



2015
COMMENCEMENT

Class of 2015

At the 89th annual Commencement, the members of the Class of 2015 will make history as participants in the first dual ceremonies. The program will honor graduate and undergraduate students separately at morning and afternoon events.

The graduate ceremony will recognize 105 graduates who hail from 10 states, including Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

The 44 speech-language and pathology students represent the largest number of graduate degree recipients from a single graduate degree program, followed by 30 Master of Science degree students in occupational therapy, and 20 in the organizational management program.

The undergraduate Commencement ceremony will acknowledge 249 students from eight states, including Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Maryland, Montana, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

The program with the largest number of graduates from a single major at the undergraduate ceremony is the nursing program. Fifty-three students are earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. The next two most populous majors are business administration with 36 students receiving undergraduate degrees, and psychology with 18 degree recipients.

Today's Commencement is one of numerous events held throughout the year at which Misericordia is celebrating its 90th Anniversary and paying homage to the Religious Sisters of Mercy who founded Misericordia as Luzerne County's first four-year institution of higher learning in 1924. We honor the Sisters of Mercy by sending forth graduates who understand and embrace the charisms of Mercy, Service, Justice and Hospitality.

Misericordia University is proud of the Class of 2015 and we wish our graduates well as they prepare to enter the next important phase of their lives. MU's newest alumni understand and embrace what makes Misericordia special and will always be Misericordia Proud.



MISERICORDIA
UNIVERSITY

Eighty Ninth
Commencement Convocation

Class of 2015

Anderson Sports and Health Center

Saturday, May 16, 2015



Academic Processional

Ceol Mor, *Pipe and Drum Band*

Invocation

Dr. Martha Hanlon, RSM, Ed.D. '60, *Member of the Board of Trustees*

National Anthem

Ryan Weber, Ph.D., *Pianist*

Welcome

Thomas J. Botzman, Ph.D., *President of Misericordia University*

Address to Candidates

W. Scott Blanchard, Ph.D., *Professor of English*

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees

TJ Arant, Ph.D., *Vice President of Academic Affairs*

Presentation Honorary Alumna Award

Mrs. Andrea Payne

Induction of Graduates into the Alumni Association

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

Alma Mater

Ryan Weber, Ph.D., *Pianist*

Benediction

Monsignor John J. Bendik, Pastor, *St. John the Evangelist and member of the Board of Trustees*

Academic Recessional

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American Sign Language (ASL) by Cherish Francik
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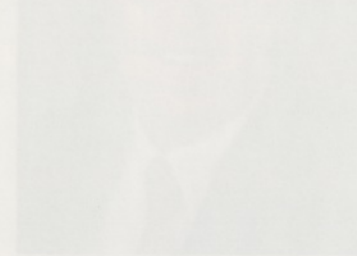
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Marshals

Darcy Brodmerkel
Caitlin Day '11 and '14
Judy Ellis '88
Heather Howell Fritz '97
Matthew Hinton

Judith Lemmond '14
Marcella Leo Morgan '96
Colleen Newhart '75 and '09
Jack Port
Thomas Sweetz '01



W. Scott Blanchard, Ph.D.

W. Scott Blanchard, Ph.D., professor of English, was selected to offer the keynote address at the inaugural graduate Commencement ceremony as the recipient of the 2014 Louis and Barbara Alesi Excellence in Scholarship Award at Misericordia University. The annual award recognizes and promotes the academic accomplishments of faculty members in terms of their scholarship and/or artistic achievements. The Faculty Awards Committee makes the selection.



A faculty member in the English Department at Misericordia University since 1991, Dr. Blanchard holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt., and a doctoral degree from Columbia University, New York, N.Y. He has been published widely and has made numerous presentations in the fields of Italian humanism and European literature.

Dr. Blanchard, along with Jeroen De Keyser, Ph.D., a research fellow at the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium, published an English translation and Latin edition of "On Exile" by Italian humanist Francesco Filelfo (1398-1481), as part of The I Tatti Renaissance Library Series from Harvard University Press. The book was released in March 2013. The 15th century dialogue on exile was written by Filelfo on behalf of the exiled Florentine aristocrats forced out of Florence in 1434 at the rise of Cosimo de' Medici. "On Exile" is the first complete edition of the Latin text and the first complete translation into any modern language. Dr. Keyser prepared the Latin text, while Dr. Blanchard prepared the translation.



A research paper he wrote about Filelfo and his views on the ethics of world citizenship was published in *Renaissance Quarterly* in 2007. Dr. Blanchard's talk is partly based on a forthcoming publication focused on the economic and theological ideas that 13th century Spiritual Franciscans developed in relation to the pursuit of "the deepest form of poverty," notions relevant to some of the Critical Concerns of the Sisters of Mercy and to the emerging ecology of sustainability.



Andrea Payne

The Honorary Alumna Award honors individuals who are not graduates of Misericordia University yet have made significant contributions toward its welfare, reputation or prestige and have shown lifelong devotion and demonstrated loyalty. The award is given only when the Alumni Association wishes to honor an exceptional person.



Misericordia University has been such an important thread in the life of Andrea Payne that she has held many family celebrations on campus. The wife of the late David M. Payne, professor emeritus and former dean of admissions, Mrs. Payne is proud to say that their five children grew up on campus, all graduated from Misericordia, and their daughter, Ellen McLaughlin '86, Ed.D., OTR/L, serves as a valued faculty member and director of the Occupational Therapy Doctoral Program. In 2006, their son David M. Payne, Jr., '85, presented the Academic Convocation address and received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Two of their granddaughters attend or have attended Misericordia in Speech-Language Pathology, Brianna McLaughlin '12, and Sarah Payne '18. Mrs. Payne has eight grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Mrs. Payne's history began at Misericordia in 1967 when David joined the Department of English faculty. With five children under the age of seven in tow, she remembers being warmly welcomed by the Sisters of Mercy as soon as they arrived on campus. When the Agnes Flood devastated their Wilkes-Barre home in 1972, the college's president, Sister Miriam Teresa O'Donnell, RSM, offered them a house to live in on Lake Street. Mrs. Payne says she was overwhelmed by this kindness and knew then that Misericordia would always be home.

