



# HONORS CONVOCATION

*Friday, the fifteenth of May  
Two thousand twenty-six*



*Panasci Family Chapel  
At one in the afternoon*



# P R O G R A M



## MASTER OF CEREMONIES

William Barrett '78  
*Interim Dean, Madden College of Business and Economics*

## INVOCATION

Barbara Maylone Karper  
*Assistant Vice President, Grace Center for Faith and Community*

## WELCOMING REMARKS

Linda M. LeMura, Ph.D.  
*President*

## STUDENT SPEAKER

J. Ryan Wojcik McGoldrick  
*James C. Finlay, S.J., Award for Outstanding Integral Honors Thesis, 2026*



## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Travis Newton, Ph.D.  
*Dean, Carroll College of Arts and Sciences*

William Barrett '78

Margaret "Meega" Wells, Ph.D., R.N., APN-BC  
*Dean, Purcell School of Professional Studies*

## PRESENTATION OF INTEGRAL HONORS STUDENTS

Matthew J. Fee, Ph.D.  
*Lecturer and Director of the Integral Honors Program*

## CLOSING REMARKS

James P. Hannan, Ph.D.  
*Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

## BENEDICTION

Vincent W. Hevern, S.J.  
*Professor of Psychology*

# CARROLL COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES



## SENIOR AWARDS

**The Gene McCarthy Award in Theatre Studies:** Given in memory of Le Moyne's first director of theatre. Awarded to the senior who best exemplifies excellence in performance, production and leadership in theatre arts.

Sarah Elyzabeth Strauss

**The Patrick J. Keane Medal:** For the graduating senior who has achieved excellence in the field of literary studies and who has demonstrated great scholarly promise.

Sophia Ann Morphet

**The Father John P. Lahey Award in Writing:** Awarded to a senior for outstanding creativity in the fields of writing and editing.

Aidan Thomas Mingoia

**The Elizabeth Schlaerth Memorial Medal in History:** Awarded to the senior majoring in History with the highest achievement in all History courses.

Henry Joseph Wirt

**The Medal for Excellence in Computer Science:** Awarded to a senior Computer Science major who, in the judgment of the Department of Computer Science, Cybersecurity, and Software Development, has demonstrated excellence in the study of Computer Science.

Peter Thomas Gallagher

**The Medal for Excellence in Cybersecurity:** Awarded to a senior Cybersecurity major who, in the judgment of the Department of Computer Science, Cybersecurity, and Software Development, has demonstrated excellence in the study of Cybersecurity.

Jordan Scott Travers Johnson

**The Leonard P. Markert Medal in Philosophy:** Awarded to the senior who does the most outstanding work in Philosophy.

Alisaundre Marie Finnerty

**The Gregory J. Derschug, S.J., Medal in Sociology:** Awarded to the senior with the highest achievement in Sociology.

Sierra Rain Wills

**The Judith L. Zunic Award for Outstanding Adult Learner:** Awarded to an adult student who has demonstrated excellence in the Social Sciences and a commitment to human service in the community.

Henia Elizabeth Zames

**The Leon J. Maltby Medal in Mathematics:** Awarded to senior Mathematics majors who, in the judgment of the Mathematics Department, have demonstrated excellence in the study of Mathematics.

Joseph J. Burkee

Joshua Alexander Miller

**The Medal for Excellence in Criminology:** Awarded to the senior with the highest achievement in criminology and who shows promise of success in the field of criminology and/or criminal justice.

Thomas Herrick Berry

**The Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J. (1881-1955) Award in Anthropology:** Awarded to the senior who has a Minor or Concentration in Anthropology and who has demonstrated academic excellence and shows promise in the field of Anthropology.

Alexis Anne Rose

**The Medal for Scholarly Regional and Urban Applied Research:** Awarded for exemplary scholarship in Regional and Urban Applied Research.

Lauren M. Hegedus

**The Marie Arnold Chapin Medal in Biological Sciences:** Awarded to the seniors majoring in Biology with the highest achievement in Biology.

Matthew Christopher Baker  
Nathan Michael Bourcy

Matthew Rezar Gera  
Allayna Rose Richmond

**The Department of Psychology Medal:** Awarded to senior psychology majors for general excellence in Psychology.

Lara Lobe  
Madison Ann Pikarsky  
Lanie Hope Smith

Maya Lynne Williams  
Henia Elizabeth Zames

**The Thomas R. Hogan Award in Communications:** Awarded to a graduating senior who has been outstanding in Communication courses and related endeavors.

