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University Mission

Marymount is a comprehensive Catholic university, guided by the traditions of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary that emphasizes intellectual curiosity, service to others, and a global perspective. A Marymount education is grounded in the liberal arts, promotes career preparation, and provides opportunities for personal and professional growth. A student-centered learning community that values diversity and focuses on the education of the whole person, Marymount guides the intellectual, ethical, and spiritual development of each individual.

University Vision

Marymount, a leading Catholic university, will be nationally recognized for innovation and commitment to student success, alumni achievement, and faculty and staff excellence.

Message from the President



On behalf of Marymount University's faculty, staff, administrators and board members, I want to wish congratulations to our award nominees and recipients for their hard work and commitment to representing our community and its core values. Not only have you excelled in the classroom, but you have shown an incredible dedication to service and have demonstrated exemplary leadership. This is just the first step in your journey, as you are on your way to achieving incredible success and reaching new milestones.

This has been a difficult spring semester for us all, filled with obstacles posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and various other challenges. However, you have learned to push through adversity with the knowledge that you have gained here at Marymount. Each moment, each experience and each relationship you created here has provided you with a wealth of resources and skills to help you succeed. As you become alumni of Marymount, I wish you all the best in testing your limits and exploring all the possibilities that are out there. Once again, congratulations to all of you!

Dr. Irma Becerra
President of Marymount University



Message from the Office of the Chaplain



Dear Graduates,

Congratulations to each and every one of you! You have accomplished something significant by not only finishing your course of study, but doing so in a time of great upheaval and difficulty. Though your value is assured simply by your existence, you have gone further and proven yourselves through pushing ahead in the face of hardship. I am proud of you, and I know everyone else at Marymount shares that joy at your success.

The days to come will, no doubt, bring further challenges, but I urge you to take heart. The human being is a thing made for endurance, and you have already shown what it is you can overcome. Enjoy the accomplishment of the moment, and, quieting fear of the future, lift up your hearts in courage for what lies ahead.

What will your mission be from now on? Certainly the practical details will differ as you find yourselves in widely varying communities, professions, and states of life, but I would offer for your consideration that each of you should find a way to use what you have received during your time at Marymount “that all may have life,” and have it in abundance. As Christ took what the Apostles offered Him and multiplied it for the feeding of multitudes, so also what we possess, even though it may not seem like much to us, can provide for the needs of many, if offered with honest generosity.

Such giving of life wherever you go will require you to speak the truth in love to a world that desperately needs both. I encourage you to seek truth with all your strength, to accept nothing false, no substitution for what is good and real, and always to convey this truth to other with a soul of compassion. Truth without love is not truth, and love without truth is not love. So often, we find one without the other in our societies, and there is need for brave spirits that will neither shrink from the demands of the truth, nor neglect the sacrifice that goes into conveying love.

It takes courage to lift up our neighbor in such a way, but you have shown by your efforts that you have at least the beginnings of such courage. If you steady your heart to press on forward, this courage you have now will grow as the years pass, and you may find one day a younger generation turning to you for strengthening, guidance, and wisdom.

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Message from the Office of the Chaplain



Again, my congratulations to each of you. You will remain in my prayers in the years to come, and I hope that you will spare a prayer for me, as well as for all here at Marymount, in return. May God, in whom all good work finds its origin, bring to completion what He has begun in you, dear friends. With joy in your achievement and great hope for your future, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

Father Rampino

Robert A. Draghi Outstanding Faculty Award



The **Robert A. Draghi Outstanding Faculty Award** is presented by the graduating seniors to a faculty member who contributes to strengthen the overall university community, supports Marymount’s mission and the “Students Come First” philosophy, and demonstrates teaching excellence. The award is named for Dr. Robert A. Draghi, professor of philosophy, who was a member of Marymount’s faculty from 1961 to 2003. Dr. Draghi was known for his kindness, collegiality, dedication to his discipline, —and above all—his abiding concern for students.

