

Commencement

60th Annual Commencement

2021

HILBERT COLLEGE

Saturday, May 15, 2021



Hilbert College Mission

Hilbert College is an independent institution of higher learning that embraces its Catholic Franciscan heritage and values. Students from diverse backgrounds are educated in liberal arts and professional programs to become informed citizens committed to serving and strengthening their communities.

The Hilbert College Seal



The cross on the Hilbert College seal is the foundation of Franciscan learning. Education meant to St. Francis of Assisi what it meant to Christ. It is education in its best Christian concept, the educare from the state of ignorance and sin to the state of wisdom and grace. Effective aid and means are found in the mystery of redemption.

The intertwined hands are the symbol of the close union that existed between St. Francis and Christ. The use of educational precepts and programs is affected only through our knowledge, love and imitation of Christ.

The torch is the symbol of the light of truth.

The 12 stars symbolize the diadem of stars upon the head of "the glorious woman clothed with the sun" and represents Our Lady's title, the Immaculate Conception. Mary possesses, to the fullest, the harmonious balance of all human endowments that prevailed before the fall in the Garden of Eden. Thus, Mary Immaculate exemplifies in a singular way the ideal perfection that is the goal of Christian education. By reason of her role as the teacher of Christ, the master of teachers and exemplar of St. Francis of Assisi, the Blessed Virgin Mary is eminently qualified to direct the spiritual and intellectual formation of students the Franciscan way.

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Student Speakers

Undergraduate Speaker
Graduate Speaker

Makenna Louise Payton
Jocelyn Vay Guthrie

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
Master of Public Administration: Health Administration

In Loving Memory



Cori Lynn Shearing
November 25, 1999 – April 14, 2020



Brittney Soos Summers
October 27, 1999 – March 31, 2020

Hilbert College Medal Recipient

The Hilbert College Medal is presented to those in our community who embody Franciscan values, demonstrate excellence in their profession or career, and excellence in community service.

Russell A. Corigliano

Russell A. Corigliano first joined the Hilbert Board of Trustees in May 2012, but his relationship with Hilbert College goes back to 1998. From that first connection, through a gift to a College event, he immersed himself in supporting the institution both personally and through his company, Rosina Food Products. He proudly saw his daughter, Andrea Corigliano Augustyn, graduate from Hilbert in 2010, and then go on to serve on the Hilbert Alumni Board in 2015-16. His nephew, Matthew Corigliano, also graduated from Hilbert in 2015.

His service to the Board of Trustees, which will end in May 2021, exemplifies Russ' dedication and leadership. In addition to extraordinary charitable support, both personally and from his business, he has ably chaired or served on almost every Board committee, including currently as Chair of the Trustees Committee, which oversees the important work of identifying and recruiting community and business leaders for Board service. Additionally, in 2019, Russ served as Co-Chair of the Installation for Hilbert President, Dr. Michael Brophy. Always willing to serve and lead, Russ' spirit and determination in support of Hilbert and the Franciscan heritage and values is unwavering.



His entrepreneurial spirit has been such a gift to Hilbert, and our alumni, students, faculty and staff are the proud beneficiaries. For his tireless devotion to Hilbert College, and his spirit with the gift of time, talent and treasure to ensure the success of our students, faculty and staff – we proudly recognize Russell A. Corigliano with the 2021 Hilbert College Medal.

President's Medal Recipients

The President's Medal, one of Hilbert College's highest honors, recognizes faculty, staff, and board trustees for extraordinary commitment and service to higher education, and for exemplifying Franciscan values. The 2021 President's Medal is proudly bestowed upon Sharon Sisti and Dr. Christopher R. Siuta.

Sharon Sisti

Professor Sharon Sisti has been a fixture at Hilbert College since she joined the faculty in 1995. A graduate of SUNY Fredonia, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in music education, and of the State University of New York at Buffalo, where she earned a Masters of Social Work degree, Professor Sisti came to Hilbert with extensive professional experience and expertise, which she integrates into her classes to help prepare human services majors for their future careers.



