

COLLEGE  
MISERICORDIA

DALLAS, PENNSYLVANIA

63rd  
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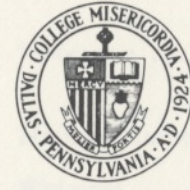


South Campus

Saturday afternoon, May twentieth

*nineteen hundred and eighty-nine  
at two o'clock*

PROGRAM



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## PROGRAM

- Academic Processional: "Trumpet Tune" ..... Purcell  
Performed by Chris Skoluda on a Kurzweil 250 Computer Keyboard
- Invocation ..... Reverend John Petrasko  
College Chaplain
- National Anthem ..... Karen L. Pugh '89
- Welcome ..... Bruce L. Wilson, Ph.D.  
Acting President
- Address to the Candidates ..... Raymond Kurzweil  
Founder, Chairman and CEO  
Kurzweil Applied Intelligence, Inc., Kurzweil Music Systems, Inc.
- Conferring of Honorary Degrees ..... John L. Churnetski, P.E.  
Chairman, Board of Trustees
- Doctor of Humane Letters ..... Raymond Kurzweil  
Founder, Chairman and CEO  
Kurzweil Applied Intelligence, Inc., Kurzweil Music Systems, Inc.
- Doctor of Humane Letters ..... Sister William Joseph Lydon, R.S.M.  
President, Mercy Hospital, Scranton
- Presentation of Candidates for Degrees ..... Sister Mary Glennon, R.S.M., Ed.D.  
Academic Dean
- Conferring of Degrees ..... Bruce L. Wilson, Ph.D.  
Acting President
- Remarks ..... CherylAnn Marie Manganella '89  
Class Valedictorian
- Induction of Graduates  
into the Alumni Association ..... Judy Gardner-Price, Esquire '77  
President, Alumni Association Board of Directors
- Alma Mater ..... Kelley Michelle Scott '89
- Benediction ..... Most Reverend James C. Timlin, D.D., V.G.  
Bishop of Scranton
- Academic Recessional: "Trumpet Tune" ..... Purcell

### MARSHALS

*Sister Agnes Brennan, R.S.M., Grand Marshal*  
*Sister Carol Gallagher, R.S.M., Class Moderator*

Agnes Conway Williamson '29	Patrice Ann Conahan Benjamin '57
Sallyanne Frank Rosenn '44	Theresa Thomas Habib '57
Margaret Lukasavage Borton '48	Dorothy Ann Temprine '82
Bernadine Tomasek '52	Maurita Josephine Benjamin '84
Benedicta North Matchett '56	Patrice Brennan '88

*(The audience will please remain seated until the graduates have filed out.)*

**COLLEGE MISERICORDIA**  
 Dallas, Pennsylvania  
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**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**English**

Richard Paul Aloia, Jr. . . . . North Caldwell, NJ  
 Lisa Ann Marie Blaum . . . . . Wilkes-Barre, PA  
 CherylAnn Marie Manganella *Summa Cum Laude, Degree Honors* Tunk., PA

**General Studies**

Jeffrey M. Horin . . . . . Millville, NJ

**History**

Richard Paul Aloia, Jr. . . . . North Caldwell, NJ  
 Sharon Ann Dunn . . . . . West Chester, PA  
 Louis Lawrence Gauthier . . . . . Cold Brook, NY  
 Tina Louise Hummel *Magna Cum Laude, Degree Honors* Hunlock Creek, PA  
 CherylAnn Marie Manganella *Summa Cum Laude, Degree Honors* Tunk., PA  
 Mark Joseph Oberstaedt *Summa Cum Laude, Degree Honors* Forked River, NJ  
 Daniel Christopher Wright . . . . . Clearfield, PA

**Liberal Studies**

Denise Marie Hartman . . . . . Pennsauken, NJ  
 Melanie C. Homa . . . . . *Summa Cum Laude* Hazleton, PA  
 Gary D. Morgan . . . . . Tunkhannock, PA  
 Georgetta Nelson Potoski . . . *Magna Cum Laude* Plymouth, PA

**Music**

Mary Therese Dower . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude* Dallas, PA

**BACHELOR OF MUSIC**

**Music Education**

Stephen Walter Mocarasky . . *Cum Laude, College Honors* . . W. Hazleton, PA  
 Elizabeth Marie Shinko . . . . . Kingston, PA

