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**HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES  
2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR**

*Presented by Stephen Siciliano, Vice President for Educational Services  
Zinnia Burks*

**KARI KAHLER ADULT STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD**

*Presented by Lindsey Dickinson, Director of Student Success & Retention  
Amanda Sanchez*

**PRESIDENT'S POSSIBILITARIAN AWARD**

*Presented by Nick Nissley, President  
Chelsea Coy*

**STUDENT LEADER OF THE YEAR**

*Introduced by Lisa Thomas, Dean of Students  
Mitchell Mosley*

**STUDENT GROUPS**

*Introduced by Lisa Thomas, Dean of Students*  
Blair Mentor Partnership  
Phi Theta Kappa-Alpha Rho Pi  
Student Ambassadors  
Student Government Association  
NMC Marine Technology Society

**CLOSING REMARKS**

*Lindsey Dickinson, Director of Student Success & Retention*

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Class of 2026  
**HONORS & LEADERSHIP  
CONVOCATION**

*Awards Ceremony*

**FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026**

Milliken Auditorium | Dennon Museum Center

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# HONORS & LEADERSHIP CONVOCATION

Welcome Remarks ..... Stephen Siciliano, *Vice President for Educational Services*

## ACADEMIC AREA AWARDS

**AVIATION** ..... Grace Soneral

## BUSINESS / GREAT LAKES CULINARY INSTITUTE

Business ..... Allison Sheets

CIT ..... Bailey Simons, Hope Vittorelli, John Brumbaugh, Justin Savory,  
Liam Burch, Wab Bussey, Zac Crowell

Culinary ..... Hannah Wandoff

## COMMUNICATIONS

World Language/American Sign Language ..... K.B. Bennett

Excellence in Public Speaking ..... Analise Lau

Speech Communication ..... Lexa Southwell

English ..... Taylor Wilcox

## HUMANITIES

Audio Technology ..... Jacksen Pownall, Rheanna Gilzene

History ..... Kerri Esterley Janisse

Music ..... Mason Moran

Visual Communications ..... Ayla Sharp, Chloe Wallman,  
Christian Leachman

## SOCIAL SCIENCE

Social Science Outstanding Student Award ..... Kennedy Stoudt

## SCIENCE/MATH

Biology 1st year ..... Ayden Harlan

Biology 2nd year ..... Zinnia Burks

Chemistry 1st year ..... Niusha Rahjoo

Chemistry 2nd year ..... Matthew Showalter

Mathematics 1st year ..... Cara McFadden

Mathematics 2nd year ..... Rosalyn Zalewski

Physics 1st year ..... Leah Bell

Physics 2nd year ..... Isabelle Borden, Rosalyn Zalewski

## TECHNICAL

Automotive ..... Mason Mazur, Stephanie Metzger

Academic Excellence in Construction ..... Rachel Diebel

Outstanding Performance In Education ..... Austin Musall, Garrett Hulett

## MARINE TECH / FRESHWATER STUDIES

NMC Marine Technology

Student of the Year ..... Adyn McHugh

## MARITIME

RADM James F. McNulty USMS

Maritime Cadet of the Year ..... Jeffery Jaeger

Captain Wheatley N. (Mike) Hemmick, Jr.

Deck Cadet of the Year ..... Ja'nya Vance

American Maritime Officers Services

Academic Achievement Award ..... Matthew Kreft

National Cargo Bureau Excellence

in Cargo Operations Award ..... Grieson McLeod

Mr. Jerry J. Williams Engineering

Cadet of the Year ..... Yani Vargas

American Maritime Officers

Service Award – Engineer ..... Connor Geary

Master Mates and Pilots

Good Shipmate Award ..... Christian Ruppert

## GLOBAL ENDORSEMENTS

Jacob White, Zinnia Burks, Madison Findlay, Taqwa Totakhail,  
Brisa Sanchez-Valdez

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING INSTITUTE nEXt ENDORSEMENTS

Zinnia Burks, Austin Davis, Jessica Harrigan, Emma Herrington,  
Matt Kithinji, Luke Klug, Jaron Larson, Ava Moomey, Mitchell Mosley,  
Elissa Murray, Amanda Sanchez, Garrett Williams, Ariam Windish,  
Rosalyn Zalewski

## HONORS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AND GRADUATES

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### HONORS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Addisyn Amoe	Catherine Brown	Jenna Perreault	Makenna Adams
Alex Fisher	Christian Leachman	Jennifer Yaple	Marley Richmond
Alexandra Eaton	Christine Zoutendyk	John Brumbaugh	Maryn Hulett
Ali Crampton	Christopher Serio	Jonathan DeGroot	Mason Suida
Alia Shaw	Danielle Ellis	Justin Bartrum	Matt Frankle
Amanda Sanchez	Deborah Schlosser	Kaitlin Gunnell	Matthew Liberatore
AnaBeth Crow	Derek Wiltrot	Kara Ashworth	McKenzie Johnson
Andrew Camp	Eliza McElroy	Kelley Bebb	Minnie Bardenhagen
Annabella Brauker	Ella Flores	Kendall LeBlanc	Nicholas Wedra
Apple-Lee Anderson	Emalee J Alexander	Kristen Harrigan	Piper Hartley
Arriam Windish	Emma Herrington	Kristy Cordova	Rolex Fenelus
Ashley Kolarik	Everett Howell	Kylie M. Roseman	Shana North
Ashley Stennett	Garrett Williams	Luke Klug	Shirel Lozada
Avery Verschaeve	Gavyn Laconis	Luke Steimel	Sofia Narolska
Avril Hipp	Grace Koscielski	Macy Cook	Tristan Burnam
Ayla Sharp	Hunter Read	Madelyn Rodgers	William Fabijancic III
Brooklyn Brittain	Isabella Rodriguez	Madison Findlay	Zinnia Burks
Carina Ingersoll	Jacqueline Hanna	Maggie Jenkins	Zoe Patton