

Eighty First Commencement Convocation

Class of 2007

Anderson Sports and Health Center

Saturday, May 19, 2007



**COLLEGE
MISERICORDIA**

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The Class of 2007 at College Misericordia is its 81st and largest graduating class, featuring 568 graduates from 15 states.

This class also marks an important milestone in Misericordia history. Forty-six students will receive doctorate degrees from the transition doctor of physical therapy program, which began in the summer of 2005. These are the first students to be awarded a doctorate degree since the institution was founded in 1924.

Nursing students represent the largest number of graduates from a single field in this year's class. Combined with Physical Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy and Medical Imaging, a new collection of Misericordia graduates are going on to rewarding careers in the health sciences.

Two members of the class will continue their educations at two prestigious medical schools — the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine and the Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Others students will attend graduate school for mathematics and various disciplines in the humanities.

Class Officers

Joseph Jelinski, *President*

Blaire Lord, *Vice President*

Jennifer Rafalko, *Secretary*

Jolene Carey, *Treasurer*

Ian Steele, *Activities Coordinator*

Darcy Brodmerkel, *Advisor*



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Program

Academic Processional

Ceol Mor, *Pipe and Drum Band*

Invocation

Sr. Jean Messaros, *RSM Vice President of Student Affairs*
Director of Mercy Integration

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

Paul Siegel, *Chair, Board of Trustees*

Doctor of Humane Letters

Tweed Roosevelt
Robert S. Aben

Address to Candidates

Tweed Roosevelt

Go Not Far From Me, O God by Zingarelli

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

Daniel A. Heintzelman, *'07 Class Valedictorian*

Presentation of Senior Class Gift

Joseph Jelinski, *'07, Senior Class President*
Blair Lord *'07, Senior Class Vice President*

Induction of Graduates into the Alumni Association

Mary Ellen Gulotti, *'87, President, Alumni Association Board of Directors*

Presentation of the Following Awards:

Judge Max and Tillie Rosenn Excellence in Teaching Award

Louis and Barbara Alesi Excellence in Scholarship Award

Sidney Friedman Excellence in Service Award

Mari P. King, *EdD*

Alma Mater

The College Misericordia Chamber Singers
John Curtis, *DMA, Director*

Benediction

Fr. Michael Bryant, *Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry*

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

Maureen Pascal, *DTP*
Grand Marshal

Darcy Brodmerkel, *M.Ed, CAC*
Class Advisor

Larree Elston Brown, *MS '96*

Angela Roth Elias, *MA '77*

Kara Golden, *MSW '99*

Erin Kennelly, *'06*

Matthew Malcolm, *MS, '02*

Helene Flower Reed, *MS, '66*

Thomas Sweetz, *MS '01*

Dominic Toraldo, *MA '93*

Irene Calaide Wisniewski, *MA '59*

Kathleen Flickinger Yhlen, *'83*

Presentation of Gifts

Joseph Castaldo, *MSW '04*

Honorary Degree Recipients



Tweed Roosevelt

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Tweed Roosevelt is an internationally successful businessman who has embraced his great grandfather's historical legacy and perpetuated his memory and ideals for the benefit of everyone.

Mr. Roosevelt is the great grandson of President Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the United States. He has written, lectured and literally followed the historic footsteps of his great grandfather who, besides being a national leader, was an historian, environmentalist, conservationist and advocate for children.

"I get a lot of benefits from being a Roosevelt and there are obligations as well," said Mr. Roosevelt, a member of the Theodore Roosevelt Association. "That's why I do this."

Mr. Roosevelt is an international investment banker who is chairman of Roosevelt China Capital, Inc., and managing partner of The Roosevelt Investment Group, Inc. Roosevelt China Capital owns the development rights in China for Saks Fifth Avenue, an upscale retailer that features designer products. The company will open its first store in Shanghai and then Beijing and Macow.

Prior to his international business success, Mr. Roosevelt worked as a VISTA volunteer in community action and anti-drug programs in

New York City, and in the United States Forest Service at the Carson National Forest in Taos, New Mexico.

The Roosevelt family has identified with Northeastern Pennsylvania since "TR" became the first president to intervene in a labor dispute during the 1902 anthracite coal strike. "Many people thought TR was fighting business, but that wasn't the case," Tweed said. "The balance of power between big business and labor was such that labor was being ground down. Socialism and anarchism would create a revolution in the country.

"More and more people began to realize that there were areas for the federal government to be involved in because only the federal government had the power and reach to assure fairness."

Mr. Roosevelt has a bachelor's degree in anthropology and social relations from Harvard College and an M.B.A. in finance and banking from Columbia University's Graduate School of Business.

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Robert S. Aben, a regional civic and business leader, is a lifetime honorary associate of College Misericordia, whose philanthropy is evident to everyone who uses the resources at the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library.

Mr. Aben received a bachelor's degree from Wilkes University in marketing with a minor in economics. He is the founder and retired chief executive officer of Unigraphic Color Corp. in Plymouth Borough. He has served and been very active in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council, Boy Scouts of America, United Way of Wyoming Valley, Jewish Community Center of Wilkes-Barre, Temple Israel, Wyoming Valley Historical Society, The Salvation Army, Wyoming Valley Crippled Children's Association, Irem Temple Uniformed Shriners and King's College President's Advisory Board.

Under Mr. Aben's leadership, Unigraphic Color Corp. quickly established itself as an innovative company and leader in color and lithographic reproduction. It was a natural progression when his business interests led him to an appreciation of fine art.

The Mary Kintz Bevevino Library at College Misericordia and its many students, faculty and visitors have been the benefactors of Mr. Aben's generosity and his admiration of art. The walls of the state-of-the-art library are adorned with 21 original paintings by internationally-known artist Yankel Ginzburg.

"I looked at the library and I thought that would be an unbelievably great setting for Yankel's art," said Mr. Aben. "Not only would it be properly displayed, it would have a wonderful audience. When a student is sitting at a table meditating and they look up, they will see something beautiful. I thought what a unique and wonderful opportunity."

Mr. Aben has also gifted fine paintings and sculptures to other institutions. He has donated work to St. Leo's University, Keuka College, Pittston Memorial Library and the Jewish Community Center in Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Aben and his wife, Rebecca Bannan Aben, have three children, Jason, Jonah and Alia. They have been residents of Harveys Lake for about 30 years. Mr. Aben will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree during Commencement.

