

Marist College
2020 Baccalaureate Awards Tribute

Welcome Thomas S. Wermuth
Vice President for Academic Affairs/Dean of Faculty

Vocal Selection “Star Spangled Banner”
performed by Marist Chamber Singers and Singers from the Class of 2020

Invocation Francis E. Kelly, FMS
Director of Campus Ministry

Remarks Dennis J. Murray
President

Address Thomas S. Wermuth

Baccalaureate Awards

Academic Affairs Thomas S. Wermuth

School of Communication & the Arts Carolyn R. Lepre, *Dean*

School of Computer Science & Mathematics Roger L. Norton, *Dean*

School of Liberal Arts Martin B. Shaffer, *Dean*

School of Management Lawrence G. Singleton, *Dean*

School of Science Alicia A. Slater, *Dean*

School of Social & Behavioral Sciences Deborah Gatins, *Dean*

School of Professional Programs Daniel A. Szpiro, *Dean*

Student Affairs Deborah A. DiCaprio
Vice President/Dean of Student Affairs

Marist College Alumni Association Daniel E. Moran II '03,
President, Alumni Executive Board

Vocal Selection “Marist Song”
performed by Marist Chamber Singers and Singers from the Class of 2020

Conclusion Thomas S. Wermuth



Description of Awards

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Valedictorian Award – Emmanuelle J. Farrell

The valedictorian award recognizes distinctive academic achievement, the completion of at least 90 credits of study at Marist, and at least six semesters as a full-time student. **Emmanuelle Farrell** is a student in the Honors Program with a major in psychology and a minor in cognitive science. She is a member of the Alpha Chi and Psi Chi honor societies. Her research has included the impact of social media on mental health, the quality of life of individuals on the autism spectrum, and the effects of mindfulness on student well-being. She presented this research at three conferences. In addition to her academic accomplishments, Emmanuelle has served as president of Best Buddies at Marist, an organization dedicated to the inclusion of individuals with special needs. She will be pursuing a Master of Social Work at Rutgers University in the fall.

Salutatorian Award – Hailey Rose Guinn

The salutatorian award recognizes the student who has completed at least 90 credits of study at Marist and has earned the highest or second-highest grade point index in the class. **Hailey Guinn** is a criminal justice major with a business minor and a paralegal certificate. She interned for the Dutchess County District Attorney and for the US Marshals Service while working as a tutor and coordinator of Marist SNAP (Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol). For her Honors senior thesis, she created a podcast on trauma and PTSD in the sexual assault recovery process. She will continue pursuing her passion for criminal justice at law school in the fall.

General Excellence Award – Ellie Marie Petraccione

This award is given to the graduating student who has completed at least 60 credits at Marist and has attained the highest grade point index in the class. **Ellie Petraccione** is graduating summa cum laude with a degree in environmental science and policy. For her Honors thesis, she conducted research on harmful algal blooms and invasive species in the Hudson River. She was honored to present this research at the 2019 AGU Fall Meeting, the largest international earth science conference in the world. She created an interactive presentation to reach broad audiences beyond the scientific community. Ellie achieved this academic success while a member of the Marist Women's Lacrosse team and as a dedicated volunteer in Dutchess County.

Merit Award – Marla Joan DiPoto

This award is given to the graduating student who has completed at least 60 credits at Marist and has attained the second-highest grade point index in the class. **Marla DiPoto** is a fashion merchandising major and graphic design minor from Upton, Massachusetts. Reflecting on her four years, she is most grateful for the opportunity to have studied abroad in both Florence and London. These experiences allowed her to develop into an independent, hard-working, and resilient individual. Inspired by her London internship, the Marist Fashion curriculum, and graphic design courses, she hopes to pursue graduate school in the United Kingdom for graphic design, concentrating on the fashion and beauty industries.

Award for Academic Distinction – Kathleen Kelly Monahan

The Award for Academic Distinction is presented to the graduating student who has completed less than 60 credits at Marist and has achieved the highest grade point index within this group. After earning a B.S. in art history from SUNY New Paltz, **Kathleen Monahan** completed police basic training and has worked in law enforcement since 2007. She currently works for the Town of Wallkill Police Department, where she has been their crime scene and evidence technician since 2011. While she finds law enforcement

rewarding, she has a strong desire to get back into the art world. She is graduating with a degree in digital media with a minor in photography. While at Marist, she exhibited artwork locally in group shows at Roost Gallery in New Paltz and at Art Juxtapose in Rosendale.

