

Eightieth Commencement Convocation

Class of 2006

Anderson Sports and Health Center

Saturday, May 20, 2006



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The Class of 2006 at College Misericordia is its 80th and largest graduating class, with 504 graduates from 12 states, including the College's first two graduates from Nigeria, Sisters Ogechukwu Aboh and Chioma Ahanihu.

About 400 of the graduates received a professional internship placement in their majors, which amounts to about 40,000 hours of in-the-field training in business, nursing, occupational therapy, medical imaging, communications, chemistry, biology, speech-language pathology, and social work.

There are other impressive statistics compiled by students in our 30 majors. For instance, physical therapy students graduating from the master's degree program participated in a total of 16,156 hours of laboratory classes; 17,444 hours of lecture classes; and 29,120 hours of clinical education in their junior, senior, and graduate years. Teacher education's 55 graduates were placed in high school and elementary school classrooms during 2005-2006, performing a combined 825 weeks of teaching.

Class Officers

Justin Lukasewicz, *President*

Brian Ulrich, *Vice-president*

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Kristi Devens, *Treasurer*

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Kit Foley, *Advisor*



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Program

Academic Processional

Ceol Mor, *Pipe and Drum Band*

Invocation

Catherine McGroarty, RSM '74, *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 of College Misericordia*

Conferring of Honorary Degree

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

Doctor of Humane Letters

Yankel Ginzburg

Fred J. Epstein, MD

Address to Candidates

Fred J. Epstein, MD

Presentation of the Catherine McAuley Medal

Catherine McGroarty, RSM '74

Recipient of the Catherine McAuley Medal

Virginia H. Banks

America, The Beautiful by Samuel A. Ward

College Misericordia Chamber Singers

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees

Mari P. King, EdD, *Vice President of Academic Affairs*

Conferring of Degrees

Michael A. MacDowell

Remarks

Rachel K. Walker, '06 *Class Valedictorian*

Presentation of Senior Class Gift

Justin Lukasewicz '06, *Senior Class President*

Brian Ulrich '06, *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 Sidney Friedman Excellence in Service Award

Mari P. King, EdD

Alma Mater

The College Misericordia Chamber Singers

Christina Stango, '06, *Student Conductor*

Benediction

Monsignor Joseph C. Bambara, *Episcopal Vicar*

of the Central Pastoral Region

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

Barbara McCraith, PhD
Grand Marshal

Kathleen Foley, MS
Class Advisor

Larree Elston Brown, MS '96

Margaret (Peg) Charnick, '93

Stanley Charnick, MS '91

Matthew Malcolm, MS '02

Paul Nardone, MS '88, '03

Colleen Coyle Newhart '75

Jeanne Tully Purcell, MS '51

Helene Flower Reed, MS '66

Thomas Sweetz, MS '01

Irene Calaide Wisnieski,
MA '59

Alternate

Marion Zarnoch Rogers '89

Honorary Degree Recipients



Fred J. Epstein, MD

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When 4-year-old Vijai Naraine was no longer able to walk or feed himself, his family became desperate. The boy was in a rehabilitation facility in Georgetown, Guyana when he met Lauren Gianocopolis, a CM occupational therapy student volunteering as part of a six-week summer course. Realizing that Vijai had serious neurological challenges, Lauren sought help from Brenda Hage, CM assistant professor of nursing who was also on the trip teaching medical staff. Hage determined the boy had fluid in his brain caused by a large brain tumor and was in desperate need of neuro-surgical intervention not available in Guyana.

Enter Dr. Fred J. Epstein. Having received Epstein's name from a friend who described the man as "pediatric neurosurgeon dedicated to helping children from all walks of life," Hage called Epstein's office at Beth Israel Hospital in New York City. After just a 15-minute conversation with Tanya Maher Evans, a nurse practitioner in Epstein's practice, Hage was told to get Vijai to Beth Israel and that Epstein would donate his neurosurgical services. Amazed at how quickly Epstein's services were offered, Brenda questioned whether Evans needed to verify her proposal with the doctor. Without hesitation, Evans replied, "No need—this is what we do."

Vijai's story is just one in a long list of philanthropic services by Dr. Fred Epstein. Born in Yonkers, New York, the middle son of an intellectually gifted family, young Fred's struggles with learning issues challenged both him and his parents. But it was a factor that formed his character: his drive, his work ethic, and his empathy for children. Epstein received his medical degree from New York Medical College in 1963 and performed his surgical internship and surgical residency at Montefiore Medical Center in New York City. In 1970, he completed a neurosurgical residency at New York University Medical Center while serving in the United States Army Reserve. He was appointed professor of neurosurgery at NYU Medical Center and in 1985 became the first director of the Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery.

Epstein has served as president of the International Society of Pediatric Neurosurgery, the American Society of Pediatric Neurosurgery and the Pediatric Section of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons; and editor-in-chief of the Journal of Pediatric Neurosurgery. He has received fellowships from the American College of Surgeons, the New York Academy of Medicine, and the American Academy of Pediatrics. In 2004, he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Pediatric Section of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons.

Following a personal imperative to provide patients with both comfort and state-of-the-art technology, Epstein was intimately involved in the creation of the Institute of Neurology and Neurosurgery at Beth Israel Medical Center. It is there that he was able to fulfill his dream of a technologically advanced facility where the special needs of his young patients and their families dealing with the most serious illnesses could be treated in a unique environment.

But in September 2001, Epstein faced possibly the greatest obstacle of his life. While riding his bike near his Connecticut home, he had an accident that tore a blood vessel in his skull, putting him in a coma for close to a month, leaving his speech slurred, his right side partially paralyzed, and his life forever altered. Although he no longer operates because of his disabilities, Epstein has, as he said, "Instead, embarked on an accidental journey toward an uncertain destination."

As for Vijai? Epstein and his partner, Dr. George Jallo, were able to successfully remove Vijai's tumor and relieve the pressure on his brain. Today, Vijai is a happy, well-adjusted third grader who likes to draw, ride his bike, and play with his brother, Kavin. He and his family live in Queens, New York and are forever grateful to Dr. Epstein for his wonderful and life-saving care.

Epstein's philosophy about caring for children is chronicled in his book, *If I Get to Five: What Children Can Teach Us About Courage and Character*. Epstein lives in Connecticut with his wife, Kathy. They have five children, two sons-in-law, and three granddaughters.