Previous Recipients

Mr. James Ryerson – 2005

Dr. Brian Doyle —2006

Dr. Elizabeth Myhill —2007

Dr. Robert Meden —2008

Dr. Linda Gulyn —2009

Dr. Stephanie Ellis —2010

Dr. Hollynd Karapetkova —2011

Dr. Mark Trowbridge —2012

Dr. Stacy Lopresti-Goodman —2013

Dr. Brian Flanagan —2014

Dr. Jo-Ann Amadeo —2015

Dr. Amy Scott- Douglas —2016

Dr. Todd Rimkus —2017

Dr. Susan Agolini —2018

Dr. Eric Bubar —2019

2020 Robert A. Draghi Award Nominees



Marymount would like to give a special congratulations to all of the award nominees for participating in this year's nomination and selection process. It is an incredible honor to have had the opportunity to extend to you this nomination because each of you have made such a positive, distinctive impact on the students. Your commitment and impeccable service to the students do not go unnoticed. Marymount is very fortunate to have all of you and the journey for our students would not be the same without your presence.

2020 Robert A. Draghi Outstanding Faculty Award nominees

Dr. Catherine Diaz-Asper
Dr. Robin Wagner
Dr. Alice Petillo
Dr. Camille Buckner
Dr. Janine DeWitt
Dr. Amanda Wright
Dr. Carlo Ninassi
Dr. Amanda Farrell
Dr. Leigh Johnson
Dr. Margaret Tseng

Marymount University is proud to announce that the **2020 Robert A. Draghi Outstanding Faculty Award** is awarded to *Dr. Carlo Ninassi*. Congratulations, Dr. Ninassi! We are proud to extend to you this recognition. Your distinguished service has made our students feel understood, supported, and appreciated. The 2020 Graduates and the greater Marymount Family would like to thank you for your unceasing devotion to making their student learning experience all the more worth while.

What the students found was not just a classroom but a space that welcomed curiosity, innovation, creativity, growth, and collaboration. Some say that the perfect classroom is near impossible, however, the students' learning experience with you has proven the contrary. Your influence as an amazing professor can never be erased.

It is impossible to thank you for all that you have done both for the 2020 graduates and for our current students. Your teachings and care have helped Marymount students feel empowered and ready to take on their next chapter. We hope that this award symbolizes the Marymount Family's gratitude for helping make the students' Marymount chapter memorable and special. Thank you, Dr. Ninassi, and congratulations once again for being our 2020 Robert A. Draghi Outstanding Faculty Award Recipient.

Honors Medals



The Honors Medals are presented to those students who are graduating as Honors Scholars. They have fulfilled all of the Honors Program requirements, including successful defense of an Honors Thesis.

Mariah Michele Allen
Kaitlin Ann Berger
Theresa Angelina Buscemi
Mikal Kahsai Fikremariam
Joshua Sair Giardina
Gianna Elizabeth Ines Gossai
MaryEllen Rose Haas
Rebecca Elizabeth Lake
Noelle M. Larino

Regan Elizabeth Lohr
Eric Upendra Malani
Daniel Joseph Mathews
Sarah Catherine McDonald
Michaela Brenn Ramandanes
Leena Raza
Brianna J. Simmons
Courtney Jane Stephens
Barbara Walas

Message from the Honors Program Director, Dr. Stacy M. Lopresti-Goodman

Each year the Honors Program Committee selects a group of academically gifted students to matriculate in our Honors Program. These students must excel in all of their major degree and Honors courses to complete the rigorous requirements of the Honors Program, which culminates with a reasoned argument in defense of a thesis. The students listed above have met all of the requirements and are graduating as Honors Scholars.

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Honors Medals



Students, it has been a pleasure getting to know you these past few years. I've been fortunate enough to have you in introductory and advanced Honors classes, as well as have worked one on one with you in tutorials and on summer research projects. Some of us traveled abroad together for a class, while others of us carpoled to regional conferences where you presented your Honors research. We have served our local community making bagged lunches and working in gardens that help feed the homeless, and have served others internationally by volunteering at a chimpanzee sanctuary in Spain, and raising funds for a scholarship for a high school student in Belize. We've enjoyed many cups of coffee and meals together discussing our favorite books, films, and hopes for the future, as well as visited museums, attended lectures and film screenings together. Through all of these experiences, I have come to know each of you a little better, and have been able to watch you grow personally and academically. It has been an honor and I'm excited to see what you will do next!