Professor Sisti has been recognized for her work both in the field and at Hilbert College. She received the NASW Western Division Social Worker of the Year Award, the William B. Hoyt Memorial Advocacy Award—Child and Family Services, the U.B. School of Social Work Alumni Association Award, the William B. Hoyt Award-Erie County Coalition Against Family Violence, the Excellence in Service Award from Hilbert College and the Excellence in Teaching Award from Hilbert College.

This impressive list of accomplishments pales in comparison, though, to Professor Sisti's dedication and commitment to her students and colleagues. For her colleagues, she is a steady, calming presence, inviting people into conversations and ensuring that all voices are heard. A passionate advocate for the most vulnerable in our society, Professor Sisti instills in her students the importance of equity, compassion, and empathy. Whether in an Introduction to Human Services class or in the Human Services Senior Seminar, students know that they will be asked to think deeply about how they can serve their communities and address inequities in the world around them. When students speak about Professor Sisti, words like "amazing," "supportive," and "inspirational" are mentioned often. Through her embodiment of Hilbert's Franciscan values, Professor Sisti inspires her students to find the courage to be change makers in society.

Dr. Christopher R. Siuta

Dr. Christopher R. Siuta, director of Counseling, Health and Wellness joined the Hilbert family in the fall 2019 as interim director of counseling and was promoted to the position of director of Counseling, Health and Wellness. Assisting him are two graduate interns under his mentorship as they complete their counseling degrees. Dr. Siuta graduated with the first cohort at Saint Bonaventure's Hilbert College satellite program in 1997. After many years away, Dr. Siuta came back as an adjunct within the Bonaventure program and then as a full time member of the SBU faculty. He completed his Bachelor of Arts in psychology, Master of Science in counselor education and his Ph.D. in psychology.



Dr. Siuta's presence on the campus has been well received as he assists our students with their personal mental health needs and physical needs in the Wellness Center. He has done an outstanding job in helping the campus through the pandemic crisis. He serves as the co-chair of the Health and Safety Committee of the campus's Comeback Task Force, appointed by President Brophy. In addition to his leadership with the pandemic crisis, he continues to support our students' mental health needs. In addition, Dr. Siuta serves on the Colleges' CARE team, working to address individual student concerns and serves as guest presenter to numerous classes, athletic teams, and residential students.

2021 Student Awards

Lambert and Margaret Graham Award

The Lambert and Margaret Graham Award is bestowed annually upon the adult student who, as a full-time student at Hilbert College, has maintained the highest cumulative quality point average.

This award is presented to William Allen Graves.

Kimberly Bruch Raczkowski Memorial Alumni Association Award

The Kimberly Bruch Raczkowski Memorial Alumni Association Award is named in honor of a 1991 graduate, a woman whose zest for life at Hilbert College made her untimely death all the more tragic. This award is bestowed upon a person who personifies integrity and moral character, a person who exhibits leadership qualities and reflects the spirit of Hilbert College.

This award is presented to Rebecca Ann Vermilyea.

Sister Mary Edwina Bogel Award

The Sister Mary Edwina Bogel Award, named for the founder of the college, is bestowed annually upon the graduate whose character, intellectual achievement, and devoted services to fellow students and to the college render them outstanding.

This award is presented to Mackenzi Ryan White.

John Kissel Award

The John Kissel Award, named in honor of a man whose life was dedicated to the good of Hilbert College students, is granted to the graduate whose character, intellectual progress, organizational abilities, and participation in activities and programs of the college render them outstanding.

This award is presented to John Brechtel.