The whole reason to speak is to share my perspectives on the ingredients of success. Hopefully, these will be taken seriously because they are illustrative on how anyone can change the world.

Honorary Degree Recipients



Yankel Ginzburg

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Several works of internationally acclaimed contemporary artist Yankel Ginzburg adorn the walls of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library on the College Misericordia campus, a gift to the college from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Aben, of Unigraphic Printing in Plymouth. Ginzburg's art is a collection of new visionary concepts, incomparable and extraordinary. What is remarkable about Yankel Ginzburg is not just the variety and strength of his work, but the human being who created them. A native of Russia, educated in Israel, and now residing in the United States, Ginzburg has been a prominent force in the contemporary art world for nearly four decades. The youngest student ever admitted to the Academy of Art in Israel, Ginzburg explores and creates in all forms of media, gliding effortlessly through all of them.

While serving in the Israeli military during The Six Day War in 1967, Ginzburg vowed that if he survived that horrific experience he would dedicate himself to peace and seek ways to equalize the injustices of the world. He has flown to Cambodia and other countries to distribute food and medical supplies, but his largest undertaking has been the creation of The Fund for Democracy and Development. Encouraged by Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and Russian Federation President Boris Yeltsin to establish a non-governmental organization to aid the people of the crumbling Soviet Union, Ginzburg rose to the challenge. The Fund is credited with channeling over 240 million dollars of staples and medical goods to the former Soviet Union.

Ginzburg's paintings are well developed, intense, but never complete. There always seems to be despair, some tragic moment, yet there is also a sense that the world can be pieced back together again and that all will be good. While some of his pieces are for pure pleasure, others provoke intense thought. One of his most exciting public projects is an SS-20 Soviet missile, a symbol of war and destruction transformed into an object of love and peace, subjects to which Ginzburg devotes his life.

Artists are individualistic; each one has his own style. They depend on their inner world; nevertheless, an artist deserves recognition only if he benefits society. If he enriches only himself, it is greed not greatness.

Virginia Banks

Virginia "Ginger" Banks has been dedicated to the principles of College Misericordia and its founding sponsors for many years. She and her late husband Joseph provided significant financial support to the renovation of the campus student center which bears the family name.

Banks' lifetime of commitment to the ideals and goals of the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, as well as her longstanding commitment to the regional and College communities, makes her an exceptional choice for the Catherine McAuley Medal. Mrs. Banks received the Sisters of Mercy Woman of the Year Award in 1998 and was recognized by College Misericordia for her considerable support to the improvement of the College by being awarded the Trustee Associates Award in 1999.

Together with Walter Kelly, Banks co-founded Misericordia's popular Theatre-On-The-Green event in 1988. Mrs. Banks is dedicated to the Sisters of Mercy and supports many causes for women in need, including Women with Children. In the spirit of Catherine McAuley, she initiated "Women Indeed," an effort to help incarcerated women adjust to the transition back to society. Her goal is always to provide women with the skills and support needed to make the transition from prison to civilian life.

A native of Massachusetts now residing in Dallas, Banks is the owner of Odyssey Fitness Center and Odyssey Express for Women. She is a member of the Wyoming Seminary Parents Association, King's College Irish Teachers Program and the Huntsville Golf Club.

As director of The Joseph B. and Virginia H. Banks Foundation, Mrs. Banks sponsors numerous fund-raising events for local non-profit organizations, such as the AJump for Heart@ to benefit for the American Heart Association of Wyoming Valley. She has three children and nine grandchildren.

The Catherine McAuley Medal



Virginia Banks

I am always impressed with the generosity of the Sisters of Mercy and their continued spirit of giving. Their endless concern and compassion for others is something I am proud to support.

Class of 2006 Degree Recipients

Communications

Corey Brown, Bronx, NY

William A. Healey, Hughestown, PA *Cum Laude*

Rebecca L. Kloran, Swoyersville, PA

Allison Kristin Musso, New Providence, NJ

Jennifer D. Samonsky, Titusville, PA *College Honors*

Danielle Elizabeth Yurko, Sweet Valley, PA

English

Sara Beth Anne Bray, Nanticoke, PA *Cum Laude*

Jolene Carey, West Pittston, PA *College Honors*

Mary Curtin, Ellicott City, MD *Magna Cum Laude*

Heather Elizabeth Jones, Dallas, PA

Suzanne Kazimi, Kingston, PA

Justin Michael Lucas, Centre Hall, PA

Tarra Lee Mahalak, Shavertown, PA

Jennifer Rebelo, Old Bridge, NJ

Antoinette Rinker, Kingston, PA

Karin Marie Sopp, Kingston, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Stephanie L. Traver, Mehoopany, PA

History

Kevin Brian Beale, Mountaintop, PA *Cum Laude*

Joseph Paul Ciattei, Jr., Jarrettsville, MD

Kyleen Eastman, Shickshinny, PA

Edward Martin Halloran, Shavertown, PA

Renee Lavin, Pittston, PA *College Honors, Magna Cum Laude*

Steven Drew Leonardo, Dallas, PA

Tiffany Levandowski, Nanticoke, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Kari Maskalis, Dallas, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Suzanne K. Pierce, Harvey's Lake, PA

Michael L. Rowland, Dallas, PA

Edward Ryan, III, Rutherford, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*

Philip Thomas, South Plainfield, NJ *Cum Laude*

Jennifer Turner, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Jillian Rae Zarnowski, Uniondale, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Philosophy

Alison M. Davenport, Hunlock Creek, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Accounting

Gary A. Anderson, Olyphant, PA *Cum Laude*

Sherri Ann Brogan, Nanticoke, PA

Danielle Deitzer, Peckville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Linda S. Hennigan, Pittston, PA

Jennifer F. Orkwis, Exeter, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Stacy M. Siglin, Noxen, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Jenny U. Sirak, Hunlock Creek, PA

Valerie Waselus, Hanover Twp., PA

Amy Zavaskas, Wyoming, PA

Biochemistry

Laura Greeley, Long Valley, NJ *Cum Laude*

Biology

Kathleen Broscius, Wyalusing, PA
Tiffany Jeanne Clarke, Old Forge, PA
Kathleen Joyce, Mountaintop, PA *College Honors*
Michael Jason Loy, Benton, PA
Andrew Marky, Basking Ridge, NJ
Angelina Nicole McKenna, Delran, NJ
Steven Milewski, Dupont, PA *Cum Laude*
Philip Paul Pack, III, Shavertown, PA *College Honors, Cum Laude*
Heidi A. Roloson, Equinunk, PA *Cum Laude*
Kira D. Weaver, Conyngham, PA *Cum Laude*