Legende Edward McGrath

**The Lee-Anne Scaccia Cruz Award for Excellence in Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies:** Awarded to a senior who has a record of academic excellence and who has demonstrated a commitment to the practice of the ideals of Gender and Women's Studies through co-curricular activities, community service, and/or research projects.

Sydney D. Kellogg

**The Department of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures Medal:** Awarded to the senior majoring in a foreign language with the highest achievement in the study of languages.

Delia Jean Fedele

**The Suzanne V. McClusky Medal:** Awarded annually to a senior who writes the best essay or scholarly paper in the field of History.

Henry Joseph Wirt

**The Brine Medal in Chemistry or Biochemistry:** Awarded to a senior for general excellence in Chemistry or Biochemistry.

Chloe E. Hill

**The Physics Department Medal for Outstanding Performance in Physics:** Awarded to a senior in Physics who has exhibited exceptional performance in Physics.

Jasmina Barhoumi

**The Rachel L. Carson Medal for the Environment:** In memory of the pioneering scientist who helped launch the modern environmental movement with the publication of *Silent Spring*. Awarded to the graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the environmental area.

Annaleia K. Coppola

Haylee McKenzie Moore

**The David L. Smith Award for Excellence in Field Studies:** In memory of this faculty member and field ecologist who was passionate about teaching students by challenging them to explore ecological systems *in situ* (in their original place). Given to a senior majoring in Biology or Environmental Science Systems who has demonstrated enthusiasm and outstanding achievement in field studies.

J. Ryan Wojcik McGoldrick

**The Bishop Thomas J. Costello D.D., Medal:** Awarded to the senior who best exemplifies excellence in Global Affairs and public service.

Barbara Boiani Maciel

**The Pi Gamma Mu Scholarship Award:** Awarded to the senior members of the Le Moyne Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, the National Honor Society of the Social Sciences, with the highest achievement in the curriculum of the Social Sciences.

Thomas J. Kapinus

Sierra Rain Wills

**The Edward Eagan Medal in the Arts:** Awarded to the students with the highest achievement in the curriculum of the Arts.

Thomas J. Kapinus

Sierra Rain Wills

Cloey L. Tierno

**The H. Paul Nelligan Medal in Pure Science:** Awarded to the students with the highest achievement in the curriculum of Pure Science.

Nathan Michael Bourcy

Chloe E. Hill

# MADDEN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS



## SENIOR AWARDS

**The Frank and Margaret Ahrens Memorial Medal in Business:** Awarded to the seniors majoring in Business who achieve the highest average in that curriculum.

Emily Grecia Alvarez	Abigail Maree Riggins
Sophie Hoy	Paul Joseph Sacco
Brian Matthew Mahoney	Riley Anne Stuver
Zainab Naziri	Shaylyn Tuohey
Victoria G. Parsons	

**The Francis and Martha McElroy Medal in Business:** Awarded to the students who achieve the highest average in the Business curriculum during senior year.

Kyle F. Creighton	Paul Joseph Sacco
Sophie Hoy	Riley Anne Stuver
James M. Musso	Eric W. Swiencicki
Victoria G. Parsons	Shaylyn Tuohey
Abigail Maree Riggins	

**The Maurice W. Powers Medal in Accounting:** Awarded to seniors majoring in Accounting who achieves the highest average in the Business curriculum.

Lily R. Callahan	Antonetta Przybylowicz
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**The W. S. Smith Memorial Award of the Institute of Internal Auditors:** Awarded to the senior majoring in Accounting who ranks among the top Accounting majors and who, on the basis of past performance and all-around ability, gives promise of success in private accounting.

Paul Joseph Sacco

**The Syracuse Chapter of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants Joseph J. Eron Certificate of Merit:** Awarded to the senior majoring in Accounting who ranks among the top students in the class and who, on the basis of past performance and all-around ability, gives promise of success in public accounting.

Hunter Thomas Ambrusko

**The Syracuse Chapter of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants Joseph J. Eron Career Preparation Award:** Awarded to the senior who ranks among the top students in the class and who, on the basis of past performance and all-around ability, gives promise of success in public accounting.

