



Misericordia

College Misericordia

Dallas, Pennsylvania

71st

**COMMENCEMENT
CONVOCATION**

**Anderson Sports-Health Center
North Campus**

Saturday afternoon, May seventeenth

*Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Seven
at one o'clock*

THE MACE



The mace is made of black walnut and bronze. The dark, rich wood symbolizes the woodlands surrounding the College campus and referred to in the Alma Mater.

The unusual shaft works its way from rough cast, difficult beginnings into the textured, polished finish of a double base, angled yet harmoniously fitted. The form represents the structured ideals of the Sisters of Mercy, Dallas Regional Community, liberal arts education and the individual struggles for acquisition of knowledge.

Open, free forms of brass represent the open, free spirit which is the basis of Compassionate Service, while the rich beauty and strength of walnut depict the fullness, value and strength of Judeo-Christian education.

Highlighting the head of the mace is gleaming, textured bronze in the shape of an open flame. The fire represents two events in the history of the College: the burning of St. Mary's Convent in Wilkes-Barre, which necessitated the Sisters' move to Dallas, and the first night on campus when fires almost prevented the College from ever opening its doors. A flame open to searching for truth, open to new ideas, is symbolic of the light of learning, always striving for, never reaching the fullness of finish.

The College Mace was designed and executed by Regina Keil, RSM, gold and silversmith. It is the gift of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Dallas Regional Community.

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1997

PROGRAM

Academic Processional: "Trumpet Voluntary"	Purcell The Endless Mountains Brass Ensemble
Invocation	Reverend Michael M. Bryant Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry
National Anthem	Sr. Robert Marie Lockman, R.S.M. '65 Pianist: Sr. Mary Carmel McGarigle, R.S.M. '52
Welcome	Albert B. Anderson, Ph.D. President
Address to the Candidates	Vera King Farris, Ph.D. President, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey
Conferring of Honorary Degrees	Louis T. Alesi Chairman, Board of Trustees
Doctor of Humane Letters	Vera King Farris, Ph.D.
Presentation of the Catherine McAuley Medal to Regina Kelly, R.S.M., Ph.D. '43	Albert B. Anderson, Ph.D. President
Presentation of Candidates for Degrees	Sr. Mary Glennon, R.S.M., Ed.D. '62 Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the College
Conferring of Degrees	Albert B. Anderson, Ph.D. President
Remarks	Audra Lynn Pearson Class Valedictorian
Presentation of Senior Class Gift	Susan Wright '97 Senior Class President
Induction of Graduates into the Alumni Association	Michael Dennen, MS '90 President Alumni Association Board of Directors
Presentation of Awards for Excellence in Teaching	Albert B. Anderson, Ph.D. President
Alma Mater	Sr. Robert Marie Lockman, R.S.M. '65 Pianist: Sr. Mary Carmel McGarigle, R.S.M. '52
Benediction	Most Reverend John M. Dougherty, D.D., V.G. Auxiliary Bishop of Scranton
Academic Recessional: "Rhondeau"	Mouret The Endless Mountains Brass Ensemble

MARSHALS

Dr. Donald Fries, Grand Marshal
Kathleen Foley, Class Moderator

Mary Beth Brady '68	Leo Carr '86	Althea Clark '92
Dr. Agnes Cardoni '69	Karen Moss '90	Mary Beth O'Konski '92
Sr. Donna Ellis, R.S.M. '76	Tyron K. Taylor '91	Marie Blizzard '93
		Sherri Galloway '96

American Sign Language (ASL) by Cherish Francik, Certified Interpreter for the Deaf.
(The audience will please remain seated until the graduates have filed out.)

COLLEGE MISERICORDIA Dallas, Pennsylvania COMMENCEMENT 1997

BACHELOR OF ARTS

English

Peter V. Iacavazzi III	Scranton, PA
Alice Mc Grory	Harveys Lake, PA
Molly Jean Riley	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i> <i>Degree Honors</i> Hazleton, PA
Regina Marie Rockensies	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i> Shavertown, PA
Michelle A. Sims	Plymouth, PA
Matthew Scott Viens	Selinsgrove, PA

History

Gina Amico	Hughestown, PA
Amy M. Berlew	Conyngham, PA
Thomas M. Clark	Williamsport, PA
Brian Paul Godowski	Scranton, PA
Gary Maranki	Northampton, PA
Daniel Charles Smith	New Milford, PA
Mary Clare Zimniski	Pottsville, PA