Business Administration

Lisa W. Anthony, Northhampton, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Jeffrey Bartz, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Therese Marie Bubeck, Sugarloaf, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Jenny Ann Burke, Newfoundland, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Matthew H. Crow, Hillsborough, NJ
Matthew James Davis, Glen Mills, PA
Jessica Donnelly, West Nanticoke, PA
Jonathan P. Ewonishon, Edwardsville, PA
Laureen M. Gendimenico, West Hazleton, PA
Ryan E. Harvey, Harvey's Lake, PA
Theresa Marie Hillard, Harvey's Lake, PA
Cara Humphreys, Hunlock Creek, PA *Cum Laude*
Elizabeth Ann Kalista, Barnesville, PA
Kevin J. Keyes, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Ramona T. Kost, Tobyhanna, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Brynn Leigh Kovalick, Wyoming, PA
Thomas G. Kroh, Allentown, PA

Sean Kraus, Furlong, PA
John Mark Kulick, Scranton, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Marie B. Larko, Kingston, PA
Joan D. Logie, Moosic, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Thomas J. Lubaczewski, Jr., Wyoming, PA
Shenequa L. Mack, Mt. Pocono, PA
Carmen F. Magistro, Mountaintop, PA
Laurie McDonald, Madison Township, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Kimberly A. Parry, Moscow, PA
Rene C. Pietralczyk, Olyphant, PA
Sarah Marie Prorock, Blakely, PA
Ann Margaret Reichert, West Hazleton, PA
Erin E. Schmitt, Beaver Meadows, PA
Nadia Sheikh, Exeter, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Lisa Skotek, Kelayres, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Stephen Michael Stolarick, Nanticoke, PA
Martin A. Stronko, Hazleton, PA
Deborah Vanyo, Kingston, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Theresa Volciak, West Hazleton, PA
Mary Elizabeth Wyberski, Dallas, PA
Angela Yorina, Wyoming, PA *Cum Laude*
Elizabeth L. Zawatski, Shickshinny, PA *Summa Cum Laude*

Chemistry

Eric Alan Bilger, Quakertown, PA
Ryan J. Schock, Kintnersville, PA

Computer Science

Matthew A. Kelly, Dallas, PA

Elementary Education

Karen Abbatantuono, Hunlock Creek, PA *Cum Laude*
Esther M. Anelli, Lake Ariel, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Autumn Leigh Barna, Weatherly, PA *Cum Laude*
Jacqueline Anne Borosky, Bethlehem, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Raina Chiogna, Forty Fort, PA *Cum Laude*
Alexandra Crossley, Kingston, PA *Cum Laude*
Cara Devine, Kingston, PA *Cum Laude*
Janna Joy Elston, Sweet Valley, PA
Richard C. Emmons, III, Springville, PA
Heather Lynn Fenstermacher, Tamaqua, PA
Heather Marie Gortva, Hazleton, PA *Cum Laude*
Devon N. Gulick, Selinsgrove, PA *Cum Laude*
Jill Marie Guyette, Kingston, PA *Cum Laude*
Andrew Haas, Pine Grove, PA
Edward Charles Hamm, South Williamsport, PA *Cum Laude*
Jarod Laubach, Lehigh, PA *Cum Laude*
Justin Lukasewicz, Pine Grove, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Melissa Ann Luksh, Ashley, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Allison Courtney Makar, Gilbert, PA *Cum Laude*
Lisa Ann Mushinsky, Plains, PA
Kristal Ann Muto, Olyphant, PA
Kathleen Neubauer, Mountaintop, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Joseph Nice, Harvey's Lake, PA *Cum Laude*
Giselle Notarianni, Dunmore, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Kristin Notarianni, Scranton, PA *Cum Laude*
Teresa Pastorelli, Plains, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Karen Sue Phillips, Tunkhannock, PA *Cum Laude*
Dana Pienta, St. Peters, PA *Cum Laude*

Katheryn Pitcher, Hunlock Creek, PA
Jennifer Rebelo, Old Bridge, NJ
Erin M. Rimmler, Hillsborough, NJ *Summa Cum Laude*
Robyn M. Rincavage, Yatesville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Nicole Rugletic, Duryea, PA
Maria Grigorevna Shmakov, Bear Creek, PA *Cum Laude*
Michael Adam Sikora, Sweet Valley, PA *Cum Laude*
Tara Spellman, Whitestone, NY *Magna Cum Laude*
Stephanie E. Steele, Larksville, PA *Cum Laude*
Janice A. Symons, Dallas, PA
Cole Danielle Vennie, Selinsgrove, PA *Cum Laude*
Melissa Zelno, Archbald, PA *Cum Laude*
Kimberly Ziegler, Swoyersville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Health Care Management

Denise Marie Balas, Sugar Notch, PA
Robyn Weber, Dallas, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Health Science

Carol Beckwith-Cohen, Muncy, PA
Tina Billias, Smallwood, NY
Lauren Lee Blaskiewicz, Avoca, PA
Cheryl Bolesta, Plymouth, PA
Amy Bower, Hughesville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Reina Calpin, Falls, PA *Cum Laude*
Kristina Card, Pine City, NY *Magna Cum Laude*
Nicole Cardillo, Larksville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Mary C. Cherney, Tobyhanna, PA *Cum Laude*
Silvana Chin, Flushing, NY

Health Science Continued

Erin Elizabeth Confrey, Baldwin, NY
Luanne Cusatis, Tunkhannock, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Erica Lyn Derrick, Hughesville, PA *Cum Laude*
James Dessoye, Pittston, PA
Ashley A. Dixon, Factoryville, PA *Cum Laude*
Thomas M. Doxsee, East Yaphank, NY
Aaron L. Ebling, Douglassville, PA
Jacquelyn Eger, Harrisburg, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Tracy Eiring, Forest Hills, NY
Joseph T. Ferrero, Philadelphia, PA
Megan Michelle Fetterman, Montrose, PA
Tiffany Lynn Gaun, Hatboro, PA
Megan Kelly Gilbert, Allentown, PA
Kathryn Lyn Goins, Baltimore, MD
Scott Gordon, Farmingdale, NY
Tiffany R. Green, Moosic, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Mary Elizabeth Heavey, Hackettstown, NJ
Jessica Michelle Helock, Red Lion, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Jason Higgins, Millville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Christine D. Howe, Newark, DE
Kimberly Hreha, Wayne, NJ
Stephanie Elizabeth Hughes, Old Forge, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Rebecca Jarrett, Mahanoy City, PA *Cum Laude*
Zach Kepczynski, East Stroudsburg, PA
Miranda Christine Koser, Bendersville, PA *Cum Laude*
Lauren Kristen Lazzopina, Wilmington, DE
Ashley Laura Light, Myerstown, PA *Cum Laude*
Ronni Marangoni, Coram, NY *Cum Laude*
Shannon Marie Mastin, Springwater, NY *Magna Cum Laude*

