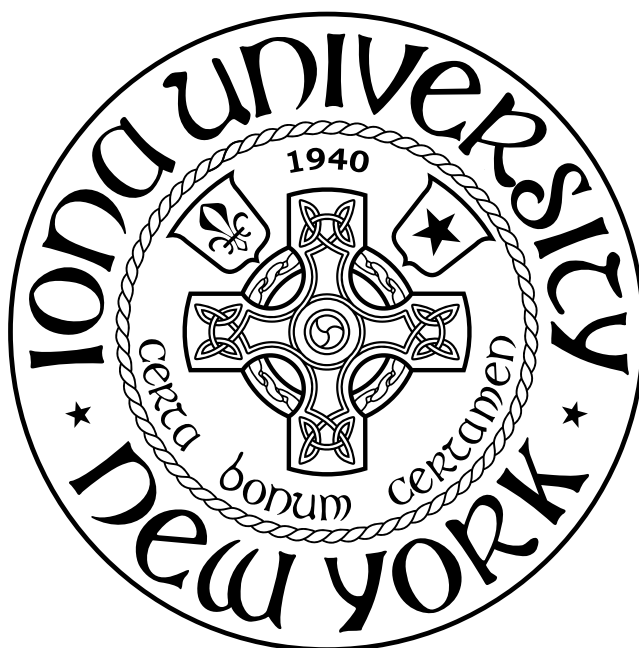


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CLASS OF 2025

MAY 2025

# PROGRAM

**FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025**

Ten o'clock in the morning

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PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF HUGH McCABE AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

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Meredith Casey  
*Honors*  
Cassie Collins  
*Honors*  
Lisa Finnegan  
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Breanna Grotta  
Katie King  
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Francesca Perticarò  
*Honors*  
Sabrina Pisani  
*Honors*  
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# CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

## SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCE

### Master of Science in Teaching

Kristy Amendola

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Monica Aparicio Zarco

Melissa Aversa

*Honors*

Alina Ayala

*Honors*

Lindsay Cardaci

Joshua Colon

*Honors*

Albert Conner

Francesca Eisenhut

*Honors*

Cara Gonnella

*Honors*

Brianna Hogan

Gabriella Kann

*Honors*

Jenna Letizia

*Honors*

Kevin Loaiza

Stephanie Lombardo

Caitlyn McElroy

*Honors*

Natia Troiano

*Honors*

Megan Wales

*Honors*

### Advanced Certificate in Cybercrime and Prevention

Kaitlyn Acevedo

*Honors*

Jennifer Aviles

Sean Baldwin

Tyler Colon

*Honors*

Jessica Garcia Soriano

Allison Howell

*Honors*

Madison Lennon

Johnathon Lopez

Brandon McBride

Carolina Ranilla

Allison Velazquez

*Honors*

### Advanced Certificate in Human Resources and Organizational Behavior

Nicole Carlucci

Phardia Desir

Matthew Egener

Kelly Lissette Fajardo Penaloza

Liam Geer

Kathryn Graham

Kinsey Hogan

Brianna LaRusso

*Honors*

Lawrence Major II

Athena Martinez

Jordan Providence

Ellen Ricketts

Ronald Rockey

Kristine Tupe

*Honors*

### Advanced Certificate in Working with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children and their Families

Breanna Grotta

# CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

## LAPENTA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

### Master of Business Administration

Marc T. Alexander Jr.

