

MISSOURI CORNELL UNIVERSITY



2016
COMMENCEMENT

Class of 2016

The Class of 2016 will make history as they participate in the 90th annual Commencement ceremony at Misericordia. The Religious Sisters of Mercy founded Misericordia as Luzerne County's first four-year institution of higher learning in 1924. Each year at Commencement, we pay homage to the Sisters' foresight and dedication to education by sending forth graduates who understand and embrace the charisms of Mercy, Service, Justice and Hospitality. The program will honor graduate and undergraduate degree recipients separately at morning and afternoon events.

The graduate ceremony will recognize 104 graduates who hail from seven states, including Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia. The 33 speech-language pathology students represent the largest number of recipients from a single graduate degree program, followed by 30 Master of Science degree students in occupational therapy.

The undergraduate Commencement ceremony will acknowledge 288 students from 12 states, including Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Virginia, as well as Puerto Rico.

The 44 students earning Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees represent the largest number of graduates from an academic program at the undergraduate ceremony. The next two most populous majors are business administration with 25 students receiving undergraduate degrees and medical imaging with 23 degree recipients.

Misericordia University is proud of the Class of 2016, and we wish our graduates well as they prepare to enter the next important phase of their lives. Misericordia's newest alumni understand and embrace what makes Misericordia special and will always be Misericordia Proud.



**MISERICORDIA
UNIVERSITY.**

**Ninetieth
Commencement Convocation**

Class of 2016

Anderson Sports and Health Center

Saturday, May 21, 2016



Academic ProcessionalCeol Mor, *Pipe and Drum Band***Invocation**Kathleen Foley, *Vice President of Student Life***National Anthem**

Jennifer Black, Ph.D.

Justina Brown

Kali McCornac

Jaclyn Nat

Margaret Rapp, Ph.D.

Ryan Weber, Ph.D., *Pianist***Welcome**Thomas J. Botzman, Ph.D., *President of Misericordia University***Conferring of Honorary Degrees**Christopher L. Borton, *Chair, Board of Trustees***Doctor of Humane Letters**

Thomas M. Check, D.D.S.

Rear Admiral Scott F. Giberson

Remarks

Thomas M. Check, D.D.S.

Address to Candidates

RADM Scott F. Giberson

Presentation of Candidates for DegreesCharles J. Brody, Ph.D., *Vice President of Academic Affairs***Induction of Graduates into the Alumni Association**Mary Ellen Gulotti '87, *Alumni Board President***Alma Mater**

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Dr. Sean Vitale '12, '15

Carol Williams '67



Rear Admiral Scott F. Giberson

West Wyoming, Pennsylvania native Rear Admiral (RADM) Scott F. Giberson is assistant U.S. surgeon general and former acting deputy surgeon general of the United States. RADM Giberson served as the leader of Commissioned Corps Headquarters for the 6,700-plus members of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and provided direction and control over policy, readiness, deployment and all operations. RADM Giberson also served as the overall commander for the Commissioned Corps' Ebola Response in West Africa.



RADM Giberson began his Commissioned Corps career in 1994 as a clinical pharmacist at Indian Health Service (IHS). He maintains dual licensure as a pharmacist and clinician and was credentialed as a part-time member of an IHS Family Practice Medical staff for a number of years. He has authored articles in many publications and served as adjunct faculty at multiple universities.

RADM Giberson has served in many Corps roles as a pharmacist, clinician, senior public health advisor and executive leader. In 2001, RADM Giberson responded to the Anthrax attacks in New York City and was a founding member of the Department of Homeland Security. In 2003, RADM Giberson was detailed to the Department of Defense Pacific Command where he lead HIV/AIDS programs involving more than 23 countries.

RADM Giberson has received numerous awards, including the Department of Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Surgeon General's Medallion and a Secretary's Meritorious Medal. He holds a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; a master's in public health from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts, and a graduate certificate in health emergencies in large populations.

He also was awarded the Corps' first-ever Presidential Unit Citation – awarded to him by President Obama in the Oval Office – for the Corps' response to Ebola. In October 2015, RADM Giberson received his second star to Rear Admiral Upper Half.

RADM Giberson will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree during the ceremony.

Thomas M. Check, D.D.S.

Thomas M. Check, D.D.S., of Gwynedd Valley, Pennsylvania, will be recognized during the graduate Commencement ceremony for his work as a humanitarian to the people of Jamaica. Dr. Check is the husband of the late Misericordia alumna Elizabeth "Betty" Kern Check, Class of 1949, who passed away in 2008.



A Wilkes-Barre native, Dr. Check graduated from Temple University dental school in 1952 and began the general practice of dentistry in Norristown, Pennsylvania, in 1953. He continues to practice in partnership with his son, Thomas C. Check, as Penn Square Dental Associates, P.C.

Showing a passion for humanitarianism as early as 1963, Dr. Check responded to a request from the Catholic Medical Mission Board to create a dental care program to "save children's teeth" at the Sisters of Mercy-run Alpha Orphanage in Kingston, Jamaica. In tandem with fellow dentist Dr. Hugh Day, he is credited with developing Project Alpha that established a dental clinic at the orphanage in 1964. In 1965, he made his first trip to Jamaica to oversee the efforts and administer dental care to underprivileged children at the clinic. Under his leadership, Project Alpha expanded to the St. John Bosco Boys Home in Mandeville, Jamaica in 1983, which is also operated by the Sisters of Mercy. The projects' successes and his efforts have earned praise from the Journal of the American Dental Association, U.S. Senate, and from the Ministry of Health of Jamaica.

In 2015, he celebrated 50 consecutive years of travel to Jamaica and involvement in the Alpha and Bosco dental programs. For his efforts, Misericordia will award him with a Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Katherine Ann Murray, West Conshohocken, PA
Stephanie L. Butkowsky, Pittston, PA
Sarah Elizabeth Toluck, Conynghua, PA
Caitlin Elizabeth Vitale, West Brantzen, PA
Marissa Grace Wright, Vestal, NY
Alexandra I. Zera, Hanover Twp., PA
Eric W. Zeger, Ambler, PA





MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Daniel Cebula, Bear Creek Twp., PA
 Nicholas Ciaglia, Roaring Brook Twp., PA
 Lindsey Marie Couturier, Dighton, MA
 Kristina Nicole Hrabcak, Tamaqua, PA
 Nicholas Raymond Kenna, Chantilly, VA
 Sarah A. Martz, Linden, PA
 George Theodore Oberg, III, Shavertown, PA
 Antonio Emillio Ortega, Rochester, NY
 Leane C. Pace, Dallas, PA
 Heidi L. Price, Hunlock Creek, PA

