



2021 – 2022
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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

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Honors Student Advisory Committee (HSAC)

The Honors Student Advisory Committee (HSAC) represents 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 Hisham Elseweifi
Vice President Destiny Belzey
Secretary Zainab Imam
Treasurer Andrea Jovanovic
Vice President of Marketing Sakina Khan
Vice President of Social Media Nathan Verrips
Vice President of Fundraising Maxwell Harris

Honors Scholars

Members of the Honors Scholars are graduating 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 and will receive the Honors Scholar designation on their transcripts. They are given a medal to wear at Commencement.

Oscar Almonte
Jacob Bearden
John Bialek
Jose Bolivar
Matthew Catanag
Yehya Chehab
Maryam Chida
Jude Dakak
Fiona De Guzman
Megan Dooley
Sean Figuray
Aidan Freund
Josie Gloss
G. Gray
Taylor Hanks
Fatima Imam
Aya Jabi
Andrea Jovanovic
Dua Kanwal Kalota
Sakina Khan
Joseph Krebaum
Sofie Langan
Kelly Lupa
Michael Manzano
Garrett Martin
Jessa Mae Mendiola

Andrew Musielak
Jhenevie Oca
Caitlyn Oliva
Joseph Prendergast
Maximilian Prior
Eleanor Rzeszut
Saman Shariff
Lindsey Sitman
Samuel Wilson

Honors Scholar Candidates

Honors Scholar Candidates are students who have successfully completed at least 9 semester hours of Honors courses while maintaining a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.2/4.0. These students receive the Honors Scholar Candidate designation on their transcripts. We are recognizing the Honors Scholar Candidates who are graduating.

Mansoor Ahmed
Denise Aquino
Natalie Aquino
Elizabeth Bashaw
Daniel Bokuvka
Morgan Carioscia
Bryssa Chaidez
Rida Faiz
Hajira Fathima
Maria Grimaldo
Joseph Hermiz
Spencer Hoberg
Meda Jonaityte
Haya Kalota
Jacquelyn Kawczynski
Zaira Khan
Joseph Lundgren
Kassandra Mendoza
Rayan Mouly
Claire Mueller
Tu Nguyen
Hetvi Patel
Mark Pullen
Lukas Rodriguez
Favian Sanchez
Michael Sanchez
Eleanor Schutzzius
Amna Shaikh
Tia Siliquini
Niya Sims
Katelin Sutherland
Megan Swartz
Christopher Talia

Amanda Tazbazian
Stephanie Tenorio Zavala
Merlin Thomas
Bridget Tully
Ella Walker

Honors Program Transfer Scholarship Recipients

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

Elmhurst University: Sakina Khan

Millikin University: Oscar Almonte

North Central College: G. Gray

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

Aurora University: Michael Manzano

Outstanding Graduates

Outstanding Graduate, Traditional Student Award

Samuel Wilson

Outstanding Graduate, Non-Traditional Student Award

Bonnie Bailey

Outstanding Graduate, Finalists

Vidhi Desai

Hisham Elseweifi

Amy Frese

Leah Gormaz

Jacqueline King-Tran

Angelina Kregg

Outstanding Honors Faculty Award

Selected by the Honors Student Advisory Committee, with input from the Honors Program students:

Dr. Leslie Wolf, Philosophy & Religious Studies

Academic Excellence Awards

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

Leen Al Kassar, Interior Design
Jessie Amstadt, Nursing
Tanya Cruz, Culinary Arts
Natalie L. Dombi, Horticulture
Hisham Elseweifi, Learning Commons: Tutoring Services
Matthew Epstein, Counseling
Jeffrey J. Evans, Business and Technology
Justin Gjata, Music
Lindzi Holmes, Human Services
Frankie Klemm, Athletics
Joseph Krebaum, English
Luis Medina, Student Life
Stephanie Mikuta, Justice Studies
Jose Sanchez, Welding
Louisa Surtz, Architecture
Heather Sykora, Paralegal Studies
Chris Talia, Theatre
Sequoia Williams-Valenzuela, Art
Jillian Wohlert, Veterans Services

STEM Student Success Scholarship Completers

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

Saud Ahmed
Asterie Sandrine Engome de Moume
Ashleigh Estes
Kailyn Gerringe
Aya Jabi
Jaeyun Jeong
Rutkumar Patel
Marla Portillo
Soka Suliman
Christopher Wilson

Honors Council of the Illinois Region Student Symposium

The HCIR Student Symposium was hosted by COD on February 26, 2022. The following students assisted with planning and/or managing the event:

Brenda Amador
Destiny Belzey
Maxwell Harris
Zainab Imam
Andrea Jovanovic
Abeezar Kanpurwala
Luis Medina
Britney Nakhammouane
Kristina Osslund
Soka Suliman
Nicole Spencer

Honors Council of the Illinois Region Student Symposium Presenters

The following students were selected to give presentations at the HCIR Student Symposium on February 26, 2022:

Amirah Ahmed
Rowan Brandou
Tiffany Cuevas
Carolyn Dering
Mary Dillon
Hisham Elseweifi
Opeyemi Fanami
Anjanette Francisco
Maxwell Harris
Fatima Imam
Nicole Spencer
Alex Urbanski

2021 Illinois Community College Faculty Association Scholarship Recipients

Ellie DeBock
Aya Jabi
Andrea Jovanovic
Brianna Moreno
Jhenevie Oca
Samuel Wilson

2021 Illinois Community College Faculty Association Conference Presenters

Destiny Belzey
Hisham Elseweifi
Ikram Isa