



Misericordia
University

Eighty Second
Commencement
Convocation
Class of 2008



CLASS OF 2008

The 82nd annual Commencement ceremony features 546 graduates who will be the first to receive a diploma from Misericordia University during its rich 84-year history.

Misericordia's second largest graduating class hails from 13 states, including Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, Delaware, Virginia, Rhode Island, Hawaii, Maine and Washington.

The 70 nursing students represent the largest number of graduates from a single field in this year's class. Combined with Physical Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy and Medical Imaging, a new collection of Misericordia graduates are going on to rewarding careers in the health sciences.

Several of our graduates will continue their educations at prestigious graduate schools. A Certified Nurse Specialist graduate student will seek his doctorate in nursing at The State University of New York, and a biology major will seek her doctorate degree at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. An English major will attend graduate school at the University of Glasgow in Scotland.

Two students in the distinctive Women with Children program are among our graduates today, the seventh and eighth to graduate from the program since it was established in 2000. A member of our nursing class was formally commissioned as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy prior to Commencement.

Misericordia University is proud of the Class of 2008 as they prepare to enter the next important phase in their lives. MU's newest alumni understand the Religious Sisters of Mercy's charisms of mercy, service, justice and hospitality, and will always be Misericordia Proud.



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Anderson Sports and Health Center

Saturday, May 17, 2008

Academic Processional

Ceol Mor, *Pipe and Drum Band*

Invocation

Sr. Jean Messaros, RSM *Vice President of Student Affairs*
Director of Mercy Integration

National Anthem

Graduating members of Misericordia University Choirs
Keira McMenamin
Ian Steele
Kristen Williams
John Curtis, DMA, *Director*
Betty Porzuczek, MA, *Pianist*

Welcome

Michael A. MacDowell, EdD, *President of Misericordia University*

Conferring of Honorary Degrees

Paul Siegel, *Chair, Board of Trustees*

Doctor of Humane Letters

David D. Eisenhower, II
Julie Nixon-Eisenhower

Address to Candidates

David D. Eisenhower, II

An Irish Blessing

Misericordia University Chamber Singers

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees

Mari P. King, EdD, *Vice President of Academic Affairs*

Conferring of Degrees

Michael A. MacDowell

Remarks

Kelsey Muldoon, '08 Class *Valedictorian*

Presentation of Senior Class Gift

Janal Engle '92

Induction of Graduates into the Alumni Association

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

Presentation of the Following 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
Mari P. King, EdD

Alma Mater

The Misericordia University Chamber Singers
John Curtis, DMA, *Director*

Benediction

Fr. Daniel Toomey, *Chaplain*

Academic Recessional

Ceol Mor, *Pipe and Drum Band*

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

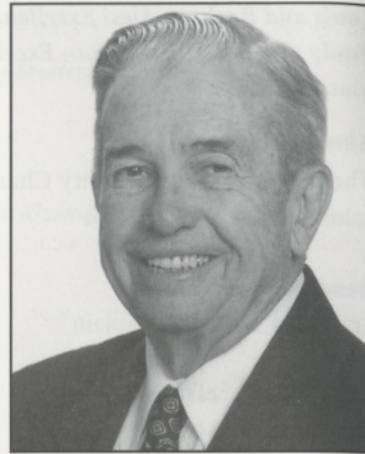
The audience will please remain seated until the graduates have filed out.

Marshalls

Kelly Spencer '79
Nancy Goble DeSando '84
Kara Golden '99
Colleen Coyle Newhart '75
Kimberly A. Gross '07
Dianne S. Curry '87
Mary Powers Sprau '93
Brenda M. Nowalis '04
Denice Dodd VanDriesen '91

John P. Martin, Ed.D.

John P. Martin, Ed.D., has spent a lifetime shaping and establishing secondary, undergraduate and graduate educational opportunities for children and young adults in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Luzerne County.



One of the founding fathers of West Side Central Catholic High School — the former Bishop O'Reilly High School — in Kingston and Luzerne County Community College (LCCC) in Nanticoke, Dr. Martin has served his community, profession and faith with dignity and compassion.