Karyn-Ann Mills, Holbrook, NY
Melissa Miskiel, Hanover Twp., PA
Janelle Lynn Nagel, Sellersville, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Jennifer Marie Ofcharsky, Lake Ariel, PA *Cum Laude*
Elizabeth Caroline Perez, Wantage, NJ *Cum Laude*
Jane Porcaro, Hollbrook, NY
Amanda Ptashinski, Dallas, PA
Kayla Renee Riegel, Schuylkill Haven, PA
Johnna L. Schickram, Tamaqua, PA
Amy Maureen Schloerb, Pompton Lakes, NJ
Lauren A. Sekosky, Valley Stream, NY
Bethany Elaine Shoaf, Hagerstown, MD *Summa Cum Laude*
Lakeisha M. Smith, Bronx, NY *Cum Laude*
Nicole Marie Smith, Ashfield, PA *Cum Laude*
Sterling T. Sprau, III, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Julieann Stackhouse, Monticello, NY *College Honors, Summa Cum Laude*
Gwenith Anne Thomas, Harvey's Lake, PA *Cum Laude*
Joscelyn M. Travers, Jeffersonville, NY *College Honors, Cum Laude*
Rachel K. Walker, Thorndale, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Christie Weaver, Drums, PA
Dawn M. Welker, Union, NJ
Kristen Elaine Wertman, Edwardsville, PA
Kelda Zepherin, Bayshore, NY
Jeffrey M. Ziegler, Piscataway, NJ
Brooke A. Zoltowski, Dallas, PA

Information Technology

Richard Lee Ainey, Jr., New Milford, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Gary A. Anderson, Olyphant, PA *Cum Laude*

Christopher Bayer, East Northport, NY *Magna Cum Laude*
John C. Brodhead, Hanover Twp., PA
Charles Costello, Freeland, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Marilyn De Haven, Dallas, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Elizabeth M. DiSalvo, Stroudsburg, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Justin Garruba, Courtdale, PA
Kelly Ann Kaslavage, Exeter, PA *Cum Laude*
Gregory Lenahan, Palmyra, PA
Andre J. Little, Stroudsburg, PA
Kathleen Loftus, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Michael Joseph Marr, Woodbury Heights, NJ
Ryan C. McGee, Warrington, PA
Jeff Meade, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Stanley A. Milewski, IV, Hanover Twp., PA
Joseph Nester, Hazleton, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Kathy Salek, Plains, PA
Brett W. Vallet, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Jeremy Michael Yedesko, Duryea, PA

Interdisciplinary Studies

Raenell M. Greene, District Heights, MD
Bianca A. Saucedo, Dallas, PA
Michelle Lynn Wentzel, Dallas, PA

Management

John J. Alapick, Hanover Twp., PA *Summa Cum Laude*
David F. Cawley, Old Forge, PA *Cum Laude*
Mark Alexander Ceaser, Gouldsboro, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Daniela V. Easter, Tobyhanna, PA
Lynda Paul Hamilton, Stroudsburg, PA

Gregory A. Insalaco, Old Forge, PA *Cum Laude*
Robert A. Laubscher, Mt. Pocono, PA *Cum Laude*
Michael McGoff, Dunmore, PA
Thomas M. Moore, Camp Hill, PA *Cum Laude*
Timothy P. Morgan, Oaklyn, NJ
Lita C. Piekara, Shavertown, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Justin C. Sandy, Lattimer, PA *Cum Laude*
Lisa J. Twardowski, Dupont, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
CarrieAnn Tykosh, Drums, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Cathy VanHoof, Moosic, PA
Nina Marie Wezner, Drums, PA

Marketing

Christine Carroll, Exeter, PA
Cynthia A. Cicchelli, Stroudsburg, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Robert K. Harris, East Earl, PA
Brigid Mary Maguire, Ridgefield, CT
Stacie Rose Malenovitch, Mountaintop, PA
Steven Puente, Broadheadsville, PA
Barry A. Snyder, Jr., Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*
Dennis L. Regan, Mt. Pocono, PA
Kelsey Wheeler, Endicott, NY
Nicholas Williams, Sugar Notch, PA

Math

Kirsten S. Baxter, Dallas, PA
Kimberly Culp, Mountaintop, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Matthew A. Kelly, Dallas, PA
Matthew J. Lanfrank, Milford, PA
Tracey Pidich, Kingston, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Jennifer Stine, Catawissa, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Medical Imaging

Megan L. Benjamin, Towanda, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Kari L. Bratt, Memphis, NY *Cum Laude*
Jillian Leigh Bush, Nanticoke, PA
John F. D'Aiello, Avoca, PA
Elizabeth Denlea, Stroudsburg, PA
Katlyn D. Futoma, Shickshinny, PA
Heidi B. Johnson, Centreville, MD *Cum Laude*
Lawrence A. Kaminsky, Scranton, PA
Mary Elizabeth Karsnak, Scranton, PA
Jennifer J. Kaufman, Bloomville, NY
Amanda Jane Keener, Moosic, PA
Kelly Suzanne Lehr, Carlisle, PA
Lukas Lukacinsky, Mountaintop, PA
Crystal L. Naugle, Duryea, PA
Andre K. Pascal, Forty Fort, PA
Leslie Polak, Wapwallopen, PA
Danielle Sabestinas, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*
Melissa Marie Sliwinski, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Brian Mark Ulrich, Wyalusing, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Rebecca Wallace, Forty Fort, PA
Chris Wanyo, Plymouth, PA
Natalie Pearl Wilczynski, Mocanaqua, PA
Nicole I. Winter, Auburn, PA
Jaclyn M. Wirbicki, Mountaintop, PA

