

2012 COMMENCEMENT



Class of 2012

The 86th annual Commencement ceremony features 397 graduates from 13 states, including California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Texas.

The 58 nursing students represent the largest number of graduates from a single major in this year's class with business administration, 34; physical therapy, 28; and speech-language pathology and occupational therapy, at 27 each, close behind in popularity.

Many graduates have received awards for academic excellence for work they have done inside and outside of the classroom, while others have decided to pursue graduate degrees at prominent institutions of higher education or they have accepted employment from noteworthy employers. Two communications majors will be attending graduate school at the Parson's School of Design in New York, N.Y., and Widener Law School in Harrisburg, Pa. Members of the university's student newspaper, The Highlander, received three Pennsylvania Newspaper Association Keystone Awards and an Outstanding Investigative Journalism Award from the American Scholastic Press Association.

A history major received a full scholarship and assistantship to attend Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, in pursuit of her Master of Arts degree in history. Medical imaging students have been accepted to Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, Pa., the University of New Hampshire, Durham, N.H., and at Pitt Community College, Greenville, N.C., to pursue advanced specializations in radiation therapy.

A bio-chemistry major will specialize in rural- and mission-type medicine at the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in Blacksburg, Va. A biology major is going to pursue her doctorate at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University in Elkins Park, Pa.

A biology major has been accepted into the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies at Misericordia University, while his roommate is going to pursue a career as a pharmacist at the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine's School of Pharmacy in Erie, Pa. Additional biology majors have been accepted to the College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery at Des Moines University, Des Moines, Iowa, and New York Chiropractic College in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

Occupational therapy majors have secured and accepted numerous jobs in their field of study. Students will be working at HCR-Manor Care, Bethlehem, Pa.; Guardian Rehabilitation, Montrose, Pa.; Weatherwood Nursing Facility, Weatherly, Pa.; Premier Therapy Services, Whiting, N.J.; Pro-Step Rehab, Hazleton, Pa.; Good Shepherd Rehab Hospital, Allentown, Pa.; Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.; Penn State Hershey Rehabilitation Hospital, Hershey, Pa.; Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Care One, Morristown, N.J.; EBS Healthcare, San Jose, Calif.; Allied Services, Scranton, Pa., and Guardian Rehabilitation Services, Nanticoke, Pa.

Misericordia University is proud of the Class of 2012 as the students prepare to enter the next important phase of their lives. MU's newest alumni understand and embrace the Religious Sisters of Mercy's charisms of Mercy, Service, Justice and Hospitality, and will always be Misericordia Proud!



MISERICORDIA UNIVERSITY

Eighty Sixth Commencement Convocation

Class of 2012

Anderson Sports and Health Center

Saturday, May 19, 2012



Academic Processional

Ceol Mor, *Pipe and Drum Band*

Invocation

Sister Bernadette Duross, RSM, *Special Assistant to the President for Mercy Integration*

National Anthem

Graduating members of Misericordia University Choirs

Samuel Corey

Marcy Bronsburg

Jeffrey Kelly

Abby Heintzelman

Danielle Lachall

Mary Scarpa

Alina Busch, '14, *Pianist*

Welcome

Michael A. MacDowell, Ed.D., *President of Misericordia University*

Conferring of Honorary Degrees

John Metz, *Chairman, Board of Trustees*

Doctor of Humane Letters

Michael Cappello

Kerry A. Robinson

Address to Candidates

Kerry A. Robinson, *Executive Director of the National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management*