**Music Therapy**

D. Jaleh Afsah-Mohallatee *Cum Laude, Degree Honors* . . . . . Allentown, PA  
 Karen L. Pugh . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude, Degree Honors* . Shavertown, PA  
 Kelley Michelle Scott . . . . . *Cum Laude* . . . . . Shavertown, PA

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

**Accounting**

Ellen Benjamin . . . . . Beachwood, NJ  
 John Blattner, Jr. . . . . *Cum Laude* . . . . . Pittston, PA  
 Charles D. Coley . . . . . *Cum Laude* . . . . . Dallas, PA  
 Diane Marcella Dickey . . . . . Bridgewater, NJ  
 Nancy Anne Fischer . . . . . Wesconsville, PA  
 Mariarose Grillo . . . . . *Cum Laude* . . . . . Pittston, PA  
 Jacqueline Julia Kotch . . . . . *Cum Laude* . . . . . Wilkes-Barre, PA  
 Raymond John Lenahan . . . . . Forty Fort, PA  
 Jeffrey Allan Marks . . . . . Lebanon, PA  
 Mary Susan Rish . . . . . *Summa Cum Laude* . . . . . Dallas, PA  
 Michelle Marie Santasania . . . . . Plains, PA

**Biology**

Hiteshi Piyush Amin . . . . . Harrisburg, PA  
 Scott Hamilton Clemow . . . . . Sweet Valley, PA  
 Bernard J. Okuniewski . . . . . *Cum Laude* . . . . . Ashley, PA  
 Monica Mary Storz . . *Magna Cum Laude, Degree Honors* . . Larksville, PA  
 Daniel George Walker . . . . . Berwick, PA

**Business Administration**

Dennis Charles Barbierrri . . . . . Brick Town, NJ  
 Robert A. Bullions . . . . . Wyoming, PA  
 Patricia Capasso . . . . . East Moriches, NY  
 Antonio Michael Capille . . . . . Linwood, NJ  
 Ronald Gene Coleman, II . . . . . Bloomsburg, PA  
 Valorie Ann Gozdiskowski . . . . . Swoyersville, PA  
 Jason A. Harding . . . . . Noxen, PA  
 Kenneth H. Howe . . . . . *Cum Laude* . . . . . Kingston, PA  
 Mary Elizabeth Jenkins . . . . . Dallas, PA  
 Christine Marie Jones . . . . . Pittston Twp., PA  
 Patricia L. Judge . . . . . *Cum Laude* . . . . . Swoyersville, PA  
 Mel Lawson . . . . . New York, NY  
 Joseph Lepo . . . . . Exeter, PA  
 Renee Marie Matani . . . . . West Wyoming, PA  
 Kathleen Ann McCrystal . . . . . Flanders, NJ  
 David W. Morris . . . . . *Cum Laude* . . . . . Trucksville, PA  
 Scot Kevin Murphy . . . . . *Summa Cum Laude* . . . . . Dallas, PA  
 Thomas Niznik\* . . . . . *Summa Cum Laude* . . . . . Pringle, PA

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (Business Admin.) — (cont'd)**

Maureen Renee O'Brien ..... New Fairfield, CT  
 Susan Marie O'Brien ..... *Magna Cum Laude* ..... Plymouth, PA  
 Richard Orsulak\* ..... *Cum Laude* ..... Coaldale, PA  
 Brian R. Palmiter ..... Peckville, PA  
 David O. Schadt ..... Dallas, PA  
 Thomas Patrick Schenk ..... Toms River, NJ  
 John Carl Shemo ..... Shavertown, PA  
 Edward Smichowski ..... Dupont, PA  
 Joseph Stec, Jr.\* ..... *Magna Cum Laude* ..... Dallas, PA  
 Teresa Margaret Velard ..... Raritan, NJ  
 Lisa Ventre ..... Old Forge, PA  
 Daniel James Washleski ..... Shamokin, PA

**Computer Science**

John J. Furman, III ..... Kingston, PA  
 David Allen Johndrow, Jr. .... Duryea, PA

