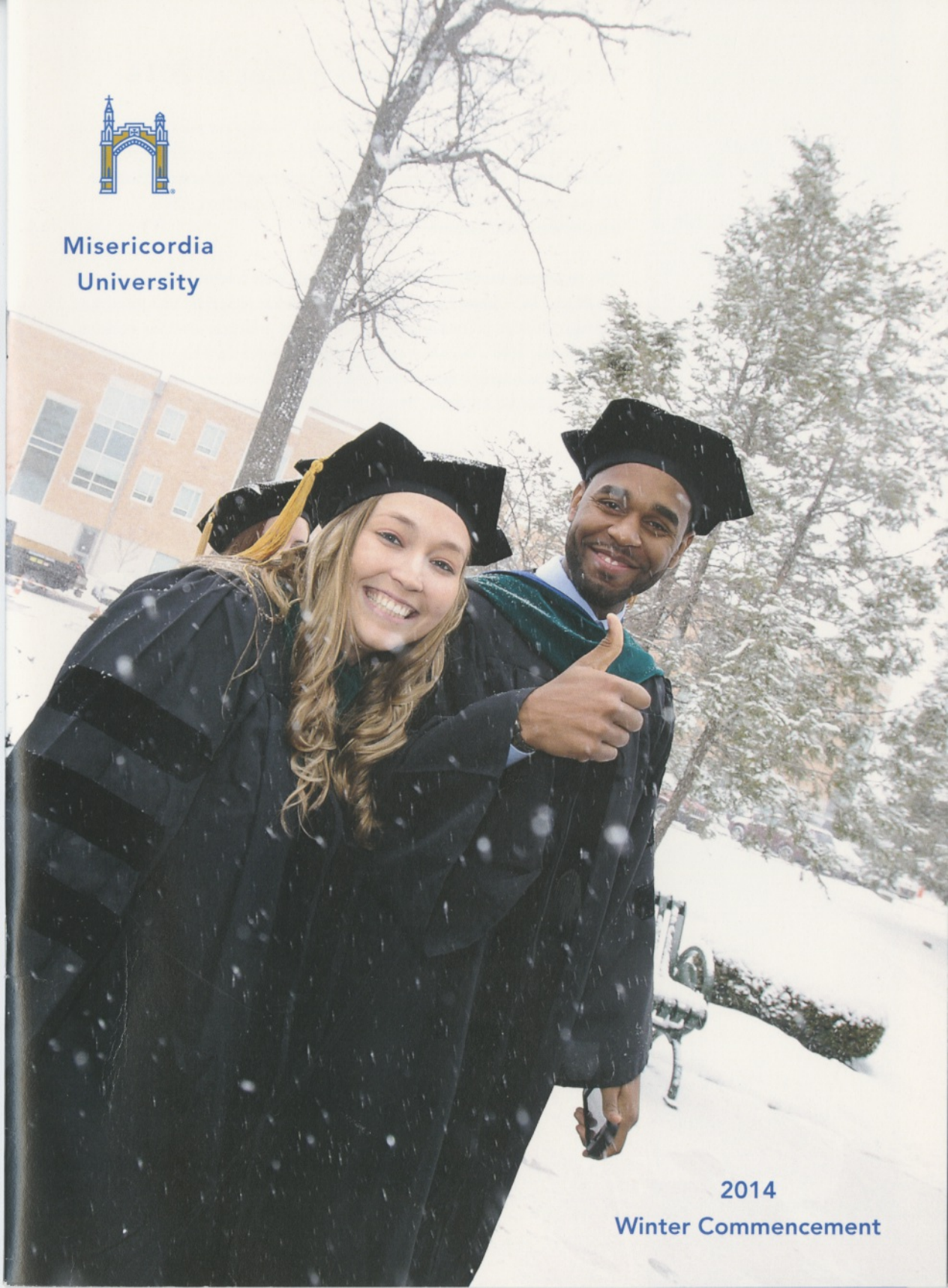




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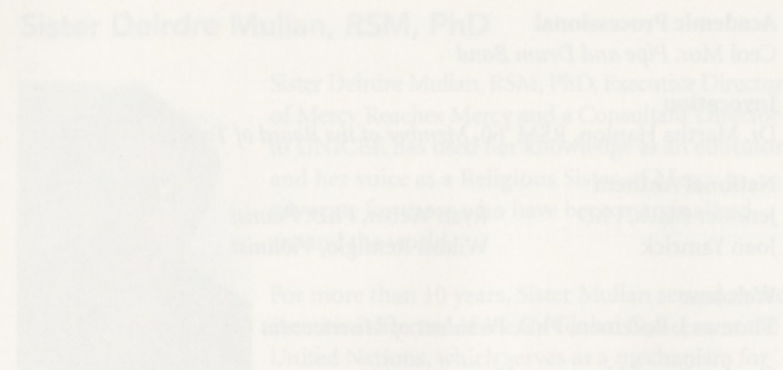
Winter Commencement Class of 2014

The fourth annual Misericordia University Winter Commencement ceremony features 370 graduates who completed their studies in August and December. They hail from 10 states, including California, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

This ceremony marks the first time the University has awarded degrees in the Master of Science Physician Assistant Studies program. The Physician Assistant Studies program offers studies at the graduate level for students who already hold a bachelor's degree and meet entrance requirements, and a five-year combined program with Misericordia University's Bachelor of Science in Medical Science. Twenty students completed the rigorous program.

Four students are also the first to complete the 36-credit Master of Science degree program in health informatics, which develops the appropriate skills and behaviors that are necessary to succeed in senior management and leadership roles.

Misericordia University is proud of the Winter Commencement Class of 2014 as the graduates prepare to enter the next important phases 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!



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Winter Commencement Convocation

Class of 2014

Anderson Sports and Health Center

Sunday, December 14, 2014



Academic ProcessionalCeol Mor, *Pipe and Drum Band***Invocation**Dr. Martha Hanlon, RSM '60, *Member of the Board of Trustees***National Anthem**Jennifer Black, PhD
Joan YamrickRyan Weber, PhD, *Pianist*
Wilton Remigio, *Violinist***Welcome**Thomas J. Botzman, PhD, *President of Misericordia University***Conferring of Honorary Degrees**Dr. Carol Rittner, RSM, *Member of the Board of Trustees***Doctor of Humane Letters**

Sister Patricia Deirdre Mullan, RSM