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION AND THE ARTS

Award for Excellence in Fine Arts – Siena Kremidas

This award is given to the graduating senior who has excelled in his or her coursework and also has become involved in the discipline of art beyond the classroom. **Siena Kremidas** changed her major from environmental science to art history as a freshman and immediately enrolled in a 300-level art history course. She then studied in Florence, co-founded the Art History Club, worked at the art gallery on campus, and sold a print at auction. She completed an Honors senior thesis and considers graduating with honors as her greatest accomplishment at Marist. She intends to work in New York City.

Award for Excellence in Communication – Marika Julia Cygert

This award is given to the graduating communication major who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and a significant level of service to the College and the community. **Marika Cygert** majored in communication with a concentration in journalism. She believes that good journalism is needed now more than ever and has immersed herself in the world of media. She was the opinion editor for the *Marist Circle* as well as a resident assistant for three years. She interned for VH1 Save the Music Foundation and WNBC (News 4 New York). Her internship at WNBC underscored that news/entertainment is where she wants to be, and she hopes to continue working there or somewhere else within NBCUniversal.

Award for Excellence in Digital Media – Madison Jami Barr

This award is given to the graduating digital media major who has excelled in his or her coursework, demonstrated exceptional artistic creativity, contributed to the department, and exhibits leadership qualities. As an Honors student, **Madison Barr** completed a digital media major with a concentration in graphic design and a minor in business administration. She was the lead graphic designer on the Student Government Association's internet council. She presented a series of prints, entitled *The Harmful Effects of Plea Deals on the Justice System*, at the Celebration of Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity. After graduation, she will work as a designer at IBM in New York City.

Award for Excellence in Fashion Design – Julia Kathryn Gerrish Luff

This award recognizes outstanding academic performance in fashion design and distinguished participation in the activities of the department. **Julia Luff**, from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, is majoring in fashion design with minors in product development and merchandising. She plays for Marist's Women's Lacrosse team and had the opportunity to study abroad in Paris. For the past three summers she worked in New York City in fashion design. She concentrated on textile design, focusing on machine and hand knitting. Julia created her collection, called *Lost at Sea*, using materials sourced from local artisans and farmers in the Hudson Valley.

Award for Excellence in Fashion Merchandising – Marla Joan DiPoto

This award recognizes outstanding academic performance in fashion merchandising and distinguished participation in the activities of the department. **Marla DiPoto** is a fashion merchandising major and a previous recipient of the Marist Fashion Faculty Award. While maintaining a high standard of work within Marist Fashion, she discovered her affinity toward the convergence of fashion, beauty, art, and design, especially through historical and international perspectives. On campus, she has become involved in event planning for Marist Fashion and visual merchandising for MPorium. She hopes her future endeavors continue to involve this visual storytelling within the fashion and beauty industries.

Award for Excellence in Media Studies and Production – Rebecca Ann Rose

This award recognizes outstanding academic performance in media studies and production as well as distinguished achievement in internships, community service, or student organizations related to the department. **Rebecca Rose** is a double major in communication (sports communication) and media studies & production. She has been on the Dean's List every semester, became a member of the Emerging Leaders Program, and received the National Engaged Leadership Award. She participated in Marist in Manhattan, where she interned with Animal Planet. She was director of photography on a film that won a Silver Fox Award, attended the Lake Placid Film Festival, and was selected to work the MAAC Basketball Tournament production. After graduation, she hopes to work in television or sports broadcasting.

Award for Excellence in Music – Madison Elizabeth Russell

The recipient of this award must complete a music minor, participate in various music programs with the College, exhibit leadership qualities, and demonstrate artistic creativity. **Madison Russell** is an applied mathematics major on the chemistry track with minors in data science & analytics and music. She was heavily involved in the Marist Band and is thankful for the wonderful friends and memories the music program has provided for her. She will attend the University at Buffalo to pursue a Ph.D. in mathematics and hopes to continue making music in her spare time.

SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

The Dr. William Cadden Achievement Award for Excellence in Computer Science – Matthew Oakley

This award was established by the Marist College Software Engineering Research Fund in honor of its founder, Dr. William Cadden, a distinguished IBM computer scientist. **Matthew Oakley** will graduate summa cum laude with a B.S. in computer science and cyber security. He has been an active leader in the Marist community, serving as president of the Asian Alliance Club, an international student orientation leader, and a developer for the Cloud Computing and Analytics Center. He has presented research focusing on machine learning and network attacks. Matthew has accepted a full-time offer at Optum in Hartford, Connecticut.

Award for Excellence in Information Technology and Systems – Min Ji Kim

This award is given to the graduating senior whose achievements in or out of the classroom demonstrated an unusual depth of knowledge and creativity in information systems. **Min Ji Kim** will graduate summa cum laude with a degree in information technology and minors in computer science and business administration. Named to the Dean's List every semester, she is a member of the Alpha Chi national college honor society and the National Society of Leadership and Success. She worked in Marist's Networking and Client Technologies departments and held positions as an orientation leader, tutor, and customer engineer intern, where she enjoyed being able to help her peers succeed. Upon graduation, she plans to work in the information technology field.

Award for Excellence in Mathematics – Amy Johnson Pitts

This award is given to the graduating senior whose achievements in or out of the classroom demonstrated an unusual depth of mathematical knowledge and creativity. **Amy Pitts** has a double major in applied mathematics and data science & analytics with a minor in computer science. She has held leadership positions in multiple Marist clubs, including the Association for Women in Mathematics, Pi Mu Epsilon, the Mathematics Club, and the Equestrian team. As the lead Math Lab tutor, she spent countless hours tutoring students in various mathematics courses. She participated in two highly competitive undergraduate research experiences, one at Lafayette College the other at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. She has accepted a fellowship at Columbia University, where she will pursue a Ph.D. in biostatistics.

SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS

Award for Excellence in English – Amanda Marie Dettmann

This award honors a graduating senior who has achieved distinction in analytical and expressive skills, and whose high scholarship index and positive participation in campus life have demonstrated commitment to the values of Marist College. **Amanda Dettmann** is an English major with a concentration in writing and minors in theatre, literature, and creative writing. She was an active member of MCCTA and interned with *JetSet Times* and the Portland Art Gallery. She taught at Spindleworks Arts Center for adults with disabilities in Maine, Outreach 360 School in Nicaragua, and San Gaspare School in Italy. She is a member of the Sigma Tau Delta and Alpha Psi Omega national honor societies. Amanda is currently considering offers from a number of M.F.A. programs.

The Brother Joseph L. R. Bélanger, FMS, Award for Excellence in French – Steven Alan B. Jacobs

This award is given to the graduating senior who has maintained an honors grade point index in all major field courses and has also submitted a thesis deserving of honors. **Steven Jacobs** is a French and Italian double major. He studied internationally for two full years in Florence, Italy; Grenoble, France; and Taormina, Sicily. He was an Italian and French language tutor in the Weiss Language Center, a teaching assistant for the Italian Program, and he interned at the Magazzino Italian Art museum. He presented his language and technology research at international academic conferences in Arizona and Spain. He will begin a Ph.D. program in Italian studies at Rutgers University in the fall.

Award for Excellence in History – Emma Meredith Dionne

This award is given to the individual who has done exceptional work in history courses and has compiled an overall record of high academic achievement. **Emma Dionne** majored in history and minored in political science. She presented at the Student World Affairs Conference, scripted a Hudson River Valley Institute documentary project, interned for a member of Parliament as a Hansard scholar, and published “The Danger of Hysteria: The Public Dimension of Japanese-American Internment, 1935-1945” in *Gateway History Journal* of Washington University St. Louis. As a recipient of the highly prestigious James Madison Fellowship, Emma will pursue graduate work in history to become a secondary education teacher.

Award for Excellence in Philosophy – Mallory Jessie Cannon

This award is given to the individual who has done exceptional work in philosophy courses and has compiled an overall record of high academic achievement. **Mallory Cannon** is a philosophy and psychology double major with a cognitive science minor. She presented her research at the National Collegiate Honors and Mid-Hudson Philosophy conferences. She is the president of the Psychology Club, and she interned for two semesters at the Nathan Kline Institute in Orangeburg, New York. She also studied abroad in Athens, Greece, during the Spring 2019 semester. Mallory is applying for research assistant positions and will pursue a Ph.D. in cognitive psychology.

