



UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY

SCHOOL OF LAW

COMMENCEMENT

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UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY SCHOOL OF LAW

COMMENCEMENT 2025

Friday, May 9
2:00 p.m.

Calihan Hall
University of Detroit Mercy
4001 West McNichols Road
Detroit, Michigan

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

BAGPIPER

MACE-BEARER

GRAND MARSHAL

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF LAW

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PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

During the graduation ceremony, guests seated on the main floor may not stand in the aisles or in front of the stage to photograph graduates. Please silence all electronic devices during the ceremony.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

PROCESSIONAL

SALUTATION

Catherine Archibald, J.D.
Grand Marshal, Associate Professor of Law

WELCOME

Pamela Zarkowski, J.D., M.P.H.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs of the University

INVOCATION

Rev. Charles O. Oduke, Ph.D.
Vice President for Mission Integration

O CANADA

Clare M. Sawicki '17

*O Canada!
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.*

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Clare M. Sawicki '17

*O say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

DEAN'S REMARKS

Nicholas J. Schroeck, J.D.
Dean and Professor of Law

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Donald B. Taylor, Ph.D.
President of the University

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Gary Peters '84
U.S. Senator

PRESENTATION OF JURIS DOCTOR DEGREES

Nicholas J. Schroeck, J.D.

CONFERRING OF JURIS DOCTOR DEGREES

Donald B. Taylor, Ph.D.

PRESENTATION OF VIVERE EX MISSIONE AWARD

Donald B. Taylor, Ph.D.

PRAYER INSPIRED BY ST. THOMAS MORE

Hunter J. Broski '25

Lord, grant that I may be able in argument,
accurate in analysis,
strict in study,
candid with clients,
and honest with adversaries.

Sit with me at my desk,
and listen with me to my client's complaints,
read with me in my library,
and stand beside me in court,
so that today I shall not,
in order to win a point,
lose my soul.

ST. THOMAS MORE, CHANCELLOR OF ENGLAND, 1478-1535

GRADUATES' REMARKS

Maya J. Mourani '25
Jared M. Colthurst '25

SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNUS REMARKS

Kristin E. Fernandez '19
President of the Alumni Association

RECESSIONAL

Please remain seated until the graduates and academic procession
leave Calihan Hall.

JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE CANDIDATES

Ihsan G. Abdulghani	Mariane Karkaba
Alex William Acker	Manya Deep Kaur
Tuktom M. Albdair*	Kailey Louise Kelliher
Alexis Michelle Amy <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Christopher Joseph Lagoe*
Andrew Antonov <i>Cum Laude</i>	Stephanie Renee Latos <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Payton Renee Armstrong <i>Cum Laude</i>	Craig Adam Luca <i>Cum Laude</i>
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Nataniella Asmaro*	Nader M. Majed
Samantha Elizabeth Aula	Vincent Kase Manna*
Natalie Azar	Briyhan Chemere Martin <i>Cum Laude</i>
George Sophocles Bados <i>Cum Laude</i>	Corey J. McLaughlin
Zein Bazzi	Corey G. McPherson
Mackenzie Runnoe Beckett <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Maida Medar**
Daniel Ritter Vaughn Bernhard <i>Cum Laude</i>	Steven Patrick Meerschaert <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
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Hunter James Broski <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Alessia Mia Montemurri <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Antonio Mario Cappussi	Maya Joseph Mourani
Maxwell Z. Cavellier <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Mecca Kamilah Muhammad
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Sara Elizabeth Cipriano <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Michelle Nader
Michelle E. Cirino <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Brigitte Najor
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Natalie Navarro Crane <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Hiba Nasser*
Lindsay Beth Densmore	Lara Michael Neshewat
Brooke Bailey Drabicki <i>Cum Laude</i>	Alexzandra Roxanne Noffsinger <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Sally El-Ghdaf <i>Cum Laude</i>	Eaven O'Meara**
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Harley M. Ennis <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Angela Clare Paget <i>Cum Laude</i>
Enoch I. Erbert	Allyssa Michelle Palazzolo
Allie Jean Farris <i>Cum Laude</i>	Mariana Palushaj
Vincent Samuel Fazio II <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Hannah Eve Passer**
Peter James Florian <i>Cum Laude</i>	Sabrina Pjetrushii <i>Cum Laude</i>
Julia Caroline Fornari	Jacob Nicholas Purwin
Marlowe S. Freifeld <i>Cum Laude</i>	Kyle J. Richardson**
Garrett M. Fridline	Carelis Nicole Rios Santiago <i>Cum Laude</i>
Keaton B. Frohn <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Analise LauRen Robinson <i>Cum Laude</i>
Samaya Santos Garza	Alicia Maria Rodriguez <i>Cum Laude</i>
Darby Poder Gilkinson <i>Cum Laude</i>	Andrew James Ross
Jazmine Sha'Rae Goode	Marie Rucinski <i>Cum Laude</i>
Laurynn Elizabeth Green <i>Cum Laude</i>	Jennifer Ruiz
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 Jasmine Elizabeth Truley
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 Nathan Alden Vandecar
 Caroline Elizabeth Weaver
 Cassandra Kayla Weck Wun *Summa Cum Laude*
 Ian Winston Wendrow *Magna Cum Laude*
 Benjamin John Wiegand
 Brooke Christine Wilke *Magna Cum Laude*
 Nathan John Wodwaski *Cum Laude*
 Badri Yono, Jr. *Magna Cum Laude*
 Ruah Rafat Zaghoul

DUAL UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY JURIS DOCTOR/UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE CANDIDATES