MASTER OF SCIENCE EDUCATION

Jenelicah Wangui Wanjorah, Mt. Vernon, NY

ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT

Paige J. Beierschmitt, Mount Holly, NJ
 Kevin J. Cavers, Kingston, PA
 Dominick James deMatteo, The Woodlands, TX
 Christy Marie Elias, Hanover Twp., PA
 Gabrielle Marie Holko, Pittsburgh, PA
 Jeffrey Kimmel, Old Forge, PA
 Kristin Lee MacDonald, Hanover Twp., PA
 Elliot Lawrence William Pellegrini, Pittston Twp., PA
 Troy A. Rehrig, Somerdale, NJ
 Gary Roger Samuels, Forty Fort, PA
 Katherine M. Totino, Bear Creek Twp., PA

MASTER OF SCIENCE SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Kellianne M. Baumann, Highland Lakes, NJ
 Brittany Bressler, Chalfont, PA
 Ashley Nicole Cocuzza, Stroudsburg, PA
 Karen Elise Dougherty, Clarks Summit, PA
 Kristi Lynn Gabriele, Plains, PA
 Marley Elizabeth Gozick, Plains, PA
 Megan Nicole Hardy, Saylorsburg, PA
 Melanie Anne Harris, Warminster, PA
 Kelsey Leigh Hart, Edison, NJ
 Hannah Beth Harvey, Chesapeake City, MD
 Chelsea Elizabeth Keelen, Trenton, NJ
 Theresa Rose Klaus, Wenonah, NJ
 Stephanie Michele LaManna, Hillsborough, NJ
 Katharine McElroy Manasco, Dallas, PA
 Kerrin Margaret Mary McKeever, Wallkill, NY
 Lauren Elizabeth Oertner, Slatington, PA
 Morgan Paige Ream, Conestoga, PA
 Marybeth Rissinger, Pottsville, PA
 Emily Ritterbeck, Moscow, PA
 Sarah Elizabeth Rizzolo, Easton, PA
 Erin Christine Roberts, Perkiomenville, PA
 Rebecca Anne Santoleri, Glen Mills, PA
 Alyssa Ann Sedor, Harleigh, PA
 Elisabeth M. Shovlin, Mountain Top, PA
 Tia Marie Spagnuolo, Wyoming, PA
 Hillary Nichol Spryn, Archbald, PA
 Amanda Christine Stammherr, Bethlehem, PA
 Katherine Ann Steffney, West Deptford, NJ
 Stephanie C. Sutkowski, Pittston, PA
 Sarah Elizabeth Tokach, Conyngham, PA
 Caitlin Elizabeth Vitale, West Pittston, PA
 Marianna Grace Wright, Vestal, NY
 Alexandra J. Zara, Hanover Twp., PA
 Erin N. Zeigler, Ambler, PA



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Lauren M. Adamchak, Wyoming, PA
Rebecca Ann Cavill, West Pittston, PA
Kimberly Ann Fuss, Pocono Lake, PA
Elsa Mary Gates, Edwardsville, PA
Kelly Gensel, Harveys Lake, PA
Pamela Marie Giannetti, Scranton, PA
Kelly Julie Ann Hahn, Trucksville, PA
Lauren Elizabeth Lomando, Nanticoke, PA
Lisa Marie Miller, Hawley, PA
Amanda Moran, Dallas, PA
Rachel Lee Ann Rolison, Greentown, PA
Maggie Marie Schlude, Hanover Twp., PA
Carlena Marie Semenza, Yatesville, PA
Jill M. Sobie, Shavertown, PA
Christine Ellen Tucker, Shavertown, PA

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Erin Brittany Baker, Sicklerville, NJ
Ashley Nicole Barber, Minersville, PA
Michele Bartlett-Lambros, Timonium, MD
Emily Ann Boro, New Windsor, NY
Jenna Marie Burgio, Greenfield Twp., PA
Kellie Elizabeth Campbell, Cranford, NJ
Amanda Sarah Casem, Mountain Top, PA
Kristi Marie Cianfichi, Moscow, PA
Amanda Rose Cobucci, Nazareth, PA
Leah Rae Davis, Manahawkin, NJ
David Gale, York, PA
Sarah Anne Ickes, Center Valley, PA
Emily Susan Iseminger, Wyalusing, PA
Karine Latreille, Melrose, MA
Brittany Morgan Lohr, Hegins, PA
Kelsey Nicole Maas, Dallas, PA
Ellen Anne Mahon, Stanhope, NJ
Erin T. McGreal, Douglassville, PA

Julie Anna Mikolaichik, Harding, PA
Jenna Leeanne Pendleton, Bernville, PA
Jenna Kristine Reel, Conestoga, PA
Samantha Marie Rehrig, Somerdale, NJ
Tara Sun Robinson, Goshen, NY
Dayanara Rodriguez-Munoz, Hazleton, PA
Rose Catherine Siciliano, Flanders, NJ
Alexis Rose Smerlick, Schuylkill Haven, PA
Joanna Szeliga, Toms River, NJ
Christine Tietsworth, Hegins, PA
Maria Weidemoyer, Perkiomenville, PA
Kara Ann Yozwiak, Larksville, PA
Carly Theresa Zaklukiewicz, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Logan Jay Zeitler, Benton, PA

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Christopher David Brozena, Larksville, PA

Doctoral Contribution: "Efficacy of Aquatic Physical Therapy in
Improving Functional Outcomes in Children with Cerebral Palsy:
A Systematic Review."



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

Erin Brittany Baker, Sicklerville, NJ
 Ashley Nicole Barber, Minersville, PA
 Kellianne M. Baumann, Highland Lakes, NJ *Summa Cum Laude*
 Emily Ann Boro, New Windsor, NY *Cum Laude*
 Brittany Bressler, Chalfont, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Jenna Marie Burgio, Greenfield Twp., PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Kellie Elizabeth Campbell, Cranford, NJ *Cum Laude*
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 Alexandra J. Zara, Hanover Twp., PA *Magna Cum Laude*
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PSYCHOLOGY

Samantha Marie Rehrig, Somerdale, NJ *Cum Laude*





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Welcome

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

Presentation of Catherine McAuley Medal

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

Recipient of the Catherine McAuley Medal

Patricia McCann, RSM, Ed.D., '69

Conferring of Honorary Degree

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Charles J. Brody, Ph.D., *Vice President of Academic Affairs*

Remarks

Rachel Bohn '16, *Class Valedictorian*

Presentation of Senior Class Gift

Trent Ortiz, *Senior Class Vice President*

Tanner Bulkley, *Senior Class Secretary*

Matt Horoski, *Senior Class Treasurer*

Amy Koch, *Senior Class Activities Coordinator*

Induction of Graduates into the Alumni Association

Mary Ellen Gulotti '87, *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

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Benediction

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

Bishop, Diocese of Scranton

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Patricia Marie McCann, RSM, Ed.D.

