

WINTER COMMENCEMENT

DECEMBER 18, 2022



MISERICORDIA
UNIVERSITY



DECEMBER 2022 WINTER COMMENCEMENT EVENT PROGRAM

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

Ceol Mor, *Pipe and Drum Band*

INVOCATION

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NATIONAL ANTHEM

Megan Wescott '23

WELCOME

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STUDENT REMARKS

Ashlie Madison Kohr '22

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE

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

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

Mary Jo McGinley, RSM

ADDRESS TO CANDIDATES

Mary Jo McGinley, RSM

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

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INDUCTION OF GRADUATES INTO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Stephen Broskoske '85, Ed.D., *Associate Professor, Teacher Education*

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ACADEMIC RECESSIONAL

Ceol Mor, *Pipe and Drum Band*

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



Honorary Degree Recipient

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

Sister Mary Jo is the CEO/Executive Director of Global Health Ministry, assuming that role in January 2004. Global Health Ministry (GHM) is a nonprofit member of the Trinity Health system, one of the nation's largest not-for-profit Catholic healthcare systems. GHM serves in partnership with in-country leaders in Latin America and the Caribbean, assisting them in building healthier communities. To achieve its goals, GHM recruits and prepares US volunteers to serve on short-term medical and surgical missions, inviting participants to be personally transformed and embrace their role as global citizens. In addition, GHM oversees the provision of all outpatient services for the citizens of the Marshall Islands in the South Pacific.

Sister Mary Jo has served in various administrative roles throughout her career. Before joining GHM, she worked for 14 years with Mercy Health System of Southeastern Pennsylvania, including as vice president of Ambulatory Services and System Fund Development and vice president of Administration at Mercy Hospital of Philadelphia. She served 19 years in the education ministry of the Sisters of Mercy, including as a junior high teacher, adjunct professor at Gwynedd Mercy College, elementary school principal, and Sisters of Mercy Education Supervisor with administrative oversight of 45 elementary schools along the East Coast.

During her many years of service, Sister Mary Jo earned numerous prestigious awards, including the Catherine McAuley from Eastern Mercy Health System; the Unsung Hero Award from the Baltimore Avenue Redevelopment Corporation; Recognition for Extraordinary Service as GHM's Haiti Team Leader; the Daniel F. Russell Award for Innovative Service to Those Who Are Poor; Social Stewardship Award; Sister Mary Concilia Moran Award from the Catholic Health Association; the Anne Fitzpatrick Murray Alumni Award for distinguished community service from Gwynedd Mercy University; and the Dedicated Service Recognition Award for service to the people of the Diocese of Chulucanas, Peru.

Sister Mary Jo earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Gwynedd Mercy University, a Master of Science Degree in Education Administration from Fordham University, and a Master's in Public Health from Yale University.



SISTER MARY JO MCGINLEY

BACHELOR OF ARTS

BIOLOGY

Talia Elizabeth Casarella, Mechanicsburg, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Abigail Lynn Curtis, Shavertown, PA *Cum Laude*

Gage Michael Ebersole, Lebanon, PA *Cum Laude*

Julia R. Emmett, Pittston, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Christopher Joseph Farrell IV, Fredericksburg, VA *Cum Laude*

Morgan Elizabeth Haefele, Dickson City, PA *Summa Cum Laude*

Zachary Bernard Hemond, Mifflintown, PA

Alexa Marin McHugh, Hughesstown, PA *Summa Cum Laude*

Andrew Joseph Rapisardi, Brackney, PA

Kaitlin Cecilia Redling, Flemington, NJ *Summa Cum Laude*

Ashley Marie Reiner, Clarks Summit, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

CHEMISTRY

Laurel Ann Marie Penn, Jefferson Township, PA *Cum Laude*

ENGLISH

Karina Renee, Pittston, PA *Summa Cum Laude*

GOVERNMENT, LAW AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Melissa O'Brien, Warrior Run, PA

Wilhelmina Townes, Wilkes-Barre, PA

HISTORY

Derek John Wadas, Annville, PA

MASS COMMUNICATIONS AND DESIGN

Benjamin Thomas Melville, Boonton, NJ

MEDICAL AND HEALTH HUMANITIES

Sarah Carmella Burns, Winfield, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Madison Noel Finley, Harveys Lake, PA