As Professor Payne moved through the ranks as chair of the Department of English, chair of the humanities division, director of admissions, and dean of admissions and financial aid, the students on the intimate campus knew the family well and the Payne household became the place where students felt welcome and would go to visit, ask advice, babysit the children or simply "help out or hang out."

A stalwart supporter of the Mercy community, she and her husband worked closely with Monsignor John Bendik, then-campus chaplain, to establish pre-Cana classes for the Diocese of Scranton, which were held on campus for several years. Mrs. Payne participated in the plans for the reorganization of the Mercy Associates Program in 1989-90 and became one of its first members.

Working with the Sisters of Mercy, she helped organize the first Mom Walk at the Catherine McAuley House and encouraged support of the Adopt-a-Family Program. In 2012, Mrs. Payne was named the Woman of the Year by the Sisters of Mercy and honored at their annual Mercy Golf Classic, which benefits the Catherine McAuley Center and its ministries.

Professor and Mrs. Payne showed their gratitude toward Misericordia by establishing a scholarship in 1982 in the name of her parents, Walter and Catherine Janasie. A second scholarship in Professor Payne's memory was established after his death in 2004, recognizing his 37 years of service to Misericordia, and his love for the school and its students.



COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Michael S. Boland, Brodheadsville, PA
 Stephen C. Filipiak, Harding, PA
 Michael Gozdowski, Berlin, Germany
 Julia Noelle Leighow, Millville, PA
 Natasha Ljuljic, Tobyhanna, PA
 Tozia Louise Pierre, Moscow, PA
 Jennifer Rebarchick, Hazleton, PA
 Jennifer Sciandra, Harding, PA
 Kimberly A. Shina, Monroe Twp., PA
 Karlene Ellen Yozwiak, Larksville, PA

MASTER OF SCIENCE EDUCATION

Adrienne Asbury, Wyoming, PA
 Tiffany Kuzma, Swoyersville, PA
 Erin Lynne Nicholson, West Wyoming, PA
 Christine Parry, Larksville, PA
 Sherri Yeninas, Forty Fort, PA

ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT

Kristen Andrews, Scranton, PA
 Erin L. Bacon, Williamsburg, VA
 Brittany Anne Bennett, Nanticoke, PA
 David Cawley, Covington Township, PA
 Katelyn McKenna Chambers, Sleepy Hollow, IL
 Nicole Dante, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Edward G. Dudick, Jr., Dallas, PA
 Johnna Evans, Shavertown, PA
 Candace Elizabeth Human, Mullica Hill, NJ
 Ashley L. Kish, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Amy Marie Mantush, Drums, PA
 Michelle McCabe, Berwick, PA
 Louise Menendez, Plains Twp., PA
 Charyl Ann Nagy, Dupont, PA

Brent Salsman, Meshoppen, PA
 Kristen Mitchell Samuels, Forty Fort, PA
 Barbara L. Smith, Sugarloaf, PA
 Holly Ann Swartz, Dallas, PA
 Christopher R. Tuttle, Newfields, NH
 Stephen Wasilewski, Dallas, PA
 Stephen Tuthill Wolff, Naples, FL

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

MASTER OF SCIENCE SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Laura Bennett, Dingmans Ferry, PA
 Sarah Frances Castaldi, Scranton, PA
 Laura Ann Ciarmatori, Mountain Top, PA
 Sarah Elizabeth Collins, Pottstown, PA
 Erika Anne Deckard, Millerstown, PA
 Alisha Desai, Montville, NJ
 Megan DiPalo, Cherry Hill, NJ
 Cassandra Nicole Foy, Southbury, CT
 Alexandra Lynn Fry, Newville, PA
 Gina Nicole Grant, National Park, NJ
 Elizabeth Marie Gromelski, Duryea, PA
 Erica Rae Hannon, Allentown, NJ
 Molly Kathryn Harleman, Leighton, PA
 Hilary A.C. Hoover, Trucksville, PA
 Elisabeth Anne Karmondy, Colorado Springs, CO
 Meghan Brooks Kenney, Woodbury, CT
 Kristen N. Mixon, Garden City, NY
 Sarah Margaret Nelson, Morris Plains, NJ
 Molly Gannon O'Connor, Dexter, NY
 Jeanette Perucca, Massapequa, NY
 Ahnnalisa Regi, Columbus, NJ
 Deena Ruth Reiner, Tunkhannock, PA
 Karly Riden, Reedsville, PA
 Emily Laura Santory, Elizabeth, PA
 Cara Sepcoski, Bear Creek Twp., PA
 Maura LaRue Skelton, Harveys Lake, PA



Nicole Marie Smith, Howell, NJ
 Emily Christine Stokes, Dillsburg, PA
 Amanda Marie Tomaselli, Trucksville, PA
 Kimberly Ann Walsh, Laflin, PA
 Ashley Zimmerman, East Stroudsburg, PA

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Christina Marie Cobb, Fleetville, PA
 Jacklyn Susanne DelPrete, Forest City, PA
 Laura Herbener, White Haven, PA
 D'Andra Lindbuchler, Wyoming, PA
 Nichole M. Nardone, West Pittston, PA
 Paula Ochs, Conyngham, PA
 Maura Anne Papi, Clarks Summit, PA
 Jennifer Lee Schell, Wyoming, PA
 Matthew R. Stella, West Wyoming, PA
 Mary Summa, Scranton, PA
 Darnetta Lee Yusko, Plymouth, PA
 Karen Zikosky, Taylor, PA
 Jennifer Lynn Zimmerman, Harding, PA

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Brittany Bly, DuBois, PA
 Melanie Louise Clabia, Weatherly, PA
 Kaitlyn Marie Cully, Nanuet, NY
 Stephanie Evans, Wilmington, DE
 Kaitlyn L. Haldeman, Bangor, PA
 Amber Christine Housen, Dallas, PA
 John Nicholas Ignatovich, Forty Fort, PA
 Allyson Irwin, Honesdale, PA
 Deborah Lynn Keys, Dallas, PA
 Alyssa L. Leonard, Bethlehem, PA
 Christina Marie Liuzzi, Washington Twp., NJ
 Dana Gabriella Martin, Dallas, PA
 Jenny Elise Martin, Franklin Lakes, NJ
 Katherine Elizabeth Murphy, Apalachin, NY
 Kristen Lynn Naples, Plains, PA