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees

Mari P. King, Ph.D., *Vice President of Academic Affairs*

Remarks

Marisa Lynn Cooper '12, *Class Valedictorian*

Presentation of Senior Class Gift

Lauren Gorney '12, *Senior Class President*

Brittany Vetrini '12, *Senior Class Vice President*

Audra Wehner '12, *Senior Class Vice President*

Danielle Lachall, '12, *Senior Class Activities Coordinator*

Induction of Graduates into the Alumni Association

Helene Flower Reed '66, *President, Alumni Association Board of Directors*

Presentation of the Faculty Awards

Judge Max and Tillie Rosenn Excellence in Teaching Award

Louis and Barbara Alesi Excellence in Scholarship Award

Pauly and Sidney Friedman Excellence in Service Award

Mari P. King

Alma Mater

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Marcy Bronsburg

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Mary Scarpa

Alina Busch, '14, *Pianist*

Benediction

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.,

Bishop, Diocese of Scranton

Academic Recessional

Ceol Mor, *Pipe and Drum Band*

American Sign Language (ASL) by Cherish Francik

Certified Interpreter for the Deaf

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

Marshals

Larree Elston Brown '96

Elizabeth Felsman '84

Kristen Fry '11

Lorraine Harmonos Henrich '66

Melissa Martin Lawless '05

Nicole Martin '09

Mary Elizabeth O'Connor '60

Alison Odell '08

Sandra Najaka '83

Tammy Nudo '09

Brian Palmiter '89

Kevin Palmiter '90

Bea Marie Harvey Travisano '77

Denise Harvey Wiater '80

Sharon Palmiter Willoughby '83

Kerry Robinson, M.A.R., and Michael Cappello, M.D.

Kerry Robinson, M.A.R., executive director of the National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management, is a dedicated lay woman who is committed to helping the Catholic Church fulfill its mission by working tirelessly with spiritual and administrative leaders of the Church.

“Misericordia is fortunate to have a Commencement speaker the caliber of Ms. Robinson,” said Misericordia University President Michael A. MacDowell. “Her ability to harness the efforts of senior-level executives behind key initiatives of the Catholic Church has been phenomenal. Her practical exercise in serving others will be of keen interest to our graduates, most of whom have been involved in service leadership throughout their time at Misericordia.”

The National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management is dedicated to promoting excellence and best practices in the management, finances and human resource development of the Catholic Church in the United States. The Leadership Roundtable exists to strengthen the temporal affairs of the Church by harnessing the expertise and resources of Catholic senior-level executives from all sectors in service to the Church.

Ms. Robinson is also a member of the Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities in Wilmington, Del., and of the Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities (FADICA) board of directors. She has served as a trustee on the national boards of the Education for Parish Service Foundation in Washington, D.C.; the Gregorian University Foundation in New York, N.Y.; the National Catholic AIDS Network in San Francisco, Calif.; the Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry at Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Mass.; and the Center of Applied Research in the Apostolate in Washington, D.C.



Since 1995, she has served on the national committee for the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops' Catholic Campaign for Human Development and is a trustee of the National Pastoral Life Center in New York. Currently, she serves on the advisory boards of the Center for the Study of Church Management at Villanova University, Villanova, Pa., and Busted Halo: Paulist Young Adult Ministry.

Ms. Robinson is the founding editor of “The Catholic Funding Guide: A Directory of Resources for Catholic Activities,” first published by FADICA in 1998. She has been an advisor to grant making foundations, charitable nonprofits and family philanthropies since 1990.

She served as the director of development for Saint Thomas Moore Catholic Chapel and Center at Yale University, and led a fundraising campaign to expand and endow the Chapel's intellectual and spiritual ministry and to construct a Catholic student center on Yale's campus. Ms. Robinson spent two years in London, England, working for the Director of Social Change, an organization dedicated to providing information and training for the nonprofit sector in the United Kingdom and Europe. She is also a frequent writer and speaker on the subjects of philanthropy, development and the Catholic Church.

In 1988, she received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Georgetown University, and in 1994 earned her Master of Arts in religion degree from Yale Divinity School. She and her husband, Michael Cappello, M.D., professor of medicine and director of the World Fellows Program at Yale University, have two children, Christopher and Sophia.

During the Commencement ceremony, Misericordia University will present Ms. Robinson and Dr. Cappello with honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees.