As a testament to your academic achievements, you have earned Honors Medallions. The Medallions bear the symbols of our university's founders, the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, as well as the words *logo veritas*: in reason, truth. As you go off into the world as Marymount Honors alum, I challenge you to continue pursuing a lifelong quest for truth and finding new ways to use your abilities to serve others. May the Honors Medallions remind you of your time in the Program, and the Marymount faculty, staff, and students who have helped you along the way.

Congratulations!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacy M. Lopresti-Goodman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stacy M. Lopresti-Goodman, Ph.D.
Honors Program Director
Associate Professor of Psychology

Academic Excellence Awards



These awards are presented to graduating students for superior academic performance in their major and for contributions to their department or field of study through curricular and co-curricular activities.

Malek School of Health Professions

Health Sciences
Bachelor of Science
Kerry Maureen Flanagan

Nursing
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Kelly Merrick

Nursing
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Amanda Lauren Smith

Health Education and Promotion
Master of Science
Elizabeth Bowen Yeonas

Nursing
Master of Science in Nursing
Diane Lane Chow

Physical Therapy
Doctor of Physical Therapy
Katherine Radloff O'Donohue

School of Business and Technology

Business Administration
Bachelor of Business Administration
Xuan Nguyen Thanh To

Economics
Bachelor of Arts
Sarah Catherine McDonald

Information Technology
Bachelor of Science
Seada Hussein Mohammed

Business Administration
Master of Business Administration
Rashmi Shikha

Cybersecurity
Master of Science
Jay Joseph Naduvilekunnel

Health Care Management
Master of Science
Kevin Anthony Cummings Jr.

Academic Excellence Awards



School of Business and Technology

Human Resource Management

Master of Arts

Allison Hull Nulph

Information Technology

Master of Science

Moudie Abdullah Alhousainan

Leadership and Management

Master of Science

Maureen P. Dour

School of Design, Arts, and Humanities

Art

Bachelor of Arts

Elinor Thomas

Communication

Bachelor of Arts

Noelle M. Larino

English

Bachelor of Arts

Jeidy De La Rosa Luperon

School of Design, Arts, and Humanities continued..

Fashion Design

Bachelor of Arts

Valeria Falcon Machi

Fashion Merchandising

Bachelor of Arts

Lydia Hope Collins

Fashion Merchandising

Bachelor of Arts

Charlene Faith McCallum

Graphic and Media Design

Bachelor of Arts

Rebecca Elizabeth Lake

History

Bachelor of Arts

Lillie Anne Burke

Interior Design

Bachelor of Arts

Alexander Brian Kober

Politics

Bachelor of Arts

Özge Koçak

Academic Excellence Awards



School of Design, Arts, and Humanities continued..

*Theology and Religious Studies
Bachelor of Arts
Theresa Angelina Buscemi*

*English and Humanities
Master of Arts
Veda Frye*

*Interior Design
Master of Arts
Daryl Nicole Gregory*

School of Sciences, Mathematics, and Education

*Biochemistry
Bachelor of Science
Jessie Anne Bricker*

*Biochemistry
Bachelor of Science
MaryEllen Rose Haas*

*Biochemistry
Bachelor of Science
Courtney Jane Stephens*

School of Sciences, Mathematics, and Education Continued..

*Biology
Bachelor of Arts
Clarisa Richelle Brand*

*Biology
Bachelor of Science
Juliette Elaine Garnier*

*Biology
Bachelor of Science
Eric Upendra Malani*

*Criminal Justice
Bachelor of Arts
Hayley Nicole Elizondo*

*Mathematics
Bachelor of Science
Theresa Angelina Buscemi*

*Mathematics
Bachelor of Science
Sarah Catherine McDonald*

*Multidisciplinary Studies
Elementary Education
Bachelor of Arts
Haley Marie Gotcher*

