

Seventy-seventh Commencement Convocation

Class of 2003

Anderson Sports and Health Center
Saturday, May 17, 2003



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Class of 2003

The Class of 2003 is a class of noteworthy firsts. Included in this class of 365 graduates is the first recipient to finish a master's degree program completely through online courses, with a Master of Science in Organizational Management. This year's class also boasts the first students to complete the four-year Guaranteed Placement Program through the Insalaco Center for Career Development.

Class Officers

Leanne Grzybowski, *President*

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Program

Note: The curtain at the back of the arena may be dropped just before the program begins in order to improve sound quality for the audience. For the best view of the Commencement ceremony, please be seated downstairs before the procession begins.

Academic Processional

Ceol Mor, *Pipe and Drum Band*

Invocation

Reverend Michael M. Bryant, MTh, *Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry*

National Anthem

College Misericordia Chamber Singers
Kyle Barnett, *Student Conductor*
Betty Porzuczek, *Pianist*

Welcome

Michael A. MacDowell, EdD, *President*

Conferring of Honorary Degree

Sandy Insalaco, Sr, *Chair, Board of Trustees*

Doctor of Humane Letters

Cokie B. Roberts and Steven V. Roberts
Louis T. Alesi

Address to Candidates

Cokie and Steven Roberts

Presentation of the Catherine McAuley Medal

Catherine McGroarty, RSM '74, *President, Sisters of Mercy of Dallas*

Recipient of the Catherine McAuley Medal

Maureen McCann, RSM '58

Go in Peace and Love, by Sally K. Albrecht

College Misericordia Chamber Singers

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees

Michael J. McGovern, EdD, *Vice President of Academic Affairs*

Conferring of Degrees

Michael A. MacDowell

Remarks

Danelle L. Leuenberger, '03 *Class Valedictorian*

Presentation of Senior Class Gift

Leanne Grzyboski '04, *Senior Class President*

Induction of Graduates into the Alumni Association

Mark Oberstaedt, Esq, '89, *President, Alumni Association Board of Directors*

Presentation of the Judge Max and Tillie Rosenn Excellence in Teaching Award and the Louis and Barbara Alesi Excellence in Scholarship Award

Michael J. McGovern

Presentation of the Pauly and Sidney Friedman Excellence in Service Award

Siena Finley, RSM '51

Alma Mater

The College Misericordia Chamber Singers

Benediction

Maureen McCann, RSM '58

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.

Marshals

Paula Pate-Schloder, MS,
Grand Marshal

Darcy Brodmerkel, MEd, CAC,
Class Advisor

Agnes Toloczko Cardoni,
PhD, '69

Margaret Royal Charnick,
'93

Stanley Charnick '91

Mary Ellen Gulotti '87

Colleen Coyle Newhart '75

Mary Elizabeth Rienzo
Noll '47

Jeanne Tully Purcell '51

Danielle Seibert '00

Joyce Saunders Stocker '53

Tyron Taylor '91

Alternate

Dawn Pangrazzi '74

Honorary Degree Recipients



Cokie Roberts

“Our mission in the press is to ask... tough questions. That mission was assigned to us by the Founders.”

Cokie Roberts, Author and Journalist

A 1964 graduate of Wellesley College with a degree in political science, Cokie Roberts is the chief congressional analyst for ABC News, reports for *World News Tonight* as well as other ABC News broadcasts, and formerly co-anchored the network's Sunday morning broadcast, *This Week with Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts*. In April, the National Association of Broadcasters—the preeminent organization for the industry—honored Roberts with its Distinguished Service Award.

She is also heard on National Public Radio where, following a decade as its congressional correspondent, she now serves as a news analyst. Among the awards she has received while at NPR is the Edward R. Murrow Award, the highest honor in public radio. Roberts is also the first broadcast journalist to be presented the highly prestigious Everett McKinley Dirksen Award for coverage of Congress. Her contribution to the ABC News special, *Who Is Ross Perot?*, won her an Emmy.

Before joining ABC News in 1988, she was a contributor to PBS-TV's *MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour*, where her coverage of the Iran/Contra affair won her the Weintal Award in 1987. Earlier, she was a reporter for CBS News in Athens, Greece; produced and hosted a public affairs program in Washington, DC; and co-hosted *The Lawmakers*, a weekly public television program about Congress.

Roberts' op-ed columns have appeared in *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*. She has written for both *The New York Times Magazine* and *The Atlantic*. She is the author of the national best seller, *We Are Our Mother's Daughters*, published in 1998 and which explores the diverse roles women have played throughout American history and the connections and distinctions among different generations of women.

Steve Roberts, Author, Journalist, and Educator

Steve Roberts has been a journalist since he was a teenager. Before graduating magna cum laude in 1964 from Harvard, he was an editor for *The Crimson*, the University's daily, as well as campus correspondent for *The New York Times*. After receiving his BA in government, he joined the staff of the *Times*, where his assignments over the following 25 years included Los Angeles bureau chief, Athens bureau chief, chief congressional correspondent, and White House correspondent, winning the prestigious Everett McKinley Dirksen Award in 1986 for his congressional coverage.

He left the *Times* to become a senior writer at *U.S. News and World Report*, where he remains a contributing editor and received the 1995 Wilbur Award for coverage of religion and public affairs.

A well known commentator on radio and television, Roberts appears regularly on public television's *Washington Week in Review*, and is a frequent guest on the Fox Morning News, *CNN's Late Edition with Wolf Blitzer*, and CNBC's *Hardball* and *Equal Time*. He is a national commentator for ABC radio and a frequent guest host on National Public Radio's *The Diane Rehm Show*. He has appeared on a series of four public television specials called *State of the Union*.

Roberts is also an educator and has taught for the last fourteen years at The George Washington University, where he was presented with the Bender Prize as one of the University's top undergraduate teachers. Since the fall of 1997, he has been its Shapiro Professor of Media and Public Affairs. Named a Father of the Year by the Father's Day Council, Roberts was also awarded the Public Service Sector Award by the Aspen Institute.



