



MISERICORDIA
UNIVERSITY

Winter
Commencement

December 15, 2019



Class of 2019

The ninth annual Misericordia University Winter Commencement Ceremony recognizes the accomplishments of 249 graduates who hail from 10 states, including Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, and Vermont.

Among the academic programs with the most graduates, the College of Health Sciences and Education has 43 students graduating from the six-and-a-half-year Doctor of Physical Therapy program. In addition, 25 students will receive their Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees, and four will be awarded a Doctor of Nursing Practice. Also within the college, the Department of Occupational Therapy will award 23 Master of Science in Occupational Therapy degrees and four Doctor of Occupational Therapy degrees. In the College of Business, the largest contingent includes 32 students who will receive Bachelor of Science degrees in business administration. In the College of Arts and Sciences, psychology and biology have the most graduates, presenting 13 and 10 candidates respectively.

The University has a rich 95-year tradition of preparing graduates to succeed in life and in their chosen field of study by providing them with individualized attention, challenging academics, and superb career preparation, while also imbuing in each student a passion to serve others. Misericordia University is proud of the Winter Commencement Class of 2019 as the graduates prepare to enter the next important phase of their lives.

Misericordia's newest alumni understand and embrace the Religious Sisters of Mercy's charisms of Mercy, Service, Justice, and Hospitality – and will always be Misericordia Proud!



Academic Processional

Ceol Mor, *Pipe and Drum Band*

Invocation

Sr. Carol Gallagher '66 RSM, *Trustee*

National Anthem

John Maurer, *Guest Performer*

Welcome

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

Remarks

Emily L. Connell '19, *Student Speaker*

Conferring of Honorary Degree

Deborah Smith-Mileski '75 Ed.D., *Vice Chair, Board of Trustees*

Doctor of Humane Letters

G. Jonathan Greenwald

Address to Candidates

G. Jonathan Greenwald

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees

David B. Rehm, Ph.D., *Vice President of Academic Affairs*

Induction of Graduates into the Alumni Association

Christelle Patrice '13, *Alumni Association*

Alma Mater

Jennifer Black, Ph.D., *Vocalist*

Ryan Weber, Ph.D., *Piano*

Benediction

Monsignor John Bendik, *Trustee*

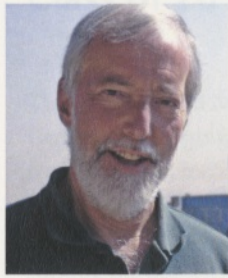
Academic Recessional

Ceol Mor, *Pipe and Drum Band*

American Sign Language (ASL) by Cherish Francik
Certified Interpreter for the Deaf

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



G. Jonathan Greenwald

G. Jonathan Greenwald is a career U.S. diplomat and retired specialist in international law and conflict prevention. A Kingston, Pa., native who holds degrees from Princeton University and the Harvard School of Law, Greenwald retired from the State Department in 1998 as minister-counselor of the U.S. Mission to the European Union.

His 30-year career included posts in Belgrade, Budapest, Madrid, West Berlin, and East Berlin, where his focus was on transatlantic relations, European Union, the Middle East and terrorism. During his time in East Berlin, he was the U.S. Embassy's political counselor as the Berlin Wall fell and Germany reunited. He served on U.S. delegations to the United Nations General Assembly and the international conferences that drafted, then reviewed, the Helsinki Final Act on Security and Cooperation in Europe. He also held important positions in the U.S. State Department's legal, intelligence, human rights, counter-terrorism, and European bureaus.

From 2006-17, Greenwald also served pro bono as the U.S. State Department-designated member of the commission created by a U.S.-Austria agreement to adjudicate some 21,000 Holocaust-era claims on behalf of the Austrian National Fund for Victims of National Socialism. In recognition of his exemplary service, Austria conferred on him its High Honor Award with Star for Services to the Republic.

In addition, he served as vice president of the International Crisis Group, a leading non-governmental conflict prevention organization. There, he supervised research and worked with project directors around the world to maintain a stream of targeted reports and briefing papers on the range of crises and subjects that Crisis Group covers.