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 Katlin Aine Bunton, Kingston, PA
 Michele C. Drago, Larksville, PA *Cum Laude*
 April Dulsky, Dallas, PA *Cum Laude*
 Alex Fuchylo, Peckville, PA
 Lauren Gorney, Glen Lyon, PA
 Matthew Grant, Allentown, PA
 Andrea Orton, Wingdale, NY
 Mary P. Scarpa, Tunkhannock, PA
 Julia Noelle Truax, Millville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
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 Kara Anne Schuster, Kunkletown, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
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 Julianne Marie Curry, Washington Twp., NJ
 Kelsey Elizabeth Davis, Clarks Summit, PA
 Bridget Mary Dunlap, Philadelphia, PA
 Donna Fassler, Montrose, PA
 Wendy Woodside Griggs, Muncy, PA
 Kimberly A. Hartman, Dallas, PA
 Kera L. Hope, Northampton, PA
 Nicole Jean Kazmerick, Exeter, PA
 Lauren Jean LaSala, Denville, NJ
 Brianne Nicole Lavelle, Ridgefield, NJ
 Katie Marie Lawlor, Hillsdale, NJ
 Jennifer Lynne Lozier, Jessup, MD
 Brittany Lynn McKeown, Kingston, PA
 Brianna Caitlin McLaughlin, Dallas, PA
 Amanda Nodes, Middlesex, NJ
 Frank E. Nutt, III, Montgomery, NY
 Jillian Marie Palamar, Pottsville, PA
 Andrea Pandya, Hanover Twp., PA
 Sara Alayne Petersen, Beachwood, NJ

Catherine M. Stanski, Dallas, PA
Amanda Elizabeth Undersinger, Florida, NY

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Jeanne Marie Cadman, Clarks Summit, PA
Janice Frank, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Catherine Mary Harding, Hanover Twp., PA
Carol Medura, White Haven, PA
Charlea Natasha Pedro, Tunkhannock, PA
Karen L. Simeone, Northumberland, PA
Angela Martin Vnuk, Plymouth, PA
Penny Candace Wagner, Vandling, PA

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Christine S. Brandon, Freeland, PA
Alicia Bryk, Dupont, PA
Caitlin Jean Cavanaugh, Toms River, NJ
Roberta Ciocco, Warminster, PA
Marisa Lynn Cooper, Frackville, PA
Amanda Davis, Taylor, PA
Nicole DiGiovanni, Philadelphia, PA
Meghan Elizabeth Franz, Pocono Lake, PA
Melanie Hill, Shickshinny, PA
Nicole M. Iaconetti, Jefferson Twp., NJ
Jenna M. Kinzinger, Honesdale, PA
Devin Rose Koslap, Bethlehem, PA
Alexandria Litchkofski, Hunlock Creek, PA
Christopher Marotta, Massapequa, NY
Stephanie May, Scranton, PA
Catherine McGrath, Floral Park, NY
Brittany L. Michalik, Girardville, PA
Hannah Muller, York, PA
Andrea Lynn Nichols, Kunkletown, PA
Courtney G. Otto, Cedar Knolls, NJ
JennaRose Rakowsky, Frackville, PA
Ashleigh D. Ramsey, Athens, PA

Samantha A. Scalpone, Ogdensburg, NJ
Courtney Rae Sennett, Williamsport, PA
Melissa Templeton, Lancaster, PA
Sarah Amber Terry, Orrtanna, PA
Kiersten Ariel Whitaker, Plainfield, NJ