Steve Roberts

“I think the role we [journalists] play, the kinds of questions we raise even at a moment of national crisis, is the highest form of patriotism.”

Honorary Degree Recipients



Louis T. Alesi

College Misericordia is deeply grateful to Louis T. Alesi for his service, and for what it has made possible.

Louis T. Alesi

From the time his professional business responsibilities took him to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania in 1987, Louis T. Alesi worked to make a difference. At College Misericordia, his efforts—manifested by a generosity of time, ideas, direction, and giving—have indeed made a significant difference in its growth and the continued success of the College and those who study here.

Alesi was a member of its Board of Trustees from 1990 to 2001, serving as chair for the last five of those years. This period was characterized as one of tremendous change to, and improvement of, the campus and curriculum. He was the Board's vice chair for three years, and a member of its Financial Stability, Trustee, and Executive Committees.

In addition to contributing his wisdom and knowledge, he has funded the Louis and Barbara Alesi Excellence in Teaching Award and the Louis and Barbara Alesi Scholarship. Alesi was a major donor to the *Campaign for College Misericordia* and *Advancing the Vision*, and continues to support the Annual Fund and cultural programs on campus. Last year, he and Mrs. Alesi were the recipients of the College Misericordia Trustee Associates Award for their efforts on behalf of the College.

A summa cum laude graduate of the University of Toledo with a Bachelor of Business Administration, Alesi was president and chief executive officer of InterMetro Industries Corporation from 1987 until his retirement in 1996. Prior to that, his responsibilities included vice president, Owens-Illinois; general manager, Libbey Glass Company; and, in Europe, head of a Belgium-based company. Now retired to Colorado, Alesi served on the boards of the United Way, the Committee for Economic Growth, the Greater Wilkes-Barre Partnership, and the Pennsylvania State University Advisory Board.

Sister Maureen McCann, RSM, PhD

Sr. Maureen McCann, is a living example of the ideals and goals of the Religious Sisters of Mercy as set forth by founder Catherine McAuley, and of College Misericordia.

Her continuous commitment to the charisms of mercy, service, justice, and hospitality began when she entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1952. A lifetime of learning started when she received her Bachelor of Arts in English and French from College Misericordia in 1958, and continued through to a Master of Science in Pastoral Counseling from Iona College in 1974 and a 1999 doctorate in the field from The Graduate Theological Foundation.

McCann has dedicated both her education and her faith to service. As president of the Dallas Regional Community of the Sisters of Mercy from 1990-1998, she was responsible for the people and financial resources of the then 400 members ministering throughout the United States and Guyana, South America. Under her leadership, the community sponsored two colleges and co-sponsored hospitals and long-term care facilities in response to the needs of new and emerging ministries.

A member of the Board of Trustees of the College from 1990 to 2001, McCann is a counselor and spiritual director at the Mercy Consultation Center in Dallas, where she served as its director from 1983-1986. The Center provides psychotherapy, group counseling, spiritual direction, retreats, and consultation, and has been recognized by the American Psychiatric Association for its work with clergy and religious. She has been a board member of Mount Aloysius College, the Catherine McAuley Center, and Neumann Housing Services. An educator, she has given more than 700 workshops throughout the United States and Canada in the area of personal integration.

The Catherine McAuley Medal



Sister Maureen McCann

A woman of great faith and commitment, Sr. Maureen McCann continues to dedicate her life to serving others.

Bachelor of Arts

Communications

Jennifer Lynn Beeunas, Nanticoke, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Krisa Ann Economopoulos, West Pittston, PA
Robin Nankivell, Plains, PA
Samuel F. Parolise, Bound Brook, NJ

English

David C. Allison, Avalon, NJ
Christian Beck, Gettysburg, PA
Kelly Anne Conway, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Kelly Ann Gallagher, Moscow, PA
Amber Iva-Marie Hyder, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Courtney Q. Hydock, Springfield, NJ
Sarah Marie Kulakowski, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Lewis Matalavy, Jr., Harveys Lake, PA *Cum Laude*
Thomas McGough, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Christi Lynn Oden, Unityville, PA
Jennifer L. Sency, Kingston, PA
Jeremy J. Shrawder, Elysburg, PA
Maureen Sovan, Plains, PA
Amber Marie Young, Wilkes-Barre, PA

History

Eric Michael Crahall, Shavertown, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Anthony Michael Lanfrank, II, Milford, PA
Adam J. Lowe, Dallas, PA
Alison Marie Piatt, Hunlock Creek, PA *Magna Cum Laude College Honors*
Maureen Shovlin, Pittston, PA
Phillip Bernard Strubinger, Jim Thorpe, PA
Justin M. Udzella, Larksville, PA
Michael A. Walsh, Pittston, PA

Accounting

Elizabeth Margaret Reid Beebe, Wyalusing, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Rita L. Benczkowski, Plains, PA
Ryan J. Durham, Springfield, VA
Ann Klein, Swoyersville, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Carol Macking, Plymouth, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Peter J. Pilato, Howard Beach, NY
Amber L. Rogers, Dallas, PA *Cum Laude*
Linda S. Salvo, Wyoming, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Lisa A. Vetashick, Freeland, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Biology

Jodi Anne Bendick, Shavertown, PA
Nilene Andrea Erb, Monroeton, PA
Dawn Marie Fiedorczyk, West Wyoming, PA *College Honors*
Ann Marie Gerhart, Levittown, PA
Elizabeth M. Kovalchik, Slatington, PA
Amy Mackiewicz, Plymouth, PA
Christine Amanda Raudenbush, Schuylkill Haven, PA
Lorri Sipsky, Larksville, PA
Timothy B. Teague, Milford, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Michael Yenkowski, Hudson, PA *Cum Laude*