"We've been given the gift of being able to give and we share. We do it with a wonderful feeling," said Mr. Aben, adding, "I always thought a doctor of humanities was reserved for an academic superhero or an artist, author or poet. I never thought it would be for contributing."

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Class of 2007 Degree Recipients

Communications

Renee Davis, Plains, PA *Cum Laude*
Kelly Jean Dunnigan, Wyoming, PA
Jennifer Rose Kowatch, Edwardsville, PA *Cum Laude*
Jessa Leigh Pitts, Dallas, PA
Jaime Lynn Runnels, Williamsport, PA
Mary-Catherine Walsh, Northampton, PA

English

Virginia L. Grove, Scranton, PA
Nicolyn Sandrowicz, Scranton, PA *Cum Laude College Honors*
Kathleen Turner, Moorestown, NJ

History

Carissa Artz, Pottsville, PA
Natalie Birth, Shickshinny, PA
Brian Brown, Plains, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Salvatore Carroll, West Pittston, PA
Matthew C. Coburn, Dallas, PA
Carmalena Del Pizzo, Ardmore, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
John Gerard Dombrowski, Goshen, NY
David G. Dzendzel, Ridgefield Park, NJ *Magna Cum Laude College Honors*
Ryan Kearney, Archbald, PA *Cum Laude*
Mary Kay Kimelewski, Larksville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Daniel R. Neff, Stroudsburg, PA *Cum Laude*

James M. Stambaugh, Plymouth, PA
Annette Marie Troutman, Trevorton, PA
James Ward, Weatherly, PA *Cum Laude*
Jeffrey Ward, Mountaintop, PA

Interdisciplinary Studies

Joseph Jelinski, III, Philadelphia, PA *Cum Laude*

Philosophy

Nicolyn Sandrowicz, Scranton, PA *Cum Laude College Honors*
Amanda MaryAnn Schraeder, Glen Lyon, PA

Accounting

Calaranda Kay Biehl, Nanticoke, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Thomas Daniel Carmody, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Daniel A. Heintzleman, New Tripoli, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Matthew P. Hornak, Montrose, PA
Jamie L. Olshan, Tunkhannock, PA *Cum Laude*
Jennifer A. Zarnoch Polachek, Kingston, PA
John W. Stanczyk, Wyoming, PA
Sandy Christy Strunk, Dupont, PA
Ryan Tagnani, Plymouth, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Matthew Joel Zernhelt, Montague, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*

Biology

Megan Arney, Lewisburg, PA *Cum Laude*
Larry Arnold, Mountaintop, PA
Jan Marie Bartels, Meshoppen, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Robert J. Decker, Jr., Mountaintop, PA *Magna Cum Laude College Honors*
Jamie Lee Derr, McEwensville, PA
Jenna Lee Fine, Sweet Valley, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Erika Gleva, Bear Creek, PA *Cum Laude*
Angela Grochowski, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Elizabeth Theresa Jasolosky, Bayonne, NJ *Magna Cum Laude College Honors*
George Joseph Lazor, Dallas, PA *Cum Laude*
Joelle Rhayem, Harrisburg, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Business Administration

Jenilee Anderson, Fort Gratiot, MI *Magna Cum Laude*
Larry F. Barberio, Jr., Luzerne, PA
Kelly A. Barletta, Hazleton, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Deanna Powlus Beaver, Catawissa, PA *Cum Laude*
Mary S. Bennett, Larksville, PA *Cum Laude*
Eric Edward Bosavage, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Francis J. Brewer, Kingston, PA
Heather Browski, Stillwater, PA
Joanne M. Budash, Dunmore, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Rosanne Mary Casale, Montoursville, PA *Cum Laude*
Matthew B. Collins, Prompton, PA
Tonya Dombroski, Tunkhannock, PA
Angela Marie Roman Dragon, Glen Lyon, PA
Elizabeth Fasciana, Pittston Twp., PA
Michaelyn Ghilardi, Jessup, PA

William A. Hoffner, Jr., Effort, PA
Matthew L. Howey, Hazleton, PA
William P. Johnson, Henryville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Jolene Kulaga, Drums, PA *Cum Laude*
Jessica LaSorsa, Vernon, NJ
Michelle Ann Leonard, Lehman, PA
Britney Gale Lewis, Canadensis, PA
Daniel Liuzzo, Carbondale, PA
Michelle McCabe, Pittston, PA *Cum Laude*
George Merrick, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Mark A. Miscavage, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Joseph J. Olszyk, Mountaintop, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Kimberly Marie Perlock, West Wyoming, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Mary Ellen Piasta, Wyoming, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Lyndsey Price, Wyoming, PA
David C. Puher, Plains, PA
Mary Beth Rice, Freeland, PA
Jennifer Athena Russomano, Taylor, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Janna Catherine Schmid, Shavertown, PA
Francis M. Semanski, Hunlock Creek, PA
Paul Shiber, Dallas, PA
Dana Spinozza-Barrett, Dunmore, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
James M. Stambaugh, Plymouth, PA
Margaret Ann Strach, Thornhurst, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Mark Swed, Stroudsburg, PA
Brian Tims, Nazareth, PA
Bethany Ann Tomascik, Courtdale, PA
Nadine Veet, Hazleton, PA *Cum Laude*
Carmine Jude Vignola, New Market, MD

Diane J. Wanser, Hazleton, PA *Cum Laude*
George Joseph Webby, Alden, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Shaun J. Williams, Harvey's Lake, PA
Christopher J. Yengel, Saylorsburg, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Robby H. Young, Jermyn, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Kristen Zelinski, Jessup, PA *Cum Laude*
Sharon E. Zomerfeld, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Summa Cum Laude*

Clinical Laboratory Science

Jigar N. Patel, Kingston, PA
Matthew Allen Vinnacombe, Dallas, PA

Computer Science

Ryan Balara, Shavertown, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Christopher D. Martin, Kingston, PA

Elementary Education

Susan Banks, Dallas, PA
Heather Ann Bednarski, Kingston, PA *Cum Laude*
Samantha Ann Bovolick, Kingston, PA *Cum Laude*
Cassandra Beth Burriss, Goshen, NY *Magna Cum Laude*
Courtney Marie Coletti, Hunlock Creek, PA
Kathleen Mary Collum, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Stephanie M. Crunkleton, Cascade, MD *Cum Laude*
Jessica Lynn Dafcik, Springville, PA *Cum Laude*
Stacy M. Demshock, Berwick, PA
Jillian Durr, Dallas, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Lauren Nicole Friberg, Exeter, PA *Cum Laude*
Marissa Christine Giorgio, Exeter, PA *Cum Laude*
Jenna Grabowski, Liverpool, PA