Medical Technology

Jessie M. Hill, Muncy, PA

Professional Studies

Lee Ann Dunn Connolly, Edwardsville, PA
Xavier Joseph Evans, III, Plymouth, PA
Kelly Elizabeth Hilsey, Factoryville, PA
Deborah Ann Ickes, Dallas, PA
Susan L. Kissel, Shickshinny, PA
Lindsay M. Klinepeter, Paxtonville, PA
Gabriella Maria Lazzara, Rutherford, NJ
Debra Anne Lewis, Milford, PA
Kevin Anthony Lugo, Lake Ariel, PA *Cum Laude*
Deborah J. Orloski, Springville, PA
Erin Reedy, Scranton, PA
Stephanie L. Traver, Mehoopany, PA
Misty A. Spencer Walker, Dallas, PA
Patricia Ann Ward, Milford, PA

Psychology

Kara Lynn Barlow, Exeter, PA
Jennifer Bottone, Sayre, PA
Dianne C. Caffrey, Plains, PA
Rebecca Ciliberto, Bear Creek Twp., PA *Cum Laude*
Laura M. Costello, St. Johns, PA *Cum Laude*
Shana M. DeFilippis, Taylor, PA
Christen Rose Dick, Archbald, PA
Amanda Gaffey, Thompson, PA
Kathleen Hannon, Williamstown, NJ
Adam Gray Hedges, Princeton Junction, NJ
Linda Louise Jeziorski, White Haven, PA
Erin Kennelly, Concord, NH

Vanessa Klotz, Lehigh, PA
Joseph John Maday, Shickshinny, PA *Cum Laude*
Stephanie Lynn Martin, Swoyersville, PA
Catherine Teresa Mercurio, Hillsborough, NJ
Kenneth Nardi, Dallas, PA
Charles L. O'Banion, Washington, DC
Dorothy O'Boyle, Pittston, PA
Mary Elizabeth Otlowksi, South Plainsfield, NJ
Thomas Poluka, McAdoo, PA
Melissa Raso, Carmel, NY
Lindsey M. Riddell, Moravia, NY *Magna Cum Laude*
Angela Sancinella, Pottstown, PA
Nathan Sattazahn, Schuylkill Haven, PA
Andrea Erin Shaylor, Troy, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Elizabeth Irene Sommerer, Doylestown, PA
Christina Marie Stango, Lindenhurst, NY
Crystal Lynne Stoltz, Richland, PA *Cum Laude*
Brandi Joy Stull, Nicholson, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Maria Rella Tapia, Brick NJ
Jesse John Williams, Shavertown, PA
Jennifer Yedloski, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Casey Elizabeth Zimmer, Apalachin, NY
Brooke A. Zoltowski, Dallas, PA

Special Education

Esther M. Anelli, Lake Ariel, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Autumn Leigh Barna, Weatherly, PA *Cum Laude*
Cara Devine, Kingston, PA *Cum Laude*
Heather Lynn Fenstermacher, Tamaqua, PA
Heather Marie Gortva, Hazleton, PA *Cum Laude*

Lisa Ann Mushinsky, Plains, PA
Joseph Nice, Harvey's Lake, PA *Cum Laude*
Teresa Pastorelli, Plains, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Nicole Rugletic, Duryea, PA
Michael Adam Sikora, Sweet Valley, PA *Cum Laude*
Melissa Zelno, Archbald, PA *Cum Laude*
Kimberly Ziegler, Swoyersville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Sport Management

Christopher J. Bender, Dover, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*
Matthew Carey, Kennebunk, ME
Anthony Colardo, Harrisburg, PA *Cum Laude*
Kristi Leigh Devens, Drums, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Lunda Dickson, Kingston, PA
Robert J. Dmuchowski, Hillsborough, NJ
Michael J. Doyle, Long Beach, NY
Jenell Marie Fort, Hanover Twp., PA
Jason Geadrities, Binghamton, NY
Kevin T. Heaney, South Hempstead, NY
Harold Knebel, Warwick, NY
Andre J. Little, Stroudsburg, PA
Jerry Lukach, Philadelphia, PA
Lindsay Ann-Marie Miksiewicz, Freehold, NJ
Terrence Mull, Lewisberry, PA
Charles M. Rogers, Philadelphia, PA
Justin C. Sandy, Lattimer, PA *Cum Laude*
Craig R. Sieftring, Dix Hills, NY
Christopher L. Sipsky, Larksville, PA
Barry A. Snyder, Jr., Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*
Brian J. Valonis, Dickson City, PA

Nursing

Ruth Ellen Albert, Harrisburg, PA
Eileen Ashford, Wapwallopen, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Amy Bachle, Muncy, PA
Richard Michael Baranowski, Swoyersville, PA
Irene Barry, Nanticoke, PA
Donna Baut, Dallas, PA
Amanda Marie Beccaloni, Old Forge, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Michele Lynn Bedics, Hellertown, PA
Kristen Marie Bradigan, Pittston, PA
Margaret C. Bucci, Pittston, PA
Karen Butwin, Pittston, PA *Cum Laude*
Denise Castellani, Larksville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Nicole Christin Cazes, Thornwood, NY *College Honors*
Anne Marie Ciolek, Luzerne, PA
Michele Churney, Archbald, PA
Amanda T. Cole, Columbia Cross Roads, PA
Denae Cole-Franklin, Shickshinny, PA
Karissa Anne Conklin, Hanover Twp., PA
Kathryn Cook, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*
Patricia Marie Cornell, Dickson City, PA
Andrea Costanzo, Bartonsville, PA
Zayne Epling Counce, Scranton, PA
Kristen DeBarry, Harvey's Lake, PA
Kelly DeFuso, Hazleton, PA
Jennifer L. DeLuca, Nanticoke, PA
Nicole P. DeLucia, West Pittston, PA
Ann Demlein, Hawley, PA
Marguerite E. Dewees, Dallas, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Sharen Duddy, Wyoming, PA
Bonnie Frances Burke Eberlin, Muncy Valley, PA