As a member of the Board of Trustees and 1960 graduate of Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School in Kingston, he initiated a unique partnership between the Givat Haviva International School in Israel and the Schule Schloss Salem boarding school in Germany to bring Israeli and Palestinian students together to study. The goal is to strengthen collaboration that can support a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

He has taught diplomacy at Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis., and conflict prevention, counter-terrorism, and European and Middle East politics at Lawrence summer programs and the Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington, Seattle. He also led a seminar on Iran and the U.S. that focused on their nuclear negotiations at the Central European University's School of Public Policy in Budapest, Hungary, and coordinated foreign policy issues for U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley's presidential campaign. He is also author of the book, "Berlin Witness: An American Diplomat's Chronicle of East Germany's Revolution."

He is a member of the U.S. Council on Foreign Relations, the Washington Institute of Foreign Affairs, the American Foreign Service Association, the Democratic Party's National Finance Committee, the leadership councils of Foreign Policy4America and J Street, and the Boards of the Institute for Integrated Transitions, Barcelona and the Balkans Policy Research Group.

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Sarah Ann Brown, Shavertown, PA
Grace Johna Olshefski, Shickshinny, PA
Priyanka Patel, Plains, PA
Amanda Rose Turoni, Scranton, PA

DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Allison Christine Alexander, Newark, DE
Terri Bugelholl, West Pittston, PA
Sonja Burmeister, Coopersburg, PA
Colleen Brittany Burton, Wilmington, DE
Chelsea Elizabeth Shade, Fleetwood, PA

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Jacquelyn Rose Bamberski, Feasterville, PA
John Bankus, Wyoming, PA
Kyle Joseph Berlinski, Dupont, PA
Bridget Boyle, Dallas, PA
Lindsay Cassandra Brantingson, Bethlehem, PA
Eugene Francis Cannon, Drums, PA
Ashley Catherine Casem, Mountain Top, PA
Bartholomew Joseph Chupka, Exeter, PA
Rebecca Ann Ciancitto, Milford, PA
Megan Elizabeth Collins, Binghamton, NY
Devin Arrigo Crevani, Milford, NJ
Megan Rose Curry, Pottsville, PA
William Thomas Dunne, Skippack, PA
Kristian Luke Dyrli, Dallas, PA
Christopher Edkins, Dallas, PA
Mary Kathleen Fairchild, Sussex, NJ
Kaitlin Mary Fulton, Larksville, PA
Nicole Giampietro, Hudson, PA
Megan Gibbons, Clarks Summit, PA
Christian Guidash, Newark, DE
Trisha Hand, Mansfield, PA
Tyler Grant Hannon, Delran, NJ
Kelsey Hollenbach, York, PA



Alyssa Kehm, Macungie, PA
 Patrick Kellish, Clark, NJ
 Harrison Parker Kerch, Allentown, PA
 Arielle Kneller, New Albany, PA
 Sydney Kotch, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Lauren Anne Madsen, Matamoras, PA
 Megan Meyers, Lancaster, PA
 Andrea Molitoris, Scranton, PA
 Matthew Thomas Morris, Cinnaminson, NJ
 Matthew Norcini, Levittown, NY
 Thomas Radic, Belle Vernon, PA
 Mitchell Rock, Kingston, PA
 Jacob Anthony Schweiger, Barton, NY
 Michael Trygar, Lake Ariel, PA
 Timothy Max Wallenburg, Marlton, NJ
 Samantha Ann Weissberg, Warwick, NY
 Kristian Wendel, Westfield, NJ
 Carly Jo Young, Sturges, PA
 Mackenzie Yurko, Orangeville, PA
 Hayley Nicole Zelinka, Kingston, PA

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Joseph Nikolos Amity, Taylor, PA
 Alexandru Paul Chirita, Hazleton, PA
 Josh Courter, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Hope Gernhart, Glen Lyon, PA
 Lesley A. Herring, Freeland, PA
 David Hozempa, Clarks Summit, PA
 David Richard Parsnik, Plains, PA
 William Howard Peet, Monroe, CT
 Garrett Pelko, Oley, PA
 Corey Nicholas Reviello, Topton, PA
 Riley A. Smith, Doylestown, PA
 Rachael Taylor, Hightstown, NJ

MASTER OF SCIENCE

EDUCATION

Lynn Blazaskie, Hanover Twp., PA

ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT

Jenna Arena, Whitehall, PA
 Jeffrey Augustine, Shavertown, PA
 Trudi L. Dempsey, Shavertown, PA
 Thomas Joseph Gernhart, Glen Lyon, PA
 Michael Gombita, Equinunk, PA
 Lauren Emilie Gorney, Glen Lyon, PA
 Deborah Lee Holmberg, Tamaqua, PA
 Karen Laidacker, Berwick, PA
 Elizabeth Angelica Parsons, Wyoming, PA
 Jason Piskorick, Zion Grove, PA
 Nicholas Andrew Remsky, Pittston, PA
 Phebe Figen Strzemppek, Danville, PA

