

IONA UNIVERSITY



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COMMENCEMENT
CLASS OF 2024

MAY 2024

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024

Ten o'clock in the morning

PROCESSION OF GRADUATES AND FACULTY

GRAND MARSHAL, FACULTY SPEAKER OF THE YEAR

Rachana Umashankar, Ph.D.

IONA UNIVERSITY PIPE BAND

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Richard "Dick" Gephardt

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Matthew Ricker, MA Class of 2024

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE
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PRESENTATION OF STUDENT LIFE AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF HUGH McCABE AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

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BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

Cardinal's Award for Proficiency in Studies
Presented by the Archdiocese of New York

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Rice Memorial Medal for Excellence
Presented by the Faculty of the School of Arts & Science

Hannah Parisi

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Presented by the Henry L. Logan Family

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*Roth Memorial Medal for Excellence in
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Presented by the Faculty of the LaPenta School of Business

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Presented by the Faculty of the LaPenta School of Business

Alexa Maggiacomo

*Iona Medal for Excellence in the
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*Presented by the Faculty of the NewYork-Presbyterian
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DISTINCTIONS

Presented by the Division of Student Life

The Sullivan Award
*Presented by the Division of Student Life to
the scholar who most clearly demonstrates the concerns of
loyalty and scholarship characteristic of Iona graduates.*

Shakinah Silverberg

The Julia Friedman Memorial Award
*Presented by the Division of Student Life to an
individual who in daily life and activities has shown
great love and capacity for truth in dealing with others.*

Olivia Torres

The Joseph E. Powell Award
*Presented by the Division of Student Life to the graduate
who exemplifies the high qualities of spirit, dedication,
and generosity which characterized Joseph E. Powell,
an Iona graduate.*

Samantha Francois

The Mildred Squires Award
*Presented by the Division of Student Life to an individual
who clearly embodies the mission of Iona University and has
shown great generosity, compassion and concern regarding
the well-being of the student body.*

Ethan Moskowitz

VALEDICTORIAN, CLASS OF 2024

*The member of the senior class who has earned the highest cumulative average during four years
at Iona University. Since several students had the highest GPA, a task force of faculty and students
from across the University also examined other qualifications, such as breadth of studies,
commitment to the mission of the University, and campus involvement.*

John Gardini

AWARDS

BACCALAUREATE DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

School of Arts & Science

Arts Leadership - Dance *Haley-Rose Aversa*
 Arts Leadership - Music *Joseph Callanan*
 Arts Leadership - Theater *Annika Ziels*
 Arts Leadership - Visual Arts *Nicole Pagan*
 Biochemistry *Jamie Gudyka*
 Biology *John Gardini*
 Chemistry *Erienne Peters*
 Chemistry ACS Certified Major *Riley Porteus*
 Computer Science *James Ruvituso*
 Computer Science *Cara DuPreez*
 Criminal Justice *Hailie Tovar*
 Economics *Alexa Maggiacomo*
 Education- BA Adolescent *Jenna Ciccarelli*
 Education- BS Childhood *Caitlyn Tiedemann*
 Education- Dual ECE/Childhood *Nicole Brindisi*

English *Ian Aluns*
 Presented as the William D. McGlone Memorial Award
 English *Matthew Lee-Chin*
 Presented as the William D. McGlone Memorial Award
 English *Gabriella Kann*
 Presented as the Raymond J. Porter Memorial Award
 History *Hannah Parisi*
 Mathematics & Physics *Cara DuPreez*
 Media & Strategic Communication *Annika Ziels*
 Philosophy *Dario Hernandez*
 Political Science *Geraldine Vargas*
 Political Science *Jocelyn Arroyo-Ariza*
 Psychology *Hope Matschner*
 Psychology *Klover Phillips*
 Religious Studies *John Gardini*
 Sociology *Elizabeth Dos Ramos*
 Spanish *Courtnee Kilgore*

LaPenta School of Business

Accounting *Kristin Furlong*
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 Business Analytics & Information Systems *Joseph Rosano*
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Finance- Financial Management Association *Joseph Rosano*
 International Business *Greta Rebeka Stjade*
 Management *Christina Mangiafreno*
 Marketing *Nicholas Stroby*

NewYork-Presbyterian Iona School of Health Sciences

Communication Sciences and Disorders *Elizabeth Lovat*
 Communication Sciences and Disorders *Vincent Vazquez*
 Nursing- Accelerated *Jessica Russo*
 Nursing- Traditional *Shauna Darcy*

Social Work *Nelly Alcantara*
 Social Work *Samantha Zuniga*
 Presented as the Ron Federico Memorial Award

Hynes Institute for Entrepreneurship & Innovation

Entrepreneurship *Lauren Cleaver*

AWARDS

THE ROBERT SCHOENHERR MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is presented to the accounting graduates who have best demonstrated academic achievement and humanitarian concerns.