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICAL THERAPY

Michael Dluzeski, Benton, PA
Christopher Michael Fisher, Mifflinburg, PA
Michelle Galli, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Caitlin Mae Gardner, Brick, NJ
Rebecca Lee Gouldthread, Salisbury, MD
Alicia Marie Grandinetti, Jessup, PA
Kailee M. Hummel, Dover, DE
Natasha L. Jankowsky, Trucksville, PA
Robert Brandon Johnson, Jackson, PA
Gina Jorgensen, Tioga Center, NY
Colleen M. Kuchar, Blakely, PA
Jeremy T. Kushner, Archbald, PA
Jessica Lynn Massimino, Clearfield, PA
Chelsea Matukaitis, Kulpmont, PA
Angela Rae Mele, Perkasio, PA
Lily Mieczkowski, Shickshinny, PA
Ashley Danae Mihal, Wyoming, PA
Megan Kathleen Murphy, Scranton, PA
Robert L. Nelson, III, Ballston Spa, NY
Bryan P. Peden, Rehoboth Beach, DE
Tiffany Rose Portela, Plainview, NY
Lucas Raymond, Wyalusing, PA
Megan Schnauffer, Beaver Meadows, PA
Erin Elizabeth Schneck, Pottsville, PA
Julie-Anna Shahan, Jarrettsville, MD
Kristin Shores, Towanda, PA
Alexandra Velez, Jim Thorpe, PA
Joshua Wilkes, Peckville, PA

DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Tanya Lee Clark, Davenport, NY
 Christina Dorward, Muncy, PA
 Julia M. Guzman, Springfield, NJ
 Joan M. Surfus, Long Beach, CA

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Justine D. Burrell, Forest City, PA
 Ericka Marie Hornak, Avon Lake, OH
 Amy M. Johnson, Hurleyville, NY
 Rebecca Ann Kania, Meriden, CT
 Jessica Lynne Klimas, Tunkhannock, PA
 Kristina Briann Kogoy, Shickshinny, PA
 Gregory M. Lenhart, Temple, PA
 Kevin Mellinger, Maple Shade, NJ
 Candice Marie Pagnotti, Clarks Summit, PA
 Kristina Corcoran Rinde, Honesdale, PA
 Tiara D. Shipe, New Columbia, PA
 Danielle Simko, Laflin, PA
 Michelle Marie Swiatek, Shillington, PA
 Marcy Ellen Vignola, Frederick, MD
 Carl Jason Wiedlich, Mountaintop, PA

Undergraduate students are awarded baccalaureate degrees with distinction for exceptional academic achievement. A student must have completed at least 60 credits at Misericordia University to qualify for academic honors. Honors listed are accurate as of the print date of the program. Actual honors for graduates will be announced at the ceremony.

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

The class valedictorian is the full-time matriculated student with the highest cumulative undergraduate average who has completed all course work at Misericordia University with the exception of the 12 credits allowed through off-campus requests or advanced placement credits.

2012 Valedictorian

Marisa Lynn Cooper

Students who have completed the *University Honors* curriculum while achieving a grade point average of 3.25 or better are awarded an Honors Degree. Students awarded University Honors include:

Nicole Marie Di Giovanni
 Caitlin Hails
 Kailee Hummel
 Andrea Nichols
 Sydney Stamatis
 Nicholas Sulzer
 Julia Noelle Truax

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

Mary Bimler
Jeremy Joseph Haynos
Jessica Szumski

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

Christina Dorward

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

Melissa McNally Petrillo

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

Jeffrey Salvatore

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

Rose Anne Scott

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 Misericordia University, is presented to:

Karen Sickler

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 Department faculty, is presented to:

Abby Heintzelman

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

Caitlin Hails

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

Marisa Lagana

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

Amanda M. Pernot

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

Lauren Verret

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

Tamara Ann Chesneak

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

Andrew Corbett

The *Award for Excellence in English* is presented to:

Caitlin Hails

The *Psychology Student Achievement Award* for academic excellence is presented to:

Traditional Psychology Major: Julia Noelle Truax
Pre-DPT Psychology Major: Krista Shenk

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

Lauren Brague

The *Alpha Delta Mu Award* for academic excellence in Social Work is awarded to:

Chelsea Leigh Mixon

The *Dr. Patricia Lewis Award*, given to a graduating social work student who best exemplifies the Sisters of Mercy values of mercy, service, justice and hospitality and whose ethical conduct and comportment as a beginning social work practitioner merits recognition beyond the awarding of the BSW degree, is presented to:

Mark Edward Werger

The *Mallinckrodt Award* for Academic Excellence in Medical Imaging is awarded to:

Traditional Student: Kindra Lee White
Non-traditional Student: Ashley Scaffido

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

Lauren Lynn Young

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:

Eric Richard Thomas

The *Sister Mary Kateri Dorwart Award* for excellence and leadership in Nursing is awarded to:

Amanda Howatt

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

Lisa A. Bolton

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

Christine Reeseey

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

Jeanne Marie Cadman

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:

Marisa Cooper

The *Excellence in Fieldwork 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:

Jenna Marie Kinzinger

The *Dr. Stephen L. Heater Leadership Award*, given to a graduating Occupational Therapy student who exemplifies the qualities of leadership modeled by Dr. Stephen Heater, including creativity, dynamic vision and exceptional conceptual skills, is presented to:

Devin Koslap

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:

Michelle Galli

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 University, community and profession, is presented to:

Erin Elizabeth Schneck

Jeremy T. Kushner

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:

Joshua Wilkes

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

Nicholas Barone

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

Kera L. Hope

The *Speech-Language Pathology Outstanding Service Award*, granted to the student who participates and provides volunteer service to the department above and beyond academic and clinical responsibilities, is presented to:

Katie M. Lawlor

The *Communications Department Award for Excellence*, given to a graduating Communications major for outstanding professional development, academic achievement, and contribution to the University community, is presented to:

April Lynn Dulsky

The *Communications Department Academic Achievement Award* for outstanding scholarship is presented to:

Julia Noelle Truax

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

Jeffrey Kelly

Abby Heintzelman

The *Bishop Hafey 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Award* for Outstanding Achievement in History, is awarded to:

Kara Anne Schuster

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

Sydney Stamatis

The *Professor Donald Fries Award for Excellence in History* is presented to:
Eric Schollmeyer

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

The *Professor Kenneth J. Rockensies Award*, presented to a mathematical or natural sciences graduate in recognition of outstanding achievement in Physics, is awarded to:
Aaron Michael Barnhart

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

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

The *Stan Knapich Award*, given to a graduating student who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance in the Biology/Secondary Education curriculum, is awarded to:
Richard Sypniewski

The *Robert Anderson Award in Pre-medicine*, given to the outstanding graduate in the pre-medicine curriculum for academic excellence, and service and leadership to the University, is awarded to:
Christine Mariano

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

The *Alumni Outstanding Graduate Award*, established by the Alumni Association to recognize a graduating student who exemplifies the Misericordia spirit of mercy, justice, service and hospitality, is awarded to:
Margaret Constable

The *Board of Trustees Award*, contributed by the Misericordia University Board of Trustees to the student exemplifying the University's academic, leadership and service ideals, is presented to:
Jeffrey Salvatore

Students inducted into the Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Delta Mu, Honor Society in Social Work:
Leah Casey Claudia Marie Vitiello Mark Edward Werger
Kelly Marie Hooper Joshua Stephen Wargo Bradley Matthew Zurla

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

Kristen Andrews	Colleen Gaza Coolbaugh	Tia Ann Rodriguez
Christopher Arnone	Joseph C. Kreitzer	Lisa Sheckler
Dawna Barna	Michael Mikolajczyk	Teresa Tridente
Elizabeth Anne Boyer	Alma Rocio Ortega	Patricia Warkevich
Katlin Aine Bunton	Melissa McNally Petrillo	Kenneth E. Zipovsky
Lisa Mae Caruthers	Tozia Louise Pierre	

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

Mary Bimler	Jennifer Kates	Jessica Szumski
Matthew Joseph Demuysere	Tonya Klinger	Lindsey Tarutis
Kera L. Hope	Ashley Marinock	

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

Krista Artim	Marisa Lagana	Amanda M. Pernot
Tamara Ann Chesneak	Alisha Marissa Nudo	Suzanne Sikora
Sarah M. Dempsey	Kelley Jean Parkison	