Dr. Martin earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Bonaventure University and his master's in psychology and counseling from the University of Scranton. He received his doctorate degree in higher education from the Pennsylvania State University, where he wrote his doctoral dissertation, "The Establishment of Luzerne County Community College: A Case Study."

A lifelong learner, Dr. Martin also earned 244 graduate credits in philosophy, administration of allied health education, educational administration, guidance and theological studies.

As a young man, Dr. Martin had a "real familiarity with the mission" of the Religious Sisters of Mercy thanks to his Irish-born parents and a close family friend. The way he interpreted that mission, though, evolved as he established himself as a young professional in higher education and health care. "I grew up and it became clear to me that they were talking about the right of higher education," he recently said about the Religious Sisters of Mercy's mission.

"I wanted to get into the next emerging right in the United States, the right to health care" he adds about his positions with RSM health care facilities. "That was a big discussion during the time of the Kennedy Administration. It was a real privilege to join them on their missions."

As a charter Trustee from 1966-75, Dr. Martin helped establish LCCC for countless college students and adult learners in Northeastern Pennsylvania. He was a member of LCCC's executive and personnel committees and

actively engaged in the recruitment and selection of the two-year institution's first president. Dr. Martin also designed policies to establish a solid working relationship between the Board of Trustees and the President.

Misericordia University and LCCC have had an articulation agreement for more than 30 years. Today, many current students and MU alumni began their collegiate careers by earning their associate's degree in Nanticoke before transferring to Misericordia to complete their bachelor's or master's degrees.

At Misericordia, Dr. Martin was an associate professor for education, psychology and philosophy, and campus chaplain from 1967-71. He has served Misericordia since 2002 on the President's Council and played an instrumental role in the development of the Bachelor of Science degree in health care management through the Expressway program for adult learners.

Dr. Martin and his late wife, Mrs. Ann Marie Gerrity Martin, also established the Frederick and Sarah Joyce Gerrity Endowed Scholarship to benefit needy students.

"I continue to be a believer in their mission and try to help them in every way possible," Dr. Martin adds.

His career in education has been highlighted by the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey designating him founding dean emeritus in 2002 for the School of Health Related Professions. Dr. Martin was the founding dean at the School of Health Related Professions from 1975-90. He also served the college as acting program director for physical therapy and acting chairperson for the department of radiation and imaging sciences.

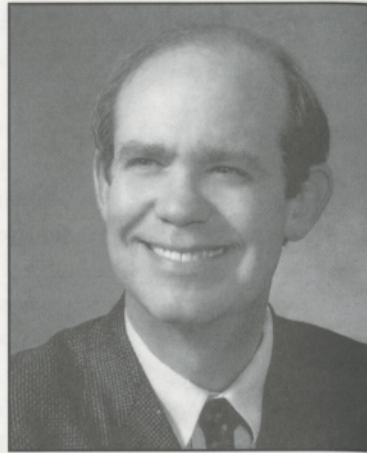
Dr. Martin was also the associate and acting dean of the College of Allied Health Professions at Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital in Philadelphia from 1972-75. He was the assistant superintendent of schools for kindergarten through 12th grades for the Diocese of Scranton from 1965-67.

Dr. Martin has extended his professional acumen to numerous professional and civic organization boards throughout his professional and personal life. He acted as chairperson for the Sisters of Mercy Health Corporation's Board of Trustees and was a member of the board of directors for Mercy Health Services in Michigan. Dr. Martin was a member of the federal task force on Guidance in Catholic Secondary Education and has been a member of the American Association for Higher Education since 1968.

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Mr. David and Mrs. Julie Nixon Eisenhower

David and Julie Nixon Eisenhower know the value of higher education and each embodies the meaning of service to others. Mr. Eisenhower served his country as a naval officer and Mrs. Eisenhower has been listed four times among the Ten Most Admired Women in America by Good Housekeeping magazine for her lifelong work as a volunteer.