2021 Academic Honors Awards

McGrath Award in Accounting
William A. Graves

Hilbert College Award in Accounting
Daniel Hughes

McGrath Award in Business Management
Matthew D. Palkovic

Hilbert College Award in Business Management
Emma J. Kopravich

McGrath Award in Criminal Justice
Matthew Duggan

Hilbert College Award in Criminal Justice
Amber N. Stuck

Hilbert College Award in Computer Security and Information Assurance
Lia Byroads

McGrath Award in Cyber Security
Zachary M. Rosati

Hilbert College Award in Cyber Security
Justin M. Middagh

McGrath Award in Digital Media and Communication
Dylan R. Timmel

Hilbert College Award in Digital Media and Communication
Ian G. Cherico

Hilbert College Award in English
Jake A. Griffin

McGrath Award in English
Alexandra M. Zurbrick

Jocelyn R. Hughes Excellence in English Award
Abigail J. Moeller

McGrath Award in Forensic Science/ Crime Scene Investigation
Hailey E. Munn

Hilbert College Award in Forensic Science/Crime Scene Investigation
Jessi A. Dankert

McGrath Award in Human Services
Kayla A. Gorney

Hilbert College Award in Human Services
Erica A. Filk

McGrath Award in Legal Studies
John M. Kane

Hilbert College Award in Legal Studies
Ana Gabriela Vargas Perez

McGrath Award in Psychology
Angelea A. Obad

Hilbert College Award in Psychology
Erica Nicholson

McGrath Award in Political Science
Lillian A. Pritchard

Hilbert College Award in Political Science
Joseph A. Venezia III

Looseleaf Law Publications Award in Criminal Justice
Autumn A. Miller

Looseleaf Law Publications Award in Criminal Justice
Myaka E. Forsha

Looseleaf Law Publications Award in Forensic Science Crime Scene Investigation
Samantha M. Lawicki

Looseleaf Law Publications Award in Forensic Science Crime Scene Investigation
Mikayla J. Rix

Distinguished Research Award

This award is presented to one graduate student from each graduate program recognizing outstanding research design, implementation, and presentation. The selection is based on the summary of scores determined by a committee of judges at the graduate research poster presentation night.

Master of Public Administration
2021 Graduate Research Award
Samantha Rose Lewczyk

Master of Criminal Justice Administration
2021 Graduate Research Award
Nicolas David Lagana

Master of Public Administration;
Health Administration
Jocelyn Vay Guthrie

Excellence in Service Learning Award

In the spirit of Franciscan education and Catholic Social Teaching, the Excellence in Service Learning Award recognizes and celebrates Hilbert College students who demonstrate not only a strong commitment to their academics, but also to sharing their learning with the community. Graduating students presented the Excellence in Service Learning Award have successfully completed at least three Service Learning designated undergraduate courses, have an overall GPA of 3.3 or higher, and a minimum of a 'B+' in three of the designated classes.

Margaret Brown
Adam James Connelly
Erica Anne Filk
Allison Glinski

Kayla Alexis Gorney
Robert James Green
Kathleen Lynn Jackson
Emma Justine Koprevich

Abigail Judith Moeller
Angelea Ann Obad
Christopher John Stilwell

Sigma Tau Delta

Jake Anthony Griffin
Abigail Judith Moeller

Hailey Elizabeth Munn
Alexandra Michele Zurbrick

The Saint Catherine Medal

The Saint Catherine Medal for Student Achievement is an annual honor awarded at colleges and universities affiliated with Kappa Gamma Pi, the National Catholic College Graduate Honor Society. The Saint Catherine Medal is the highest honor given to graduate students at Hilbert College. The Saint Catherine Medal recognizes graduate students who represent the high ideals of a Catholic college education. The recipients are selected on the basis of leadership and service to the college and the greater community. These individuals have performed at the highest levels throughout their studies while maintaining Hilbert's core values of respect, service, compassion, peace, hope, joy, integrity, and vision.

This award is presented to Courtney Santasero.

2021 Veteran Graduates

William Allen Graves

John Michael Kane
Victoria Elizabeth Payne

Joe Huy Rappold

2020-21 Hilbert College Graduates of Distinction

Each year Hilbert College recognizes graduating students based on the criteria of scholarship, participation and leadership, citizenship, and living the Hilbert College values of compassion, integrity, respect, vision, service, peace, hope, and joy.

