

Seventy-sixth Commencement Convocation

Class of 2002

Anderson Sports and Health Center

Saturday, May 18, 2002



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Class of 2002

The class of 2002 is the largest in College Misericordia's 78-year history, with over 350 students participating in the ceremony and nearly 400 applying to receive degrees. Among the notable graduates this year will be the first from Misericordia's Women with Children Program, a student who fled war-torn Kosovo as a refugee, and the second group of graduates from the Expressway accelerated degree program for adults.

Class Officers

Megan Ruckle, *President*

Justin Snyder, *Vice-President*

Jayne Bass, *Secretary*

Echo Ingham, *Treasurer*

Darcy Brodmerkel, *Advisor*



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Program

Note: The curtain at the back of the arena may be dropped just before the program begins in order to improve sound quality for the audience. For the best view of the Commencement ceremony, please be seated downstairs before the procession begins.

Academic Processional

Ceol Mor, *Pipe and Drum Band*

Invocation

Reverend Michael M. Bryant, MTh, *Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry*

National Anthem

College Misericordia Chamber Singers
John Curtis, DMA, *Director and Pianist*

Welcome

Michael A. MacDowell, EdD, *President*

Conferring of Honorary Degree

Sandy Insalaco, Sr., *Chair, Board of Trustees*

Doctor of Humane Letters

Camille D'Arienzo, RSM, PhD
Most Reverend James C. Timlin, *Bishop of Scranton*
W. David Trimble, *Nobel Laureate*

Address to Candidates

W. David Trimble, *Nobel Laureate*

College Misericordia Chamber Singers

John Curtis, *Director and Pianist*

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees

Michael J. McGovern, EdD, *Vice President of Academic Affairs*

Conferring of Degrees

Michael A. MacDowell, *President*

Remarks

Rett Landin Holmes '02, *Class Valedictorian*
Kelly M. Stinelli '02, *Class Valedictorian* *Ex æquo*

Presentation of Senior Class Gift

Megan Ruckle '02, *Senior Class President*

Induction of Graduates into the Alumni Association

Betsi Jaeger, BS, '68, *President, Alumni Association Board of Directors*

Presentation of Faculty Awards

Michael J. McGovern, *Vice President of Academic Affairs*

Alma Mater

College Misericordia Chamber Singers

Benediction

Most Reverend James C. Timlin, *Bishop of Scranton*

Academic Recessional

Ceol Mor, *Pipe and Drum Band*

American Sign Language (ASL) by Cherish Francik, *Certified Interpreter for the Deaf*

The audience will please remain seated until the Graduates have filed out.

Marshals

Lynn Aldrich, EdD,
Grand Marshal

Darcy Brodmerkel, MED, CAC,
Class Advisor

Marie Blizzard '93

Larree Elston Brown '96

Agnes Toloczko Cardoni,
PhD '69

Margaret Royal Charnick '93

Stanley Charnick, MS '91

Mary Ellen Gulotti '87

Colleen Coyle Newhart '75

Salvatore Savatteri, Jr.,
ESQ '95

Thomas Sweetz, MS '01

Renee Gregori Zehel, MS '01

Alternate

Dawn Pangrazzi '74

Honorary Degree Recipient



Camille D'Arienzo, RSM, PhD

Sister Camille accepts today's award in the name of the many people who have inspired her throughout her lifetime.

Camille D'Arienzo, RSM, PhD

Sister Camille D'Arienzo was the first of two daughters born to Rafaella Acierno and Louis D'Arienzo, who were born in Italy and met and married in New York. Baptized Joan Louise, she grew up in Queens, New York. She was eight and her sister, Gloria, was three when their mother died and they were sent as boarders to Our Lady of Mercy Academy in Syosset, Long Island.

A year after graduation, Camille entered the Sisters of Mercy. She received a Bachelor's in Education from Fordham University in 1964, and a Master's in 1968 and Doctorate in 1974 from the University of Michigan.

From her earliest years she exhibited a passion for people who were neglected and a detestation of war and violence as solutions to human problems. Since the 1970s she has advocated for victims of oppression in society and in the Church. She traveled to El Salvador and Nicaragua in the 1980s after the murders of the U.S. Churchwomen. She has demonstrated against the arms race, the training of terrorists in the School of the Americas, and has gathered a Cherish Life Circle to support an end to capital punishment.

Since 1973 D'Arienzo has broadcast weekly commentaries on 1010 WINS, an all-news New York radio station. She is a journalist and popular public speaker, and the recipient of numerous awards.

D'Arienzo served two years as president of the Brooklyn Regional Community of the Sisters of Mercy and three years as president of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious.

On September 8, 2001, she marked 50 years as a Sisters of Mercy and is at a midpoint in celebrating her jubilee year.

Most Reverend James C. Timlin, DD

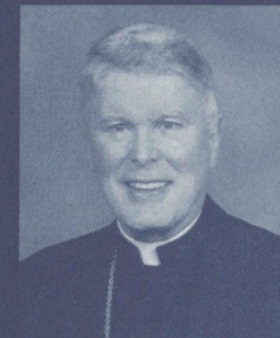
James C. Timlin was born on August 5, 1927 in Scranton, the son of the late James C. and Helen Norton Timlin. After schooling in North Scranton and attending college and seminary in Maryland, he enrolled in the North American College in Rome, Italy, where he completed his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained on July 16, 1951.

Timlin was appointed Assistant Pastor at Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Pittston in 1952 and at Saint Peter's Cathedral Parish, Scranton in 1966. After serving as Assistant Chancellor of the Diocese and Secretary to the Most Reverend J. Carroll McCormick, DD, Sixth Bishop of Scranton, he was appointed Chaplain to His Holiness, Pope Paul VI in 1967. He became Chancellor of the Diocese in 1971 and was designated a Prelate of Honor of His Holiness in 1972. He was named Auxiliary Bishop of Scranton and Vicar General of the Diocese of Scranton in 1976, and Pastor of the Church of the Nativity of Our Lord, Scranton in 1979. Timlin was appointed Eighth Bishop of Scranton by His Holiness, Pope John Paul II in 1984.

His work includes positions of honor with the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, the Priests Education Committee, St. Pius X Seminary, the Diocesan Board of Consultors, the National Association of Holy Name Societies, The Catholic Light, and the Preparatory Commission for the Diocesan Synod. He has served on the NCCB Administrative Board, the National Advisory Council, and the Board of the North American College, as well as consulted on the Liturgy Committee.

Bishop Timlin is currently a consultant to the Ecumenical Committee and the Migration Committee, and is the Episcopal Moderator of the National Association of Catholic Airport Chaplains.

Honorary Degree Recipient



Most Reverend James C. Timlin, DD

Timlin was educated locally: Saint John the Evangelist Grade School, South Scranton; Holy Rosary Grade School, North Scranton; and Holy Rosary High School, North Scranton.