Mr. Eisenhower is the grandson of the 34th president of the United States and namesake of the presidential retreat Camp David. Mrs. Eisenhower is the daughter of President Richard M. Nixon and First Lady Pat Nixon.

Mr. Eisenhower is the author of a two-volume book on the Allied leadership in the pursuit phase of World War II entitled, "Eisenhower: At War," which was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in history in 1986. He is also an historian and director of the Institute for Public Service at the Annenberg Public Policy Center. He serves as a senior research fellow at the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School for Communication and is a fellow in the International Relations Department at the university. In 2003, he was the winner of the University of Pennsylvania's Provost Award for excellence in university teaching.

From 2001-03, Mr. Eisenhower was editor-in-chief of the Foreign Policy Research Institute's (FPRI) Orbis journal. He currently is co-chair of FPRI's Teaching Institute. The author of numerous magazine articles and book reviews on the subjects of politics and history, he has lectured widely to audiences across the country on the presidency, foreign relations and World War II.

The grandson of President Dwight D. Eisenhower is a graduate of Amherst College and a three-year veteran of the United States Navy, where he served as an officer aboard the guided missile cruiser, Albany. In 1976, he earned his Juris Doctor from The Law Center at George Washington University. He is the recipient of seven honorary doctorates and is a fellow of the Society of American Historians.



Mrs. Eisenhower is an author, editor and public speaker. She has lectured widely throughout the United States on the presidency, leadership, women in politics and life in the White House. An assistant managing editor of The Saturday Evening Post, she helped establish a book division for the parent company and edited a series of anthologies. She is the author of three books, including the best-selling "Pat Nixon: The Untold Story."

A lifelong volunteer, Good Housekeeping magazine named her one of the Ten Most Admired Women in America four times for her efforts on behalf of children, the elderly and the environment. Through the years, she has served on many nonprofit boards. In 1991, Mrs. Eisenhower was named a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania for her community service. Most of her volunteer efforts since 1988 have been devoted to Jobs for America's Graduates, a nationwide program in 26 states which serves at-risk children. She has served as chair and vice chair of the organization. From 2002-06, Mrs. Eisenhower chaired the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

Mrs. Eisenhower received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Smith College and a master's degree from the Catholic University of America.

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HEALTH SCIENCE

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 Christie L. Emerson, Odessa, NY *Cum Laude*
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 Jennifer Viola Gehman, Coopersburg, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Kyle L. Greenawalt, Schuylkill Haven, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Joshua Thomas Gross, Schnecksville, PA
 Rachel Haley, Palo Alto, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Brenda Lee Hamersley, Kingston, PA
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 Rachel H. Houck, Bethlehem, PA
 Taryn Irizarry, Peckville, PA
 Brandon Michael Jayne, Laceyville, PA *Cum Laude*
 Rebecca Ann Kania, Wallingford, CT
 Laura Louise Kintner, Tunkhannock, PA
 Jessica L. Klimas, Tunkhannock, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 William Matthew Koval, Taylor, PA
 Jodi M. Kozlevcar, Uniondale, PA
 Gregory Michael Lenhart, Hamburg, PA *Cum Laude*
 Dillon Patrick Lockwood, Rome, PA
 Karla Marie Mahonski, South Williamsport, PA
 David Russell Martin, Warren Center, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Kristin Lynn McClain, Greencastle, PA *Cum Laude*
 Andrea L. McCormick, Middletown, NY
 Keira McMenamin, Lynbrook, NY