Catherine Ann Guarnieri, Pittston, PA
Jamie Lynn Havard, Pittston, PA *Cum Laude*
Jennifer L. Hawk, West Pittston, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Megan Elizabeth Heibeck, West Redding, CT *Cum Laude*
Sheena Lynn Hoffman, Orangeville, PA
Shannon Elizabeth Jones, West Redding, CT
Marie Christine King, Cherry Hill, NJ
Stacie Koprowski, Wyoming, PA
Nicole Marie Lenchak, Dupont, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Ray Lenhart, Lehighon, PA
Lori Leputa, Peckville, PA *Cum Laude*
Blaire Ashley Lord, Laceyville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Patricia Ann Lynch, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Christine Julia Manfredonia, Southbury, CT *Cum Laude*
Patricia I. Manzoni, Dallas, PA
Sarah Beth Martin, Dallas, PA *Cum Laude*
Christine M. McCarroll, Tamaqua, PA *Cum Laude*
Stacy Melendez, Scranton, PA
Erin Marie Mullock, Olyphant, PA
Tara Ann Naessig, Harvey's Lake, PA
Erin M. O'Donnell, Perkiomenville, PA *Cum Laude*
Pamela Jane Oliveira, Dallas, PA
Jennifer Pinkowski, Swoyersville, PA *Cum Laude*
Jill Christine Powers, West Pittston, PA
Ashley Remington, Harvey's Lake, PA
Melissa Melanie Risboskin, Eynon, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Melissa Robinson, Shavertown, PA
Anthony Shipula, Hanover Twp., PA
Kelly Arlene Snyder, Turbotville, PA *Cum Laude*
Amanda Strish, Plymouth, PA

Andrea Styczen, Kingston, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Catherine M. Toraldo, Old Forge, PA
Mary Turner, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Jody Marie Williams, Towanda, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Julie A. Winters, Tunkhannock, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Julianne J. Wolyniec, Plains, PA
Joanne R. Yanchick, Hunlock Creek, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Megan Eileen Yhlen, Sewell, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*
Alicia Ann Zaremski, Laflin, PA

Health Care Management

Wendy Joy Bilby, Wyoming, PA
Jennifer L. Domzalski, Nanticoke, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Judy Dvorshock, Lansford, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Bridget A. Evans, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Kristy Marie Hill, Scranton, PA *Cum Laude*
Diana Lynn Lupinski, Edwardsville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Tracy McFadden, Sugar Notch, PA *Cum Laude*
Jack V. Mills, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Mandy L. Spade, Shamokin, PA
Michelle M. Strunk, Shickshinny, PA

Health Science

Kelly Marie Ahart, Roscoe, NY
Casey Bauer, Scranton, PA *Cum Laude*
Lynette S. Bedford, Susquehanna, PA
Mallory Elizabeth Bieber, Blandon, PA
Diane Bristow, Bear, DE *Magna Cum Laude*
Sharon Michele Blackowski, Branchburg, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*
Kristen R. Boustead, Imperial, PA *Magna Cum Laude* *College Honors*
Amy Michele Bowman, Bloomsburg, PA *Cum Laude*

Darin S. Bubb, Trout Run, PA
Jennifer L. Chulick, Dallas, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Holly Civitella, South Ozone Park, NY
Karmela Conte, Dallas, PA
Timothy P. Cooke, Highland Lakes, NJ
Kelly Elizabeth Coppage, Davidsonville, MD
Heidi J. D'Amore, State Line, PA
Martine Decayette, Elmont, NY
Catherine Marie Dempsey, Salem, MA *Magna Cum Laude*
Michael DiMare, Little Neck, NY
Alicia L. Donahue, Kingston, PA
Alyson Theresa Dutkiewicz, Clark, NJ
Dienna Etienne, Elmont, NY
Devin Lauren Fishman, Churchville, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Lauren Colleen Gaskill, Erial, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*
Mary Anne Gattringer, Seaford, NY *Summa Cum Laude*
Beth A. Gerlach, Berwick, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Melissa S. Gilroy, Paxinos, PA
John E. Hall, Jr., Weatherly, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Brett Hansen, Westtown, NY *Magna Cum Laude*
Jessica Leigh Hess, McClure, PA *Cum Laude*
Kelly L. Hitchings, DuBois, PA
Amy Hobby, Hurleyville, NY *Magna Cum Laude*
Jessica A. Hollock-Sinclair, Wapwallopen, PA
Lori Sue Jandris, Whitehall, PA *Cum Laude*
Stacey Wanda Kandra, Succasunna, NJ
Joshua D. Kane, Woodbine, NJ
Jared Kohler, Jersey Shore, PA
Danielle Nicole Lytwyn, South Plainsfield, NJ
Marissa Maglioli, Scranton, PA

Christine Marie Mancia, Scranton, PA
John G. Martino, Jim Thorpe, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Tiffany L. Marvin, Wyalusing, PA
Benjamin A. Mast, Whitehall, PA *Cum Laude*
Trisha McCandless, Bath, PA
Bethany Laurel McCullough, Williamsport, PA
Marcy Ellen McGeorge, Woodbury, NJ *Cum Laude*
Danielle Fay Mellinger, Landisburg, PA
Kathryn M. Michniewicz, Lansdale, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Vanessa Noell Migliozi, Lake Ronkonkoma, NY
Elizabeth Ann Mistrik, New Castle, DE
Amanda M. Morgan, Harrisburg, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Megan Munson, Endwell, NY *Cum Laude*
Ashley N. O'Grady, Toms River, NJ *Cum Laude*
Janelle Opello, Wyoming, PA
Erin Poperowitz, Kingston, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Kim L. Barge Reyes, Laurel, MD
Tracey A. Rimmler, Hillsborough, NJ *Cum Laude*
Andrea Sheetz, Shillington, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Kristin Michelle Spann, Smithtown, NY
Raye Nicole Stewart, Manahawkin, NJ
Hollie Ann Suda, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Christine Swink, Effort, PA
Heather Lynn Theysohn, Damascus, PA
Rayna Torchia, New Cumberland, PA
Ralph E. Vance, III, Blackwood, NJ
James VanDien, North Arlington, NJ
Bruce VanLuvender, Old Forge, PA *Cum Laude*
Jacqueline Weber, Bethlehem, PA *Cum Laude*