Aidan Joseph Bain
Melanie Marie Basile
John Brechtel
Margaret Brown
Ian Gilbert Cherico
Jessi Ann Dankert
Matthew Duggan
Erica Anne Filk

Myaka Evelyn Forsha
William Allen Graves
Robert James Green
Jake Anthony Griffin
Clint Jacob Hassett
Kathleen Lynn Jackson
Samantha Marie Lawicki
Justin Michael Middagh

Destiny Rae Miller
Abigail Judith Moeller
Christian Michael Necovski
Angelea Ann Obad
Danny Christine Ostroski
Eleanor Elizabeth Page
Victoria Elizabeth Payne
Makenna Louise Payton

Brianna Nicole Stegmeier
Amber Nicole Stuck
Jennie Lee Swierczynski
Mathew Joseph Terrano
Christine Timmel
Dylan RTimmel
Rebecca Ann Vermilyea
Mackenzi Ryan White
Ryan Fox Zunner

2020-21 Hilbert College Blue and White Society

A maximum of ten students from a graduating class are selected for membership in Hilbert College's Blue and White Society, which recognizes students who have excelled both academically and through extracurricular activities. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 while providing extraordinary leadership to the campus through campus activities, service or academic programs.

John Brechtel
Myaka Evelyn Forsha
William Allen Graves

Samantha Marie Lawicki
Abigail Judith Moeller
Makenna Louise Payton
Brianna Nicole Stegmeier

Amber Nicole Stuck
Rebecca Ann Vermilyea
Mackenzi Ryan White

Hilbert College Honors Program

The Hilbert College Honors Program is a community that provides an intellectual learning experience for Hilbert's top students in a challenging setting that fosters excellence and a diversity of opinions. Honors students explore new knowledge through advanced coursework, colloquium experiences, and a capstone presentation, while meeting specific GPA and community service requirements.

Jonathan Baco
Aidan Joseph Bain
Dyana Lee Durmaj
Jake Anthony Griffin
Samantha Marie Lawicki

Lindsey Suzanne McKee
Abigail Judith Moeller
Victoria Elizabeth Payne
Makenna Louise Payton
Brianna Nicole Stegmeier

Amber Nicole Stuck
Joseph Anthony Venezia III
Mackenzi Ryan White

2021 Candidates for Master of Public Administration

Kaylen M Brigman

Quinclen A. Davis
Samantha Rose Lewczyk

Adam William Noyes

2021 Candidates for Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration

Abijah Adams
Ashley Elizabeth Binn
Rachael Devine
Alex Gill
Mackenzie Erin Gregoire
Madisen Alyssa Gregoire

Nicolas David Lagana
Alexandria Virginia Makowski
Jessica Marie Marcaccio
Eric Michael Moist
Alec James Nawotka
Molly Lyn Reinagel

Jonathan Michael Saeli
Courtney Santasero
Abigail Schumacher
Alexander Tobey
Jason Michael Wahl
Madison Welch