Honorary Degree Recipient



Rt. Hon.
W. David Trimble, MP, MLA

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David Trimble was born in Bangor, Ireland on October 15, 1944. He was educated at Bangor Grammar School, graduated from Queen's University LL.B (1st class) in 1968, and became a Barrister at Law in 1969. He edited the *Northern Ireland Law Reports* from 1974 to 1990 and has contributed to several legal publications. In 1978 he married Daphne Elizabeth Orr; they have four children: Richard, Victoria, Nicholas, and Sarah.

Trimble entered politics in 1975 when he was elected to the Northern Ireland Constitutional Convention as representative of the Vanguard Unionist Party, part of a United Unionist coalition with the mainstream Ulster Unionist Party (UUP) and the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP). The Convention was established by the British Government following the collapse of the Sunningdale Agreement. During inter-party talks in the Convention, Trimble backed the idea of Vanguard leader Bill Craig for a coalition between Unionists and the Social Democratic and Labour Party to launch a new devolved Parliament for Northern Ireland. The idea was not backed by the rest of the United Unionist Coalition and Craig and Trimble were expelled. Trimble then joined the Ulster Unionist Party. In 1983 he became Vice-Chair and in 1985 Chair of Lagan Valley Unionist Association. From 1990 through 1996 he was Honorary Secretary of the Ulster Unionist Council and from 1989 to 1995 Chair of the UUP Legal Committee.

During this period Trimble was active with the Queen's University Unionist Association. He was responsible for a number of publications, one of which, *Ulster, The Internal Colony*, was adopted by the UUP as the basis for a campaign for fair treatment of Northern Ireland business within the United Kingdom Parliament. This campaign resulted in the creation of the Northern Ireland Select Committee and the Northern Ireland Grand Committee.

In 1985 Trimble was founding Chair of the Ulster Society for the Promotion of Ulster British Culture and Heritage, a non-partisan and inclusive organization. The Society published a regular magazine and produced a score of publications, two of which Trimble authored. He resigned as Chair in 1990 when he was elected MP for Upper Bann Constituency. In 1995 Trimble was elected Leader of the Ulster Unionist Party and immediately began a series of talks with other parties, becoming the first Unionist Leader to meet the Irish Government in Government Building in Dublin. He persuaded the British Government that any inter-party talks involving parties linked to terrorist groups should be initiated through an elected body. This led to the election of the Northern Ireland Forum for Political Dialogue in May 1996, from whose members the participants in the Northern Ireland inter-party talks were drawn. These talks culminated in the Belfast Agreement in April, 1998.

In June 1998 Trimble was elected an Assembly member for Upper Bann and in July of 1998 was elected First Minister (Designate). Power was devolved to the Northern Ireland Assembly in December of 1999. In June of 2001 the Ulster Unionist Party gained over 27percent of the vote, giving the UUP one third of Northern Ireland's seats in the Westminster Parliament and making it Northern Ireland's largest political party. Trimble resigned from Office on June 30, 2001 because of the failure of Republicans to decommission. Following the start of IRA decommissioning in October of 2001, he was re-elected as First Minister on November 6, 2001.

In December 1998 Trimble received the Nobel Peace Prize with John Hume for work in securing the Belfast Agreement; in 1999 he was awarded the Légion d'honneur by French President Jacques Chirac. He became a member of Her Majesty's Privy Council in 1996.

His interests are music, opera, history and reading.

"...[Trimble] threaded his way through a minefield of problems, guided by his intelligence, his sure grasp of the political situation and his determination to reach agreement."

—Senator George Mitchell

Bachelor of Arts

English

John J. Dessoie, Pittston, PA
Ellyn M. Ide, Tunkhannock, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Lynn Marie Sabulski, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Michael Schoppy, Marion Heights, PA

History

Michael Aaron Albee, Harveys Lake, PA
Stacie Mariel Baron, Nanticoke, PA
Amy M. Berlew, Kingston, PA
Matthew D. Brenner, Camp Hill, PA
Jason Flores, Elizabeth, NJ
Jason Gardner, Hughestown, PA
Sean P. Hopkins, Avoca, PA
James C. Konecke, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Summa Cum Laude* *College Honors*
Michael Schoppy, Marion Heights, PA
Jason Skovronski, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Liberal Studies

Bridgette Livezey, Dallas, PA

Philosophy

Julie Lynn Heintzeman, Stillwater, PA *Summa Cum Laude*

Accounting

Althea Beatrice Gommer, Hunlock Creek, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Melinda Lee Gray, Duryea, PA
Judi M. Pazgan, Wanamie, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Rochelle Roman, Mountaintop, PA *Cum Laude*
Shannon M. Tobias, Hazleton, PA
Margaret Mary Hutnik Williams, Kingston, PA

Biochemistry

Christopher M. Bianca, Scranton, PA
Jason E. Karasinski, West Wyoming, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Biology

Christopher M. Bianca, Scranton, PA
Kelly Marie De Bonis, Orangeville, PA
Stacy Marie Harowicz, Hudson, PA
Michael Heim, Archbald, PA
Craig Herbert Pratt, New Windsor, NY *Cum Laude*
Roxanne Rizzo, Dallas, PA *Cum Laude*
Helene Strutko, Harveys Lake, PA
Bernard Svab, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Christy Ann Walck, Lehigh, PA
Maria Waselus, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Business Administration

Karl Lee Andreas, Jr., Berwick, PA
Krista Marie Avillion, Freeland, PA *Cum Laude*
Tina Baucher, Hazleton, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Robert Herman Behlke, Wyoming, PA
Robert M. Belza, Exeter, PA
Susan Bilwin, Larksville, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
James Brennan, Southampton, PA
Nicole Carrasco, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Mary Patricia Chomo, McAdoo, PA
Andrea C. Davis, Mount Pocono, PA
Amy M. Demshock, Hazleton, PA
Eugene E. Domulevicz, Jr., Glen Lyon, PA
Theresa A. Donnini, Lake Ariel, PA *Cum Laude*
Mary Ann Faust, West Pittston, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Science

Bachelor of Science

Business Administration *Continued*

Mary Beth Fisher, Hazleton, PA
Jude J. Fritz, Mountaintop, PA
Sharon L. Harvey, Kingston, PA
Benjamin Paul Iuvone, Hackettstown, NJ
Ann M. Kobusky, Edwardsville, PA
Justin Kreller, Sweet Valley, PA
Natalie L. Learn, Forty Fort, PA
Mark David Leshko, Hazleton, PA *Cum Laude*
Carol E. Lipperini, Pittston, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Candice Ross Malarkey, Scranton, PA
Matthew R. Malcolm, Mountaintop, PA
Debra Manarski, Hudson, PA
Amanda Manganiello, Shavertown, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
John David Marko, Edwardsville, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Thomas Richard McAvoy, Shickshinny, PA
Ann Marie McNulty, Shavertown, PA *Cum Laude*
John P. Meyers, Jr., Hudson, PA
Stephanie Osborn, Long Pond, PA
Christine Marie Panuccio, Shavertown, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Kathleen Kuryloski Price, Mountaintop, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
James Proietto, Plymouth, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Sara Purdy, Scranton, PA
Marsha Ann Richardson, Nanticoke, PA
Peggy Jane Rooney, Berwick, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Dennis Rospigliosi, Luzerne, PA *Cum Laude*
James S. Sapak, Mountaintop, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Yvonne M. Sapak, Mountaintop, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Richard J. Shaw, Waldwick, NJ
Lisa R. Sorber, Shickshinny, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Janeen Elizabeth Surls, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Joanne Marie Szoke, Kingston, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Holly M. Szychowski, Nanticoke, PA *Cum Laude*
Michael Tarola, Macungie, PA
Mark Toporcer, Nanticoke, PA
Steven M. Tredinnick, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Patricia Ann Vest, Larksville, PA
Mary L. Vezendy, Pittston Twp., PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Danielle Wagner, Hazleton, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Susan A. Walton, Mountaintop, PA
Raymond A. Zawisza, III, Philadelphia, PA