**Elementary Education**

Jennifer Leigh Arnold ..... Waymart, PA  
 Samuel Michael Barbose ..... Shavertown, PA  
 Louise Josephene Cheek .... *Summa Cum Laude* ..... Kingston, PA  
 Diane Marie DeFluri ..... Milnesville, PA  
 Patricia Ann Dworak\* ..... Wyoming PA  
 Teri Lynn Dylo ..... *Summa Cum Laude* ..... Wilkes-Barre, PA  
 Saralyn Marie Gordon ..... Easton, PA  
 Eileen Elizabeth Haines .... *Magna Cum Laude* ..... Sweet Valley, PA  
 Mary Margaret Jones ..... Wilkes-Barre, PA  
 Kimberly Ann Kobziewicz ..... *Cum Laude* ..... Harding, PA  
 Kathy Kostrzewski ..... *Cum Laude* ..... Dallas, PA  
 Rebecca Ann Mendler ..... Towanda, PA  
 Susan Jean Nelson ..... *Cum Laude* ..... Plymouth, PA  
 Debra Ann S. Potsko ..... Wilkes-Barre, PA  
 Kim A. Swainbank ..... Kingston, PA  
 Sandra Ann Sweeney ..... Wilkes-Barre, PA  
 Jodi Ann Tensa ..... *Cum Laude* ..... Plymouth, PA  
 Mary Ellen West ..... Binghamton, NY  
 Pamela Susan Wisniewski ..... Nanticoke, PA

**General Studies**

Diane Breese ..... Wilkes-Barre, PA  
 Angela Marie Burke ..... Shavertown, PA

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (General Studies) — (cont'd)**

Maria Bridget Kimmel ..... Harrisburg, PA  
 Tate King ..... Dalton, PA  
 Nicholas A. Loscalzo ..... Camden, NJ  
 Susan A. Pecukonis ..... *Magna Cum Laude* ..... Shavertown, PA  
 Marion Theresa Rogers ..... Dallas, PA  
 Lisa Suzzette Suchajda ..... West Hazleton, PA  
 Michael Vincent Vaccarello ..... Dallas, PA

**Liberal Studies**

Amy Beth Merrill ..... Belle Mead, NJ  
 Evelyn C. O'Hara ..... Swoyersville, PA  
 Marilyn Solomon Santarelli .. *Summa Cum Laude* ..... Dallas, PA

**Medical Technology**

Donna Marie Hudick *Summa Cum Laude, Degree Honors* ..... Dallas, PA  
 Kimberly Ann Kresge ..... Wilkes-Barre, PA  
 Angela Piccolotti ..... *Cum Laude* ..... Plains, PA  
 Amy Angela Staskiewicz .. *Magna Cum Laude, College Honors* .. Shenan., PA

**Occupational Therapy**

Karen H. Anderson ..... *Cum Laude* ..... Johnstown, PA  
 Janine Alba Bastis ..... Wyoming, PA  
 Gayle M. Boris ..... *Magna Cum Laude* ..... Edwardsville, PA  
 Lynn Carr Borton ..... *Cum Laude* ..... Harveys Lake, PA  
 Anne Margret Brynarsky ..... Ephrata, PA  
 Michaelle DeBaecke ..... Plainfield, NJ  
 Mary A. Ermine ..... Scottsdale, PA  
 Diane Kathryn Ewasko ..... *Cum Laude* ..... Wilkes-Barre, PA  
 Nicole Anne Flora ..... Succasunna, NJ  
 Elizabeth Marie Fox ..... Cherry Hill, NJ  
 Tracy Marie Hallman ..... Lansdale, PA  
 Shelley Lynn Hanczar ..... Sweet Valley, PA  
 Sharon T. Hartnett ..... *Cum Laude* ..... Wilmington, DE  
 Richard Ransom Hess ..... *Cum Laude* ..... Danville, PA  
 Joan Hilstolsky ..... *Cum Laude* ..... Wyoming, PA  
 LeeAnn Leshinskie ..... Shamokin, PA  
 Laura Jean Lewis ..... Wilkes-Barre, PA  
 Deborah Maier ..... White Haven, PA  
 Joyce D. Matysik ..... Hunlock Creek, PA  
 Mary Ann Rose Maylath ..... Sugarloaf, PA  
 Christine E. McDermott ..... *Cum Laude* ..... Kingston, PA

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (Occupational Therapy) — (cont'd)