2021 Candidates for Master of Public Administration Health Administration

Amber Denison
Latisha Marie Gardner
Jocelyn Vay Guthrie

Jenna Serene Ludlow
Hardikkumar Yashvantbhai Panchal
Felicia A Patterson

Michelle A. Rotella
Brianna Elizabeth Spenny

2021 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Matthew Edward Acker	BA	Digital Media and Communications	◆◆	Rachel Elise Hare	BS	Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation
Alicia Mary Alguire	BS	Criminal Justice	◆◆◆	Clint Jacob Hassett	BS	Criminal Justice
◆ Tyler Anna	BS	Risk Management	◆◆	Tiara Heintz	BS	Political Science
◆◆ Jonathan Baco	BS	Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation	◆◆	Andrew David Henry	BS	Cyber Security
Erika Rachel Baetz	BS	Business Management	▲	Emma Sonia Herman	BS	Business Management
◆◆ Aidan Joseph Bain	BS	Criminal Justice	◆◆	Hannah Marie Howie	BS	Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation
Melanie Marie Basile	BS	Business Management	◆◆◆	Daniel Hughes	BS	Accounting
◆◆ Nicole Bezinque	BS	Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation	◆◆	Shawn Hughes	BS	Cyber Security
Carl Bruno Boccolucci	BS	Business Management		Virginia Shirley Italia	BS	Criminal Justice
▲ John Brechtel	BS	Cyber Security	▲	Kathleen Lynn Jackson	BS	Criminal Justice
Brian Michael Brennan	BS	Business Management	▲	Zachary David Jezioro	BA	Digital Media and Communications
Baylee Marie Brooks	BS	Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation	▲	Angelia Susan Johnson	BS	Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation
▲ Margaret Brown	BS	Human Services	▲	John Michael Kane	BS	Legal Studies
Thomas Jefferson Burgess	BS	Criminal Justice		Alexander Thomas Karamanos	BS	Sports Industry Management
Sheldon Michael Bush	BS	Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation	◆	Kevin Walter Kaszubowski	BS	Cyber Security
◆ Lia Byroads	BS	Computer Security Information Assurance	◆	Marissa Renee Kleinsmith	BS	Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation
Jacob Alexander Capocci	BS	Computer Security Information Assurance	◆	Emma Justine Koprevich	BS	Business Management
◆ Meghan Elizabeth Carlin	BS	Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation	◆◆	Phillip Brian Krantz	BS	Accounting
▲ Nicholas J. Carter	BS	Criminal Justice	◆◆◆	Samantha Marie Lawicki	BS	Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation
▲ Ian Gilbert Cherico	BA	Digital Media and Communications	◆	Keyanna M. LeGree	BS	Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation
◆◆ Kaylee Tess Childress	BS	Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation		Nathan W. Madden	BS	Criminal Justice
▲ Adam James Connelly	BA	Digital Media and Communications		Brandon Jack McCoy	BS	Computer Security Information Assurance
Zachary Michael Crane	BS	Sports Industry Management	◆	Lindsey Suzanne McKee	BS	Criminal Justice
◆◆◆ Jessi Ann Dankert	BS	Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation		Joseph Bernard McNabb	BS	Criminal Justice
▲ Amanda Rose Dreier	BS	Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation	◆◆◆	Emma Jean McNamara	BS	Criminal Justice
◆◆ Matthew Duggan	BS	Criminal Justice		Stephany Julay Maria Mercilia	BS	Accounting
▲ Dyana Lee Durmaj	BS	Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation		Gina Marian Metauro	BS	Business Management
▲ Morgan Elizabeth Fickett	BS	Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation	◆◆◆	Justin Michael Middagh	BS	Cyber Security
◆◆◆ Erica Anne Filk	BS	Human Services	◆◆◆	Autumn Alexis Miller	BS	Criminal Justice
Ashley Hannah Fish	BS	Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation		Destiny Rae Miller	BS	Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation
▲ Brianna Marie Fisher	BS	Criminal Justice	◆◆◆	Abigail Judith Moeller	BA	English
◆◆◆ Myaka Evelyn Forsha	BS	Criminal Justice		Nicholas James Mouery	BS	Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation
Mary Katheryn Gibson	BS	Human Services	◆◆◆	Hailey Elizabeth Munn	BS	Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation
◆◆◆ Nicholas Andrew Gill	BS	Criminal Justice		Daniel David Munn	BS	Sports Industry Management
◆◆ Kate Lynn Gillon	BS	Criminal Justice		Julia May Murphy	BS	Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation
▲ Elizabeth Frances Gleason	BS	Human Services		Samanta Namsaran	BS	Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation
▲ Allison Glinski	BS	Criminal Justice	▲	Christian Michael Necovski	BS	Criminal Justice
◆ Kayla Alexis Gorney	BS	Human Services	◆	Phillip Joseph Newton	BS	Criminal Justice
◆◆◆ William Allen Graves	BS	Accounting	◆◆	Erica Nicholson	BA	Psychology
◆◆ Robert James Green	BS	Criminal Justice	▲	Angelea Ann Obad	BA	Psychology
◆◆◆ Jake Anthony Griffin	BA	English		Danny Christine Ostroski	BS	Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation
◆◆ Caleb Issac Gross	BS	Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation		Eleanor Elizabeth Page	BS	Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation

2021 Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

◆ Matthew David Palkovic <i>BS Business Management</i>	▲ Lea Marie Shanley <i>BS Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation</i>
◆◆ Marissa Lynne Palmiotto <i>BS Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation</i>	◆ Melissa Holly Shepard <i>BA Digital Media and Communications</i>
▲ Samantha Raen Parker <i>BS Criminal Justice</i>	▲ Elizabeth Jean Sicurella <i>BS Accounting</i>
◆◆ Victoria Elizabeth Payne <i>BS Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation</i>	Julie Rae Slotman <i>BS Accounting</i>
◆ Makenna Louise Payton <i>BS Criminal Justice</i>	Edward T. Smallman <i>BA Psychology</i>
▲ Maggie Lynn Pezzino <i>BS Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation</i>	◆◆ Tyler Andrew Smith <i>BS Criminal Justice</i>
◆ Gregory Thomas Pieczynski <i>BS Criminal Justice</i>	Ryan Joseph Spath <i>BS Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation</i>
Ashlee Paige Plowe <i>BS Criminal Justice</i>	◆◆◆ Brianna Nicole Stegmeier <i>BS Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation</i>
◆ Lillian Atanur Pritchard <i>BS Political Science</i>	▲ Christopher John Stilwell <i>BS Criminal Justice</i>
◆◆ Brittany Alyssa Profetta <i>BS Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation</i>	Shannon J Stokes <i>BS Sports Industry Management</i>
◆◆ Christian Nicholas Przybyla <i>BS Criminal Justice</i>	◆◆◆ Amber Nicole Stuck <i>BS Criminal Justice</i>
◆ Jacob Robert Quiter <i>BS Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation</i>	◆◆ Jennie Lee Swierczynski <i>BS Accounting</i>
▲ Emily Kristine Raiport <i>BS Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation</i>	▲ Derek Clayton Switzer <i>BS Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation</i>
Joe Huy Rappold <i>BS Computer Security and Information Assurance</i>	◆◆ Mathew Joseph Terrano <i>BS Criminal Justice</i>
Kaitlyn Reese <i>BS Criminal Justice</i>	◆◆ Christine Timmel <i>BA Digital Media and Communications</i>
Tucker Reynolds <i>BS Sports Industry Management</i>	◆ Dylan R Timmel <i>BA Digital Media and Communications</i>
◆◆ Taylor Morgan Richter <i>BS Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation</i>	◆ Ana Gabriela Vargas Perez <i>BS Legal Studies</i>
▲ Connor Paul Ricotta <i>BS Criminal Justice</i>	Aaryonah May Vaughn <i>BS Criminal Justice</i>
◆◆ Mikayla Jolene Rix <i>BS Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation</i>	Robert Louis Vealey <i>BS Criminal Justice</i>
Katelynn Maurine Rogers <i>BS Business Management</i>	◆ Joseph Anthony Venezia III <i>BS Political Science</i>
Phoenix Rollek <i>BS Human Services</i>	▲ Rebecca Ann Vermilyea <i>BS Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation</i>
Todd Romano <i>BS Criminal Justice</i>	◆◆◆ Devin Mitchell Waugh <i>BS Criminal Justice</i>
◆◆ Zachary Michael Rosati <i>BS Cyber Security</i>	Ashlyn Joanna Nettie Weaver <i>BS Criminal Justice</i>
Mitchell Virgil Rushok <i>BS Computer Security and Information Assurance</i>	▲ Noah Aaron Welch <i>BA Digital Media and Communications</i>
▲ Carolyn Grace Scheible <i>BS Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation</i>	▲ Jared Lawrence Welnowski <i>BS Accounting</i>
Abigail Grace Sciarrino <i>BS Forensic Science /Crime Scene Investigation</i>	◆◆◆ Mackenzi Ryan White <i>BS Criminal Justice</i>
	◆◆◆ Emily Madonna Wickett <i>BS Criminal Justice</i>
	Domonique Lachelle Winfield <i>BS Criminal Justice</i>
	Adrianna Ma'Lyn Denise Wright <i>BS Criminal Justice</i>
	Ryan Fox Zunner <i>BS Digital Media and Communications</i>
	◆◆◆ Alexandra Michele Zurbrick <i>BA English</i>

