

**Seventy-ninth  
Commencement Convocation**

**Class of 2005**

**Anderson Sports and Health Center  
Saturday, May 21, 2005**



**COLLEGE  
MISERICORDIA**

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## Class of 2005

College Misericordia's Class of 2005 is a distinguished assembly worthy of accolades. This group is the first graduating class to have completed four years of college education in a post-September 11th world. During their time here, they amassed thousands of hours in service to others while pursuing academics and preparing for careers.

The graduates hail from nine states, including Alaska and Texas, and one foreign country. Our first graduate from Palestine completed his four years here half a world away from home.

The Class of 2005 saw the College's enrollment rise to record levels for both adult learners and traditional students. In fact, there are several married couples as well as mothers and daughters earning degrees today. Today's group also contains the first graduates in Speech-Language Pathology, a five-year entry-level master's degree program.

### Class Officers

John Sipper, *President*

Amanda Gaffey, *Vice-president*

Casey Zimmer, *Secretary*

Frances Martinez, *Treasurer*

Tiffany Levandowski, *Activities Coordinator*

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

Sr. Catherine McGroarty, MHA, MSN  
*President, Sisters of Mercy of Dallas*

### National Anthem

Graduating members of College Misericordia choirs  
John Curtis, DMA *Director*  
Betty Porzuczek, MA *Pianist*

### Welcome

Michael A. MacDowell, EdD *President*

### Conferring of Honorary Degrees

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

### Doctor of Humane Letters

Andrew J. Sordoni, III *Chair, Sordoni Construction Services, Inc.*  
Patrick J. Solano *Senior Counselor to the Governor of Pennsylvania (Ret.)*  
Brooke M. Ellison, MPP *Author and Motivational Speaker*

### Address to Candidates

Brooke M. Ellison

***Peace Like a River***, African-American spiritual  
arranged by Gwyneth Walker  
College Misericordia Chamber Singers

### Presentation of Candidates for Degrees

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

### Conferring of Degrees

Michael A. MacDowell

### Remarks

Joel Scott Stepanchick '05 *Class Valedictorian*

### Presentation of Senior Class Gift

John Sipper '05 *Senior Class President*  
Amanda Gaffey '05 *Senior Class Vice President*

### Induction of Graduates into the Alumni Association

Michael Amory '85 *President, Alumni Association Board of Directors*

### Presentation of

**the Judge Max and Tillie Rosenn Excellence in Teaching Award**  
**the Louis and Barbara Alesi Excellence in Scholarship Award**  
**the Pauly and Sidney Friedman Excellence in Service Award**

Michael J. McGovern

### Alma Mater

The College Misericordia Chamber Singers

### Benediction

Sr. Jean Messaros, RSM *Dean of Students*

### Academic Recessional

Ceol Mor *Pipe and Drum Band*

American Sign Language by Cherish Francik  
*Certified Interpreter for the Deaf*

The audience will please remain seated until the graduates have recessed.

## Marshals

Paula Pate-Schloder, MS  
*Grand Marshal*

Darcy Brodmerkel, MEd  
*Class Advisor*

Margaret (Peg) Royal  
Charnick '93

Stanley Charnick, MS '91

Mary Ann Dziak, MS '99

Mary Ellen Gulotti, MBA '87

Rose Butera Kohutka, MS '64

Matthew Malcolm, MS '02

Colleen Coyle Newhart '75

Mary Elizabeth (Liz) Rienzo  
Noll, '47

Jeanne Tully Purcell '51

Thomas Sweetz, MS '01

### Alternate

Larree Elston Brown, MS '96

## Honorary Degree Recipients



Brooke M. Ellison, MPP

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While on her way home from her first day of seventh grade, Brooke Mackenzie Ellison was struck by a car. The accident left her paralyzed and ventilator-dependent. With the help of her family and the dedication of her mother, Jean, Ellison completed rehabilitation and went on to graduate from her local high school.

Ellison scored 1510 on her College Board entrance exam and was accepted to Harvard University where she graduated summa cum laude in 2000. Her thesis, "Does Hope Float? The Study of Presence of Hope in Resilience," was written with the aid of a voice-activated computer. Ellison received her Master's degree in Public Policy in 2001 from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. She is presently enrolled in the political psychology doctoral program at Stony Brook University.

Ellison credits her father, Ed, with making "significant, almost unimaginable sacrifices" to ensure that her life would be as productive as possible. Jean Ellison was constantly at her daughter's side: as caretaker, notetaker, and advocate throughout her education. When Ellison graduated from Harvard, Jean was awarded a mock degree in "virtual studies" from her daughter's housemates.

In 2002, with Jean, she wrote *Miracles Happen: One Mother, One Daughter, One Journey*, the story of the family's experiences from the day of Ellison's accident until her graduation from Harvard. Christopher Reeves directed the movie of her book; *The Brooke Ellison Story* aired on A&E in 2004.

A popular motivational speaker, Ellison talks to politicians, business leaders, members of the medical community and, especially, with children and teenagers. She has made several television and radio appearances. She is currently an advocate for funding of medical research. Ellison is a member of the board of directors of the National Organization on Disabilities.

### Andrew J. Sordoni, III

Andrew J. Sordoni, III has been a community and business leader and supporter of the arts in our region for almost four decades.

He attended Notre Dame University and received a bachelor's degree from King's College in Wilkes-Barre. The former Chairman and President of C-Tec Corporation, he was involved in the planning and management of the first commercial fiber optic telephone connection in the United States as well as the company's development into a diversified telecommunications organization. He is currently Chairman of Sordoni Construction Services, Inc.

Sordoni has held key positions with local, state, and national organizations, and has served on boards of many, including Pennsylvania Gas & Water Company and the Harsco Corporation. A supporter of area institutions including the United Way, Sordoni has encouraged local philanthropic support for civic, cultural, educational, and humanitarian causes, both as Chairman of the Sordoni Foundation and as a volunteer. He was a founding member of the Flood Recovery Task Force, organized in 1972 to rebuild the area after the devastating Agnes flood.

An enthusiastic collector of American Illustration and Comic Art, he has curated and supported exhibitions at regional and national galleries and museums. A devotee of America's classic music, jazz, he has organized concerts and produces recordings for his own company, Chiaroscuro Records. Sordoni was a major sponsor of College Misericordia's *Jazz in July* series, which began in 2000.