Susan Marie Mesaris ..... Exeter, PA  
Mary Jane T. Mizenko ..... Avoca, PA  
Lori Ann Morio ..... *Magna Cum Laude* ..... Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Elizabeth Ann Morris ..... Oak Ridge, NJ  
Anne Patricia Richards ..... Vienna, VA  
Mary Beth Sedlatschek ..... Bridgewater, NJ  
Kelly S. Shaw ..... Orangeville, PA  
Theresa Sukadelski ..... Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Bethany Ellen Szymusiak ..... *Cum Laude* ..... Nanty Glo, PA  
Sharon Ann Vishnefski ..... *Cum Laude* ..... Glen Lyon, PA  
Marianne Elizabeth Vita ..... Kingston, PA  
Laurie A. Vosefski ..... *Magna Cum Laude* ..... Bath, PA  
Corina Pasquier Williamson ..... Honesdale, PA  
Debora Ziotkowski ..... Plymouth, PA

### Radiography

Andrew M. Molochnick ..... Minersville, PA  
Daniel P. Munster ..... Kingston, PA  
Christopher P. Murray ..... Lebanon, PA  
Carole Ann Noll ..... Scranton, PA  
James Howard Robel ..... Shamokin, PA  
Michael Paul Sabia ..... Hazleton, PA  
Daniel Louis Verbeck ..... Kersey, PA

### Special Education

William James Clark ..... Rome, PA  
Patricia A. Mack ..... Horseheads, NY  
Elizabeth Mary Nichols ..... Clarks Summit, PA

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Oradell M. E. Banker ..... *Cum Laude* ..... Mehoopany, PA  
Sue Ann Barba ..... Pittston, PA  
Linda Brennan ..... Gilbert, PA  
Jill Renee Brown ..... *College Honors* ..... Dallas, PA  
MaryJo W. Browning ..... Moscow, PA  
Miriam R. Cease ..... Larksville, PA  
Anne Marie Crossen ..... Mahanoy City, PA  
Timothy William Davis ..... Sweet Valley, PA  
Sheri Lynn Eshleman ..... Lititz, PA  
Monica Beth Alexis Ferrell ..... Folsom, PA

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING — (cont'd)

Mary Kelly Frounfelker ..... Scranton, PA  
Debbie Lee Schaal Granteed ..... Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Lisa Shon Harenza ..... Nanticoke, PA  
Charlette Therese Hatrak ..... *Cum Laude* ..... Edwardsville, PA  
Christine Beth Holl ..... Honesdale, PA  
Rhonda J. Hughes ..... Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Marilyn Barbara Joyce ..... Dallas, PA  
Kimberly Ann Kobi ..... Pittston, PA  
Sandra Marie Kowalczyk ..... *Magna Cum Laude* ..... Edwardsville, PA  
Sheilah James LeRose ..... Carbondale, PA  
B. Gail Gaynor Marshall ..... *Cum Laude* ..... Wyoming, PA  
LeeAnn McCulloch McDermott ..... Forty Fort, PA  
Susan McLane ..... Pittston, PA  
Desiree Jean Oliveri ..... Shickshinny, PA  
Janet Maria Petrikonis ..... *Cum Laude* ..... Plains, PA  
Karen Joy Polovitch ..... Nicholson, PA  
Martina Marie Ritsick ..... Kingston, PA  
Christine Elizabeth Robison ..... *Cum Laude* ..... Berwick, PA  
Lisa Ann Skrzysowski ..... Dupont, PA  
Betty L. Urpack ..... *Cum Laude* ..... Meshoppen, PA  
Iola Ann Valenti ..... *Magna Cum Laude* ..... Pittston, PA  
Audrey Lynn Wagner ..... West Hazleton, PA  
Susan Elizabeth Zolner ..... Forty Fort, PA

## BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Donna L. Jackson\* ..... *Summa Cum Laude* ..... Kingston, PA  
Jacqueline Marie Jones ..... *Magna Cum Laude* ..... Wilkes-Barre, PA  
John F. Lukazik ..... Laflin, PA  
Nancy Rusetski Munster ..... Kingston, PA  
Jane Ann Murphy ..... Chadds Ford, PA  
Linda A. Petula ..... Factoryville, PA  
Kathy Quinlan ..... Chatham, NJ  
Dolores Ann Reviello ..... *Cum Laude* ..... Gouldsboro, PA  
Joan M. Titman ..... Tunkhannock, PA