Address to CandidatesSister Patricia Deirdre Mullan, RSM, *Executive Director of Mercy Reaches Mercy and a Consultant Director to UNICEF***Presentation of Candidates for Degrees**TJ Arant, PhD, *Vice President of Academic Affairs***Remarks**Rachel Anne Harding '14, *Student Speaker***Induction of Graduates into the Alumni Association**Thomas J. Sweetz '01, *Member, Alumni Association Board of Directors***Alma Mater**Jennifer Black, PhD
Joan YamrickRyan Weber, PhD, *Pianist*
Wilton Remigio, *Violinist***Benediction**Dr. Mary Helen Nugent, RSM, *Member of the Board of Trustees***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

John Berti '10

Kara Golden '09

Adam Grzech '13

Marianne Guarnieri '11

Robert Linskey '14

Marcella Leo Morgan '96

Aaron Orchard '13

Thomas Sweetz '01

Carol Williams '67

Sister Deirdre Mullan, RSM, PhD

Sister Deirdre Mullan, RSM, PhD, Executive Director of Mercy Reaches Mercy and a Consultant Director to UNICEF, has used her knowledge as an educator and her voice as a Religious Sister of Mercy to advocate for those who have been marginalized around the world.

For more than 10 years, Sister Mullan served as the executive director of Mercy Global Concern at the United Nations, which serves as a mechanism for the Sisters of Mercy to advocate on behalf of the world's most underrepresented people. She then served as executive director of the Partnership for Global Justice, an international collaboration of more than 125 religious communities affiliated with the U.N. Sister Mullan used her voice within the large network to campaign for the less privileged through programs that include the Working Group on Girls, Poverty and Climate Change, Eradication of Poverty, Social Development, and Education for Global Citizenship.

Since 1998, she has spearheaded Mercy Reaches Mercy, an organization that promotes the education of girls throughout the developing world. Since March 2014, she has been acting as a consultant to UNICEF to find ways to partner with women religious in projects that benefit children around the globe. Sister Mullan has raised significant funding from various international sources in support of the construction and operation of schools, and in the establishment of scholarships in Cambodia, Kenya, Guyana, Zambia, Philippines, South Africa and more.