**Enok Gebremichael
Raeanna Pinnock**

THE GEORGE AND MARGARET PAPPAS MEDICAL SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

An endowed scholarship given to a full-time senior accepted to a school of medicine or to a program in a related health science. The scholarship award is a perpetual tribute to the many years of devoted service given to Iona University by Dr. & Mrs. Pappas.

John Gardini

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GRADUATE AWARDS

*The Brother Joseph G. McKenna Memorial Award
for Academic Excellence
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GRADUATE DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

School of Arts & Science

Criminal Justice Tyler Colon
Education - Adolescent Literacy/Special Education Campbell Lee
Education - Childhood Special Education Samantha Pecorelli
Education - Early Childhood Special Education..... Samantha Danko
Education - Educational Leadership..... Melissa Agudelo
Education - Literacy..... Selena Generoso
Education - Literacy/Special Education Victoria Ricciuti
Education - Adolescent Emily Brooks

Education - Childhood Nicholas Tiso
Education - Childhood/Special Education Emily Tuchman
Education - Dual ECE/Childhood Emily DiLillo
General - Experimental Psychology Jenna Lembo
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Industrial - Organizational Psychology Michelle Avila
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LaPenta School of Business

Business Administration Nicholas Lucic
Business Analytics..... Jenna Daly
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Communication Sciences and Disorders Bridget Graham
Marriage and Family Therapy..... Alison Gallo
Marriage and Family Therapy..... Joseph Myrttil

Mental Health Counseling John Hastings
Occupational Therapy..... Chantelle Bueno

AWARDS

FACULTY TEACHING AND RESEARCH AWARD RECIPIENTS 2024

The 2023-24 Faculty Awards are granted in recognition of a variety of areas including student and faculty research, integrated service-learning, service to the University, and innovation and excellence in teaching. The awards are sponsored by the President and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. These awards were presented to the recipients during the Iona University Honors Convocation on Thursday, May 16, 2024.

The Brother William H. Barnes Memorial Award for Service to the University

Presented to the faculty members who have demonstrated exceptional contributions to the University community as shown through leadership in areas ranging from faculty governance or administrative work, mentoring of student activities, sponsorship of University events, to initiation of new service projects for students, faculty, and other members of the University community.

Eric Hamerman, Ph.D.
Chrissy Martins, Ph.D.

The Brother William B. Cornelia Distinguished Faculty Award

Presented to the faculty member who is distinguished as a teacher-scholar as documented through student-and-peer-teaching evaluations and scholarly output.

Kim Paffenroth, Ph.D.

The Irene Hammerbacher Outstanding Faculty Research Award

Presented to the faculty member whose achievements in research, scholarship, or creative expression have had significant critical reception and are recognized nationally or internationally.

Robert Lacey, Ph.D.

The Brother Arthur Loftus Outstanding Student Research Award

Presented to the faculty member who has actively engaged in research and/or scholarly activity with undergraduate or graduate students.

Christina Andruk, Ph.D.

The Catherine McCabe Award for Innovation & Excellence in Teaching

Presented to the faculty member who has demonstrated exceptional teaching skills, recognized concern for students and colleagues and sensitivity to the mission of the University, and a commitment to high standards of professional and personal life.

Tyron Pope, Ed.D.

*The Brother Richard B. Power Award for
Integrating Service-Learning into the Classroom*
Presented to the faculty member who has demonstrated excellence in teaching that includes the integration of innovative approaches to service-learning, or notable collaboration with faculty outside their department for incorporating service-learning beyond the classroom.

Sinead Harrington, OTD

FACULTY SPEAKER OF THE YEAR

The Faculty Speaker of the Year is nominated by the Iona community and selected by a diverse group of faculty and students. The Faculty Speaker of the Year must be a full-time member who has a distinguished record of teaching and scholarship.

Rachana Umashankar, Ph.D.

HUGH McCABE AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

This award is presented annually to a member of the Iona University community whose dedication and efforts reflect Iona's commitment to educate persons for a just society and peaceful world.