Liberal Studies

Renee Stephanie Henrich .	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i> <i>Degree Honors</i> Aston, PA
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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Accounting

David Alan Blasko	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i> Scranton, PA
Dominic M. Grandinetti III	Exeter, PA
Rebecca L. Manfre	Forty Fort, PA
John J. Matlock	Falls, PA
Brenda Morgan Novak	<i>Cum Laude</i> Wilkes-Barre, PA
Michael Santos	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i> Scranton, PA

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (Radiography) — (cont'd)

Jessica Paquin Shaftsbury, VT
 Thomas E. Radwanski Tunkhannock, PA
 Tiffany A. Ross *Summa Cum Laude* Hazleton, PA
 Jason Sereyka Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Carla Shymanski *Cum Laude* Larksville, PA
 Gina Sitkowski *Magna Cum Laude* Edwardsville, PA
 Lori Ann Soroka Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Stasia Sutton Dallas, PA
 Megan Dorel Tennesen Sheatown, PA
 Tammie Jo Watkins *Cum Laude* New Albany, PA
 Jennifer L. Whitmoyer Hughesville, PA

Special Education

Tara Lyn Ahearn *Cum Laude* Duryea, PA
 Cindy Maree Beck *Magna Cum Laude* Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Bart Alan Clementoni *Degree Honors* Hughesville, PA
 Lisa Claire Cassarella West Hazleton, PA
 Kimberly Ann Conahan Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Nicole Michele Hall Williamsport, PA
 Karen Ann Hobbs Wyoming, PA
 Susan P Jester Exeter, PA
 Jennifer Kummer Riegelsville, PA
 Shannon Lea McNeill *Cum Laude* Kingston, PA
 Jennifer Eve O'Neill Smithtown, NY
 Catherine Manley Sekely *Summa Cum Laude* Hop Bottom, PA
 Brenda L. Spadine Nicholson, PA

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Richard Conwell Ales *Magna Cum Laude* Wilkes-Barre, PA
 ✓ Kerry Francesca Amadoro Archbald, PA
 ✓ M. Ellen Anuszewski *Cum Laude* Dunmore, PA
 Anna Baranowski *Magna Cum Laude* Dallas, PA
 Tricia D. Barretts *Magna Cum Laude* Shickshinny, PA
 Jennifer Lynn Buckingham Tunkhannock, PA
 Tricia Ciolek *Cum Laude* Plains, PA

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

Heather Jean Alexis Hollock *Cum Laude* Wapwallopen, PA
 Heather L. Howell Glen Lyon, PA
 Mary Kay Hufnell Wilmington, DE
 John D. Jurchak *Cum Laude* Thurmont, MD
 Philip Keating Floral Park, NY
 Christopher B. Keller Bloomsburg, PA
 Joanne Koneval Lebanon, PA
 Michelle Koslosky *Magna Cum Laude* Forty Fort, PA
 Stephen J. Kulikowski *Cum Laude* Pleasant Mountain, PA
 Donna L. Kvashay *Summa Cum Laude* Dallas, PA
 Kara Langan Eynon, PA
 Elisabeth Ann Lapina Cornwall Bridge, CT
 Kelly Anne Lapinski *Magna Cum Laude* Glen Lyon, PA
 Karen Litzy *Magna Cum laude* Old Forge, PA
 Melissa M. Longhi *Cum Laude* Tamaqua, PA
 Kristi Lowery *Cum Laude* Birdsboro, PA
 Maria Elizabeth Luongo *Cum laude* Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Sheri A. Mattey Pittston, PA
 Kathleen Maloney Conyngham, PA
 Eric Joseph McDonough Kingston, PA
 Brian Mark Meeker Hunlock Creek, PA
 Christina Francesca Moscatiello Jersey City, NJ
 Cara Mullen Archbald, PA
 Angela C. Mundenar Pittston, PA
 Ericka Mary Nemetz Nanticoke, PA
 Michelle L. Park Chadds Ford, PA
 Ellen Judith Powell Muncy, PA
 Lori L. Rice *Cum Laude* Manheim, PA
 Tara Lynn Rovito *Magna Cum Laude* Mount Carmel, PA
 Janet Lynn Seidler Harrisburg, PA
 Stacy Lynn Simpson *Cum Laude* Lebanon, PA
 Michael Siniscalchi Little Neck, NY
 Amber Lynn Smith *Cum Laude* Williamstown, PA
 Jennifer Rebekah Smith Dallas, PA
 Christina Marie Stewart Rockaway, NJ
 David Crandall Ter Borg Perryville, MD
 Amy Joanne Tremback *Summa Cum Laude* Peckville, PA