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

### Human Services Administration

Joseph S. Balascik ..... Tamaqua, PA  
Donna Joy Dickinson ..... Kingston, PA

\* 1988 December Graduate

**MASTER OF SCIENCE (Human Services Admin.) — (cont'd)**

- Marlea Kellogg Hoyt ..... New Albany, PA
- Cheryl Lee Jones ..... Wilkes-Barre, PA
- Patricia A. Marks ..... Wilkes-Barre, PA
- Linda Brague Ross ..... Dallas, PA
- Stephanie S. Ross ..... Shavertown, PA

**Occupational Therapy Leadership**

- Charlene M. Abromitis ..... Bloomsburg, PA
- Thomas Joseph Ciucci ..... Danville, PA
- Mary Elizabeth Greene ..... Cold Brook, NY
- Alexandra Hovak ..... Northumberland, PA
- Elaine M. Keane ..... Cumberland, MD
- Patricia Ann Lewis ..... Bloomsburg, PA
- Kathleen Mary Luckner ..... Mount Pocono, PA
- Laura A. Lyman ..... Cresco, PA
- Joyce H. McCormick ..... Abington, PA
- Ellen Marie McLaughlin ..... Forty Fort, PA
- Christa Pelletier Parry ..... Clarks Summit, PA
- Ann E. Scheeler ..... Altoona, PA
- Lalitchandra Jamnadas Shah ..... Clarks Summit, PA

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

- Marianne Kasian ..... Upper Askam, PA
- Marilee Lulewicz Manganiello ..... Wyoming, PA
- Mercita Pasquariello ..... Pittston Twp., PA
- Michelle M. Preddy ..... Plains, PA

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

Annual award contributed by the College Misericordia Board of Trustees to the student exemplifying the College's academic, leadership and service ideals is awarded to:

**Diane Marie DeFluri**

Award founded by College Misericordia Alumni for proficiency in SCHOLARSHIP during four years is awarded to:

**CherylAnn Marie Manganello**

The John F. Kennedy Award founded by the Greater Wilkes-Barre Democratic Club, Inc., for proficiency in AMERICAN HISTORY is awarded to:

**CherylAnn Marie Manganello**

The Bishop Hafey General Assembly Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Award for proficiency in HISTORY is awarded to:

**Tina Louise Hummel**

The West Side Knights of Columbus Assumpta Council Award for proficiency in AMERICAN HISTORY is awarded to:

**Mark Joseph Oberstaedt**

The M. Bernadette Hogan Nursing Leadership Award, presented annually to an R.N. student who exemplifies outstanding service and leadership to the profession of NURSING and the community is awarded to:

**Oradell M.E. Banker**

The Sister Mary Kateri Dowart Award for Excellence and Leadership in NURSING is awarded to:

**Christine Elizabeth Robison**

The Alpha Delta Mu Award for Scholastic Achievement in SOCIAL WORK is awarded to:

**Donna L. Jackson**

The Mother Mary Teresa Walsh Award founded by the Walsh Family for proficiency in RELIGIOUS STUDIES during four years is awarded to:

**Karen L. Pugh**

## HONORS AND AWARDS — (cont'd)

The Julia Janice Koons Bonin Award founded by Mary R. Koons for proficiency in MUSIC is awarded to:

**Kelley Michelle Scott**

The Music Therapy Award for professional growth in the field of MUSIC THERAPY is awarded to:

**Karen L. Pugh**

The Sister M. Noreen Mulherin, R.S.M. Award for excellence in EDUCATION is awarded to:

**Eileen Elizabeth Haines**

The Pennsylvania Association of Colleges for Teacher Education CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT is presented to:

**Susan Jean Nelson**

The Sister Miriam Gallagher and Dr. Mary Santopolo Memorial Award for outstanding LITERARY ACHIEVEMENT, donated by Alicia Murphy Dillon is awarded to:

**Richard Paul Aloia, Jr.**

The Dr. Tatjana Petrychenko Award founded by the College Misericordia Biological Society in recognition of outstanding achievement in BIOLOGY is awarded to:

**Monica Mary Storz**

The Mallinckrodt Award for outstanding academic achievement in the study of RADIOGRAPHY is awarded to:

**Michael Paul Sabia**

The Rho-Tau Award for clinical excellence in the study of RADIOGRAPHY is awarded to:

**Andrew M. Molochnick**

## HONORS AND AWARDS — (cont'd)

The Teresa and Frank J. Mehm Prize, awarded annually to that undergraduate student who, by vote of the Deans of the College, most nearly represents the ideal Misericordia man or woman with respect to moral courage, intellectual vigor and participation, on and off campus, contributing to the advancement of the College is awarded to:

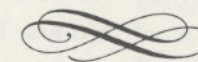
**William James Clark**

The Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants Award for excellence in ACCOUNTING STUDIES is awarded to:

**Mary Susan Rish**

The Grace Andrews Award, presented to the outstanding non-traditional students demonstrating enthusiasm for lifelong learning, is awarded to:

**B. Gail Gaynor Marshall  
Marilyn Solomon Santarelli**



The following alumni are serving as ushers for the Commencement Convocation:

Helen Driscoll Sciandra '45  
Joan M. Costello '54  
Carole Ridzon Burak '60  
Ellen Connell Spangenburg '65  
Carol Lamoreaux Smith '68

Sandra Gordon Sprau '75  
Catherine D. Woicicki '76  
Mary Ellen Gulotti '87  
Arlene Goble '88  
Kelly Knapich '88



## HONOR SOCIETIES

Students admitted to **KAPPA GAMMA PI**, National Catholic College Graduate Honor Society:

Louise Josephene Cheek	Scot Kevin Murphy
Mary Therese Dower	Mark Joseph Oberstaedt
Teri Lynn Dyló	Georgetta Nelson Potoski
Eileen Elizabeth Haines	Debra Ann S. Potsko
Melanie C. Homa	Karen L. Pugh
Donna Marie Hudick	Mary Susan Rish
Tina Louise Hummel	Marilyn Solomon Santarelli
Jacqueline Marie Jones	Monica Mary Storz
CherylAnn Marie Manganella	Laurie A. Vosefski
Lori Ann Morio	

Students admitted to **SIGMA PHI SIGMA**, National Honor Society of Colleges conducted by the Sisters of Mercy in the United States:

Teri Lynn Dyló	Scot Kevin Murphy
Diane Kathryn Ewasko	Mark Joseph Oberstaedt
Mariarose Grillo	Bernard J. Okuniewski
Donna Marie Hudick	Janet Maria Petrikonis
CherylAnn Marie Manganella	Kathy Quinlan
Stephen Walter Mocarisky	Christine Elizabeth Robison
D. Jaleh Afsah-Mohallatee	Monica Mary Storz

Students admitted to **WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES**:

Richard Paul Aloia, Jr.	CherylAnn Marie Manganella
Anne Marie Crossen	B. Gail Gaynor Marshall
Diane Kathryn Ewasko	Rebecca Ann Mendler
Eileen Elizabeth Haines	Mark Joseph Oberstaedt
Christine Beth Holl	Karen L. Pugh
Melanie C. Homa	Christine Elizabeth Robison
Donna Marie Hudick	Monica Mary Storz
Tina Louise Hummel	Bethany Ellen Szymusiak
Donna L. Jackson	Iola Ann Valenti
Sandra Marie Kowalczyk	

## HONOR SOCIETIES — (cont'd)

Students admitted to **LAMBDA IOTA TAU**, Beta Epsilon Chapter, International Literature Honor Society:

Richard Paul Aloia, Jr.	CherylAnn Marie Manganella
Lisa Ann Marie Blaum	Mark Joseph Oberstaedt
Melanie C. Homa	

Students admitted to the **PHI SIGMA BETA** Honor Society for the recognition of scholarship and achievement in the promotion of leadership within the Radiography profession:

Michael Paul Sabia

Students admitted to the Theta Phi Chapter, **SIGMA THETA TAU** Honor Society for Nursing:

Oradell M. E. Banker	Sheilah James LeRose
Jill Renee Brown	B. Gail Gaynor Marshall
Anne Marie Crossen	Janet Maria Petrikonis
Sheri Lynn Eshleman	Christine Elizabeth Robison
Charlette Therese Hatrak	Betty L. Urpak
Christine Beth Holl	Iola Ann Valenti
Rhonda J. Hughes	Audrey Lynn Wagner
Sandra Marie Kowalczyk	