Business Administration

Kimberly A. Albert, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Christopher Peter Amico, Swoyersville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Lucyann Vierling Atkins, Kingsley, PA
Elizabeth E. Badger, Saylorsburg, PA
Jennilynn Balliet, Nanticoke, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Lori Bednarek, Shickshinny, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Bambi L. Bennett, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Bachelor of Science

Business Administration *Continued*

Paul M. Broody, Edwardsville, PA
Lesley Butczynski, Nanticoke, PA *Cum Laude*
Charles Cary, Mechanicsburg, PA
Joyce L. Casaldi, Sweet Valley, PA *Cum Laude*
Jason Casselbury, LeRaysville, PA
William Chandler, Scranton, PA
Jessica Marie Conden, Wyoming, PA
Ashley Rena Coyle, Phillipsburg, NJ
Brian Coyle, Scranton, PA
Kathleen Curley, Binghamton, NY
Lea Ann Marie Dudinyak, Hazleton, PA
Carl M. Dymond, Jr., Dallas, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Tina Eichler, Dupont, PA *Cum Laude*
Michael E. Fahringer, Berwick, PA *Cum Laude*
Genevieve M. Gregus, Dallas, PA
Jamie Lynn Hallowich, Mayfield, PA
Christine Hillard, Hunlock Creek, PA
Terri Ann Hoover, Scranton, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Johnyne Hoyes, Shavertown, PA
Joyce Lea Hynes, Nanticoke, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Sharon E. Kingsbury, Wyoming, PA
Raymond J. Krakosky, Forty Fort, PA
Charles William Layland, Avoca, PA
Debra Ann Manarski, Hudson, PA
Charles T. Mc Keown, Drums, PA *Cum Laude*
Regina Myers, Bear Creek Township, PA
Marissa Novack, Dickson City, PA
Jacqueline S. Perkowski, Nanticoke, PA
Bridget Kathleen Ristagno, West Pittston, PA
Abigail C. Rodrigues, Harveys Lake, PA

Health Science

Lori A. Roth, Drums, PA
Lauren M. Scott, Staten Island, NY
Nicholas S. Sisca, Preston, MD
Joseph Joshua Skibitsky, Jr., Sweet Valley, PA
Ruth A. Smith, Wapwallopen, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Heather Marie Sult, Shickshinny, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Michael S. Yalch, Nanticoke, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Alicia Zarzycki, Nanticoke, PA

Chemistry

David A. Hurley, Kingston, PA

Computer Science

Evan Charles Grannick, Greenwich, CT
Angela Marie Pastorelli, Plains, PA

Elementary Education

Carrie Akers, Pittston Township, PA
Gail Ann Alford, Dallas, PA
Amanda Marie Biscardi, Ridge NY
Jessica May Brown, Friendsville, PA
Allison Davis, Bear Creek, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Maura Anne Dineen, Wilton, CT
Nicole Dorish, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*
Erin Elizabeth Dority, East Greenville, PA *Cum Laude*
Leslie Lynn Evans, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Meghan Lynn Evans, Hop Bottom, PA
Stacy Georgene Faust, Catasauqua, PA
David Alan Ferguson, Jr., Philipsburg, PA

Bachelor of Science

Education *Continued*

Leslie M. Harrington, Kingston, PA
Kerri Donna Hicswa, Fair Lawn, NJ *Cum Laude*
Holly Ann Hodorowski, Kingston, PA
Heather Illingworth, Sparta, NJ
Jessica Ann Kaminski, Larksville, PA *Cum Laude*
Rebecca Jean Keefe, Noxen, PA *Cum Laude*
Toby E. Moss Krawitz, Shavertown, PA
Shannon Mc Cue, Pearl River, NY
Casey Lyn Michielini, Montrose, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Mary Minzola, Freeland, PA
George Mizzer, Plymouth, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Michelle Anne Natale, Succasunna, NJ
Stacey Ann Novak, Hunlock Creek, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Jennifer Carmella O'Hara, Carbondale, PA
Alison Leigh Opsitos, Swoyersville, PA
Shannon Peduto, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*
Laura Angela Pistoia, Hallstead, PA *Cum Laude*
Sarah E. Race, Noxen, PA
Rebecca Lydia Roman, Meshoppen, PA *Magna Cum Laude College Honors*
Maria Rossillo, Allentown, PA
Amanda J. Sechrist, Bethlehem, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Kimberly D. Smith, Dallas, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Helene Solovey, Plains, PA
Tina Marie Tasselmyer, Dickson City, PA *Cum Laude*
Kristy Taylor, Dallas, PA
Nicole Tieso, Pittston, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Sara Lynn Troup, Monroeton, PA
Erica Vanderwell, Honesdale, PA
Wendy A. Walsh, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*
Sara Elizabeth Weber, Nazareth, PA
Leah Michelle Wunner, Yuma, AZ *Magna Cum Laude*

Health Science

Gina Marie Argento, Pittston, PA
Alison Baksi, Marion Heights, PA
Jayne Carroll Bass, Moscow, PA
Kristen N. Bell, Mount Joy, PA
Brittany Catherine Bennett, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*
Mark A. Bixler, Tremont, PA
Carolyn Ann Borchert, Valley View, PA *Cum Laude*
Nicole Ann Boyle, Binghamton, NY *Magna Cum Laude*
Trista Lynn Bratlee, Pittston, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Lindsey Sarah Brown, Otego, NY
Stacia May Ciak, Hunlock Creek, PA *Cum Laude*
Andrea Lyn Cox, Elysburg, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Kristina A. Dillon, Binghamton, NY *Cum Laude*
Nicole Rene Dixon, Factoryville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Carolyn J. Engdahl, Mountaintop, PA
Kathleen S. Fagan, Conyngham, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Melinda Sue Glodek, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Amy Siglinde Harer, Sabinsville, PA *Cum Laude*
Sandrina Maria Hofstaedter, Perkasio, PA *Cum Laude*
Anna Marie Hollock, Mountaintop, PA
Tammy Marie Hutira, Barnesville, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Echo L. Ingham, Wyalusing, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Jennifer Ann Jarolen, Nanticoke, PA
Kathryn M. Karol, Little Egg Harbor, NJ
Monica A. Krenzer, Churchville, NY *Cum Laude*
Nicholas J. Kuharcik, Larksville, PA
Amy Sue Lambert, Lake Ariel, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Danelle L. Leuenberger, Mexico, NY *Summa Cum Laude*
Christopher A. Lutz, Bernville, PA
Christen M. Mac Art, Taylor, PA
Brooke Mc Cormick, Milton, PA

