maddison Katherine Davis\*\*  
Madeleine Gaca\*\*\*  
Grant A. Hengesbach\*\*  
Jacob J. Hufnagel  
Jonathan Norbert Krupa  
Karly Jean Morris\*\*

Benjamin Plackowski\*\*\*  
Sean Reamer  
Conner Joshua Sajan\*  
Mackenzie Sanders\*\*  
Jeff Weir\*\*

### **Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training**

Jessica Herta  
Jacob Holt\*\*  
Madison E. Lane  
Margaret O'Neil\*\*\*  
Dylan M. Pavka

### **Bachelor of Science in Business Administration**

Keith Auchterlonie  
Travis Barrington  
Connor Barta  
Alexander James Bartholomew\*\* $\rightarrow$   
Ian Bergel\*\*  
Jacob Bernard Bolek  
Nicholas James Brzezinski  
Martin Uriel Calvillo  
Celeste Cantwell\*\*  
Yun-Seo Choi\*\*\*  
Christian E. Cortés  
Samuel Cunningham\*\*  
Anna Curcuru\*\*  
Branko Davidovic\*\*  
Molly Ann Denny  
Makhaila A. S. Dudley  
Brandy Duiven\*\*\*  
Emily Elizabeth Durkee\*\*\*  
Olivia M. Esch\*\*\*  
John Seamus Farrell  
Kelsie Fischer  
Colin Fjelstul  
Matthew Fosdick\*\*  
Gabrielle Fournier\*\*  
Kelli Renae Fridsma\*\*  
Michael J. Garcia  
Stephanie Gray  $\rightarrow$   
Lindsay J. Grover\*  
Corbett Haley  
William P. Haran  
Sierra Haynes  
Jacqueline MacDonald Henderson  
Tyra Hunter  
Alejandro Ibanez-Rangel  
Madeline Ingraham\*  
Rongrong Jiang  
Andrew W. Judd  
Matthew John Kloska

Luke J. Kneeshaw  
Emily Grace Kolenda  
Todd A. Krolewski  
Austin P. Kuch\*  
Sara J. Lackey\*\*\*  
Arik David LaFave\*\*  
Colette Anne Lark\*  
Lucas Charles Larson  
Gerald Lomar Lathan Jr.  
Adam John Leegwater  
Beau P. LePage  
Gabriel Nathan Lett  
Deshawn Lewis  
Calvin Lind\*  
George Zachary Lloyd  
T. Paige Lonergan  
Ruben Joshua Lopez  
Matthew MacGregor  
Katelyn Macksoud  
Briana Mairose  
James Malakowsky  
McKenna Rae Maltby\*  
Catherine Q. Mark  
Jenelle McCoy  
Maycie Victoria McGowan  
Grace K. Meachum\*\*  
Zane Edward Moothart  
Norma Moreno  
Aaron Moskovitz  
Tomoya Nakagawa\*\*\*  
Sister Esther Ndidiamaka Okwor\* $\diamond$   
Olivia Orlando  
Anyia Berlin Pallas  
Michael Raymond\*\*\* $\diamond$   
Hunter J. Reed  
Gregory B. Rogers  
Corgan Shepard  
Lukas Simonds\*  
Matthew Sinthasomphone  
Jenna E. Smith\*  
Kyle Sousley  
Caleb Sportell  
Olivia Ann Sullivan\*\* $\rightarrow$   
James Paul Swanton  
Julia Marie Uturo\*

### **Bachelor of Science in International Business**

Sarah Ann Cross  
Keely Siegel\*  
William Harry Uecker\*\*\* $\Delta$

### **Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Business**

Megan Cramer  
Emmanuel Ibarra\*  
William E. Libs\*\*\*  
Rachel Lynn McCurdy\*\*§  
Neil Jeffrey Panega  
Anastasia M. Tafelsky\*\*\*  
Carmen Elizabeth Tucci  
Dylan Allen Visockis

### **Bachelor of Science in Translation and Interpretation**

Haley Alexandra Jett

### **Bachelor of Fine Arts**

Tatiana Kaarina Kuutto

### **Bachelor of Music Education**

Jamie Lynn Purkovic

### **Associate in Arts**

Elizabeth Kenkel  
Carrie Anne Mesman  
Adam Stewart Roberts\*  
Amy Rose Seinen

### **Associate of Science**

Mark Thomas O'Connor

## Bachelor of Science in Nursing

*The nursing students will received their degrees from the University of Detroit Mercy and attended a virtual commencement ceremony on November 14, 2020.*