Katherine Gonzalez, Harlem, NY

Caitlyn Elizabeth Kennedy, Deland, FL

Jakob D. Morris, Nescopeck, PA



Alana Grace Start, West Wyoming, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Madelyn Rose Swarthout, Williamsport, PA *Cum Laude*
 John M. Tanis, Riverdale, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*
 Katelyn Brielle Timms, Moosic, PA *Cum Laude*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

ACCOUNTING

Madalena Joanne Eldrenkamp, Old Bridge, NJ *Summa Cum Laude*
 Joseph Michael Farrell, Hanover Township, PA *Cum Laude*
 Maxamiliano Gariano, Mountain Top, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Evan Christopher Jones, Scranton, PA
 Alyssa Marie Mattucci, Souderton, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Nicole Kathleen Perrone, Dunmore, PA *Cum Laude*
 Casandra Reibsome, Pittston, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

BIOCHEMISTRY

Sarah Kaminski, Swoyersville, PA

BIOLOGY

Peyton Robert Kimmel, Prince Frederick, MD *Summa Cum Laude*
 Katherine Elizabeth Kraeker, Bethpage, NY *Cum Laude*
 Emily Ann Sugrue, Ashland, PA *Summa Cum Laude*

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Alyssa R. Angelicola, Clarks Summit, PA
 Jacob Alan Bartholomew, Coplay, PA
 Isabella Louise Bernitsky, Schuylkill Haven, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Alyssa Bondi, East Brunswick, NJ *Summa Cum Laude*
 Hannah Sreylene Bonk, Shavertown, PA
 Brianna Lynn Burd, Eastampton, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*
 Jillian Alexa Greco, Hazleton, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 John Henry Guszak, Wapwallopen, PA
 Kyle House, Union Dale, PA *Cum Laude*
 Alex Keller, Scranton, PA *Cum Laude*
 Hailey Loughlin, Moriches, NY *Summa Cum Laude*



Raymond Peter Luczak III, Mocanaqua, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Connor Thomas McNamara, Minersville, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Michael Kevin Murphy, Brick, NJ *Summa Cum Laude*
 Valerie Ann Rodriguez, Hazleton, PA *Cum Laude*
 Tiffany Rosick, Mountain Top, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Dwayne V. Sharpe, Andover, NJ

Lucinda Renee Simms, Kingston, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Carly Elizabeth Stoner, Bendersville, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Christopher George Straub, Reading, PA *Cum Laude*
 Colleen Mary Visintainer, Drums, PA *Cum Laude*
 Christopher Charles Williams, Hanover Township, PA *Cum Laude*

EARLY CHILDHOOD AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

Makayla Jean Dziak, Mehoopany, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Hannah Gildea, Dallas, PA
 Madison Delaney Klopp, Shavertown, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Jennifer Marie Regan, Old Forge, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT

Blaise C. Albright, Honesdale, PA
 Matthew Gibson Carter, Sparta, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*
 Andrew R. Daubenspeck, Schwenksville, PA
 Caleb W. Dixon, Hughesville, PA *Cum Laude*
 Victoria Rose Fama, Howell, NJ *Cum Laude*
 Trevor Richard Jones, Columbus, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*
 Stephanie Ann Kapalka, Shavertown, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Robin Marie Montigney, Hunlock Creek, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Max W. Nicholson, Fredericksburg, VA *Cum Laude*
 Emma Anne Pole, Sellersville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Jaliece Rosa, Scranton, PA
 Katelyn Marie Vols, Mountain Top, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

HEALTH SCIENCE

Carlos Artson, Baltimore, MD
 Kate Suzann Bernauer, Kinnelon, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*



Bailey Aloysius Bevins, Easton, PA
 James Joseph Towers, Bally, PA
 Michael Patrick Walsh, Pittston, PA *Cum Laude*
 Lydia T. Wartonic, Rockville, MD

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Paul Michael Hurn, Shavertown, PA
 Aaron Michael Pernet, Frackville, PA *Cum Laude*