Award for Excellence in Political Science – Louis Richard Higuera

This award is given to the graduate who, having earned at least 24 credits in political science and significantly exceeded a 3.0 GPA both in the major and overall, offers significant involvement in campus activities and shows potential for leadership. **Louis Higuera** is a political science and philosophy double major. He spent his freshman year in Florence, Italy, and later interned in Washington, D.C., with a nonprofit organization that uses sports to engage youth. As a Tarver summer intern, he also worked with Literacy Connections. He is a staff writer for the *Marist Circle* and a member of the Pi Sigma Alpha honor society. Louis has been selected for a prestigious Fulbright fellowship to teach English in Lithuania. After his Fulbright year, he plans to work in politics or journalism.

The Dr. Raymond Weiss Award for Excellence in Spanish – Crystal Silva Barroca

This award is given to the graduating senior who has achieved excellence in the mastery of the Spanish language, and who manifests a deep appreciation and understanding of the literature and culture of Hispanic civilization. **Crystal Barroca**, from Roslyn Heights, New York, is a double major in biomedical sciences and Spanish. She was the student manager of the Weiss Language Center, secretary for the Tri Sigma sorority, and a volunteer at the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie and Bridges of Hope. She conducted undergraduate research on cell biology and interned at the MidHudson Regional Hospital, NYU-Winthrop Hospital, Surgical Pediatrics, and Long Beach Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Crystal will be applying to medical school this summer.

The Thomas Casey Award for Public Praxis – Emily Elizabeth Satin

This award is given to a graduating senior who has initiated a significant civic project. In response to some aspect of human suffering, the recipient has integrated community experience, scholarly inquiry, and critical reflection. **Emily Satin** is a psychology major who has significantly contributed to the Marist and Dutchess County communities. She volunteered at multiple nonprofit organizations, including Abilities First, Dutchess Outreach, Family Services, Literacy Connections, and the Liberty Partnership Program. She organized a nonprofit careers conference for the Center for Civic Engagement, and she was a 2019 Tarver summer intern. She was a proofreader for the Academic Learning Center and a faculty research assistant. Emily will pursue her doctorate in school psychology in the Psy.D. program at the University at Albany beginning this fall.

The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion Excellence Award – Hannah Emily Kirk

This award is given to the graduating senior who has compiled an excellent undergraduate record, including coursework in survey research; participated extensively in statewide and national public opinion surveys; provided leadership in the planning and implementation of MIPO activities; and successfully completed an internship at MIPO or related activity. **Hannah Kirk**, a communication major concentrating in journalism, is from Tolland, Connecticut, and is recognized for her distinguished participation in the Marist Poll. She worked at MIPO for four years, two of which she served as head coach, the highest student position at the Poll. She served as both a legislative and constituent intern for the New York State Senate and the United States House of Representatives. Hannah hopes to continue to work in government affairs after graduation.

SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Award for Academic Excellence in Accounting – Emily Jordan Ecklund

This award acknowledges the senior accounting major who possesses the highest cumulative grade point averages in accounting and overall, and who has provided service to the Beta Alpha Psi honor society. **Emily Ecklund** is graduating summa cum laude with a B.S. in accounting. Additionally, she will earn her M.S. in professional accountancy in August. She was vice president of Marist's Beta Alpha Psi chapter as well as vice president of the O'Shea and McCormick Residence Hall Council. Further, she is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society and Alpha Chi national college honor society. After graduation, Emily will be working as an audit associate for EY in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Award for Academic Excellence in Business Administration – Reanna Marie Notarantonio

This award acknowledges the senior business administration major who possesses the highest cumulative grade point average. **Reanna Notarantonio** will graduate summa cum laude with a major in business administration with a concentration in finance. At Marist, she has served as treasurer of Tri Sigma and co-president of the Investment Club. She is also a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma business honor

society and Alpha Chi national college honor society. Last summer, Reanna interned as a financial product analyst at Bloomberg, where she has accepted a full-time position in New York after graduation.