Revered Misericordia University faculty member Patricia Marie McCann, RSM, Ed.D., associate professor emeritus of teacher education, is the recipient of the Catherine McAuley Medal. The McAuley Medal is Misericordia's highest honor. It recognizes significant service to others in the spirit of Sisters of Mercy founder Catherine McAuley, as well as a commitment to the ideals and goals of the University and the values to which it aspires. A member of the Religious Sisters of Mercy Mid-Atlantic Community, Sister McCann began her career at Misericordia as coordinator of the Alternative Learner's Project and instructor of professional studies in 1985. She was named associate professor of teacher education in 1990.



In 2001, she instituted the Student Teaching Experiences Abroad program at Misericordia to offer student teachers the opportunity to study and teach in Ireland. Sister McCann also developed "Project Approach," a program instituted in 2006 that links students from Misericordia's early childhood education classes with elementary students at Little Meadows Learning Center and Gate of Heaven School, Dallas, Pennsylvania.

Her exemplary efforts earned her two of the three highest honors awarded to Misericordia faculty – the Max and Tillie Rosenn Excellence in Teaching Award in 1989 and the Pauly and Sidney Friedman Excellence in Service Award in 2011. The Friedman Award recognized her for a career of service, including ministry to the Catherine McAuley House shelter for homeless women and children, where since 2005 she has volunteered in a variety of roles including as an overnight volunteer, coordinator of student volunteers, and receptionist.

Upon her retirement in 2014, the Teacher Education Department instituted The Sister Pat McCann Award, an academic award given annually to recognize a student who embodies and embraces the charisms of the Sisters of Mercy – Mercy, Service, Justice and Hospitality.

Remaining active, she currently assists with the Dinners for Kids program, which provides nutritionally balanced meals year-round to underprivileged children in the Wyoming Valley West School District. She also volunteers to serve lunches to patients at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Larry D. Shinn, Ph.D.

Larry D. Shinn, Ph.D., is president emeritus of Berea College, Berea, Kentucky, and a professor of religious studies. Dr. Shinn began his 42-year higher education career as a professor at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio; served as a dean and academic vice president at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania; and subsequently led Berea College as president from 1994-2012.



Dr. Shinn has published five books and three dozen articles in religious studies as well as higher education essays on such topics as the liberal arts and professional education, the changing role of shared governance, presidential leadership in difficult times, and the attraction and retention of low-income and minority students. Given his background and experience, Dr. Shinn now works collaboratively with presidents and boards of trustees on presidential coaching and assessment, board assessment and development, and ways to use strategic thinking effectively in institutional transformation.

Dr. Shinn earned his Bachelor of Arts from Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio; his Masters of Divinity from Drew Theological School, Madison, New Jersey; and his Ph.D. in the history of religions from Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey. During the Commencement ceremony, Misericordia University will present Dr. Shinn with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.



BACHELOR OF ARTS

COMMUNICATIONS

Nicholas Joseph Ciochi, Hopewell Junction, NY
 Alison Ann Counterman, Blakeslee, PA *Cum Laude*
 Courtney A. Garloff, Lebanon, PA *Cum Laude*
 Megan Kishbaugh, Danville, PA *Cum Laude*
 Caitlin Meehan, Dallas, PA *Cum Laude*
 Ryan Osadchy, Hazleton, PA
 Lindsay Ann Usarzewicz, Hamilton Square, NJ
 Nicholas Mark Anthony Vitale, Trucksville, PA
 Edward Daniel Wengiel, Denver, PA

ENGLISH

Alison Emily Kane, Montville, NJ
 Kaleigh C. Killian, Ashley, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Morgan Myers, Doylestown, PA
 Nicole Negron, Dallas, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Jared Michael Pinter, Bushkill, PA

GOVERNMENT, LAW AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Nathanael R. Brague, West Wyoming, PA *Cum Laude*
 Anthony Buffa, Wayne, NJ
 Adam Candelori, Clarks Summit, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Michael Vincent Comerford, Morris Plains, NJ
 Matthew S. Cullen, Weatherly, PA
 Jonathan Dobias Gimble, Larksville, PA
 Frankie Gonzalez, Stroudsburg, PA
 Joshua Drake Myers, Clatskanie, OR
 Michael J. Pitcavage, Shavertown, PA
 Angelo Christian Prince, Hainesport, NJ
 Jeffrey Robert Puckett, Dunellen, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*
 Christian J. Pugliese, Hazleton, PA
 Nicholas Remsky, Pittston, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Sean Jake Weg, Parsippany, NJ

HISTORY

Rebeka Marie Buczeskie, Kulpmont, PA
 Patrick Edward Gallagher, Dallas, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Anthony J. Mancini, Avoca, PA
 Michael D. McDonnell, Jr., Lake Ariel, PA
 Mason Samuel Moher, Clarks Green, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Marina Gayle Painter, Dallas, PA *Summa Cum Laude*

Nicolas Anthony Rogers, Belleville, NJ *Cum Laude*
 Collin A. Sibilia, Sewell, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*
 Cailey Louisa Ware, Clarks Summit, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

MATHEMATICS

Ben Ciraolo, Ellicott City, MD
 Jacqueline Ann McMullen, Tamaqua, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Ryan Thomas, Dallas, PA
 Malachi Joseph Treaster, Mount Pleasant Mills, PA
 Cory Vogeli, Coram, NY *Summa Cum Laude*

PHILOSOPHY

Matthew Salvatore Boffa, Sparta, NJ
 Nathanael R. Brague, West Wyoming, PA *Cum Laude*
 Barry James Fitzgerald, Jr., Marlton, NJ *Cum Laude*
 Bethany Mae Flanders, Dallas, PA *Cum Laude*
 Marina Gayle Painter, Dallas, PA *Summa Cum Laude*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

BIOCHEMISTRY

Gina Marie Baiamonte, Ashley, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Jessica K. Yezefski, Harveys Lake, PA

BIOLOGY

Shaina Ariana Bistrek, Hazleton, PA
 Rachel Bohn, Mountain Top, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Corinne Marie Breymeier, Old Forge, PA
 Julia E. Callavini, McAdoo, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Danielle Eastgate, Palmerton, PA
 Tiffany T. Erney, Allentown, PA
 Sabrina Figueroa, Centereach, NY
 Skyler R. Gerrity, Towanda, PA *Cum Laude*
 Kelsey Ann Glavich, Browndale, PA *Cum Laude*
 Timothy Arthur Kennedy, Dallas, PA *Cum Laude*
 Brian Christopher Kimball, Centerport, NY
 Elizabeth Rene Korbich, Sunbury, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Shannon Marie Laul, Dallas, PA
 Noelle Marie Mondulick, Harding, PA
 Hunter Pates, Columbus, NJ
 Michael Steven Pheasant, East Stroudsburg, PA



Zachary A. Sabaday, Saint Clair, PA
Palmer Steiner, Millville, PA
Shawna Rae Stevens, Shenandoah, PA