Computer Science

Kathleen S. Firestone, Old Forge, PA
Michael W. Hollos, Noxen, PA *Cum Laude*
Michelle Ann Linsenbigler, Bethlehem, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Jeffrey Magda, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Vasilios Papageorgious, Easton, PA
Krunal Patel, Scranton, PA

Elementary Education

Kristina Lynn Biscotto, Pittston, PA
Jennifer A. Ceresini, Lebanon, PA *Cum Laude*
Jill Chapin, Hunlock Creek, PA
Daniel Robert Cianci, Mahwah, NJ
Wynne Comstock, Mehoopany, PA
Amy Lynn Czajkowski, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Nicole Marie D'Imperio, Marlton, NJ *Cum Laude*
Renee Lynn Demko, Swoyersville, PA
Meghan Lynn Evans, Hop Bottom, PA

Bachelor of Science

Education *Continued*

Valerie Felter, Moosic, PA
Tracey Ann Ferack, Pittston, PA
Janine M. Firmender, Stanhope, NJ *Cum Laude*
Wendy L. Fisher, Springville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Corey Gallagher, Sparta, NJ *Cum Laude*
Kimberly Catherine Golembeski, Nanticoke, PA
Amanda Renee Hall, Tunkhannock, PA
Dawn R. Harding, Dallas, PA
David R. Kelleher, Lake Winola, PA
Valerie Ann Kovacs, Bethlehem, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Angela Kulick, Elysburg, PA
Jennifer Mackiewicz, Larksville, PA
Denise Manzione, Lake Hopatcong, NJ
Heather Lynn Matello, Courtdale, PA
Tracy A. Mazza, Danbury, CT
Melissa Ann Mingos, Tunkhannock, PA *Cum Laude*
Melissa Kylene Muth, Mount Laurel, NJ
Cara Anne Norwood, Pittston, PA
Tara Lynn Palermo, Sugarloaf, PA
Gennifer Diane Pauley, Noxen, PA *Cum Laude*
Edward Gregory Piekara, Shavertown, PA
Allison Mary Potsko, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*
Susan Racek, Plains, PA
Alison Gottshalk Richterman, Dallas, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Jean Riedlinger, Dallas, PA
Shauna R. Ruddy, Dunmore, PA
Lisa M. Smith, South Williamsport, PA
Beth Turnbaugh, White Haven, PA
Loralea Marquette Weller, South Montrose, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Health Science

Megan Atkas, Severn, MD *Magna Cum Laude*
Ronald A. Badman, Nanticoke, PA
Aaron Matthew Barner, Williamsport, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Brooke J. Bartolino, Trenton, NJ *Cum Laude*
Allison Theresa Behm, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*
Matthew Scott Boben, Cinnaminson, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*
Megan J. Bowers, Germansville, PA *Cum Laude*
Kristy Boyd, Roaring Springs, PA *Cum Laude*
Jolene V. Brown, Coal Twp., PA
Dawn Diamond Browning, Glen Allen, VA
John D. Campbell, Phoenixville, PA
Karen Chernikovich, Nanticoke, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Sara Kay Clement, Wyoming, PA
Jill Marie Connolly, Whiting, NJ *Magna Cum Laude* *College Honors*
John Richard Crine, Jr., Bethlehem, PA
Robert Louis Dell'Osa, Valrico, FL
William F. Dessoie, Pittston, PA *Cum Laude*
Juliette O'Connor Doherty, Lake Grove, NY
Suzanne Margaret Donati, Moosic, PA
Kristina Renee Dorkoski, Kulpmont, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Brian Drew, Forty Fort, PA
Amy Beth Ebling, Douglassville, PA *Magna Cum Laude* *College Honors*
Margaret Ann Edwards, Woodridge, NY
Natalie Elizabeth Engelman, Temple, PA
Shannon Bree Fisher, Port Trevorton, PA
Kelley Marie Flynn, Bel Air, MD *Cum Laude*
Christina Marie Freeborn, Marlboro, NY
Therese Eileen Galati, Fair Lawn, NJ *Cum Laude*
Judith Lori Greth, Reading, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Science

Health Science *Continued*

Sohal Hallur, Monroe, CT *Cum Laude*
Jason F. Hause, Milton, PA
Jennifer Hepner, Shoemakersville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Lauren Jane Hnath, Stanhope, NJ
Jennifer Renee Holmes, Bangor, PA
Rett Landin Holmes, Bangor, PA *Summa Cum Laude College Honors*
Raymond Karoly, Jr., Emmaus, PA *Cum Laude College Honors*
Abigail Leigh Kerstetter, Towanda, PA *Summa Cum Laude College Honors*
Alexis Kissinger, Upper Darby, PA
Sara Jean Kittell, Portage, PA *Cum Laude College Honors*
Beth Kostick, Drums, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Kelly Ann Kozar, Manalapan, NJ
Carol Ann Kuca, Wayne, NJ
Marissa Lynn Kyne, Largo, FL
MaryAlice Lachman, Chalfont, PA *Magna Cum Laude College Honors*
Maria Philomena Laczkoskie, Shamokin, PA *Cum Laude*
Gretchen A. Lawler, Richboro, PA
Jodi Anne Levin, Waldwick, NJ
Elizabeth Mary Lockavich, Sweet Valley, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Samantha Loving, Hellertown, PA *Cum Laude*
Elizabeth Ann Lowe, Ephrata, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Shana L. Lowery, Birdsboro, PA *Cum Laude College Honors*
Christine Marie Luhrs, Englishtown, NJ
Justine Dawn MacDougall, Colonia, NJ
Jamie Marko, Hazleton, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Jason E. Marks, Pine Grove, PA
Jeffrey Marsch, Drums, PA *Cum Laude*
Patricia A. McDermott, Massapequa, NY *Cum Laude College Honors*
Jamie McNamara, Olyphant, PA
Colleen Allison Medlin, Timonium, MD *Cum Laude*