Leah Marie West, Harrington, DE
Angela Wolfe, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Douglas Tyler Zeiders, Lewistown, PA

Information Technology

James Black, Jim Thorpe, PA
Jeffrey John Carden, Avoca, PA *Cum Laude*
Christine S. Jester, Exeter, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Mark D. Olenik, Plains, PA *Cum Laude*
Lindsey Rinaldo, Swoyersville, PA *Cum Laude*
Michael George Rushton, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Thomas Andrew Salek, III, Plains, PA
Conor Terence Wheatley, East Stroudsburg, PA
Sharice Kendra-Monique Wiggins, Kingston, PA

Interdisciplinary Studies

Jennifer Lynn Bitters, West Pittston, PA
Jane Erin Calby, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Ashley G. Carlton, Milford, PA
Patricia Lynn Lavelle, Jessup, PA
Stacy Ann Lyons, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Mary E. Perrine, Red Bank, NJ

Management

Heather DiLuzio, Drums, PA
Alison Bridget Kara, Bethlehem, PA
Stephen Luksh, Dallas, PA
Regina Marie Martin, Dallas, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
James P. McGarry, Hazleton, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Matthew Ontko, Swoyersville, PA *Cum Laude*

Kerri A. Powell, Swoyersville, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Sheryl L. Russell, Tunkhannock, PA *Cum Laude*
Anthony John Spadoni, Old Forge, PA *Cum Laude*
Jennifer Stanford, Tobyhanna, PA
Kristopher J. Yonushka, Kingston, PA
Matthew Joel Zernhelt, Montague, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*

Marketing

Jessica Armendariz, Orwigsburg, PA *Cum Laude*
Leah Jean Garrah, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Kimberly Ann Gross, Schnecksville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Kyle Lytle, Berwick, PA
Stephanie Isabelle Schilt, Ramsey, NJ
Bernadette A. Warren, Plains, PA
Peter A. Yelacic, San Antonio, TX

Mathematics

Kara Elizabeth Cochi, Sayre, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Amanda Kathryn Fry, Muncy, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Diane Gordon, Shavertown, PA
Christopher Guinoo, Pasadena, MD *Summa Cum Laude College Honors*
Jacqueline Denise Paul, Harvey's Lake, PA
Anthony Rezykowski, Dimock, PA *Cum Laude*
Jamie Lynn Tatusko, Nesquehoning, PA *Cum Laude*

Medical Imaging

Virginia Bernadette Allen, Mountaintop, PA
Jill Marie Berlanda, Kutztown, PA
Kathryn Biesecker, Gettysburg, PA *Cum Laude*
Jessica Brennan, Scranton, PA *Cum Laude*
Sean Collins, Endicott, NY

Leslie DeFazio, Lenoxville, PA
Shauna D. Figura, Lake Como, PA
Erica Lynn Hettler, Tamaqua, PA *Cum Laude*
Elizabeth Kramer, Croydon, PA
Alexa Lolli, Laflin, PA
Matthew T. Martin, Philadelphia, PA
John Maurer, Clarks Green, PA
Bridget R. Nash, East Stroudsburg, PA
Katie Novak, Lebanon, PA
Maria L. Pisaneschi, Wyoming, PA *Cum Laude*
Stephen Podrasky, Jr., Wilkes-Barre, PA
Melissa Puchalski, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Lauren Reynolds, Milford, PA
Jill Salerno, Scranton, PA
Jamie Lyn Seifert, Waldwick, NJ
Rachael Sromovski, Larksville, PA
Elizabeth Zimbicki, Shippensburg, PA

Professional Studies

Brandon David Babbish, Hazleton, PA
Naomi Coutinho, Hazleton, PA
Traci Decker, Great Bend, PA
Dylan Donnini, Tunkhannock, PA
Gina J. Grochowski, Scranton, PA
Patricia Ann Holly, West Hazleton, PA
Mary Ellen Kline, Danville, PA
Erin McDade, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*
Thomas D. Rowan, Kingston, PA
Ian Unger, Reading, PA
Deborah N. Zizzo, McAdoo, PA

Psychology

Sonja Marie Allardyce, Lake Ariel, PA
Daniel Babskie, Sugar Notch, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
David A. Berger, Haddon Heights, NJ
Rebecca Bogdanovich, Nanticoke, PA *Cum Laude*
Kerri Buckman, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Meaghan Fadden, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*
Brandy L. Freeland, West Springfield, PA
Catherine K. Green, Gordon, PA
Pamela Heiser, Wyoming, PA
Jacquelyn Jeanine Henning, Patchogue, NY *Summa Cum Laude*
Aaron S. Heydt, Jim Thorpe, PA
Janet L. Hollock, Mountaintop, PA
Jessyca Horst, Kingston, PA *Cum Laude*
Sha-Kyra Jenkins, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Raymond William Keiper, Plymouth, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Christine Theresa Korus, Plymouth, PA
Lacey Beth Kresse, Milford, PA
Candice Georgine Krout, Bear Creek Twp., PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Theodora McCoy, Harvey's Lake, PA
Melisa A. Naylor, Springville, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Jennifer Marie Rafalko, Dupont, PA
MaryAnne Elizabeth Silverstrim, Forestburgh, NY
Stephanie R. Smith, East Stroudsburg, PA
Jessica Lynn Sofranko, Hazleton, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Matthew Sosalski, Philadelphia, PA
Amy Statkiewicz, Hanover Twp., PA
Cassie M. Tucker, Masontown, PA
Angela Wachilla, Plains, PA