Students admitted to the **Nightingale Society Academic Honors**, for scholarly work in Nursing:

Linda Brennan	Susan McLane
Jill Renee Brown	Desiree Jean Oliveri
Anne Marie Crossen	Janet Maria Petrikonis
Sheri Lynn Eshleman	Karen Joy Polovitch
Charlette Therese Hatrak	Christine Elizabeth Robison
Rhonda J. Hughes	Lisa Ann Skrzysowski
Sandra Marie Kowalczyk	Iola Ann Valenti
Sheilah James LeRose	Audrey Lynn Wagner

Students receiving the **National Collegiate Nursing Award** for academic excellence and leadership in Nursing:

Linda Brennan	Susan McLane
Jill Renee Brown	Desiree Jean Oliveri
Anne Marie Crossen	Janet Maria Petrikonis
Sheri Lynn Eshleman	Karen Joy Polovitch
Charlette Therese Hatrak	Christine Elizabeth Robison
Christine Beth Holl	Lisa Ann Skrzysowski
Rhonda J. Hughes	Iola Ann Valenti
Sandra Marie Kowalczyk	Audrey Lynn Wagner
Sheilah James LeRose	

## HONOR SOCIETIES — (cont'd)

### Students of the Beta Chi Chapter, ALPHA SIGMA LAMBDA, National Honor Society for Continuing Education:

Oradell M. E. Banker	Thomas Niznik
Charles D. Coley	Susan A. Pecukonis
Mary Therese Dower	Georgetta Nelson Potoski
Melanie C. Homa	Marilyn Solomon Santarelli
Kathy Kostrzewski	Joseph Stec, Jr.
B. Gail Gaynor Marshall	Betty L. Urpack
David W. Morris	

### Students admitted to the Beta Chapter, DELTA EPSILON SIGMA, National Scholastic Honor Society:

Louise Josephene Cheek	Mark Joseph Oberstaedt
Teri Lynn Dylo	Georgetta Nelson Potoski
Melanie C. Homa	Debra Ann S. Potoski
Donna Marie Hudick	Karen L. Pugh
Tina Louise Hummel	Marilyn Solomon Santarelli
CherylAnn Marie Manganello	Monica Mary Storz
Scot Kevin Murphy	

### Students admitted to the Psi Chapter of PI THETA EPSILON the National Occupational Therapy Honor Society:

Janine Alba Bastis	Christine E. McDermott
Lynn Carr Borton	Lori Ann Morio
Diane Kathryn Ewasko	Bethany Ellen Szymusiak
Sharon T. Hartnett	Sharon Ann Vishnefski
Joan Hilstolsky	Laurie A. Vosefski
Deborah Maier	

### Students inducted into the Epsilon Chapter of ALPHA DELTA MU Honor Society in Social Work:

Donna L. Jackson	Kathy Quinlan
Jacqueline Marie Jones	Delores Ann Reviello

## RAYMOND C. KURZWEIL DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS, *HONORIS CAUSA*

College Misericordia is especially proud to confer an honorary degree on Raymond Kurzweil in recognition of his extraordinary achievements in the area of artificial intelligence technology over the past twenty years. It is particularly fitting that this college acknowledge this contemporary scientist whose inventions have enabled Misericordia to educate here students who might not otherwise have been admitted to academic life. Kurzweil's application of computer technology to the needs of the handicapped has catapulted his human compassion and concern for others into the probability of compact devices for mobility training in the twenty-first century.

A native of Queens, New York, Kurzweil knew at the age of 6 that, much as he loved music, he was at heart a scientist. By the age of 12 he had not only met and mastered his first "computer," his life pattern was set, as he began writing computer programs later distributed by IBM. In high school he combined his love for music with his talent for technical innovation and won the Westinghouse Science Talent Search for programming a computer to compose music in the style of Mozart, Chopin, and Beethoven. During his education at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he developed a program that matched student aptitudes with college requirements. His early competence with machines and their possible functions matched his concern with people and their possible futures.