Academic Excellence Awards



*School of School of Sciences,
Mathematics, and Education
continued..*

*Multidisciplinary Studies
Special Education
Bachelor of Arts
Zeyna McIlvain*

*Psychology
Bachelor of Arts
Brianna J. Simmons*

*Sociology
Bachelor of Arts
Mariah Michele Allen*

*Sociology
Bachelor of Arts
Kari Leah Fleuriet*

*Administration and Supervision
Master of Education
Adrienne Lynn Jewett*

*Counseling, Clinical Mental Health
Counseling
Master of Arts
Scott Felton Heine*

*Counseling, School Counseling
Master of Arts
Alex James Cornelius*

*Forensic and Legal Psychology
Master of Arts
Ellen Louise Wood*

*Secondary Education
Master of Education
Kristine Michelle Hays*

*Special Education
Master of Education
Teresa Tomassoni Eichner*

Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi



HONOR SOCIETY OF PHI KAPPA PHI

The nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline honor society. The Society's mission is to recognize and to promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others. Phi Kappa Phi membership is earned and by invitation only: juniors must rank in the top 7.5% of their class, seniors must rank in the top 10% of their class, and graduate students must rank in the top 10% of their programs.

- MEMBERS IN THE CLASS OF 2020-

Amir Bayan Abu-Jamous	MaryEllen Rose Haas	Renzo Alessio Ortiz-Lopez
Lueth Mayen Akuak	Jennifer D. Hancock	Sarah Jo Catherine Peer
Moudie Abdullah Alhousainan	Scott Felton Heine	Shellee M. Pelayo
Dima Saleh Alhunti	Bridget Michelle Hone	Jessica Nicole Rangel
Abdulrahman Alsaadi	Taylor Morgan Jackson	Talia Maylie Santiago
Nawaf Khaled Alsarami	Mary Eleanor Kackley	Rashmi Shikha
Janessa E-Mari Arrington	Deepa Kc	Lisa Marie Shine
Alana Marie Ball	Özge Koçak	Brianna J. Simmons
Lillie Anne Burke	Rebecca Elizabeth Lake	Courtney Jane Stephens
Theresa Angelina Buscemi	Noelle M. Larino	Jonathan Forrest Swinson
M. Angel Catalá	Nicole Loren Lefman	Katharina Rebecca Tesmer
Dawit W. Chekol	Kirt Alan Lenz	Xuan Nguyen Thanh To
Diane Lane Chow	Megan Michelle Lestino	Eileen Tobin
Maureen P. Dour	Jeidy De La Rosa Luperon	Uyen Dao Phuong Tran
Kristin Marie Dunn	Savanna Lynch	Angel Marie Trevino
Sean Neal Earner	Dana Maas	Denisse Andrea Velasco
Dominique Elmadi-Villeda	Eric Upendra Malani	Blake William Vernon
Amanda Lucille Fallon	Michelle Mayagoitia	Jennifer Lynn Viau
Mikal Kahsai Fikremariam	Maggie Leigh McInturff	Yaffa Drorit Wagschal
Kerry Maureen Flanagan	Jennifer Ruth McKee	Barbara Walas
Kari Leah Fleuriet	Kelly Merrick	Ellen Louise Wood
Juliette Elaine Garnier	Seada Hussein Mohammed	Yulia Romanovna Yakusheva
Victoria E. Gonzales	Jay Joseph Naduvilekunnel	
Ryan Halton Gormley	Dominique Jo Nicolaides	
Gianna Elizabeth Ines Gossai	Claudia Mai Nguyen	
Shannon Theresa Gunning	Allison Hull Nulph	

Military

Veteran Graduate Recognition



The Marymount Order of Military Veterans Graduate stoles are presented to those students who have completed their degrees and have served honorably as members of the U.S Military.

Jessie Anne Bricker, *Army*
Brett Anthony Cashion, *Navy*
Brandon Allen Chin, *Army*
Austin William Francis, *Air Force*
Amanda Priscilla Gonsalves *Army*
Christine Torres Igisomar *Coast Guard*
Davon Tavis Jones *Marine Corps*
Gabriel Leon, *Army*
Ayesha Fathiyyah Mack, *Navy*
Ashley B. Onescu *Air Force*

Michael Gray Posey, *Marine Corps*
Troy Powell, *Navy*
Kevin Eugene Robitaille, *Air Force*
Tanisha M. Scott, *Army*
Jonathan Forrest Swinson, *Marine Corps*
Tyrone Thomas, *Navy*
Mary Catherine Treuting, *Army*
Angel Marie Trevino, *Air Force*
Joshua Vigder, *Air Force*
Horane Williams, *Army*

Thank you for your service Military Veteran Graduates. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments! Marymount is fortunate to be home to some of the nation's most bravest military soldiers.