Alison Munsch, Ph.D.

HONORARY DEGREE

Hon. Richard “Dick” Gephardt

Recognized internationally for his advocacy of democracy and human rights, the former United States Congressman and House of Representatives Majority Leader Mr. Richard “Dick” Gephardt has dedicated his personal and professional life to advancing democratic citizenship.

Mr. Gephardt served for 28 years in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1977 to 2004, representing Missouri’s 3rd Congressional District, home to his birthplace of St. Louis. He was elected to serve as House democratic leader for more than 14 years, including as majority leader from 1989 to 1995 and minority leader from 1995 to 2003.

In his leadership roles, Mr. Gephardt emerged as one of the leading strategists of the Democratic Party’s platform and chief architect of landmark reforms ranging from health care, pensions, education, energy independence and trade policy. He also ran as a presidential candidate twice, in 1988 and 2004.

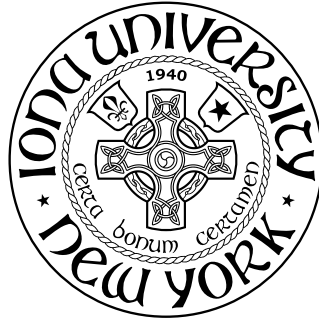
In 2005, Mr. Gephardt retired from the U.S. Congress to establish the Gephardt Group, a privately held labor relations consulting and government affairs firm.

Most recently, he served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Centene Corporation, the Ford Motor Company, Spirit AeroSystems, the U.S. Steel Corporation and the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars and was chair of the Board of Trustees of the Scripps Research Institute, a private, nonprofit research organization engaged in basic biomedical science.

He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and is the founder of the Gephardt Institute for Civic and Community Engagement at Washington University in St. Louis. In addition, he served as chairman of the National Endowment for Democracy, a private, nonprofit organization that endeavors to strengthen democratic institutions around the world through nongovernmental efforts, from 2009 to 2013.

Gephardt earned his Bachelor of Science from Northwestern University in 1962 and his juris doctorate from the University of Michigan Law School in 1965.

*For his ethical, trailblazing and inspirational leadership; generosity in sharing his experience; wisdom and commitment to service, Iona University hereby confers upon **MR. RICHARD GEPHARDT**, the degree of **Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa**.*



IONA UNIVERSITY

MISSION STATEMENT

Iona University is a caring academic community, inspired by the legacy of Blessed Edmund Rice and the Christian Brothers, which embodies opportunity, justice, and the liberating power of education.

Iona University's purpose is to foster intellectual inquiry, community engagement, and an appreciation for diversity.

In the tradition of American Catholic Higher Education, Iona University commits its energies and resources to the development of graduates recognized for their ethics, creativity, and problem solving abilities; their independent and adaptable thinking; their joy in lifelong learning; and their enduring integration of mind, body, and spirit.

(Adopted May 2, 2012)

THE IONA UNIVERSITY MACE

The academic scepter or mace is used in Iona University official ceremonies including commencement, honors convocation and presidential inaugurations. A vestige of medieval times, the mace was once a weapon designed to keep order among ranks and protect rulers. Now, it serves as a symbol of governing authority while pointing to the peaceful, dignified service of its institution. Serving as the Ceremonial Mace Bearer is an honor bestowed upon a member of the Iona University faculty annually.

Commissioned by Iona University's sixth president, Br. John 'Jack' Driscoll, the current Iona Mace was designed by long time Iona faculty member and artist, Br. Kenneth F. Chapman in 1989, in honor of Iona's fiftieth 'Jubilee' anniversary. With a stunning gold cross at its center, Br. Chapman has noted that his design was inspired by the Light of Christ, (*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:5*) and by the light of the torch of New York's Statue of Liberty as a symbol of how education enlightens the mind creating paths to freedom and liberty.

The creation of Iona's Mace was made possible by the generous contributions of Iona benefactors Jack and Susan Rudin.

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Iona, Alma Mater,
Hail, all hail, to thee!
We raise a cry to glorify
Thy name where'er we be.
To thee we owe allegiance;
Abroad we spread thy fame;
Throughout the world we praise thee,
Proud to bear thy name.

Great Columba, trusted patron
Guide our College year by year.
Founder of the first Iona,
Sing we now in accents clear:
Iona, Alma Mater,
On high thy glories soar;
Ionians go forth again
To praise thee evermore.

– G.P. Lyons, CFC