Josue Andagoya

Jenny Arpi

Joseph Bekios

Riley Belknap

Kelly Beyrer

*Honors*

John Boland

Fletcher Bolda

Patrick Buckley

*Honors*

Kyle Burger

*Honors*

Jaz Burton

Gabriella Calandruccio

*Honors*

Shane Cannon

*Honors*

Casey Cardenas

Montserrat Cardenas

*Honors*

Lea Carpanzano

Colton Cashaw

Adam Cekaj

Ena Cekić

*Honors*

Ryan Charvat

Nicole Chuchuca

Christopher Cianflone

John Coccozza

Jaden Colon

*Honors*

Colin Coogan

Kyle Cornish

*Honors*

Kevin Cruz Sanchez

Ashlee Dalrymple

Matthew DeMasi

Courtney Denniston

*Honors*

James DiSalle

Nadja Dixon

Jody-Ann Dockery

Jason Dwarka

*Honors*

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*Honors*

Michael Faughnan

*Honors*

Jason Fay

Joseph Ferrer

Dillon Gallo

Anthony Garcia

Horacio Garcia

*Honors*

Tyler Garcia

*Honors*

Nicholas Goetze

*Honors*

Judith Gomez Guimera

*Honors*

Jiberchy Gonzalez

Luis Gonzalez-Ortega

Lily Graham

*Honors*

Sarah Guzman

Lucas Haddad

*Honors*

Patrick Judge

James Kemp

Karen Kiernan

Elaine Kyerematen

Andrew LaManna

*Honors*

Celine Lewandowski

*Honors*

Remeez Loane

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Sofia Lucciola

Edward Maffia

Claudia Marcelin

Gregory Marrero

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Krystal Matos

Dereck Mayorga

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Eoin McLevey

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Ashley Minaya

Oleksiy Misyuk

Daniela Muccio

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Nicole Puleo

*Honors*

Rhiannon Rerrie

Anthony Ribeiro

Gabriana Rivera

Duncan Robinson

John Ruscetta

Rocquell Russell

Adelyne Salzer

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*Honors*

Morgen Senior

*Honors*

Calvin Smith

Daniel Smith

*Honors*

Jennifer Soto

Peter Spoto

*Honors*

Tianna Stancato

Anthony Sterbens

*Honors*

Nicholas Stroby

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Jalen Taylor

Elan Vargas

Karen Varghese

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Daniel Vazquez

*Honors*

Matthew Vega

*Honors*

Michael Volpe

*Honors*

Corryn Watson

Eric Weiss

Parker Weiss

Jonathan Wigfall

*Honors*

Christopher Wiggan

Jonathan Yu

*Honors*

Sydney Zanca

*Honors*

Alyssa Zavaglia

*Honors*

Joseph Zayas

*Honors*

# CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

## LAPENTA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

### Advanced Certificate in Business

Antonio Garcia del Pino Martin  
*Honors*

Elissa Kaplan  
Lucy Miller

Angelina Pearson  
*Honors*

### Advanced Certificate in Business Continuity and Risk Management

Gabriella Calandruccio  
*Honors*  
Montserrat Cardenas  
*Honors*  
Kyle Cornish  
*Honors*

Kevin Cruz Sanchez  
Nicholas Goetze  
*Honors*  
Oleksiy Misyuk  
Brandon Olivier

Jeremy Scott  
*Honors*  
Parker Weiss  
Jonathan Wigfall  
*Honors*  
Christopher Wiggan

### Advanced Certificate in Entrepreneurship & Innovation

Elaine Kyerematen

Lucy Miller

Duncan Robinson

### Advanced Certificate in Health Care Management

John Boland  
*Honors*  
Casey Cardenas  
Ena Cekic  
*Honors*

Courtney Denniston  
*Honors*  
Eoin McLevey  
Daniel Smith  
*Honors*

Matthew Vega  
*Honors*  
Michael Volpe  
*Honors*  
Joseph Zayas  
*Honors*

### Advanced Certificate in Marketing Analytics

Joseph Bekios  
James DiSalle  
Anthony Garcia  
Horacio Garcia  
*Honors*

Tyler Garcia  
*Honors*  
Judith Gomez Guimera  
*Honors*  
Matthew Martinez  
Francesco Negro

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Nicholas Stroby  
*Honors*  
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# CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

## NEWYORK-PRESBYTERIAN IONA SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

### Master of Arts

Marcia Argueta  
Melodie Borrero  
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Brianna Carter  
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Krystina Centeno  
*Honors*  
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Jailene Cruz  
Vida Morais Cruz  
Hannah Cutter  
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Emma Havrilla  
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Asia Landaverde  
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Brianna Miclat  
*Honors*  
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Melissa Mohamed  
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Jocelyn Ruiz  
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Alisha Aneila Sefu  
Sejal Seifer  
*Honors*  
Gabriella Sgobbo  
*Honors*  
Jordan Alexis Skeete  
Lea Smith  
*Honors*  
Amanda Tiso  
*Honors*  
Dianna Torres  
*Honors*  
Kaitlyn Wilson