Sister Mullan grew up in Northern Ireland. For more than 20 years, she taught in Derry at St. Mary's College and Thornhill College. In 1996, she was appointed by the secretary of state for Northern Ireland to be part of a group examining the under-representation of women, Catholics, and ethnic minorities in the Royal Ulster Constabulary. The group's report helped to shape the new police force of Northern Ireland.

She also raised funding and coordinated a series of International Conference of Sisters of Mercy at the U.N. in New York City. The "Bridging the Gap between Policy and Practice" conferences enabled sisters from around the world to come to the U.N., learn how it works, meet representatives from their country-specific U.N. missions, interact with other international non-governmental organizations, and meet and learn from experts around the world.

Sister Mullan holds a PhD on the Feminization of Poverty; a Master of Arts in educational administration from the University of Ulster, Northern Ireland; a BA in social science from the Open University at Queens, Belfast, Northern Ireland, and a diploma in education with distinction from the University of Nottingham, England. During the Commencement ceremony, Misericordia University will present Sister Mullan with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.



BACHELOR OF ARTS

BIOLOGY

David Dorbad, Exeter, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Kathryn Heffner, Somerset, NJ *Summa Cum Laude*
 Heather Marie Marsico, Duryea, PA *Cum Laude*

COMMUNICATIONS

Mary Bove, Wapwallopen, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

ENGLISH

Robert J. Barna, Dallas, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Emily Paige Gherghel, Montgomery, PA
 Lisa M. Matriccino, West Hazleton, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

GOVERNMENT, LAW AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Anthony M. Cefalo, Wyoming, PA
 Brianne Collins, Avoca, PA
 Jacob Livingston, Utica, NY
 Dominick Lucenti, Montrose, PA
 Matthew Martins, Manorville, NY
 Shane McGraw, Greenfield Twp., PA
 Lissette Pena, Hazleton, PA

HISTORY

Rebekah E. Evangelista, Hellertown, PA
 Dillon James Lorson, Jersey Shore, PA

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

BIOLOGY

Alice Claire Messler, Waverly, PA *Cum Laude*
 Mark Walbert, Maple Glen, PA

CHEMISTRY

Chadwick Thomas May, Hunlock Creek, PA

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

Manjula Chava, Hillsborough, NJ
 Jennifer L. Corcoran, Shavertown, PA
 Marnie Cunningham, Palmerton, PA
 Kevin Della Rosa, Laflin, PA
 Alicia Dill, Bemus Point, NY
 Sean David Domzalski, Nanticoke, PA
 Sarah Jane Harvey, Benton, PA
 Kayla M. Healey, Woodbury, NJ
 Miriam R. Jackson, Greensboro, MD
 Michelle Diane Kostelansky, Plains, PA
 Jennifer Ann Laskowski, Larksville, PA
 Andrew M. Markey, Basking Ridge, NJ
 Erin Jeanette Miller, Slatington, PA
 Sagar Naik, Dover, PA
 Alexis Suzanne Patrick, Manahawkin, NJ
 Jennifer Rizel, Kingston, PA
 Dayna Ruhf, Mountain Top, PA
 Matthew Allen Vinnacombe, Dallas, PA
 Laura A. Weatherholtz, Yardley, PA
 Jonathan Andrew Weiss, Minersville, PA



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**ACCOUNTING**

Allison Jean Bohonko, Plains, PA
 Joslyn Brown, Scranton, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Ronald R. Emlaw, Avoca, PA
 Beth A. Gesumaria, Selinsgrove, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Mikhail Meshko, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*
 Tia Miller, Plymouth, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Mary Beth Pinkowski, Swoyersville, PA

APPLIED BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

Jill Marie Busolits, Allentown, PA *Cum Laude*
 Kelly Giberson, Wapwallopen, PA *Cum Laude*
 Amoria Ransome, Kingston, PA
 Brittany Yankovich, West Pittston, PA