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

Adam David Tripp Dallas, PA
Lourdes Roxanna Visot-Calder Pottsville, PA
Debra Marie Warman *Cum Laude* Plymouth, PA
Deborah Kay Welch *Summa Cum Laude* Sayre, PA
Kevin Anthony Yanuskavich *Summa Cum Laude* Pittston, PA

Liberal Studies

Scott Eric Crispell *Cum Laude* Harveys Lake, PA
Colleen M. Fogarty Minersville, PA
Patrick Killimett *Cum Laude* Dallas, PA
Jill Marie Martinkovic Liberty, NY
John J. McGovern Philadelphia, PA
Thomas J. Mc Grory *Summa Cum Laude* Harveys Lake, PA
Mark Christian Szot Harveys Lake, PA

Management Information Systems

Scott Hunsinger Stevensville, PA
Tonya M. Verna Cherry Hill, NJ
Paul A. Zaengle Philadelphia, PA

Medical Technology

Michelle M. Costas Scranton, PA
Pauline Jensen Gabriel *Summa Cum Laude* Plymouth Township, PA
Hope Hubosky Mahanoy City, PA
Stephanie Huryk Lyndhurst, NJ
Jennifer Kornaski Mount Carmel, PA
David J. Metrena New York, NY
Susan Ann Romanowski Swoyersville, PA
Reneé Anne Marie Short Stratford, NJ

Psychology

Sharon Ann Antos *Cum Laude* Exeter, PA
Amy Elizabeth Barrett Bensalem, PA
Amy D. Buckley Port Jervis, NY
Kelly Elizabeth Byk Watchung, NJ

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING — (cont'd)

Angela Michelle Collura Wilkes-Barre, PA
Linda P. Conahan Ephrata, PA
Maria A. Coons White Haven, PA
Dana Marie Dantonio Phoenixville, PA
Melissa Ann Diehl Honesdale, PA
Cathy Lyn Marie Docherty *Magna Cum Laude* Pottsville, PA
Janice Dreher *Summa Cum Laude* Ringtown, PA
Nancy Eisenberger *Magna Cum Laude* Dallas, PA
Amy Carolyn Fermier Lehman, PA
Jennifer Lee Fries Medford, NJ
Angela J. Guzzi Clarks Summit, PA
Alison Marie Krakosky *Cum Laude* Dallas, PA
Dina Anne Lindenmuth Mount Laurel, NJ
Judith Ann Loeffler *Cum Laude* Dallas, PA
Tiffany Marie Matinas Swoyersville, PA
Jennifer Ann Mrochko Wilkes-Barre, PA
Jodi Nocek *Summa Cum Laude* Wyoming, PA
Judith Nunamaker *Cum Laude* Pittston, PA
Keith A. Orlandini Wilkes-Barre, PA
Eric Paciotti *Magna Cum Laude* Throop, PA
Noelle Marie Paris *Cum Laude* Scranton, PA
Jessica Anne Poinsett Allentown, PA
Denise Quinn West Hazleton, PA
Bonnie Lynn Raymond *Cum Laude* Nanticoke, PA
Brandy Lee Rodriguez Uniondale, PA
Jennifer Lynn Costello Seward Dalton, PA
Kimberly Staub *Cum Laude* Wilkes-Barre, PA
Jacqueline S. Weigle *Summa Cum Laude* Williamsport, PA
Lewis J. Williams *Cum Laude* Forty Fort, PA
Susan Wright Cherry Hill, NJ
David G. Yurkavage *Cum Laude* Wilkes-Barre, PA
Erika R. Zero *Summa Cum Laude* Sheatown, PA