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Meghan Anglin, Scranton, PA
 Brianna Bogacki, Turnersville, NJ
 Christina Elizabeth Corrin, Mechanicsburg, PA
 Caitlyn Leigh Deeter, Harrisburg, PA
 Melissa Whitney Dumansky, Toms River, NJ
 Ashley Rose Emmons, Binghamton, NY
 Caroline Marie Florenzo, Mt. Airy, MD
 Casey Lynn Friedman, Springfield, NJ
 Andrea Gibson, Harrisburg, PA
 Diana Gomez, Coaldale, PA
 Jennifer Marie Hart, Ringtown, PA
 Alexandra A. Koreivo, Stanhope, NJ
 Susan Luka, Marlton, NJ
 Christopher Thomas Rehrig, Somerdale, NJ
 Melissa Schlosser, East Petersburg, PA



Jennifer Tysvaer Seiz, Telford, PA
 Brittany Snedeker, Carbondale, PA
 Amy Stoddard, Hummelstown, PA
 Ian Thomas Wallace, Williamsport, PA
 Kimberly Wallace, New Holland, PA
 Susan Marie Widener, Pittston, PA
 Brittany Yerkes, Factoryville, PA

BACHELOR OF ARTS

BIOCHEMISTRY

Laura Nicole Murphy, Harleysville, PA

BIOLOGY

Victoria Rose Allegro, Bridgewater, NJ
 Mikayla Lee Klimas, Harding, PA
 Michael Harold McGee, Jefferson Twp., PA
 Marlena Elizabeth Ostrowski, Dallas, PA
 Sarah N. Reeder, Dallas, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Kristina Alexis Russell, Forest Hill, MD *Magna Cum Laude*
 Rachael Elizabeth Solano, Harding, PA
 Justin Michael Steinberger, West Pittston, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

CHEMISTRY

Eric M. Levandowski, Nanticoke, PA *Cum Laude*

COMMUNICATIONS

Zoe Catherine LaPorte, West Pittston, PA *Cum Laude*

ENGLISH

Michael Leo Boutanos, Kingston, PA
 Tristan Cragle, Hunlock Creek, PA
 Rylie Marie Fitzgerald, Levittown, NY
 Zoe Catherine LaPorte, West Pittston, PA *Cum Laude*
 Melissa Rose Milbut, Dunmore, PA

GOVERNMENT, LAW AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Elizabeth Lauren Heaney, Milford, PA
 Kevin P. Hobbs, Freehold, NJ
 Curt Michael Jorgensen, Beacon, NY

HISTORY

Michael Andrew Jarvie, Lancaster, PA

MATHEMATICS

John Gibbons, Dallas, PA

MEDICAL AND HEALTH HUMANITIES

Riley Miller, Bloomsburg, PA
 Kristi Marie Pearage, Bear Creek Twp., PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Giana Russo, Ringwood, NJ *Cum Laude*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

ACCOUNTING

Russell Edward Jenkins, Dallas, PA *Cum Laude*
 Blaze Kelly, Shavertown, PA
 Amy Paddock, Hanover Twp., PA
 Michael Thomas Pellegrini, Pittston, PA
 Rebecca Wiseley, Shavertown, PA *Summa Cum Laude*

APPLIED BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

Gregory Robbins, Clarks Summit, PA
 Ashley Williams, Tobyhanna, PA

BIOLOGY

Amanda Bohn, Mountain Top, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Meaghan Elizabeth Cabassa, Mountain Lakes, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Efrem Christoforatos, Kingston, PA
 Nicholas John Cimino, Scranton, PA
 Kelli Jean Crockett, Benton, PA