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Victoria Adeyinka, Maplewood, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*
 Randy J. Androshick, East Stroudsburg, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Courtney Ann Bender, Mountain Top, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Aaron Blank, Pittsburgh, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Caitlyn Boyle, Sinking Spring, PA
 Alana Clarke, Ringtown, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 DeAnna Jean Darling, Groton, NY *Magna Cum Laude*
 Michelle L. Donato, Plains, PA
 Brianna Dushok, Avoca, PA
 Jeffrey W. Elmy, Hazle Twp., PA
 Cael Jon Evans, Nanticoke, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Nina Marie Evans, Falls, PA
 Julian Edward Faria, Yardley, PA
 Betty Gaia, Dallas, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Aaron Gehrt, Frankford, DE
 Anthony Goodall, Old Forge, PA
 JenniLynn R. Hanitsch, Albrightsville, PA
 Leah Herron, Dallas, PA
 Danielle Hesler, Leonardo, NJ
 Carrie Ann Keller, West Pittston, PA *Cum Laude*

David Labenski, Jr., Nanticoke, PA
 Megan Lemoncelli, Scranton, PA
 Mary T. Leone, Hawley, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Anne Katherine Long, Trucksville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Joseph Mlinarich, Danville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Ny-Asia Owens, Scranton, PA
 Brian Palma, Old Forge, PA
 Elizabeth A. Parsons, Wyoming, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Alexander Pereira, Bath, PA *Cum Laude*
 Jessica Raab, Pylesville, MD
 Thomas Radkiewicz, Clarks Summit, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Catherine L. Rakus, Ringtown, PA *Cum Laude*
 Nathalie Ruiz, Hicksville, NY
 Timothy Ryan, Poughquag, NY *Magna Cum Laude*
 Rachel Ann Scanlon, Pittston, PA *Cum Laude*
 Jeffrey Smith, Lake Ariel, PA
 Kelly Sufrinko, Mountain Top, PA
 Brad Thomas, Wappingers Falls, NY *Cum Laude*
 Jordan Joseph Timlin, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Benjamin Torres, Warrington, PA
 Kayla Turchin, Dallas, PA
 Brianna Fay Vinton, Waymart, PA
 Danika Watto, Freeburg, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Paulette Cooke Williams, Berwick, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Alexa Yoder, Orwigsburg, PA *Cum Laude*
 Kristen Zigmont, Wyoming, PA
 Aryn Zimmerman, Murrysville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Jennifer M. Zwiebel, Nanticoke, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

Leanna Bell, Tunkhannock, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Matthew Dillon Bevan, Dallas, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Cara Donahue, Dallas, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Alicia Flinn, Millerton, NY *Magna Cum Laude*
 Sophia Genkin, Allentown, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Colleen Henninger, Hunlock Creek, PA *Cum Laude*
 Kelsey Leigh Mizenko, Kingston, PA *Cum Laude*
 Matthew John Yaich, Jim Thorpe, PA

HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT

Alexander J. Bair, Harrisburg, PA *Cum Laude*
 Brandon Barber, Dover, DE
 Conner Campbell, Palmyra, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 John Chillo, North Massapequa, NY *Magna Cum Laude*
 Jaime Lynn Colarusso, Exeter, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Angelo Conforti, Old Forge, PA
 Jeffrey C. Dittmer, Garnerville, NY *Cum Laude*
 Taylor Marie Furry, Allentown, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Rachael Anne Harding, Ringwood, NJ *Summa Cum Laude*
 Amanda Elizabeth~Marie Houssein, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Jason Hunter, Mountain Top, PA *Cum Laude*
 Sarah Elizabeth Hurley, Sayre, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Elizabeth J. Jackson, Hummelstown, PA *Cum Laude*
 Megan Lannigan, Paramus, NJ *Cum Laude*
 Paul McClintock, Brooklyn, NY
 Johnna Miller, Wapwallopen, PA *Cum Laude*
 Brooke North, Denver, PA *Cum Laude*
 Robin O'Dell, Bridgewater, NJ
 Tammy Parise, Hazleton, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Tanvi D. Patel, Mountain Top, PA
 Jacqueline Blaine Pearson, Dallas, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Jessica Petz, Columbus, NJ
 Andrew Reynolds, Pine Brook, NJ *Cum Laude*
 Marissa Robinson, Montrose, PA
 Mary K. Shea, Pine Bush, NY *Magna Cum Laude*
 Megan M. Smith, Upper Deerfield, NJ *Summa Cum Laude*
 Sarah Tomayko, Dallas, PA
 Corinne E. Walker, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

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Kaitlin Kennedy, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Jesse John Rakowski, Nanticoke, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 James Ranieli, West Wyoming, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