Bachelor of Science

Health Science *Continued*

Georganne Naomi Molnar, Newport, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Stephanie Lynne Myers, Williamsport, PA
Erica R. Noel, South Plainfield, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*
Patricia Ann O'Shea, Long Valley, NJ
Kristen Pizzano, Exeter, PA
Kristy Lynn Ralston, Montrose, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Melissa Mary Rasmus, Hunlock Creek, PA
Terence Regler, Aberdeen, NJ *Magna Cum Laude*
Megan Kathryn Ruckle, Bloomsburg, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Jill Allyson Ruppert, Kenoza Lake, NY
Allison Louise Sammons, Seaford, DE
Dawn M. Schaeffer, Perkasio, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Patrick T. Schwartz, Pittston, PA
Darci Danielle Sebring, Williamsport, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Denise M. Seibert, Annville, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Sara Jane Shellhammer, Leighton, PA *Summa Cum Laude* *College Honors*
Sarah E. Snellbaker, Coopersburg, PA *Cum Laude*
Justin David Snyder, Dalmatia, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Melissa Ann Strohl, Leighton, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Amy Lee Szumski, Dupont, PA *Cum Laude*
Dana Michele Thomas, Harrisburg, PA
Jennifer Ann Vanderburg, Greenfield Township, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Timothy L. Walker, Exeter, PA *Cum Laude*
Thomas Zeiser, Slatington, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Melissa Zieminski, Beaver Meadows, PA

Information Technology

Sandra D. Allabaugh, Mountaintop, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Ryan J. Boyle, Warrington, PA
Sherry Lynn Bronson, Hunlock Creek, PA *Cum Laude*
Christina Marie De Fazio, Lenoxville, PA
Justin C. Dellert, Shohola, PA

Ryan J. Durham, Springfield, VA
Michael J. Greenley, Dallas, PA
John D. Kearney, Jr., Hanover Township, PA
Seth Koches, Clarks Summit, PA
Donna Lithkousky, Weatherly, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Curtis Lundfelt, Quaker Hill, CT
Robert C. Michael, Alden, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Julie Ann Mickiewicz, Shickshinny, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
David Reese, Wyoming, PA
Jennifer Christine Sliwinski, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Patrick Sosalski, Philadelphia, PA
Tracey A. Stolarczyk, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*
Wendy M. Thomas, Plains, PA

Interdisciplinary Studies

Richard A. Singer, Jr., Wilkes-Barre, PA

Management Information Systems

Laurie Bialko, Sweet Valley, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Robert A. Drummond, Hazleton, PA
Pamela Jean Ross, Drums, PA *Cum Laude*
Michelle A. Spindler, Pittston, PA *Cum Laude*

Management

Krystal Begliomini, Wyoming, PA

Marketing

Vincent J. Duda, Kenilworth, NJ
Kate Hope, Mayfield, PA
Louis Lerant, Kenilworth, NJ
Lesley M. Salokas, Woodbury, CT
Tracey A. Stolarczyk, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*

Medical Imaging

Pamela Lynette Bonnice , Montrose, PA
Michael David Bray, Mountaintop, PA
Erin Patricia Burger, Warminster, PA
Justin Corcoran, Honesdale, PA
Katherine Elizabeth Elbert, Mountaintop, PA
Leandra Elaine Green, Lehigh, PA
Jennifer Guzinski, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Sandra Lee Olm, Robesonia, PA
Michele Elizabeth Regal, Simpson, PA
Richard M. Ross, III, Dallas, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Anne Elizabeth Rowlands, Kingston, PA
Jennifer Slusark, Hughesville, PA *Summa Cum Laude*
Melanie A. Swenda, McAdoo, PA
Ernest Taylor, Shavertown, PA
Kathleen Weaver, Pleasant Mount, PA
Ryan David White, Nicholson, PA *Cum Laude*
Jason Williams, Larksville, PA
Lynn Ann Yerashunas, Edwardsville, PA

Professional Studies

Jane Berlinger, Allentown, NJ
Christine Chase-Lamont, Dingsmans Ferry, PA
Carrie Ann Day, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Sarah Courtney Engle, Nanticoke, PA
Kimberly A. Ferrone, Blakely, PA
Sandra M. French, Gambrils, MD
Terri Ann Godlewski, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Jennifer Grace Guasto, Pittston, PA
Jo Ann T. Heitsman, Springville, PA
Matthew Gregory Magee, Harveys Lake, PA
Larisa A. Palmentere, Forty Fort, PA

Judith R. Soroka, Forty Fort, PA
Jennilyn E. Sprau, Dunmore, PA
Nicole Strenkoski, Alexandria, VA
Jane M. Turner, Plains, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Psychology

Karrie Clarkson Ayer, Montoursville, PA *Cum Laude*
Bryan William Bachman, Wyoming, PA
Tracy Badami, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Mindi Brown, Rome, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Kristen Danielle Carew, Franklin, NJ *Magna Cum Laude* *College Honors*
Jessica Ann Coleman, Duryea, PA
Carline Emile, Bushkill, PA
Shannon Faig, New Windsor, NY *Magna Cum Laude*
Tracey Ann Fritz, Ringtown, PA
Lauren Gianacopoulos, Warminster, PA *Cum Laude*
Maureen Gilroy, Archbald, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Erica Marie Grant, Mocanaqua, PA
Kimberly Ann Harner, Seltzer, PA
Nathaniel C. Johnson, Hackettstown, NJ *Cum Laude*
Deborah M. Knecht, Exeter, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Andrew S. Kurovsky, Shavertown, PA
Colleen Lennon, Drifton, PA
Krista Theresa Liotti, West Milford, NJ
Jeffrey Martin, Clarks Summit, PA
Leanne Rene Mazurick, Beaver Meadows, PA
Kelly McQuade, Hazleton, PA
Stephanie Ann Morahan, Dunmore, PA
Candice Marie Mosier, Plymouth Township, PA
Suzanne Naples, Exeter, PA