Award for Academic Excellence in Economics – Spencer William Hogan

This award acknowledges the senior economics major who has demonstrated exceptional understanding of contemporary economic issues and has shown outstanding promise through internships, economic research, or special projects. **Spencer Hogan** is graduating with a dual major in economics and business administration with a finance concentration. He worked as a White House intern in 2019 and completed senior thesis research on central banking. He is currently Marist's student body executive vice president, co-president of Omicron Delta Epsilon economics honor society, and past president of the Marist Business Club. After graduation, he will be working in management consulting in Washington, D.C.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

The Glenn Marinelli Award for Excellence in Athletic Training – Stephanie Ann Carpiniello

This award is given to a student who has completed a minimum of 24 credits of study in athletic training at Marist and has achieved recognized excellence in academic performance. **Stephanie Carpiniello** is graduating cum laude with a degree in athletic training. In addition to her clinical internships, which included Arlington, Red Hook, and Spackenkill high schools as well as Vassar College, Stephanie volunteered medical services at events such as the Marine Corps Marathon. She recently presented a case study at the Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association annual symposium and represented Marist in the regional Quiz Bowl. Stephanie will be working as an athletic trainer following graduation.

The Barnes & Noble College Bookstores Award for Excellence in Biology – Claire Ellen Bisch

This award is given to the student who has completed a minimum of 24 credits of study in biology at Marist and achieved recognized excellence in academic performance. **Claire Bisch** is graduating summa cum laude with a major in biomedical sciences and minors in chemistry and cognitive science. She has interned at two local dental offices and MidHudson Regional Hospital, and volunteered as an EMT and at Yale Cancer Center. She served as a student advisor to the Marist Pre-Health Pre-college Program, and as a laboratory assistant for biology and chemistry courses. Following graduation, Claire will attend dental school at the University of Connecticut.

The Dr. Andrew A. Molloy '51 Award for Excellence in Chemistry – Bradley Andrew Mobeck

This award is given to a student who majored in chemistry or biochemistry and completed a minimum of 24 credits of study in chemistry at Marist, achieving recognized excellence in academic performance. **Bradley Mobeck** is graduating magna cum laude with a B.A. in biochemistry and has completed the Honors Program. In addition to his stellar academic performance, earning Dean's List status every semester, he has demonstrated incredible leadership skills as the resident assistant (RA) of the Honors Floor and assistant resident director of Champagnat Hall. He has been a role model and mentor to many of his residents and, more recently, other RAs. After graduation, Bradley will be attending dental school at the University of California, Los Angeles.

The CH Energy Group, Inc. Award for Excellence in Environmental Science & Policy – Matthew Thomas Harris

This award is given to the student who has completed a minimum of 24 credits of study in environmental science at Marist and achieved recognized excellence in academic performance. Environmental science and policy major. **Matthew Harris** increased activities and membership as president of Marist's environmental club, SEED. His Honors thesis, Marist Earth Ally Project, was an online education platform to increase environmental stewardship by all Marist individuals. As an intern for the National Park

Service, he helped develop a Hyde Park trail management plan. He also interned at the Center for Victim Safety and Support in Poughkeepsie. He was active on the Campus Sustainability Advisory Committee and the Diversity and Inclusion Board. He served as a tutor, campus tour guide, resident assistant, and community service van driver. Matthew will be attending Rutgers University after graduation to pursue a graduate degree in social work.

The Johnson & Johnson Clinical Diagnostic Award for Excellence in Medical Technology – Emily Rose Klein

This award is given to a student who has completed a minimum of 37 credits of study in medical technology at Marist and achieved recognized excellence in academic performance as well as demonstrated potential for growth in the profession of medical technology. **Emily Klein** is a medical technology major with minor in biology. She is a member of the Honors Program and the National Society of Leadership and Success and was active in Campus Ministry. She presented at the Marist Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity in the Spring 2018. Emily's goal is to work as a medical technologist at a prestigious hospital in the Long Island or New York City metropolitan area.

The Mary Lou Gantert Award for Excellence in Science – Nina Mary Josephine Fassnacht

This award is given to a senior who has achieved a grade point average of 3.25 or greater; participated in research, internships, scientific presentations and/or related work experience beyond the expectations of the major; and compiled a record of service to the School of Science, the College, or the local community. The recipient should also show promise for continuation of their education at the professional- or graduate-school level. **Nina Fassnacht** is graduating summa cum laude with a B.S. in biomedical sciences and a chemistry minor. She served as a teaching assistant, resident assistant, and tutor. She is an EMT and conducted medical outreach in Haiti, Ghana, and South Africa. Her Honors thesis involved studying chemotherapeutic agents, and she was a two-time recipient of a Genetics Society of America Fellowship to present her work at international meetings. Nina will begin medical school in 2021.