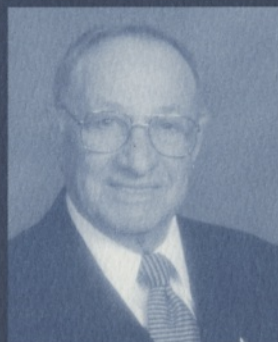
He is a recipient of numerous honors, including the Ben Franklin Award for Distinguished Leadership in the Commonwealth given by the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry; and awards from the Wyoming Valley Interfaith Council and B'nai B'rith. Sordoni lives at Harveys Lake with his wife, CM alumna Susan Fort Sordoni, MD '68.



Andrew J. Sordoni, III

"It is a privilege to be in the company of these young graduates. They remind us how much good there is yet to be accomplished."

## Honorary Degree Recipients



Patrick J. Solano

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Patrick J. Solano has had a long and distinguished career in public service in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A graduate of Pittston High School and of the United States Air Force School of Engineering at Amarillo Air Force Base, Texas, Solano served during World War II with the Eighth US Air Force Heavy Bombardment Group and completed 34 combat missions. He was awarded the Group Presidential Citation, the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the European Combat Theatrical Medal with two Bronze Stars for his service.

Solano's career in public administration began in the Department of Highways as principal assistant superintendent. He has served as deputy secretary for several state agencies, including the Department of Environmental Resources, Department of General Services, and the General State Authority. He was acting secretary of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Solano was named Senior Counselor to Governors Tom Ridge and Mark Schweitzer and is presently a Special Advisor to the Majority Leader of the Pennsylvania State Senate.

A member of boards of many organizations in the area, including the FM Kirby Center for the Performing Arts and Hospice of the Sacred Heart, Solano has also been a trustee of several educational institutions in the area. He has been a fund raiser for many worthy causes. Most recently he secured a grant from the Blue Ribbon Foundation in support of nursing education in northeastern Pennsylvania.

He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the The Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society Governmental Award in recognition of his work in promoting conservation and recreation.

Solano and his wife, Marie, have six daughters.

## Class of 2005 Degree Recipients

### Communications

Tara E. Benninger, Meshoppen, PA *College Honors, Cum Laude*  
Stephen C. Filipiak, Harding, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Colin Murphy, West Chester, PA  
Matthew C. Vinciarelli, Wilkes-Barre, PA

### English

Carissa Marie Elizabeth Artz, Pottsville, PA *Cum Laude*  
Amanda R. Cubas, Anchorage, AK *College Honors, Magna Cum Laude*  
Kristen Englehardt, JimThorpe, PA *Cum Laude*  
Thomas P. O'Grady, III, Dingmans Ferry, PA  
Jacob Sholtis, Hanover Township, PA  
Amy Jeanne Zbikowski, Bear Creek, PA *College Honors, Magna Cum Laude*

### History

Heather L. Beretski, Duryea, PA  
Jesse Paul Bowman, Fairfield, CT *Cum Laude*  
Jennifer Dorosky, Kingston, PA  
Mark R. Farrell, West Pittston, PA  
Robert Samuel Lepley, Lewistown, PA *Cum Laude*  
Frances Marie Martinez, Lancaster, PA  
Marissa Piccillo, Pittston, PA  
John J. Sipper, Hanover Township, PA

### Math

Robyn Lynn Shillabeer, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Summa Cum Laude*  
Jody Wilbur, Moscow, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

### Philosophy

Carla R. Cognigni, Plains, PA *Cum Laude*  
Jeremy B. Cubas, Eagle River, AK  
Christopher D. Gates, Edwardsville, PA *College Honors, Cum Laude*

## Bachelor of Arts

"I believe that public/private partnering is absolutely essential in our joint efforts to accomplish our mission."

## Bachelor of Science

### Accounting

Christopher S. Brown, Dallas, PA  
Joseph Eugene Caputo, Throop, PA  
Randy Scott Evans, Shavertown, PA  
Joseph Darren Griglock, Pittston, PA  
Theresa Ann Hollock, Mountaintop, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Natasha Nicole Holter, Trucksville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Rebecca Ann Rushkowski-Schiel, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Colleen Marie Seymour, New York, NY  
Christen H. Tlucek, Courtdale, PA  
Eric J. Yench, Shavertown, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Mark Zalewski, Shavertown, PA

### Biology

Tariq S. Adwan, Bethlehem, Palestine *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kathleen Marie Paulette Baczynski, Trucksville, PA *Cum Laude*  
Ann Nicole Evans, Frackville, PA *Summa Cum Laude*  
Janice M. Ezdebski, Clarks Summit, PA *Cum Laude*  
Tinaya M. Neeb, Lehighton, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Amanda MaryAnn Schraeder, Glen Lyon, PA  
Joel Scott Stepanchick, Ashland, PA *Summa Cum Laude*  
Frank J. Wahl, IV, Scranton, PA *Cum Laude*  
Lisa M. Walaski, Cresco, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Earl Zimmerman, Ringtown, PA *Summa Cum Laude*

### Business Administration

Tracey Albertson, Bloomsburg, PA  
William M. Barcheski, Jr., Mountaintop, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Elena M. Benedetti, Collingswood, NJ  
Jennie Kathryn Brennan, Unionville, NY  
Amy Marie Buydos, Nanticoke, PA *Cum Laude*  
JoAnn S. Calegari, East Stroudsburg, PA

## Bachelor of Science

M. Jorjia Clinger, Danville, PA  
Virginia C. Conrad, Dallas, PA *Summa Cum Laude*  
Edward Corliss, Springfield, PA  
Megan Ann Decowski, Nescopeck, PA  
Thomas P. Elbich, Dallas, PA  
Gerald Gow, Jr., Lanesboro, PA  
Corinne Hatchell, White Haven, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Pamela M. Langdon, Shavertown, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Miguel Angel Leon, II, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Jessica Ann Meyer, Florham Park, NJ  
Brenda M. Nowalis, Kingston, PA  
Jenelle E. Price, Wyoming, PA  
Amy B. Pryor, Pittston, PA  
Sharon L. Riddick, Tobyhanna, PA  
Linda Lee Ritter, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Christine Stephanie Bri Setzer, Berwick, PA  
James John Shedlock, Jr., Mountaintop, PA  
Lucy E. Singer, Larksville, PA  
Brandon Smith, Millerton, PA *College Honors, Cum Laude*  
Jennifer Lynn Spaide, Berwick, PA  
Barry Drake Sponsler, Effort, PA  
Joseph F. Steber, Jr., Nesquehoning, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
David C. Vaughan, Harveys Lake, PA  
Robert Wagner, Paxinos, PA  
Megan Watkins, Forty Fort, PA  
William E. Wengrzynek, Mountaintop, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Brian Zukowsky, West Hazleton, PA