### Master of Science

Juliana Andrade  
*Honors*  
Kyle Batohie  
Jessica Brand  
*Honors*  
Lindsey Brausch  
Nicole Carreira  
Joshua Chun Wa Chan  
*Honors*  
Claire Christen  
*Honors*  
Elizabeth Fina McConnell  
*Honors*  
Jazenda Garcia  
*Honors*  
Alyson Goodman  
*Honors*

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Deblina Jha  
*Honors*  
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Rebekah Lee  
*Honors*  
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Becky Markose  
Paula Maunsell  
*Honors*  
Maame-Tiwaah Mensah  
*Honors*  
Bryant Mohan  
*Honors*  
Dayana Morales

Noelle Ostrowski  
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Anjali Parmar  
*Honors*  
Charleze Perez  
*Honors*  
Meghan Priest  
*Honors*  
Donna Rodrigues  
Valentino Romero  
Victoria Ross  
*Honors*  
Jamie Santos  
*Honors*  
Mara Teich  
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Victoria Wiafe

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Emily Kubrick  
*Honors*

Bria Oatman  
Gabriella Sgobbo  
*Honors*  
Jordan Alexis Skeete

# AWARDS

## BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

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

**Michelle Chuchuca**

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

**Sean Rivera**

***Dr. Henry L. Logan Medal for Excellence in Science***  
*Presented by the Henry L. Logan Family*

**Micaela Panella**

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

**Brian Baldwin**

***Iona Medal for Excellence in Business Administration***  
*Presented by the Faculty of the LaPenta School of Business*

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***Iona Medal for Excellence in the Social and Behavioral Sciences***  
*Presented by the Faculty of the NewYork-Presbyterian Iona School of Health Sciences*

**Emily Blattberg**

## 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.*

**Lazar Paroški**

***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 Murillo**

***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.*

**Sherquan Dailey**

***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.*

**Ryan Murphy**

## VALEDICTORIAN, CLASS OF 2025

*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.*

**Emily Blattberg**

# AWARDS

## BACCALAUREATE DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

### School of Arts & Science

Advertising ..... **Federica Mantini**  
 Arts Leadership- Visual Arts ..... **Anthony Marino**  
 Biology ..... **Micaela Panella**  
 Chemistry..... **Micaela Panella**  
 Chemistry ACS Certified Major ..... **Caroline Scott**  
 Computer Science ..... **David Conway**  
 Computer Science ..... **Christina Murphy**  
 Criminal Justice ..... **Natalie Collado**  
 Digital Media & Production..... **Connor Coppola**  
 Digital Media & Production..... **Cara Donnelly**  
 Economics ..... **Joseph Chwe**  
 Economics ..... **Edward Imm**  
 Education - BA Adolescent ..... **Delaney Idema**  
 Education - BS Childhood..... **Kate Baldwin**  
 Education - BS Early Childhood/Childhood ..... **Keri McAleer**

English ..... **Molly O'Shea**  
 Presented as the Raymond J. Porter Memorial Award  
 English ..... **Brendan Connolly**  
 Presented as the William D. McGlone Memorial Award  
 History ..... **Joshua Campbell**  
 History ..... **Michelle Chuchuca**  
 Journalism..... **Robert Hughes**  
 Mathematics..... **Alessio Campione**  
 Philosophy..... **Anders Luke Anderson**  
 Political Science ..... **Joshua Campbell**  
 Political Science ..... **Kaitlyn Incandela**  
 Psychology ..... **Madison Lowry**  
 Public Relations ..... **Ava Palladino**  
 Religious Studies ..... **Anders Luke Anderson**  
 Sociology ..... **Luca Jofre**

### LaPenta School of Business

Accounting..... **Daniella Santelli**  
 Accounting..... **Kelly Switzer**  
 Business Administration ..... **Christina DeCesare**  
 Business Administration ..... **Connor Henderson**  
 Business Analytics & Information Systems ..... **Alex Lim**