MEDICAL IMAGING

Sarah Hilde Bielfeld, Hawley, PA
 Ashlyn Taylor Case, Williamsport, PA
 Hailey M. Clark, Parkton, MD *Magna Cum Laude*
 Samantha Lisa Clark, Clay, NY
 Michaela Sarah Cragle, Shickshinny, PA *Cum Laude*
 Graham Joseph Dileo, Malvern, PA *Cum Laude*
 Camryn Diane Frazier, Scott Township, PA
 Emily Ann Paciga, Shavertown, PA *Cum Laude*
 Kendall Elizabeth Pearage, Bear Creek Township, PA *Cum Laude*
 Rachel R. Roccograndi, Nanticoke, PA
 Jena Nicole Simmons, Tunkhannock, PA
 Amanda L. Smith, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Patrick Deuayne Strouse, Plains, PA
 Lauren Olivia Wiest, Herndon, PA *Cum Laude*
 Reyanne Catherine Yokimcus, Mountain Top, PA

OCCUPATIONAL SCIENCE

Mikayla Tracy Agresto, Monroe Township, NJ
 McKenzie Lynne Alter, Vernon, NJ
 Peyton L. Argot, Scotrun, PA
 Delaney Jane Boyd, Clinton, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*
 Marissa Ashley Brink, Rome, PA
 Marina Diane Bucciarelli, Tunkhannock, PA *Cum Laude*
 Christopher Gregory Cercone Jr., Dallas, PA
 Lena Marie Conway, Madison, CT *Magna Cum Laude*



Gianna Rose Delfino, Dunmore, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Kolby Dallas Engel, Westminster, MD
 MayLyn Marie Anna Ettinger, Williamsport, PA
 Elizabeth Catherine Fasti, New Hope, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Victoria L. Fisher, Deptford, NJ
 Rebecca Greig, Magnolia, DE
 Nicole Hannon, Middletown, NJ *Summa Cum Laude*
 Gwendolyn Nicole King, Califon, NJ *Cum Laude*
 Kimberly Carolyn King, Philadelphia, PA
 Lydia Marie Kirkendall, Jersey Shore, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Melody Anne Kneller, New Albany, PA
 Ashlie Madison Kohr, Mount Wolf, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Lucas Leverick, Haddonfield, NJ
 Allana Charla L. Lim, Pompton Lakes, NJ
 Christina Mary McFadden, Collegetown, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Edward Rogers McWithey, Laurel, MD *Magna Cum Laude*
 Faith Merritt, Newark, DE *Magna Cum Laude*
 Abrielle Josephine Milling, Livingston Manor, NY *Magna Cum Laude*
 Rachel N. Mills, Frankford, DE *Summa Cum Laude*
 Stephanie C. Mondesir, Asbury Park, NJ
 Monica Claire Morrison, Dallas, PA
 Jillian Marcjanna Olenick, Montague, NJ *Cum Laude*
 Jenna M. Potter, Medford, NY *Cum Laude*
 Jenna Lynn Price, Souderton, PA *Cum Laude*
 Christina Ann Reilley, Ashland, PA
 Megan Rose Saccary, Mechanicsburg, PA
 Paige Elizabeth Sala, Potsdam, NY
 Lacey Diane Sanguinito, Little Meadows, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Sydney Rose Santora, Dallas, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Kendra Arlene Saxton, Huntington Mills, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Caitlin Marie Scully, Sewell, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*
 Kaitlin Rose Sugarman, Hazleton, PA *Cum Laude*
 Chloe N. Tinklepaugh, Susquehanna, PA *Cum Laude*



Makenzie Marie Tumini, Mullica Hill, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*
 Lauren Visalli, Mullica Hill, NJ *Cum Laude*
 Kennedy Paige Wheeler, Waverly, NY *Magna Cum Laude*
 Sophie M. Winter, Whitehouse Station, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*
 Grace Elizabeth Yeatman, Wilmington, DE *Summa Cum Laude*
 Sophia Cecilia Zwack, Hockessin, DE *Magna Cum Laude*

