



# **2020 – 2021 VIRTUAL CELEBRATION of ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

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## **Honors Student Advisory Committee (HSAC)**

The Honors Student Advisory Committee (HSAC) represent students within the Honors Program and brings COD students together through social events, field trips, and service.

Members maintain a minimum 3.2 cumulative GPA.

President Mark Zatloukal  
Vice President Ikram Isa  
Secretary Taylor Elwood  
Treasurer Jaclyn Logan  
Vice President of Marketing Sakina Khan  
Assistant Vice President of Marketing Maryam Shaikh  
Vice President of Social Media Lucas Troncoso

## **Presidential Scholars**

Students accepting the Presidential Scholars Award scholarship are required to pursue a degree or certificate; be enrolled in 15 credit hours per semester; complete a minimum of 18 semester hours of Honors courses or 15 hours including an Honors seminar; and complete a designated Service Learning course or 20 hours of approved volunteer work within their first year of the scholarship. To receive the Presidential Scholars designation on their transcripts, graduating students completing these requirements maintained a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5/4.0 at COD. They also earn the Honors Scholar designation on their transcript.

Matthew Derkacy  
Belem Oseguera Duran  
Loradana Imrisek  
Mikayla Jacoby  
Jaclyn Logan  
Mukhlisa Mirsaliyeva  
Andrew Nahulak  
Christian Pablo  
Jose Perez  
Isabel Santana  
Alexandria Schweikle  
Nikolai Sorokin  
Srinidhi Subramanian

## **Board of Trustees Scholars**

Students accepting the Board of Trustees Scholars Award scholarship are required to pursue a degree or certificate; be enrolled in 15 credit hours per semester; and complete a minimum of 18 semester hours of

Honors courses or 15 hours including an Honors seminar. To receive the Board of Trustees Scholar designation on their transcripts, graduating students completing these requirements must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5/4.0 scale at COD. They also earn the Honors Scholar designation on their transcript.

Juanita Arrieta  
Blessing Arthur  
Alex Fernbach  
Lina Gebhardt  
Kateland Kirk  
Hannah Klespitz  
Spencer Monen  
Bianca Neff  
Trevor Owcarz  
Ana Prieto  
Erika Schoeller

## **Deans Scholars**

Students accepting the Deans Scholars Award scholarship are required to pursue a degree or certificate; be enrolled in 15 credit hours per semester; and complete a minimum of 18 semester hours of Honors courses or 15 hours including an Honors seminar. To receive the Deans Scholar designation on their transcripts, graduating students completing these requirements must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5/4.0 scale at COD. They also earn the Honors Scholar designation on their transcript.

Joshua DiGiacoma

## **Honors Scholars**

Members of the Honors Scholars are students who have successfully completed a minimum of 18 semester hours of Honors courses or 15 hours including an Honors seminar. These graduating students maintained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.2/4.0 in order to receive Honors Scholars designations on their transcripts.

Bethany Berg  
Ryan Lawless  
Jade Maestas  
Elizabeth Nahulak  
Hibah Nauman  
Jan Rovic Ornillo  
Namir Thobani  
Naomi Venezia  
Aubrey Witt  
LisaMarie Woody

## **Honors Transfer Scholarship Recipients**

Two students received full-tuition scholarships to the following schools:

Elmhurst University: Alexandria Schweikle

North Central College: Loradana Imrisek

One student received a generous Honors Transfer Scholarship to the following school:

Aurora University: Brenda Duran

## **Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship**

Samiha Syed

## **Outstanding Honors Faculty Award**

Selected by the Honors Student Advisory Committee, on behalf of the Honors Program students, for the Outstanding Honors Faculty Award:

Dr. Steven Accardi, English

## **Academic Excellence Awards**

Faculty members nominated the following students for demonstrating academic excellence within a specific discipline, program or department:

Mona Adhami, Computer and Information Science  
Yusra Akhoun, Health Information Technology  
Beth Berg, Art  
Elizabeth Boyles, Human Services  
Kelly Brake, Chemistry  
Reagan Briere, Philosophy  
Dorcas Brou, Motion Picture/Television ~ Film & Video Production  
Alexander Davis, Automotive Technology  
Leslie De Lara Serna, Cosmetology  
Ninetta (Nina) DeBoni, English  
Sylvia Morna Freitas, Religious Studies  
Jaylyn Grant, Athletics  
Evan Gray, Psychology  
Lashawna Harris, Counseling  
Angel Hernandez, Physics  
Elizabeth Hess, Paralegal Studies  
Sofia Marcelli, Justice Studies  
Emily May, Construction Management  
Nicole Morin, Accounting  
Devin Oommen, Political Science  
Zachary Rahn, Horticulture  
Jacqueline Reed, Biology  
Edward Reedy, Student Life ~ Autismerica

Sara Richert, Music  
Hannah Serio, Languages  
Kendra Shouse, Architecture  
Nikolai Sorokin, Forensic Program (Speech & Debate Team)  
Erin Stafford, Associate Nursing Degree  
Nicole (Autumn) Sulzmann, Motion Picture/Television ~ Animation  
Anna Thelen, Speech Language Pathology Assistant  
Kelly Trzmielewski, Physical Education, Fitness and Sports Studies  
Krystle Vanterpool, Education  
Sofia Walendziak, Anthropology