The Boehringer Ingelheim Award for Excellence in Scientific Research – Richard James Monsky

This award is given to a student selected by the School of Science faculty in recognition of overall academic performance with a primary focus on achievement in research. **Richard Monsky**, a 2019 Goldwater scholar, is graduating magna cum laude with a B.S. in chemistry. A member of the Honors Program, he received the 2019 Mid-Hudson ACS College Recognition Award and the 2020 ACS Organic Division Undergraduate Award. He conducted research for five semesters at Marist, in biology and chemistry, and for two summers at chemistry REU programs at NYU and NC State. He presented his research at several local and national conferences. After graduation, Richard will pursue a Ph.D. in chemistry at Northwestern University.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

The Andrew Lutakome Kayiira Award for Excellence in Criminal Justice – Stephanie C. Ostrowski

Dr. Kayiira was a criminal justice faculty member (1984-1987). Upon returning to his native Uganda to serve as Minister of Energy, he was incarcerated and then assassinated. In his memory, the Kayiira Award was created to recognize the criminal justice graduate who best combines academic excellence with strength of character, integrity, and service to the major. **Stephanie Ostrowski** earned her B.S. in criminal justice with minors in social work, psychology, and accounting. She completed internships with Hunterdon and Somerset County prosecutors' offices, the United States Marshals Service, Exodus Transitional Community, and the Dutchess County District Attorney's office. She was inducted into Alpha Phi Sigma, for which she served as the chapter's vice president. She served as the president of the Criminal Justice Club and Marist

Photography Club, as well as a program assistant for the Marist Criminal Justice Pre-college Program. Stephanie will attend Rutgers University for a Master's in Social Work.

The St. Marcellin Champagnat Award for Excellence in Education – Dylan Patrick O'Brien

This award is presented annually to a teacher-education graduate whose commitment to personal academic excellence, professional excellence as a teacher, and service to children and youth reflects the high ideals of St. Marcellin Champagnat, founder of the teaching order of Marist Brothers, who established Marist College. **Dylan O'Brien** served on the Executive Board of the Marist Singers, as music director of Time Check, and as a section leader in the Chamber Choir. He is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, the education honor society, and he completed his student teaching at Violet Avenue Elementary School. He was a member of the Honors Program, completing research about STEAM and non-verbal communication in choral music. After graduation, Dylan plans to pursue a teaching position in New York.

Award for Excellence in Psychology – Natalie E. Bills

The recipient of this award has achieved an exceptional academic record in addition to having acknowledged service to the community. Their contribution to the College and the community exemplifies the goals and ethics of the psychology major at Marist. **Natalie Bills** is a member of the Honors Program as well as the Psi Chi and Alpha Chi honor societies. She worked as a research assistant for the Psychology Department and completed her own research, which she presented at the Eastern Psychological Association and New England Psychological Association conferences. Natalie worked as a summer research assistant for the Yale University Cognition and Development Lab and TheChildLab.com. After graduation, she will pursue a career in experimental psychology as a lab manager.

The Eileen Taylor-Appleby Award for Excellence in Social Work – Maria A. DeGross

The social work faculty annually recognizes a student who intends to practice social work and who clearly identifies with the purposes, goals, and ethics of the profession. In addition, the selected student has achieved a GPA over 3.0 and has served the Social Work Program through the Social Work Association or by supporting fellow students and representing the program to the College and larger community. **Maria DeGross** has demonstrated the values that underpin social work in the classroom, the community, and at her internships. She completed her senior internship with Family of Woodstock, a multiservice crisis center. She had extensive crisis intervention training and became an integral member of the crisis team. Her advocacy and fundraising skills for Family of Woodstock earned special recognition. Maria is a member of Delta Alpha Pi, Alpha Sigma Lambda, and Phi Theta Kappa honor societies. She will be attending Adelphi University in the fall to complete her M.S.W. with a focus on trauma-informed practice.

SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Award for Excellence in Professional Studies – Kimberly Ann Jacobs

This award is made annually to the student who demonstrates high academic achievement in his or her academic endeavors in the Professional Studies Program. **Kimberly Jacobs**, a lifelong resident of the Hudson Valley, is a learning and development professional with over two decades of experience. She currently lives in New Windsor with her husband, Stephen, and their dog, Buster. Her college journey began in 1995 at Syracuse University, and she is thrilled to be earning her bachelor's degree in professional studies in 2020. She has had an amazing experience at Marist, with excellent professors, outstanding courses, and wonderful classmates, whom she now considers to be a second family.

The Spirit of Adult Education Award – Johanna Marie Migliaccio

Adult students are often required to juggle their academic studies, family responsibilities, careers, and community involvement. This award is made annually to the adult undergraduate student who serves as a strong role model for adult students by demonstrating high academic achievement and being actively engaged in the community. **Johanna Migliaccio** is graduating summa cum laude with a B.S. in professional studies. Her commitment to her studies is reflected through her inductions into the Alpha Chi and Alpha Sigma Lambda honor societies. She credits two colleagues with encouraging her to begin her studies, and her family was instrumental throughout her educational journey. Johanna has worked full time for Marist's School of Professional Programs while studying as a part-time, online student.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Hermitage Community Service Award – Ava Elyse Hanlon

This award is presented to the graduating student who has compiled an impressive record of volunteer activity on and/or off campus, demonstrating the College's traditional values of concern for the disadvantaged and service to the community. **Ava Hanlon** is a biomedical sciences major with a minor in French who aspires to attend medical school after graduation. For the past two years she has poured her passion and energy into fundraising for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital through the Up til Dawn fundraising event. As the executive director of the Marist campaign, she guided a group of thirteen students whose efforts raised over \$94,000 for St. Jude Hospital research. This placed Marist in the top 10 in the nation for college and university fundraising, with Marist appearing as the smallest institution on the list.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Alumni Leadership Awards – Jillian Marie Kaczmarek and Spencer William Hogan

Awards are given to the graduating woman and man who exemplify the true spirit of Marist College. Recipients will have made a significant contribution to the Marist community and show promise as a loyal and supportive member of the Alumni Association. Nominations are made by Marist alumni currently working at the College.

Jillian Kaczmarek arrived at Marist as a transfer student and immediately immersed herself into our community. She regularly visited the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie to read to and engage children. She has served as a tour guide, ambassador board member, and personal assistant in the Office of Admission, whose staff describe her interpersonal skills as that of a seasoned professional. She completed three internships and helped found women's club lacrosse. After graduation she will start her career as an assistant buyer for Ross Stores.

Spencer Hogan has accomplished a great deal in his four years at Marist. On campus he has served as executive vice president of the Student Government Association as well as Academic Affairs vice president. He was president of the Business Club and worked as a resident assistant. One of his most important professional experiences was as an intern in the White House Office of American Innovation, in Washington. He was awarded the Bienstock Family Internship at the Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist, and he had an article published in their journal. Spencer will be starting as a management consultant with Accenture Federal Services in August.



Marist Singers: Marist Chamber Choir and The Sirens

Giovanni Amico
Alexis Victoria Benjamin*
Christine Bjorkman
Brian Justin Camero*
Wyatt Cannon
Analisa Caso*
Michael Blase Coppola*
Christina Davis*
Erica Lynn Di Santi*
Clairice Anne Drexler*
Adriana Duffy
James Erlanger
Amanda Catherine Harrigan*
Olivia Grace Haskell*
Gina Marie Jacobsen*
Emma Kiernan
Emma Kittay
Margaret Kruse
Megan Le
Lily Link
Ethan Maslyn
Alison Meghan McWalters*
Katarina L. Mueller*
Dylan Patrick O'Brien*
Maxwell O'Handley

Olivia Rose Orellano*
Ryan James Parbs*
Ronelle Pearson
Brandon Carl Potenza*
Emma Regina
Noelle Ryan Roth*
Grace Rowan
Nicolette Marie Schepis*
Victoria Rose Schubert*
Jay Thomas Silver*
Matthew Spadaccini
Benjamin Stroud
Dylan Twomley
Kristina Rose Ultimo*
Thomas Ronald Vestuto*
Carley Wells
Ryan Hannah Wertlieb*
Angelina Zacharias

Added Audio:

Nicholas Cipriano '16
Nicholas Lange '18
Zachary Russo '16
John Scott '16

***Class of 2020**