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Jill Dillon, Mountain Top, PA
 Patti Leigh O'Dell-Mehalovich, Hopwood, PA
 Thomas Joseph Smith, Waymart, PA

PSYCHOLOGY

Matthew Egener, Bedford Hills, NY
 Hayley Catherine Engle, Millerstown, PA
 Courtney Michele Gregas, Luzerne, PA
 Jonus C. Gurski, Woodbridge, NJ *Cum Laude*
 Kayla Henderson, East Windsor, NJ
 Brandon Christopher Kelley, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*
 Madison Alexis Koons, Aston, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Conor Raymond Kryeski, Clarks Summit, PA
 Emily Eileen Liddick, Jersey Shore, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Julia Nicole Lloyd, Riverton, NJ
 John Natiello, Milford, PA
 Allie Irene Pileggi, Kingston, PA *Cum Laude*
 Corinna Ann Scoblick, Harveys Lake, PA *Cum Laude*
 Rachael Turner, Kingston, PA

SPORT MANAGEMENT

Kelvin Caleb Gallard, Hellertown, PA
 Jason Vincent Sanfilippo, Wayne, NJ *Cum Laude*
 Thomas Andrew Tracey, Middletown, DE *Cum Laude*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

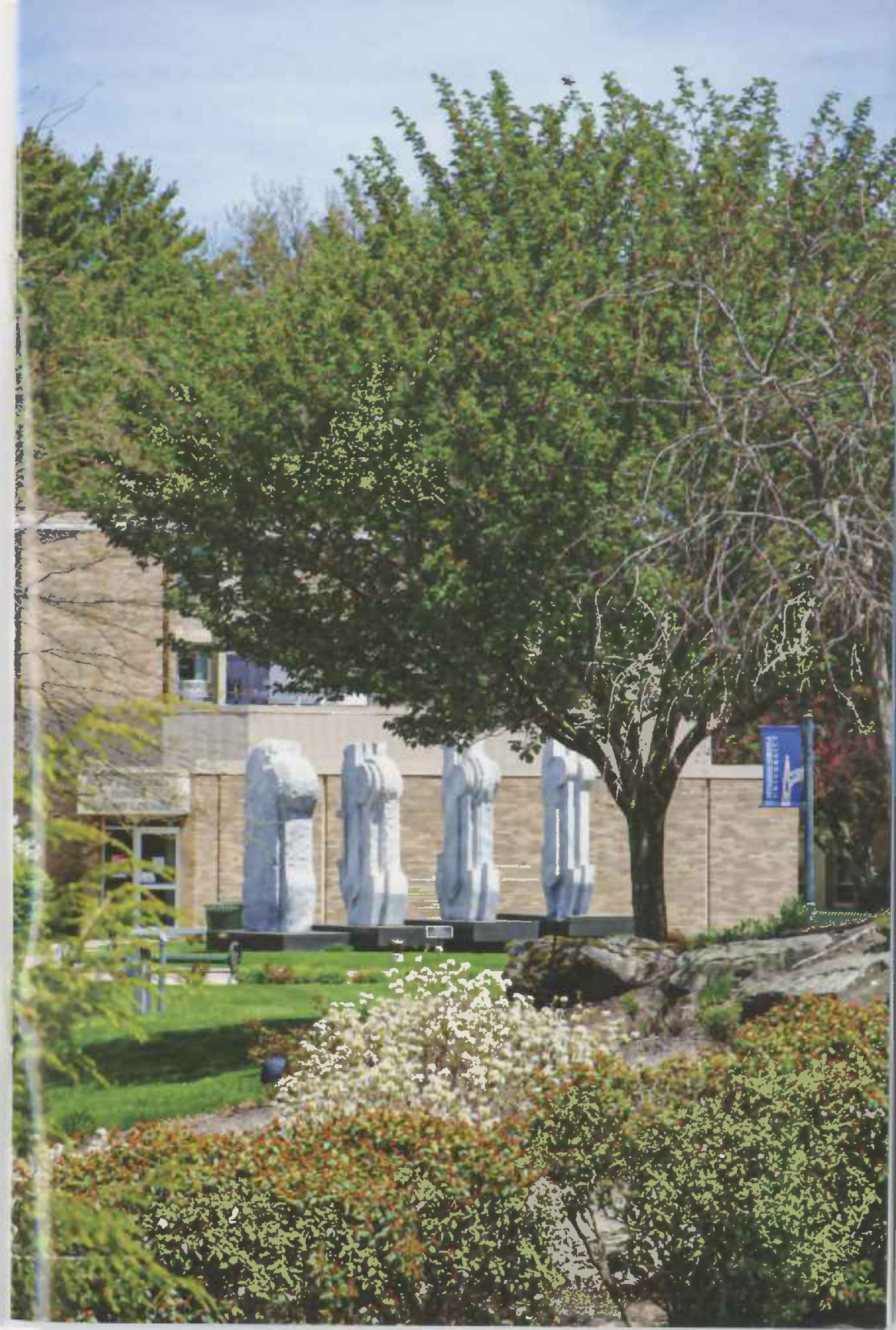
Autumn Albertson, Bloomsburg, PA
 Alex V. Ayrapetyan, Drexel Hill, PA
