



*Forty-Fourth Annual  
Honors Convocation*

*March 26, 2026*

# HONORS CONVOCATION

This year marks the forty-fourth annual University of Michigan-Dearborn Honors Convocation. On this occasion, the University publicly recognizes and commends the undergraduate and graduate students who have excelled academically. The Honors Convocation ranks with commencement among important celebrations during the academic year.

*The Honor Scholar Award* is presented to one active undergraduate student per degree program with at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average and a minimum of 90 credit hours earned by Fall 2025. Award recognition is also presented to one active graduate student per degree major with at least a 3.7 cumulative GPA and a minimum of three-quarters of their program completed by the end of Fall 2025.

The student, selected by the respective discipline faculty, also meets other criteria established by the department, school, or college, including contributions to the discipline through research and service activities such as tutoring, mentoring, and leadership in discipline-based student organizations.

# **PROGRAM**

## **Welcome**

Dr. Ghassan Kridli,  
Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

## **Opening Remarks**

Dr. Gabriella Scarlatta, Interim Chancellor

## **UM-Dearborn's Student Oprabills Video**

## **Presentation of Honor Scholars (Graduate and Undergraduate)**

### **Dr. Brahim Medjahed - Reader of Student Names**

Associate Dean, College of Engineering & Computer Science

### **College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters (CASL)**

Dr. Dagmar Budikova, Dean

### **College of Engineering and Computer Science (CECS)**

Dr. Armen Zakarian, Interim Dean

### **College of Education, Health, and Human Services (CEHHS)**

Dr. Ann Lampkin-Williams, Dean

### **College of Business (COB)**

Dr. Frédéric Brunel, Dean

## **Closing Remarks**

Dr. Ghassan Kridli  
Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

# HONORS SCHOLARS

## COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCES, AND LETTERS

*Actuarial Mathematics*

**Alan Corp**

*Anthropology*

**Haider Almahzumy**

*Applied Statistics*

**Kaitlynn McKenna**

*Arabic Studies*

**Reena Hamad**

*Art History & Museum Studies*

**Alaina Powers**

*Behavioral & Biological Sciences*

**Sara Moughni**

*Biochemistry*

**Evelyn Diakiw**

*Biological Sciences*

**Mohammad Serhan**

*Communication*

**Angela Flores**

*Criminology & Criminal Justice*

**Cadence Pero**

*Economics*

**Hadeel Antar**

*English*

**Cassie Zeller**

*Environmental Science*

**Karen Fischer**

*French Studies*

**Olivia Carzon**

*Hispanic Studies*

**Barry Brodsky**

*History*

**Maggie Shearer**

*Integrative Studies*

**Reagan Valerie Pacheco**

*International Studies*

**Julia Fahling**

*Journalism & Media Production*

**Benjamin Filler**

*Mathematics*

**Olivia Carzon**

*Microbiology*

**Somtochukwu Opara**

*Philosophy*

**Mona Halis**

*Physics*

**Marie Ismail Fawaz**

*Political Science*

**Silvia Flores**

*Professional Writing & Rhetoric*

**Megan Brown**

*Psychology*  
**Ryan Bearden**

*Social Studies*  
**Caitlynn Jorgensen**

*Sociology*  
**Onyckah Ulik**

*Urban & Regional Studies*  
**Tepfirah Rushdan**

**Graduate Level Honor Scholars**

*Applied & Computational Mathematics*  
**Jonathan Kerr**

*Criminology & Criminal Justice*  
**Katherine Wys**

*Environmental Science*  
**Scott Pieknik**

*Psychology*  
**Reem Ismail**

*Public Administration & Policy*  
**Liz Raupp**

# COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

*Bioengineering*  
**Malak Harajli**

*Data Science*  
**Kathryn Bigelow**

*Bioengineering & Mechanical Engineering -  
Dual Degree*  
**Moumen Msallaty**

*Electrical & Computer Engineering - Dual  
Degree*  
**William Garlick**

*Computer & Information Science*  
**Vlad Nitu**

*Electrical Engineering*  
**Nicholas Yamine**

*Computer & Information Science and  
Cybersecurity & Information Assurance – Dual  
Degree*  
**Caleb Kramer**

*Human Centered Engineering Design*  
**Faith Long**

*Computer & Information Science and Data  
Science – Dual Degree*  
**Andrew Alsop**