### Chemistry

Corey Joseph Makarewicz, Dallas, PA  
Jennifer A. Martin, Woodland, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

## Bachelor of Science

### Computer Science

William J. Horan, Plains, PA  
Kristen M. Stewart, Alden, PA *Cum Laude*  
Giovanni Tulino, Middletown, NY

### Elementary Education

Mary E. Bacumpas, Kingston, PA  
Lisa A. Barker, Kingston, PA *Summa Cum Laude*  
Stefanie Anne Benson, Kingston, PA *Cum Laude*  
Brenda L. Bowen, Exeter, PA *Summa Cum Laude*  
Lori Carter, Dallas, PA *Cum Laude*  
Jennifer Marie Clifford, Mountaintop, PA  
Mary Ann Cosimo, Avoca, PA *Summa Cum Laude*  
Kimberly Ann Daniel, Mountaintop, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jennifer Lynn Frusciante, Edwardsville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Bethany L. Kinney, Wyoming, PA *Summa Cum Laude*  
Michael W. Lechniak, Jr., South Williamsport, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Margaret Loughney, Clarks Summit, PA  
Kelly A. McCabe, West Pittston, PA  
Anne M. Mead, Pleasant Mount, PA  
Laura Marie Mitchell, Kingston, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Ann Marie Morreale, Dupont, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Stephanie M. Myers, Reading, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Lauren Elizabeth Olsewski, Jermyn, PA  
Stacey Pellegrino, Ashley, PA *Summa Cum Laude*  
Mary Ann Powell, Shickshinny, PA *Cum Laude*  
Melissa Ann Rossick, Shavertown, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Angela Schifano, Pittston, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Helena Renee Schneider, Kingston, PA *Cum Laude*  
Mark A. Senchak, Larksville, PA *Cum Laude*  
Ryan Sholtes, Throop, PA  
Lindsey Lovlene Skyta, Highland Lakes, NJ  
Corin Smith, Hunlock Creek, PA *Cum Laude*

## Bachelor of Science

Melissa Sue Sorber, Hunlock Creek, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Christina Stango, Lindenhurst, NY *College Honors, Summa Cum Laude*  
John Staub, Inkerman, PA  
Danielle M. Terpak, Jermyn, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Stephanie Paige Wallace, Swoyersville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Wendy L. Wesley, Swoyersville, PA *Cum Laude*  
Erin Yurick, Wescosville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

### Health Science

Lindsay Anne Albright, Lumberton, NJ *Cum Laude*  
Erin Patricia Alspach, Matawan, NJ  
Alison A. Baker, Cream Ridge, NJ  
Kyle W. Barnett, Birdsboro, PA *College Honors Magna Cum Laude*  
Cynthia Ann Bittner, Hawley, PA  
Jenny Elizabeth Bogle, Muncy, PA  
Jaime Lynn Bollinger, Simpson, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Stephen J. Burkert, Toms River, NJ  
Leslie A. Collier, Unadilla, NY *College Honors Magna Cum Laude*  
Douglas John Dennison, Zion Grove, PA  
Alexandra Dolphin, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jacqueline Doninetz, Wapwallopen, PA  
Caitlin Brenna Doyle, Westampton, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*  
Rachel Erica Farley, Hunlock Creek, PA  
Jaclyn Finelli, Dallas, PA  
Camille M. Firpo, Port Crane, NY  
Kevin Jourdan Franco, Newton, NJ  
Kathryn L. Gorgos, Binghamton, NY *Cum Laude*  
Tiffany Marie Gray, Coraopolis, PA  
Francis A. Harmonosky, Tresckow, PA *Cum Laude*  
Christine M. Homcha, Nesquehoning, PA *Summa Cum Laude*  
Miranda Sue Hurd, Elkland, PA  
Christopher J. Kaster, Mount Vision, NY *Cum Laude*

**Health Science** *Continued*

Jennifer A. Kennedy, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Dana Koval, Taylor, PA  
Kristen Deborah Kramer, Liverpool, PA *Cum Laude*  
Christine Lishok, Factoryville, PA  
Michelle Lutz, Marlton, NJ *Summa Cum Laude*  
Michele Christine Melillo, Flanders, NJ *Cum Laude*  
Tracy Lynn Morris, Levittown, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Colleen Marie Murphy, Camptown, PA *Cum Laude*  
Kaitlin Ann Murphy, Airmont, NY  
Jeffrey Francis Murray, Somerdale, NJ  
Jamie Elizabeth O'Connor, Wyalusing, PA *Cum Laude*  
Courtney A. Pierce, Vernon, NJ  
Janice M. Ptak, Bloomingburg, NY  
Matthew John Reed, Pottsville, PA  
Jenny Reimold, Glen Rock, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Elizabeth Marie Richardi, West Milford, NJ *Cum Laude*  
Tianna P. Rizzo, Nuremberg, PA  
Colleen Rooney, Moscow, PA  
Cari Rose, Baltimore, MD  
Kendall Santarelli, Shavertown, PA  
Renee Santore, Nesquehoning, PA  
Catherine Shuba, Binghamton, NY *Magna Cum Laude*  
Heather Siss, West Milford, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jeffrey Walter Skolny, Sinking Spring, PA  
Vanessa A. Stivala, Gouldsboro, PA  
Kimberly Ann Turoski, Nanticoke, PA  
Nicholas T. Wadas, Hanover Township, PA  
Jennifer Jacquelyn Zanghi, Scranton, PA *Cum Laude*

**Information Technology**

Brock Derek Belles, Orangeville, PA  
Ian Lance Burce, Morristown, NJ  
Joseph Eugene Caputo, Throop, PA  
Mary Catherine Flannery De Lucia, Plains, PA  
Charles Dominic Dennis, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*  
Carrie A. Gubanics, Scranton, PA *Summa Cum Laude*  
Shawn Hayes, Scranton, PA  
Adam Ambrose Keller, Tunkhannock, PA  
Michael Joseph Lukatchik, Larksville, PA *Cum Laude*  
Cheri Magda, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Sean Patrick Murphy, Warrior Run, PA  
Patrick John Pryor, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
George Spanos, Douglaston, NY  
Justin Nathan Tamanini, Trucksville, PA  
Christopher M. Wadas, Hanover Township, PA

**Interdisciplinary Studies**

Michele A. Boucher, Scranton, PA  
Christopher D. Gates, Edwardsville, PA *College Honors, Cum Laude*  
Sarah Kelly, Brick, NJ *Cum Laude*  
Joseph Rogers, Dallas, PA