MANAGEMENT

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 Brittany Fissler, Camptown, PA
 Kristen Fox, Edwardsville, PA *Cum Laude*
 Kara Furman, Exeter, PA
 Tammy Jo Gluck, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Pamela Jayne Keller, Bloomsburg, PA
 Judith L. Lemmond, Dallas, PA
 Austin Maynard, Bethlehem, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Krista Paluski, West Wyoming, PA *Cum Laude*
 Courtney Sult, Dallas, PA
 Sarah West, Allentown, PA

PSYCHOLOGY

Jessica Anderson, West Deptford, NJ *Cum Laude*
 Luke Atkins, Richland, PA
 Ryan Patrick Cannon, Milton, DE *Cum Laude*
 Kelsey Elaine Heller, Binghamton, NY *Cum Laude*
 Koryn Henry, Shavertown, PA
 Timothy Paul Huxta, Shamokin, PA
 Sarah Lynn Kerpovich, Dallas, PA
 Katerina Kindig, Mechanicsburg, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Melinda LaBarre, Rome, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Alyssa Lauren Lieberman, Hillsborough, NJ *Summa Cum Laude*
 Aubrey LoPresti, Honesdale, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Thomas Machi, West Caldwell, NJ
 Giuliana Marie Mucaro, Howell, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*
 Julianne M. Munda, Douglassville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Caitlin Olaviany, Larksville, PA
 Alexa A. Plevyak, Clarks Summit, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Patricia L. Ross, Dallas, PA
 Rebecca Thalenfeld, Dallas, PA

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Dominick Bianchi, Honesdale, PA *Cum Laude*
 Nicholas Ciaglia, Roaring Brook Twp., PA *Cum Laude*
 Nicholas Raymond Kenna, Chantilly, VA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Caitlin Marie O'Toole Kessler, Bethlehem PA
 Tyler Ter Bush, Grahamsville, NY

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Leah Casey, Forty Fort, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Moriah L. Floryan, Forty Fort, PA
 Montie Lynn Perry, Edwardsville, PA

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 Dean Ernest Cali, Dunmore, PA
 Jason Cali, Dunmore, PA
 Amber Augelli Chisarick, Scranton, PA
 Cynthia L. Durnin, Bath, PA
 Julia Evans, West Pittston, PA
 Carol Marie McIntyre Fahnestock, Kingston, PA
 Dane Michael Favia, Larksville, PA
 Bridget Elizabeth Fortier, Hazlet, NJ
 Joy Marie Hubshman, Scranton, PA
 Louis Lerant, Harrisburg, PA
 Vincent Luvara, Pittsburgh, PA
 Robert C. Markowski, Scranton, PA
 Susan L. Ruotolo, Harveys Lake, PA
 Christine Lee Stevens, Dallas, PA
 Gregor J. Wright, Easton, PA

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 Teresa Ann Rose Gard Younkin, Danville, PA
 Leonard J. Zera, Yatesville, PA

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 Terri S. Crahalla, Drums, PA
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 Tynisha Johnson, Blakeslee, PA
 Traci Kilgallon, Forty Fort, PA
 Jennifer Loyack, Forty Fort, PA
 Cassandra Nicole Lutchko, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Anthony E. Powell, Lansford, PA
 Lauren Smith, Shavertown, PA
 Kristin C. Tewksbury, Tunkhannock, PA
 Nicholas Wadas, Kingston, PA
 Alison Woody, Old Forge, PA
 Carl Joseph Yorina, Jr., Wyoming, PA

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

Kayla M. Matlowski, Sweet Valley, PA

HEALTH SCIENCE

JoAnne E. Bloom, Sunbury, PA

Kimberly M. Heffner, Muncy, PA

Kristine Marie Keller, Coplay, PA

Jean Marie Sayre, Sweet Valley, PA

Lourdes Marie Soto, Philadelphia, PA

Kendra Lynn Stoltzfus, Harleysville, PA

Catherine M. Strbo, Middletown, NJ

MEDICAL IMAGING

Molly Burke, Hanover Twp., PA

Alexander Chinikaylo, Dallas, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Megan Estelow, Lansdale, PA *Cum Laude*

Jillian Fife, Callicoon, NY

Arthur Gialanella, Kingston, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Terra Ashli Hall, Sunbury, PA

Colleen Elizabeth Hunt, Stow, OH

Elissa Mary Jennings, Laceyville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Eva Kremenec, Hanover Twp., PA *Magna Cum Laude*