Paula Jean Millard, Kingsley, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Sara Miller, New Milford, CT
Johanna Milot, West Hazleton, PA *Cum Laude*
Beth Anne Morris, North Wales, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Marjorie K. Mowbray, Carlisle, PA *Cum Laude College Honors*
Megan Mulderig, Jermyn, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Kelly Jo Murphy, Elizabethtown, PA
Alicia A. Myer, Uniondale, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Kristy A. Nadolsky, Lilly, PA *Magna Cum Laude College Honors*
Kelly A. Nye, Amherst, OH *Magna Cum Laude College Honors*
Shannon Marie O'Hearn, Throop, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Kylie Perry, Ulster, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Maria A. Petrasek, Forty Fort, PA *Cum Laude*
Mandy Reed, Dalmatia, PA
Kristi Reese, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL *Cum Laude*
Deborah Marie Rogers, Franklin Square, NY
Sarah Rome, Montague, NJ *Magna Cum Laude College Honors*
Kimberly Jo Sechrist, Williamsport, PA *Summa Cum Laude College Honors*
Rachel Marie Serignese, Brockton, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Nichole Marie Smith, Warrenton, VA *Cum Laude*
Tina Corine Spagnuolo, Hudson, PA
Kelly M. Stinelli, Pittsburgh, PA *Summa Cum Laude College Honors*
Jennifer Jean Stone, Lansford, PA
Erin Eileen Taronis, Pottsville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Amy Maureen Tegethoff, Tinton Falls, NJ
Jennifer Anne Tiedeken, Pennsauken, NJ
Nicole R. Trauger, Factoryville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Alexis Noel Tressler, Leola, PA *Magna Cum Laude College Honors*
Jason Tuminski, Old Forge, PA
Christopher C. Wade, Whitney Point, NY

Health Science *Continued*

Christy L. Wagner, Ashland, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Megan Weber, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*
Christy Rudelle Wert, Carlisle, PA *Summa Cum Laude* *College Honors*
Carolyn Grady Whitworth, Sicklerville, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*
Patricia A. Wisniewski, Dickson City, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Robin Michelle Wolgemuth, Manheim, PA *Cum Laude*
Andrew T. Yannaccone, Watsonstown, PA *Magna Cum Laude* *College Honors*
Jason Cooper Young, Newton, NJ
Caroline Amzie Zacharias, East Stroudsburg, PA *Cum Laude*
Johanna C. Zarnosky, Voorhees, NJ *Cum Laude*
Stacy J. Zigner, Sunbury, PA
Alyssa Joy Zoller, Nanticoke, PA

Interdisciplinary Studies

Tara Grohowski, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Management Information Systems

Jason Bartoli, Falls, PA *Cum Laude*
Milot Bejta, Prishtina, Kosova
Paul Thomas Burke, Dallas, PA
Diane L. Coleman, Shickshinny, PA
Joseph A. Cook, III, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Anna M. Davis, Scranton, PA
Michael Joseph Favata, Swoyersville, PA
Elaine S. Guarnieri-Pucci, Pittston, PA
Frank Michael Hilstolsky, Dallas, PA
Michael J. Karol, Allentown, PA
Sharon Kondracki, Sugar Notch, PA
James J. Lahey, Dallas, PA
Gregory A. Morales, Warwick, NY
Jason Mark Perlis, Hunlock Creek, PA

Alison M. Redmond, Hunlock Creek, PA *Cum Laude*
Jarrett Sitler, Berwick, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Andrea Michelle Slezak, Wyoming, PA
Brian M. Slocum, Factoryville, PA
Bruce Szczecinski, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Jonmichael Vito, Allentown, PA
Thomas P. Williams, Shavertown, PA

Mathematics

Michael W. Hollos, Noxen, PA *Cum Laude*
Emily L. Jones, Wyalusing, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Michelle Ann Linsenbigler, Bethlehem, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Michael Rother, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Medical Imaging

Leonard M. Bartone, III, Birdsboro, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Erin B. Splendido, Forty Fort, PA *Cum Laude*
Julie Anne Vavrina, Hallstead, PA

Medical Technology

Nichole Petrauskas, Clarks Summit, PA

Professional Studies

Shannon Elizabeth Bartholomew, Marlton, NJ
Tiffany Dickinson, Parkesburg, PA
Patricia Leonard, Shavertown, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Cheryl Audrey Lutz, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Barbara Bolis Montante, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Melody Stevens, Dallas, PA
Vanessa Wais, Brockport, NY *Summa Cum Laude*
Deborah Lynn Widenor, Wilmington, DE

Psychology

Catherine Ann Argenio, Pittston Twp., PA *Cum Laude*
Erin Paige Baer, Leesport, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Tara T. Becchetti, Dunmore, PA
Melanie Marie Becker, Pylesville, MD
Bernadette Bradley-Kubicki, Kingston, PA *Cum Laude*
Lysandra Margaret Caiozza, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Amy Kathleen Campbell, Highspire, PA
Alyse N. Cantore, Clifton, NJ
Charles A. Farr, Waymart, PA
Loretta Ann Ferrell, Hegins, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Allison M. Gruber, Pocono Lake, PA
Sohal Hallur, Monroe, CT *Cum Laude*
Julie Lynn Heintzelman, Stillwater, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Andrew Kaminsky, Maine, NY
Erinne Elise Koehler, Malone NY *College Honors*
Nicholas Joseph Masick, Damascus, MD *Cum Laude*
Shelley Juern McKaughan, Largo, FL *Magna Cum Laude*
Jodi L. Monroe, Kingston, PA
Kelley Lynn Moore, Churchville, PA *Cum Laude*
Vasilios Papageorgious, Easton, PA
Davienne L. Piatt, Luzerne, PA
Lee Ann M. Praskac, Nesquehoning, PA *Cum Laude*
Jill Marie Rickert, Valley View, PA *Cum Laude*
Christine Thrash, Hunlock Creek, PA
Megan M. Timko, Dalton, PA
Mark Wyly, West Chester, PA
Shannon L. Zeevalk, Brick, NJ

Radiography

David G. Hrino, Hazleton, PA
Tracy L. Pitcher, Little Meadows, PA
Rena Roberts, Carbondale, PA *Cum Laude*
Erica Lynn Rothermel, Catawissa, PA

Special Education

Jill Chapin, Hunlock Creek, PA
Nicole Marie D'Imperio, Marlton, NJ *Cum Laude*
Tracey Ann Ferack, Pittston, PA
Paula Jean Fine, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Wendy L. Fisher, Springville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Kimberly Catherine Golembeski, Nanticoke, PA
Amanda Renee Hall, Tunkhannock, PA
Valerie Ann Kovacs, Bethlehem, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Denise Manzione, Lake Hopatcong, NJ
Tracy A. Mazza, Danbury, CT
Cara Anne Norwood, Pittston, PA
Tiffany Jean Owens, Dallas, PA
Lisa M. Smith, South Williamsport, PA
Beth Turnbaugh, White Haven, PA

Nursing

Tammy Altemier, Honesdale, PA
Heidi Amend, Mountaintop, PA
Peggy Meck Amory, Dallas, PA
Elizabeth Ball, Pittston Twp., PA
Erin Margaret Beggs, Plains, PA
Valerie Ann Bell, Tafton, PA
Leigh Leon Bonczewski, Nanticoke, PA
Barbara Ann Burke, Dallas, PA *Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Nursing *Continued*