**Management**

Denise Marie Balas, Sugar Notch, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Daniel Copertino, Moscow, PA *Summa Cum Laude*  
Kristin M. Ewall, Long Valley, NJ  
Harold Jackson, Hanover Township, PA  
Christa Langdon, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Steven K. McCormick, East Stroudsburg, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Gerald T. McGuire, Drums, PA



**Management** *Continued*

Kelly Lynn Moniz, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Maureen Powell, Kingston, PA *Cum Laude*  
Todd A. Prutzman, Forty Fort, PA *Cum Laude*  
Jaclyn J. Reisser, Dallas, PA *Cum Laude*  
Carol A. Rosser, Sweet Valley, PA *Summa Cum Laude*  
Marlene Scibilia, Drums, PA  
Lisa N. Spaccarelli, Albrightsville, PA *Cum Laude*  
Sharon Strunk, Pittston Township, PA  
Anne Sullivan, Hazleton, PA  
Shawna Selena Yeagle, Berwick, PA *Cum Laude*  
Matthew Kenneth Yengel, Saylorsburg, PA

**Management Information Systems**

Cathy Lee Morrison Fulk, White Haven, PA *Summa Cum Laude*  
Amy Wandel, Dallas, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

**Marketing**

Tracy Lynn Brown, Mahanoy City, PA *Summa Cum Laude*  
Carla R. Cognigni, Plains, PA *Cum Laude*  
Matthew Seth Dunn, Shavertown, PA  
Erica Maureen Erb, Monroeton, PA *Summa Cum Laude*  
Kristin M. Ewall, Long Valley, NJ  
Lisa A. George, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Kyle J. Happel, Watkins Glen, NY  
Shawn Hayes, Scranton, PA  
Kimberly Marie Lawrence, Hazleton, PA *Summa Cum Laude*  
Megan Lee, Clarks Summit, PA  
William A. Lewis, Jr., Dallas, PA  
Alicia Marinelli, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Melissa A. Martin, Larksville, PA *Cum Laude*  
Andrew Mikowski, Wall, NJ  
Robert Pantucci, Nanticoke, PA

Donna M. Perhach, Swoyersville, PA  
Jaclyn J. Reisser, Dallas, PA *Cum Laude*  
Tina Rossi, Throop, PA  
Holly Ann Sabecky, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Brandon Smith, Millerton, PA *College Honors, Cum Laude*  
Ronald J. Studd, Jr., Bear, DE  
Maria E. Vorce, Bartonsville, PA *Cum Laude*  
Angela Warman, Swoyersville, PA

**Medical Imaging**

Sean Abbott, Swoyersville, PA *Cum Laude*  
Andrea Jean Adams, Kingsley, PA  
Deborah Bernoskie, West Pittston, PA  
Diana Bodzio, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Jessica Borra, Plains, PA  
Kathryn Graham Brown, Otego, NY *Cum Laude*  
James J. Dravage, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Cynthia Lynn Durnin, Bath, PA  
Helene Jadus, Duryea, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kathern Dawn Maddalena, New Columbia, PA  
Tara McCarthy, Larksville, PA  
Tanya Pascavage, Delano, PA  
Jolene Siskovich, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Suzanne Siskovich, Plains, PA  
Lauren Yendrzejewski, Alden, PA

**Medical Technology**

Gina M. Tricarico, Altoona, PA *Summa Cum Laude*

**Professional Studies**

Amelia K. Caruso, Kingston, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Stephanie Marie Dillon, Pittston, PA

**Professional Studies** *Continued*

Ann Marie Dixon, Freeland, PA  
Shannon Marie Fischer, Nanticoke, PA  
Melissa Margaret Mosley, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Patricia C. Rosini, Coal, PA  
Nichole Marie Spishock, Hazleton, PA  
Karen Szwast, Exeter, PA  
Larry Tinson, West Wyoming, PA

**Psychology**

Lin A. Armstrong, Waymart, PA  
Amanda Jane Berry, Rome, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jennie Kathryn Brennan, Unionville, NY  
Courtney Burgess-Michak, Shavertown, PA *Summa Cum Laude*  
Andrew S. Burkley, Middletown, DE *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kristen Leigh Coolbaugh, Wyoming, PA *Cum Laude*  
Shelley Doyle, Clarks Summit, PA *Cum Laude*  
Tracy Dranchak, Taylor, PA  
Gretchen Lynn Fish, Leesburg, VA *College Honors, Magna Cum Laude*  
Patsy Ann Gerhart, Yardley, PA  
Christina Henderson, Sparta, NJ  
Stacie Hershey, Strasburg, PA *College Honors, Cum Laude*  
Christine Marie Hess, Schuylkill Haven, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Anne Marie Histon, Mount Airy, MD  
Janine M. Hoffman, Milton, PA  
Nicole M. Hooper, Swoyersville, PA  
Tara L. Kelly, Kingston, PA  
Lauren Levine, Beacon Falls, CT  
Michelle Markellos, Swedesboro, NJ *Cum Laude*  
Jennifer Mayernick, Stratford, CT  
Stephanie McCarty, Muncy Valley, PA  
Gloria Noss, Plymouth, PA  
Katie O'Neill, Pleasant Mountain, PA

Lauren Ortman, Cape May Ct., NJ  
Kimberly Ann Osborn, Hawley, PA  
Carissa H. Peppard, Effort, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Amanda Perry, Hughesville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Rebecca Popovich, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Denise E. Pozza, Drums, PA  
Christin A. Rhodes, Bloomsburg, PA  
Kimberly Susan Roig, Bergenfield, NJ  
Susan Randomanski, Jermyn, PA  
Melissa Schobert, Shavertown, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Shelby Swan, Harveys Lake, PA  
Joseph Enrico Taroli, Pittston, PA  
Emily E. Usinowicz, Blairstown, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jennifer M. Walsh, Yatesville, PA  
Amy Zamerowski, Shavertown, PA

**Special Education**

Mary E. Bacumpas, Kingston, PA  
Lisa A. Barker, Kingston, PA *Summa Cum Laude*  
Margaret Loughney, Clarks Summit, PA  
Stacey Pellegrino, Ashley, PA *Summa Cum Laude*  
Helena Renee Schneider, Kingston, PA *Cum Laude*  
John Staub, Inkerman, PA  
Erin Yurick, Wescosville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Amy Jeanne Zbikowski, Bear Creek, PA *College Honors,  
Magna Cum Laude*

