



# 75<sup>TH</sup> COMMENCEMENT

CLASS OF 2025

**SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCES**

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FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

# ACADEMIC PROCESSION

## **MACE BEARER**

Christopher Stuetzle, Ph.D.  
*Associate Dean, School of Engineering and Computational Sciences*

## **CROSS BEARER**

Sarah Dionne  
*Dean of Students*

## **THE GRADUATES**

Led by Father Raymond Dlugos, O.S.A., Ph.D.  
*Vice President for Mission and Ministry*

## **GRADUATE STUDENTS**

## **UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**

## **THE FACULTY**

## **THE DISTINGUISHED ASSEMBLY**

Academic Deans  
Honorary Degree Recipient and Distinguished Speaker  
Board of Trustees  
Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost  
President

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*The audience is requested to stand if they are able during the Academic Procession, Invocation and National Anthem, and to remain in place until the Academic Procession leaves at the end of the exercises.*

# PROGRAM

## **PRESIDING**

John “Sean” Condon, Ph.D.  
*Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs  
and Provost*

## **PROCESSIONAL**

The Portsmouth Brass Quintet

## **INVOCATION**

Kevin J. Lucey '89, P'24  
*Chair, Merrimack College Board of Trustees*

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Audrey McGill '25 Accompanied by  
The Portsmouth Brass Quintet

## **WELCOME**

Christopher E. Hopey, Ph.D.  
*President*

## **A MESSAGE FROM MERRIMACK STUDENT LEADERS**

Jandy Hernandez '25  
Jillian Atwood M'25

## **HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT AND DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER**

Carolyn Kirk  
*CEO, Massachusetts Technology Collaborative*

## **AWARDS**

### **Edward G. Roddy, Jr. Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award**

Presented by John “Sean” Condon, Ph.D.  
*Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs  
and Provost*

### **2025 Merrimack Medal**

Sarah Dionne  
*Dean of Students*

## **RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES AND PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS**

Christopher E. Hopey, Ph.D.  
*President*

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

Christopher E. Hopey, Ph.D.  
*President*

## **BENEDICTION**

Father Raymond Dlugos, O.S.A., Ph.D.  
*Vice President for Mission and Ministry*

## **CLOSING OF THE EXERCISES**

John “Sean” Condon, Ph.D.  
*Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs  
and Provost*

## **RECESSIONAL**

### **Merrimack Anthem**

Audrey McGill '25 Accompanied by  
The Portsmouth Brass Quintet

# SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCES

## MASTER'S DEGREE IN COURSE

Ellaa Abouelmagd	Amber Crozier	John Hennigan
Nathaniel Adegbite	Giovanni D'Angelo	Hansel Heredia
Edgardo Alequin Miranda	Eric Dahle	Anastasiia Hermash
Latoya Alford	Laura Dattilio	Jeremy Hernandez
Muhammad Ali	Kevin DiBiasio	Melissa Hibbard
Victoria Allison	Rachel DiMaggio	Huihua Huang
Joseph Annand	Tri Dinh	Hunter Huberdeau
Lydia Avilla	Max Doll	Abigail Hurley
Jaimeson Avillan	Angela Donati	Tanner Huseman
David Ayriyan	Xavier Dones	Ikekpeazu Iloegbu
Stacy Badu	Antoine Douglass	Daniel Jackson
Aaron Baidoo	Matthew Drew	Ananya Jantawan
Katie Barnes	John Drexler	Jake Jauregui
Phillip Besse	Jordan Dubreuil	Stephen Jimenez
Melissa Best	Ephraim Duncan	Brady Johnson
Dylan Bielser	Michael Durning	Kira Jorgensen
Natalie Bird	Gwendolyn Duvall	Samuel Kawuma
Timothy Blais	Brice Eboule	James Keegan
Jacob Blanton	Jennifer Erland	Benjamin Kelley
Christian Boor	Scott Eugley	Ryan Kelly
Ryan Bradigan-Barnett	Calvin Passy Evina Mbozoo	Rea Kelolli
John Bray	Nika Faraji	Julekha Khatun
Olivia Bresett	Adam Feinstein	Briana Khuu
Alfred Burgess	Shawn Forrester	Joshua Knight
Ian Byker	Donald Franks II	Nick Kovalchik
Jacklyn Cain	Jeffrey Frost	Rebecca Kozura
Ryan Canfield	Aaron Galipeau	Evans Ladzagla
Allison Carey	Miranda Gemme	Philip Laguerre
Kevin Carr	Nicole Giampapa	Margaret Lamberto
Adeline Casali	Camila Gonzalez	Michael LaRochele
Nazek Chatila	Daniel Gray	Colton Lavalette
Samuel Chebook	Ann-Marie Grissino	Marisa Lavoratore
Idriss Habib Cissoko	Michelle Guppy	June Lemieux
Takia Coles	Lucila Guzman	Annelise Lobo
Mehmet Comert	Stephanie Halsing	Marki Lyons
Patrick Connolly	Christine Haroutunian	Frank Madu
James Cooley	Samantha Harper	Kevin Maguire
Joel Coste	Calvin Harris	Andrew Majeski
Christian Crowley	Rebecca Hawthorne	Karen Maloof