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK

Peter M. Carney Maspeth, NY
 Jill Christie Coan Coatesville, PA
 Laura Marie Cuccia Point Pleasant Beach, NJ
 Nicole Marie Curyk Vandling, PA
 Brendan Cygan Quakertown, PA
 Marlene De Filippis *Magna Cum Laude* Taylor, PA
 Lori Anne Donahue Hazleton, PA
 Jon Wayne Eccleston II Glenburn, PA
 Linda S. Fassett *Cum Laude* Mehoopany, PA
 Reneé B. Hislop Shavertown, PA
 Janice E. Kelly-Thron *Magna Cum Laude* Pittston, PA
 Lori Ann Kopacz *Summa Cum Laude* Pittston, PA
 Lindsay Allardyce Koscelansky Pittston, PA
 Robert Anthony Labatch Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Rebecca Leah Lewis Morton, PA
 Suzanne Nocek West Wyoming, PA
 Stacey Paculavich Queensbury, NY
 Mark Thomas Rogers Plains, PA
 Joanne Tregaskis Dallas, PA
 Sandra J. Weyhenmeyer *Cum Laude* Mountaintop, PA

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Education

Scott Crispell West Wyoming, PA
 Sr. M. Daria, R.S.M. Plains, PA
 Susan Louise Fronzoni Swoyersville, PA
 Linda M. Houck Luzerne, PA
 Tracy Kiwak Kingston, PA
 Sharon R. Lynch Kingston, PA
 Dawn K. Mericle Harveys Lake, PA
 Dennis G. Morris Swoyersville, PA
 Thomas J. Nassar Springville, PA
 Diane Wojciechowski Dallas, PA

Occupational Therapy

April Faith Adams Tamaqua, PA
 Sharon Ann Antos Exeter, PA

MASTER OF SCIENCE (Occ. Therapy) — (cont'd)

Maria Claudine Bardi Douglasville, PA
 Alicia Marlene Boland Delran, NJ
 Catherine G. Brown Atco, NJ
 Amy D. Buckley Port Jervis, NY
 Kelly Elizabeth Byk Watchung, NJ
 Angela Beth Christman Germansville, PA
 Jennifer M. Clair Manheim, PA
 Carol Ann De Fazio Staten Island, NY
 Lynn A. Donnelly-Kensell Chester, NY
 Jessica L. Ernst River Edge, NJ
 Rachel Lea Faulkner Wilmington, DE
 Laura Michelle Fink Jersey Shore, PA
 Joey Lynn Gatto Arnold, PA
 Karen Denise Giacomini Hackettstown, NJ
 Leah Beth Hagemann Dallas, PA
 Tricia Margaret Hoff Hackettstown, NJ
 Gretchen Hoffman Somerdale, NJ
 Heather Jean Alexis Hollock Wapwallopen, PA
 Mary Kay Hufnell Wilmington, DE
 Donna L. Kvashay Dallas, PA
 Elisabeth Ann Lapina Cornwall Bridge, CT
 Kristine A. Lepo Exeter, PA
 Kathleen Maloney Conyngham, PA
 Pepsi-Lynn Manross Titusville, PA
 Sheri A. Matthey Pittston, PA
 Lori Ann McCoy South Williamsport, PA
 Eric Joseph McDonough Kingston, PA
 Tricia Melnick Dupont, PA
 Michelle Marie Miller Hulmeville, PA
 Valerie Anne Moreau Niantic, CT
 Christina Francesca Moscatiello Jersey City, NJ
 Ericka Mary Nemetz Nanticoke, PA
 Michelle L. Park Chadds Ford, PA
 Jennifer Rebekah Smith Dallas, PA
 Kathleen B. Ulkoski Moscow, PA
 Deborah Kay Welch Sayre, PA
 Renee Winemiller Glen Rock, PA
 Kimberly L. Zipf Brick Town, NJ

MASTER OF SCIENCE — (cont'd)

Organizational Management

Paul E. Davies Shavertown, PA
Michael Preston De Rosa Santa Maria, CA
Kathleen Finsterbusch Sweet Valley, PA
Donald John Francis Dallas, PA
David Edward Geller Harrisburg, PA
Kimberley J. Hall Dallas, PA
Karen M. Kachurick Dallas, PA
Gary G. Labanoski Mountaintop, PA
Joanne M. Mallick Dallas, PA
Colette A. Pecuch Laflin, PA
James F. Stalfa Mountaintop, PA