**Sport Management**

Evan Bardua, Pawling, NY  
Victoria Birkenhead, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Kyle S. Domzalski, Medford, NJ  
Brandon J. Fields, Nanuet, NY

## Bachelor of Science

### Sport Management *Continued*

Stephen C. Filipiak, Harding, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
James N. Fitzgerald, Clifton Park, NY  
Justin N. Fowler, Montgomery, NY  
Kyle J. Happel, Watkins Glen, NY  
Kyle Holman, Gladstone, NJ  
Robert Lozenski, Boyertown, PA  
Alicia Marinelli, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
James McCabe, Luzerne, PA  
Richard H. Merrell, Tunnel, NY *Cum Laude*  
Michael Morak, Philadelphia, PA  
Stephen Ockenhouse, Doylestown, PA *Cum Laude*  
Christopher R. Orner, Warrenton, VA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Brandon Smith, Millerton, PA *College Honors, Cum Laude*  
Christopher M. Wadas, Hanover, PA

### Nursing

Mary E. Angeli, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Becky Arnold, Montrose, PA  
Marsha Baker, Montrose, PA  
Karen Bonomo, West Hazleton, PA  
Mindi Brown, Rome, PA *Summa Cum Laude*  
Kristeena Buselli, Chambersburg, PA  
Mark A. Butsavage, Dallas, PA  
Barbara Campagna, Mountaintop, PA  
Collette Renee Carpenter, Montgomery, PA *Cum Laude*  
Lucy Ceresi, West Pittston, PA  
Suzanne Marie Corby, Tunkhannock, PA  
Vicky J. Corby, Tunkhannock, PA  
Lori Sue Davis, Meshoppen, PA  
Wendy Margaret Dodwell, Florham Park, NJ  
Traci L. Dutko, Mountaintop, PA *Cum Laude*

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Juliann Joy Ewer, Hazleton, PA  
Lindsay S. Fox, Lebanon, PA  
Deborah Ann Frye, Susquehanna, PA  
Rosemary Godshall, Mountaintop, PA  
Christine M. Hamer, Gouldsboro, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Lori G. Hart, Greenfield Township, PA  
Emily Jayne Hoffmann, Factoryville, PA  
Carol Hufford, Hanover Township, PA  
Mary Ann Jackson, Moscow, PA  
Christine J. Jenkins, Danville, PA  
Margaret Jean Jones, Meshoppen, PA *Cum Laude*  
Matthew Karpowicz, Drums, PA  
Kristin King, Dallas, PA  
Amanda McClain Kissinger, Bloomsburg, PA *Summa Cum Laude*  
Kimberly Klinger, Mountaintop, PA  
Carol A. Kole, Larksville, PA  
Kristin Marie Kopko, Wyoming, PA  
Karlene A. Krysiak, Drums, PA  
Diane Nicole Lack, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Mary Joan Lavelle, Duryea, PA  
Erica Lippi, Nanticoke, PA  
Karen Ann Marsiglio, West Hazleton, PA *Summa Cum Laude*  
Jodie A. Miscavage, White Haven, PA  
Kathleen Mitcheltree, Bloomsburg, PA  
Adriana A. Molica, Tunkhannock, PA  
Patricia Elizabeth Momenzadeh, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
JoAnn Montagna, Pittston, PA  
Carolyn M. Muller, Fort Worth, TX  
Varvara Napkora, West Wyoming, PA  
Sarah Ann Nat, Courtdale, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Amanda J. Nothen, Dupont, PA

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### Nursing *Continued*

Erin O'Mara, Pocono Lake, PA  
Tabitha M. Parham, Avoca, PA  
Meghan Lee Paulson, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Jennifer Paznonski, Pittston, PA *Cum Laude*  
Kathryn Pennie, Toms River, NJ  
Amanda Politz, Hanover Township, PA *Cum Laude*  
Bronwyn Lee Read, Old Forge, PA *Cum Laude*  
Maureen T. Reed, Philadelphia, PA  
Lynne M. Reynolds, Waymart, PA  
Donna L. Smyden Richmond, Nuangola, PA  
Holly Ann Salitis, Duryea, PA  
Molly Sayre, Tunkhannock, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Julie Nicole Schultz, Berwick, PA  
Denise Shaffer, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Lori Miller Shrawder, Mifflinburg, PA  
Eric K. Silver, Laflin, PA  
Launi Easton Smith, Forty Fort, PA  
Jenni Sobonski, Philadelphia, PA  
Ann Marie Sosnowski, Edwardsville, PA  
Kenneth S. Steenback, Clarks Summit, PA  
Kimberly Strelish, Hughestown, PA  
Rachel K. Stuebing, Pittsgrove, NJ  
Sarah Swiderski, Trucksville, PA  
Maria D. Thomas, Nanticoke, PA  
Tami M. Underhill, Selingsgrove, PA  
Louisa Catherine Vandenberg, Harveys Lake, PA  
Tracy Lee Weida, Plymouth, PA  
Brenda Wejkszner, Mountaintop, PA  
Deborah Pompey Whitney, Factoryville, PA  
Jennifer Sue Wright, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Joan Genevieve Yankalunas, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Susan R. Youells, Forty Fort, PA *Cum Laude*  
Gavin Michael Zakarevicz, Hazleton, PA  
Janet Ann Zelna, Eynon, PA  
Jennifer A. Zupa, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Andrea Zurawski, Mountaintop, PA  
Sharon Marie Zurenda, Dallas, PA

### Social Work

Melissa Ann Boettger, Jim Thorpe, PA *Cum Laude*  
Ruth A. Gonzalez, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
David Hage, Dallas, PA  
Elizabeth Anne Hogan, Huntingdon Valley, PA  
Leann Ickes, Dallas, PA  
Kellie A. Kizis, Exeter, PA *Cum Laude*  
Amanda Marie Lamma, Sinking Spring, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Lisa J. McMichael, Shickshinny, PA *Cum Laude*  
Dawn A. McQuiston, Kingston, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kelly Ann Rinehimer, Nanticoke, PA *Magna Cum Laude*  
Nicole Josephine Risboskin, Mayfield, PA *College Honors,*  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Tenisha West, Blakeslee, PA  
Michael J. White, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*  
Lisa R. Witthar, Hanover Township, PA *Cum Laude*

### Organizational Management

Robert J. Benci, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Lois J. Boginski, Dallas, PA  
Christi L. Boughton, Susquehanna, PA  
Frank John Castano, Laflin, PA  
Ann M. Dukus, Kingston, PA  
Christopher C. Dunbar, Kingston, PA  
Dawn Marie Evans, Hanover Township, PA