MATHEMATICS

Miles McCreary Westrich, Minneapolis, MN *Summa Cum Laude*

MEDICAL SCIENCE

Tanner Ray Bulkley, Granville Summit, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Sarah Davenport, Schuylkill Haven, PA *Cum Laude*

Adam Michael DePorter, York, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Katelyn Mae Mantz, Hazle Twp., PA *Magna Cum Laude*

David Michael McLean, Pittston Twp., PA

Kayleigh Monica Morein, East Meadow, NY *Cum Laude*

Danielle Angela Olinginski, Shavertown, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Alexandra Marie Schuller, Friedensburg, PA *Summa Cum Laude*

Kelsey Staff, Scranton, PA

Ruth Elaine Wyman, Factoryville, PA

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

ACCOUNTING

Jason R. Bibler, Henryville, PA

Sarah Ann Brassington, Holmdel, NJ

Ivan Doboni, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*

Christina I. Fischer, White, Haven, PA

Joshua Ford, Harveys Lake, PA

Vincent Grausso, Dunellen, NJ

Matthew C. Horoski, Allentown, PA

Brianna Hynes, Warrior Run, PA

Kelly A. Jones, West Wyoming, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

James Manzick, Pottsville, PA

Peter McDonnell, Bath, NY

Samantha Ann Monahan, Sugar Notch, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Caitlin Veronica Weaver, Mountain Top, PA

APPLIED BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

Jacqueline Hauer, Nanticoke, PA *Cum Laude*

Tammy Lynn Heid, Swoyersville, PA

Deborah Hess, Beaver Meadows, PA *Cum Laude*

Brandon P. Lux, Jim Thorpe, PA

Karen F.B. Rich, Scranton, PA

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Derek Jon Antonini, New Hope, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

David Barylski, Bethlehem, PA

Brittany Ann Bender, West Pittston, PA

Robert Bollinger, Mayfield, PA

Legitime Bourjolly, Tobyhanna, PA

Hany A. Castaneda, Summit, NJ

James Connors, Pittston, PA

Stephen Leonard Cuccio, Oak Ridge, NJ

Robin Custodio, Stewartsville, NJ

William Brian Eshleman, Lititz, PA

Michael J. Farinaro, Hillsborough, NJ

Shaun Peter Fuller, Pittston, PA

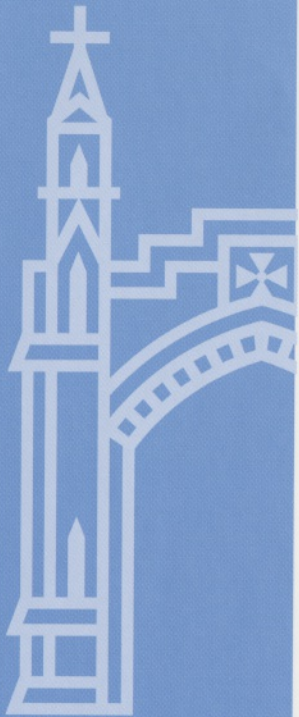
Matthew Henderson, Bound Brook, NJ

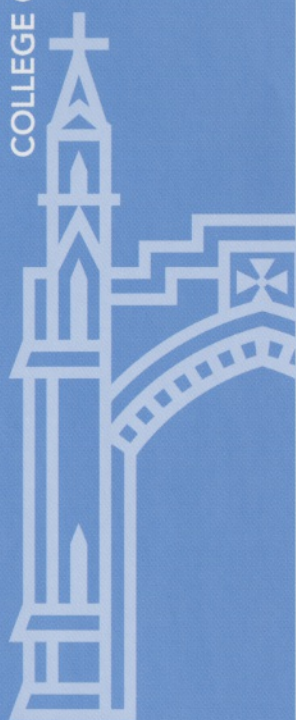
David P. Hozempa, Dallas, PA *Summa Cum Laude*

John C. Lacomby, Jr., Wilkes-Barre, PA

Justin Nicholas Maggio, Hillsborough, NJ

Jose Molina, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*





Ariel Antonio Peguero, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Sarah F. Pulice, South Gibson, PA
 Alfonso Luigi Reda, Montgomery, NY
 Juana M. Riggsbee-Cottman, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Tyler Matthew Rowe, Basking Ridge, NJ
 Brandon L. Salazar, Hackettstown, NJ *Cum Laude*
 Collin Patrick Shandra, Pittston, PA
 Joshua E. Shanker, Robbinsville, NJ
 Alicia Renee Stavitzski, Hunlock Creek, PA
 Thomas Christopher Stelzer, Coatesville, PA
 Joseph J. Yudichak, Plymouth, PA
 Lynda Zarola, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Rebecca Zeveney, Sweet Valley, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Allison Danielle Townsend, Bear Creek, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

Jordan Alyssa Answini, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Ariana Krysta Brennan, Harveys Lake, PA *Cum Laude*
 Maria Brody, Tunkhannock, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Desiree Noel Goble, Tunkhannock, PA
 Nicole Hunsinger, Swoyersville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Kara Nicole Kiska, Ashley, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Shannon Marie McBride, Old Tappan, NJ *Cum Laude*
 Kate Elizabeth Michael, Hughesville, PA
 Sarah Elizabeth Powers, Clinton, NJ
 Alisha C. Rupp, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Amanda Slaughter, Spring City, PA
 Brittany Appolonia Smetana, West Wyoming, PA
 Amber Renee Swartley, Pottsville, PA

HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT

Rachel L. Barnhart, Wyoming, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Christin Chiffon Bourjolly, Tobyhanna, PA
 Jenna Custer, Tunkhannock, PA
 Joshua Scott Dunn, Coal Twp., PA *Cum Laude*
 Tanya Belinda Gilroy, Plymouth, PA *Cum Laude*
 Anthony LoBello, Staten Island, NY
 Jennifer Nicole Mathiesen, Stroudsburg, PA *Cum Laude*
 Parker Christian McArdle, Catonsville, MD *Cum Laude*

Andrew M. Nelson, Olyphant, PA
 Patrick B. O'Dell, Beacon Falls, CT
 Darian Kay Reimer, Bangor, PA
 Liana Lynn Stinson, Montrose, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Jacob James Gadd, Lafayette Hill, PA
 Jesse Jones Malecki, Seattle, WA *Magna Cum Laude*

MANAGEMENT

John Paul Ameen, Pittston Twp., PA
 Dawn Gilliland, Pittston, PA

MARKETING

Dylan David Scance, Hillsdale, NJ

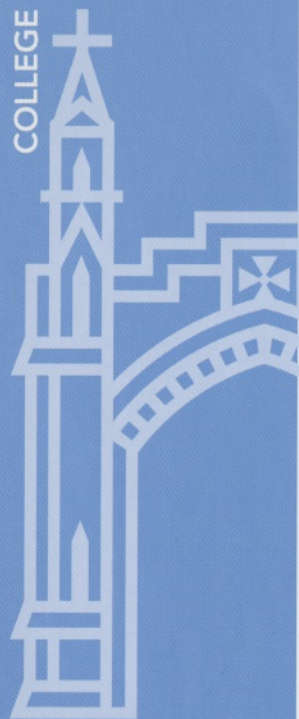
MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION

Victoria Kay Bast, Bethlehem, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Joseph Thomas Gronski, Phoenixville, PA

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Lailani Marie Augustine, Shavertown, PA *Cum Laude*
 Bethany Darian Baranski, Moosic, PA
 Katarzyna N. Bonczek, Mountain Top, PA
 Lisa Marie Chihorek, Dallas, PA *Cum Laude*
 Jessica Cleary, Edwardsville, PA
 Kenyatta Chimere Collins, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Ryan K. Dauley, Milford, MA
 Ryan Andrew Evans, Noxen, PA
 Eric Joseph Jacobs, Nanticoke, PA
 Dylan Thomas Kluber, Ridge, NY
 Sharon Matylewicz, Old Forge, PA
 Donald R.C. Maxwell, Dallas, PA
 Brooke Ann Nelson, Williamsport, PA
 Dreena Lee Toporcer, Kingston, PA
 Pamela Urbanski, Nanticoke, PA
 Joshua A. Wagner, Shamokin, PA
 Joanna C. Williamson, Kingston, PA





PSYCHOLOGY

Manuel Antonio Barrios, Guaynabo, PR
 Jacqueline Leanne Berlew, Courtdale, PA
 Bianca Bolton, Kingston, PA
 Omar Kenyatta Clark, North Babylon, NY
 Carl J. Daubert, Hanover Twp., PA
 Abbey Juriga, Windsor, NY
 Alexa Anna Kalafut, Laffin, PA
 Kimberly Ann Koot, Rehoboth Beach, DE
 Alyssa Anne Manno, Lafayette, NJ
 Carol Jean Melso, Philadelphia, PA
 Melissa Rose Parker, Berlin, NJ
 Elena Maria Uribe, Coopersburg, PA
 Haley Alana Zimmerman, Dallas, PA

SPORT MANAGEMENT

Meghan Kathleen Antrim, Pottstown, PA *Cum Laude*
 Jessica Elaina Buffa, Phoenixville, PA
 Dillon John Del Rosso, Hopatcong, NJ
 Ryan William Dorosh, Garnet Valley, PA
 Michael John Krsulic, Rockaway, NJ
 Kyle David Lindsay, Sewell, NJ
 James Manzick, Pottsville, PA
 Chase William McKean, Northumberland, PA
 Angela M. Pasquini, York Springs, PA
 Bryson Allan Reeves, Monroe Twp., PA
 Ian P. Silkworth, Endicott, NY
 Griffin Reed Sponaugle, Palmyra, PA

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Catherine C. Barnes, Mountain Top, PA *Cum Laude*
 Kerri Anne Ciriello, Pompton Lakes, NJ
 Clarice Colwell, Tunkhannock, PA
 Melissa Conklin, Forty Fort, PA
 Segan Leigh Hamilton, Dallas, PA
 Olivia Anne Paone, Toms River, NJ
 Elizabeth Leigh Saba, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Victoria R. Scofield, New Milford, CT *Magna Cum Laude*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

Vanessa Ayala Arevalo, Owings Mills, MD
 Taryn Marie Marancik, Avoca, PA
 JoAnn Marie Musselman, Ashburn, VA
 Utopia Monique Simpson, Phenix City, AL
 Maria D. Talavera, Bethlehem, PA

MEDICAL IMAGING

Aldrin Christopher Asuncion-Soriano, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Allison Marie Beltz, Slatington, PA *Cum Laude*
 Ashley Bodnar, Flemington, NJ
 Nora S. Chan, Auburn, PA *Cum Laude*
 Corinne Amanda Charbonneau, Pottstown, PA
 Richard A. Evans, III, Scranton, PA
 Danielle Fereck, Pittston, PA *Cum Laude*
 Courtney Anne Fichthorn, Reading, PA *Cum Laude*
 Kaitlin Bethany Fink, Catawissa, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Hailey Jade Gorton, Duboistown, PA
 Brittany Michelle Roger deCoverley Jones, Enfield, NH
 Rebecca Kahn, Harveys Lake, PA *Cum Laude*
 Allison Krishak, Springville, PA
 Kelly Ann Lynch, Avoca, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Allison McIntyre, Ashland, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Jennifer Natishak, Browndale, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Nicole Geraldine Noss, Millville, PA
 Daniel P. Redell, Danville, PA
 Kathryn Lauren Santoro, Somerset, NJ
 Amy Savidge, Sugar Notch, PA
 Daniel J. Supple, Saylorsburg, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Nicolas R. Troller, Effort, PA
 Cheyenne Nancy Wulff, Sugar Run, PA

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Rachel Janine Aigler, Sunbury, PA *Cum Laude*
 Rachael Lauren Alles, Dallas, PA
 Nicole Baro, Douglassville, PA
 Dana M. Borkowski, Beach Lake, PA
 Charles J. Bressler, Jr., Duryea, PA
 Amy Lynne Bunavage, Falls, PA *Cum Laude*
 Bev Casey, Mountain Top, PA
 Spring Kristin Chamberlain, Trucksville, PA





David Michael D'Achille, Denville, NJ
 Janelle E. Evangelista, Hunlock Creek, PA
 Allison Brooke Flinn, Millerton, NY
 Matthew Ryan Geraghty, Dallas, PA
 Jessica Lyn Gower, White Haven, PA
 Kaitlin Rose Gower, Dallas, PA *Cum Laude*
 Olivia Evelyn Hardy, Binghamton, NY
 Mikael Stephen Hause, Kulpmont, PA
 Gabriella Ann Haviland, Collegeville, PA
 Tammy L. Heck, Hanover Twp., PA
 Lindsay Marcella Hischak, Mountain Top, PA
 Shayna LeighAnn Hunsinger, Tunkhannock, PA
 Angela Marie Khalife, White Haven, PA
 Lane Robert Kocovsky, Andover, MN
 Heather Nicole Krzywicki, Mountain Top, PA
 Chelsea Amber Lahr, Millersburg, PA
 Danielle LaMorte, Taylor, PA
 Dean C. Lucchesi, Hamilton, NJ
 Carissa Marie Magnotta, Mountain Top, PA
 Paige Makowski, Dallas, PA
 Cara Leigh Marzullo, Kinnelon, NJ
 Kaitlyn May, Plymouth, PA
 Thomas Mickowski, Mountain Top, PA
 Megan Sue Mirra, Hanover Twp., PA
 Jessica Gabrielle Neare, Dallas, PA
 Trent Zachary Ortiz, East Stroudsburg, PA
 Michael Phillip Palmer, Jr., Forest City, PA
 Ariel Lorraine Porzuczek, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Samantha Lynn Rodriguez, Bangor, PA
 Laura Michele Russo, Goshen, NY
 Leah Marie Santucci, Laflin, PA
 Ashley Lyn Silberg, Allentown, PA
 Michael Skasko, III, Carbondale, PA *Cum Laude*
 Kelly Brittany Sloan, Hillsborough, NJ
 Yvonne Noel Staller, Schuylkill Haven, PA *Cum Laude*
 Katherine Melissa Strahosky, Mechanicsburg, PA
 Kelsey Diane Swoyer, Auburn, PA
 Marialena Tencza, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Adrienne Michelle Trotto, Northumberland, PA
 Taylor Marie Wakely, Dallas, PA
 Jenna Lynn Wheary, Trevorton, PA
 Brittany Noelle Wolfe, Milton, PA
 Sarah Jo Young, Sunbury, 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.