Bachelor of Science

Psychology *Continued*

Ken Nguyen, Elizabethtown, PA
Olga Papa, Mountaintop, PA *Cum Laude*
Richard Michael Peiffer, Sweet Valley, PA
Christine Marie Peregrim, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*
Bonnie E. Robinson, Pleasant Mount, PA
Cory Rubino, Dupont, PA *Cum Laude*
Catherine Martha Rustay, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Lorraine Saporito, Edwardsville, PA *Cum Laude*
Lindsay Schouppe, Milford, PA *Cum Laude*
Beth Ann Sims, Keyport, NJ
Robert A. Smith, Nanticoke, PA
Anna Beth Tesseyman, Long Eddy, NY
Kathryn Suzanne Urban, Ashland, PA
Candice Waering, Carbondale, PA
Michelle Williamson, Kingston, PA

Special Education

Carrie Akers, Pittston Township, PA
Amanda Marie Biscardi, Ridge, NY
Jessica May Brown, Friendsville, PA
Nicole Dorish, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*
Erin Elizabeth Dority, East Greenville, PA *Cum Laude*
Stacy Georgene Faust, Catasauqua, PA
David Alan Ferguson, Jr., Philipsburg, PA
Kerri Donna Hicswa, Fair Lawn, NJ *Cum Laude*
Holly Ann Hodorowski, Kingston, PA
Shannon McCue, Pearl River, NY
Casey Lyn Michielini, Montrose, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Mary Minzola, *Freeland, PA*
Jennifer Carmella O'Hara, Carbondale, PA
Rebecca Lydia Roman, Meshoppen, PA *Magna Cum Laude College Honors*

Bachelor of Science

Amanda J. Sechrist, Bethlehem, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Tina Marie Tasselmyer, Dickson City, PA *Cum Laude*
Sara Elizabeth Weber, Nazareth, PA

Sport Management

Christopher J. Andreoni, Old Forge, PA
Geoffrey Fritz, Leola, PA
Leslie Livingstone, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Justin R. Mac Bain, Tunkhannock, PA
Efrain Estuardo Solis, Piscataway, NJ
Matthew Paul Stitzer, Kingston, PA
Charles J. Walsh, Kingston, PA

Nursing

Marcia G. Amato, Scranton, PA
Michelle Ann Bendrick, Plymouth Township, PA
Mark J. Bott, Jim Thorpe, PA
Jenifer Brilla, Forty Fort, PA *Cum Laude*
Kelly A. Burns, Millerstown, PA *Cum Laude*
Marlene M. Burns, Scranton, PA
Neal Edward Carey, Luzerne, PA
Lisa Susan Davis, Mountaintop, PA
Kelly Ann De Remer, Mountaintop, PA
Adrienne Bernadette Di Francesco, Williamsport, PA *Cum Laude*
Catherine M. Gegaris, Mountaintop, PA *Cum Laude*
Donna M. Girman, Wyoming, PA
Andrea Gosiewski, Kingston, PA
Karen R. Harrington, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Stephanie L. Hasinus, Hunlock Creek, PA
Laura Phillips Howell, Forty Fort, PA
Debra Marie Jadick, Tunkhannock, PA *Summa Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Nursing *Continued*

Lori Jordan, Pittston, PA
Debra Ann Jurnak, Tobyhanna, PA
Daria Patricia Kapalka, Swoyersville, PA
Laura M. Kravitz, Moscow, PA
Aliya Alla Lazinsky, Kingston, PA
Kerry Lenahan, Sugar Notch, PA
Doreen Lysiak, Dallas, PA
Cheryl Mackowsky, Pittston, PA
Jennifer Lee Martin, Manchester, PA
Judith Ann Maxwell, Plymouth, PA
Shawn Miles, Avoca, PA
Desiree L. Moyer, Andreas, PA
Dena Marie Nackley, Dallas, PA
LeeAnn Pavlovich, Easton, PA
Renee Marie Heck Poharski, Wapwallopen, PA
Julie Seregelyes, Coplay, PA *Cum Laude*
Lawrence W. Shotwell, Pittston, PA
Richard Reese Tennesen, Nanticoke, PA
Barbara Jean Uzdilla-Bowman, Hanover Township, PA
Marcella Vanchure, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Marion Villano, Mountaintop, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Rebecca Lynne Walker, Exeter, PA
Michelle Walters, Wilkes-Barre, PA *Cum Laude*

Social Work

Nicole Susan Ciali, Exeter, PA *Cum Laude*
Victoria Rose Dash, Poughkeepsie, NY
Kelly Lynn Dobert-Murphy, Lake Ariel, PA *Magna Cum Laude*
Courtney Lee Emmons, Springville, PA
Francine Marie Geertgens, Montrose, PA
Donna Grillo, Montrose, PA *Cum Laude*
Vincent Hemenway, Shavertown, PA
Amanda Megan Loefflad, Mountaintop, PA
Kimberly Joan Luck, Plymouth, PA
Jamie Teresa Matlowski, Hanover Township, PA
Lori Novajosky, Shavertown, PA
Cara Ann Sabol, Sybertsville, PA
Michelle Sitkowski, Hazleton, PA
Karyn Wayne, Girardville, PA *Magna Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Social Work

Master of Science

Education

Janet Marie Birmer, Morganton, NC
Amy Lynn Borino, Pittston, PA
Jill Lyn Finarelli, Lehman, PA
Crystal Dawn King, Harveys Lake, PA
Melissa Marie Oravic, Hanover Township, PA
Deborah E. Pike, West Wyoming, PA