Finance..... **Joseph Chwe**  
 Finance - Financial Management Association .... **Alana Lombardi**  
 International Business ..... **Sergio Gonzalez Fernandez**  
 Management ..... **Christina Paniccia**  
 Marketing ..... **Emma Vu**

### NewYork-Presbyterian Iona School of Health Sciences

Communication Sciences and Disorders ..... **Emily Blattberg**  
 Communication Sciences and Disorders ..... **Catherine Poeschl**  
 Nursing..... **Alexis Galaz**

Social Work ..... **Rachel Tuccinardi**  
 Presented as the Ron Federico Memorial Award  
 Social Work ..... **Ava Zanca**

### Hynes Institute for Entrepreneurship & Innovation

Entrepreneurship ..... **Adam Ouammou**



# AWARDS

## THE ROBERT SCHOENHERR MEMORIAL AWARD

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

**Sherlon Boothe**

## 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.*

**Mary Herrera**

# HONORS

## HONORS PROGRAM

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Emily Blattberg  
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Alessio Campione  
Elizabeth Caragliano  
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Marcus Marinez  
Anthony Marino  
Marie Marra  
Emily Martinez  
Ethan Megal  
Valentina Menta  
Christina Murphy  
Ryan Murphy  
Connor Murray  
Megan Nolan  
Darryl Ohene-Karikari  
Aidan Paul  
Matthew Peters  
Dylan Piedra  
Catherine Poeschl  
Christopher Poust

Bruno Pozzani  
Ciana Quintana  
Gabriella Ramirez  
Angelina Realbutto  
Emily Rivera  
Victoria Sawak-Rai  
Caroline Scott  
Maria Skenderi  
Eduardo Tinoco  
Ariana Torres  
Margaret Ulrich  
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Melanie Vazquez-Ponce  
Laine Walterson

## DELTA EPSILON CHAPTER OF DELTA EPSILON SIGMA

**National Scholastic Honor Society**

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Anders Anderson  
Julia Cano  
Michelle Chuchuca  
Cara Donnelly  
Kathleen Fenlon  
Maxx Fiore

Grace Forlenza  
Daniela Gregarek  
Paulo Hernandez  
Mary Herrera  
Delaney Idema  
Nicole Kienle  
Alex Lim

Madison Lowry  
Anthony Marino  
Christina Murphy  
Phoebe Oquendo  
Adam Ouammou  
Ava Palladino  
Marina Panella

Micaela Panella  
Maya Peluso  
Catherine Poeschl  
Amani Rabadi  
Anthony Tagliamonte

# AWARDS

## GRADUATE AWARDS

### *The Brother Joseph G. McKenna Memorial Award for Academic Excellence*

*Presented by the Faculty of the LaPenta School of Business*

**Kelly Beyrer**

### *The John G. Hagan Award for Academic Excellence*

*Presented by the Faculty of the LaPenta School of Business*

**Jennifer Soto**

## GRADUATE DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

### School of Arts & Science

*Criminal Justice ..... Allison Velazquez*  
*Education - Early Childhood Special Education ..... Arianna Perez*  
*Education - Literacy (All Grades) ..... Meredith Casey*  
*Education - Literacy Birth to 6 ..... Olivia Berry*  
*Education - Special Education/Literacy (All Grades).... Lisa Finnegan*  
*Education - Special Education (All Grades)..... Grace Maistre*  
*Education - Adolescent ..... Gabriella Kann*  
*Education - Childhood/Special Education 1-6.....Kristy Amendola*

*Education - Early Childhood/Childhood.....Cara Gonnella*  
*Education - Childhood ..... Alina Ayala*  
*Educational Leadership.....Francesca Perticaro*  
*General-Experimental Psychology ..... Mikayla Gomez*  
*Public Relations ..... Gabriel Zangiacomi*  
*School Psychology..... Sara Camarda*  
*Sports Communication & Media.....Daniel Capuano*

### LaPenta School of Business

*Accounting..... Nicole Puleo*  
*Business Analytics..... Jason Dwarka*  
*Business Continuity and Risk Management ....Montserrat Cardenas*  
*Financial Services ..... Raeanna Pinnock*  
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Award in Financial Services*  
*Information Systems.....Celine Lewandowski*  
*Management ..... Courtney Denniston*  
*Presented as the Ursula Wittig-Berman Memorial  
Award in Healthcare Management*