Savannah Marie Gunther

**The Michael D. Madden Award in Management:** Awarded to a senior in the Madden College of Business and Economics on the basis of academic achievement, leadership, and involvement in campus/community activities.

Riley Anne Stuver

**The Salwa Ammar Award in Leadership:** Awarded to a senior in the Madden College of Business and Economics with a high level of academic achievement in Business Analytics who has demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities.

Aida Causevic

**The John K. '65 and Katherine M. '66 Purcell Scholars Award:** Awarded to the seniors who represent the highest-performing business students at Le Moyne and are selected not only on the basis of exceptional academic performance but also the degree to which they demonstrate ethical leadership qualities, personal integrity, community service and other desirable attributes of responsible citizenship. Through their community engagement and personal character, they serve as role models for others and as outstanding ambassadors for Le Moyne.

Kaiyan Amar Nayyer Basran  
Erin Maureen Connolly  
Kyle F. Creighton

Thomas J. Kapinus  
Brian Matthew Mahoney  
Eric W. Swiencicki

**The Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award:** Awarded to the seniors who are most outstanding during their college career by reason of achievement and interest in the study of Economics.

Kaiyan Amar Nayyer Basran

Thomas J. Kapinus

# GRADUATE AWARDS

**The Syracuse Chapter of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants Joseph J. Eron Graduate Career Preparation Award:** Awarded to a graduate student in the 150-Hour Accounting Program who ranks among the top students in the class and who, on the basis of past performance and all-around ability, gives promise of success in public accounting.

Rachel Cynthia Wall

**The Syracuse Chapter of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants Joseph J. Eron Graduate Certificate of Merit:** Awarded to the senior majoring in Accounting who ranks among the top students in the class and who in the class and who, on the basis of past performance and all-around ability, gives promise of success in public accounting.

James Alexander Mulligan

# PURCELL SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES



## SENIOR AWARDS

**The Gia and Gavin Myers Award:** Given in honor of Gia and Gavin Myers, who passed away in 2025 and were the children of faculty member Gina Myers. The recipient of this award embodies the qualities that Gia and Gavin exemplified: academic excellence, participation in extracurricular activities, leadership, and a commitment to service that promotes a more just society.

Rachael Katherine Pugh

**The M. Janice Nelson Award in Nursing:** Given in Honor of Dr. M. Janice Nelson, a devoted nurse educator who has been highly supportive of the nursing education programs at Le Moyne. Awarded to an undergraduate senior who best exemplifies professionalism, passion and a commitment to service in nursing practice.

Lilly M. Kairewich

**The Robert and Doris Bacorn Award for Service and Leadership in Nursing:** Awarded to a senior for going above and beyond the call of duty in giving time and energy to the Department of Nursing and Central New York community by demonstrating a professional commitment to service and leadership through a willingness to engage in initiatives that benefit the health and welfare of the public.

Owen Atticus Bassett

**The Catherine and William Lynn Education Medal:** Awarded to the graduating seniors who have demonstrated outstanding potential to be exemplary elementary, secondary and special education school teachers.

Joshua Alexander Miller

Rachael Katherine Pugh

# GRADUATE AWARDS

**The Stephen C. Fleury, Ph.D., Graduate Education Medal:** Awarded to the graduating Master of Science in education students who have demonstrated outstanding ability to engage in teacher action research to improve student learning and pedagogical practices.

Ryan David Fennelly

Jeremy T. Ozolins

**The Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program Award:** Presented to the graduate student who demonstrated advanced skills academically, clinically and professionally. This student was at the top of their class and had a strong commitment to the College and their field.

Alyson Mae Smoyer

**The Clinical Mental Health Counseling Research Award:** Presented to the graduate student with an exceptional thesis project. This student showed skill in discernment of literature, construct development, data collection and linking to future directions in the field of counseling.

Yun Zhang

**The Cecilia F. Mulvey Award:** Presented in honor of Dr. Cecilia Mulvey, a devoted nurse leader who has been highly supportive of nursing education at Le Moyne, to a graduating masters student who demonstrates exceptional organizational abilities and leadership skills as a professional nurse.