Kaitlyn Pagnotta, Columbus, NJ
 Melanie Kristin Short, Highland, NY
 William A. Sopko, Jr., Glenmoore, PA
 Christina Lynn Tucci, Binghamton, NY
 Ashlee Ward, Trucksville, PA
 Samantha L. Warden, Eldred, NY
 Nicole Marie White, Fogelsville, PA
 Kelsey Whiteman, Morton, PA
 Adrian Michelle Whitmoyer, Richland, PA
 Samantha Zaykoski, Nanticoke, PA

DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Jaclyn T. Barletta, Hazle Twp., PA
 Lisa Bruno, Caldwell, NJ
 Tracey DeMaria, Easton, PA
 Johanna Milot, Hazle Twp., PA
 Pallavi Patel, Manhasset Hills, NY

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Heidi Susan Bockelkamp, Dalton, PA



These degrees are being conferred to those students who are receiving their Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

HEALTH SCIENCE

Laura Bennett, Dingmans Ferry, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Brittany Bly, DuBois, PA *Cum Laude*
 Sarah Frances Castaldi, Scranton, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Laura Ann Ciarmatori, Mountain Top, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
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 Emily Laura Santory, Elizabeth PA *Summa Cum Laude*
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 Melanie Kristin Short, Highland, NY *Cum Laude*
 Nicole Marie Smith, Howell, NJ *Summa Cum Laude*
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PSYCHOLOGY

Stephanie Evans, Wilmington, DE
 Kaitlyn L. Haldeman, Bangor, PA



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Jean Messaros, RSM '73, *Vice President for Mission Integration*

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Peggy Rapp, Ph.D.

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Presentation of the Catherine McAuley Medal

Dr. Martha Hanlon, RSM, Ed.D. '60, *Member of the Board of Trustees*

Recipient of the Catherine McAuley Medal

Rosemary Sigmond, *Member of the Board of Trustees*

Conferring of Honorary Degrees

Paul Siegel, *Member of the Board of Trustees*

Doctor of Humane Letters

Sister Eileen Campbell, RSM

Sandy Insalaco, Sr.

Address to Candidates

Sister Eileen Campbell, RSM, *Vice President of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas*

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees

TJ Arant, Ph.D., *Vice President of Academic Affairs*

Remarks

Nicole Marie Smith '15, *Class Valedictorian*

Presentation of Senior Class Gift

Johnna Miller, *President*

Morgan Ream, *Vice President*

Alyssa Lieberman, *Activities Coordinator*

Induction of Graduates into the Alumni Association

Mary Ellen Gulotti, '87 *Incoming Alumni Board President*

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

TJ Arant, Ph.D., *Vice President of Academic Affairs*

Alma Mater

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Benediction

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop, Diocese of Scranton

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Mikayla Gillette '14

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Marianne Guarnieri '11

Matthew Hinton

Matthew Malcolm '02

Marcella Leo Morgan '96

Colleen Newhart '75 and '09

Catherine Guarnieri Pirolli '07

Jack Port

Jessica Randall

Thomas Sweetz '01

Christine Colella Vangarelli '85



Rosemary Sigmond

Rosemary Sigmond, a revered member of the Board of Trustees since 1994 and a Mercy Associate, will receive the Catherine McAuley Medal – Misericordia University's highest honor. The award recognizes significant service to the University and the values to which it aspires. A stalwart University supporter, she served as vice chair of the Board of Trustees from 2001-06 and established the Rosemary A.

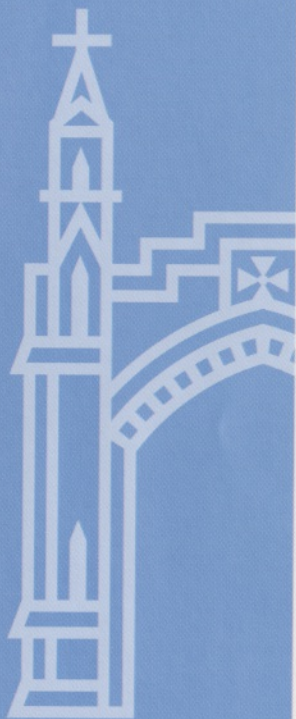


Sigmond Scholarship in Business, which is bestowed annually upon an academically- and financially-deserving student at Misericordia University who plans to major in business or accounting.

Ms. Sigmond chaired the University's Marketing and Development Committee for many years, and remains a member of the committee. She also was instrumental in renovating the campus chapel in Mercy Hall. In addition, she served as the liaison for the Board of Trustees to the Ethics Institute of Northeastern Pennsylvania at Misericordia University. In recognition of her efforts and service, the Sisters of Mercy named her the Woman of the Year in 2000.

Ms. Sigmond also has been widely recognized for her service to the community. She is the 1994 recipient of the Athena Award, presented by the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce. This honor is presented to a person who has attained and personified the highest level of professional excellence in his/her business or profession, has devoted time and energy to the community in a meaningful way, and most especially, has generously assisted women in attaining their full potential. Also, she received the 1996 Woman of the Year Award from the West Side-Kingston Business and Professional Women's Club; the 1996 Woman of the Year Award of the Wyoming Valley Women's Club, and the Northeastern Pennsylvania Environmental Partnership Award in 1999.

Prior to her retirement in 1997, Ms. Sigmond was vice-president and owner of Coon Industries, Inc., and secretary and owner of Pikes Creek Sand and Stone, Inc. She was the first woman elected to Luzerne Borough Council as president. She served in that capacity for several years.





Sister Eileen M. Campbell, RSM

Sister Eileen M. Campbell, RSM, is vice president of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, and has dedicated her life to making the world a better place by taking a leadership role to fight some of the toughest social justice issues of the day. Her mission has taken her to areas of need around the world.



In her second term on the leadership team of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, her areas of responsibility include addressing justice issues, anti-racism work, and the creation of an inter-Congregational Collaborative Leadership Development Initiative and Program for younger and newer vowed religious women.

She previously served for 10 years as executive director of Mercy Volunteer Corps (MVC), an international volunteer program sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. As executive director, she prepared and managed a \$500,000 budget; directed communications with 25 Sisters of Mercy Regional Communities throughout the U.S., and oversaw program and policy development to enhance the MVC mission. During her tenure, the MVC program expanded to include international service sites in Guyana, South America, and Honduras and Guatemala, Central America.