Special Education

Samantha Ann Bovolick, Kingston, PA *Cum Laude*
Courtney Marie Coletti, Hunlock Creek, PA
Jessica Lynn Dafcik, Springville, PA *Cum Laude*
Stacy M. Demshock, Berwick, PA
Catherine Ann Guarnieri, Pittston, PA
Jamie Lynn Havard, Pittston, PA *Cum Laude*
Jennifer L. Hawk, West Pittston, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Sheena Lynn Hoffman, Orangeville, PA
Marie Christine King, Cherry Hill, NJ
Ray Lenhart, Lehighton, PA
Blaire Ashley Lord, Laceyville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Sarah Beth Martin, Dallas, PA *Cum Laude*
Christine M. McCarroll, Tamaqua, PA *Cum Laude*
Tara Ann Naessig, Harvey's Lake, PA
Erin M. O'Donnell, Perkiomenville, PA *Cum Laude*
Jill Christine Powers, West Pittston, PA
Anthony Shipula, Hanover Twp., PA
Paul Shymanski, Forty Fort, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Kelly Arlene Snyder, Turbotville, PA *Cum Laude*
Amanda Strish, Plymouth, PA
Andrea Styczen, Kingston, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Julianne J. Wolyniec, Plains, PA
Joanne R. Yanchick, Hunlock Creek, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Megan Eileen Yhlen, Sewell, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*

Sport Management

Joseph Elias Barket, Dupont, PA
Rick Alexander Batista, Milford, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Alyson Bevan, Harvey's Lake, PA
Ross Joseph Dombrowski, Goshen, NY
Michael Angelo Falcone, Forty Fort, PA
Matthew Mark Frank, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Peter Gaunt, St. David's, PA
Jillian Ann Heller, Nanticoke, PA
Rachel Lee Holmberg, Tamaqua, PA *Cum Laude*
Christopher Kropelnicki, Towanda, PA
Stanley Paul Lawruk, III, Wilmington, DE
Michael C. McBride, Catawissa, PA
Danny McKeefrey, Melville, NY
Matthew James Rowland, Haymarket, VA
Ryan Paul Patrick Savka, Scranton, PA
Sara Jo Shutt, Lawrenceville, PA
Darren Neal St. Clair, Tunkhannock, PA
Jason Robert Tempesta, Blakely, PA
Jared C. Widman, Sherman, CT

Nursing

Kristina Starr Amerman, Harrisburg, PA *Cum Laude*
Vaishali M. Amin, Scranton, PA
Elaine Anderson, Falls, PA *Cum Laude*
Elsa Antony, Collegeville, PA *Cum Laude College Honors*
Loretta L. Aurand, Middleburg, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Aimee Austin, Dallas, PA
Debra Jean Bach, Shickshinny, PA
Ashley Lauren Beccaloni, Old Forge, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Christine Bernotsky, Scranton, PA
Jillian Leigh Biga, Dupont, PA
Kelly Julie Ann Blinn, Trucksville, PA
Susan Borgna, Clark Summit, PA
Loraine Boyle, Hazleton, PA
Kimberly Sue Brewer, Northumberland, PA
Erica M. Carter, White Haven, PA
Laura Chatman, Blakeslee, PA
Kathleen Chiboroski, Sunbury, PA
Svetlana Chinikaylo, Dallas, PA
Michael Chisholm, Hockessin, DE
Diane Collins, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Brenda Considine, Hunlock Creek, PA
Karen Cooper, Wyoming, PA *Cum Laude*
Kristin Danchak, Albrightsville, PA
Cheryl Ann Day, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Kelly Ann DeSantis, East Stroudsburg, PA *Cum Laude*
Sasha K. DeGraaf, Midland Park, NJ
Jeff Dobrowolski, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Melissa Downs, Pittston, PA *Cum Laude*
Gary Durkin, Jr., Scranton, PA
Kathleen Dyson, Gouldsboro, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Kathleen Ercolani, Laflin, PA
Angela Evans, Noxen, PA
Sarah Fagan, Conyngham, PA *Cum Laude*
Carolyn Kohl Falzone, Pittston, PA
Ann Z. Fryzel, Dupont, PA
Gregory J. Gonos, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Lauren Greenfield, Montoursville, PA *Cum Laude*
Melissa Ann Gregor, Dallas, PA

Peter T. Grella, Shickshinny, PA
Celena Griffith, Summit Hill, PA
Michelle Harrison, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*
Natella Hashimova, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Christina Leigh Heiser, Chambersburg, PA
Tara Marie Hill, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Timothy J. Hlivia, Wyoming, PA
Tiffany Ann Hunsinger, West Hazleton, PA
Gail Ide, Hunlock Creek, PA
Stephanie Jones, Dallas, PA
Kristina N. Kehoe, Dunmore, PA
Erin Kimmel, Mechanicsburg, PA
Samuel N. Kimmel, Falls, PA
Kimberly Klee-Rodrigues, Dalton, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Phyllis Klinetob, Berwick, PA
Lori Ella Kreitzer, Nanticoke, PA
Danielle Marie Kresge, Duryea, PA
Christine Krumich, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Susan Lasecki, Drums, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Nicole Marie Lewis, Berwick, PA
Jennifer Lieback, Bear Creek, PA
Michael Shaylan Lord, Pocono Pines, PA *Summa Cum Laude College Honors*
Krystle Lynn Matthews, Shavertown, PA *Cum Laude*
Jaime Lynne McCauslin, Harrisburg, PA
Michell M. Michael, Plains, PA
Jill Mikolajczyk, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Sandra M. Miller, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Lori A. Moore, Trucksville, PA
Lisa J. Moyer, Weatherly, PA
Victoria I. Navarro-Crosby, Moscow, PA
Sharon A. Novack, Danville, PA

Tracy L. O'Hara, Plains, PA
Joseph A. O'Leary, Clifton Heights, PA
Denise Perkowski, Shavertown, PA
A. Michael Petrikonis, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Julia Roan, Harvey's Lake, PA
Nadezhda Rodyushkin, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Marion Rogers, Dallas, PA
Fawn Rosevear, Friendsville, PA
Geoffrey S. Rosevear, Brackney, PA
Colleen Ruddy, Scranton, PA
Kyle D. Rupp, Carbondale, PA
Lesley M. Salokas, Woodbury, CT
Cristina Sampsell, Williamsport, PA
Elizabeth Ann Senczakowicz, Sugar Notch, PA
Deirdre Silliman, Beaver Meadows, PA
Karen Ann Simon, Exeter, PA
Amanda Jayanti Singh, Newton, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*
Lindsey Anne Spencer, Wyalusing, PA *Cum Laude*
Santina Sperling, Dallas, PA
Danielle Louise Stone, Archbald, PA *Cum Laude*
Sarah Striefsky, Jermyn, PA
Glenda R. Sudol, Berwick, PA
Erin Frances Suhoski, Mountaintop, PA
Kim Sukowaski, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Erica Tanacredi, Sussex, NJ
Ruthann Taylor, Dallas, PA
Erica Terran, West Pittston, PA
Aisling Bridget Toolan, Binghamton, NY
Patricia I. Williams, Mountaintop, PA
Marianne Wright, Swoyersville, PA
Debra Zimnoch, Hunlock Creek, PA