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

Marisa Cooper	Candace Levanavage	Julia Noelle Truax
Amanda Davis	Leigh Alexandra Loughran	Christine Paula Van Tassel
Matthew Joseph Demuysere	Stephanie Rita May	Alexandra Velez
Colleen Gaza Coolbaugh	Susan Panaway	
Melanie A. Hill	Samantha Ashley Scalpone	

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

Ashley Benz	Shannon Faith McSweeney	Jessica Lynn Roe
Chelsey Converse	Judy A. Myers	Bethany Lauren Stroup
Bonnie Suann Hardik	Megan Novak	Veronica Yancewicz
Alanna Moire Holmgren	Katie O'Hearn	Jane Zak
Carly Lewis	Alissa L. Richardson	

Students admitted to Alpha Sigma Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, International English Honor Society:

Michelle Anzalone	Amber Gulla	Laura Kingston
Aimee K. DiLucido	Caitlin Hails	Aubre Mary Mayorowski
April Lynn Dulsky	Michelle Marie Jeffries	

Students admitted to the Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society, an honor and professional society for students of the biological sciences:

Aaron Michael Barnhart	Cassandra Marie Graeff	Nicholas Sulzer
Kelsey Daum	Christine Mariano	Richard Sypniewski
Erin Kathleen Evans	Lawrence Richard Paddock	

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

Diane Baldi	Amanda Howatt	Rachael Elizabeth Schmitz
Krystal DeEtte Burford	Patricia M. Howell	Luann Allison Senchak
Cassandra E. Casselbury	Lori Kolody	Christine E. Shenefield
Meaghan Connolly-Ubaldini	Louis J. Lalonde	Diane R. Sherman
Christine Cox	Lauren Elizabeth Lomando	Rita Shock
Karen A. Delay	Marilee Manganiello	David Smith
Karen L. Downs	Ashley Marinock	Brian Dennis Stecker
Lucinda Drumheller	Amy Mikula	Erin Stellar
Kristie Force	Danielle A. Nebzydoski	Elizabeth A. Stuscavage
Holly Lynn Goncheroski	Maura Nerbecki	Nanci Lynne Travis
Tara Marie Hill	Jamie Novitski	Darnetta Lee Yusko
Lisa Homa	Alyssa Nicole Rush	

Students admitted to the Lambda Nu Radiologic and Imaging Sciences Honor Society, Pennsylvania Alpha Chapter:

Jennifer Lynn Gallagher	James T. Polson	Ramah J. Williams
Mellisa Ann Makos	Ashley Scaffido	Lauren Lynn Young
Adele Philippides	Emilie Shultz	

Physical Therapy students admitted to Alpha Chi National Society, whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students:

Michelle Galli	Robert Lewis Nelson	Kristin A. Shores
Rebecca Lee Gouldthread	Lucas D. Raymond	Joshua Wilkes
Jeremy T. Kushner	Erin Elizabeth Schneck	

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

John Belcher	Zach Myers	Patrick Joseph Smith
Nathan Alexander Delmar	Eric Schollmeyer	Sydney Stamatias
Michael Patrick Kiak	Kara Anne Schuster	Andrew Zesk
Matthew Paul Klassner	Stephen Semenza	
Michael R. Martin	Leslie M. Serino	

Students admitted to Sigma Beta Delta, International Business Honor Society:

Randy Joseph Androshick	Jessica Marie Guido	Philip Michael Moore
Rachael Marie Ayers	Nicolette Hensel	Vince Noroski
Renee Barcheski	Tyler Hess	Kevin Edward Odell
Carl Beecham	James M. Igoe	Bethany Lynn Raudenbush
Haley Jean Brandt	Christal Kaucher	Justine Rae Vedro
Sarah Marie Church	Gregory Korhonen	Jessica Williamson
Eileen Cipriani	Mark David Mazur	
Jennifer Cory	Melissa McNally Petrillo	

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

Aimee K. DiLucido	Candace Levanavage	Jessica Szumski
Mary Elizabeth Hearity	Chelsea Leigh Mixon	Julia Noelle Truax
Abby Heintzelman	Alisha Marissa Nudo	
Courtney Knipe	Jeffrey Salvatore	

The Guaranteed Placement Program (GPP) integrates classroom instruction, experiential education, service leadership on-and off- campus, and career focused activity experiences. The following represents traditional GPP and GPP Gold and Blue Level students who have successfully completed the program.