Graduation from MIT in 1970 found Kurzweil, equipped with a degree in computer science and literature, combining technology with liberal arts which led to his invention of an omni-font optical character recognition technology (ORT), and a reading machine which translated printed text into words verbalized aloud in a synthesized voice. The Kurzweil Reading Machine was the beginning of a series of inventions enabling those without vision to see, literally, the vision described in his new book, *The Age of Intelligent Machines*. Subsequent inventions include the Kurzweil Data Entry Machine for corporate and government data-base building, and the new voiceworks or VAT, a real-life voice-activated typewriter, with an estimated 20,000 word vocabulary. He is most often recognized for his 1983 invention of the Kurzweil 250, a digital keyboard synthesizer created for musician Stevie Wonder.

Raymond C. Kurzweil is founder and president of three companies that bear his name: in 1974, Kurzweil Computer Products, Inc.; in 1982, Kurzweil Applied Intelligence, Inc.; also in 1982, Kurzweil Music Systems. He is currently chairman of the KRM Division of Xerox, and the Kurzweil Foundation, which provides support technology for the handicapped and forums to advance public understanding of the social impact of new technology. His list of honors and awards spans more than ten years of a truly distinguished career from the Grace Murray Hopper Award in 1978 to "Best of the New Generation Award" in 1984 to the Inventor of the Year Award from MIT in 1988, plus six film awards. He holds four Honorary Doctorates to which College Misericordia is proud to add one more, Doctor of Humane Letters.

Central to the technical expression of Raymond Kurzweil's inventive genius is his never-wavering concern for the needs of handicapped persons. Because to him they are real persons with real needs, he responds inventively with machines the handicapped can really use, always respecting their own individuality and intelligence. Kurzweil envisions an *Age of Intelligent Machines*; on this campus and around the world, his machines offer a new age of applied intelligence to all users. College Misericordia acknowledges today the human compassion with which Raymond Kurzweil uses his own real intellectual gifts.

**SISTER WILLIAM JOSEPH LYDON, R.S.M.**  
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College Misericordia has chosen to honor Sister William Joseph Lydon, RSM, for her consistent dedication to the works of mercy and her local as well as national leadership in the field of health care. Twice serving as Administrator and President of Mercy Hospital, Scranton, she has, over a 27-year period, emerged also as a leader among the Sisters of Mercy Scranton Province and in the Catholic Hospital Association of St. Louis.

A native of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Sister William Joseph entered the Religious Sisters of Mercy in Dallas, Pennsylvania, in 1945. After graduating from College Misericordia, she pursued graduate studies in hospital administration at St. Louis University in Missouri. From there, as one of the youngest hospital administrators in the country, she began service at Mercy Hospital in Scranton, then a 90-bed facility. Today that same hospital, as a result of a \$47 million expansion, is an accredited 372-bed health care unit. The mission of Mercy — the care of the sick — and the ministry of leadership in hospital management began early to shape the life to which Sister William Joseph demonstrated deep dedication.

From 1963 to 1970 Sister William Joseph served in another managerial capacity: she became the Provincial Administrator of the Religious Sisters of Mercy of the Scranton Province. Her jurisdiction extended through Pennsylvania, New York, and Guyana, South America, and included responsibility for 900 Sisters who staffed two colleges, 17 high schools, 63 elementary schools, and four hospitals. During these years she was one of ten administrators selected to study the future role of Catholic hospitals as a subsystem in American health care. As President of the Catholic Hospital Association with headquarters in St. Louis, Sister William Joseph functioned on an advisory committee to the U.S. Catholic Bishops and on the faculty of St. Louis University Health Leadership Conferences.

A Fellow of the American College of Health Executives, Sister was elected to Boards of Directors in Scranton, Dallas, Harrisburg, New York, and Savannah, Georgia. A member of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce and of Leadership Lackawanna, she also received an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Scranton.

Leadership always requires change, change inspires innovation, innovation today demands the newest in technology, and Sister William Joseph, at Mercy Hospital in Scranton has brought innovative technology to the hospital in the treatment of cancer and in the cardiac diagnostic treatment and surgery for which Mercy Scranton is widely known. As a Sister of Mercy dedicated to "the care of the poor and the sick," Sister William Joseph daily directs a work dear to the heart of Catherine McAuley, the first Sister of Mercy to engage in the work of healing and caring. For all these endeavors, especially for outstanding evidence of remarkable leadership, College Misericordia today confers on Sister William Joseph Lydon her second degree from this institution, this time the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

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