Organizational Management

Marie Therese Bauder, Hazleton, PA
Susan E. Bierly, Drums, Pa
Francis John Carden, III, Pittston, PA
Laurie Ann Cywinski, Wapwallopen, PA
Gail Dvornicky, Dupont, PA
Sheryl E. Goss, Hunlock Creek, PA
William J. Hahner, Pottsville, PA
Monica Lynn Holly, West Pittston, PA
Christina L. Jones, Dallas, PA
Mary T. Kempinski, Mountaintop, PA
Janet Garvey Lahey, Dallas, PA
Joan M. Loch, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Colette Elaine Mahoney, Sweet Valley, PA
Robert Mc Fadden, Askam, PA
Paul Nardone, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Sharon M. Praskac, Tamaqua, PA
Margaret Mary Schoen, Sewell, NJ
Diane R. Smith, Sweet Valley, PA
Alicia Inez Dennis Ward, Dallas, PA
Krista A. Wojciechowicz, Shickshinny, PA
Ryan T. Ziegler, Drums, PA

Nursing

Mona Baran, Plains, PA
Jenifer Brilla, Forty Fort, PA
Sr. Christina Marie Cables, Scranton, PA
Mary Beth Carnuccio, Shamokin, PA
Tara Ann Cywinski, Swoyersville, PA
Kimberly Duffy, Ashley, PA
Betsy H. Gaffney, Trucksville, PA
Catherine M. Gegaris, Mountaintop, PA
Debra Marie Jadick, Tunkhannock, PA
Lori Jordan, Pittston, PA
Patti Greening Sperling, Ashley, PA
Marion Villano, Mountaintop, PA
Michelle Walters, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Occupational Therapy

Cheryl A. Ames, Endwell, NY
Karrie Clarkson Ayer, Montoursville, PA
Jayne Carroll Bass, Moscow, PA
Kristen N. Bell, Mount Joy, PA
Lindsey Sarah Brown, Otego, NY
Renee Marie Carl, Troupsburg, NY
Rachel M. Cronlund, Willow Grove, PA
Kathleen S. Fagan, Conyngham, PA
Shannon Faig, New Windsor, NY
Lynn C. Fulton, Berwick, PA
Lauren Gianacopoulos, Warminster, PA
Maureen Gilroy, Archbald, PA
Melinda Sue Glodek, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Erica Marie Grant, Mocanaqua, PA
Maria Grisafi, Lansdowne, PA

Master of Science in Nursing

Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Occupational Therapy *Continued*

Heather Haas, Bethlehem, PA
Kimberly Ann Harner, Seltzer, PA
Colleen C. Heckman, New Castle, DE
Anna Marie Hollock, Mountaintop, PA
Deborah A. Hoyt, Reynoldsville, PA
Jennifer Ann Jarolen, Nanticoke, PA
Nathaniel C. Johnson, Hackettstown, NJ
Dona E. Lounsbury, Dallas, PA
Megan Margolis, Voorhes, NJ
Denise Maszeroski, Allentown, PA
Leanne Rene Mazurick, Meadows, PA
Brooke Mc Cormick, Milton, PA
Maria Miller, Jermyn, PA
Stephanie Lynne Myers, Williamsport, PA
Suzanne Naples, Exeter, PA
Ken Nguyen, Elizabethtown, PA
Richard Michael Peiffer, Sweet Valley, PA
Melissa Mary Rasmus, Hunlock Creek, PA
Bonnie E. Robinson, Pleasant Mount, PA
Cory Rubino, Dupont, PA
Megan Kathryn Ruckle, Bloomsburg, PA
Catherine Martha Rustay, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Allison Louise Sammons, Seaford, DE
Patrick T. Schwartz, Pittston, PA
Sara Jane Shellhammer, Lehighton, PA
Beth Ann Sims, Keyport, NJ
Sarah E. Snellbaker, Coopersburg, PA
Dana Michele Thomas, Harrisburg, PA
Kathryn Suzanne Urban, Ashland, PA
Candice Waering, Carbondale, PA
Timothy L. Walker, Exeter, PA

Physical Therapy

Gina Marie Argento, Pittston, PA
Alison Baksi, Marion Heights, PA
Brittany Catherine Bennett, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Mark A. Bixler, Tremont, PA
Carolyn Ann Borchert, Valley View, PA
Nicole Ann Boyle, Binghamton, NY
Trista Lynn Bratlee, Pittston, PA
Stacia May Ciak, Hunlock Creek, PA
Andrea Lyn Cox, Elysburg, PA
Kristina A. Dillon, Binghamton, NY
Nicole Rene Dixon, Factoryville, PA
Carolyn J. Engdahl, Mountaintop, PA
Amy Siglinde Harer, Sabinsville, PA
Sandra Maria Hofstaedter, Perkasie, PA
Tammy Marie Hutira, Barnesville, PA
Echo L. Ingham, Wyalusing, PA
Kathryn M. Karol, Little Egg Harbor, NJ
Monica A. Krenzer, Churchville, NY
Nicholas J. Kuharcik, Larksville, PA
Amy Sue Lambert, Lake Ariel, PA
Danelle L. Leuenberger, Mexico, NY
Christopher A. Lutz, Bernville, PA
Christen M. Mac Art, Taylor, PA
Georganne Naomi Molnar, Newport, PA
Erica R. Noel, South Plainfield, NJ
Patricia Ann O'Shea, Long Valley, NJ
Kristen Pizzano, Exeter, PA
Kristy Lynn Ralston, Montrose, PA
Terence Regler, Aberdeen, NJ
Jill Allyson Ruppert, Kenoza Lake, NY
Dawn M. Schaeffer, Perkasie, PA