 Tara Lynn Bowman, Morgantown, PA
 Megan Marie Bronson, Eynon, PA *Cum Laude*
 Cassidy Brown, Pottsville, PA
 Debra L. Burge, Mountain Top, PA
 Paul Burke, Scranton, PA
 Colleen Mary Cammerota, Clarks Summit, PA
 Genevieve S. Casey, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Kristina Cwalina, Shavertown, PA
 Rachel Lillian Dickinson, Prospect Park, PA
 Madeline Margaret Dworak, Nicholson, PA
 Jennifer Taylor Flack, Harveys Lake, PA
 Hazel Gundan Frani, Gouldsboro, PA
 Heather Louise Garcia, McAdoo, PA
 Stacey M. George, Downingtown, PA
 Claudia Lichele Getty, Bloomsburg, PA *Cum Laude*
 Olivia Norvimelio Glover, Oakdale, PA
 Francesca Colace Goldsack, Gouldsboro, PA *Cum Laude*
 Victoria Hallett, Saylorsburg, PA
 Stacy Harper, Aliquippa, PA
 Christen Hogan, Sugar Notch, PA
 Dianne Francis Hollister, Duryea, PA
 Amanda Marie Howard, Monroeville, PA
 Emily Hurlburt, Pittsburgh, PA
 Kaitlyn Elizabeth Inglesby, Avoca, PA
 Tiyeda Mawa Johns, Clinton, MD
 Joanne Katarsky, Drums, PA
 Ashlynn N. Kirk, Thorndale, PA
 Kerstyn Klinger, Paxtonville, PA
 Jessica Nicole Kozich, Forty Fort, PA
 Yvonne Sarah Laurito, Swoyersville, PA