Bryan M. DeGennaro, Plainview, NY
 Michael Justin Dutko, Shavertown, PA *Cum Laude*
 Jaime Beth Elston, Harveys Lake, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Kalie Erin Ertwine, Benton, PA
 Adam William Gallagher, Somerset, NJ
 Lindsey Nicole Graver, Wellsboro, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Roxanne R. Greising, Bloomsburg, PA *Cum Laude*
 Armando Hernandez, Scranton, PA
 Jared Randall Houser, Lititz, PA *Cum Laude*
 Tyler Anthony Kling, Watsonstown, PA
 Cheryl Lemardy, Exeter, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Nicholas Magaro, Mechanicsburg, PA
 Tyerell Keshawn Mann, Stroudsburg, PA
 Samantha Nicole Markle, Dallas, PA
 Garrett Frederick Murray, Dunmore, PA *Cum Laude*
 Patrick Daniel O'Brien, Harveys Lake, PA
 Ashleigh N. O'Malley, Lake Hopatcong, NJ
 Miranda Parry, Dallas, PA *Cum Laude*
 Casey Jade Pysker, Carlisle, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Ryan B. Romaine, Bloomsbury, NJ *Cum Laude*
 Kelly Ann Saroka, Binghamton, NY *Summa Cum Laude*
 Mackenzie Grace Schanzlin, Washington, NJ *Summa Cum Laude*
 Sierra Rose Schertler, Rochester, NY *Cum Laude*
 Megan Lee Shaver, Meridale, NY *Magna Cum Laude*
 Matthew Ryan Sulouff, Havertown, PA *Cum Laude*
 Veronica R. Venit, Swedesboro, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*
 Emily Sarah Wenrich, Robesonia, PA
 Trenton Thomas Woolcock, Muncy, PA
 Michael H. Zuilkoski, Etters, PA

CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

Kailee N. Phillips, Williamsport, PA

COMPUTER SCIENCE

William David Cheney, Dunellen, NJ

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

Megan Aluri, Baltimore, MD
 Tara Cielma, Leesburg, VA
 Ashley Jennifer Tirpak, Plains, PA

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

Kelly Brogan, Easton, PA
 Ashley Gebhardt, Pringle, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Clarissa Mae Gulich, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Michaela Christine Halesy, Hanover Twp., PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Megan Jo Malkemes, Shavertown, PA

HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT

Lauren A. Anderson, State College, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Gabrielle Marie Babula, Towaco, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*
 Keith Jacobus Eppinger, Staten Island, NY
 Patrick Jude Hoffman, Saint Mary's, PA *Cum Laude*
 Debra Janoski, Indian Land, SC *Summa Cum Laude*
 Hannah Gwendolynn Kepple, Jonestown, PA *Cum Laude*
 James Eric Prentice, Endwell, NY *Cum Laude*
 Marissa Nicole Prince, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Levi J. Roberts, Perkiomenville, PA
 Adam Elijah Simmonette, Hunlock Creek, PA
 Edward Warunek, Pittston, PA
 Clare Margaret Winton, Forty Fort, PA *Cum Laude*

HEALTH SCIENCE

Nichole Campbell, Sayre, PA
 Theresa Emilia Domarasky, Pittston, PA
 Habrienne Agnesia Louchie, Long Pond, PA
 Zachary Gordon Malina, Frenchtown, NJ
 Stephanie Elizabeth Shara, Allentown, PA *Summa Cum Laude*

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Abdullah Alrashidi, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Morgan Farrell, Dushore, PA *Cum Laude*
 Haley N. Fitzpatrick, Staten Island, NY
 Michael Howe, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Erin Petrosky, Shavertown, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Jason Russell Prescott, Forest City, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Lauren Alfonsina Robbins, Pittston, PA *Magna Cum Laude*



MANAGEMENT

Shawn White, Hudson, PA

MEDICAL IMAGINGNicole Ashley Calomino, Kingston, PA *Cum Laude*Megan Fatula, Mahanoy City, PA *Cum Laude*Rebecca Lynn Kenny, Rutland, VT *Cum Laude*Alycia Nicole Zidek, Dallas, PA *Magna Cum Laude***MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION**

Patrick Joyce, Avoca, PA

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Justin Jayne, Beaver Dams, NY

Joseph Charles Zeller, Hazleton, PA

PSYCHOLOGY

Victoria Elizabeth Cadwalader, Dallas, PA

Emily L. Connell, Rush, NY *Summa Cum Laude*Zachary Thomas Davis, Covington Twp., PA *Cum Laude*Alexa Briane Dunteman, Mesa, AZ *Magna Cum Laude*Dawson Kent Kerch, Allentown, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Christina Elizabeth McCluskey, Baltimore, MD

Grace Nikolski, Poughkeepsie, NY *Magna Cum Laude*Brianna Nocchi, Nanticoke, PA *Cum Laude*Alexis Irene Pileggi, Swoyersville, PA *Summa Cum Laude*Princess Janine Diana Roblete, Clark, NJ *Cum Laude*Samantha Lynne Simms, Plains, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Ilise L. Wanamaker, Sellersville, PA