Physical Therapy

Jamie Teresa Alunni Archbald, PA
Robert Beretski Wyoming, PA
Heidi Bonn Mountaintop, PA
Brian E. Brecht Catawissa, PA
Kristyn M. Carbone Clay, NY
Jennifer Rebecca Chandler Edwardsville, PA
Deborah Cummings Mountaintop, PA
Jennifer H. Elwood Milford, PA
Danielle C. Evans Frackville, PA
Andrea M. Falcone Monticello, NY
Maureen Anne Foy Nanticoke, PA
Pamela J. Gardoski Kingsley, PA
J. D. Gaynor Mountaintop, PA
Andrea B. Gordish Honesdale, PA
Tricia Kathleen Griech Ridgeway, PA
Steven E. Hauer Coal Township, PA
April Ann Herron Pittston, PA

MASTER OF SCIENCE (Physical Therapy) — (cont'd)

Shane Eric Hess Benton, PA
Heather L. Howell Glen Lyon, PA
John D. Jurchak Thurmont, MD
Philip Keating Floral Park, NY
Christopher B. Keller Bloomsburg, PA
Joanne Koneval Lebanon, PA
Michelle Koslosky Forty Fort, PA
Stephen J. Kulikowski Pleasant Mountain, PA
Kara Langan Eynon, PA
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Karen Litzy Old Forge, PA
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Lori L. Rice Manheim, PA
Tara Lynn Rovito Mount Carmel, PA
James Alfred Schappert Forty Fort, PA
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Adam David Tripp Dallas, PA
Lourdes Roxanna Visot-Calder Pottsville, PA
Debra Marie Warman Plymouth, PA
Kevin Anthony Yanuskavich Pittston, PA

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Michelle Marie Aldrich Taylor, PA
Mary Jo Bishop Honesdale, PA
Marnetta Shetler Bradford Shavertown, PA

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING — (cont'd)

Michelle L. Brocious	Milford, PA
Mary Ellen Byrne	South Amboy, NJ
Christine D. Carpenter	Shickshinny, PA
Denise A. Cutillo	Unityville, PA
Louise A. Dillensnyder	Allentown, PA
Katharine K. Douaihy	Dunmore, PA
Sandra J. Federo	Plymouth, PA
Kathleen Finsterbusch	Sweet Valley, PA
Colleen C. Fitch	Dallas, PA
Marilyn Peters Gibbons	Orangeville, PA
Vicki L. Haight	Canton, PA
Alexandria A. Hollock	Wapwallopen, PA
Suzanne Marcinko Jackson	Tunkhannock, PA
Allison A. Maloney	Danville, PA
Nancy Noble McFadden	Walnutport, PA
Kenneth Carneil Montgomery	Ashland, PA
Kathleen L. Nast	Mehoopany, PA
John Dennis Pelick	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Maureen Polakowski	Danville, PA
Anne Romanowski	Cresco, PA
Allen D. Sabatino	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Cindy D. Schmeltz	Bernville, PA
William H. Shaw, Jr.	Nicholson, PA
Mary Karen Shoff	Tamaqua, PA
Ronald Peter Slivka	Lehighon, PA
Paula Smith-Lane	Tunkhannock, PA
Cheryl J. Tregoning	Brockway, PA
Beth D. Van Meter	Blairstown, NJ

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:

Molly Jean Riley

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

Audra Lynn Pearson

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:

Regina Marie Rockensies

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:

Jacqueline S. Weigle

The Wesenyak Memorial Award for excellence in both outstanding academic and clinical performance in PSYCHIATRIC NURSING is awarded to:

Richard Conwell Ales

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

Jessica Anne Poinsett

The Clinical Excellence Award in NURSING, given to a student whose GPA is greater than 3.0 and who is judged by faculty to administer superior nursing skills in clinical practice is awarded to:

Erika R. Zero

The Rho-Tau Award for clinical excellence in the study of RADIOGRAPHY with a B.S. Degree is awarded to:

Tiffany A. Ross

HONORS AND AWARDS — (cont'd)

The Mallinckrodt Award for outstanding academic achievement in RADIOGRAPHY with a BS degree is awarded to:

Laurie A. Earle

The outstanding PHYSICAL THERAPY Student Award to a graduating student who demonstrates excellence in academic achievement, clinical performance, leadership skills and service to the College, community and profession is awarded to:

April Ann Herron

The Catherine Perry Wilkinson Leadership Award, presented to a graduating student who demonstrates exemplary potential for leadership in the profession of PHYSICAL THERAPY, is awarded to:

Tara Lynn Rovito

The PHYSICAL THERAPY Student Achievement Award, given to a graduating student who has demonstrated outstanding abilities to successfully complete the physical therapy curriculum in the face of unique life experiences is awarded to:

Shane Eric Hess

The PSYCHOLOGY Student Achievement Award, in recognition of scholastic achievement and exemplary service to the Psychology Program, is awarded to:

Cynthia A. Hunter

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

Domineque N. Sophabmixay

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

Renee B. Hislop

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

Tiffany A. Ross

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

Jamie Lynn Manning

HONOR SOCIETIES

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

Marlene De Filippis
Linda S. Fassett
Renee B. Hislop
Janice E. Kelly-Thron
Lori Ann Kopacz
Sandra J. Weyhenmeyer

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

Patricia Rozek Brown	Thomas J. Mc Grory
Janice Dreher	Nancy L. Morris
Renee B. Hislop	Jodi Nocek
Donna L. Kvashay	Catherine Manley Sekely
Alice Mc Grory	Domineque N. Sophabmixay

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

David M. Budzak, Jr.	Nancy L. Morris
Laurie A. Earle	Jodi Nocek
Danielle C. Evans	Audra Lynn Pearson
Andrea M. Falcone	Molly Jean Riley
Pamela J. Gardoski	Regina Marie Rockensies
Andrea B. Gordish	Tiffany A. Ross
Renee Stephanie Henrich	Amy Joanne Tremback
Donna L. Kvashay	Deborah Kay Welch
Alice Mc Grory	Kevin Anthony Yanuskavich
Tricia Melnick	

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

April Faith Adams	Donna L. Kvashay
Sharon Ann Antos	Pepsi-Lynn Manross
Leah Beth Hagemann	Tricia Melnick
Tricia Margaret Hoff	Deborah Kay Welch
Heather Jean Alexis Hollock	Renee Winemiller

HONOR SOCIETIES — (cont'd)

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

Patricia Rozek Brown	Nancy L. Morris
Jodi A. De Rome	Jodi Nocek
Janice Dreher	Audra Lynn Pearson
Laurie A. Earle	Christie Meyers Potera
Danielle C. Evans	Molly Jean Riley
Andrea M. Falcone	Regina Marie Rockensies
Pamela J. Gardoski	Tiffany A. Ross
Andrea B. Gordish	Catherine Manley Sekely
Renee Stephanie Henrich	Domineque N. Sophabmixay
Lori Ann Kopacz	Amy Joanne Tremback
Donna L. Kvashay	Deborah Kay Welch
Alice Mc Grory	Kevin Anthony Yanuskevich
Thomas J. Mc Grory	

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:

Laurie A. Earle
Tiffany A. Ross

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

M. Ellen Anuszewski	Kathleen L. Nast
Marnetta Shelter Bradford	Jodi Nocek
Michelle L. Brocious	Eric Paciotti
Denise A. Cutillo	Noelle Marie Paris
Dana Marie Dantonio	Jessica Anne Poinsett
Katharine K. Douaihy	Denise Quinn
Janice Dreher	Cindy D. Schmeltz
Nancy Eisenberger	Jane Sennett
Colleen C. Fitch	William H. Shaw, Jr.
Vicki L. Haight	Kimberly Staub
Suzanne Marcinko Jackson	Beth D. Van Meter
Mary Jean Kotch	Jacqueline S. Weigle
Alison Marie Krakosky	David G. Yurkavage
Judith Ann Loeffler	Erika R. Zero
Kenneth Carneil Montgomery	

HONORS AND AWARDS — (cont'd)

The Sr. Chrysostom Dougherty, RSM Award for excellence in student teaching in SPECIAL EDUCATION is awarded to:

Jennifer Eve O'Neill

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

Audra Lynn Pearson

The Stephen V. Charnitski Memorial Award for excellence in INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY is awarded to:

Jennifer Eve O'Neill

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

Rachell Ann Stuart

The Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award for Proficiency in BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION is awarded to:

Tara J. Deasy

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

Pauline Jensen Gabriel

The Academic Achievement Award for excellence in LIBERAL STUDIES is awarded to:

Renee Stephanie Henrich

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

Alice McGrory

HONORS AND AWARDS — (cont'd)

The DeSerio Fine Arts Award, chosen by the Humanities faculty and given to a graduating senior who excels in any of the non-literary FINE ARTS and demonstrates a high level of academic achievement, is awarded to:

Regina Marie Rockensies

The Most Outstanding Curricular Student in OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY Award is awarded to:

Donna L. Kvashay

The John Heinz Institute Award to the Most Outstanding OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY Student is awarded to:

Lori Ann McCoy

The Occupational Therapy Student Achievement Award for Outstanding Excellence in OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY is awarded to:

Ericka Mary Nemetz

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

Lisa Bechtel	Suzanne Parker
Melissa Bowles	Jennifer Politowski
Stacie Chaszar	Lisa Tarhanich
Melissa Dobbin	Christina Valvano
Maureen Hughes	Deborah Weidow
Maria Mundenar	

HONOR SOCIETIES — (cont'd)

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

M. Ellen Anuszewski	Susan P. Jester
Melissa Ann Diehl	Audra Lynn Pearson
Jennifer Girio	Tiffany A. Ross
Angela Heitkemper	Mary Seamon
Cynthia A. Hunter	Kevin Anthony Yanuskavich

Students admitted to CHI ALPHA EPSILON, Honor Society for outstanding academic achievements and who are members of the Act 101 Programs:

Susan P. Jester	Shannon Lea McNeill
Eric J. McDonough	Gina Sitkowski

Students admitted to KAPPA DELTA PI, International Honor Society in Education:

Tara Lyn Ahearn	Tracy Kiwak
Cindy Maree Beck	Sharon R. Lynch
Patricia Rozek Brown	Shannon Lea McNeill
Joseph S. Campisi	Dawn K. Mericle
Scott Crispell	Becky Jo Miller
Leigh Anne Cummings	Dennis G. Morris
Sr. M. Daria, R.S.M.	Thomas J. Nasser
Jodi A. DeRome	Audra Lynn Pearson
Shea M. Foulkrod	Catherine Manley Sekely
Susan Louise Fronzoni	Valerie A. Smyers
Linda M. Houck	Bridget Hinchley Telechowski
Kristyn A. Kelly	Diane Wojciechowski

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

Alice Mc Grory
Molly Jean Riley
Regina Marie Rockensies

VERA KING FARRIS, PH.D.
Doctor of Humane Letters, *Honoris Causa*

Today College Misericordia is honored to present its highest academic award to Vera King Farris, Ph.D., in recognition of her outstanding professional achievements and her many contributions to higher education and society. Dr. Farris, who currently is in her fourteenth year as president of Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, is known throughout the state of New Jersey as a dynamic college president and advocate of higher education.

Dr. Farris began her distinguished career in higher education in 1965 as an instructor and research assistant in zoology and parasitology at the University of Michigan. She has also taught at the State University of New York at Stony Brook and Brockport, and at Kean College of New Jersey. In addition to teaching, she has served as dean of special programs at Stony Brook, as vice provost of academic affairs at Brockport, and as vice president for academic affairs at Kean College. In 1983, when she was named president of Stockton College, she also joined the college's faculty as professor of biological sciences. She holds master's and doctorate degrees in zoology and parasitology from the University of Massachusetts, and a bachelor's degree in biology from the Tuskegee Institute.

Over the years she has been invited to serve on many of the nation's most important organizations in higher education. She currently serves as chair of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and previously chaired its nominating committee and educational equity committee; she is a past president of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and serves on the boards of the American Council on Education, the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, and the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation, where she was appointed Vice Chair/Secretary.

Dr. Farris also is active in higher education on the state level. She is a founding member of the Academy of the Governor's Pride of New Jersey and is a director of New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority. She serves on the State Board of Examiners, New Jersey Department of Education and chairs the Excellence and Accountability Reporting Committee in New Jersey of the state's Commission on Higher Education, in addition to serving on various other state boards and commissions.

Because of her sustained and energetic efforts to advance higher education and to serve her community, Dr. Farris has received numerous awards and accolades. In 1992 *New Jersey Woman Magazine* chose her as its Woman of the Year, and last year she received a "Hero in Public Housing Award" from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. She also was inducted to the Atlantic County Women's Hall of Fame, and is the recipient of the Atlantic County March of Dimes 1996 FDR Community Service Award. Dr. Farris received the 1992 Education Award for being "an outstanding leader in education" from The Washington Center at the 1992 Honor Roll Dinner in Washington, and was also recognized in *Ebony Magazine* as a dynamic college president. She has also received a New Jersey State Assembly Commendation from the Women of the 205th Legislature and has been named to *Who's Who in American Education*.