Spirit of Service Scholars



The Spirit of Service Scholar scholarship is awarded to students who have demonstrated exemplary academic and volunteer service to the Marymount and broader community.

Rebecca Renners Harvey
Brooke Elise Norwood-Vanzie
Sarah Jo Catherine Peer
Kevin Parker Strickland
Christopher Richtman Valenti

Message from the Director of the Saints' Center for Service, Dr. Kelly Dalton

Our Spirit of Service Scholars exemplify what it means to be a leader, mentor, and dedicated community advocate. Collectively, our graduating scholars have contributed over 800 hours of service to their communities this year.

They have worked hard to raise critical funds for nonprofit organizations. Kevin Strickland, through his incredible baking and advocacy work, has single-handedly raised over \$75,000 for Nothing But Nets, a nonprofit that provides mosquito netting to prevent the spread of malaria. Our scholars Sarah Jo Peer and Brooke Norwood-Vanzie made it a priority to also serve our Marymount community through serving as peer mentors, being active participants in Saints Serve Saturday events, and creating social media content promoting community engagement opportunities.

Rebecca Harvey committed to helping children through her volunteer work as a camp counselor, Children's National Medical Center, and Helping Haitian Angels and Christopher Valenti was always available to lend a helping hand on campus and has long supported youth as an Eagle scout mentor. Through your selfless actions you have inspired others to get involved, take action, and give back to our communities. It has been an honor to work with each and every one of you. On behalf of the Saints' Center for Service I want to wish you a heartfelt congratulations on this impressive achievement! You did it!!

Kelly Dalton, PhD, RDN
Director, Saints' Center for Service

Senior Leadership Awards



The **Senior Leadership Awards** are presented to graduating students for their outstanding contributions both to the Marymount Community and the greater community as student leaders. Marymount would like to give a special congratulations to all of the award nominees for participating in this year's nomination and selection process. It is an incredible honor to have had the opportunity to extend to the nominees this recognition. Marymount is very fortunate to have been able to witness each of you evolve into the proud leaders you are today.

The 2020 Senior Leadership Award Nominees are:

Abdulrahman Abdullah Alhenaki
Bevs Aaliyah Eleu A. Aranjuez
Gustavo A. Barrera
Isabella Bastien Curtis
Jessie Anne Bricker
Theresa Angelina Buscemi
Mama Sanassa Cherif
Sinclair Cay Cox
Naiya Noelle Dalce
Prakriti Deuja
Kyle Patrick Lee Dinsmore
Carrie Anne Ellis
Dominique Elmadi-Villeda
Brianna Renee' Grooms
Taylor Morgan Jackson
Sadie Louise Jenkins
Rebecca Elizabeth Lake
Mathew Landivar

Noelle M. Larino
Jeidy De La Rosa Luperon
Daniel Fabian Sanchez Mamani
Sarah Catherine McDonald
Zeyna McIlvain
Kelly Merrick
Lana Gray Milligan
Jordayne Marie Moses
Joanna E. Paniagua
Sarah Jo Catherine Peer
Emily Lisseth Quijano
Jessica Nicole Rangel
Odaris Celeste Santos
Brianna J. Simmons
Courtney Jane Stephens
Christopher Richtman Valenti
Madeline Giselle Vazquez-Pena
Javier Humberto Velasquez
Carina Nicole Winston

Senior Leadership Award



The 2020 Senior Leadership Recipients are:

Abdulahman Abdullah Alhenaki
Isabella Bastien Curtis
Jessie Anne Bricker
Theresa Angelina Buscemi
Naiya Noelle Dalce
Brianna Renee' Grooms
Daniel Fabian Sanchez Mamani
Sarah Catherine McDonald
Joanna E. Paniagua
Odaris Celeste Santos
Brianna J. Simmons