Juliann J. Ewer, Hazleton, PA
Christina Feussner, Freeland, PA *Cum Laude*
Bernadette A. Finley, Fairless Hills, PA
Keri Lynn Frank, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Maria Rose Galante, Exeter, PA
Jean Marie Grafeld, Dingsmans Ferry, PA
Danette Ann Green, Trucksville, PA
Stephanie Leigh Grencavage, Bear Creek Twp., PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Mary Phillips Gryzniec, Hanover Twp., PA *Cum Laude*
Mary Lynne Grzybowski, Clarks Summit, PA
Catherine Mary Harding, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Linda Harford, Mountaintop, PA
Jane Anne Harris, Drums, PA
Tricia L. Hartman, Dallas, PA
Scott Gustave Henry, New Albany, PA
Amelia Hotaling, Laceyville, PA
Danielle Laurie Kamine, Dallas, PA
Laurie Ann Kane, Swoyersville, PA *Cum Laude*
Kelly Mara Karpich, Springville, PA
April Klose, Sweet Valley, PA
Kristin Marie Kopko, Wyoming, PA
John M. Krulack, Plains, PA
Melissa Kucuk, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Melissa Marie Kutch, Jermyn, PA
Kristen Yakamavich Lawrence, Susquehanna, PA
Kirsten E. Lazorka, Williamsport, PA
Marian Letizi Lehman, Mountaintop, PA
Sally E. Lombardo, Pittston Twp., PA *Cum Laude*
Nathan Brandt Martz, Chambersburg, PA *Cum Laude*
Stacy A. Matiskella, Tunkhannock, PA
Aaron Louis McAndrew, Avoca, PA
Mark A. Mendicino, Carbondale, PA

Amanda Millard, Brackney, PA
Amber Marie Mitterling, Watsontown, PA *Cum Laude*
Allison Mundy, Lansford, PA
Melissa Ahn Narcavage, Huntingdon Mills, PA
Jane M. Niemiec, Laflin, PA
Amy Lynn O'Leary, Larksville, PA
Chinwe Annette Osuji, Washington, D.C.
Lisa Podhyski, Carbondale, PA
Kerri Potsko, Danville, PA
Ellouise Alice Roberts-Prince, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*
Kristen Ruda, Dallas, PA
Lisa Rustay, Mocanaqua, PA
Kelly Savakinas, Hudson, PA
Kathleen M. Schwarz, Northport, NY
Daneen Susan Maley Skladzien, Nanticoke, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Margaret Smedley, Greenfield Twp., PA
Matthew Soska, Pittston, PA
Ashley Ann Stepanovsky, Endicott, NY *Cum Laude*
Amanda Marie Stolarick, Exeter, PA
Sarah Nicole Stolarick, Exeter, PA
Lois M. Swank, Unityville, PA *Cum Laude*
Alyson J. Thomas, Harrisburg, PA
Jennifer M. Trauger, Factoryville, PA
Mary Ann Valunas, Old Forge, PA
Jacklyn Vaxmonsky, Port Griffith, PA
Kathy Vidumsky, Glen Lyon, PA
Tina Vojtko, Shavertown, PA
Amy Lynn Vols, Dupont, PA
Jacquelyn M. Walko, Hazleton, PA
Sandra A. Williams, Kingston, PA
Suzanne Zega, New Hope, PA

Social Work

Ogechukwu Aboh, Dallas, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Sister Chioma Ahanihu, Dallas, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Stephanie Lee Bakich, Tresckow, PA
Jessica M. Balkan, Exeter, PA
Kariann Balon, Hanover Twp., PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Patricia Ann Bigus, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Heather Brassington, Catawissa, PA
Christina Carter, Dimock, PA
Jamie Lee Chernowsky, Nanticoke, PA
Hope Danishanko, Hanover Twp., PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Carolann Davis, Alden, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Jennifer Ann DeLong, North Catasauqua, PA
Kerri Ann Downey, Saylorsburg, PA
Amanda Anelli Evans, Wapwallopen, PA
Debra Vitali Fetterman, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*
Nancy Fitzpatrick, Mountaintop, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Brienne Haydt, Lehighon, PA
Maura Kivak, Dupont, PA *Cum Laude*
Jaime Lynn Malarkey, Kingston, PA
Jessica Martin, Tunkhannock, PA *Cum Laude*
Kristopher P. Nardi, Dallas, PA
Donna Pitts, Dallas, PA *Cum Laude*
Megan B. Roccograndi, Wanamie, PA
Randi Setta, Ashley, PA *Cum Laude*
MaryAnne Elizabeth Silverstrim, Forestburgh, NY *Magna Cum Laude*
Michelle J. Vrabel, Clarks Summit, PA
Jason D. Yoder, Lewistown, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Education

Pamela M. Bufalino, Wyoming, PA
Barbara D. Leggat, Harvey's Lake, PA
Joshua Vincent Lukashefski, Dunmore, PA
Deanna M. Mennig, Dallas, PA

Organizational Management

Joyce Ann Bender, Ballston Spa, NY
Barbara P. Benner, Pocono Pines, PA
Vita Marie Cella, West Pittston, PA
JoAnn Marie Chukinas, Plains, PA
Beverly Ann Daily, Dallas, PA
Jennifer Ann Davis, Tamaqua, PA
Bernadette DeBias, Drums, PA
Jeff Dietz, Dallas, PA
Ann M. Dukus, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Lisa Ann Galaida, Wyoming, PA
Richard A. Greene, Dallas, PA
Daniel D. Kuba, Hazleton, PA
James J. Lahey, Clarks Summit, PA
Brian C. Lathrop, Montrose, PA
Patricia Leonard, Shavertown, PA
Michael J. Leshko, Hazleton, PA
Mary Ann T. Matreselva, Forty Fort, PA
John A. Matulevich, St. Clair, PA
Makedonka McCann, Plains, PA
Michelle McGinty, Clarks Summit, PA
Joseph M. Morris, Scranton, PA
Alison M. Redmond, Hunlock Creek, PA

Robert S. Sees, Millville, PA
E. Kelly Spencer, Dallas, PA
Joanne Marie Szoke, Kingston, PA
Susan Szoke, Larksville, PA
Scott Allan Timko, McPherson, KS
Jennifer Dolores VanGorder, Sweet Valley, PA
Jennifer L. Yokimishyn, Dallas, PA

Nursing

Marisa Eccker, Paximos, PA
Christine Hafner, Northampton, PA
Cheryl Bell Oster, Shavertown, PA
Kathleen R. Sheikh, Mountaintop, PA