Kaitlyn Rose Weatherby, Sewell, NJ *Cum Laude***SPORT MANAGEMENT**Zackary Michael Smith, Hopatcong, NJ *Cum Laude*Kristen Diane Solowiej, Wyalusing, PA *Cum Laude*

Aaron Isaiah Williams, Piscataway, NJ

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSINGLauren Brace, Luzerne, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Danielle Bufano, Forty Fort, PA

Darlene Casey, Freeland, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Angel Cicero, Saint Clair, PA

Edward Bernard Cienciva, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Melody Decker, Nanticoke, PA *Cum Laude*

Kaley Christine Englehardt, Saylorsburg, PA

Shannon Gulyas, Mountain Top, PA

Nancy L. Krempasky, Archbald, PA

Joshua Thomas Maloney, Danville, PA *Cum Laude*

Ruth Noemi Martinez, Nazareth, PA

Joshua Mattei, Plains, PA

Seamus O'Reilly, Dunmore, PA

Andrea Orpin, Forty Fort, PA *Cum Laude*

Sandra Lee Ortiz, Allentown, PA

Colleen Paddock, Hanover Twp., PA

Ellymay Rapach, Hanover Twp., PA

Kerryn Michelle Redcay, Plains, PA

Kristin Winone Roberts, New Ringgold, PA

Jillian Elizabeth Schaeffer, Danville, PA

Carol Rose Smith, Berwick, PA

Janet M. Stavinski, Frackville, PA

Irene Swartwood, Wyoming, PA *Summa Cum Laude*

Brenda VanScoy, Hudson, PA

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

Distinction	Grade Point Average at Graduation
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	3.90 and above
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	3.70–3.89
<i>Cum Laude</i>	3.50–3.69

The class valedictorian is the full-time matriculated student with the highest cumulative undergraduate average who has completed all course work at Misericordia University with the exception of the 12 credits allowed through off-campus requests or advanced placement credits. The Winter 2019 Valedictorian will be announced after final grades are submitted.

The student speaker for the 2019 Winter Commencement is the student with the highest grade point average based on grades earned at the start of the fall 2019 semester.

2019 Winter Commencement Student Speaker
Emily L. Connell

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

Giana Russo
Stephanie Elizabeth Shara

College of Arts and Sciences

The *Winter 2019 Outstanding Biology Student Award*, presented to a graduating senior student who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement in Biology by earning the highest cumulative GPA in the major, was awarded to:
Sarah N. Reeder

The *Award for Excellence in Medical and Health Humanities* was presented to:
Giana Russo

The *Psychology Student Achievement Award* for academic excellence was presented to:
Emily L. Connell

College of Health Sciences and Education

The *Academic Excellence Award in Nursing*, conferred annually to a PTENP student who has attained the highest academic standing overall, was presented to:
Jillian Elizabeth Schaeffer

The *Clinical Excellence Award*, presented 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, was awarded to:
Darlene Casey

The *Kaplan Secure Predictor*, presented to the student who has attained the highest score on the comprehensive NCLEX review examination, was awarded to:
Jillian Elizabeth Schaeffer

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

The *Excellence in Policy, Activism, and Advocacy DNP Award*, conferred annually to a graduating DNP student in good academic standing who best exemplifies a commitment to health policy change, patient advocacy, and community activism, was presented to:
Priyanka Patel



The *DNP Award for Excellence in Evidence Based Practice Change*, given annually to a graduating DNP student in good academic standing who demonstrates excellence in evidence based practice change, was awarded to:

Sarah Ann Brown

The *Occupational Therapy Curricular Award*, presented to an Occupational Therapy student who has demonstrated exemplary academic performance and leadership potential in the profession, was awarded to:

Andrea Gibson

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, was awarded to:

Kimberly Wallace

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

Kaitlin Mary Fulton

The *Outstanding Physical Therapy Student Award*, given to a graduating student who has demonstrated excellence in academic achievement, clinical performance, leadership skills and service to the University, community, and profession, was presented to:

Andrea Molitoris

The *Physical Therapy Student Achievement Award*, given to a graduating student who has demonstrated outstanding abilities to successfully complete the physical therapy curriculum in the face of unique life experiences, was presented to:

William Thomas Dunne

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

Keana Albert	Mikayla Lee Klimas	Rachael Elizabeth Solano
Victoria Rose Allegro	Kailee N. Phillips	
Meaghan Elizabeth Cabassa	Marlena Elizabeth Ostrowski	