Message from the Senior Director of Leadership and Learning, Anne Aichele

Congratulations Class of 2020! This year held unprecedented events, which challenged you all in ways that no one anticipated or expected. Your ability to meet these challenges head on and succeed so gracefully is a testament to your ability as leaders. To those that have held positions, thank you for your sacrifice and hard work as role models to others. For those that led silently, in frequently unidentified ways, thank you for your quiet service and commitment to improving life for others. We are grateful to you, and though you are moving on to other things, still consider you an important part of the Marymount community.

Anne Aichele
Senior Director of Student Leadership and Learning

RSHM Graduation Awards



The **Mother Butler Gold Medal** is awarded by the Faculty to the graduating student who has shown the greatest devotion to the ideals of Marymount. It is named for Mother Joseph Butler, RHSM, who founded the first “Marymount” school in Tarrytown, New York, in honor of the blessed Mother. A special congratulations to all of the nominees for this outstanding recognition.

2020 Mother Butler Award Nominees

Theresa Angelina Buscemi
Hayley Nicole Elizondo
MaryEllen Rose Haas
Rebecca Elizabeth Lake

Noelle M. Larino
Jeidy De La Rosa Luperon
Brianna J. Simmons
Brittany Jean Simmons

Marymount University is proud to announce that the **2020 Mother Butler Gold Medal** is awarded to Jeidy De La Rosa Luperon. Congratulations, Jeidy, for this esteemed recognition. Throughout your academic career, you have demonstrated your commitment to the ideals and pillars of Marymount. Your work here is truly inspiring and it is Marymount's hope that you continue to carry these ideals into every future journey you embark.

RSHM Graduation Awards



The **Bishop Ireton Award** is presented to the graduating student with the greatest influence of good on his or her companions. The recipient of this award is selected by the graduating baccalaureate class. The award is named for Bishop Peter Ireton of the Richmond Diocese, who invited the Sisters of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary to establish Marymount in Arlington in 1950.

Marymount would like to give a special congratulations to all of the award nominees for this incredible recognition and for participating in this year's nomination and selection process. Each of you have demonstrated what it truly means to be a Saint through your countless acts of kindness, selflessness, and generosity.

2020 Bishop Ireton Award Nominees

Abdulrahman Abdullah Alhenaki
Jessie Anne Bricker
Taylor Morgan Jackson
Kelly Merrick

Zeyna McIlvain
Joanna E. Paniagua
Daniel Fabian Sanchez Mamani

Marymount University is proud to announce the **2020 Bishop Ireton Award** is awarded to Abdulrahman Abdullah Alhenaki. Congratulations, Abdulrahman, for this esteemed recognition. Your contributions go unnoticed and Marymount hopes that this recognition symbolizes the great impact you've had on your colleagues.

RSHM Graduation Awards



The **Sister Majella Berg Service Award** is presented to the graduating student who has made the most significant contribution in the area of community service in the Greater Washington metropolitan region. The award is named for Sister Majella Berg, RSHM, president of Marymount University from 1960 through 1993, and president emerita until her death in April 2004.

Marymount would like to give a special congratulations to all of the award nominees for participating in this year's nomination and selection process. Each of the nominees have contributed exemplary service in both the Marymount and greater community. Marymount recognizes your societal efforts as they are unparalleled and we urge you to continue these exceptional strides.

2020 Sister Majella Berg Service Award Nominees

Bevs Aaliyah Eleu A. Aranjuez
Jessie Anne Bricker
Theresa Angelina Buscemi
Jeidy De La Rosa Luperon

Joanna E. Paniagua
Sarah Jo Catherine Peer
Odaris Celeste Santos
Madeline Giselle Vazquez-Pena

Marymount University is proud to announce that the **2020 Sister Majella Berg Service Award** is awarded to Sarah Jo Catherine Peer. Congratulations, Sarah, on this incredible recognition! Your commitment to service is admirable and Marymount hopes that you receive this recognition as a small token of appreciation for your commitment to helping others.