Brian Blau

Annalise Bourdeau

Alexis Bozek

Elise Brouwer

Kayla Burrows

Brigitte K. Busch

Natalie Carlson

Karley Deering

Daryl K. Esese

Sarah Gillis

Sophia Gwasdacus

Andrea Hamlin

Bailey S. Haran

Vanessa Kaseumsouk

Holley M. Knight

Alexis Konynenbelt

Jacquelyn Kuhn

Emilee Kuiphoff

Nicholas Lanava

Kristin MacDonald

Bailee Majeske

Monica Milanowski

Madelyn Miller

Marissa Mozariwskyj

Sydney Owczarzak

- \* Cum Laude
- \*\* Magna Cum Laude
- \*\*\* Summa Cum Laude
- § Insignis Program for Honor Society
- + Beta Beta Beta Honor Society (Biology)
- ‡ Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society (History)
- Π Pi Mu Epsilon Honor Society (Math)
- # Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society (Political Science)
- ◇ Alpha Sigma Lambda (Continuing Education)
- Alpha Epsilon Delta (Pre-Med)
- ~ Kappa Gamma Pi
- | Sigma Beta Delta (Business)
- = Sigma Iota Rho
- ¥ Sigma Tau Delta
- Δ Delta Phi Alpha
- ≈ Alpha Kappa Delta
- √ Theta Alpha Kappa
- ζ Psi Chi
- ¬ Lambda Pi Eta
- ∅ Gamma Theta Upsilon



## 2020 ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Accounting  
Ben Plackowski

Art  
Jiaqi Lin

Biology  
Svetlana Djirackor

Business Administration  
Matthew Fosdick  
William Uecker  
Emily Elizabeth Durkee

Chemistry  
Eddy Kaleel

Communication/Business Administration  
Tomoya Nakagawa

Communication  
Elizabeth Schoof

Community Leadership  
Yesenia Bernal

Computer Information Systems  
Aria Cusenza

Economics  
William Libs

Education  
Aimee Judd  
Jayna Hambrick  
Sydney Theis  
Elizabeth Konarsewski

English  
Bridget Gibley  
Lukas Isenga  
Anna Rose  
Margaret Rose

Geography  
Sara Boersma

History  
Alyssa Noch

International Studies  
Haruka Onodera

Kinesiology  
*NAPSE*  
Madison Lane

Kinesiology  
*Bob VanderWeide Award*  
Jenna Smith

Kinesiology  
*Miriam Paquet-Rice Award*  
Kate Liberacki

Mathematics  
Aimee Judd

Music  
*Betty Helen Weiss Cohan Piano Prize*  
Stephen Rumler

Philosophy  
Noah Hall  
Traxton Gordon

Political Science  
*Glenn Barkan Award*  
Claudia Boerigter  
Grayson Harding

Psychology  
Emma Steckelberg

Sociology  
Meghan Thornton

Sustainable Business  
William Libs  
Anastasia Tafelsky  
Rachel McCurdy

Theatre  
Emily Cipriano

Theology  
Cassandra M. Herrington

Women's Studies  
Bridget Gibley

World Languages  
*French*  
Lukas Isenga

*German*  
William H. Uecker

*Spanish*  
Yesenia Bernal

## OTHER AWARDS

Insignis Honors  
Bailey Chouinard  
Erin Dwan  
Bridget Gibley  
Kelsey Hall  
Lukas Isenga  
Rachel McCurdy  
Alyssa Noch  
Juliette Rickel  
Anna Rose  
Margaret Rose  
Elizabeth Schoof  
Sydney Theis

Grand Rapids Area Higher Education Network  
Outstanding Adult Learner for 2020  
LeAnn Secord

Monsignor Arthur Bukowski  
Outstanding Graduate for 2020  
Svetlana Djirackor

## EMERITI FACULTY

- Joyce Alman, MBA, Associate Professor Emerita of Accounting (1974–1994)
- C. Edward Balog, Ph.D., President Emeritus (2006–2011)
- Glenn Barkan, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Political Science (1973–2009)
- Timothy Bennett, M.A., Associate Professor Emeritus of Education (1996–2011)
- Frederick Bernard, M.A., Associate Professor Emeritus of English (1955–1986)
- Paul Bieneman, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Geography (1975–2011)
- Michael Blomme, Ed.D., Professor Emeritus of Chemistry (1980–2002)
- Larry Blovits, M.F.A., Professor Emeritus of Art (1967–1993)
- Paul Brewer, D.A., Associate Professor Emeritus of Music (1999–2019)
- Donald Chaffee Jr., Ph.D., Professor Emeritus (1992–2013)
- Barbara Taylor Cragg, Ph.D., Professor Emerita of Geography (1986–2000)
- W. Michael Cushion, Ph.D., Associate Professor Emeritus of Sociology (1996–2017)
- Thomas Dooley, M.A., M.S., Professor Emeritus of Computer Information Systems (1977–2006)
- Gary Eberle, M.A., Professor Emeritus of English (1987–2017)
- Bruce Frayman, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Psychology (1976–2012)
- Charles Frydrych Jr., M.S., Associate Professor Emeritus of Physics (1967–2007)
- V. James Garofolo, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Education (1979–2004)
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