During the previous six years, Sister Campbell was administrator of Mercy Hospice in Philadelphia, Pa., a residency program serving more than 2,200 homeless women and children annually. She also served as administrator for Women of Hope, which consists of two boarding home facilities in Philadelphia for chronically mentally ill women who are homeless. Sister Campbell was a member of the Cranaleith Spiritual Center advisory board for 10 years. Currently, she serves on two planning committees for the Leadership Conference for Women Religious.

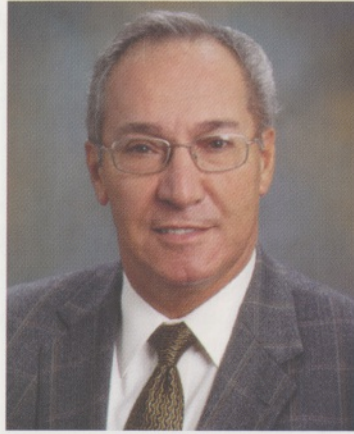


A resident of Silver Spring, Md., Sister Campbell earned her bachelor's degree in education from Gwynedd-Mercy College, Gwynedd Valley, Pa., and her master's degree in education from Fordham University, Bronx, N.Y.

During the undergraduate Commencement ceremony, Misericordia University will present Sister Campbell with her second honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. She received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Gwynedd-Mercy College in 2005.

Sandy Insalaco, Sr.

Sandy Insalaco, Sr., a valued member and former chair of the Misericordia University Board of Trustees, is chairman of the board and CEO of Nature's Way Purewater Systems, Inc., Pittston, Pa., and a principal in Insalaco Development Group, which owns and manages commercial real estate in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He is chairman of the board of Landmark Community Bank, Pittston. He is also the former general manager and chief financial officer of Insalaco Supermarkets and former chairman of the board of directors of Affiliated Food Distributors.

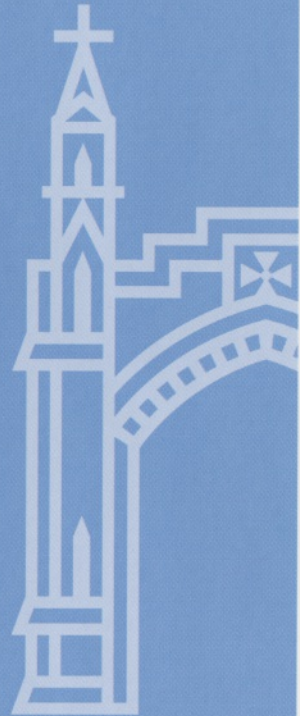


A member of the Misericordia University Board of Trustees since 1998, Mr. Insalaco was instrumental in establishing the Insalaco Center for Career Development. Having worked closely with high school and college students who worked at the family's supermarkets, he learned there was an educational void in the region that needed to be filled to ensure future success for the students. Since its inception, the Insalaco Center for Career Development has helped prepare thousands of Misericordia students for employment or graduate school, and provided support for managing their careers.

Mr. Insalaco and his wife, Marlene, also have been recognized for being the lead donors in the campaign that led to the construction of a new academic building on campus. The couple was awarded the Founder's Medal in 2006 for their philanthropy. The 28,500-square-foot, technology smart Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall was dedicated in their honor in 2009. He was given emeriti status on the Board of Trustees in June 2014.

Mr. Insalaco also received the McGowan Cornerstone Award in 2010 for his work as founder and chair of the Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Cornerstone Committee, a group dedicated to continuing the beloved clergyman's legacy of service. Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan was well-known throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania as an academic supporter and leader in the community.

The Misericordia University Board of Trustees will present Mr. Insalaco with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree during the undergraduate Commencement ceremony.



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES BACHELOR OF ARTS

COMMUNICATIONS

Nicole M. Battista, Felton, DE
 Daniella A. DeVivo, Lake Ariel, PA
 Bryce Edwards, Nicholson, PA
 Robert Evans, Shavertown, PA *Cum Laude*
 Peter Falvey, Wallingford, PA
 Brittany Hayes, West Pittston, PA
 Matthew David Hiscox, Dallas, PA
 Alexandria Smith, Seaford, DE
 Alexis Vaskas, Winter Haven, FL *Cum Laude*

ENGLISH

Emily Halbing, Dallas, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Celsi Illiano, Dover, DE
 Kateri Ann Kopicki, Kingston, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Maia Ariel Painter, Dallas, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Nicole Isabel Sobocinski, Shavertown, PA

GOVERNMENT, LAW AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Robert Bleichner, Manahawkin, NJ
 Kyle Bowalick, Nanticoke, PA *Cum Laude*
 Conor Brennan, Stockholm, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*
 Sean D. Georgia, Carlisle, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Paul Henn, Tunkhannock, PA
 James Irely, Bloomsburg, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Patrick Johnson, Montville, NJ
 Gabriel M. Noyalis, Williamsport, PA *Cum Laude*
 Matthew James Potter, Missoula, MT *Magna Cum Laude*
 Michael Patrick Scarnato, II, Moosic, PA
 Mary Beth Shimansky, Hanover Twp., PA
 Shawn Skovronsky, Tunkhannock, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Christopher G. Washo, Dickson City, PA
 Nicholas James Weron, Nanticoke, PA

HISTORY

Jonathan Daniel Grybos, Coal Twp., PA
 Tyler Hutchison, Dover, DE
 Matthew LaPorte, West Pittston, PA *Cum Laude*
 Matthew Levine, Carbondale, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Gabriel M. Noyalis, Williamsport, PA *Cum Laude*

Brian Michael Quinlan, Kutztown, PA *Cum Laude*
 Benjamin Leon Schloder, Lake Winola, PA
 Mara Nicole Zumchak, Dallas, PA

MATHEMATICS

Kyle T. Kogoy, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Lauren Michele Wysocki, Harding, PA
 Emily Zielinski, Dupont, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

PHILOSOPHY

Maia Ariel Painter, Dallas, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Michael Patrick Scarnato, II, Moosic, PA

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

BIOCHEMISTRY

Sarah Downer, Clarks Summit, PA
 Kelsey Marie Gillette, Lords Valley, PA *Cum Laude*
 Jeremy D. Osko, Ashley, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Joshua R. Papp, Sunbury, PA
 Adaline Mae Predmore, Coudersport, PA *Cum Laude*
 Jenna Leigh Strubhar, Tremont, PA *Summa Cum Laude*

