



Presidential Scholars

Forty-Third Annual Convocation

March 17, 2023

Arrival

4 – 4:30 p.m.

Welcome

4:30 – 4:35 p.m.

*Sarah Summy, President
Faculty Senate*

Opening Remarks

4:35 – 4:45 p.m.

*Shelly Edgerton
Chair, Board of Trustees
followed by
Edward Montgomery, President
Western Michigan University*

Keynote Address

4:45 – 4:55 p.m.

Emma Baratta

*Graduate Assistant for the WMU Office of Government Relations
2022 Presidential Scholar in Political Science*

Presentation of the Presidential Scholars

4:55 – 5:25 p.m.

*Julian Vasquez Heilig, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
and College Deans*

Closing Remarks

5:25 – 5:30 p.m.

*Sarah Summy, President
Faculty Senate*

Reception

5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Josephine Thomas
Presidential Scholar in Accountancy

Adilene Nieves Rios
Presidential Scholar in Art

Morgan Boyd
Presidential Scholar in Aviation

Jake Fanizza
Presidential Scholar in Biological Sciences

Cameron Johnson
Presidential Scholar in Business Information Systems

Zahira Sanchez
Presidential Scholar in Chemical and Paper
Engineering

Rajendra Panth
Presidential Scholar in Chemistry

Samuel Hall
Presidential Scholar in Civil and Construction
Engineering

Raymond Falkiewicz
Presidential Scholar in Communication

Tephani DeYoung
Presidential Scholar in Comparative Religion

Sebastian Smiley
Presidential Scholar in Computer Science

Libby McKenzie
Presidential Scholar in Dance

Cecelia Chapleau
Presidential Scholar in Economics

Tawfiq Abuaita
Presidential Scholar in Electrical and Computer
Engineering

John Goheen
Presidential Scholar in Engineering Design, and
Management System

Kostandi Stephenson
Presidential Scholar in English

Phoebe Liccardo
Presidential Scholar in Environment and Sustainability

Derek Fischer
Presidential Scholar in Family and Consumer
Sciences

Ashley Hare
Presidential Scholar in Finance and Commercial Law

Quinn Heiser
Presidential Scholar in Geography, Environment, and
Tourism

Donovan Vitale
Presidential Scholar in Geological and Environmental
Sciences

Emily Kostbade
Presidential Scholar in Global and International
Studies

Nathan Halder
Presidential Scholar in History

Hannah Finkler
Presidential Scholar in Human Performance and
Health Education

Matthew Baker
Presidential Scholar in Industrial and Entrepreneur
Engineering and Engineering Management

Lidya Kartika
Presidential Scholar in Integrated Supply
Management

Payton Gagliardi
Presidential Scholar in Intercultural and Anthropology
Studies

Logan West
Presidential Scholar in Interdisciplinary Health
Programs

Jacob Myers
Presidential Scholar in Management

Taylor Davis
Presidential Scholar in Marketing

Juliana Fried
Presidential Scholar in Mathematics

Tyler Johnson
Presidential Scholar in Mechanical and Aerospace
Engineering

Caleb Piersma
Presidential Scholar in Music

Chase Rosengarten
Presidential Scholar in Nursing

Dayna Mulder
Presidential Scholar in Philosophy and
Presidential Scholar in Political Science

Imogen Courtney
Presidential Scholar in Physics

Haila Jiddou
Presidential Scholar in Psychology

Robert Carico
Presidential Scholar in Public Affairs and
Administration

Eva Fotieo
Presidential Scholar in Social Work

Lindsay Kovach
Presidential Scholar in Sociology

Marysol Millar
Presidential Scholar in Spanish

Sara Gerber
Presidential Scholar in Special Education and Literacy
Studies

Rebecca Adams
Presidential Scholar in Speech, Language and
Hearing Science

Timothy Gunawan
Presidential Scholar in Statistics

Sam Arnold
Presidential Scholar in Teaching, Learning, and
Educational Studies

Grace Niec
Presidential Scholar in Theatre

Erskine Payton
Presidential Scholar in University Studies

Noah Braasch
Presidential Scholar in World Languages &
Literatures