



University of
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Dartmouth

Twenty-second Annual Honors Convocation

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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.

Very 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.

Criteria for Awards

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

Acknowledgements

University Honors Program

William Nelles
Robert Darst
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University Honors Committee

Richard Larschan
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Doug Roscoe
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Qinguo Fan
Kristen Sethares
Mary Adams

Honors Essay Judges

Robert Darst
Richard Larschan
William Nelles

Graduating Seniors Completing the Commonwealth Honors Program

Presented by: William Nelles, Director,
University Honors Program

Christopher Bates, Computer Science
Dale Becker, History
Anna Bogdanova, Political Science
Patrick Bucci, English—Writing and
Communications
Dustin Bushika, English—Writing and
Communications
Veronica Cooley, Marketing
Inge Costa, Nursing
Samantha Giffin, English—Writing and
Communications
David Gow, Music
Liam Leahy, Music—Music Education
Chontelle McNear, Biology
Michelle Nelson, Psychology
Patrick O'Connor, History
Christopher Pullano, Accounting
Eric Rollins, Economics
Jennifer Saltalamacchia, English—Literature
and Criticism
Abigail Scott, English—Literature and
Criticism
Caitlyn Slowe, Humanities/Social Sciences
Yun Tang, Medical Laboratory Science—
Clinical

*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

Greetings

Alda Rego Weathers
University of Massachusetts
Board of Trustees

Announcement of the Honors Essay Award Recipients

William Nelles, Director,
University Honors Programs
The winning essay is read.

Keynote Address

Provost Anthony Garro

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: William Nelles, Director,
University Honors Program
1st prize: Carolyn Arcabascio,
“The Helicopter Parent Phenomenon”
2nd prize: Ashley Cunningham,
“Gaining Autonomy: The True Upper Hand”
3rd prize: Annie Willis,
“Leaping From the Nest”

Jonathan Blake Waxler Memorial Award for Social Justice

Presented by: Robert Waxler,
Professor of English
Monica Faria

Michael Dukakis Public Service Internship

Presented by: Shannon Jenkins,
Assistant Professor, Political Science
Brian Ashmankas
Ashley Higgins

Shaukat Ali Memorial Scholarship

Presented by: Dr. Parveen Ali
Rachel Fish

Louise A. Habicht

University Honors Scholarship

Presented by: Louise A. Habicht,
Professor Emerita, English
Abigail Scott

Dr. Mona El Bayadi Racine Scholarship

Presented by: William Hogan, Dean,
College of Arts and Sciences
Nana Kwadwo Obiri-Yeboah

Earle P. Charlton Scholarship

Presented by: Eileen Peacock, Dean,
Charlton College of Business
Virginia Foy Boudwin
Laurie Buckley
Harris Yegha Dinga
Sri Harshan J. Reddy

Dean Mary Louise Walsh Scholarship for International Study

Presented by: Susan Costa,
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
Robin Galligan
Jessica McCarthy
Joseph John Scribi
Jessica Souza
Amy Sylvester

UMass Dartmouth Scholar/Athlete Award

Presented by: Susan Costa,
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
Brian Vatcher

Library Employees

Academic Achievement Award

Presented by: Robert Green,
Vice Chancellor for Library Services,
Information Resources, and Technology
Rachel Fish
Rochelle Fontaine
Stephen Hickey
Rosannette Rivera
Gabrielle Streeter

Graduating Seniors with the Highest Grade Point Average

College of Arts and Sciences

Presented by: Dean William Hogan and
Associate Vice Chancellor Susan Lane
Humanities Council
Eric E. St. Jacques, Entering as a Freshman
Caitlyn Slowe, Entering as a Freshman
Jeannette Sorace, Professional and
Continuing Education Student
Lindsay Quintal, Transfer Student
Science Council
Rachel Stopka, Entering as a Freshman
Dayse Fernandes, Transfer Student
Social Science Council
Gunjan Gotra, Entering as a Freshman
Lori Reed, Professional and
Continuing Education Student
Kerry Darling, Transfer Student

Charlton College of Business

Presented by: Associate Dean Matthew Roy
and Associate Vice Chancellor Susan Lane
Amy Pavao, Entering as a Freshman
Matthew Plaud, Professional and
Continuing Education Student
Kerry Beddeos, Transfer Student

College of Engineering

Presented by: Associate Dean
Renate Crawford
Daniel Savaria, Entering as a Freshman
Jesse Mueller, Transfer Student

College of Nursing

Presented by: Dean James Fain
Sharlene Furtado, Entering as a Freshman
Lisa Farias, Transfer Student

College of Visual and Performing Arts

Presented by: Dean Michael Taylor
Amber Sadoski, Entering as a Freshman
Allison Randall, Transfer Student

Named Foundation Scholarships

Presented by: Jeffrey Wolfman,
Vice Chancellor for Advancement

Donald E. and Ann L. Walker Scholarship

Brian Ashmankas
Kerry Noelle Gorman
Fouad Amal Jeryes

Edward J. Ryan Scholarship

Kristen M. Duarte

Frank Stevens Scholarship

Alicia R. Newton

Gustave and Elsa LaStaiti Scholarship

Valerie Amaral
Kimberly Carvalho
Heidi Jung
Jessica Peixoto

Harold and Virginia Lash Scholarship

Eric Robert Grab
Brittany Mae Lawler
Jennifer L. McCarthy
Alicia R. Newton
Benjamin S. Paulding
Eric Rollins
Eric E. St. Jacques

Jeanne Walsh '76 Scholarship

Duncan Alan MacLeod

Mary Morley Crapo Hyde Eccles Scholarship

Christopher Azevedo
Erin Burdman
Kimberly Carvalho
Justin Faria
Amanda Mello
Jason Olejarz
Jessica Peixoto
Deborah Shotwell