BIOLOGY

Matthew William Davis, Wapwallopen, PA
 Nicholas Jerome Essington, Brick, NJ
 Jessica Moss, Hunlock Creek, PA
 Zachary Murphy, Lewistown, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Katelyn Serino, Shavertown, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Nicholas Christian vonEgypt, Hopewell Junction, NY

CHEMISTRY

Marisa Gallik, Honesdale, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

MEDICAL SCIENCE

Sabrina Alles, Dallas, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Mallory Ann Getts, Tunkhannock, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Maura Pellegrini, Pittston Twp., PA
 Amanda Lee Ryan, Minersville, PA
 Kyra Lynn Ryan, Minersville, PA
 Arianne Carissa Schott, Dallas, PA
 Bethany Smith, Hector, NY *Cum Laude*
 Caitlynn June Watkins, Pittston, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Cassandra Williams, Lake Winola, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Ethan Yoder, New Berlin, PA



COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

ACCOUNTING

Joseph James Cerreta, Goshen, NY *Cum Laude*
 Alexandra Cholewa, Mountain Top, PA
 Alison Deborah DeWitt, Lake Winola, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Justin Grotevant, Canadensis, PA
 Glenn Layaou, Tunkhannock, PA
 Lauren Luongo, Moscow, PA *Cum Laude*
 Erin Marie Maughan, Kingston, PA
 Evelyn H. Rowles, Dallas, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Sara Hogan Rutt, Hanover Twp., PA
 Dylan Joseph Smith, Lansford, PA
 Robert Wiacek, Voorhees, NJ *Cum Laude*

APPLIED BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

Lauren Apel, Nanticoke, PA *Cum Laude*
 Daniel DeVivo, Dunmore, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Susan Victoria Elder, Dallas, PA
 Marcie Marlene Stull, Avoca, PA *Cum Laude*

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Heather Celia Bender, Mountain Top, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Matthew Berlew, Kingston, PA
 Susan Birtch, Honesdale, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Mark A. Brennan, Moosic, PA
 Ryan Michael Carey, Exeter, PA
 Stephen B. DeWitt, Sugarloaf, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Jill A. Earley, Hanover Twp., PA
 Thomas Michael Finley, Warrior Run, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Ryan Michael Foster, Lebanon, PA
 Teegan French, Tunkhannock, PA
 Jacob Paul Ganczarski, Clarks Summit, PA *Cum Laude*
 Thomas Joseph Gernhart, Jr., Glen Lyon, PA
 Derek Gregory, Scranton, PA
 Bridget Noel Guarnieri, Pittston, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Adrienne Guzman, Pocono Lake, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Angel Guzman, Bronx, NY

Moira Kelcey Langan, Scanton, PA *Cum Laude*
 Jared Matushoneck, Freeland, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Marie Mayhue, Bear Creek, PA
 Jason McCauley, Gouldsboro, PA
 Dana Rose Middleton, Mountain Top, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Brianna Mikolaichik, Exeter, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Lisa M. Miller, Wapwallopen, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Christopher Panagacos, Sinking Springs, PA
 Sharon Felecia Partee, Bartonsville, PA
 Kaleigh Patricia Reynolds, Forty Fort, PA
 Alexe Rice, Dallas, PA
 Lloyd Alexander Sacks, Long Valley, NJ
 Michael Anthony Santoli, Hicksville, NY
 Anthony Sergio, Harleysville, PA
 Eric Matthew Shannon, Waverly, NY
 Sarah Marie Shigo, Dunmore, PA
 Danielle Tattersall, Glen Lyon, PA *Cum Laude*
 Christian Scott Tokle, High Falls, NY
 Cole Weber, Warminster, PA
 Michael J. Zuzuro, Madison, NJ

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Peter Demitrios Kolokithias, North Wales, PA
 Jeremy Ziegler, Dalton, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

Olivia Blandina, Exeter, PA *Cum Laude*
 Taylor Burak, Shavertown, PA *Cum Laude*
 Alexandra Nancy Graham, Madison, NJ
 Kelly McCauley, Tunkhannock, PA
 Kayla Elizabeth Mellish, Williamsport, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Caitlin Gloria Nealon, Scranton, PA
 Anna Nole, Tunkhannock, PA *Cum Laude*
 Brianna Nicole Oswald, Lehighton, PA *Cum Laude*
 Jessica Marie Reuther, Scranton, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Jack Stang, Dover, DE
 Tamara Marie Stubits, Slatington, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Kelsey Thompson, Carlisle, PA *Cum Laude*
 Megan Elizabeth Velehoski, Duryea, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Kelsey Wolsieffer, Forty Fort, PA



HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT

Michael Barber, Lake Winola, PA
 Theodore J. Ferber, Canadensis, PA
 Marissa Joanna Green, Dallas, PA
 Jill Marie Kolojejchick, Gibbsboro, NJ *Cum Laude*
 Kristine Narcum, Dallas, PA
 Ana Novak, Taylor, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Brandon Matthew Coletti, Sweet Valley, PA
 Ryan Hackett, Howell, NJ
 Daniel Thomas Hynes, Dallas, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Adam Joseph Limongelli, Dallas, PA

MANAGEMENT

Dominick Callela, Scranton, PA
 Jason Daniel Schenck, Wilkes-Barre, PA

MARKETING

Ryan Laffey, Shavertown, PA
 Perry Michael Santosus, East Northport, NY *Cum Laude*

MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION

Hali L. Ashford, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Rosemarie Cole, Pine Bush, NY
 Ashley Rose Emmons, Binghamton, NY
 Kelsey Ann Feinman, Cohocton, NY
 Martha Marina Green, Dallas, PA
 Nicole Hennan, Plains, PA
 Megan Mahoney, Poughkeepsie, NY *Summa Cum Laude*
 Karen Pagoda, Sweet Valley, PA
 Angela Phillips, Dalton, PA
 Andrea M. Schiappa, Dallas, PA *Cum Laude*
 Melinda Yedesko, Dallas, PA

PSYCHOLOGY

Dana Leigh Authier, Hanover Twp., PA *Cum Laude*
 Brianna Brodt, Nazareth, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Emilio Castro, North Bergen, NJ
 Andrea Fondots, Conshohocken, PA *Cum Laude*