Michele Ann Chase, Scranton, PA
Mark David Chonko, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Lori Ann Clark, Drums, PA
Anna Marie DiSanto, Yardley, PA
Janice Rule Divers, Wapwallopen, PA
Julie Ann Donahue, Pittston, PA
Rebecca Dunnigan, Trucksville, PA
Kara Eichenlaub, Hughesville, PA *Cum Laude*
Marie Everhart, Dallas, PA
Alia Alyn Faatz, Plains, PA
Michael A. Garcia, Avoca, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Debra J. Gavin, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Rebecca Brown Grohowski, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Diane Haines, Montoursville, PA
Michael Hatrak, Shickshinny, PA
Mary Hoover, Exeter, PA
Mary Ellen Horter, West Pittston, PA
Kimberly Kamine, Dallas, PA
Patricia Ann Kane, Williamsport, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Carol Jamie Karlotski, Luzerne, PA
Michael Bernard Levandowski, Nanticoke, PA *Cum Laude*
Mary Ann Marek, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Kimberly Ann McGinley, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Renee Danyel Mitterling, Macungie, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Colleen Nelson-Pukatch, Mountaintop, PA
Sandra Norton, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Megan Claire O'Reilly-Ricko, Wyoming, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Cheryl Bell Oster, Shavertown, PA
Kerry L. Ritondo, Dallas, PA
Michelle Rene Rowlands, Dallas, PA
Lori Sherinsky, Dupont, PA

Tabitha Shimko, Exeter, PA
Regina Stanton, Sweet Valley, PA
Kimberly Lynn Teschke, Bethlehem, PA *Cum Laude*
Karen Urzen, Shavertown, PA
Andrew J. Vavrek, West Pittston, PA
Helen Vogue, Dupont, PA
Lisa Karen Walsh, Plains, PA
Linda B. Wilk, Ashley, PA
Denice Yanchik, Dallas, PA
Mary Yazdzik, Honesdale, PA
Melanie Zeigler, Weatherly, PA

Social Work

Lin A. Armstrong, Waymart, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Megan Tracy Campbell, Wichita, KS
Stacey Colatosti, Nanticoke, PA
Robin Lynn Decker, Taylor, PA
Christina M. Eyer, Plains, PA
Christine Marie Griffith, Mountaintop, PA
Lisa M. Jennings, White Haven, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Emily Mary Mathers, Trucksville, PA
Tracy L. McBride, Lehman, PA
Kathryn M. McClure, Weatherly, PA
Tara Aileen McCutcheon, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Coleen A. Pall, Plymouth, PA
Laura Quinn Ross, Clarks Green, PA
Judith Ann Strish, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Melissa Trebunak, Plains, PA
Jennifer L. Warabak, Pittston, PA
Rachael Snow Wyly, West Chester, PA
Valerie Ann Zynel, Freeland, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Bachelor of Social Work

Master of Science

Education

Jessie Conyngham Anzalone, Shavertown, PA
Mary Susan Burns, Plains, PA
Nancy T. Hedden, Dallas, PA
Rebecca J. Koss, Hunlock Creek, PA
Audra Pearson, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Angela G. Stout, Nuangola, PA
Crystal Lee Travitz, Benton, PA
Robert J. Tugend, Tobyhanna, PA
Kathleen M. Weaver, Dallas, PA

Organizational Management

Jane A. Ashton, Dallas, PA
David L. Bales, Jim Thorpe, PA
Kimberly Blake, Avoca, PA
John Falcone, Dupont, PA
Patricia Ann Farner, Edwardsville, PA
Arlene Cellucci Herron, Dallas, PA
Elwood Hungarter, Nazareth, PA
Donna M. Kane, Plains, PA
Constance A. LaJeunesse, Dallas, PA
Barbara D. Leggat, Harveys Lake, PA
Joseph Macieunas, Mahanoy City, PA
Deborah Madden, Shavertown, PA
Kathleen Mordan, Danville, PA
Charles Reese Smith, Hanover Twp., PA
Karen Lynn Stavish, Plains, PA
Kathleen Elyzabeth Strish-Lech, Larksville, PA

Nursing

Margaret Bonham-Kellogg, Honesdale, PA
Barbara Ann Burke, Dallas, PA
Brenda L. Burkett, Andreas, PA
Marcy H. Buzanowicz, Drums, PA
Stacey Ann Damelio, White Deer, PA
Amy C. Fermier, Dallas, PA
Mary Hoover, Exeter, PA
Nelson Anthony Iannuzzi, Nanticoke, PA
Patricia Ann Kane, Williamsport, PA
Carol Jamie Karlotski, Luzerne, PA
Natalie B. Kupas, Danville, PA
Michael Bernard Levandowski, Nanticoke, PA
Denise G. Menapace, Mountaintop, PA
Renee Danyel Mitterling, Macungie, PA
Rebecca Kay Morgan, Hunlock Creek, PA
Barbara Ann Myers, Laceyville, PA
Sandra Ann Chest Najaka, Glen Lyon, PA
Dara L. Ropietski, Shavertown, PA

Occupational Therapy

Cynthia Archey, Gallitzin, PA
Catherine Ann Argenio, Pittston Twp., PA
Ronald A. Badman, Nanticoke, PA
Erin Paige Baer, Leesport, PA
Brooke J. Bartolino, Trenton, NJ
Kelly Benkovic, Allentown, PA
Meghan J. Bowers, Germansville, PA
Krista Renee Breon, Lemont, PA
Jolene V. Brown, Coal Twp., PA
Dawn Diamond Browning, Glen Allen, VA

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Occupational Therapy *Continued*

Patricia Sherman Campbell, Newark, DE
Maura Catherine Carroll, Endwell, NY
Lisa Marie Chamberlin, Nanticoke, PA
Sara Kay Clement, Wyoming, PA
John Richard Crine, Jr., Bethlehem, PA
Rhonda Ann Davies-Sandone, Scranton, PA
Juliette O'Connor Doherty, Lake Grove, NY
Suzanne Margaret Donati, Moosic, PA
Brian Drew, Forty Fort, PA
Rebecca L. Ebbert, Palmerton, PA
Margaret Ann Edwards, Woodridge, NY
Natalie Elizabeth Engelman, Temple, PA
Kimberly Jean Fairfield, West Chester, PA
Charles A. Farr, Waymart, PA
Christine Fehrenbach, Binghamton, NY
Loretta Ann Ferrell, Hegins, PA
Shannon Bree Fisher, Port Trevorton, PA
Christina Marie Freeborn, Marlboro, NY
Therese Eileen Galati, Fair Lawn, NJ
Allison M. Gruber, Pocono Lake, PA
Lauren Jane Hnath, Stanhope, NJ
Sarah K. Kelleher, Allentown, NJ
Abigail Leigh Kerstetter, Towanda, PA
Alexis Kissinger, Upper Darby, PA
Erinne Elise Koehler, Malone, NY
Nahid Koozekalani, Allentown, PA
Kelly Ann Kozar, Manalapan, NJ
Carol Ann Kuca, Wayne, NJ
Marissa Lynn Kyne, Largo, FL
Maria Philomena Laczkoskie, Shamokin, PA
Gretchen A. Lawler, Richboro, PA
Jodi Anne Levin, Waldwick, NJ