Occupational Therapy

Carol Beckwith-Cohen, Muncy, PA
Cheryl Bolesta, Plymouth, PA
Jennifer Bottone, Sayre, PA
Amy Bower, Hughesville, PA
Nicole Cardillo, Larksville, PA
Mary C. Cherney, Tobyhanna, PA
Silvana Chin, Flushing, NY
Erica Lyn Derrick, Hughesville, PA
Thomas M. Doxsee, East Yaphank, NY
Stephanie Lynn Edwards, Phillipsburg, NJ
Tracy Eiring, Forest Hills, NY
Amanda Gaffey, Thompson, PA
Scott Gordon, Farmingdale, NY

Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Paula J. Horowski, Lansford, PA
Christine D. Howe, Newark, DE
Kimberly Hreha, Wayne, NJ
Margaret Kieffer, Elmira, NY
Vanessa Klotz, Lehighton, PA
Ashley Laura Light, Myerstown, PA
Ronni Marangoni, Coram, NY
Karyn-Ann Mills, Holbrook, NY
Melissa Miskiel, Hanover Twp., PA
Elizabeth Caroline Perez, Wantage, NJ
Jane Porcaro, Hollbrook, NY
Kayla Renee Riegel, Schuylkill Haven, PA
Angela Sancinella, Pottstown, PA
Johnna L. Schickram, Tamaqua, PA
Lauren A. Sekosky, Valley Stream, NY
Lakeisha M. Smith, Bronx, NY
Crystal Lynne Stoltz, Richland, PA
Trisha Sugrue, Long Branch, NJ
Christie Weaver, Drums, PA
Dawn M. Welker, Union, NJ
Suzie C. Witherell, Kane, PA
Kelda Zepherin, Bayshore, NY
Casey Elizabeth Zimmer, Apalachin, NY

Physical Therapy

Tina Billias, Smallwood, NY
Reina Calpin, Falls, PA
Kristina Card, Pine City, NY
Erin Elizabeth Confrey, Baldwin, NY
Aaron L. Ebling, Douglassville, PA

Jacquelyn Eger, Harrisburg, PA
Joseph T. Ferrero, Philadelphia, PA
Megan Michelle Fetterman, Montrose, PA
Tiffany Lynn Gaun, Hatboro, PA
Megan Kelly Gilbert, Allentown, PA
Tiffany R. Green, Moosic, PA
Jessica Michelle Helock, Red Lion, PA
Jason Higgins, Millville, PA
Rebecca Jarrett, Mahanoy City, PA
Zach Kepczynski, East Stroudsburg, PA
Miranda Christine Koser, Bendersville, PA
Lauren Kristen Lazzopina, Wilmington, DE
Shannon Marie Mastin, Springwater, NY
Janelle Lynn Nagel, Sellersville, PA
Jennifer Marie Ofcharsky, Lake Ariel, PA
Nicole Marie Smith, Ashfield, PA
Sterling T. Sprau, III, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Julieann Stackhouse, Monticello, NY
Joscelyn M. Travers, Jeffersonville, NY
Rachel K. Walker, Thorndale, PA
Kristen Elaine Wertman, Edwardsville, PA
Jeffrey M. Ziegler, Piscataway, NJ
Brooke A. Zoltowski, Dallas, PA

Speech Language Pathology

Lauren Lee Blaskiewicz, Avoca, PA
Luanne Cusatis, Tunkhannock, PA
James Dessoye, Pittston, PA
Ashley A. Dixon, Factoryville, PA

Master of Science in Physical Therapy

Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology

Emily Anne Dlugasch, Reston, VA
Kathryn Lyn Goins, Baltimore, MD
Mary Elizabeth Heavey, Hackettstown, NJ
Stéphanie Elizabeth Hughes, Old Forge, PA
Christiane McDonald, Clarks Summit, PA
Amanda Ptashinski, Dallas, PA
Heidi Teresa Rac, Dallas, PA
Roxanne M. Riviello, Morrisville, PA
Amy Maureen Schloerb, Pompton Lakes, NJ
Bethany Elaine Shoaf, Hagerstown, MD
Danielle M. Slavin, Novi, MI
Gwenith Anne Thomas, Harvey's Lake, PA

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:

Jolene Carey	Philip Paul Pack III
Nicole Christin Cazes	Jennifer D. Samonsky
Kathleen Joyce	Julieann Stackhouse
Renee Lavin	Joscelyn M. Travers

Honors and Awards

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

Autumn Leigh Barna Edward Charles Hamm

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

Laura M. Costello

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

Jessica Martin

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:

Jason D. Yoder

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

Jennifer F. Orkwis

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:

Elizabeth L. Zawatski

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

Nadia Sheikh

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:

Barry A. Snyder, Jr.

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

Kimberly Culp

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

Robyn M. Rincavage

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

Esther M. Anelli

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

Melissa Ann Luksh

Honors and Awards

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

Heather Jones

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:

Christina Marie Stango

The Outstanding Contribution to Psychology Award sponsored by the Psychology Department is presented to:

Catherine Teresa Mercurio

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

Sr. Ogechukwu Aboh Patricia Ann Bigus

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

Megan L. Benjamin Traditional Student
Heidi B. Johnson Non-traditional Student

The *Robert C. Fisher Clinical Excellence in Medical Imaging Award* is presented to:

John F. D'Aiello

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:

Nathan Brandt Martz

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:

Kathleen R. Sheikh

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

Amber Marie Mitterling

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:

Marguerite E. Dewees

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:

Keri Lynn Frank

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:

John M. Krulack

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:

Amy Bower

Honors and Awards

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:

Vanessa Klotz

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:

Sterling T. Sprau III Kristen Elaine Wertman

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:

Julieann Stackhouse

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:

Bethany Elaine Shoaf

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:

Ashley A. Dixon

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:

Cara Devine

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

Kari Maskalis

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

Edward Ryan III

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

Renee Lavin

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

Laura Greeley

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

Steven Milewski Heidi A. Roloson

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:

Laura Greeley

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:

Jason D. Yoder

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:

Barry A. Snyder, Jr.