*Management .....Karen Varghese*  
*Presented as the Ursula Wittig-Berman Memorial  
Award in Management*  
*Marketing .....Nicholas Stroby*  
*Presented as the Ernst Mendels Memorial  
Award in Marketing*  
*Marketing Analytics.....Judith Gomez Guimera*

### NewYork-Presbyterian Iona School of Health Sciences

*Communication Sciences and Disorders ..... Sejal Seifer*  
*Marriage and Family Therapy.....Mara Teich*  
*Mental Health Counseling ..... Dianna Torres*

*Occupational Therapy.....Claire Christen*  
*Occupational Therapy.....Alyson Goodman*

# AWARDS

## FACULTY TEACHING AND RESEARCH AWARD RECIPIENTS 2025

The 2024-25 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 15, 2025.

### *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.

**Nilofer Naqvi, 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.

**Christoph Winkler, 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.

**Yaliu He, 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.

**Nancy Vidal-Finnerty, 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.

**Steven Jarmon, MA**

### *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.

**Sharon K. Williams, Ph.D.**

## 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.

**Adam Rosado, 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.

**Nilofer Naqvi, Ph.D.**

# HONORARY DEGREE

## Emma Hayes

Recognized internationally for her inspirational leadership, tactical acumen, and relentless determination, Emma Hayes is a professional soccer manager who is the head coach of the United States Women's National Team. Hayes earned global admiration as she steered the United States to a gold medal at the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Born in London in 1976, Hayes grew up in the borough of Camden, where she attended Parliament Hill School. She was a standout player with Arsenal's academy, playing as a midfielder from 1988 to 1996, leading the team to five national titles. At the age of 17, Emma pivoted from player to coach after suffering a career-ending ankle injury.

While studying European history, Spanish, and Sociology at Liverpool Hope University, Hayes coached the school's women's soccer team from 1997 to 1999. By 2001, she earned her first job as head coach, becoming the manager of the Long Island Lady Riders in the USL W-League, a women's semi-professional league.

From there Hayes coached at Iona for three seasons earning two conference championship berths, before returning to London to join the Arsenal Football Club. In 2008, Hayes came back to the U.S., where she coached the Chicago Red Stars, now part of the National Women's Soccer League. Hayes is well known for her career with Chelsea Women, winning the FA Women's Super League on seven occasions during her twelve years with the organization.

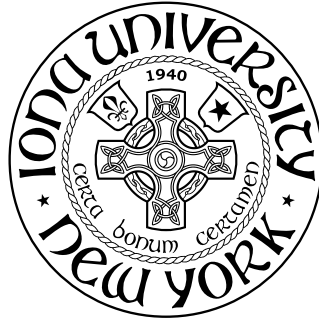
Hayes is a widely celebrated figure in sports media and has been named TV pundit of the year by both Broadcast Magazine and the Sports Journalists Association. In 2021 she was named Best Football Coach by the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) and was inducted into the Women's Super League Hall of Fame.

After leading the USA to the Olympic gold medal, Hayes won her first world award as head coach of the USWNT when she was named the winner of the first Ballon d'Or given to women's soccer coaches. She won her second when she was named 2024 FIFA The Best Women's Coach, marking the second time she has won the FIFA award for world women's coach of the year.

In 2016 she was named a Member of the Order of the British Empire in the Queen's 90th birthday honours list, and in 2022 was recognized as an Officer of the Order of the British Empire. In 2024 the International Federation of Football History & Statistics awarded Hayes the Women's World Best National Coach.

Also a celebrated author, Hayes co-wrote "Kill the Unicorn," a book she narrates in which she shares coaching experiences, challenges, and lessons she learned. The book's subtitle notes "Forget perfection, embrace your flaws, and be your best."

*For her trailblazing and inspirational leadership; generosity in sharing her knowledge, experience, and tremendous fortitude, Iona University hereby confers upon MS. EMMA HAYES, the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa.*



# IONA UNIVERSITY

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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*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

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 Iona 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.

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