Master of Science in Physical Therapy

Physical Therapy *Continued*

Darci Danielle Sebring, Williamsport, PA
Denise M. Seibert, Annville, PA
Colleen Kimberly Smith, Saylorsburg, PA
Justin David Snyder, Dalmatia, PA
Melissa Ann Strohl, Lehighton, PA
Amy Lee Szumski, Dupont, PA
Gary L. Tomalis, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Jennifer Ann Vanderburg, Greenfield Township, PA
John J. Wojnarski, Dallas, PA
Thomas Zeiser, Slatington, PA
Melissa Zieminski, Beaver Meadows, PA

Students are awarded baccalaureate degrees with distinction for exceptional academic achievement. A student must have completed at least 60 credits at College Misericordia 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 College 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

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

Leanne R. Mazurick

The annual award founded by College Misericordia Alumni for proficiency in Scholarship in an undergraduate program is presented to:

Maria Rossillo Justin David Snyder

The *Theresa and Frank J. Mehm Prize* is awarded annually to the student who, by vote of the chief academic and student services officers of the College, 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 College. It is presented to:

Lauren Gianacopoulos

Honors and Awards

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 presented to:

Neal Edward Carey

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

Kelly A. Burns

The *Clinical Excellence Award*, given to a student whose GPA is greater than 3.0 and who is judged by faculty to administer superior Nursing skills in clinical practice, is presented to:

Julie Seregelyes

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

Sr. Christina Marie Cables

The *Army Nurse Corps Spirit Of Nursing Award*, given to the senior nursing student who exemplifies exceptional leadership qualities in local, College, community, and professional activities, is presented to:

Leeann Pavlovich

The *Clinical Excellence in Medical Imaging Award* is presented to:

Julie Anne Vavrina Justin Corcoran

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

Leonard M. Bartone, III

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 College, community, and profession, is presented to:

Justin David Snyder

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:

Kristy Lynn Ralston

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:

Nicole Ann Boyle

The *History Department Award* for Outstanding Achievement is presented to:

Alison Marie Piatt

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

Maureen Shovlin

Honors and Awards

The *Psychology Student Achievement Award*, given to a graduating senior Psychology student who holds a GPA of 3.5 and demonstrated exemplary service to the program, is presented to:

Mindi Brown Krysten Carew Deborah Knecht

The *Outstanding Contribution to Psychology Award*, sponsored by the Psychology Department, is presented to:

Lorraine Saporito

The *Alpha Delta Mu Award* for scholastic achievement in Social Work is presented to:

Karen Wayne

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

Rebecca Lydia Roman

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

Kristy Taylor

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

Jennifer Carmella O'Hara

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

Jeanette Siegel

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

Allison Davis

The *Academic Achievement Award* for excellence in Interdisciplinary Studies is presented to:

Richard A. Singer, Jr.

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:

Kathleen S. Fagan Megan Kathryn Ruckle

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 sites by applying and integrating classroom learning, is presented to:

Sara Jane Shellhammer

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:

Lauren Gianacopoulos

The *Assumpta Council Knights of Columbus Award* for excellence in American History is presented to:

Adam J. Lowe

Honors and Awards

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

Francine Marie Geertgens Laura Angela Pistoia

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

John D. Kearney, Jr.

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

Deborah M. Knecht

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 College Misericordia, is presented to:

Tracey A. Stolarcyk

The *Sherri Galloway Award*, presented to a nontraditional Accounting, Business, or Management Information Systems student who has shown ability in his or her major while balancing commitments to family, school, and community, is presented to:

Laurie Bialko

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:

Ryan J. Boyle

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

Elizabeth Margaret Reid Beebe Linda S. Salvo

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

Timothy B. Teague

The *Dr. Stanley Knapich Award*, given in recognition of the biology major who has not only excelled academically but has also expressed enthusiasm for teaching biology, is presented to:

Michael Yenkowski

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

Amber Iva-Marie Hyder

Students awarded *College Honors* include:

Kristin Danielle Carew Rebecca Lydia Roman
Dawn Marie Fiedorczyk Sara Jane Shellhammer
Alison Marie Piatt

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

Nicole Susan Ciali Kelly Lynn Dobert-Murphy
Donna Grillo Karyn Wayne

Students admitted to the *Phi Alpha Theta* National Honor Society in History for overall academic achievement in addition to outstanding academic accomplishment in History:

Alison Marie Piatt

Honor Societies

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

Kimberly Albert	Ann Klein
Elizabeth Margaret Reid Beebe	Deborah M. Knecht
Kelly Lynn Dobert-Murphy	Raymond J. Krakosky
Carl M. Dymond, Jr.	Laura M. Kravitz
Kimberly A. Ferrone	Robert C. Michael
Terri Ann Hoover	Julie Ann Mickiewicz
Johnyne Hoyes	Linda S. Salvo
John D. Kearney, Jr.	Karyn Wayne
Sharon E. Kingsbury	Leah Michelle Wunner

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

William Chandler	Patricia Lee Partilla
Kelly Ann Gallagher	Laura Angela Pistoia
Deborah M. Knecht	Melissa Mary Rasmus
Adam J. Lowe	Cory Rubino
Lewis Matalavy, Jr.	Sarah E. Snellbaker
Mary Minzola	Sara Lynn Troup

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

Jennifer Lynn Beeunas	Julie Ann Mickiewicz
Mindi Brown	Georganne Naomi Molnar
Andrea Lyn Cox	Erica R. Noel
Lynn C. Fulton	Megan Kathryn Ruckle
Maureen Gilroy	Denise M. Seibert
Deborah A. Hoyt	Sara Jane Shellhammer
Tammy Marie Hutira	Justin David Snyder
Echo L. Ingham	Melissa Ann Strohl
Debra Marie Jadick	Thomas Zeiser
Danelle L. Leuenberger	

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

Allison Davis	Shannon Peduto
Nicole Dorish	Laura Angela Pistoia
Erin Elizabeth Dority	Sarah E. Race
Leslie Lynn Evans	Rebecca Lyndia Roman
Eliza Lewis Fuhrey	Maria Rossillo
Leslie M. Harrington	Amanda J. Sechrist
Kerri D. Hicswa	Jeanette Siegel
Rebecca Jean Keefe	Kristy Taylor
Deanna M. Mennig	Nicole Tieso
Michelle Anne Natale	Erica Vanderwell
Stacey Ann Novak	Wendy A. Walsh
Jennifer Carmello O'Hara	Kathleen Wise