2016 Valedictorians

Gina Marie Baiamonte
 Rachel Bohn

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:

Ashley Nicole Barber
 Amy Lynne Bunavage
 Amanda Rose Cobucci
 Marina Gayle Painter
 Marybeth Rissinger
 Samantha Marie Rehrig
 Collin A. Sibia
 Tia Marie Spagnuolo
 Miles McCreary Westrich
 Marianna Grace Wright
 Caitlin Elizabeth Vitale
 Erin Zeigler



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

Patrick Edward Gallagher

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:

Shivaun O'Donnell

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:

Jacqueline Ann McMullen

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

Ivan Doboni

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:

Danica Haley Kuti
Erica Marie Moore

Liana Lynn Stinson

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:

Jennifer Nicole Mathiesen
Annie Grace Stewart

Gabrielle Alexis Van Mater

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

Alyssa Zekoski

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

Kara Nicole Kiska

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

Amber Renee Swartley

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:

Jacqueline Ann McMullen

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

Maria Brody

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

Janet Castrignano

The *Instress Award for Service and Creative Distinction* is presented to:

Leah Marie Santucci

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

Nicole Negron

Taylor Nicole Rupp

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

Kimberly Ann Koot

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

Carol Jean Melso

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

Victoria R. Scofield

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:

Catherine C. Barnes

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

Segan Leigh Hamilton

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

Courtney Lynn Eberlin

Jennifer Natishak

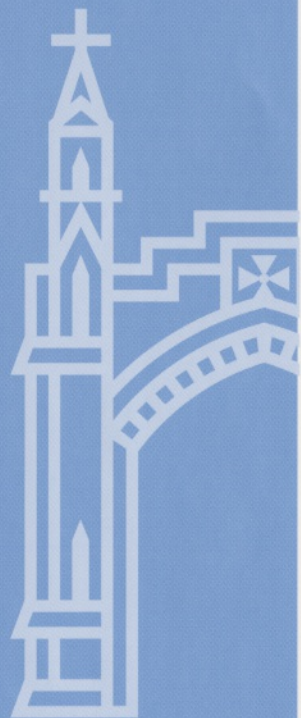
The *Jane DeMaio Clinical Excellence in the study of Medical Imaging Award* is presented to:

Kaitlin Bethany Fink

Allison McIntyre

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:

Michael Skasko, III



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

Rachel Janine Aigler

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:

Lane Robert Kocovsky

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:

Rachel Lee Ann Rolison

The *Daisy in Training Award*, presented to a student who meets the criteria of the Daisy Foundation for providing compassionate care to patients, is awarded to:

Adrienne Michelle Trotto

The *Occupational Therapy Curricular Award*, presented to a graduating Occupational Therapy student who has demonstrated exemplary academic performance and leadership potential in the profession, is presented to:

Amanda Sarah Casem

The *Excellence in Fieldwork Award*, presented to an Occupational Therapy student who consistently has above average performance in fieldwork, displays outstanding interpersonal skills and contributes to fieldwork sites by applying and integrating classroom learning, is presented to:

Jenna Marie Burgio

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:

Kristi Marie Cianfichi

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:

Tia Marie Spagnuolo

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:

Rebecca Anne Santoleri

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:

Stephanie Michele LaManna

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:

Stephanie C. Sutkowski

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:

Erin Christine Roberts

The *Master's Thesis Honors Award* is granted to the student who has successfully completed all the requirements for a master's these in Speech-Language Pathology. This award is presented to:

Erin Christine Roberts

Stephanie C. Sutkowski

Tia Marie Spagnuolo

Sarah Elizabeth Tokach

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:

Taryn Talacka

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

Courtney Garloff

Taryn Talacka

The *Fine Arts Award* is given to a graduating senior who has minored in Art History, Studio Art or Music & Culture, and has demonstrated a high level of academic achievement, is presented to:

Marina Gayle Painter

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

Adam Candelori

Nicholas Remsky

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

Ray Edward Ellis

Mason Samuel Moher

Patrick Edward Gallagher

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

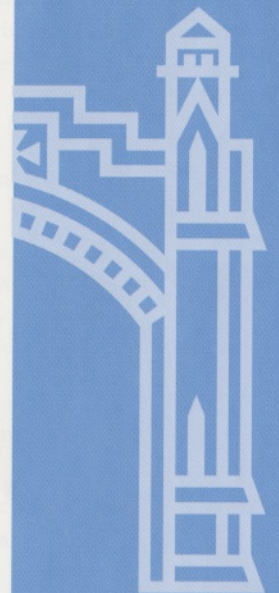
Cailey Louisa Ware

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

Marina Gayle Painter

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

Sharon Matylewicz



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

Rachel Bohn

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:

Gina Marie Baiamonte

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

Elizabeth Rene Korbich

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:

Rachel Bohn

The *Living Philosophy Aspen Award*, is given to a graduating philosophy major who has, like a single aspen tree seedling, grown and reached out to create a forest of living and enduring ideas, changing the landscape forever, and creating footpaths for future generations to walk, is presented to:

Marina Gayle Painter

The *Dr. Joseph Tomasovic Memorial Award*, given to the graduating mathematics student who best represents that department's academic standards and displays exceptional commitment to the Department and to the University, is awarded to:

Cory Joseph Vogeli

Miles McCreary Westrich

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:

Zachary A. Sabaday

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:

Jacqueline Ann McMullen

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:

Zachary A. Sabaday

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

Catherine C. Barnes

Timothy M. Kelly

Katie Ann Smith

Clarice Jane Colwell

Casey Saylor

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

Charles Hampton

Samantha Ann Monahan

Shivaun O'Donnell

Kelly Anne Jones

Kristin Marie Nardone

Pamela Urbanski

Kelly Ann Lynch

Nicole Negron

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

Ariana Krysta Brennan

Shannon Marie McBride

Brittany Appolonia Smetana

Nicole Hunsinger

Jacqueline Ann McMullen

Kara Nicole Kiska

Kate Elizabeth Michael

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

Jacqueline Leanne Berlew

Abbey Juriga

Carol Jean Melso

Emily Ann Boro

Alexa Anna Kalafut

Melissa Parker

Carl J. Daubert

Kimberly Ann Koot

Samantha Marie Rehrig

Sarah Anne Ickes

Alyssa Anne Manno

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

Lauren Apgar

Ryan Horne

Kaitlin Sauder

Molly Betz

Casey Jo Kearney

Karen Spehalski

Caitlin Chappell

Ashley Redmond

Brianna Marie Swayser

Georgia Cleary

Mollie Lynn Robinson

Melanie Watson

Jillian Roshell Eberly

Julianne Roth

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

Michael George Baloga

Mason Samuel Moher

Taylor Nicole Rupp

Alison Emily Kane

Morgan Myers

Leah Marie Santucci

Kaleigh Killian

Nicole Negron

Cailey Louisa Ware

Jacqueline Ann McMullen

Jared Michael Pinter

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

Shaina Ariana Bistrek

Kelsey Ann Glavich

Noelle Marie Mondulick

Julia Emile Callavini

Timothy Arthur Kennedy

Shawna Rae Stevens

Danielle Elizabeth Eastgate

Elizabeth Rene Korbich

Skyler R. Gerrity

Shannon Marie Laul

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

Lauren Adamchak	Kaitlin Rose Gower	Leah Marie Santucci
Rachel Janine Aigler	Kelly Julie Ann Hahn	Michael Skasko, III
Nicole Baro	Mikael Stephen Hause	Jill Sobie
Amy Lynne Bunavave	Gabriella Ann Haviland	Jenna Lynn Wheary
Rebecca Ann Cavill	Paige Makowski	Sarah Jo Young
Kimberly Ann Fuss	Lisa Marie Miller	
Pamela Marie Giannetti	Samantha Lynn Rodriguez	

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

Allison Marie Beltz	Allison Nicole McIntyre	Nicolas R. Troller
Courtney Anne Fichthorn	Jennifer Carol Natishak	Cheyenne Nancy Wulff
Kaitlin Bethany Fink	Nicole Geraldine Noss	
Kelly Ann Lynch	Kathryn Lauren Santoro	

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

Rebeka Marie Buczeskie	Shane Christopher Kreller	Rebecca Lynn Schnable
Ray Edward Ellis	Mason Samuel Moher	Collin Sibilis
Patrick Edward Gallagher	Marina Gayle Painter	Cailey Louisa Ware
Zachary Scott Johnson	Nicolas Anthony Rogers	

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

Derek Jon Antonini	Jarrod Harleman	Andrea Molitoris
Meghan Kathleen Antrim	Brenda M. Heck	Antonio Emillio Ortega
Brittany Ann Bender	Kelly Elizabeth Hopkins	Leane Pace
John R. Carden	Ronda Hugaboom	Brandon Lee Salazar
Ashley Catherine Casem	Patrick Kellish	Thomas Christopher Stelzer
Ernest William Chalker	John Kennedy	Liana Lynn Stinson
Rebecca Ann Ciancitto	Jeffrey Kimmel	Rebecca Lee Sweetra
Megan Elizabeth Collins	Arielle Kneller	Katherine Totino
Beth Cottle	Michael John Krsulic	Lori White
Trudi L. Dempsey	Lauren Luongo	Carrie Yatsko
Ivan Doboni	Sarah A. Martz	Toni Zalewski
Kristian Luke Dyrli	Megan Meyers	Christine Zopf

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

Derek Jon Antonini	Barry James Fitzgerald	Marina Gayle Painter
Matthew S. Boffa	Bethany Mae Flanders	Jared Michael Pinter
Nathanael R. Brague	Patrick Edward Gallagher	

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

Kayleigh Monica Morein	Caitlin Elizabeth Vitale
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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.

Kellianne M. Baumann	Kaleigh C. Killian	Morgan Paige Ream
Allison Marie Beltz	Kara Nicole Kiska	Samantha Marie Rehrig
Emily Ann Boro	Elizabeth Rene Korbich	Darian Kay Reimer
Brittany Bressler	Michael John Krsulic	Emily Ritterbeck
Jessica Elaina Buffa	Stephanie Michele LaManna	Sarah Elizabeth Rizzolo
Jenna Marie Burgio	Justin Nicholas Maggio	Laura Michele Russo
Kellie Elizabeth Campbell	Carissa Marie Magnotta	Kathryn Lauren Santoro
Kristi Marie Cianfichi	Alyssa Anne Manno	Leah Marie Santucci
Amanda Rose Cobucci	Jennifer Nicole Mathiesen	Victoria R. Scofield
Ashley Nicole Cocuzza	Parker Christian McArdle	Ian Patrick Silkworth
David Michael D'Achille	Shannon Marie McBride	Michael Skasko, III
Leah Rae Davis	Kerrin Margaret Mary McKeever	Katherine Ann Steffney
Danielle Fereck	Jacqueline Ann McMullen	Shawna Rae Stevens
Sabrina Figueroa	Carol Jean Melso	Katherine Melissa Strahosky
Kaitlin Bethany Fink	Kate Elizabeth Michael	Daniel Joseph Supple
Jacob James Gadd	Jennifer Carol Natishak	Allison Danielle Townsend
Courtney A. Garloff	Patrick Bernard O'Dell	Adrienne Michelle Trotto
Desiree Noel Goble	Lauren Elizabeth Oertner	Lindsay Ann Usarzewicz
Nicole Hunsinger	Angela M. Pasquini	Jenna Lynn Wheary
Alison Emily Kane	Sarah F. Pulice	

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

Rachael Lauren Alles, Jamaica	Kaitlin Bethany Fink, Jamaica	Kathryn Lauren Santoro, Italy
Matthew S. Boffa, Italy	Kayleigh Monica Morein, Guyana	Alexis Rose Smerlick, Jamaica
Rebeka Marie Buczeskie, Italy	Nicole Negron, Ireland	Amber Renee Swartley, Jamaica
Jenna Marie Burgio, Jamaica	Jared Michael Pinter, Italy	Elena Maria Uribe, Ireland
Amanda Sarah Casem, Jamaica	Sarah Elizabeth Powers, Italy	Caitlin Elizabeth Vitale, Jamaica
Kristi Marie Cianfichi, Jamaica	Sarah Frances Pulice, Italy	Maria Weidemoyer, Jamaica
Carl J. Daubert, England	Zachary Sabaday, Peru	
Leah Rae Davis, Jamaica	Rebecca Santoleri, Jamaica	

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 MANAGEMENT

Golden Yellow

HISTORY

White

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Drab

American academic dress has its origins in the garments worn at medieval British universities, particularly at Oxford, which was founded in the 12th century. At the time, academic institutions were similar to guilds or associations, called universitates. The academic organization was a guild of Masters of Arts, with the bachelor an apprentice.