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:

Justin Lukasewicz

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

Sr. Ogechukwu Aboh	Nancy Fitzpatrick
Sr. Chioma Ahanihu	Maura Kivak
Patricia Ann Bigus	Maryanne Elizabeth Silverstrim
Carolann Davis	Jason D. Yoder

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

Sr. Ogechukwu Aboh	Debra Anne Lewis
John J. Alapick	Jeff Meade
Patricia Ann Bigus	Deborah J. Orloski
Therese Marie Bubeck	Nadia Sheikh
Carolann Davis	Stacy M. Siglin
Marilyn DeHaven	Martin A. Stronko
Nancy Fitzpatrick	Janice A. Symons
Kelly Elizabeth Hilsey	Carrieann Tykosh
John Mark Kulick	Patricia Ann Ward

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

Esther M. Anelli	Heather Elizabeth Jones
Autumn Leigh Barna	Amanda Jane Keener
Janna Joy Elston	Allison Mundy
Heather Marie Gortva	Nicole Marie Smith
Edward Charles Hamm	Brooke A. Zoltowski

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

Sr. Ogechukwu Aboh	Melissa Ann Luksh
Christopher Bayer	Janelle Lynn Nagel
Christopher J. Bender	Erin M. Rimmler
Megan L. Benjamin	Bethany Elaine Shoaf
Patricia Ann Bigus	Maryanne Elizabeth Silverstrim
Jacqueline Anne Borosky	Tara Spellman
Therese Marie Bubeck	Julieann Stackhouse
Nicole Cardillo	Jennifer Stine
Marilyn DeHaven	Carrieann Tykosh
Renee Lavin	Brian Mark Ulrich
Justin Lukasewicz	Elizabeth L. Zawatski

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

Esther M. Anelli	Teresa Pastorelli
Autumn Leigh Barna	Tracey Pidich
Jacqueline Ann Borosky	Dana Pienta
Sara Beth Ann Bray	Erin M. Rimmler
Kimberly Culp	Robyn M. Rincavage
Heather Marie Gortva	Nicole Rugletic
Devon N. Gulick	Cheri L. Shaver
Jill Marie Guyette	Tara Spellman
Jarod Laubach	Stephanie E. Steele
Justin Lukasewicz	Jennifer Stine
Melissa Ann Luksh	Philip Thomas
Kari Maskalis	Jillian Rae Zarnoski
Mary Minzola	Kimberly Ziegler
Kathleen Neubauer	

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

Baccalaureate Membership:

Sr. Ogechukwu Aboh	Melissa Ann Luksh
John J. Alapick	Janelle Lynn Nagel
Lisa W. Anthony	Erin M. Rimmler
Christopher Bayer	Bethany Elaine Shoaf
Megan L. Benjamin	Maryanne Elizabeth Silverstrim
Patricia Ann Bigus	Lisa Skotek
Jacqueline Anne Borosky	Julieann Stackhouse
Therese Marie Bubeck	Jennifer Stine
Nicole Cardillo	Carrieann Tykosh

Charles Costello
John Mark Kulick

Rachel K. Walker
Elizabeth L. Zawatski

Post-Graduate Membership:

Joyce Ann Bender	Makedonka McCann
Lisa Ann Galaida	Cheryl Bell Oster
Brian C. Lathrop	Joanne Marie Szoke
Patricia Leonard	Susan Szoke
Mary Ann T. Matreselva	Jennifer Van Gorder

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

Daniel Babskie	Raymond Keiper
Diane C. Caffrey	Erin Kennelly
Rebecca Ciliberto	Amanda Lathrop
Laura M. Costello	Joseph John Maday
Jacqueline Eger	Stephanie Lynn Martin
Dennis Feece	Jennifer Marie Ofcharsky
Amanda Gaffey	Valerie Perkoski
Jessyca Horst	Lindsey M. Riddell
Kimberly Hreha	Andrea Erin Shaylor
Christina Marie Stango	Brandi Joy Stull
Amy Statkiewicz	Casey Elizabeth Zimmer

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

Cheryl Bolesta	Lakeisha M. Smith
Amy Bower	Crystal Lynne Stoltz
Nicole Cardillo	Kelda Zepherin
Ashley Laura Light	

Honor Societies

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

Sara Beth Anne Bray Jolene Carey

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

Baccalaureate Membership:

Amanda Marie Beccaloni	Jane Anne Harris
Kristin Marie Bradigan	Laurie Ann Kane
Patricia Marie Cornell	Amanda Millard
Denae Cole-Franklin	Amber Marie Mitterling
Kristen DeBarry	Nathan Brandt Martz
Marguerite E. Dewees	Jane M. Niemiec
Bonnie Francis Burke Eberlin	Amy Lynn O'Leary
Christina Feussner	Kelly Savakinas
Keri Lynn Frank	Kathleen M. Schwarz
Jean Marie Grafeld	Kathleen R. Sheikh
Mary Phillips Gryzniec	Ashley Ann Stepanovsky
Tricia L. Hartman	

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

Megan L. Benjamin	Amanda Jane Keener
Jillian Leigh Bush	Lukas Lukacinsky
John F. D'Aiello	Danielle Sabestinas
Heidi B. Johnson	Brian Mark Ulrich

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":

Jacquelyn Eger	Julieann Stackhouse
Tiffany R. Green	Rachel K. Walker
Janelle Lynn Nagel	

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

Joseph Paul Ciattei, Jr.	Edward Ryan, III
Renee Lavin	Philip Thomas
Kari Maskalis	Jillian Rae Zarnowski

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

Sr. Ogechukwu Aboh	Catherine T. Mercurio
Sr. Chioma Ahanihu	Dana Pienta
Amanda Marie Beccaloni	Kelly Snyder
Megan L. Benjamin	Jason D. Yoder
Jolene R. Carey	Angela K. Yorina
Nicole C. Cazes	Jillian R. Zarnowski
Renee Lavin	

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

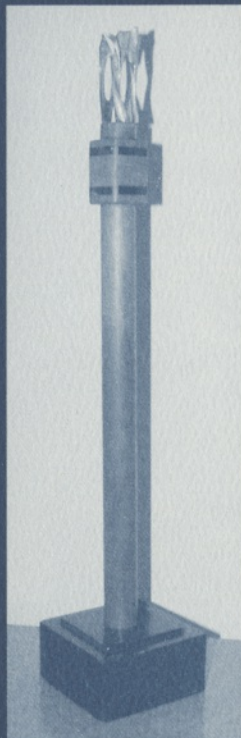
Radiography
Golden Yellow

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 the countries where Sisters and Associates from the Dallas Regional Community and faculty and students from College Misericordia have ministered. Also included are the flags of our graduates who are from foreign countries. The United Nations flag represents the Sisters of Mercy's NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) status.

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Brazil	Nigeria
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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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