Middle Eastern & North African
graduation ceremony

Thursday
April 28, 2022

Michigan league ballroom
Greetings,

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate our Middle Eastern/North African (ME/NA) student graduates.

This celebration highlights the accomplishments and the cultural significance of our ME/NA communities at the University of Michigan. We hope that today’s graduation celebration inspires our current and future students to reach their future goals.

While we recognize this is an exciting time for our graduating students, it is also a bittersweet moment, when nostalgia is met with mixed emotions for what lies ahead. We often think of graduation as the conclusion of a long journey. However, it is important to remember that the Latin root for “commencement” means beginning.

As we honor this extraordinary graduating class, I am enthusiastic about the opportunities that await them. I am confident that they have the skills, talent, drive and commitment necessary to overcome whatever obstacles they may face and make a real difference in the world.

These students have endured one of the most challenging times in memory at the University and in our broader society. The resiliency they have demonstrated has only made them stronger, and better prepared to meet whatever challenges await them.

The Class of 2022 has made a difference during their time here, and we are a better university for having them as students. The University of Michigan will always be their home, and they will always be welcome.

Please join me in congratulating the Class of 2022 and their families for their outstanding accomplishments.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Sellers
Vice Provost for Equity and Inclusion
Chief Diversity Officer
To be a Michigan graduate is not just to join the community of over half a million Michigan alumni spread around the globe — half a million friends, colleagues, and mentors who are ready to help welcome you into your next chapter. It is also to embrace the idea that the knowledge and experiences you have earned here are a gift to be used. Your talents, dreams, and aspirations, along with the book-learning and real world practicums that you have seized all along here on campus, are not meant to be hoarded, but shared.

Go out and do great things with what you have learned. Do them well, with integrity and joy in the honest work of it. Carry with you the sense of self-assurance that even a pandemic could not stop you from chasing your dreams. You have overcome sleepless nights of studying for finals, the sweaty-palms feeling of just before a thesis defense, and so many other challenges, big and small. Whatever the next chapter of your story brings, I know you can handle it, and make us still here in Ann Arbor so very proud.

In fact, we are already proud. Your friends, family, and classmates could not be prouder of your achievements. But I hope you know that the most important opinion in all of this is how you see yourself. Wolverines, be proud of yourselves. Recognize and celebrate you for all you have done. Have there been times of self-doubt and struggle for you? I am sure there have. After all, that is what it means to be human.

You are not alone. I have those moments, too — and I am the vice president for Student Life at “the greatest university in the world!” as the voice for Darth Vader (James Earl Jones) put it. Every single other Michigan alum has been through this before you, and as you cross this finish line and set your eyes on a new horizon, remember that they are excited for you to join them, and we the staff and faculty at the University of Michigan will always be here to support you, wherever you go.

And, wherever you go — Go Blue!

Congratulations again, Wolverines. We are so proud of you.

Martino Harmon, Ph.D.
Vice President for Student Life
Order of Events

Welcome
HADI ALLOUCH AND ZEINA REDA

Opening Remarks
DR. ROBERT SELLERS

Keynote Speaker
MARIAM JALLOUL

Student Speaker
MICHAEL NUNU

Recognition of graduates
ALL GRADUATES

Closing Remarks
HECTOR GALVAN

Reception
Platform Party

NADIA BAZZY
Multi-Ethnic Students Affairs
Student Life

SHARON BURCH
Associate Director
Office of Academic and Multicultural Initiatives

SAID HANNOUCHI
Director
Arabic Language Program

LEILA KAWAR
Associate Professor
Department of American Culture

MATTHEW JABER STIFFLER
Lecturer II
American Culture and Arab
& Muslim American Studies

GLORIA DERR TAYLOR
Director
Office of Academic and Multicultural Initiatives
Mariam Jalloul was born and raised in Dearborn, Michigan as the daughter of Lebanese immigrants. She graduated from Harvard University in 2016 and earned her Master’s of Public Health and Master’s of Business Administration from the University of Michigan in 2019. Previously, she worked in the Office of Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib as a Policy Advisor and then Legislative Director. Currently, she resides in Washington DC, where she is the Legislative Director for Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. She is passionate about creating progressive social policy that safeguards the most vulnerable communities. Most proudly, she is Michigander and an aunt of four.
Master of Ceremonies

HADI ALLOUCH
College of LSA
Major: Biopsychology, Cognition, and Neuroscience

ZEINA REDA
College of LSA
Major: Political Science
Congratulations

MIDDLE EASTERN &
NORTH AFRICAN
Graduates
Graduates

Sarah Abdelbaki
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Economics; International Studies
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Shahab Abdullah
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Biomolecular Science
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Tasneem Abushaban
School of Public Health
Masters of Public Health, Health Behavior and Health Education
Master’s, May 2022

Simone Alhagri
School of Public Health
Health Behavior & Health Education
Master’s, May 2022

Arsha Ali
College of Engineering, Rackham Graduate School
Robotics
Master’s, May 2022

Moniah Almaweri
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Biomolecular Science with a minor in Philosophy
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Tahani Almujahid
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
English; International Studies
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Zahraa Altimemy
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Biopsychology, Cognition, and Neuroscience
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Mazen Aly
School of Dentistry
DDE
D.D.S., May 2022
Graduates

Mohammed Alzaben
Law School
LL.M/ Law
Master’s, May 2022

Leena Ammari
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Biopsychology, Cognition, and Neuroscience
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Salma Awad
Stephen M. Ross School of Business
Masters of Management
Master’s, May 2022

Adam Bazzi
Stephen M. Ross School of Business
Business Administration
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Jenna Berry
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Middle Eastern North African Studies
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Hassan Beydoun
School of Public Health
Bachelors of science
Bachelor’s, December 2021