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Charissa Albertson, Danville, PA

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Julie R. Burkholder, Akron, PA

Kathleen M. Carter, Hunlock Creek, PA

Sherri Culver, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Melissa Davies, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Angela C. DeLucca, Hazle Twp., PA

Tiffany Fisher, Drums, PA

Mikayla Rae Gillette, Hawley, PA

Kylene Gordon, New Columbia, PA

Robert Griffith, Old Forge, PA

Teresa Heller-Wescott, Gilbert, PA

Diane Marie Johnson, Bloomsburg, PA

Nicole Knizek, Bohemia, NY

Rebecca Ktytor, Harding, PA

Suzanne A. Lennon, Mocanaqua, PA

Kevin Lockett, Pittston, PA

Angela Loncola, Stroudsburg, PA

Melanie Lynn McAnney, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Marc Eddy Mode, Dallas, PA

Angela Marie Murphy, Waverly, PA

Judith Roccograndi, Kingston, PA

Amie Sabally-Coronis, Hanover Twp., PA

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Jacqueline L. Shearer, Drums, PA

Nathan Shelhamer, Benton, PA

Gina Marie Trotto, Northumberland, PA

Michael C. Turco, Philadelphia, PA

Carrie M. Winters, Nanticoke, PA

Kara Elizabeth Worth, Floral Park, NY

Shawn Marie Wright, Monroe Twp., PA *Cum Laude*

Tina Zannetti, Bear Creek Twp., PA

MASTER OF SCIENCE**SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY**

Lourdes Marie Soto, Philadelphia, PA



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Melissa Bendig, Conyngham, PA
 JoAnne E. Bloom, Sunbury, PA
 Veronique D. Flynn, Budd Lake, NJ
 Amanda Forigus, Parlin, NJ
 Carrie Lynne Gorman, Jacobus, PA
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 Kimberly M. Heffner, Muncy, PA
 Meghan N. Keffer, Point Pleasant, NJ
 Kristine Marie Keller, Coplay, PA
 Erica L. Lausch, Ephrata, PA
 Sirley Y. Marin-Pareja, Allentown, PA
 Noreen Shiela Ouano, Rochester, NY
 Andrea Lynn Porchiazzo, Toms River, NJ
 Julianne S. Rakus, West Grove, PA
 Krystal L. Robinson-Bert, Mechanicsburg, PA
 Jean Marie Sayre, Sweet Valley, PA
 Sharon L. Schoonmaker, Chambersburg, PA
 Kendra Lynn Stoltzfus, Harleysville, PA
 Stephanie Anne Strawser, Milton, PA
 Catherine M. Strbo, Middletown, NJ
 Caitlin Christine Templeton, State College, PA
 Andrea Marie Todd, Montgomery, PA
 Beth A. Yenko, Bethlehem, PA
 Michelle T. Zerpa, Allentown, PA

DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Lori A. Charney, Duryea, PA
 Kevin Jourdan Franco, Newton, NJ
 Christine M. German, East Rutherford, NJ
 Julia Glenn, Hellertown, PA
 Elizabeth McQuaid, West Milford, NJ
 Linda Westover Senula, Ellicott City, MD
 Orley A. Templeton, Honesdale, PA
 Kristin Beth Williams, Lake Ariel, PA

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Dale William Ambosie, Dorrance, PA
 Sarah Mae Ashford, Wapwallopen, PA
 Tristan Thomas Balliet, Lehighton, PA
 Brittani Brown, Hanover Twp., PA
 Jonathan James Brown, Orangeville, PA
 Anthony Calvello, Hazleton, PA
 Amanda Brooke Carling, Old Forge, PA
 Larry Cinicola, Summit Hill, PA
 Andrew Clemens, Lebanon, PA
 Steven R. Clemson, Nesquehoning, PA
 Jonathon Corbacio, Pottsville, PA
 Kailey Rose Crowell, Clinton, ME
 Caitlin Elizabeth Day, Oak Hill, VA
 Danielle Anne DiLorenzo, Monroe, NY
 Shannon Elqorchi, Harveys Lake, PA
 Jennifer Elizabeth Foley, Baltimore, MD
 Mary Anne Gattringer, Seaford, NY
 Beth A. Gerlach, Berwick, PA
 Kayla Greene, Ilion, NY
 Danielle Virginia Gross, Montgomery, NY
 Katy Gross, Macungie, PA
 Mirsada Gudic, Stroudsburg, PA
 Ryan Courtney Hoffmann, Mount Holly, NJ
 Rebecca Hollar, St. Thomas, PA
 Meghan Hotaling, Towanda, PA
 Kailee Marie Hummel, Dover, DE
 Natasha Lynn Jankowsky, Dallas, PA
 Rebecca Jenkins, Pittston, PA
 Robert Johnson, Jackson, PA
 Gina Jorgensen, Tioga Center, NY
 Elizabeth Kippycash, Lake Ariel, PA
 Jennifer Lambert, Columbia Cross Roads, PA
 Shelly R. Lebson, Kingston, PA
 Ashley Leibensperger, Tamaqua, PA
 Karen Litzy, Old Forge, PA
 Michael F. Lynch, Wyalusing, PA



