Twenty-Third Annual Honors Convocation
Beginning in 1986, the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth has held an Honors Convocation each spring on the first Wednesday in May.

Over its first twenty years, the Honors Convocation grew and changed as the university did, with individual departments and other organizations adding more and different awards to the program. Last year, the Convocation became a smaller, more intimate event as colleges and some departments now host their own separate honors recognition events for awards relevant to specific academic areas.

Students recognized here today have achieved the highest grade point averages; have received prestigious named university-wide scholarships or awards; have completed the undergraduate four-year honors curriculum to become Commonwealth Scholars; or have merited other specific university-wide recognitions.

Many other students at UMass Dartmouth have achieved personal and academic successes and have made strong efforts to excel. Today's honorees represent and help us celebrate the high aspirations and academic achievements of these many students.

Each of the award categories has its own specific criteria and selection processes, determined by the organization or agency presenting the award.

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The students listed in this announcement and present here today have each performed remarkably in their academic pursuits at the university.

We invite you to join us in celebrating their achievements.

Order of Exercises

Welcome
Anthony Garro
Provost and
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Greetings
Jean F. MacCormack
Chancellor of the University

Announcement of the Honors Essay Award Recipients
Robert Darst, Director,
University Honors Program
The winning essay is read.

Keynote Address
Mayor Scott Lang, New Bedford

University Awards and Recognitions
Richard Panofsky
Associate Vice Chancellor
for Academic Affairs

Closing
Provost Anthony Garro

Reception
Awards and Honors

Margaret Mullaney Panos Honors Essay Contest
Presented by: Robert Darst, Director, University Honors Program
1st prize: Brian Ashmankas, “The Greatest Challenge of the 21st Century”
2nd prize: Jocelyn Souza, “Education: Promise and Possibility for the 21st Century”

Jonathan Blake Waxler Memorial Award for Social Justice
Presented by: Robert Waxler, Professor of English
Camilo Viveiros Jr.

Michael Dukakis Public Service Internship
Presented by: Shannon Jenkins, Assistant Professor, Political Science
Raymond Bennett
Keli A. Gates

Shaukat Ali Memorial Scholarship
Presented by: Dr. Parveen Ali
Raj Kumar

Samuel Gamburd Memorial Scholarship
Presented by: Gerry Gamburd
Kristin Dillon

Louise A. Habicht University Honors Scholarship
Presented by: Louise A. Habicht, Leanne Nygaard

Ronald Lameire Scholarship
Presented by: Vernon Ingraham
Adam Lamothe

UMass Dartmouth Scholar/Athlete Award
Presented by: Jean Kim, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
Leanne Nygaard

Library Employees Academic Achievement Award
Presented by: Sharon Weiner
Dean of Library Services, Samantha Cardone
Rochelle Fontaine
Kayla Logan
Gabrielle Streeter
Rosannette Rivera

College of Arts and Sciences
Presented by: Dean William Hogan
Sarah Ann Cormier, Entering as a Freshman
Marlaine J. Gaspardi, Transfer Student
Erica Courtney Holmes, Transfer Student
Bernard James Kuszewski, Transfer Student
Erica J. Bearse, Professional and Continuing Education Student

Charlton College of Business
Presented by: Dean Eileen Peacock
Deanna J. Bealby, Entering as a Freshman
Daniel Fernandez, Transfer Student
Mark Costi, Professional and Continuing Education Student

College of Engineering
Presented by: Dean Robert Peck
Jason W. Olejarz, Entering as a Freshman
Neal Charbonneau, Transfer Student
Jennifer Hunt, Transfer Student

College of Nursing
Presented by: Dean James Fain
Leanne Nygaard, Entering as a Freshman
Kathleen Plante, Transfer Student
Michael J. Pendergast, Professional and Continuing Education Student

College of Visual and Performing Arts
Presented by: Dean Adrian Tio
Keith M. Baker, Entering as a Freshman
Amy Lynn Caracappa-Qubeck, Transfer Student

Graduating Seniors with the Highest Grade Point Average

Presented by: Jeffrey Wolfman, Vice Chancellor for Advancement
Dr. Mona El Bayadi Racine Scholarship
Abby Jo Sickles
Earle P. Charlton Scholarship
Jennifer A. Andrade
Kelly L. Pavao
Jessica L. Porter
Kelsey M. Reardon
Deborah T. Shotwell
Dean Mary Louise Walsh Scholarship for International Study
Randy Apuzzo
Michael Dacruz
Carly Nunes
James Michael Pickering
Lauren Watka
Donald E. and Ann L. Walker Scholarship
Kristina E. Arruda
Priya A. Badwaik
Rebecca C. Stephens
Jenna R. White
Frank Stevens Scholarship
Colleen M. Allen
Gustave and Elsa LaStaiti Scholarship
Kimberly A. Carvalho
Heidi A. Jung
Nicole M. Martin
Justin Nordeste
Catherine J. St. Laurent

Named Foundation Scholarships

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