Jenna Chami
School of Public Health
Master’s of Public Health in Health Behavior and Health Education
Master’s, May 2022

Latifa Cheaito
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Biopsychology, Cognition, & Neuroscience
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Rana Chouaib
School of Public Health
Public Health BS
Bachelor’s, May 2022
Graduates

Hiba Dagher
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Major in English with a sub-concentration in Creative Writing; Major in American Culture with a sub-concentration in Ethnic Studies
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Maryan El-hage
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Pure Mathematics; Honors Economics
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Mustapha Elghoul
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Computer Science; Cognitive Science
Bachelor’s, December 2021

Hanin Elhagehassan
College of Engineering
Biomedical Engineering
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Sara Elhasan
School of Public Health
Master of Public Health, Epidemiology
Master’s, May 2022

Layla Elmokadem
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Biopsychology, Cognition, and Neuroscience
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Amran Eltobah
College of Engineering
Major: Industrial & Operations Engineering; Minor: Entrepreneurship
Bachelor’s, August 2022

Yasemin Erdogan
School of Dentistry
Dentistry
D.D.S., May 2022

Hamsa Ezzi
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
BS in Biopsychology, Cognition, and Neuroscience; BS in American Culture
Bachelor’s, May 2022
Graduates

Nikki Farahanchi
Stephen M. Ross School of Business
Major in business and minor in Middle East studies
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Reem Farjo
School of Public Health
Public Health Sciences
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Hassan Fawaz
College of Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Kiana Gabriella Merino Ghahyazi
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Biopsychology, Cognition and Neuroscience
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Zeid Habbab
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Bachelor of Science in Biopsychology, Cognition, and Neuroscience
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Bushra Habbas-Nimer
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Organizational Studies
Bachelor’s, August 2022

Mohamed Hamidi
College of Engineering
Computer Science
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Rouzana Hares
Stephen M. Ross School of Business
EMBA
Master’s, May 2022

Marwa Hassan
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Afro American and African Studies
Bachelor’s, May 2022
Graduates

Leen Idrees-Sharba
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Biology, Health, and Society
& International Studies on the Global Environment and Health Subtrack
Bachelor’s, December 2021

Dania Jaamour
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
History
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Layla Jawad
Stephen M. Ross School of Business
Bachelor of Business Administration
Bachelor’s, August 2022

Mohamed Ali Jawad-Makki
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Neuroscience
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Nooraldin Kamalaldin
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
BCN
Bachelor’s, August 2022

Nour Kazbour
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Political Science; Middle Eastern Studies
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Joseph Kemp
Law School, Stephen M. Ross School of Business
JD/MBA
Master’s, J.D., May 2022

Marwa Khalil
School of Public Health
Public Health Sciences
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Marina Khreizat
School of Public Health
Public Health Sciences
Bachelor’s, May 2022
Graduates

Eman Naga
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Political Science
Bachelor’s, May 2022
Go blue and ta7ya masr!!!

Celine Nasser
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
History; Biology
Bachelor’s, August 2022

Nader Nehme
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
BCN
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Michael Nunu
School of Kinesiology
Movement Science
Bachelor’s, Minor: Biochemistry, May 2022

Reanna Orzechowski
College of Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Diana Ramo
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Biomolecular Science; Spanish
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Sarah Rehman
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
bcn
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Atissa Rostami
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Biopsychology, Cognition, and Neuroscience; minor in middle eastern studies
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Amira Salloum
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Film, Television and Media (Screenwriting Sub-Major); Communication and Media
Bachelor’s, May 2022
Graduates

Nadine Samaha
College of Engineering
Biomedical Engineering
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Jacob Sirhan
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Social Theory & Practice
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Ali Solouk
Stephen M. Ross School of Business
MBA
Master’s, May 2022

Kareem Tayeb
School of Public Health
Public Health Bachelors of Science
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Peter Thabet
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Sofie Tiguert
School of Public Health
Public Health Science
Bachelor’s, May 2022

Najoie Zahr
School of Public Health
Community and Global Public Health
Bachelor’s, May 2022
Planning Committee

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Through these words of acknowledgement, their ancestral, traditional, and contemporary ties to this land and the founding of the University are renewed and reaffirmed.

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Thank you for attending this program. The University of Michigan strives to create a truly open forum, one in which diverse opinions can be expressed and heard.

It is the right of members of the University community, speakers, artists, and other invited guests to express their views and opinions at the University. We will protect the right of individuals to speak or perform, and the rights of those members of the University community who wish to hear and communicate with an invited speaker or artist.

Protestors also have a right to express their opposition to a speaker in appropriate ways, both within the confines of this building and outside the facility. However, protestors must not interfere unduly with communication between a speaker or artist and members of the audience.

If the hosts of this event or University representatives believe that protestors are interfering unduly with a speaker or performer’s freedom of expression, those protestors will be warned. If the warnings are not heeded and the interference continues, then the individuals responsible may be removed from the building.

We reaffirm these policies in order to most fully protect the rights of free expression for speakers, performers, and protestors alike, as set forth by our Civil Liberties Board in our Student Handbook, and in accordance with the U-M Standard Practice Guide; Regents’ Ordinance Article XII, Section 1; and state statutes.
These symbols represent the cultural graduation ceremonies that are coordinated annually through the Office of Academic and Multicultural Initiatives (OAMI).

**Top left to right:**
Black Celebratory, Native American Graduation, La Celebracion Latina

**Bottom left to right:**
Middle Eastern & North African Celebration, First Generation Graduation, Asian & Pacific Islander Graduation

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