Students admitted to the Delta Phi Tau, National Physical Therapy Student Honor Society:

Bridget Boyle	Patrick Kellish	Mitchell Rock
Megan Elizabeth Collins	Sydney Kotch	
Megan Gibbons	Andrea Molitoris	

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

Michaela Christine Halsey

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

Lauren A. Anderson	Deborah Lee Holmberg	Mackenzie Grace
Jenna Arena	Karen Laidacker	Schanzlin
Jeffrey Augustine	Cheryl Lemardy	Megan Lee Shaver
Alexandru Paul Chirita	Marissa Nicole Prince	Kristen Diane Solowiej
Lindsey Nicole Graver	Kelly Ann Saroka	Rachael Taylor

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

Alexa Briane Dunteman	Justin Michael Steinberger
Giana Russo	

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

Alexa Briane Dunteman	Princess Janine Diana	Ilise L. Wanamaker
Brianna Nocchi	Roblete	
Alexis Irene Pileggi	Samantha Lynne Simms	

Students admitted to the National Pro Bono Honor Society for recognition of outstanding service in the Physical Therapy Student-Run Pro Bono Clinic:

John Bankus	Megan Rose Curry	Arielle Kneller
Bridget Boyle	William Thomas Dunne	Sydney Kotch
Lindsay Cassandra Brantingson	Kristian Luke Dyrli	Lauren Anne Madsen
Eugene Francis Cannon	Christopher Edkins	Megan Meyers
Ashley Catherine Casem	Kaitlin Mary Fulton	Andrea Molitoris
Bartholomew Joseph Chupka	Nicole Giampietro	Mitchell Rock
Rebecca Ann Ciancitto	Megan Gibbons	Michael Trygar
Megan Elizabeth Collins	Christian Guidash	Samantha A. Weissberg
Devin Arrigo Crevani	Tyler Grant Hannon	Carly Jo Young
	Kelsey Hollenbach	Mackenzie Yurko
	Harrison Parker Kerch	Hayley Nicole Zelinka



ACADEMIC COSTUME IN AMERICA

Colors Indicating Fields of Learning

Worn as a border on the hood

ACCOUNTING
Drab

APPLIED BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE
Gold

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

GOVERNMENT, LAW AND NATIONAL SECURITY
White

HEALTH CARE INFORMATICS
Gold

HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT
Golden Yellow

HEALTH SCIENCE
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 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
Golden Yellow

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
Golden Yellow

MANAGEMENT
Drab

MARKETING
Drab

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Drab

MATHEMATICS
White

MEDICAL IMAGING
Golden Yellow

MEDICAL SCIENCE
Golden Yellow

MEDICAL AND HEALTH HUMANITIES
White

NURSING
Apricot

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
Golden Yellow

ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT
Golden Yellow

PHILOSOPHY
White

PHYSICAL THERAPY (DPT)
Teal

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
Kelly Green

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
Golden Yellow

PSYCHOLOGY
Golden Yellow

SOCIAL WORK
Citron

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
Silver

SPORT MANAGEMENT
Sage Green

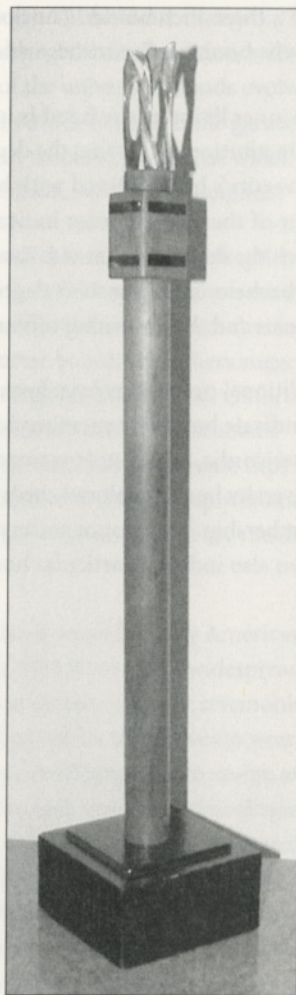
The mace is made of black walnut and bronze. The dark, rich wood symbolizes the woodlands surrounding the University campus referred to in the Alma Mater.

The unusual shaft works its way from rough cast, signifying 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 Kiel, RSM, goldsmith and silversmith. It is a gift of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Dallas Regional Community.



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The flags on display 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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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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