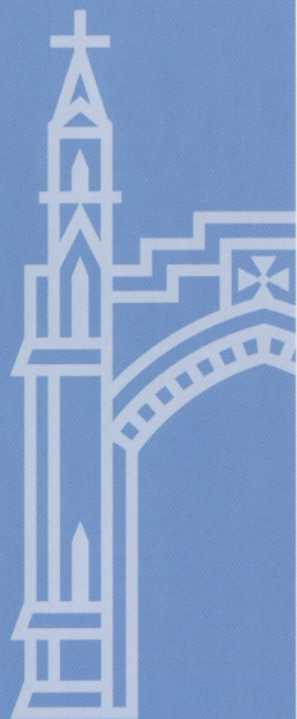
Kellyann Gough, Chester, NY
 Emily Halbing, Dallas, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Dana Lee Hallam, Schenectady, NY
 Samantha Hare, Milton, PA
 Kenneth A. Herron, Duryea, PA
 Lindsay Hoover, York Haven, PA
 Kayla Marie Hope, Tamaqua, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Caroline Elizabeth Landen, Bridgewater, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*
 Mitchell Miller, Duryea, PA
 Robert George Romagnolo, Cresco, PA
 Kara Slack, Scranton, PA
 Jessica Strickland, Union Dale, PA
 Kellyn Patricia Swanson, Hackettstown, NJ *Cum Laude*
 Winter Wenner, Shavertown, PA *Cum Laude*

SPORT MANAGEMENT

Eric Correll, Stillwater, PA
 Michael Craig, Roaring Brook Twp., PA
 Brandon M. Flood, Dagsboro, DE
 Matthew Green, Kingston, PA
 Amanda Greene, Scranton, PA
 Matthew Greene, Whitehall, PA
 Laura Gronski, Phoenixville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 E. Bryan Hickey, Scranton, PA
 Jarrett Higley, Dushore, PA
 Patrick Widdoss, Somerset, NJ

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Melina Antoinette Juliano, Putnam Valley, NY
 Lacey McCourt, Stillwater, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Kathy Orr, Hughestown, PA
 Sandra Robinson Pace, New York, NY



COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

Rebecca Anne Welsch, Bethany, PA

MEDICAL IMAGING

Kristi Barbaro, Carbondale, PA *Cum Laude*

Cara Lorraine Hill, Binghamton, NY *Cum Laude*

Lindsey Renee Hoover, Hatfield, PA *Cum Laude*

Courtney Katra, Nanticoke, PA *Cum Laude*

Elizabeth Marie Lencki, Colts Neck, NJ

Jennifer Lynn Massicotte, Waterbury, CT

Kristi Lee Seiler, Slatington, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Danielle Gloria Shaver, Trucksville, PA *Summa Cum Laude*

Tyler E. Smith, Dallas, PA *Cum Laude*

Melissa Leigh Spinden, Wilmington, DE *Cum Laude*

Samantha Elaine Weikel, Shamokin, PA

Lauryn Kelsey Worman, Whitehall, PA

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Brooke Anderson, Blue Bell, PA

Jillian Balberchak, West Pittston, PA *Summa Cum Laude*

Cory Balko, Falls, PA

Samantha Paige Baro, Douglassville, PA

Katie Barto, Severna Park, MD

Alyssa Mary Bazink, Mayfield, PA

Emily K. Bittner, Lake Harmony, PA

Katrina Lee Maria Blannett, West Pittston, PA

Julia A. Boyd, Laffin, PA

Shelby Brochetti, Wallkill, NY

Matthew James Brown, White Haven, PA

Regina M. Bryson, Dallas, PA

Brooke Elizabeth Carey, Forty Fort, PA

Melinda Lou Carnecki, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Beatriz Chavez, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Zhi Ting Sherry Chen, Kingston, PA *Cum Laude*

Lacey DeGraw, Tyler Hill, PA

Christina Florence Burt DeJohn, Drums, PA

Brittany DeLancey, Montrose, PA

Christopher Evans, Exeter, PA *Cum Laude*

Lauren Ford, Mountain Top, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Kimberly Ann Halchak, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Emily Kathryn Hegner, Langhorne, PA

Kelsey Heimbach, Selinsgrove, PA *Cum Laude*

Claudia Grace Henry, Lyons, NY

Tyler Hessert, Williamsport, PA

Nicole Lynn Klees, Montgomery, PA

Samantha J. Knowlton, Clifford, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Emily Kudlacik, Parsippany, NJ

Melissa Anne LaSalle, West Pittston, PA

Michelle L. Mayer, Williamsport, PA

Elizabeth McGinley, Bloomsburg, PA

Genevieve Anne Minnich, Mickleton, NJ

Brooke Mlinarich, Danville, PA

Amanda Rose Morales, Lake Ariel, PA

Kristy Marie Faith Moran, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Alicia Lynn Norato, Robbinsville, NJ

Amanda Marie O'Brien, Dallas, PA

Jessica Anne Owen, Kingston, PA

Yuri Pelepko-Filak, Trucksville, PA *Cum Laude*

Judith Ragukas, Plymouth, PA

Holly Dawn Larissa Reese, Nanticoke, PA *Cum Laude*

Brittney Rayleah Rosencrans, Hunlock Creek, PA

Marissa Shillabeer, Swoyersville, PA

Angel Christine Shope, Dallas, PA

Amanda Jo Smith, Williamsport, PA

Matthew J. Stephenson, Tunkhannock, PA

Brian Supsic, Frackville, PA

Katherine A. Traher, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Amanda Turoni, Scranton, PA *Cum Laude*

Kelsey Frances Wagner, Saylorsburg, PA

Veronica Sarah Warshaw, Honesdale, PA

Kelly Anne Zirnheld, Mountain Top, 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.