- Madison Machmer, Mifflinburg, PA
Lorianne Masi, Bear Creek Township, PA
Lauren Marie Navalle, Pittsburgh, PA
Kristen Elizabeth Novak, Pittsburgh, PA
Alicia Paglianite-Tracy, Pittston, PA
Joseph Michael Pollock, Hanover Township, PA
Amanda Rakowski, Nanticoke, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Milagros Lopez Ramirez, Hazleton, PA
Brittany Rapchak, Nanticoke, PA
Michael Rizzo, Pittsburgh, PA
Robin Lynn Santey, Ashley, PA
Steven Matthew Schwartz, Covington Township, PA
June Marie Sisson, Evans City, PA
Domenique Stauffer, Pittsburgh, PA
Emily Suchar, Canonsburg, PA
Shiloh Rose Taul, Pittsburgh, PA
James Njiru Thiongo, Monroe, NJ
Samuel Tomlin, Canonsburg, PA
Kevin Ukaegbu, Philadelphia, PA
Narisha Ali Walker, East Stroudsburg, PA
Courtney Lee Weber, Cheswick, PA
Amanda Weisenfluh, Shavertown, PA
Alyssa Raye Wiant, Sligo, PA

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Leigh Helen Segali, New Windsor, NY



MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Theodore Robert Allabaugh, Factoryville, PA
 Alessandro Burlew, Dallas, PA
 Vincenzo Diliberti, Commack, NY
 Tina Doshi, Somerset, NJ
 Heather Patricia Elias, Dallas, PA
 Amela Kanour, Danville, PA
 Heidi Ann Kile, Hanover Township, PA
 Amanda Mortimer, Berwick, PA
 Jessica Nicole Pierce, White Haven, PA
 Evan Marc Roberts, Souderton, PA
 Jared Jacob Skidds, Wayne, PA

MASTER OF SCIENCE

EDUCATION

Alissa Brianna Everetts, Nanticoke, PA
 Desiree Noel Goble, Tunkhannock, PA
 Jonathan Daniel Grybos, Bloomsburg, PA
 Alyson Paulauskas, Shavertown, PA
 Kathryn M. Volkel, Dallas, PA

ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT

Sheena Marie Chollak, Dallas, PA
 Mary Elizabeth Williams, Wilkes-Barre, PA

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

Marguerite Adams, Baltimore, MD
 Abby Jo Bizzarri, Belmont, OH
 Anthony J. Cantarella, Old Forge, PA
 Samantha Holcomb, West Wyoming, PA
 Michelle Kay Keen, Meridian, ID
 John Kochanski, Gaylord, MI
 Emily Kollar, Kingston, PA
 Uyen T. Le, Destin, FL



Casey Joan Lello, Hudson, PA
 Zuleidys Fumero Pelaez, West Palm Beach, FL
 Emma Celene Pevarnik, Greensburg, PA
 Luke Alleman Rodgers, Wyoming, PA
 Faith Ann Schafer, White Haven, PA
 Christopher Snyder, Bangor, PA
 Hannah Zapczynski, Lakeville, MI
 Lexie Madison Zimmerman, Port Royal, PA

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Ashley Masters, Scranton, PA

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Rachel Rose Barletta-Scarcella, Weatherly, PA
 Samantha Paige Baro, Douglassville, PA
 Nicole Doty, Hunlock Creek, PA
 Alissa Laura Kincel, Jefferson Township, PA
 Polina Krasik, Breinigsville, PA
 Elaina Menichelli, Pittston, PA
 Danita Marie Pires, Plano, TX
 Jessica Corinne Watkins, Dornsife, PA
 Alexa-Gail Woolery, Rock Hill, SC

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Kristen Leigh Clare, Dallas, PA
 Deidre DeLuca, Plymouth, PA
 Austin Scott Hargraves, Bloomsburg, PA
 Kelly Ariane Henriquez, Pompton Lakes, NJ
 Alexandria Justi, Woodstock, NY
 Kimberly Anne Konnick, Dallas, PA
 Lauren Ann Lea, Elkridge, MD
 Allison Lehman, Willow Grove, PA
 Emily Lucas, Valley View, PA
 Christina Marie Micholik, Lehighton, PA
 Minke Lee Pheiffer, Mount Carmel, PA



Jessica Redden, North Bergen, NJ
 Stephanie Rogers, Whitehall, PA
 Ashley Ryno, Washington, NJ
 MareKait Schintz, Emmaus, PA
 Jessica Shober, Marietta, PA
 Lauren Stover, Lancaster, PA
 Robin Rodeghiero, Bear Creek, PA

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Kimberly Conaboy, Clarks Summit, PA
 Zhi Ting Sherry Daley, Killingworth, CT
 Polina Krasik, Breinigsville, PA
 Karen M. Lowe, Marlboro, NJ
 Katherine Melissa Martin, Carlisle, PA
 Danita Marie Pires, Plano, TX
 Meghan Marie Pontz, Danville, PA
 Emily Rogan, Scranton, PA
 Tehila Schnaidman, Scranton, PA
 Michael Anthony Sedlack, Thompsonville, NY
 Kimberly Shaffer, Jefferson Township, PA
 Alexa-Gail Woolery, Rock Hill, SC

DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Shelby S. Abraham, Nanuet, NY
 Marci Smith Driscoll, Holden, MA
 Emma Pickel, Lancaster, PA
 Alexandra Nicole Willey, Stewartville, NJ