Bachelor Of Social Work

Social Work

Robert Anthony Acobe, Scranton, PA
Caitlin DiGiovanni, Shenandoah, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Kathleen Gerhard, Weatherly, PA
Erin Higgins, Olyphant, PA
Sarah E. Luvender, Tunkhannock, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Nicole Metzger, Northampton, PA
Shannon Mae Rhoads, Schwenksville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Megan Elizabeth Sporer, Duryea, PA
Michele Stibgen, Wyoming, PA *Cum Laude*
Stefanie S. Waligorski, Mountaintop, PA
Nicole A. Williams, Forty Fort, PA

Education

Ann Marie Bailey, Dallas, PA
Arthur Breese, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Mary T. Kolessar, Shavertown, PA

Organizational Management

Tracey Albertson, Bloomsburg, PA
Barbara Benner, Stillwater, PA
George Brown, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Amy M. Buydos, Nanticoke, PA
Jolene Rebecca Carey, West Pittston, PA
Martin Daniel Carr, Wyoming, PA
Marc Cefalo, West Pittston, PA
Suzanne Lyn Cercone, Dallas, PA
P.J. Crawford, Huntington Mills, PA
Lacy S. Doeringer, Greer, SC

Matthew S. Dunn, Shavertown, PA
Carrie Race Edwards, Mountaintop, PA
Theresa Ferraro, Dickson City, PA
Anne Green-Santry, Trucksville, PA
Marie L. Judge, Duryea, PA
John L. Kachurick, Jr., Trucksville, PA
Leslie Kelly, Brick, NJ
Steven Kutney, White Haven, PA
Eric McDermott, Forty Fort, PA
Ann Marie Murray, Harvey's Lake, PA
Joseph J. Musto, Kingston, PA
David M. Nedorostek, Harper's Ferry, WV
Brenda M. Nowalis, Kingston, PA
Alayne M. Rosner, Mountaintop, PA
Tina Rossi, Throop, PA
Marlene Scibilia, Drums, PA
Joseph G. Serino, Wyoming, PA
Antonio Serrano, Wilton Manor, FL
Erin Splendido, Forty Fort, PA
Anne Sullivan, Hazleton, PA
Trisha Leslie Vaughan, West Pittston, PA
Robin L. Watson, Mount Pocono, PA
Tenesha Marie West, Blakeslee, PA
John J. Yamona, Hazleton, PA
Adriane Nicole Zanti, Finksburg, MD
Brooke Ann Zoltowski, Dallas, PA

Master of Science

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Master of Science in Nursing

Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Speech Language Pathology

Casey Bauer, Scranton, PA
Jennifer L. Chulick, Dallas, PA
Devin Lauren Fishman, Churchville, PA
Daniel Foery, Hershey, PA
Kelly L. Hitchings, DuBois, PA
Tanya Louise Milkowski, Glen Gardner, NJ
Erin Poperowitz, Kingston, PA
Jessica Lynn Sofranko, Hazleton, PA
Angela Wolfe, Wilkes-Bare, PA

Nursing

Elaine Anderson, Falls, PA
Adrienne J. Renninger-Chimahusky, Pottsville, PA
Andrea C. Shook, Mt. Bethel, PA

Occupational Therapy

Sharon Michele Blackowski, Branchburg, NJ
Diane Bristow, Bear, DE
Holly Civitella, South Ozone Park, NY
Karmela Conte, Dallas, PA
Martine Decayette, Elmont, NY
Catherine Marie Dempsey, Salem, MA
Dienna Etienne, Elmont, NY
Keith Andrew Ewonishon, Kingston, PA
Melissa S. Gilroy, Paxinos, PA
Jacquelyn Jeanine Henning, Patchogue, NY
Lori Sue Jandris, Whitehall, PA
Joshua D. Kane, Woodbine, NJ
Melissa Jeannette Lesjack, Forest City, PA

Marissa Maglioli, Scranton, PA
Christine Marie Mancia, Scranton, PA
Susan T. March, Glenmoore, PA
Tifany L. Marvin, Wyalusing, PA
Benjamin A. Mast, Whitehall, PA
Bethany Laurel McCullough, Williamsport, PA
Vanessa Noell Miglioizzi, Lake Ronkonkoma, NY
Elizabeth Ann Mistrik, New Castle, DE
Amanda M. Morgan, Harrisburg, PA
Kim L. Barge Reyes, Laurel, MD
Angela Freeman Ruty, Jackson, MO
Andrea Sheetz, Shillington, PA
Heather Soper, Brick, NJ
Erica Stahl, Fair Lawn, NJ
Christine Swink, Effort, PA
Heather Lynn Theysohn, Damascus, PA
Bruce VanLuvender, Old Forge, PA

Physical Therapy

Kelly Marie Ahart, Roscoe, NY
Lynette S. Bedford, Susquehanna, PA
Mallory Elizabeth Bieber, Blandon, PA
Kristen R. Boustead, Imperial, PA
Amy Michele Bowman, Bloomsburg, PA
Darin S. Bubbs, Trout Run, PA
Timothy P. Cooke, Highland Lakes, NJ
Kelly Elizabeth Coppage, Davidsonville, MD
Heidi J. D'Amore, State Line, PA
Michael DiMare, Little Neck, NY
Alicia L. Donahue, Kingston, PA

Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Master of Science in Physical Therapy

Alyson Theresa Dutkiewicz, Clark, NJ
Lauren Colleen Gaskill, Erial, NJ
Mary Anne Gattringer, Seaford, NY
Beth A. Gerlach, Berwick, PA
John E. Hall, Jr., Weatherly, PA
Brett Hansen, Westtown, NY
Jessica Leigh Hess, McClure, PA
Amy Hobby, Hurleyville, NY
Jessica A. Hollock-Sinclair, Wapwallopen, PA
Stacey Wanda Kandra, Succasunna, NJ
Jared Kohler, Jersey Shore, PA
Danielle Nicole Lytwyn, South Plainfield, NJ
John G. Martino, Jim Thorpe, PA
Trisha McCandless, Bath, PA
Marcy Ellen McGeorge, Woodbury, NJ
Danielle Fay Mellinger, Landisburg, PA
Kathryn M. Michniewicz, Lansdale, PA
Megan Munson, Endwell, NY
Ashley N. O'Grady, Toms River, NJ
Janelle Opello, Wyoming, PA
Tracey A. Rimmler, Hillsborough, NJ
Kristin Michelle Spann, Smithtown, NY
Jamie Lynn Spurlock, Tunkhannock, PA
Raye Nicole Stewart, Manahawkin, NJ
Hollie Ann Suda, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Rayna Torchia, New Cumberland, PA
Ralph E. Vance, III, Blackwood, NJ
James VanDien, North Arlington, NJ
Jacqueline Weber, Bethlehem, PA
Leah Marie West, Harrington, DE
Douglas Tyler Zeiders, Lewistown, PA