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**Organizational Management** *Continued*

Charlotte Gelb Farley, Hunlock Creek, PA  
Peter R. Fela, Shavertown, PA  
Amy Susan Gates, Ashley, PA  
Cynthia Gill, Dallas, PA  
Kelly Lynn Halas, Kingston, PA  
Pamela Chernansky Hoppes, Weatherly, PA  
Joanne Kaul, Langhorne, PA  
John D. Kearney, Hanover Township, PA  
Bruce Kemmerer, Tamaqua, PA  
Gregory Klusewitz, Mountaintop, PA  
Denise Helen Knorr, Reading, PA  
Gina M. Kratz, Breslau, PA  
Thomas Robert Landon, Dallas, PA  
Tara Marie Lehman, Emmaus, PA  
Colleen Elizabeth Patricia Lennon, Drifton, PA  
Joseph M. Morris, Scranton, PA  
Leslie Anne Olerta, Exeter, PA  
Richard J. Radgoski, Factoryville, PA  
Angela F. Ruty, Dallas, PA  
Joseph Tarity, Shavertown, PA  
Lucyann Vierling, Clarks Green, PA  
Casey J. Wick, West Winfield, NY

**Nursing**

Stacey Ann Connell, Palmerton, PA  
Janice Divers, Wapwallopen, PA  
Marie Everhart, Dallas, PA  
Christine M. Hamer, Gouldsboro, PA  
Maureen LaSalle, Shavertown, PA  
Jennifer A. Orlosky-Novack, Avoca, PA  
Eileen Sacco, Kunkletown, PA

**Occupational Therapy**

Lindsay Anne Albright, Lumberton, NJ  
Alison A. Baker, Cream Ridge, NJ  
Karen Ann Barbose, Courtdale, PA  
Amanda Jane Berry, Rome, PA  
Sero Bobb, Bellerose, NY  
Roberta Cohen, Hillsdale, NJ  
Kristen Leigh Coolbaugh, Wyoming, PA  
Jacqueline Doninetz, Wapwallopen, PA  
Linda C. Emerson, Conklin, NY  
Jaclyn Finelli, Dallas, PA  
Camille M. Firpo, Port Crane, NY  
Gretchen Lynn Fish, Leesburg, VA  
Kevin Jourdan Franco, Newton, NJ  
Gerard J. Golden, Ringwood, NJ  
Amy Marie Henry, Pocono Lake, PA  
Stacie Hershey, Strasburg, PA  
Christine Marie Hess, Schuylkill Haven, PA  
Anne Marie Histon, Mount Airy, MD  
Janine M. Hoffman, Milton, PA  
Tara L. Kelly, Kingston, PA  
Dana Koval, Taylor, PA  
Lauren Levine, Beacon Falls, CT  
Christine Lishok, Factoryville, PA  
Emily Stine Maisto, Newsmanstown, PA  
Hantz Maxime, Rosedale, NY  
Krista M. McShea, Albrightsville, PA  
Stephanie Lynn Miller, Lehighton, PA  
Tracy Lynn Morris, Levittown, PA  
Lauren Ortman, Cape May Ct., NJ  
Carissa H. Peppard, Effort, PA  
Amanda Perry, Hughesville, PA  
Janice M. Ptak, Bloomingburg, NY

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### Occupational Therapy *Continued*

Christin A. Rhodes, Bloomsburg, PA  
Elizabeth Marie Richardi, West Milford, NJ  
Kimberly Susan Roig, Bergenfield, NJ  
Colleen Rooney, Moscow, PA  
Kendall Santarelli, Shavertown, PA  
Emily E. Usinowicz, Blairstown, NJ  
Nicholas T. Wadas, Hanover Township, PA  
Suzie C. Witherell, Kane, PA  
Jennifer Wonn, Pottsville, PA  
Jason L. Woodruff, Wyoming, PA  
Jennifer Jacquelyn Zanghi, Scranton, PA

### Physical Therapy

Erin Patricia Alspach, Matawan, NJ  
Kyle W. Barnett, Birdsboro, PA  
Jenny Elizabeth Bogle, Muncy, PA  
Stephen J. Burkert, Toms River, NJ  
Leslie A. Collier, Unadilla, NY  
Douglas John Dennison, Zion Grove, PA  
Caitlin Brenna Doyle, Westampton, NJ  
Rachel Erica Farley, Hunlock Creek, PA  
Kathryn L. Gorgos, Binghamton, NY  
Tiffany Marie Gray, Coraopolis, PA  
Francis A. Harmonosky, Tresckow, PA  
Christine M. Homcha, Nesquehoning, PA  
Miranda Sue Hurd, Elkland, PA  
Robin Jacobs, Plymouth, PA  
Christopher J. Kaster, Mount Vision, NY  
Kristen Deborah Kramer, Liverpool, PA  
Michelle Lutz, Marlton, NJ  
Candice Lee Majusiak, Bloomsburg, PA  
Michele Christine Melillo, Flanders, NJ

Colleen Marie Murphy, Camptown, PA  
Jeffrey Francis Murray, Somerdale, NJ  
Jamie Elizabeth O'Connor, Wyalusing, PA  
Courtney A. Pierce, Vernon, NJ  
Matthew John Reed, Pottsville, PA  
Jenny Reimold, Glen Rock, PA  
Tianna P. Rizzo, Nuremberg, PA  
Cari Rose, Baltimore, MD  
Renee Santore, Nesquehoning, PA  
Catherine Shuba, Binghamton, NY  
Heather Siss, West Milford, NJ  
Jeffrey Walter Skolny, Sinking Spring, PA  
Vanessa A. Stivala, Gouldsboro, PA  
Kimberly Ann Turoski, Nanticoke, PA  
Jennifer A. Williams, Scranton, PA

### Speech Language Pathology

Margaret Todd Beckerman, Penn Lake, PA  
Cynthia Ann Bittner, Hawley, PA  
Jaime Lynn Bollinger, Simpson, PA  
Alexandra Dolphin, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Jennifer A. Kennedy, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
Kaitlin Ann Murphy, Airmont, NY  
Teresa R. Wasileski, Manlius, NY

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## 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. Because these honors are calculated before final grades are submitted, estimation of them appears in the Commencement program. Students who have completed the College Honors curriculum while achieving a grade point average of 3.4 or better are awarded an Honors Degree.