*Industrial & Systems Engineering*  
**Kendall Anderson**

*Computer Engineering*  
**Bilal Mohsen**

*Mechanical Engineering*  
**Edward Raskin**

*Cybersecurity & Information Assurance*  
**Cristin Mason**

*Robotics Engineering*  
**Nicolas Uram**

*Software Engineering*  
**Hadi Hammoud**

## Graduate Level Honor Scholars

*Artificial Intelligence*

**Ashwin Alinkil**

*Automotive Systems & Mobility – PhD*

**Feng Zhou**

*Automotive & Mobility Systems*

*Engineering*

**Trevor Madin**

*Automotive Systems Engineering*

**Alex Mataloni**

*Bioengineering*

**Lea Miller**

*Computer Engineering*

**Garrett Parks**

*Computer & Information Science*

**Faraz Gurramkonda**

*Computer & Information Science – PhD*

**Syed Salauddin Mohammad Tariq**

*Cybersecurity & Information Assurance*

**Alexander Conklin**

*Data Science*

**Marissa Buser**

*Electrical Engineering*

**Andrew Marogi**

*Energy Systems Engineering*

**Dana Sieradzki**

*Energy Systems & Sustainability  
Engineering*

**Kuchan Park**

*Engineering Management*

**Rafael Santos**

*Human Centered Design & Engineering*

**Erika Delfino**

*Industrial & Systems Engineering*

**Faith Zagore**

*Industrial & Systems Engineering – PhD*

**Ali Kassab**

*Information Systems & Technology*

**Divya Prakash Thombare**

*Manufacturing Systems Engineering*

**Michael Gazdecki**

*Materials Science & Engineering*

**Edward Sieradzki**

*Mechanical Engineering*

**Maximilian Ullrich**

*Mechanical Sciences & Engineering – PhD*

**Mehdi Shoushtari Yeganeh**

*Program & Project Management*

**John Michael McPartlin II**

*Robotics Engineering*

**Santhoshi Navallika Dendukuri**

*Software Engineering*

**Noura Alaboudi**

# COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Birth to Kindergarten Education*

**Jillian Lankford**

*Children & Families*

**Zhe'mone Foster**

*Elementary Education*

**Emma Hedges**

*Elementary Education - Early Childhood*

**Sydney Meeks**

*Elementary Education - Language Arts*

**Sabrina Liburdi**

*Elementary Education - Mathematics Studies*

**Donald Leffew**

*Health and Human Services*

**Dennis Thompson**

*Instructional Design & Learning Technologies*

**Lillian Settles**

*Secondary Education*

**Joseph Rodriguez**

*Sports Management*

**Zoe Zaifman**

## Graduate Level Honor Scholars

*Applied Behavior Analysis*

**(Michelle) Lanqin Cao**

*Community Based Education*

**Blair Arbaugh**

*Early Childhood Education*

**Chia-Hua Hu**

*Education*

**Glen Quillen**

*Education Doctorate – EdD*

**Fatima Al Raishouni**

*Educational Leadership*

**Regan Sliwinski**

*Education Specialist Program – EdS*

**Jonathan Cross**

*Educational Technology*

**Richelle Kracht**

*Health Information Technology*

**Julia Devine**

*Healthcare Administration & Leadership*

**Fabiha Chowdhury**

*Instructional Design & Learning*

*Technologies*

**Kaitlyn Wuetrich**

*Teaching*

**Manar Alnasir**

# COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

*Accounting*

**Christopher Hinojosa**

*Business Analytics*

**Nazneen Masood**

*Digital Marketing*

**Hayley Robinson**

*Finance*

**Adam Haag**

*General Business*

**Alyssa Fakih**

*Human Resource Management*

**Anastasia Javarinis**

*Information Systems Management/  
Information Technology Management*

**Mahhek Rathod**

*Marketing*

**Claire Rosengarten**

*Small Business Management*

**Nadia Almalahi**

*Supply Chain Management*

**Andrew Hughes**

## Graduate Level Honor Scholars

*Accounting*

**Christian Ankawi**

*Business Administration*

**Meagan Spurr**

*Business Analytics*

**Isabella Kroczaleski**

*Finance*

**Hsuan-Yu Lin**

*Information Systems Management*

**Sonia Narsey**

*Marketing*

**Sierra Brown**

*Supply Chain Management*

**Sanya Chikhale**



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