Brianna M. Schmidt

**The Patricia L. Donnelly Leadership Award:** Given in honor of Patricia L. Donnelly, MS, RN, FNP-BC, a pioneering leader and staunch advocate for Nurse Practitioners in New York state, this award is presented to the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) student who exemplifies Pat's energy, motivation and integrity in demonstrating outstanding leadership and service to the profession.

Sister Maria Chiazoka Philomena Amaefule

**The Department of Occupational Therapy Exceptional Student Award:** Awarded to a graduating student who has demonstrated an exceptional devotion to service consistent with Ignatian values, engaged in scholarship focused on the promotion of occupational justice for all individuals, and shown a desire to broaden the view of the profession of occupational therapy through creative and innovative thought.

Keren Corbacho-Gainza

**The Rev. John P. Bucki, S.J., Award in Physician Assistant Medical Humanities:**

Awarded to graduating Physician Assistant Studies student in excellent academic standing who exemplifies the spirit of *magis, cura personalis*, altruism, duty, collegiality, communication skills, and an open heart to all in need

Megan R. O'Reilly

**The Mindy McIntyre Award in Physician Assistant Medical Humanities:** Awarded to students who demonstrate successful academic performance, professionalism, and, more importantly, those who demonstrate care and compassion coupled with a strong desire to help others.

Alexius Irene Gunning

Jordan McKenzie Kilgallen

# INTEGRAL HONORS DEGREE

The Integral Honors degree, the highest distinction Le Moyne confers upon its undergraduates, is earned through participation in an intensive four-year program of study that culminates in an honors thesis project completed under the guidance of a faculty mentor.

**The Rev. James C. Finlay, S.J., Award for Integral Honors:** Awarded for the outstanding Integral Honors thesis of the year.

**J. Ryan Wojcik McGoldrick**



**Kaiyan A. N. Basran, B.S., Economics**

“How Does the Length of Shutdowns Affect the Market for Live Music?  
Evidence From Covid-19 Policy Choices”  
(Mentor: Wayne Grove, Ph.D.)

**Melania A. Bohach, B.S., Biology**

“The Impact of Isolated Gut Microbiota on the Symptoms and Treatment  
of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis in *C. elegans* and How Mindfulness Can  
Reduce the Side Effects of ALS”  
(Mentor: Siavash Amon, Ph.D.)

**Erin M. Connolly, B.S., Information Systems**

“Telling Through Time: Artifacts of Us and the Fragments We Carry”  
(Mentor: Jean-Philippe Rancy, Ph.D.)

**Alisaundre M. Finnerty, B.A., Psychology and Philosophy**

“A Dynamic Understanding of the Complex Nature of Child Sexual Abuse”  
(Mentor: Michaline Younis, M.S.)

**Npenda Fofana, B.S., Management and Information Systems**

“Commercial Agriculture and Economic Developments in Post-Colonial  
Senegal”  
(Mentor: Darius Makuja, Ph.D.)

**Christoper Halligan, B.A., Cybersecurity**

“Beyond Compliance: Balancing Legal Obligations and Risk-Based  
Cybersecurity”  
(Mentor: James Enwright, M.S.)

**J. Ryan McGoldrick, B.S., Environmental Systems Science**

“Evidence for Arthropodivorous Bird Population Changes with Increasing  
Temperatures at La Selva Biological Station 1997-2024”  
(Mentor: Jason Luscier, Ph.D.)

**Aidan Mingoia**, B.A., Communication

“Beyond Auteurs: A Deconstruction of the Auteur Theory to Establish Guidelines for a Replacement Theory”

(Mentor: Julie Grossman, Ph.D.)

**Fiona M. Mullen**, B.S., Biology

“The Negative Consequences of Sport Specialization in Young Athletes”

(Mentor: Shawn Ward, Ph.D.)

**Carolyn A. Redmore**, B.S., Biology

“A Decrescendo in Dental Anxiety: How Music Helps to Reduce Stress and Anxiety in a Dental Setting”

(Mentor: Chad Corcoran, Ph.D.)

**Lanie H. Smith**, B.A., Psychology

“Is Choreographed Synchronous Dance Linked to Prosocial Behaviors?”

(Mentor: Theresa White, Ph.D.)

**Henry J. Wirt**, B.A., History

“A Plaintiff-Minded Response to Plaintiff Dissatisfaction in Mass Tort Multi-District Litigation”

(Mentor: Robert Scully, S.J., Ph.D.)