Jennifer Anne Manning, South Williamsport, PA
 David Russell Martin, Warren Center, PA
 Chelsea Matukaitis, Kulpmont, PA
 Gina McArdle, Hanover Twp., PA
 Thomas Messner, Teaneck, NJ
 Ashley Danae Mihal, Wyoming, PA
 Casey L. Miller, Palm, PA
 Kelly Miller, Nanticoke, PA
 Carolyn D'Elia Moscatelli, Hughestown, PA
 Megan Murphy, Scranton, PA
 Christian J. Myers, Pittston, PA
 Robert Lewis Nelson, III, Ballston Spa, NY
 Joseph D. Newton-Pretko, Dallas, PA
 Alyssa Claire Oswald, New Tripoli, PA
 Brei Patience, West Pittston, PA
 Bryan Paul Peden, Rehoboth Beach, DE
 Daniel Robert Pinto, Audubon, NJ
 Justin W. Pirino, Eynon, PA
 Olivia Pollard, Aura, NJ
 Bridget Nora Redmond, Monroe, NC
 Michelle Rupp, Scranton, PA
 Ryan Sander, Jersey Shore, PA
 Ashley Evelin Schartzler, Nescopeck, PA
 Philip H. Schultes, Otego, NY
 Matthew Wilson Scott, Huntington Station, NY
 Amanda Lauren Semian, Scranton, PA
 Frank A. Serino, Jr., Pittston, PA
 Krista Lynn Shenk, Lancaster, PA
 Heather Ann Sherman, Livingston Manor, NY
 April A. Silberman, Wyndmoor, PA
 Siobhan Spager, Dickson City, PA
 Kaitlyn Synoracki, Lancaster, PA
 Alyssa Urbanski, Nanticoke, PA
 Angela Wagner, Sugarloaf, PA
 Andrew Ward, Royersford, PA
 Kelly Lynn Ward, Hazleton, PA
 Chelsea Wertz, Pottsville, PA
 Kayla Grace Whipple, Kinnelon, NJ

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 August graduates will be announced at the ceremony. Estimation of honors appears in the program for students who are completing their course work in December.

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. The Winter 2014 Valedictorian will be announced after final grades are submitted.

The student speaker for the 2014 Winter Commencement is the student with the highest grade point average based on grades earned at the start of the fall 2014 semester.

2014 Winter Commencement Student Speaker

Rachael Anne Harding

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:

Dinamichele Boyer	Krista Paluski	Aryn Marie Zimmerman
DeAnna Jean Darling	Danika Rae Watto	

The Occupational Therapy Curricular Award, presented to the graduating Occupational Therapy student, as chosen by the Occupational Therapy faculty, who has demonstrated excellence in academic achievement and clinical performance, was awarded to:

Andrea L. Porchiazzo

The Occupational Therapy Excellence in Fieldwork Award, presented to a graduating Occupational Therapy student who has demonstrated exemplary skills in fieldwork, was awarded to:

Stephanie Marie Hassler

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

Steven Robert Clemson

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, was presented to:

Kayla Grace Whipple

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, was presented to:

Mirsada Gudin

The Top Overall Student Award in the Physician Assistant Studies Program, given to a graduating student who achieved the highest grade point average throughout the program, was presented to:

Jennifer L. Corcoran

The Top Clinical Year Student Award, presented to a graduating student who achieved the highest grade point average throughout the clinical year of the Physician Assistant Studies program, was awarded to:

Manjula Chava	Jennifer L. Corcoran
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The Spirit Award, given to a student who demonstrated the true spirit of the Misericordia Physician Assistant Studies program by going above and beyond to help support the program, was presented to:

Jennifer Sharon Rizel

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

Leanna M. Bell	Alicia Ann Flinn
Matthew Dillon Bevan	Sophia Genkin

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

Jessica Anne Anderson	Koryn Henry	Giuliana Mucaro
Luke Richard Atkins	Timothy Paul Huxta	Julianne Margaret Munda
Jill Marie Busolits	Katerina Marie Kindig	Alexa Anais Plevyak
Kelsey Heller	Alyssa Lauren Lieberman	

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

David Christopher Dorbad	Heather Marsico
Kathryn Ann Heffner	Alice Claire Messler

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

Teresa Heller-Wescott	Diane Marie Johnson
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Students admitted to the Lambda Nu Radiologic and Imaging Sciences Honor Society, Pennsylvania Alpha Chapter:

Arthur Rocco Gialanella	Elissa Mary Jennings	Kelsey Mae Neumeister
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Students admitted to the Psi Chapter of Pi Theta Epsilon, National Occupational Therapy Honor Society:

Veronique Denise Flynn	Erica Lynn Lausch	Julianne S. Rakus
Kristine Marie Keller	Andrea L. Porchiazzo	Krystal Leigh Robinson-Bert

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

Robert Barna	Emily Paige Gherghel	Lisa M. Matriccino
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Students admitted to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges:

DeAnna Jean Darling	Katerina Marie Kindig	Johnna Miller
Caitlin Elizabeth Day	Erin J. Miller	

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

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

Golden Yellow

EDUCATION

Light Blue

ENGLISH

White

HEALTH CARE INFORMATICS

Gold

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, 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.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Drab

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Golden Yellow

MANAGEMENT

Drab

MARKETING

Drab

MATHEMATICS

White

MEDICAL IMAGING

Golden Yellow

MEDICAL SCIENCE

Golden Yellow

NURSING

Apricot

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Golden Yellow

ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT

Golden Yellow

PHILOSOPHY

White

PHYSICAL THERAPY (DPT)

Teal

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

Kelly Green

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Golden Yellow

PSYCHOLOGY

Golden Yellow

SOCIAL WORK

Citron

SPEECH LANGUAGE

PATHOLOGY

Silver

SPORT MANAGEMENT

Sage Green

THE MACE

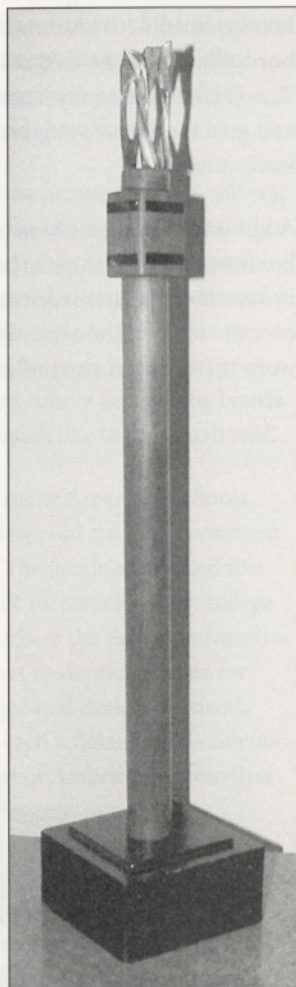
The mace is made of black walnut and bronze. The dark, rich wood symbolizes the woodlands surrounding the University campus referred to in the Alma Mater.

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.

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China	Peru
Guyana	Rwanda
Jamaica	Turkey
Kenya	United Arab Emirates
Liberia	United Nations

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MISERICORDIA ALMA MATER

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

Refrain

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

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

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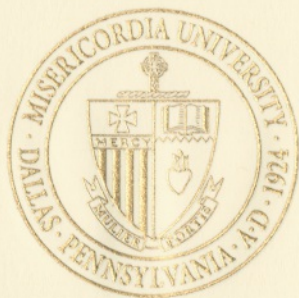
—Sister Teresa Mary Moyles, RSM





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Winter Commencement Ceremony
Sunday afternoon, December fourteenth
Two thousand and fourteen
two o'clock
Anderson Sports and Health Center*