Physical Therapy

Melissa Ackerman-Kurilla, Jackson, NJ
Monika N. Adamski, Andreas, PA
Melissa M. Amershek, New Ringgold, PA
Gina M. Argento, Pittston, PA
Aaron Matthew Barner, Winfield, PA
Megan Jolene Barner, Winfield, PA
Stephanie E. Buchinski, Nanticoke, PA
Kelley Flynn Cianci, Jonestown, PA
Janet M. Coleman, Scranton, PA
Michael John Compeau, North Syracuse, NY
Shannon Marie Crambo, Greenfield, PA
Kristine Marie Desmet, Ogdensburg, NJ
Kristina A. Dillon, Arnold, MD
Chandra Ann Dombroski, Laflin, PA
Carolyn J. Engdahl-Hines, Shickshinny, PA
Jeffrey Clark Frail, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Karen Gallo, Lancaster, PA
Tricia K. Griech, Whitehall, PA
Mary Beth V. Grubb, New Tripoli, PA
Rett Landin Holmes, Easton, PA
Stephen J. Kulikowski, Moosic, PA
Michael Andrew Kurilla, Jackson, NJ
MaryAlice Lachman, North Wales, PA
Megan Nicole Lauver, Middleburg, PA
Susan Ward Lawfer, Andreas, PA
Gina Nicole Lawney, Ft. Montgomery, NY
Melissa Leaser, Lehighton, PA
Erin M. Martin, Mountaintop, PA

Brenda Anne Matz, Hazleton, PA
Colleen Allison Medlin, Huntington Beach, CA
Michael Moran, Tunkhannock, PA
Maria Murray, Bethlehem, PA
Christine Nicole Neghiu, Mechanicsburg, PA
Marlene Marie Noll, Blandon, PA
Jennifer Renee Oliveri, Wading River, NY
Melissa Katherine Prushinski, Plains Twp., PA
Allison Pugh, Hanover Twp., PA
Michael A. Rainis, Jr., Frackville, PA
Sarah E. Rome, Montague, NJ
Jonathan W. Sakowski, Unityville, PA
Danielle C. Scozzari, New Egypt, NJ
Kelly Simonson-Gazey, Hughestown, PA
Kathryne C. Smith, Whitney Point, NY
Christen M. Timms, Duryea, PA
Barry Michael Wrench, Williamsport, PA
Kevin M. Zarnowski, Uniondale, 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:

Elsa Antony	Christopher Guinoo
Kristen R. Boustead	Elizabeth Theresa Jasolosky
Robert J. Decker, Jr.	Michael Shaylan Lord
David G. Dzendzel	Nicolyn Sandrowicz

Honors and Awards

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

Catherine Ann Guarnieri Patricia Lynn Lavelle

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

Regina Marie Martin

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:

Nadine Veet

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:

Shannon Mae Rhoads

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

Calaranda Kay Biehl

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:

Daniel A. Heintzelman

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:

Peter A. Yelacic

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

Kara Elizabeth Cochi

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

Samantha Ann Bovolick

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

Erin M. O'Donnell

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

Joanne R. Yanchick

The *K. Monica Kruger Award*, presented to an outstanding adult learner in the Teacher Education Department, is awarded to:

Sarah Beth Martin

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

Thomas John Simko

The *Psychology Student Achievement Award*, given for outstanding academic performance, is presented to:

Melisa A. Naylor

Honors and Awards

The *Outstanding Contribution to Psychology Award*, given for exemplary service and leadership:

Amanda Kollbocker

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

Shannon Mae Rhoads

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

Jessica Brennan Traditional Student
Maria L. Pisaneschi Non-traditional Student

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

Leslie DeFazio

The *John Glawe Award for Caring and Compassion in Nursing*, conferred to a BSN student who exemplifies caring and compassion with clients in a clinical unit, is presented to:

Joseph A. O'Leary

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:

Michael Shaylan Lord

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

A. Michael Petrikonis

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:

Elizabeth Ann Senczakowicz

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:

Gregory J. Gonos Kristina Starr Amerman

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

Andrea C. Shook

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:

Amanda M. Morgan

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:

Christine Swink

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:

Kristen R. Boustead

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:

Jessica Hollock-Sinclair

Honors and Awards

The *Speech-Language Pathology Academic Excellence Award* is granted to the graduating Speech-Language Pathology student, who has demonstrated academic excellence superior to that of those in the graduating class. This award is presented to:

Jessica Lynn Sofranko

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

Erin Poperowitz

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:

Elizabeth Ann Mistrik

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

Carmalena DelPizzo

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

David G. Dzendzel

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

James Ward

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

Melisa A. Naylor

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

Elizabeth Theresa Jasolosky

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

Joelle Rhayem

The *Robert Anderson Award* for academic excellence in pre-medicine curriculum, service to the College and leadership, is awarded to:

Elizabeth Theresa Jasolosky

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:

Lauren Colleen Gaskill

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:

Joseph Jelinski, III

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:

Joelle Rhayem

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

Caitlin DiGiovanni	Shannon Mae Rhoads
Sarah E. Luvender	Michele Stibgen

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

Debra Jean Bach	Kerri A. Powell
Kathleen Dyson	Francis M. Semanski
Susan Lasecki	Andrea Styczen
Michael Shaylan Lord	Kim Sukowaski
Regina Marie Martin	Joanne R. Yanchick
Victoria I. Navarro-Crosby	Sharon E. Zomerfeld

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

Larry F. Barberio, Jr.	Ray Lenhart
Heidi J. D'Amore	Kyle Lytle
Catherine Ann Guarnieri	Sarah Beth Martin
Patricia Lynn Lavelle	Melissa Robinson
Nicole Marie Lenchak	Nicolyn Sandrowicz