## **STEM Student Success Scholarship Completers**

The following students have completed the STEM Student Success Scholarship program funded by the National Science Foundation:

Zohaib Akram  
Lashawna Harris  
Syeda-Asma Hasan  
Leiyoko Haynes  
Mykhailo Istomin  
Brandon Justice  
Olivia Kalata  
Steven Kovach  
Mitchell Ludewig  
Matthew Martyka  
Heena Mithani  
Swar Parikh  
Qasim Sikander  
Samiha Syed  
Jeremy Wehrli  
Christopher Wilson

## **Honors Council of the Illinois Region Student Symposium Presenters**

The following students were selected to give presentations at the HCIR Student Symposium on February 27, 2021:

Sana Akhter  
Blessing Arthur  
Andrea Beikircher  
Drake Daccardo  
Belem Oseguera Duran  
Ikram Isa  
Andrea Jovanovic  
Sofie Langan  
Ryan Lawless  
Amy Rubio  
Alexandria Schweikle  
Srinidhi Subramanian  
Samiha Syed  
Zuhairullah Syed

## Upper Midwest Honors Conference Presenter

The following student was selected to give a presentation at the UMHC event on March 26, 2021:

Alexandria Schweikle

## The Richard Macksey National Undergraduate Humanities Research Symposium, Presenter

The following student was selected to give a presentation at Johns Hopkins on April 24-25, 2021:

Ryan Lawless

## Great Books Student Symposium

The following students were selected to participate in a symposium with Harper, Wright and Oakton Community Colleges on works by Toni Morrison and Lorraine Hansberry that was held on April 30, 2021:

Jalen Dozier  
Dina Esposito

## ESSAI

The following student essays were selected for publication in *ESSAI*, COD's annual anthology of excellent student writing. This work was nominated by a faculty member and then subjected to a competitive blind reading process. The title *ESSAI* originates from Michel de Montaigne's 16<sup>th</sup> century collection called *Essais*, French for "attempts."

"Getting Hot and Heavy: Sex Among Teens"  
Spencer Andrew

"So You Want to Be a Dietitian?"  
Morgan Cosillo

"The Effects and Dangers of Oil Drilling in Alaska's National Wildlife Refuge"  
Ava Euteneuer

"Show Me the Money: An Inside Look Into the World Of Sports Agency"  
Alex Fernbach

"Western DuPage Special Recreation Association Fundraising Letter"  
Samantha Gough

"Physician Assistants: Dedicated to Assisting Healthcare Needs"  
Loradana Imrisek

"For the Love of Songwriting"  
Joseph Krebaum

“The Contradictions Between Greek Goddesses and Mortal Women”

Brianna Kushta

“A Childhood Dream: A Guide to Veterinary Medicine”

Kaitlyn Lowe

“Talk With Your Hands”

Ray Makowski

“The *Achilles* Marketing Campaign”

Antonio Mendez

“Pharmacist: The Underrated Doctor”

Lindsay Rakowski

“The Wisest Mirror of Them All”

Amy Rubio

“Construction Project Management: Building Your Career”

Lydia Shukin

## College of DuPage Library Research Symposium

In its third year, COD’s symposium showcases excellent student research. The following projects were presented on May 11, 2021:

"COVID-19 and Policy Resistance"

Zachary Armstrong

"Cupid & Psyche"

Mars Pinkelman, Luna Shunk, Leo Grabowski-Grant

"Inclusivity in the Writing Center"

Sylvia Morna Freitas, Nina Deboni

"Income, Colleges, Universities and Political Engagement"

Devin Oommen

"Second Generation South Asian Female Immigrants and Colorism in American Society"

Elora Choudhury

"Servant Leadership Development & Impact During the COVID-19 Pandemic"

Samiha Syed

"Susanoo Annotated"

Samuel Bostwick

"The Effects of COVID-19 on Heart Function"

Samiha Syed

"The Goldberg Paradigm Redux: A Replication on Gender Bias and Achievement"  
Sam Lorenz, Bill Matwij, Yuechen Wang, Mark Zatloukal

"The Psychological Harms of Incarceration"  
Fiona De Guzman

"The Spread of *Batrachochytrium Dendrobatidis* and its Effect on the Global Amphibian Ecosystem"  
Mars Pinkelman

"The Underview Effect"  
Beth Berg

"The Women of Wrath"  
Sylvia Morna Freitas, Erinique Robinson, Bella Ruiz

"Theseus & The Amazons"  
Mark Zatloukal; Kate Alden

"Transformative Solutions: Mitigating Basic Needs Insecurities at College of DuPage"  
Samiha Syed

"Violinist at the Metro Revisited: Why a Violin Virtuoso Was Virtually Ignored"  
Nikolai Sorokin

"Void"  
Beth Berg

"When the Legend Becomes Fact, Print the Legend"  
Michael Farinelli