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

Students awarded *College Honors* include:

Kyle W. Barnett	Christopher D. Gates
Tara E. Benninger	Stacie Hershey
Leslie A. Collier	Nicole Josephine Risboskin
Amanda R. Cubas	Christina Stango
Gretchen Lynn Fish	Amy Jeanne Zbikowski

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

Jennifer Dorosky

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

Pamela M. Langdon

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

Tenesha West

The *Service Learning Leadership Award*, is presented to a student who is nominated by a faculty member for community-based work initiated in a service learning course. The student must show evidence of active community service and the potential for continued service in a leadership role. This award is presented to:

Erica Maureen Erb

The *Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accounting Award* for excellence in Accounting studies is presented to:

Natasha Nicole Holter

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

Erica Maureen Erb

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 faculty, is presented to:

Stephen C. Filipiak

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

Jacob Sholtis

## Honors and Awards

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The *Sister M. Noreen Mulherin, RSM Award* for excellence in student teaching in Elementary Education/Early Childhood is presented to:

Melissa Sue Sorber

The *Sister Chrysostom Dougherty, RSM Award* for excellence in student teaching in Special Education is presented to:

Cole Vinnie

The *Joan Krause Award for Teacher Education*, given to a student with outstanding academic achievement and excellence in Pre-Service Teaching, is presented to:

Bethany L. Kinney

The *English Department Award* for creative Literary Achievement is presented to:

Karin Marie Sopp

The *Psychology Student Achievement Award*, given to a graduating senior Psychology student who holds a GPA of 3.5 and demonstrated exemplary service to the program, is presented to:

Courtney Burgess-Michak      Andrew Burkley

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

Amanda Marie Lamma

The *Mallinckrodt Award* for Academic Excellence in the Study of Medical Imaging is presented to:

Helene Jadus Traditional Student      James J. Dravage Non-traditional Student

The *Clinical Excellence in Medical Imaging Award* is presented to:

Sean Abbott      James J. Dravage

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

Margaret Jean Jones

The *Sister Mary Kateri Dowart Award* for excellence and leadership in Nursing is presented to:

Molly Sayre

The *M. Bernadette Hogan Nursing Award*, given annually to a graduating student who exemplifies outstanding service and leadership to the profession of Nursing and to community, is presented to:

Janet Ann Zelna

The *Air Force Excellence in Nursing Award*, given to the student nurse who exemplifies exceptional leadership qualities and who is judged by the Nursing faculty to have the greatest potential to impact the profession of nursing, is presented to:

Amanda McClain Kissinger

The *Clinical Excellence Award*, 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 presented to:

Kristin King

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 presented to:

Janice Divers



## Honors and Awards

The *Occupational Therapy Curricular Award*, presented to a graduating Occupational Therapy student who has demonstrated exemplary academic performance and leadership potential in the profession, is presented to:

Carissa H. Peppard

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

Gretchen Lynn Fish

The *Outstanding Physical Therapy Student Award*, given to a graduating student who has demonstrated excellence in academic achievement, clinical performance, leadership skills, and service to the College, community, and profession, is presented to:

Catherine Shuba

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 presented to:

Douglas John Dennison

The *Catherine Perry Wilkinson Leadership Award*, given to a graduating student who demonstrates exemplary potential for leadership in the profession of Physical Therapy, is presented to:

Leslie A. Collier

The *Speech-Language Pathology Clinical Excellence Award*, is granted to the graduating Speech-Language Pathology student, as chosen by the Speech-Language Pathology faculty, who has demonstrated exemplary skills in clinical practicum. This award is presented to:

Kaitlin Ann Murphy

The *Speech-Language Pathology Academic Excellence Award*, is granted to the graduating Speech-Language Pathology student, as chosen by the Speech-Language Pathology faculty, who has demonstrated academic excellence and has earned the highest GPA of students in the graduating class. This award is presented to:

Alexandria Dolphin

The *Fine Arts Award*, chosen by the Humanities faculty, is given to a graduating senior who excels in any of the non-literary Fine Arts and demonstrated a high level of academic achievement. This award is presented to:

Christina Stango

The *History Department Award for Outstanding Achievement* is presented to:

Jesse Bowman

The *History Department Award for High Achievement* is presented to:

John J. Sipper

The *History Department Award for excellence in History* is presented to:

Robert Samuel Lepley

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

Sarah Kelly

## Honors and Awards

The *Mother Teresa Walsh Award*, founded by the Walsh family for proficiency in Religious Studies, is presented to:

Stephen C. Filipiak

The *Professor Kenneth J. Rockensies Award*, awarded to a Mathematical or Natural Sciences graduate in recognition of outstanding achievement in Physics, is presented to:

Robyn Lynn Shillabeer

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

Ann Nicole Evans      Joel Scott Stepanchick      Earl Zimmerman

The *American Chemical Society Outstanding Graduating Chemistry Major Award*, given by the Susquehanna Valley Section of the American Chemical Society, is awarded to the graduating student, selected by the Chemistry faculty, who has shown excellence in scholarship and academics. It is presented to:

Jennifer A. Martin

The *Theresa and Frank J. Mehm Prize* is awarded annually to the student who, by vote of the chief academic and student services officers of the College, most nearly represents the ideal College Misericordia man or woman with respect to moral courage, intellectual vigor, and participation, on- and off-campus, contributing to the advancement of the College. It is presented to:

Elizabeth Marie Richardi

The *Alumni Outstanding Graduate Award*, established by the Alumni Association, which recognizes a graduating student who exemplifies the Misericordia spirit of hospitality, mercy, and justice is presented to:

Michele Christine Melillo

The 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:

Tariq S. Adwan

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

Melissa Ann Boettger	Kelly Ann Rinehimer
Kellie A. Kizis	Nicole Josephine Risboskin
Amanda Marie Lamma	Tenesha West
Lisa J. McMichael	Lisa R. Witthar
Dawn A. McQuiston	Michael J. White

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

Lisa A. Barker	Theresa Ann Hollock
Karen Bonomo	Kimberly Marie Lawrence
Melissa Ann Boettger	Karen Ann Marsiglio
Michele A. Boucher	Gerald T. McGuire
Courtney Burgess-Michak	Dawn A. McQuiston
Amelia K. Caruso	Stacey Pellegrino
Virginia C. Conrad	Carol A. Rosser
Daniel Copertino	Mark A. Senchak
James J. Dravage	Denise Shaffer
Thomas P. Elbich	Barry Drake Sponsler
Cathy Lee Morrison Fulk	Jennifer Sue Wright
Carrie A. Gubanics	Janet Ann Zelna