Gowns and hoods were common clothing in medieval times, with quality and design decreed according to the wearer's social status and wealth. While general fashions changed, academic attire remained the same, both as a tradition and as a means of identifying members of the university. Hoods evolved from a simple head covering or cowl into a symbolic garment with a strictly assigned system of colors and patterns which identified each graduate's institution, rank, and discipline.

The Oxford or "mortar board" cap came into use during the 16th century, but authorities differ on its origin. Some say the cap is square like a scholar's books; others that it was derived from the master workman's mortar board; still others suggest it was patterned after the quadrangular shape of the Oxford campus. A more plausible explanation is that the scholars wore skull caps while they worked indoors and square caps called birettas when they went outdoors; if they simply donned the biretta over their skull cap, the look would be very much like the mortarboard.

Although caps and gowns had been worn in many American schools since Colonial times, in 1885 there was a widespread student movement for their use at commencement ceremonies. The faculties adopted the use of gowns for themselves to wear at academic ceremonies. Each college developed its own arbitrary design and standards, as the British universities had, until the Intercollegiate Commission met to develop a code for academic costume in 1895. The new code regulated design of gowns, hoods, and colors in a way that would signify each scholar's achievements and institution. It was approved by 95 percent of American universities and colleges, and is still in use today.

The official code provides for three types of gowns. Those worn by the bachelors are black and have long, pointed sleeves. Masters may wear either black silk or woolen gowns, made with a long closed sleeve with an arc appearing near the bottom and a slit for the arm. The doctors' gowns are usually of black silk with full, round, open sleeves. The color of the velvet trim may be black or the same color as the velvet which edges the hood. Although the color is normally black, some institutions have authorized doctoral gowns in their school colors.

The hood is worn at the back, suspended near the shoulders. The length of the hood and the width of its velvet border indicate the level of the degree held. Bachelors wear a hood which is three feet long, with a two-inch velvet border. The hood for the master's degree is three and one-half feet long, with a three-inch border. The doctor's hood is four feet long and the border is five inches wide.

The inner lining of the hood is in the official color or colors of the institution conferring the degree; therefore, Misericordia University's hood is lined with blue and golden yellow. The color of the velvet border indicates the field of learning in which the degree was earned. Tassels are traditionally black for the bachelor's and master's degrees, and gold for doctor's degrees and the governing officers of educational institutions.

Additional ornaments have been added in some institutions to indicate honors or memberships in honor societies. At Misericordia, a gold stole is worn by graduates receiving University honors; colored cords draped over the robe indicate membership in an honor society; distinctive pins worn on the gown also indicate particular honors.



INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Golden Yellow

MANAGEMENT

Drab

MARKETING

Drab

MATHEMATICS

White

MEDICAL IMAGING

Golden Yellow

MEDICAL SCIENCE

Golden Yellow

NURSING

Apricot

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Golden Yellow

ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT

Golden Yellow

PHILOSOPHY

White

PHYSICAL THERAPY (DPT)

Teal

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

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SOCIAL WORK

Citron

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Silver

SPORT MANAGEMENT

Sage Green

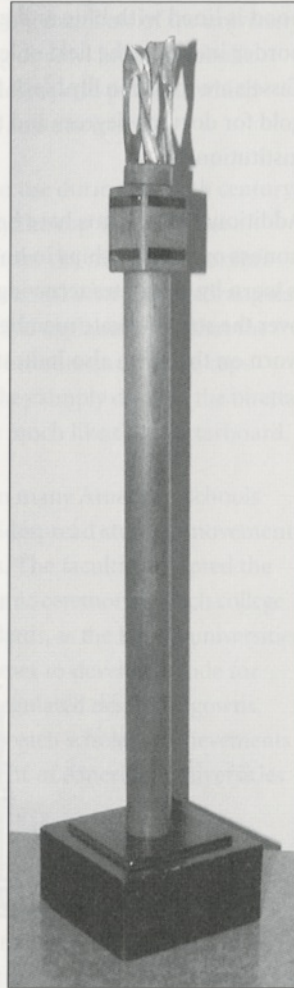
The mace is made of black walnut and bronze. The dark, rich wood symbolizes the woodlands surrounding the University campus referred to in the Alma Mater.

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.

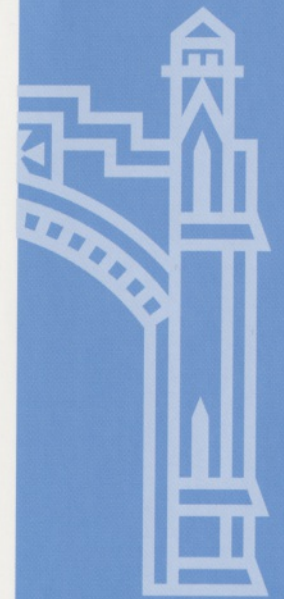
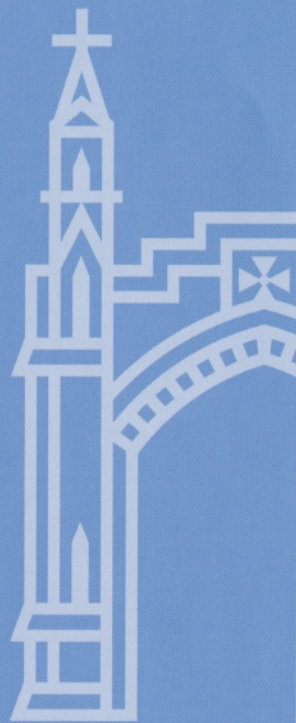
Open, free forms of brass represent the open, free spirit, which is the basis of Compassionate Service, while the rich beauty and strength of walnut depict the fullness, value, and strength of Judeo-Christian education.

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.



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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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The live video is also available via the mobile app Ustream, which is available in the Apple Store or on Google Play.

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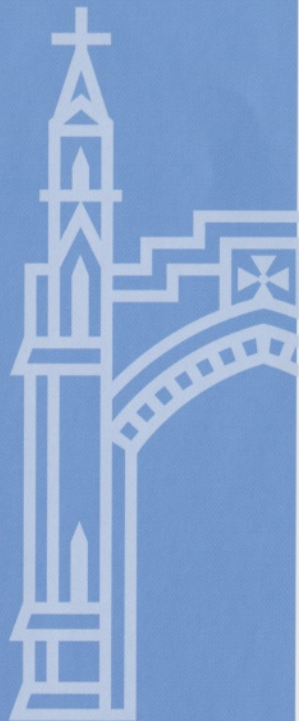
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