Aaron Michael Barnhart	Abby Heintzelman	Erik Sandstrom
Sara B. Borbacs	Melanie A. Hill	Ashley Scaffido
Alicia Bryk	Amanda Howatt	Samantha Ashley Scalpone
Krystal DeEtte Burford	Nicole M. Iaconetti	Erin Elizabeth Schneck
Kaitlin Burgio	Lauren La Sala	Rachel Schultes
Caitlin Cavanaugh	Megan Marie Lafaw	Julie Anna Shahan
Margaret Constable	Candace Levanavage	Karen Sickler
Julianne Curry	Jennifer Lynne Lozier	Sara Elizabeth Solomon
Amanda Davis	Christine Marks	Richard Sypniewski
Aimee K. DiLucido	Kristina Marie Naylor	Jessica Szumski
Michele C. Drago	Amanda Nodes	Michael James Truscott
Caitlin Hails	Amanda M. Pernot	Christopher P. J. Undersinger
Allen James Heintz	Laura Elizabeth Rinehimer	Tyler P. White

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

INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY
Drab

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, Misericordia University'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 University 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
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

THE MACE

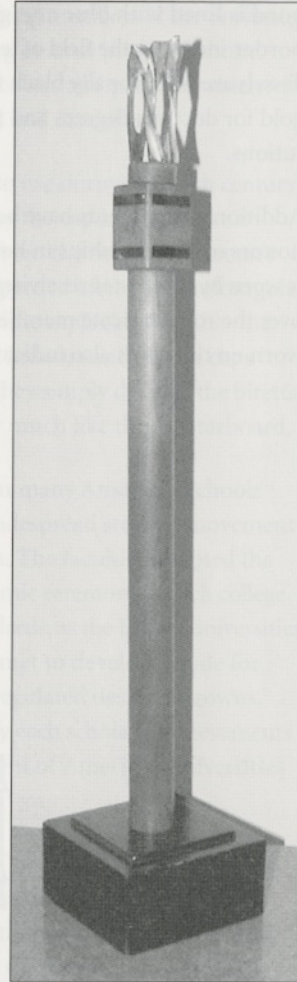
The mace is made of black walnut and bronze. The dark, rich wood symbolizes the woodlands surrounding the University campus referred to in the Alma Mater.

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 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 University: 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 University 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 University 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.



Misericordia University was founded by the Sisters of Mercy.

The flags on the Commencement stage today represent the countries where the Sisters of Mercy, faculty and students from Misericordia University 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.

Azerbaijan	Nigeria
Brazil	Palestine
China	Peru
Guyana	Rwanda
Jamaica	United Arab Emirates
Liberia	United Nations

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Courtney Bieber	Brittney Hill
Kim Caffrey	Shannon Joyce
Marty Castaldi	Joe Layman
Sarah Castaldi	Sarah Munley
Alyssa Cipriano	Shaun O'Brien
Leila Comerford	Christelle Patrice
Melissa Cummiskey	Olivia Pollard
Caitlin Day	Siobhan Spager
George Elias	Theresa Thomas
Kirsten Fisher	Gabriela Vitorino
Doreen Fronzoni	Kayla Whipple
Kelly Habernern	Georgia Young
Jessica Harper	Kathy Zawatski

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MISERICORDIA ALMA MATER

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

Refrain

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

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

Refrain

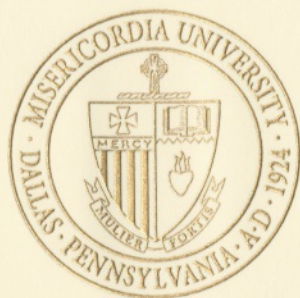
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—Sister Teresa Mary Moyles, RSM



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