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

Jennifer Dorosky	Melissa Sue Sorber
Mary Ann Powell	Michael J. White
Colleen Rooney	

## Honor Societies

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

Erica Maureen Erb	Michelle Lutz
Joel Scott Stepanchick	Ann Nicole Evans
Lisa A. Barker	Virginia C. Conrad
Gina M. Tricarico	Stephen C. Filipiak
Christine M. Homcha	Amanda Marie Lamma
Bethany L. Kinney	Carissa H. Peppard
Christina Stango	Melissa Ann Rossick
Tracy Lynn Brown	

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

Lisa A. Barker	Stacey Pellegrino
Stefanie Anne Benson	Mary Ann Powell
Brenda L. Bowen	Melissa Ann Rossick
Lori Carter	Angela Schifano
Mary Ann Cosimo	Helena Renee Schneider
Amanda R. Cubas	Mark A. Senchak
Kimberly Ann Daniel	Ryan Sholtes
Kristen Englehardt	Corin Smith
Jennifer Lynn Frusciante	Melissa Sue Sorber
Bethany L. Kinney	Christina Stango
Michael W. Lechniak, Jr.	John Staub
Robert Samuel Lepley	Danielle M. Terpak
Margaret Loughney	Cole Vennie
Kelly A. McCabe	Stephanie Paige Wallace
Kathleen McCarthy	Wendy L. Wesley
Laura Marie Mitchell	Jody Wilbur
Ann Marie Morreale	Erin Yurick
Stephanie M. Myers	

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

*Baccalaureate Membership:*

Tracy Lynn Brown	Christine M. Homcha
Virginia C. Conrad	Bethany L. Kinney
Alexandra Dolphin	Amanda Marie Lamma
Ann Nicole Evans	Karen Ann Marsiglio
Stephen C. Filipiak	Tinaya M. Neeb
Gretchen Lynn Fish	Carissa H. Peppard
Theresa Ann Hollock	Jenny Reimold
Melissa Ann Rossick	Danielle M. Terpak
Catherine Shuba	Gina M. Tricarico
Christina Stango	William E. Wengrzynek
Joel Scott Stepanchick	

*Post-Graduate Membership:*

Dawn Marie Evans	Jennifer A. Orlosky-Novack
Peter R. Fela	Richard J. Radgoski
Gregory Klusewitz	

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

Lin A. Armstrong	Michelle Markellos
Courtney Burgess-Michak	Dorothy E. O'Boyle
Andrew S. Burkley	Lauren Ortman
Laura Marie Costello	Carissa H. Peppard
Tracy Dranchack	Mari Jo Richards
Shelley Doyle	Nicole Josephine Risboskin
Gretchen Lynn Fish	Melissa Schobert
David Hage	Jennifer M. Walsh
Damon T. Hamilton	Michael J. White
Janine M. Hoffman	

## Honor Societies

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

Gretchen Lynn Fish	Amanda Perry
Christine Marie Hess	Emily E. Usinowicz
Carissa H. Peppard	

*Pi Theta Weekend College Students:*

Karen Ann Barbose	Jason L. Woodruff
Emily Stine	

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

Carissa Artz	Kristen Englehardt
Amanda R. Cubas	Karin Marie Sopp
Mary Curtin	Amy Jeanne Zbikowski

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

*Baccalaureate Membership:*

Barbara Ann Amabile	Tabitha M. Parham
Kristeena Buselli	Bronwyn Lee Read
Sandra DeBias	Molly Sayre
Traci L. Dutko	Ann Marie Sosnowski
Robert Alfred Gregor, Jr.	Linda Stephanik
Michael T. Hatrak	Pamela Dawn Welsh
Amanda McClain Kissinger	Andrea Zurawski
Laura Hicks McGee	

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

Andrea Jean Adams	Kathryn Graham Brown
Sean Abbott	Helene Jadus
James J. Dravage	Lauren Yendrzejewski

Students admitted to *Alpha Chi Honor Society for Physical Therapy*, founded in 1922, a coeducational society whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students and to honor those who achieve such distinctions. The society's motto is "making scholarship effective for good":

Christine M. Homcha	Catherine Shuba
Michelle Lutz	Heather Siss

Students admitted to *Phi Alpha Theta*, National Historical Honor Society:

Carissa Artz	Robert Samuel Lepley
Jesse Bowman	Helena Renee Schneider
Amanda R. Cubas	

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

Kathleen Baczynski	Kellie A. Kizis
Tina Billias	Tiffany Levandowski
Amy E. Bower	Michelle Lutz
Virginia C. Conrad	Michelle Markellos
Kimberly A. Daniel	Jamie O'Connor
Tracy Eiring	Jaclyn Reisser
Erica M. Erb	Nicole Risboskin
Ann Nicole Evans	Joel Stepanchick
Stephen C. Filipiak	Julie A. Stackhouse
Cathy Fulk	Joscelyn Travers
Christine M. Homcha	Gina M. Tricarico
Kimberly Hreha	Wendy L. Wesley

## 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 at Oxford, which was founded in the 12th century. At the time, academic institutions were similar to guilds or associations, 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 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 golden yellow. 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*

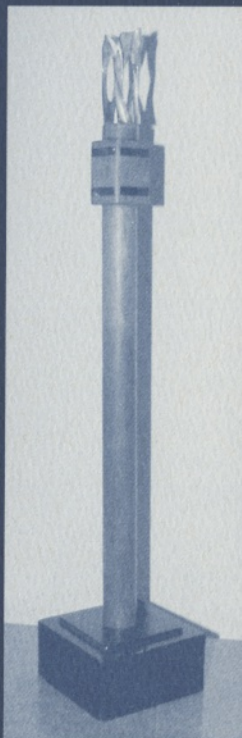
Medical Imaging  
*Golden Yellow*

Social Work  
*Citron*

Speech Pathology  
*Silver*

Sport Management  
*Sage Green*

## The Mace



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.

## Flags

College Misericordia is sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy Dallas Regional Community, a member institution of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas.

The flags on the Commencement stage today represent countries where Sisters and Associates from the Dallas Regional Community, faculty, staff, and students have ministered. Also included are the flags of foreign students and graduates.

Albania	Haiti
Brazil	Honduras
Czech Republic	Palestine
Guam	Peru
Guatemala	Philippines
Guyana	United Nations *

\* The United Nations flag represents the Sisters of Mercy's 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.

### *Refrain*

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—Sister Teresa Mary Moyles, RSM





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