



# 2026 Barry University Honors Convocation Program

**Barry University President Mike Allen, PhD, and Pablo Ortiz, EdD, Provost, cordially invite the Barry University community to the 2026 Honors Convocation Ceremony**



**Date:** May 7, 2026

**Time:** 4:00pm – 5:30pm

**Location:** Cor Jesu Chapel, Barry University

## Order of Service

<b>Processional</b>	Jean McActavey, PhD <i>University Marshall &amp; Faculty Senate Chair</i>
<b>Presider</b>	Javier Gonzalez, PhD <i>Chair, Honor Society Committee</i>
<b>Invocation</b>	Fr. Humphrey Ikuenze <i>University Chaplain</i>
<b>Welcome Remarks</b>	Pablo Ortiz, EdD <i>Provost, Barry University</i>
<b>Deans' Awards</b>	
College of Arts and Sciences	Karen Callaghan, PhD <i>Dean, College of Arts and Sciences</i>
School of Business	Bogdan Daraban, PhD <i>Dean, School of Business</i>
College of Health Sciences and Clinical Practice	Katheryn Ludwig, PhD Associate Dean, College of Health Sciences and Clinical Practice
School of Nursing	Audrey Miller, PhD <i>Dean, School of Nursing</i>
<b>Sigma Tau Delta Writing Recognition</b>	Patricia Feito, PhD Associate Professor of English
<b>Honors Program Recognition</b>	Sarah Riva, PhD <i>Associate Professor of History &amp; Honors Program Director</i>
<b>Honor Society Inductees</b>	
Alpha Chi	Ben Hitchinson, PhD <i>Assistant Professor of Biomedical Sciences</i>
Delta Epsilon Sigma	Carole Huberman, PhD Professor of Public Administration
Phi Eta Sigma	Leah Blumenfeld, PhD <i>Professor of Political Science</i>
Kappa Gamma Pi	Fr. Jose David Padilla, OP <i>Associate Professor of Theology</i>
<b>St. Catherine Medal</b>	Fr. José-David Padilla, OP, SThD <i>Associate Professor of Theology</i> <b><i>Presented to the award recipient by Dr. Mike Allen</i></b>
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	Ms. Imani McClammy 2025 St. Catherine Medal Recipient
Curated Musical Selection and Recessional <i>Alma Mater</i>	Mr. Hamilton Gutierrez, Vocal Performance, Class of '26 <i>Administrative Assistant, College of Arts &amp; Sciences</i>

For full program details, please visit the Barry University Honor Society webpage by scanning the following QR code:



**2025-2026 Deans Awards**

<b>College of Arts and Sciences</b>		<b>Karen Callaghan, PhD</b> <i>Dean, College of Arts and Sciences</i>
Mathematics and Science	Ainsley Vanderhyde	Major: Marine Biology Minor: Chemistry Advisor: Dr. Michael Robinson
Social and Behavioral Science	Anastasia Hedditch	Major: Psychology Minor: Africana Studies Advisor: Dr. Pamela Hall

<b>School of Business</b>		<b>Bogdan Daraban, PhD</b> <i>Dean, School of Business</i>
Candela Clemente		Major: BSBA. Finance and Accounting Academic advisor: Jessica Fleitas
Patrick Alexander		Major: (BSBA. Management) Academic advisor: Jessica Fleitas
Roberto Campoverde		Major: BSBA. Finance Academic advisor: Jessica Fleitas
<b>Experiential Learning Award</b>	Victor Frizzera	Major: BSBA. Management Minor: History
	Yilian Garcia	Major: BSBA. Management

<b>School of Nursing</b>		<b>Audrey Miller, PhD</b> <i>Dean, School of Nursing</i>
Natalie Lopresti, BSN		Major: BSN Advisor: Yxiam Toledo, DNP, MSN-Ed, ARNP, FNP-C
Hailey Caban, BSN		Major: BSM Advisor: Ann Lamet, Ph.D., ARNP

<b>College of Health Sciences and Clinical Practice</b>		<b>Katheryn Ludwig, PhD</b> <i>Associate Dean, College of Health Sciences and Clinical Practice</i>
Hinata Sakamoto		Major: Kinesiology and Sport Sciences, with a specialization in Sport, Exercise and Performance Psychology Minor: Psychology