2015 Valedictorians

Jillian Marie Balberchak
 Elisabeth Anne Karmondy
 Sarah Margaret Nelson
 Nicole Marie Smith

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:

Kelsey Marie Gillette
 Erica Rae Hannon
 Molly Kathryn Harleman
 Maia Painter
 Robert Joseph Wiacek

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

Adrienne Guzman

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:

Thomas Michael Finley

The *Service-Learning Leadership Award*, given to a student 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:

Deborah Keys

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

Alison DeWitt

Mikhail Meshko

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:

DeAnna Jean Darling

Alison DeWitt

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 Department faculty, is presented to:

Bridget Noel Guarnieri

Anne Long

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

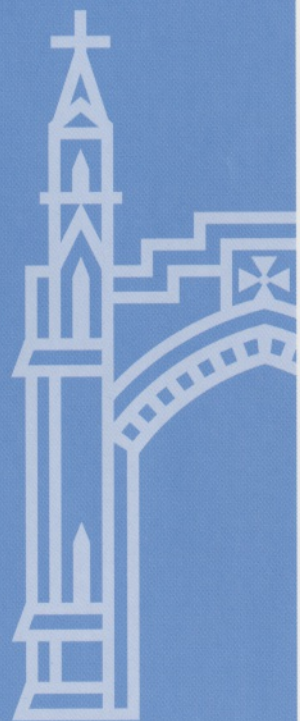
Marisa Nicole Gallik

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

Kayla Elizabeth Mellish

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

Kelsey Thompson



The *Sister Pat McCann, RSM, Ed.D. Award* is given to a student who exemplifies the charism of service in the spirit of Catherine McAuley, is presented to:

Alexandra Graham

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

Jessica Marie Reuther

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

Kara Anne Kern

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

Emily Elisabeth Halbing

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

Alyssa Zekoski

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

December 2014 Graduate:	Aubrey Rose LoPresti
May 2015 Graduate:	Emily Elisabeth Halbing

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

Kara Elizabeth Slack

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

Lacey McCourt

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:

Brianna Jennifer Pasterchik

The *Dr. James Calderone Award*, presented to a graduating Social Work student who has shown outstanding personal and professional growth is awarded to:

Sandra Pace

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

December 2014 Graduate:	Arthur Rocco Gialanella
May 2015 Graduate:	Danielle Shaver

The *Jane DeMaio Clinical Excellence in the study of Medical Imaging Award* is presented to:

Arthur Rocco Gialanella

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:

Matthew James Brown

The *Sister Mary Kateri Dorwart Award for Excellence and Leadership in Nursing* is awarded to:

Nicole Lynn Klees

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:

Samantha Jane Knowlton

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:

Brooke L. Mlinarich

The *Nursing Creative Writing Award*, given to a graduating student for exemplifying in writing nursing as an art, as well as a science, is awarded to:

Angelina Morris

The *Clinical Promise in Mental Health Nursing Award*, given to a graduating student who plans to pursue a career specializing in psychiatric nursing, is awarded to:

Holly Dawn Reese

The *Dr. Marcie Jones Graduate Nursing Award*, conferred annually to a graduating MSN student in good academic standing who demonstrates living the University's mission of mercy, service, justice, and hospitality, is awarded to:

Laura Herbener

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:

Christina Marie Liuzzi

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:

Nicole Marie White

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:

Alyssa Leonard

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

Jeanette Perucca

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

Alexandra Fry

The *Speech-Language Pathology Outstanding Service Award*, is granted to the student who provides volunteer service to the department above and beyond academic and clinical responsibilities. This student's service to the department exceeds any other student's service. This award is presented to:

Cassandra Nicole Foy

The *Speech-Language Pathology Research Excellence Award*, is granted to the student who takes initiative to participate in all aspects of the research process for multiple research projects including independent research. The quality of this student's scholarship is exemplary, and has led to presentations and/or publications. This award is presented to:

Sarah Margaret Nelson

The *Speech-Language Pathology Outstanding Achievement Award*, is granted to the student who is an exemplary leader in the field of Speech-Language Pathology. This award is presented to:

Amanda Marie Tomaselli

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:

Daniella Ashley DeVivo

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

Colleen Ann Garrison

The *Award for Excellence in Government, Law, and National Security* is presented to:

Conor Timothy Brennan

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

Brian Michael Quinlan

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

Matthew Leo Levine

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

Matthew James LaPorte

The *Award for Outstanding Achievement by an Expressway Student in Government, Law, and National Security* is presented to:

Sean D. Georgia

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

Katelyn Serino

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:

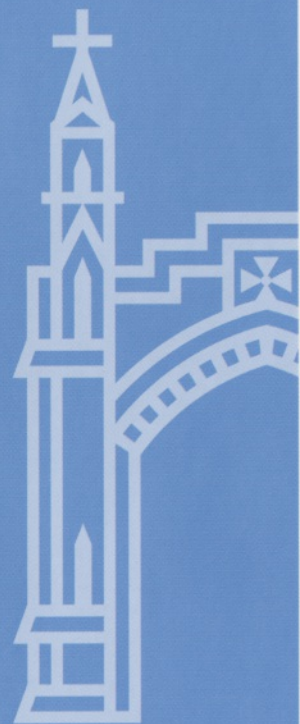
Jenna Leigh Strubhar

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

Kathryn Ann Heffner

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:

David Christopher Dorbad



The *Sarah Gill Award for Excellence in Philosophy and Literature*, given to a graduating student who has doubled majored in Philosophy and English and has demonstrated excellence and creativity in connecting the disciplines of literature and philosophy, is presented to:

Maia Painter

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:

Conor Timothy Brennan

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:

Bridget Noel Guarnieri

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:

Robert Joseph Wiacek

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

Victoria Rose Scofield

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

Robert Barna

Heather Celia Bender

Melinda Carnecki

Michelle Donato

Thomas Michael Finley

Betty Gaia

Sean D. Georgia

Adrienne Guzman

Daniel Thomas Hynes

James Michael Irej

Patricia Lynn Ross

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

Adam J. Limongelli

Danielle Nichole Tattersall

Ethan Cole Yoder

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

Olivia C. Blandina

Taylor Burak

Kateri Ann Kopicki

Kayla Elizabeth Mellish

Brianna Oswald

Jessica Marie Reuther

Tamara Marie Stubits

Kelsey Thompson

Megan Elizabeth Velehoski

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

Dana Authier

Brianna Brodt

Andrea Fondots

Emily Elisabeth Halbing

Samantha E. Hare

Kayla Marie Hope

Caroline Elizabeth Landen

Christina Marie Liuzzi

Katherine Elizabeth Murphy

Jeanette Perucca

Kara Elizabeth Slack

Jessica Strickland

Kellyn Patricia Swanson

Winter Leigh Wenner

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

Brittany Amanda Bly

Alyssa Leonard

Christina Marie Liuzzi

Dana Gabriella Martin

Katherine Elizabeth Murphy

Melanie Short

Nicole Marie White

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

Emily Elisabeth Halbing

Molly Kathryn Harleman

Celsi Celeste Illiano

Kateri Ann Kopicki

Matthew James LaPorte

Maia Painter

Alexandria Christine Smith

Nicole Isabel Sobocinski

Alyssa Zekoski



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

Adaline Mae Predmore	Katelyn Serino	Jenna Leigh Strubhar
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Students admitted to the Theta Phi Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society for Nursing:

Jillian Marie Balberchak	Lacey De Graw	Samantha Jane Knowlton
Katie Barto	Christopher Michael Evans	Yuri A. Pelepko-Filak
Alyssa Mary Bazink	Lauren Kelsey Ford	Holly Dawn Reese
Sherry Chen	Kelsey E. Heimbach	Amanda Rose Turoni

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

Kristi Michaela Barbaro	Jennifer L. Massicotte	Melissa Leigh Spinden
Cara L. Hill	Kristi Lee Seiler	Samantha Elaine Weikel
Lindsey Renee Hoover	Danielle Shaver	
Courtney Katra	Tyler Edward Smith	

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

Ray Edward Ellis	Matthew Leo Levine	Benjamin Leon Schloder
Patrick Gallagher	Mason Samuel Moher	Rebecca Lynn Schnable
Jonathan Daniel Grybos	Gabriel Moran Noyalis	Cailey Ware
Zachary Scott Johnson	Marina Gayle Painter	
Matthew James LaPorte	Brian Michael Quinlan	

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

Heather Celia Bender	Richard Matthew Graber	Ana Elizabeth Novak
Susan P. Birtch	Laura Marie Gronski	John Peter Olenik
Keely Brazil	Bridget Noel Guarnieri	Trever Calvin Reed
Ernest William Chalker	Adrienne Guzman	Evelyn H. Rowles
Michael Chiapuzzi	Daniel Thomas Hynes	Benjamin Thomas Sasser
Christina Renee Chirico	Shavonna S. James	William Shelley
Scott Corrigan	Ashley Lauren Kish	Kimberly Ann Shina
Clarence F. Cronauer, III	Tara Marie Kolativa	Barbara L. Smith
Alison DeWitt	Danica Haley Kuti	Jennifer Naomi Solomon
Edward G. Dudick, Jr.	Moira Kelcey Langan	Annie Grace Stewart
Brian Patrick Erickson	Julia Giuseppina Marceca	Lindsey Teresa Stitzer
Johnna Evans	Christine Marks	Danielle Nichole Tattersall
Stephen C. Filipiak	Brianna Mikolaichik	Gabrielle Alexis Van Mater
Thomas Michael Finley	Lisa M. Miller	Robert Joseph Wiacek
Kelsey Ann Frasier	Taylor Lee Miller	Sarah E. Wigg
Harry Giacometti	Erica Marie Moore	Amy Yurchision

Students admitted to Phi Sigma Tau, Kappa Chapter, International Philosophy Honor Society:

Nicholas Jerome Essington	Maia Painter	Michael Scarnato
Elizabeth Marie Lencki		

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

Alyssa Leonard

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.

Nicole Mary Battista	Kateri Ann Kopicki	Perry Michael Santosus
Conor Timothy Brennan	Caroline Elizabeth Landen	Nicole Marie Smith
Joseph James Cerreta	Glenn Layaou	Melissa Leigh Spinden
Sarah Collins	Alyssa Leonard	Emily Christine Stokes
Eric Robert Correll	Elizabeth Marie Lencki	Jenna Leigh Strubhar
Andrea Fondots	Matthew Leo Levine	Tamara Marie Stubits
Kelsey Marie Gillette	Jennifer L. Massicotte	Danielle Nichole Tattersall
Alexandra Graham	Jason Thomas McCauley	Kelsey Thompson
Amanda Greene	Kayla Elizabeth Mellish	Christian Scott Tokle
Bridget Noel Guarnieri	Katehrine Elizabeth Murphy	Megan Elizabeth Velehoski
Ryan M. Hackett	Jeremy Daniel Osko	Samantha Warden
Erica Rae Hannon	Brianna Oswald	Samantha Elaine Weikel
Cara L. Hill	Joshua Robert Papp	Robert Joseph Wiacek
Melina Antoinette Juliano	Brian Michael Quinlan	Lauren Michele Wysocki
Meghan Kenney	Jessica Marie Reuther	Emily Ann Zielinski
Deborah Lynn Keys	Emily Laura Santory	

The following students participated in study abroad and/or service-learning abroad programs and are wearing sashes that identify the countries where they studied:

Conor Timothy Brennan	Hilary Anne Hoover	Moira Kelcey Langan
Emily Elisabeth Halbing	John Nicholas Ignatovich	Christina Lynn Tucci
Erica Rae Hannon	Deborah Lynn Keys	Adrian Michelle Whitmoyer

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

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Sage Green

THE MACE

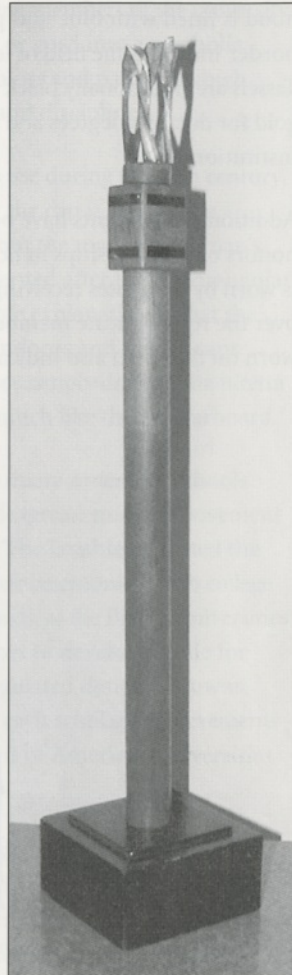
The mace is made of black walnut and bronze. The dark, rich wood symbolizes the woodlands surrounding the University campus referred to in the Alma Mater.

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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Jamaica	Turkey
Kenya	United Arab Emirates
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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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Eighty-ninth Commencement Ceremony
Saturday afternoon, May sixteenth
Two thousand and fifteen
two o'clock
Anderson Sports and Health Center*