Elizabeth Mary Lockavich, Sweet Valley, PA
Samantha Loving, Hellertown, PA
Elizabeth Ann Lowe, Ephrata, PA
Christine Marie Luhrs, Englishtown, NJ
Justine Dawn MacDougall, Colonia, NJ
Nicholas Joseph Masick, Damascus, MD
Shelley Juern McKaughan, Largo, FL
Jamie McNamara, Olyphant, PA
Paula Jean Millard, Kingsley, PA
Sara Miller, New Milford, CT
Johanna Milot, West Hazleton, PA
Kelley Lynn Moore, Churchville, PA
Kelly Jo Murphy, Elizabethtown, PA
Colleen M. O'Dowd, Washington, DC
Maria A. Petrasek, Forty Fort, PA
Catherine Messer Pogorzelski, Virginia Beach, VA
Lee Ann M. Praskac, Nesquehoning, PA
Mandy Reed, Dalmatia, PA
Kristi Reese, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
Jill Marie Rickert, Valley View, PA
Deborah Marie Rogers, Franklin Square, NY
Erin E. Romaine, Madison, NJ
Jill M. Schlegel, Temple, PA
Rachel Marie Serignese, Brockton, PA
Cheneata Ivey Shelton, Richmond, VA
Nichole Marie Smith, Warrenton, VA
Kelly S. Steinmetz, Zionsville, PA
Jennifer Jean Stone, Lansford, PA
Kelly M. Stump, Reading, PA
Erin Eileen Taronis, Pottsville, PA
Amy Maureen Tegethoff, Tinton Falls, NJ
Megan M. Timko, Dalton, PA

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Occupational Therapy *Continued*

Jason Tuminski, Old Forge, PA
Ellen M. Waverka, Gilbertsville, PA
Jessica Hines White, Philadelphia, PA
Carolyn Grady Whitworth, Sicklerville, NJ
Ann Marie Williams, Silver Springs, MD
Patricia A. Wisniewski, Dickson City, PA
Robin Michelle Wolgemuth, Manheim, PA
Shannon L. Zeevalk, Brick, NJ
Stacy J. Zigner, Sunbury, PA
Alyssa Joy Zoller, Nanticoke, PA

Physical Therapy

Megan Atkas, Severn, MD
Aaron Matthew Barner, Williamsport, PA
Allison Theresa Behm, Wilkes Barre, PA
Matthew Scott Boben, Cinnaminson, NJ
Kristy Boyd, Roaring Springs, PA
John D. Campbell, Phoenixville, PA
Karen Chernikovich, Nanticoke, PA
Jill Marie Connolly, Whiting, NJ
Robert Louis Dell'Osa, Valvico, FL
William F. Dessoie, Pittston, PA
Kristina Renee Dorkoski, Kulpmont, PA
Amy Beth Ebling, Douglassville, PA
Kelley Marie Flynn, Bel Air, MD
Judith Lori Greth, Reading, PA
Sohal Hallur, Monroe, CT
Jason F. Hause, Milton, PA
Jennifer Hepner, Shoemakersville, PA
Jennifer Renee Holmes, Bangor, PA
Rett Landin Holmes, Bangor, PA
Raymond Karoly, Jr., Emmaus, PA

Master of Science in Physical Therapy

Sara Jean Kittell, Portage, PA
Beth Kostick, Drums, PA
MaryAlice Lachman, Chalfont, PA
Shana L. Lowery, Birdsboro, PA
Jamie Marko, Hazleton, PA
Jason E. Marks, Pine Grove, PA
Jeffrey Marsch, Drums, PA
Patricia A. McDermott, Massapequa, NY
Colleen Allison Medlin, Timonium, MD
Beth Anne Morris, North Wales, PA
Marjorie K. Mowbray, Carlisle, PA
Megan Mulderig, Jermyn, PA
Alicia A. Myer, Uniondale, PA
Kristy A. Nadolsky, Lilly, PA
Kelly A. Nye, Amherst, OH
Shannon Marie O'Hearn, Throop, PA
Kylie Perry, Ulster, PA
Sarah Rome, Montague, NJ
Kimberly Jo Sechrist, Williamsport, PA
Tina Corine Spagnuolo, Hudson, PA
Kelly M. Stinelli, Pittsburgh, PA
Jennifer Anne Tiedeken, Pennsauken, NJ
Nicole R. Trauger, Factoryville, PA
Alexis Noel Tressler, Leola, PA
Christopher C. Wade, Whitney Point, NY
Christy L. Wagner, Ashland, PA
Megan Weber, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Christy Rudelle Wert, Carlisle, PA
Andrew T. Yannaccone, Watsontown, PA
Jason Cooper Young, Newton, NJ
Caroline Amzie Zacharias, East Stroudsburg, PA
Johanna C. Zarnosky, Voorhees, NJ

Master of Science in Physical Therapy

Academic Honors

Students are awarded baccalaureate degrees with distinction for exceptional academic achievement. A student must have completed at least 60 credits at College Misericordia to qualify for academic honors. These honors are calculated before final grades are submitted, thus estimation appears in the Commencement program. Students who have completed the College Honors curriculum while achieving a grade point average of 3.4 or better will be awarded an Honors Degree. Academic honors are awarded as follows:

Distinction	Grade Point Average at Graduation
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	3.90 and above
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	3.70–3.89
<i>Cum Laude</i>	3.50–3.69

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 presented to:

Aaron M. Barner

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

Rett Landin Holmes Kelly M. Stinelli

The *Theresa and Frank J. Mehm Prize*, awarded annually to the 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:

Jill M. Connolly

Honors and Awards

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

Marie Everhart

The *Sister Mary Kateri Dowart, RSM Award* for Excellence and Leadership in *Nursing* is awarded to:

Kimberly Lynn Teschke

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

Kara Eichenlaub

The *Dr. Marcie Jones Graduate Nursing Award*, given to a graduate nursing student in good academic standing who demonstrates living the mission of the College: mercy, justice, service, and hospitality, is awarded to:

Amy C. Fermier

The *Army Nurse Corps Spirit Of Nursing Award*, presented to the Senior Nursing Student who exemplifies exceptional leadership qualities in local, College, community, and professional activities, is awarded to:

Kerry L. Ritondo

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

Robert Galle Christina Kelly Keefer

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The *Mallinckrodt Award* for outstanding academic achievement in *Radiography* is awarded to:

Christina K. Keefer

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:

Kylie E. Perry Andrew T. Yannaccone

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:

Aaron M. Barner

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:

Nicole R. Trauger

The *Mary McMillan Scholarship Award*, presented by the American Physical Therapy Association to six to eight outstanding physical therapy students in the nation selected for their superior performance, service, and evidence of potential contribution to physical therapy, is awarded to:

Jill M. Connolly

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

Julie Lynn Heintzelman

The *Alpha Delta Mu Award* for scholastic achievement in *Social Work* is awarded to:

Lin A. Armstrong

The *Mother Mary Teresa Walsh, RSM Award*, founded by the Walsh Family for proficiency in *Religious Studies*, is awarded to:

Kelly M. Stinelli

The *Sister M. Noreen Mulherin, RSM Award* for excellence in *Student Teaching Elementary Education/Early Childhood Education* is awarded to:

Janine M. Firmender

The *Sr. Chrysostom Dougherty, RSM Award* for excellence in student teaching in *Special Education* is awarded to:

Beth Turnbaugh

The *Dr. Louis Maganzin Award* for excellence in *Secondary Education* is awarded to:

Michael Rother

The *Joan Krause Award for Teacher Education* is presented to:

Loralea Marquette Weller

Honors and Awards

The *Stephen V. Charnitski Memorial Award* for excellence in *Instructional Technology* is awarded to:

Alison Gottshalk Richterman

The *Academic Achievement Award* for excellence in *Interdisciplinary Studies* is awarded to:

Tara Grohowski Bridgette Livezey

The *Main Street Gallery 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:

Jennifer A. Ceresini

The *Occupational Therapy Curricular Award* is awarded to:

Loretta Ann Ferrell Abigail Kerstetter

The *John Heinz Institute Award* to the *Most Outstanding Occupational Therapy* student is awarded to:

Kelly Lynn Moore

The *Excellence in Field Work Award*, presented to an *Occupational Therapy* student who consistently performs above average in fieldwork, displays outstanding interpersonal skills, and contributes to fieldwork sites by applying and integrating classroom learning, is awarded to:

Deborah Rogers

The *Occupational Therapy Student Achievement Award* for Excellence in *Occupational Therapy* is awarded to:

Charles A. Farr

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

James C. Konecke

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

Michael Aaron Albee

The *Knights of Columbus Assumpta Council Award* for proficiency in *American History* is awarded to:

Jason Flores

The *Act 101 Award* for outstanding academic achievement is awarded to:

Holly M. Szychowski

The *Outstanding Adult Learner Award*, given annually to a nontraditional student for outstanding academic achievement and involvement in both College and community activities, is awarded to:

Charles A. Farr

The *Grace Andrews Award*, presented to the outstanding nontraditional student demonstrating enthusiasm for lifelong learning, is awarded to:

Rebecca Brown Grohowski

Honors and Awards

The *Business Administration Faculty Award* for Academic Excellence, awarded to a graduating traditional student majoring in *Business Administration* who has demonstrated excellence in academic studies while at College Misericordia, is awarded to:

Amanda Manganiello

The *Sherri Galloway Award*, presented to a nontraditional *Accounting, Business Administration* or *Management Information Systems* student who has shown ability in his or her major while balancing commitments to family, school, and community, is awarded to:

Susan Bilwin Joanne Marie Szoke

The *Mary Ann Thompson Memorial Student Achievement Award*, presented to a graduating *Business Administration, Accounting* or *Management Information Systems* major for outstanding community service and academic accomplishment as selected by the Business Administration Department faculty, is awarded to:

Jason Bartoli Holly M. Szychowski

The *Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accounting Award* for excellence in *Accounting Studies* is awarded to:

Judi M. Pazgan

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

Maria Waselus

Students awarded *College Honors* include:

Jill Marie Connolly	Amy Beth Ebling
Rett Landin Holmes	Raymond Karoly, Jr.
Abigail Leigh Kerstetter	Erinne Elise Koehler
Sara Jean Kittell	James C. Konecke
MaryAlice Lachman	Shana L. Lowery
Patricia A. McDermott	Majorie K. Mowbray
Kristy A. Nadolsky	Kelly A. Nye
Sarah Rome	Kimberly Jo Sechrist
Kelly M. Stinelli	Alex Noel Tressler
Christy Rudelle Wert	Andrew T. Yannaccone

Students inducted into the Epsilon Chapter of *Alpha Delta Mu*, Honor Society in Social Work:

Lin A. Armstrong	Lisa M. Jennings
Donna Grillo	Tara Aileen McCutcheon
Dawn McQuiston	Joan Rogers
Judith Ann Strish	Valerie Ann Zynel

Students admitted to the Beta Chi Chapter, *Alpha Sigma Lambda*, National Honor Society for Continuing Education:

Lin A. Armstrong	Robert Herman Behlke
Susan Bilwin	Janice Rule Divers
Mary Beth Fisher	Jude J. Fritz
Dawn R. Harding	Lisa M. Jennings
Patricia Leonard	Carol E. Lipperini
John David Marko	John P. Meyers Jr.
Colleen Nelson-Pukatch	Cheryl Bell Oster
Judi M. Pazgan	Marsha Ann Richardson
Lori Sherinsky	Joanne Marie Szoke
Lisa Karen Walsh	

Honors and Awards

Honor Societies

Honor Societies

Students admitted to the *Chi Alpha Epsilon*, Honor Society for outstanding academic achievements and who are members of the Act 101 Program:

Charles A. Farr	Maria A. Petrasek
Holly M. Szychowski	Jason Tuminski
Judith Ann Strish	

Students admitted to the Beta Chapter, *Delta Epsilon Sigma*, National Scholastic Honor Society:

Lin A. Armstrong	Aaron Matthew Barner
Karen Chernikovich	Kristina Renee Dorkoski
Loretta Ann Ferrell	Julie Lynn Heintzelman
Rett Landin Holmes	Emily L. Jones
Abigail Leigh Kerstetter	James C. Konecke
Elizabeth Mary Lockavich	Elizabeth Ann Lowe
Paula Jean Millard	Cheryl Bell Oster
Judi M. Pazgan	Kimberly Jo Sechrist
Rachel Marie Serignese	Kelly M. Stinelli
Erin Eileen Taronis	Christy L. Wagner
Vanessa Wais	Ellen M. Waverka
Loralea Marquette Weller	Christy Rudelle Wert
Patricia Wisniewski	

Students admitted to the *Kappa Delta Pi*, International Honor Society in Education:

Cecilia R. Baltusavich	Eric Crahall
Tracey Ann Ferack	Janine M. Firmender
Angela Kulick	Denise Manzione
Casey Michielini	Michael Rother

Students admitted to *Kappa Gamma Pi*, National Catholic College Graduate Honor Society:

Baccalaureate Membership:

Lin A. Armstrong	Aarron Matthew Barner
Susan Bilwin	Karen Chernikovich
Loretta Ann Ferrell	Julie Lynn Heintzelman
Rett Landin Holmes	Emily L. Jones
Abigail Leigh Kerstetter	James C. Konecke
Alicia A. Myer	Kimberly Jo Sechrist
Rachel Marie Serignese	Kelly M. Stinelli
Joanne Marie Szoke	Erin Eileen Taronis
Vanessa Wais	Christy Rudelle Wert

Post-Graduate Membership:

Jane A. Ashton	Stacey Ann Damelio
Barbara D. Leggat	Denise G. Menapace
Charles Reese Smith	Crystal Lee Travitz
Kathleen M. Weaver	

Students admitted to the Psi Chapter of *Pi Theta Epsilon*, The National Occupational Therapy Honor Society:

Catherine Ann Argenio	Erin Paige Baer
Loretta Ann Ferrell	Carolyn Whitworth Grady
Abigail Leigh Kerstetter	Elizabeth Mary Lockavich
Elizabeth Ann Lowe	Kristi Reese
Rachel Marie Serignese	Erin Eileen Taronis