Carrie McMyne, Jermyn, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Cristee Lynn Mihal, Factoryville, PA *Cum Laude*
 Ashley Lynn Miller, Andreas, PA
 Sarah Monell, Rochester, NY *Cum Laude*
 Erin Moravec, Penn Yan, NY *Magna Cum Laude*
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 Beth A. Nelson, Jersey Shore, PA
 Heather Mary Pajak, Warwick, NY
 Christopher John Papson, Lancaster, PA
 Timothy M. Purcell, Coal Twp., PA
 Karena Nafeeza Richards, New York, NY
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 Amanda Rompilla, Allentown, PA
 Amy Ruda, Dallas, PA *Cum Laude*
 Amanda Kristen Ruesswick, Pilesgrove, NJ
 Andrew Ruiz, Oak Ridge, NJ
 Allison Scheuren, Ashland, PA *Cum Laude*
 Elizabeth Schneider, Scranton, PA
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 Rebecca Ann Straub, Sunbury, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
 Vyacheslav Suhostavskiy, Brooklyn, NY
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 Kevin D. Szychowski, Plains, PA
 Rene Torwich, Mayfield, PA
 Matthew D. VanDriesen, Ottsville, PA
 Jessica Watson, Athens, PA *Cum Laude*
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 Danielle R. Finch, Windsor, NY *Cum Laude*
 Ashlee N. Green, Palmerton, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
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 Chelsea Joy Lonoconus, Catawissa, PA
 Molly Martin, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Alaina Mathurin, Clay, NY
 Michele Lynn Mazur, Hanover Twp., PA
 Matthew Merrifield, Dalton, PA
 Michelle Phillips, Wilkes-Barre, PA
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 Ashley N. Scipioni, Myerstown, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Lora A. Smith, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Nicole Watts, Montrose, PA
 Shelly Wentzel, Harveys Lake, PA
 Amy Werner, Millersburg, PA *Cum Laude*

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 Marcy L. Buczynski, Plains, PA
 Deborah A. Craig, Pittston, PA
 Brittany Dyan Davis, Nanticoke, PA
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 Julie Dombroski, Wyoming, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Priscilla M. Dommies, Duryea, PA
 John Dunn, Broomall, PA
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 Denise Evans, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Nikolai Filak, Trucksville, PA
 Antoinette Fornasier, Galloway, NJ
 Katherine Fox, Columbia Falls, ME
 Rachel M. Frable, Old Forge, PA

Kristin Gelsleichter, Tunkhannock, PA
 Diane Marie Giambra, West Pittston, PA *Cum Laude*
 Kimberly Grybos, Mount Carmel, PA
 Melissa Hallisky, Taylor, PA
 Rachel Heintzleman, Ashland, PA
 Emily L. Hotaling, Laceyville, PA
 Daniel M. Jacobs, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*
 Wiseline Jean, East Orange, NJ
 Allison Margaret Jerauld, South Montrose, PA
 Renee Jumper, Mountaintop, PA
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 Lee King, Binghamton, NY
 Samantha Kneidler, Mountoursville, PA
 Amanda Koch, Lehighton, PA
 Rebecca Kohl, Shavertown, PA
 Ida Kravitz, Danville, PA
 Amy Elizabeth Kurpiewski, Old Forge, PA
 Stephanie McCaffrey, Marlton, NJ
 Christopher McElnea, Bear Creek, PA
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 Charlea Natasha Parkison, Dallas, PA *Cum Laude*
 Courtney Paulshock, Freeland, PA
 Leana T. Pinho, Bridgewater, NJ
 Diane P. Puchalski, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Thomas G. Radzewicz, West Pittston, PA
 Lindsay Marie Rosenkrans, Meshoppen, PA
 Kelly McCloskey Sabaluski, Lehman, PA
 MaryJo Seamon, Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Colleen Marie Searles, Easton, PA
 Tiffany Lynn Serfass, Lehighton, PA
 David S. Share, Dallas, PA
 JoAnne M. Simonds, Binghamton, NY
 Andrea Aleecia Smith, New Milford, PA
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 Leah Marie Steele, Summit Hill, PA
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 Laura Marie Toth, Dickson City, PA
 Susan A. Vito, Swoyersville, PA
 Stacey Walsh, Monroeton, PA
 Karen Weaver, White Haven, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
 Rosanne West, Brackney, PA *Cum Laude*
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 Laura Louise Kintner, Tunkhannock, PA
 Jodi M. Kozlevcar, Uniondale, PA