**2025-2026 Sigma Delta Tau Writing Awards**

<b>Sigma Delta Tau Writing Awards</b>		<b>Patricia Feito, PhD</b> <b>Associate Professor of English</b>
Essay	First Place: Lovely Kersaint	Honorable Mention: Milkevia Facen
Poetry	First Place: Hope Brittenham	Honorable Mention: Jordyn James
Helen Connell Film Essay	Winner: Jefferson Eldor	

**2025-2026 Honors Program Recognition**

<b>Honors Program Recognition</b>	<b>Sarah Riva, PhD</b> <b><i>Associate Professor of History &amp; Honors Program</i></b> <b><i>Director</i></b>
Roberto Campoverde	Debora Castro
Anastasia Hedditch	Adam Lynch
Viviana Rivas	

**2025-2026 Honors Society Inductees**

<b>Alpha Chi</b>	<b>Ben Hitchinson, PhD Moderator</b>
Carlos D'Amato	Keulyne Darang
Victor Frizzera	Anastasia Hedditch
Xyan Henry	Shakeia Knowles
Leia Lacayo	Lia Larramendi-Mirabal
Cassandra Morisset	Zakiyya Shaw
Arelis Trujillo	Ainsley Vanderhyde

<b>Delta Epsilon Sigma</b>	<b>Beatriz Calvo-Peña, PhD Moderator</b>
Amani Edwards	Saphira Etienne
Bridget Kaufman	Lia Larramendi Mirabel
Josiah Manners	Alexandria Mohammed
Carol Sacco	Talia Shalom
Ashley Vanderhyde	Arianna Vitale
Iana Jackson	Chelsea St. Rose
David McFadden	Rianna-Ashley Williams
Vernetta Rose	

<b>Phi Eta Sigma</b>	<b>Leah Blumenfeld, PhD Moderator</b>
Giulia Bonora	Daniel Infante
Hannah Carpio	Dorothy Lapomarede
Cindi Cooper	Luka Milutin
Milora Dulcius	Janelle Rogers
Elsieanne Francis	Isabella Rosenberger
Melania Samtani	Dana Satao
Aniyah Sands	Junior N Walkin

<b>Kappa Gamma Pi</b>	<b>Fr. Jose David Padilla, OP, SThD Moderator</b>
Xyan Henry	Leia Lacayo
Leia Larramendi Mirabal	Cassandra Morisset
Melanie Ramirez	Anisley Vanderhyde
Kiondra Wynter	

**2025-2026 St. Catherine Medal**

<b>St. Catherine Medal</b>	<b>José-David Padilla, OP, SThD</b> <i>Moderator</i>
Award Recipient: Ainsley Vanderhyde Major: Marine Biology	

**2025-2026 HONOR SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Laura Albuja, DNP, APRN, FNP-C	Associate Professor Of Nursing School of Nursing
Michael Alicea, EdD, MSW	Assistant Professor of Social Work College of Health and Wellness
Leah Blumenfeld, PhD	Moderator, Phi Eta Sigma Associate Professor of Political Science College of Arts and Sciences
Lawrence Byrne, PhD	Associate Professor of English College of Arts and Sciences
Ben Hitchinson, PhD	Moderator, Alpha Chi Assistant Professor of Biomedical Sciences College of Health and Wellness
Carole Huberman, PhD	Moderator, Delta Epsilon Sigma Professor of Public Administration Andreas School of Business and Public Administration
Javier Gonzalez, PhD	Chair, Honor Society Committee Associate Professor of Curriculum and Instruction College of Arts and Sciences
José-David Padilla, OP, SThD	Moderator, Kappa Gamma Pi Moderator, St. Catherine Medal Associate Professor of Theology College of Arts and Sciences
Zacharias Papadakis, Ph.D., ACSM – EP, FACSM	Professor of Exercise Physiology and Wellness College of Health Professions and Medical Sciences
Sarah Riva, PhD	Honors Program Director Associate Professor of History College of Arts and Sciences