Dr. Farris has been awarded honorary doctorates from several institutions including Tuskegee University, California State University-Hayward, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Saint Peter's College and Sojourner-Douglass College in Baltimore. She received the New York University Presidential Medal in 1994, and the Chancellor's Medal for Exemplary and Extraordinary Service from the University of Massachusetts.

Dr. Vera King Farris' career is noteworthy not only for its achievement and excellence, but also for the passion and commitment she brings to the service she gives to her college, her community and her profession. That passion has earned her the respect and admiration of those who work with her, including the Richard Stockton College Board of Trustees, who two years ago praised her leadership as exemplary, meritorious and distinctive. In recognition of her leadership, vision and dedication, College Misericordia is pleased to bestow upon Vera King Farris, Ph.D., the Doctor of Humane Letters, *Honoris Causa*.

REGINA KELLY, RSM, PH.D., '43
Catherine McAuley Medal

It is with deepest appreciation and highest esteem that the College Misericordia community awards this year's Catherine McAuley Medal to one of its most dedicated and respected members, Dr. Regina Kelly, RSM, professor emeritus. For nearly thirty years Dr. Kelly has served the College as teacher and dean, extending her love of literature and writing to all who enrolled in her classes or worked with her on many projects and publications.

Dr. Kelly began her teaching career at Misericordia in 1964, shortly after receiving her doctorate in sixteenth-century English literature from Fordham University. She taught English, literature, Shakespeare and other related subjects, always emphasizing to her students the beauty and power of the written word. In 1967 she was appointed academic dean, a position she held until 1971, when she returned to the faculty. Upon her retirement in 1993, the Misericordia Board of Trustees honored her by naming her professor emeritus.

Many of Misericordia's humanities alumni remember Dr. Kelly as an editor and teacher with exacting standards. As the advisor to the College's literary magazine *Instress*, Dr. Kelly encouraged the magazine's staff to pursue excellence and innovation in their essays, poetry and art. She also directed the Honors program for many years, inspiring the Honors students to reach for the highest levels of academic accomplishment.

In addition to her teaching, Dr. Kelly has been active in faculty and administrative roles, serving as the chair for two presidential inauguration committees and for the President's Commission on Life and Mission, the 70th Anniversary committee, the Alumni Memorial Lecture Series, the Service Awards Dinner and on the board of directors for the Misericordia Alumni Association; the Association has honored her by awarding her the 1987 Mother Mary Catharine McGann Award, in recognition of her distinguished and sustained career accomplishments.

Dr. Kelly has served on the board of directors for Mercy Hospital in Wilkes-Barre, for St. Joseph College in West Hartford, Connecticut, and for Mount Aloysius Junior College; she also served on the executive committee of the Mercy Higher Education Colloquium. In addition,

she worked with the Middle States Association in evaluating colleges for accreditation.

Over the years Dr. Kelly has actively pursued scholarship in English literature and the work of Shakespeare, conducting research at Cambridge University in Great Britain, the Huntington Library in San Marino, California, and the Folger Library in Washington, DC. She has written histories of Mother Catherine McAuley (now in its third printing), foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, of Mercy Hospitals in Scranton and Wilkes-Barre, and of Misericordia for its 50th anniversary in 1974. She currently is at work researching and writing the history of the College for its 75th anniversary in 1999.

Known throughout the College community and the Wyoming Valley as a Shakespeare scholar, Dr. Kelly has played an integral part in founding and establishing Misericordia's Theatre-on-the-Green summer Shakespeare program, now celebrating its tenth anniversary. She has been both an organizer and active participant in the annual Shakespeare Symposium, held just before each Theatre-on-the-Green performance. At the annual Shakespeare for Children program, Dr. Kelly delights the children with stories of the great playwright, his plays, and how life was lived in his day.

The McAuley Medal is not awarded annually, but on the basis of merit. This is the seventh medal to be presented in the last twelve years.

In grateful recognition of her 30 years of dedication to her students, for her devotion to the highest standards of education, and for her continuous service to the College and community, College Misericordia is pleased to present Dr. Regina Kelly, RSM '43, professor emeritus, with the Catherine McAuley Medal.

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