Students admitted to *Lambda Iota Tau*, Beta Epsilon Chapter, International Literature Honor Society:

Tara J. Coletti	John J. Dessoie
Ellyn N. Ide	

Honor Societies

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Students admitted to the *Psi Chi* Honor Society for the recognition of scholarship and achievement in Psychology:

Erin Paige Baer	Loretta Ann Ferrell
Sohal Hallur	Bernadette Bradley-Kubicki
Shelley B. McKaughan	Kelley Lynn Moore
Vasilios Papageorgiou	Lee Ann M. Praskac
Christine Thrash	Megan Weber

Students admitted to the Theta Phi Chapter, *Sigma Theta Tau* International Honor Society for Nursing:

Baccalaureate Membership:

Kara Eichenlaub	Kimberly Teschke
Michael Garcia	Kerry Ritondo
Marie Everhart	Janice Divers
Marcy Smith	Dawn Lambert
Natalie Kupas	

Students admitted to the *Lambda Nu* Honor Society for the radiologic and imaging sciences, with the Pennsylvania Alpha Chapter established at College Misericordia:

Laura Carpenter	Robert Galle
Christina Kelly Keefer	Mandy Melovitz
Kathleen B. Murphy	Rena Roberts
Erica Lynn Rothermel	

Students admitted to *Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges:*

Nicole Boyle	Diane L. Coleman
Julie Lynn Heintzelman	Tammy Hutira
Megan Ruckle	Thomas Zeiser

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

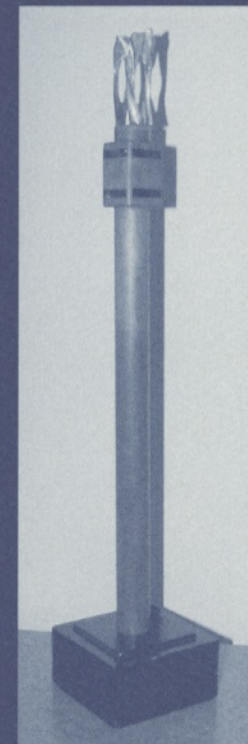
The unusual shaft works its way from rough cast, difficult beginnings into the textured, polished finish of a double base—angled, yet harmoniously fitted. The form represents the structured ideals of the Sisters of Mercy Dallas Regional Community, liberal arts education, and the individual struggles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

The Mace



Academic Costume in America

Colors Indicating Fields of Learning

Worn as a border on the hood

Accounting

Drab

Biochemistry

Golden Yellow

Biology

Golden Yellow

Business Administration

Drab

Chemistry

Golden Yellow

Communications

Crimson

Computer Science

Golden Yellow

Education

Light Blue

English

White

General Studies

Golden Yellow

History

White

American academic dress has its origins in the garments worn at medieval British universities, particularly Oxford which was founded in the 12th century. The academic institutions were similar to guilds or associations of the time, called universitates. The academic organization was a guild of Masters of Arts, with the bachelor an apprentice.

Gowns and hoods were common clothing in medieval times, with quality and design decreed according to the wearer's social status and wealth. While general fashions changed, academic attire remained the same, both as a tradition and as a means of identifying members of the university. Hoods evolved from a simple head covering or cowl into a symbolic garment with a strictly assigned system of colors and patterns which identified each graduate's institution, rank and discipline.

The Oxford or "mortar board" cap came into use during the 16th century, but authorities differ on its origin. Some say the cap is square like a scholar's books; others that it was derived from the master workman's mortar board; still others suggest that it was patterned after the quadrangular shape of the Oxford campus. A more plausible explanation is that the scholars wore skull caps while they worked indoors and square caps called birettas when they went outdoors; if they simply donned the biretta over their skull cap, the look would be very much like the mortarboard.

Although caps and gowns had been worn in many American schools since Colonial times, in 1885 there was a widespread student movement for their use at commencement ceremonies. The faculties adopted the use of gowns for themselves to wear at academic ceremonies. Each college developed its own arbitrary design and standards, as the British universities had, until the Intercollegiate Commission met to develop a code for academic costume in 1895. The new code regulated design of gowns, hoods, and colors in a way that would signify each scholar's achievements

and institution. It was approved by 95 percent of American universities and colleges, and is still in use today.

The official code provides for three types of gowns. Those worn by the bachelors are black and have long, pointed sleeves. Masters may wear either black silk or woolen gowns, made with a long closed sleeve with an arc appearing near the bottom and a slit for the arm. The doctors' gowns are usually of black silk with full, round, open sleeves. The color of the velvet trim may be black or the same color as the velvet which edges the hood. Although the color is normally black, some institutions have authorized doctoral gowns in their school colors.

The hood is worn at the back, suspended near the shoulders. The length of the hood and the width of its velvet border indicate the level of the degree held. Bachelors wear a hood which is three feet long, with a two-inch velvet border. The hood for the master's degree is three and one-half feet long, with a three-inch border. The doctor's hood is four feet long and the border is five inches wide.

The inner lining of the hood is in the official color or colors of the institution conferring the degree; therefore, College Misericordia's hood is lined with blue and gold. The color of the velvet border indicates the field of learning in which the degree was earned. Tassels are traditionally black for the bachelor's and master's degrees, and gold for doctor's degrees and the governing officers of educational institutions.

Additional ornaments have been added in some institutions to indicate honors or memberships in honor societies. At Misericordia, a gold stole is worn by graduates receiving College honors; colored cords draped over the robe indicate membership in an honor society; distinctive pins worn on the gown also indicate particular honors.

Interdisciplinary Studies

Golden Yellow

Management Information Systems

Drab

Mathematics

White

Mathematics/Computer Science

Golden Yellow

Medical Technology

Golden Yellow

Nursing

Apricot

Occupational Therapy

Golden Yellow

Philosophy

White

Physical Therapy

Peacock Blue

Psychology

Golden Yellow

Radiography

Golden Yellow

Social Work

Citron

Speech Pathology

Silver

Sport Management

Sage Green

Flags

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The flags on the Commencement stage today represent the countries where Sisters and Associates from the Dallas Regional Community and faculty and students from College Misericordia have ministered. Also included is an Albanian flag in honor of our graduate who is from Kosovo. The United Nations flag represents the Sisters of Mercy's NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) status.

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Misericordia Alma Mater

Woodland home on Dallas heights,
Majestic, grand in view
Your loyal students far and near,
Proclaim their love for you.
Your banner bright of truth and light
Shall proudly o'er us wave
Its shining gold and azure blue
Denote your spirit brave.

Refrain

Misericordia! We're proud of you.
We love your murm'ring pine trees,
Your groves and grotto, too.
You are our Alma Mater,
And to you we will e'er be true
Misericordia we hail! Dear Misericordia!

When from you we must depart
Our spirit shall remain
We'll ne'er forget your rolling hills
Whose beauty all acclaim.
Your classic halls are our delight, Your campus is our pride;
Your shield of honor, strength and might
Shall ever be our guide.

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