Cori Lynn Shearing *Posthumous Certificate of Recognition* *Cyber Security*
Brittney Soos Summers *Posthumous Certificate of Recognition* *Criminal Justice*

Graduation Honors

The Latin phrases distinguishing the levels of performance recognized by the medieval universities have come to be used to honor the degrees of modern graduates as well. To be eligible for these honors, students must have completed all requirements for the bachelor's degree. Additionally, they must have earned at least 45 credit hours at Hilbert.

- ◆◆◆ **Summa Cum Laude** - "With the greatest praise" is awarded for grade point averages of 3.9-4.0.
- ◆◆ **Magna Cum Laude** - "With great praise" is awarded for grade point averages of 3.75-3.89.
- ◆ **Cum Laude** - "With praise" is awarded for grade point averages of 3.6-3.74.
- ▲ **Academic Honors** - This honor is awarded for grade point averages of 3.3 – 3.59.

2021 Candidates for Associate Degrees

Jacob Edward Koestler	AA	Criminal Justice
Dylan Arthur Smaszcz	AA	Criminal Justice
Brendan Scott Wheeler	AA	Criminal Justice

Special Distinctions

Blue and White Society

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Sigma Tau Delta Society

Sigma Tau Delta is an International Honor Society that distinguishes students for their high achievement in English language and literature. Sigma Tau Delta promotes literacy in our community by extending the love of literature outside the classroom and into tutoring opportunities, conference participation, poetry readings and writing.

Chi Alpha Sigma

To be inducted into Chi Alpha Sigma, individuals with junior and/or senior status must carry and maintain a 3.4 cumulative GPA, must be an active member of an athletics team, and must demonstrate good character on and off the playing field or court.

Past Honorary Degree Recipients

Doctor of Humane Letters

1987	Bradley H. Hafner	2011	Daniel Gernatt, Jr.
1996	Ilio Di Paolo (posthumously)	2012	JoAnn Falletta
2005	Sister Margaret Carney	2013	Howard Zemsky
2005	Barbara Connors	2014	Sister Ann Marie Hudzina, FSSJ
2006	Karen Gaughan Scott	2015	Kathy Hochul
2007	Thomas E. Baker	2016	Bishop Richard Malone
2008	Robert E. Rich, Jr.	2017	Candace Johnson, MD
2009	Rear Admiral Mary E. Landry	2018	Bishop George V. Murry
2010	Scott Bieler	2019	Sister Edmunette Paczesny, FSSJ, Ph.D.
2010	Bishop Edward U. Kmiec		

Doctor of Public Service

2016 Ed Qualey

Doctor of Science

2011 Dr. Donna M. Fernandes

Doctor of Fine Arts

1987 Louis Russo

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Beckage*

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Lamont Williams
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Dean of Students*

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Director of Athletics

The Second Letter to Agnes of Prague

What you hold, may you (always) hold,
What you do, may you (always) do and never abandon.
But with swift pace, light step,
Unswerving feet,
So that even your steps stir up no dust,
May you go forward
Securely, joyfully, and swiftly,
On the path of prudent happiness,
Not believing anything,
Not agreeing with anything
That would dissuade you from this resolution
Or that would place a stumbling block for you on the way,
So that you may offer your vows to the Most High
In the pursuit of that perfection
To which the Spirit of the Lord has called you.

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