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Lauren A. Anderson, State College, PA
 Gabrielle Marie Babula, Towaco, NJ
 Emily L. Connell, Rush, NY
 Katherine Ann Cure, Kingsley, PA

Zachary Thomas Davis, Covington Township, PA
 Kalie Erin Ertwine, Benton, PA
 David Michael Havard, Mountain Top, PA
 Patrick Jude Hoffman, St. Marys, PA
 Jared Randall Houser, Lititz, PA
 Hannah Gwendolynn Kepple, Jonestown, PA
 Dawson Kent Kerch, Allentown, PA
 Mikayla Lee Klimas, Harding, PA
 Michael Harold McGee, Jefferson Township, PA
 Garrett Frederick Murray, Dunmore, PA
 Grace Marie Nikolski, Poughkeepsie, NY
 Olivia Ann Noone, Wyalusing, PA
 Ashleigh Nicole O'Malley, Lake Hopatcong, NJ
 Marlena Ostrowski, Dallas, PA
 Miranda Grace Parry, Dallas, PA
 Kristi Marie Pearage, Bear Creek Township, PA
 Alyssa Rose Pratti, Port Jervis, NY
 Marissa Nicole Prince, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Sarah N. Reeder, Larksville, PA
 Levi J. Roberts, Perkiomenville, PA
 Ryan B. Romaine, Bloomsbury, NJ
 Kristina Alexis Russell, Forest Hill, MD
 Giana Marina Russo, Oakland, NJ
 Kelly Ann Saroka, Binghamton, NY
 Sierra Rose Schertler, Rochester, NY
 Megan Lee Shaver, Meridale, NY
 Justin Michael Steinberger, West Pittston, PA
 Edward Warunek, Pittston, PA
 Kaitlyn Rose Weatherby, Sewell, NJ
 Clare Margaret Winton, Forty Fort, PA
 Trenton Thomas Woolcock, Muncy, 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
Summa Cum Laude	3.90 and above
Magna Cum Laude	3.70 – 3.89
Cum Laude	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 2022 Valedictorian will be announced after final grades are submitted.

The student speaker for the 2022 Winter Commencement is the student with the highest grade point average based on grades earned at the start of the fall 2022 semester.

2022 Winter Commencement Student Speaker:

Ashlie Madison Kohr

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:

Alyssa Bondi	Katherine Elizabeth Kraeker
Madalena Joanne Eldrenkamp	Abrielle Josephine Milling
Nicole Hannon	Emily Ann Sugrue
Trevor Richard Jones	

HONORS AND AWARDS

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

The *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, is awarded to:

Morgan Elizabeth Haefele Kaitlin Cecilia Redling

The *Dr. Robert S. Anderson Award in Pre-medicine* is awarded to the most outstanding student interested in pursuing a career as a physician. This award, instituted in 1999 by a gift provided by Dr. Robert Anderson, a major supporter of Misericordia and its Pre-med program, is presented to:

Peyton Robert Kimmel

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

Karina Renee

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

Emily Eileen Liddick

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND EDUCATION

The *Medical Imaging Department Award* for Academic Excellence, given to a graduating senior with the highest cumulative grade point average in the major, is presented to:

Hailey M. Clark

The *Academic Excellence Award* in Nursing, conferred annually to a student who has attained the highest academic standing overall, is presented to:

Steven Matthew Schwartz

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, is awarded to:

Milagros Lopez Ramirez

The *ati Comprehensive Predictor*, presented to the student who has attained the highest score on the comprehensive ati review examination, is awarded to:

Steven Matthew Schwartz

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

Genevieve S. Casey

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 awarded to:

Lauren Ann Lea

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 awarded to:

Kristen Leigh Clare

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 awarded to:

Lauren Stover



The *Occupational Science Curricular Award*, presented to a graduating occupational science student who demonstrates commitment to the advancement of occupational science through actions and academic achievement with a focus on occupational justice and occupational life balance, is awarded to:

McKenzie Lynne Alter Nicole Hannon

The *Jeremy M. Kuba, MSOT Kindness Award*, presented to a student, chosen by their peers, who fosters an inclusive environment when engaging with diverse communities, is supportive in communication with peers and others, and is an empathetic listener when engaged socially with others, is awarded to:

Monica Claire Morrison Jenna M. Potter

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

Kelly Ann Saroka

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

Alyssa Rose Pratti

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

Patrick Jude Hoffman Sarah N. Reeder

HONOR SOCIETIES

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

Talia Elizabeth Casarella	Katherine Elizabeth Kraeker
Gage Michael Ebersole	Alexa Marin McHugh
Julia R. Emmett	Kaitlin Cecilia Redling
Christopher Joseph Farrell IV	Ashley Marie Reiner
Morgan Elizabeth Haeefe	Emily Ann Sugrue
Peyton Robert Kimmel	

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

Emily L. Connell	Marissa Nicole Prince
Garrett Frederick Murray	Sarah N. Reeder
Grace Marie Nikolski	Kelly Ann Saroka
Alyssa Rose Pratti	Clare Margaret Winton

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

Makayla Jean Dziak	Jennifer Marie Regan
Madison Delaney Klopp	

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

Hailey M. Clark	Amanda L. Smith
Graham Joseph Dileo	Lauren Olivia Wiest
Emily Ann Paciga	

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

Lena Marie Conway	Lacey Diane Sanguinito
Nicole Hannon	Makenzie Marie Tumini
Lydia Marie Kirkendall	Grace Elizabeth Yeatman
Christina Mary McFadden	Sophia Cecilia Zwack
Rachel N. Mills	



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

Alyssa Bondi	Alyssa Marie Mattucci
Malissa Ann Bonk	Connor Thomas McNamara
Brianna Lynn Burd	Robin Marie Montigney
Madalena Joanne Eldrenkamp	Emma Anne Pole
Trevor Richard Jones	Alyssa Nicole Rush
Amy Jo Keiper	Christopher George Straub
Heidi Ann Kile	Katelyn Marie Vols
Hailey Loughlin	

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

Karina Renee

Student admitted to Phi Alpha Theta, the National Historical Honor Society:

Derek John Wadas

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

Sarah Carmella Burns	Emily Ann Paciga
Madison Noel Finley	Madelyn Rose Swarthout

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

Emily Eileen Liddick Corinna Ann Scoblick

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

Lauren A. Anderson	Alyssa Rose Pratti
Emily L. Connell	Sarah N. Reeder
David Michael Havard	Kristina Alexis Russell
Mikayla Lee Klimas	Giana Marina Russo
Michael Harold McGee	Mackenzie Schanzlin
Garrett Frederick Murray	Sierra Rose Schertler
Grace Marie Nikolski	Megan Lee Shaver
Ashleigh Nicole O'Malley	Kaitlyn Rose Weatherby
Marlena Ostrowski	Clare Margaret Winton

The mace is made of black walnut and bronze.

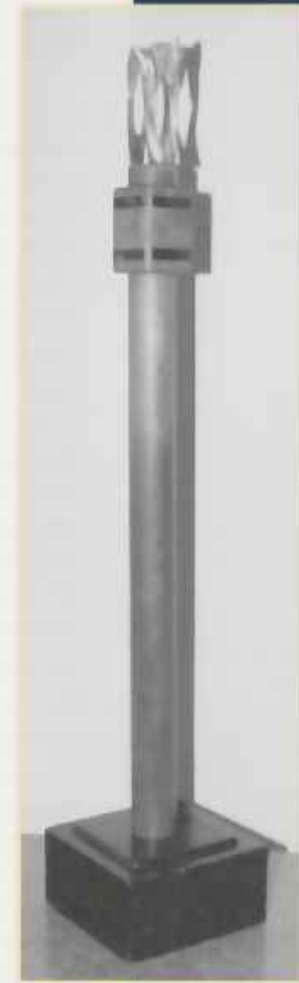
The dark, rich wood symbolizes the woodlands surrounding the University campus referred to in the Alma Mater.

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.



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

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Golden Yellow

ACADEMIC COSTUME IN AMERICA

Colors Indicating Fields of Learning Worn as a Border on the Hood

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



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Golden Yellow

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Drab

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Drab

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Golden Yellow

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Golden Yellow

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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

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