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

Jan Marie Bartels	Amy Hobby
Calaranda Kay Biehl	Elizabeth Theresa Jasolosky
Robert J. Decker, Jr.	Michael Shaylan Lord
David G. Dzendzel	Regina Marie Martin
Mary Anne Gattringer	Kathryn M. Michniewicz

Kimberly Ann Gross
 Christopher Guinoo
 Brett Hansen
 Jennifer L. Hawk
 Daniel A. Heintzelman
 Jacquelyn Jeanine Henning

Joelle Rhayem
 Shannon Mae Rhoads
 Jessica Lynn Sofranko
 Andrea Styczen
 Joanne R. Yanchick

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

Heather Ann Bednarski
 Samantha Ann Bovolick
 Cassandra Beth Burriss
 Kara Elizabeth Cochi
 Courtney Marie Coletti
 Stephanie M. Crunkleton
 Jessica Lynn Dafcik
 Ann Marie Dixon
 Jullian Durr
 Amanda Kathryn Fry
 Marissa Christine Giorgio
 Catherine Ann Guarnieri
 Jamie Lynn Havard
 Jennifer L. Hawk
 Megan Elizabeth Heibeck
 Shannon Elizabeth Jones

Lori Leputa
 Blaire Ashley Lord
 Patricia Ann Lynch
 Christine Julia Manfredonia
 Christine M. McCarroll
 Stacy Melendez
 Patrick O'Connor
 Jacqueline Denise Paul
 Melissa Melanie Risboskin
 Amanda Mary Ann Schraeder
 Kelly Arlene Snyder
 Andrea Styczen
 Jamie Lynn Tatusko
 Catherine M. Toraldo
 Joanne R. Yanchick

Honor Societies

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

<i>Baccalaureate Membership:</i>	Susan Lasecke
Loretta L. Aurand	Kathryn M. Michniewicz
Calaranda Kay Biehl	Amanda M. Morgan
Kathleen Dyson	Melisa A. Naylor
Mary Anne Gattringer	Joelle Rhayem
Kimberly Ann Gross	Shannon Mae Rhoads
Jennifer L. Hawk	Jessica Lynn Sofranko
Daniel A. Heintzelman	Andrea Styczen
Jacquelyn Jeanine Henning	Joanne R. Yanchick
Amy Hobby	Robby H. Young
Elizabeth Theresa Jasolosky	Sharon E. Zomerfeld
Mary Kay Kimelewski	

Post-Graduate Membership:

Carrie Race Edwards	Brenda M. Nowalis
Marie L. Judge	Alayne M. Rosner
John L. Kachurick, Jr.	Anne Sullivan

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

Daniel Babskie	Candice Georgine Krout
Rebecca Bogdanovich	Erin McDade
Sasha K. DeGraaf	Melisa A. Naylor
Aaron S. Heydt	Maryanne Elizabeth Silverstrim
Janet L. Hollock	Matthew Sosalski
Raymond William Keiper	Amy Statkiewicz
Amanda Kollbocker	

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

Sharon Michele Blackowski	Lori Sue Jandris
Catherine Marie Dempsey	Amanda M. Morgan
Jacquelyn Jeanine Henning	Andrea Sheetz

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

Thomas John Simko	Kathleen Turner
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Students admitted to the Theta Phi Chapter, *Sigma Theta Tau* International Honor Society for Nursing:

Baccalaureate Membership:

Kristina Starr Amerman	Susan Lasecki
Elsa Antony	Michael Shaylan Lord
Ashley Lauren Beccaloni	Krystle Lynn Matthews
Susan Borgna	Jaime Lynne McCauslin
Sasha K. DeGraaf	Tracy L. O'Hara
Kelly Ann DeSantis	Andrea C. Shook
Melissa Downs	Deirdre Silliman
Kathleen Dyson	Amanda Jayanti Singh
Sarah Fagan	Lindsey Anne Spencer
Carolyn Kohl Falzone	Santina Sperling
Erin Kimmel	Danielle Louise Stone
Christine Krumich	Kim Sukowaski

Post-Graduate Membership:

Kimberly Rochelle Hunter

Honor Societies

Students admitted to the *Lambda Nu* Honor Society for the radiologic and imaging sciences, the Pennsylvania Alpha Chapter:

Kathryn Biesecker	Leslie DeFazio
Jessica Brennan	Erica Lynn Hettler

Students admitted to *Alpha Chi Honor Society for Physical Therapy*, students 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":

Kristen R. Boustead	Brett Hansen
Lauren Colleen Gaskill	Amy Hobby
Mary Anne Gattringer	Kathryn M. Michniewicz
Beth A. Gerlach	

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

Brian Brown	Mary Kay Kimelewski
Matthew C. Coburn	Daniel R. Neff
Carmalena DelPizzo	James Ward
David G. Dzendzel	Jeffrey Ward
Ryan Kearney	

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

Jan Marie Bartels	Rachael Lee Holmberg
Samantha Ann Bovolick	Elizabeth Theresa Jasolosky
Kara Elizabeth Cochi	Joseph Jelinski, III
Stephanie M. Crunkleton	Joelle Rhayem
Brandy L. Freeland	Sara Stull
Amanda Kathryn Fry	Nadine Veet
Lauren Colleen Gaskill	Joanne R. Yanchick
Victoria E. Ginder	Elizabeth Zimbicki
Jacquelyn Jeanine Henning	

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

Clinical Laboratory Science

Golden Yellow

Communications

Crimson

Computer Science

Golden Yellow

Education

Light Blue

English

White

Health Care Management

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.

Information Technology

Drab

Interdisciplinary Studies

Golden Yellow

Management

Drab

Marketing

Drab

Mathematics

White

Medical Imaging

Golden Yellow

Nursing

Apricot

Occupational Therapy

Golden Yellow

Organizational Management

Golden Yellow

Philosophy

White

Physical Therapy

Peacock Blue

Physical Therapy (DPT)

Teal

Professional Studies

Golden Yellow

Psychology

Golden Yellow

Social Work

Citron

Speech Language Pathology

Silver

Sport Management

Sage Green

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“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; because there is not effort without error and shortcomings; but who does actually strive to do the deed; who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotion, who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement and who at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly. So that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.”

—Theodore Roosevelt

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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