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

Baccalaureate Membership:

Jennifer Lynn Beeunas	Julie Ann Mickiewicz
Mindi Brown	Erica R. Noel
Andrea Lyn Cox	Megan Kathryn Ruckle
Tammy Marie Hutira	Denise M. Seibert
Echo L. Ingham	Sara Jane Shellhammer
Debra Marie Jadick	Justin David Snyder
Danelle L. Leuenberger	

Post-graduate Membership:

Amy Lynn Borino	Joan M. Loch
Betsy H. Gaffney	Melissa Marie Oravic
Janet Garvey Lahey	Colette Elaine Mahoney

Honor Societies

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

Kathleen S. Fagan	Colleen C. Heckman
Shannon Faig	Maria Miller
Lynn C. Fulton	Megan Kathryn Ruckle
Maureen Gilroy	Sara Jane Shellhammer
Brittney Heath	Sarah E. Snellbaker
<i>called to active duty with one remaining semester— will not graduate this semester</i>	Timothy L. Walker

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

Mark Matalavy	Amber Iva-Marie Hyder
Thomas McGough	Amber Marie Young

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

Mindi Brown	Laura D. Lucas
Kristen Danielle Carew	Kelly Lynn Dobert-Murphy
Nicole Susan Ciali	Olga Papa
Brittany Heath	Lorraine Saporito
Sandrina Maria Hofstaedter	Dawn M. Schaeffer
Nathaniel C. Johnson	Lindsay Schouppe
Deborah M. Knecht	Karyn Wayne
Christine Chase Lamont	

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

Baccalaureate Membership:

Adrienne Bernadette DiFrancesco	Patricia Lee Partilla
Alia Alyn Faatz	Julie Marie Seregelyes
Cheryl Bell Oster	Denice Yanchik

Post-graduate Membership:

Mona Baran	Michelle Rene Rowlands
Debra Marie Jadick	Diane Weilminster

Students admitted to the *Lambda Nu* Honor Society for the radiologic and imaging sciences, with the Pennsylvania Alpha Chapter established at College Misericordia:

Leonard M. Bartone, III	Michele Elizabeth Regal
Justin Corcoran	Ryan David White
Sandra Lee Olm	

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

Jennifer Lynn Beeunas	Bridget Reardon
Alison M. Piatt	Maria Rossillo

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

Communications
Crimson

Computer Science
Golden Yellow

Education
Light Blue

English
White

General Studies
Golden Yellow

History
White

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

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

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

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

and institution. It was approved by 95 percent of American universities and colleges, and is still in use today.

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

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

The inner lining of the hood is in the official color or colors of the institution conferring the degree; therefore, College Misericordia'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 Information Systems
Drab

Mathematics
White

Mathematics/Computer Science
Golden Yellow

Medical Technology
Golden Yellow

Nursing
Apricot

Occupational Therapy
Golden Yellow

Philosophy
White

Physical Therapy
Peacock Blue

Psychology
Golden Yellow

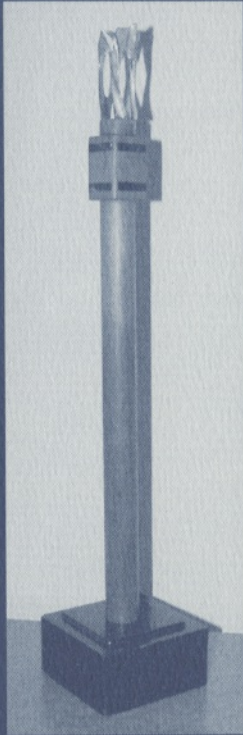
Radiography
Golden Yellow

Social Work
Citron

Speech Pathology
Silver

Sport Management
Sage Green

The Mace



The mace is made of black walnut and bronze. The dark, rich wood symbolizes the woodlands surrounding the College 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 Dallas Regional Community, 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.

Flags

College Misericordia is sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy Dallas Regional Community, a member institution of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas.

The flags on the Commencement stage today represent the countries where Sisters and Associates from the Dallas Regional Community and faculty and students from College Misericordia 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.

Albania	Guyana
China	Haiti
Czech Republic	Honduras
El Salvador	Mexico
Guam	Philippines
Guatemala	United Nations

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Head Usher

Virginia Conrad

Andrea Ahmie

Erin Bennett

Phil Conrad

Meghan Dwyer

Richard Emmons

Karen Fabiano

Patsy Gerhart

Corina Guisewhite

Miranda Hurd

Hope Hutira

Megan Kirkwood

Michele Linsenbigler

Carol Llewellyn

Justin Lukasewicz

Zach Lukashefski

Dan Nestorick

Joan Pastorelli

Terese Pastorelli

Alison Potsko

Nicole Risboskin

Colleen Seymour

Barry Snyder

Tom Sweetz

Amanda Tomalis

Christine Tucker

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Andrew Cornell

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Ronald D. Ertley

Alan J. Finlay

Charles D. Flack, Jr

Anthony J. Grosek, Jr

Christopher Hackett

Dr. Martha Hanlon, RSM '60

James D. Harkins

Marguerite Joseph '64

Charles W. Koehl, III

Dr. Michael A. MacDowell

Sr. Catherine McGroarty, RSM '74

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Sr. Marie Parker, RSM '71

Sr. Mayon Sylvain, RSM '84

Sr. Eileen Toole, RSM '60

John C. Metz

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Dr. Carol Rittner, RSM '67

Paul Siegel

Dr. Deborah Smith-Mileski '75

Judith Spitale '86

Mary Beth Sullivan '71

Sr. Mayon Sylvain '84

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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.

Refrain

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—Sister Teresa Mary Moyles, RSM



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