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 Jessica J. Shields, Danielsville, PA
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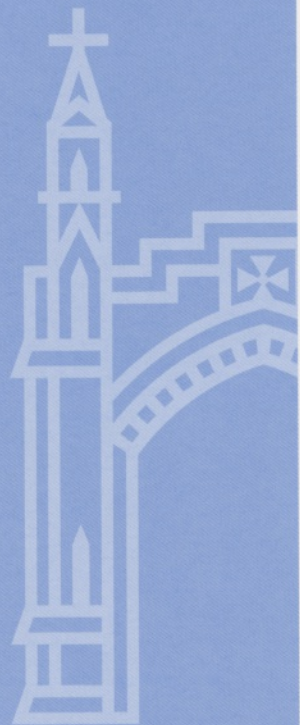
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 Candice Lee Bustos, West Hazleton, PA
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 Nicole R. Dixon, Tunkhannock, PA
 Caitlin Brenna Doyle, Downingtown, PA
 Carolyn A. Dunkelberger, Hegins, PA
 Kathryn Gorgos, Binghamton, NY
 Alexis Noel Hause, New Oxford, PA
 Jason Franklin Hause, New Oxford, PA
 Tammy Marie Hutira Hornung, Barnesville, PA
 Raymond Karoly, Jr., Allentown, PA
 Christopher J. Kaster, New York, NY
 Kristen Deborah Kramer, Allentown, PA
 Jennifer Lutkowski, Old Forge, PA
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 Jason E. Marks, Barnesville, PA
 Janine Rebelo, Old Bridge, NJ
 Cari Rose, Baltimore, MD
 Amy Lee Sanguedolce, Exeter, PA
 Jennifer Shaner, Hampton, NJ
 Justin David Snyder, Middletown, PA
 Joscelyn M. Travers, Jeffersonville, NY
 Keith P. Waldron, Park Ridge, NJ
 Rachel K. Walker, Baltimore, MD
 Matthew Marcus Walko, Mechanicsburg, PA
 Amanda K. Wenger, Lebanon, PA
 Jennifer A. Williams, Scranton, PA



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. Because these honors are calculated before final grades are submitted, estimation of them appears in the Commencement program. Students who have completed the University Honors curriculum while achieving a grade point average of 3.4 or better are awarded an Honors Degree.

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

Students awarded *University Honors* include:

Melissa A. Abrams
 Jessica A. Conklin
 Douglas J. Fedor
 Paul Andrew Fetzer
 Sara Hando
 Kerri Marie Petro
 Elyse F. Stine
 Jessica Lynn Williams

The *Act 101 Award* for outstanding academic achievement is awarded to:

Rebecca Louise Bicking
 Candace Scirrotto

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

Florena G. Lech

The *Outstanding Adult Learner Award*, given annually to a nontraditional student for outstanding academic achievement and involvement in both University and community activities, is presented to:

Joan Cooper Bonczek

The *Service Learning Leadership Award* is presented to a student who is nominated by a faculty member for community-based work initiated in a service learning course. The student must show evidence of active community service and the potential for continued service in a leadership role. This award is presented to:

Erin Moravec

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

Tyler J. Moore

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:

Justen P. Yatko

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:

Marie Laura Lostocco

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

Todd M. DeSando

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

Dana Marie Rowe



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

Christopher Norman Vachon

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

Kelsey Muldoon

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

Justine Mary Hallenbeck

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

Susan Gryzniec

The *Psychology Student Achievement Award*, given for outstanding academic performance, is presented to:

Douglas J. Fedor

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

Nicole Thomas-Grube

The *Alpha Delta Mu Award* for the highest achievement in Social Work is awarded to:

Lorrie A. Welebob Williams

The *Mallinckrodt Award* for Academic Excellence in the Study of Medical Imaging is awarded to:

Traditional Student: Ashley N. Scipioni

Non-traditional Student: Ashlee N. Green

The *Robert C. Fisher Clinical Excellence in the Study of Medical Imaging Award* is presented to:

Joyce Brown

Ashlee N. Green

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:

Brittany Sutton

The *Army Nurse Corps Spirit of Nursing Award*, given to the Senior Nursing Student who exemplifies exceptional leadership qualities in local, University, community and professional activities, is presented to:

David S. Share

The *Sister Mary Kateri Dowart Award* for excellence and leadership in Nursing is awarded to:

Rebecca Louise Bicking

The *M. Bernadette Hogan Nursing Award*, given annually to a graduating student who exemplifies outstanding service and leadership to the profession of Nursing and to community, is awarded to:

Joanne M. Simonds

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:

Nicole A. Williams

The *Dr. Marcie Jones Graduate Nursing Award*, given to a graduate nursing student in good academic standing who demonstrates living the mission of the University (mercy, justice, service and hospitality), is awarded to:

Michael M. Evans

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:

Rachel Haley

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

Erin Rose Bradley

Devon Reese Saltzer

The *Dr. Stephen L. Heater Leadership Award*, presented to a graduating Occupational Therapy student who exemplifies the qualities of leadership modeled by Dr. Stephen Heater, which include creativity, dynamic vision and exceptional conceptual skills, is presented to:

Erin Moravec

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:

Fallon Alysia Ann Shriner

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:

Amanda L. Gates

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:

Natalie Erin Bedio

The *Speech-Language Pathology Academic Excellence Award*, granted to the graduating Speech-Language Pathology student who has demonstrated academic excellence superior to that of those in the graduating class, is presented to:

Kelly Ann Bacher
Courtney R. Weisser

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

Kelly N. DeHaven

The *Speech-Language Pathology Outstanding Service Award*, granted to the student who participates and provides volunteer service to the department above and beyond academic and clinical responsibilities, is presented to:

Amy Ruda

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:

Mallory Lynn Vough

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

Jennifer Gomez

The *Fine Arts Award*, chosen by the Fine Arts faculty, given to a graduating senior who excels in any of the non-literary Fine Arts and has demonstrated a high level of academic achievement, is presented to:

Rebecca Louise Bicking

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

Paul Andrew Fetzer

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

Megan Motto

The *History Department Award* for Excellence in History is presented to:

Elizabeth Snipas

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

Sean M. Feeley

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

Emi E. Yorozu

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

Andrea R. Young

The *Robert Anderson Award* for academic excellence in pre-medicine curriculum, service to the University and leadership is awarded to:

Krista Karin Koch

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:

Victoria Elizabeth Ginder

The *Alumni Outstanding Graduate Award*, established by the Alumni Association, recognizes a graduating student who exemplifies the Misericordia spirit of mercy, justice, service, and hospitality, is awarded to:

Keegan E. Gosik

The annual award contributed by the Misericordia University Board of Trustees to the student exemplifying the University's academic, leadership and service ideals is presented to:

Krista Karin Koch

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

Lindsay Everitt	Laura Schmidt
Leslie A. Horwitz	Alexandra Skarupsky
Alissa E. Krull	Kathleen Stapleton
Gelu Negrea	Lorrie A. Welebob Williams
Jennifer Rudnitski	Melody Jo Zapotoczny

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

Jennifer Lynn Andes	Jennifer Gomez	Teresa L. Shaner
Joan Cooper Bonczek	Steven Kazmierski	Brenda L. St. Duran
Joyce Brown	Robert P. Konopke	Helen Marie Wallace
William James Caputo	Melissa Jean Lukavitch	Quinn G. Wester
Mary Beth Davies	Mary S. Nicholson	Kelly A. Wozniak
Ron Faraday	Norman Mark Sauers	

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

Rebecca Louise Bicking
Joshua David McCabe
Candace Scirrotto

Students admitted to the Beta Beta Chapter, Delta Epsilon Sigma, National Scholastic Honor Society:

Jennifer Lynn Andes	Kyle L. Greenawalt	Brenda L. St. Duran
Alyssa Marie Bierbach	Krista Karin Koch	Mary Joyce Stefanowicz
Michaelina Capizzi	Melissa Jean Lukavitch	Rebecca Ann Straub
Mary Beth Davies	Alicia Ann Magda	Chase Daniel Susko
Mariann E. Eyerman	Matthew A. Mill	Helen Marie Wallace
Ron Faraday	Kelsey Muldoon	Lorrie A. Welebob Williams
Paul Andrew Fetzer	Jenilee Patton	Nicole Williams
Jennifer Viola Gehman	Angela M. Petrilla	
Victoria Elizabeth Ginder	Norman Mark Sauers	

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

Janelle Kathryn Baggetta	Holly Marie Illigasch	Maria Nicole Rakowski
Alyssa Marie Bierbach	Alison Mary Martin	Nicole Roberts
Elizabeth Corinne Bogaert	Kathryn McLane	Alison Rothstein
Nicole Marie Chiapuzzi	Megan Motto	Dana Marie Rowe
Kristen Renee Danko	Kelsey Muldoon	Cassie Marie Russo
Todd M. DeSando	Kristen Norris	Mary Joyce Stefanowicz
Nicole Lynn Elmy	Alison Rose Odell	Sara A. Stull
David Joseph Hagenbaugh	Meredith A. Ohl	Christopher Norman Vachon
Andrea E. Krakosky	Jenilee Patton	Kristen M. Williams

Students admitted to Kappa Gamma Pi, National Catholic College Graduate Honor Society:

Baccalaureate Membership:

Jennifer Lynn Andes	Jennifer Gomez	Kelsey Muldoon
Kelly Ann Bacher	Ashlee N. Green	Jenilee Patton
Kimberly S. Boyle	Kyle L. Greenawalt	Alison Rothstein
Joyce Brown	Rachel Haley	Norman Mark Sauers
Michaelina Capizzi	Justine Mary Hallenbeck	Joanne M. Simonds
Holly Barbara Croop	Elizabeth Rose Hanas	Brenda L. St. Duran
Mary Beth Davies	Krista Karin Koch	Mary Joyce Stefanowicz
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Paul Andrew Fetzer	Melissa Jean Lukavitch	Courtney R. Weisser
Jennifer Viola Gehman	Alicia Ann Magda	Kelly A. Wozniak
Victoria Elizabeth Ginder	Kelly Moss	Brooke Young

Post Graduate Membership:

William Morgan Corcoran	Jane M. Maas	Carrieann Elizabeth Tykosh
Kimberly Rochelle Hunter	Radune Mautz	Carolyn Yencharis Corcoran
Francine Kluck	Lori D. Savoy	

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

Rebecca Louise Bicking	Douglas J. Fedor	Kerri Marie Petro
Marie Brozowski	Victoria Elizabeth Ginder	Jeremy Reeves
Rebecca Nicole Clouse	Candice Georgine Krout	Mia Theresa Saggese
Holly Leigh Corbin	Gregory Joseph Massie	Devon Reese Saltzer
Sasha K. DeGraaf	Kristin Lynn McClain	Nicole Thomas-Grube
Ashlee E. Fagula	Jennifer Lynn Opel	Holly C. Young

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

Melissa A. Abrams	Rachel Haley	Erin Moravec
Diane Frances Costulas	Miriam Ludwig	Jenna Sejuit
Victoria Elizabeth Ginder	Kristin Lynn McClain	Holly C. Young

Students admitted to Lambda Iota Tau, Beta Epsilon Chapter, International Literature Honor Society:

Mary Beth Davies	Christopher Yo Cimei	Jennifer Gomez
Alicia Ann Magda	Susan Gryzic	

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

Baccalaureate Membership:

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Tyler Baumunk	Steven Kazmierski	Susan A. Vito
Rebecca Louise Bicking	Charlea N. Parkison	Stacey Walsh
Marie Brozowski	Kelly McCloskey Sabaluski	Karen Weaver
Margaret C. Doherty	Colleen Marie Searles	Rosanne West
Julie Dombroski	Joanne M. Simonds	Nicole A. Williams
Diane Marie Giambra	Kathi Ann Smurkoski	
Daniel M. Jacobs	Leah Marie Steele	

Post-Graduate Membership:

Nichole M. Harmon	Laurie A. McHale	Charlene K. Zablotney
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Students admitted to the Lambda Nu Radiologic and Imaging Sciences Honor Society, the Pennsylvania Alpha Chapter:

Krystal Noel Bernardyn	Michele Lynn Mazur
Joyce Brown	Lora A. Smith
Danielle R. Finch	Amy Werner
Ashlee N. Green	

Physical Therapy students admitted to Alpha Chi Honor Society, whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students:

Amanda Elise Brant	Kyle L. Greenawalt	Chase Daniel Susko
Michaelina Capizzi	Jessica L. Klimas	Ryan Christopher Weaver
Amanda L. Gates	Carrie McMyne	
Jennifer Viola Gehman	Rebecca Ann Straub	

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

Kristen Andrews	Megan Motto	Rebecka Puza
Paul Andrew Fetzer	Meredith A. Ohl	Elizabeth Snipas
Deborah J. Madden	Jessie Ouellette	Cheyne Ku'iikaikakahek Wago

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

Rebecca Louise Bicking	Alison Rose Odell	Ashley Tassone
Kaylee Hassick	Gina Poluka	Christopher Norman Vachon

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

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 College 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

NURSING
Apricot

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
Golden Yellow

ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT
Golden Yellow

PHILOSOPHY
White

PHYSICAL THERAPY
Peacock Blue

PHYSICAL THERAPY (DPT)
Teal

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
Golden Yellow

PSYCHOLOGY
Golden Yellow

SOCIAL WORK
Citrin

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
Silver

SPORT MANAGEMENT
Sage Green

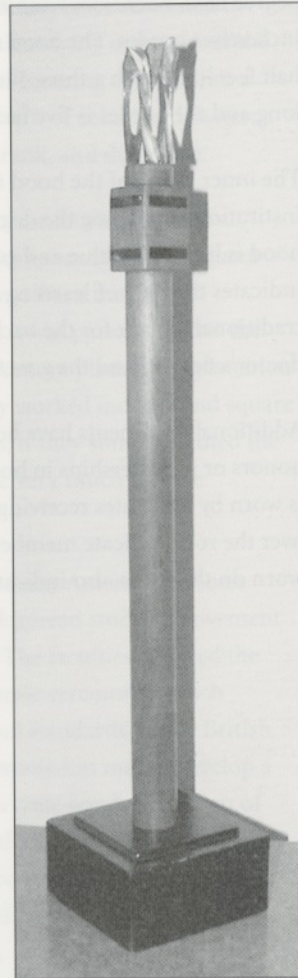
The mace is made of black walnut and bronze. The dark, rich wood symbolizes the woodlands surrounding the University campus referred to in the Alma Mater.

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 College: 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 College 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 College Mace was designed and executed by Regina Keil, RSM, goldsmith and silversmith. It is a gift of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Dallas Regional Community.



Misericordia University is founded by the Sisters of Mercy.

The flags on the Commencement stage today represent the countries where the Sisters of Mercy, faculty and students from Misericordia University have ministered. Also included are the flags of our graduates who are from foreign countries. The United Nations flag represents the Sisters of Mercy's NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) status.

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| China | Palestine |
| Czech Republic | Peru |
| Guyana | Philippines |
| Liberia | United Arab Emeritus |
| Mexico | United Nations |

Ushers

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| Stephanie Beatini | Alecia Merrick |
| Sarah Bonn | Amanda Miller |
| Brittany Bradburn | Jennifer Mines |
| Kim Caffrey | Ericka Morrison |
| Tiffany Coveney | Lauren Naher |
| Kelly DeSantis | Joan Pastorelli |
| Kristina Ebbecke | Amy Porambo |
| Shannon Gleason | Charonne Potts |
| Thomas Glowatski | Marcus Redline |
| Lauren Greenwood | Jaelyn Rickus |
| Catherine Hoskins | Jessica Schwenk |
| Amy Hughes | Jennifer Spott |
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MISERICORDIA ALMA MATER

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

Refrain

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

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

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