Jameel Khalil Amer *Cum Laude*
 Akshay Arora
 Danya Assef *Cum Laude*
 Fatima Bata
 Trisha Mari Anne Bautista
 Gabrielle Michaela-Ann Bayne *Magna Cum Laude*
 Tiara Melissa Ann Beaton
 Mackenzie Rae Bennett Banks
 Isaac Frank Bensaid
 Mohammad Sheryar Bhatti
 Zlata Bishev *Cum Laude*
 Michael Taylor Brown *Cum Laude*
 Kathryn Anna-Marie Burrows
 Lara Lisa Caschera
 Quinn Wesley Chamberlain
 Jared Michael Colthurst *Magna Cum Laude*
 Gaspare D'Amico
 Evelyn Anne Dentelbeck
 Leah Irene deVries *Magna Cum Laude*
 Mariama Kindy Diallo *Cum Laude*
 Arghavan Eftekhari
 Maya Georges Eid *Cum Laude*
 Baraa El Nagar
 Rabia Fatima *Cum Laude*

William Constantine George
 Alleyah Asmah Ghanie
 Michelle Mary Habib
 Omar Hamed
 Iryna Huk
 Bailee Victoria Elizabeth Huston
 Sydney Kinsky Hutabarat *Cum Laude*
 Anoosh Iqbal
 Joshua John Engel Isley *Summa Cum Laude*
 Subegh Singh Jassi
 Mark Richard Luening *Magna Cum Laude*
 Marco Magnante *Cum Laude*
 Roni Malka
 Mohammad Mani
 Alexander Mansour
 Martin Antonio Mejia** *Cum Laude*
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 Maxim Lawrence Eric Musyj
 Sukriti Singh Nagpal**
 Kathryn G. Nairne
 Salina Nathoo *Magna Cum Laude*
 Adam Charles Herman Newton *Cum Laude*
 Alexandra Gloria Rose Nytschuk Di Bartolomeo
 Maryana Odisho
 Simon Michael Pereira *Cum Laude*
 Aliza Rahman *Magna Cum Laude*
 Rida Z. Raza
 Paige Lyn Redmond *Magna Cum Laude*
 Margaret Mary Rice
 Naomi Peralta Richardson *Cum Laude*
 Teneil Ashleigh Russell
 Rashminder Kaur Sandhu *Cum Laude*
 Nachiketsinh Sarvaiya
 Oketa Ketu Satri
 Veresh Seelochan
 Matthew Anthony Sergi
 Nagin Seyedinasab
 Rushali Shah *Cum Laude*
 Khadija Shamisa *Cum Laude*
 Tanner W. Shaw *Magna Cum Laude*
 Gurjot Kaur Sunner
 Emily Lauren Thomas**
 Haolin Tong
 Yu An Tung
 Ceana Eileen Ussoletti
 Austin Mickael VanderBurgt
 Alexandra Ryan Willert
 Samalia Shonda Williams
 Cammey Yang *Magna Cum Laude*

JOINT UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT
MERCY JURIS DOCTOR/MASTER OF
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE
CANDIDATE

Joseph J. Manuszak*

* December 2024 Graduates

** July 2025 Graduates

THANK YOU

We acknowledge the following people for their musical contributions to the 2025 commencement ceremony:

Bagpiper

Vocalist

Bruce Burt

Clare M. Sawicki '17

Special thank you to the 2025 commencement committee, participants, and volunteers.



The listing of graduates, degrees, and honors in the program is preliminary in some cases and is subject to final certification of graduation. The posting of the earned degree and honors on the permanent transcript record in the Office of the University Registrar is the official testimony of the possession of the degree.

The University of Detroit Mercy is committed to the concept of equal opportunity and fair treatment for all persons in the University community. In carrying out this policy, the University will take affirmative action to achieve equal access and enhance opportunity for all individuals regardless of age, sex, race, color, religion, creed, national origin, ancestry, handicap, military service, height, weight, marital status, or political belief. This policy is relevant to all aspects of the University including all recognized organizations, choice of contractors, and suppliers of goods and services. The University is further bound by applicable city, state, and federal laws and orders which provide the essential regulatory tools needed to back up its moral commitment to eliminate discrimination.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



GARY PETERS
U.S. SENATOR

U.S. Senator Gary Peters has been honored to represent the State of Michigan in the U.S. Senate since 2015.

Gary is Ranking Member of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, which is the Senate's top oversight committee. He also serves on the Appropriations Committee, which is responsible for crafting legislation that allocates federal resources, the Armed Services Committee, and the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, where he is also Ranking Member of the Surface Transportation, Freight, Pipelines, and Safety Subcommittee.

While working full-time, Gary earned an M.B.A. in Finance from the University of Detroit Mercy, an M.A. in political science from Wayne State University, an M.A. in Philosophy from Michigan State University with a focus on the ethics of development, and a J.D. from Wayne State University Law School.

Gary volunteered for the U.S. Navy Reserve at age 34, where he earned a Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist designation and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. After the September 11th terrorist attacks on our country, he volunteered again for drilling status and served overseas as part of his Reserve duty. He later earned a diploma from the College of Naval Command and Staff, U.S. Naval War College.

Prior to his career in public service, Gary worked in the private sector for over 20 years as both a financial advisor and in a variety of management positions with two major financial service firms. He was an assistant vice president at Merrill Lynch before working at UBS/PaineWebber as a vice president.

Gary is known as one of the most effective and bipartisan U.S. Senators. For a third straight Congress, Gary was recognized as the most effective Senator by the non-partisan Center for Effective Lawmaking. He was also named by the non-partisan Lugar Center as the 2nd-most bipartisan Senator – and the most bipartisan Democrat – for his work during the 117th Congress.

Gary is a fifth-generation Michigander and has lived in Michigan his entire life. He and his wife, Colleen, live in Oakland County and have three children. They also recently became proud grandparents.