## MASTER'S DEGREE IN COURSE Continued

Rafay Maqsood	Hayden Realmuto	Kambal Vaidya
Steven Martinez	Adam Reid	Daniel Pravin Vedomuthu
Hibah Masoom	Rafael Revi	Barrett Viator
Wilson Mazile	Jessica Riedy	Jessica Weeks
Nikhil McCanna	Melody Rios	Trevor Wells
Dustin McDaniel	Jeffrey Roark	John Wetzel
Kyle McDonald	Christopher Rodgers	Samantha Williams
Matthew McLaughlin	Nicole Rodriguez	Jonah Wilson
Reed McLean	Eddy Rospide	Adam Wood
Alexander Medeiros	Gregory Ryan	Jeremiah Wood
Amanda Menier	Abdelmalek Sabri	James Zafiri
Kendra Mensah	Grace Samuel	Tracey Zicherman
Benjamin Michaels	Obrie Scarbrough	Janice Ziesig
Tiffany Michel Acosta	Troy Scott	Verneva Ziga
Aaron Milam	Jacob See	
Andrew Miller	Timothy Shaffer	
Daniel Modad	Zachary Shaft	
Rick Morales	William Sherry	
Charles Morris	Steven Simonsen	
Hayley Morway	Saravanan Soundappan	
Michael Mulieri	Alisha Souza	
Renaldo Musto	Timothy Souza	
Natalie Nemes	Sean Sullivan	
Khoi Nguyen	David Susca	
Collins Njagi	Sue Susman	
Marven Noa	Cara Sweeney	
Kate O'Rourke	Chelsea Tacey	
Michael Oduro	Daniel Tackie	
Isaiah Oliver	Joseph Tadonkeng	
Udumaga Onyeukwu	Kerry Talbot	
Nischal Pant	Dayan M Tan	
Kira Parisi	Jack Taubl	
Priyaben Patel	Ashley Taylor	
Amita Patil	Karthik Thirugnanasampantham	
Jacques Plante	Erika Torkildsen	
Eliel Polanco	Gustavo Torrealba	
Jyotsna Pradhan	Mark Torres	
Kevin Puduseril	Nelson Tran	
Elijah Pyram	Maxwell Tuttle	
Domingo Quiroz	Eric Tweedie	
Felix Rajappan	Mohammed Uddin	
James Ramsdell	Osamuyimen Urhohide	
Katya Ramsingh	Steven Uzupis	

## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN COURSE

Othman S H M Alfadhalah	Ethan Grella	John Ryan
Jack Allen	Irvin Guzman	George Sachs-Walor
Gregory Andriotakis	Justin Hankins	Peter Salib
Samara Antonio	John Hart	Donovan Sanborn
Dean Ayotte	Marcus Heisler	William Scanlon
Connor Beevers	Matthew Hendriks	Gregory Sencabaugh
Anthony Berard	Emma Hoffer	Fadi Serhan
Gabrielle Berasi	Cameron Horta	Angeline Setiawan
Jomar Bey	Zachary Hubbard	Lucas Sherriff-Streng
Hannah Bouley	Cameron Irish	Thomas Shoemaker
Veronica Bouré	Alyssa Juzwick	Mayson Silva
Emily Brown	Ryan Kelleher	Zachary Smith
Andrew Buckholz	Ashton Kimball	Alexander Stevens
Charles Cassaro	Zachary Laher	Hayden Sullivan
Kameron Castillo	Nathan Lajeunesse	Augustus Syracuse
Michael Chankhour	Evelyn Leighton	Trey Tankersley
Ron Clapp	Emma Leute	Nicholas Tessitore
Cadence Collins	Rebecca Linane	Jackson Thomas
Alexander Cook	Zakaria Mahaba	Matthew Thomas
Derek Costello	Adrianna Marinello	Connor Thornell
Tyler Croteau	Jack McDermott	Kelsey True
Marianna D'Amelio	Devin McGovern	Alexander Urbaniak
Ryan Dacy	Erin McNulty	Aidan Varano
Alec Dagati	Ava Minisolo	Jacob VerGow
Peter DiBiase	Olivia Montejunas	Steven Webb
Dylan DiPesa-Serven	Jazlyn Moreno	Sean White
Marguerite Dolan	Brandi Neil	Ivan Zivlak
Aidan Dorgan	Nolan Neil	
Declan Dorgan	Benjamin Nourai	
Kyle Downing	Jad Nouredine	
Jared Dunn	Aidan O'Brien	
Alexander Elguezabal	Evan O'Brien-Nichols	
Giormanie Escobar	Zachary O'Connell	
Salvatore Esposito	Eagan Olson	
Danny Farhat	Sean Ouellette	
Samantha Fagundes	Quetzaly Paz-Mondesi	
Cole Farrell	Ava Pepin	
Caroline Ford	Alec Pettit	
Luke Fournier	John Pistorino	
Noemi Gaggiotti	Brandon Pszenny	
Madison Gant	Chris Rincon	
Matthew Giannasca	Ryan Russo	

# HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS AND DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER

## **CAROLYN KIRK**

**CEO, Massachusetts Technology Collaborative**

**Doctor of Public Health**

Carolyn A. Kirk has served as CEO of the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative since February 2019. Kirk has earned a reputation as a fierce advocate for the state's tech and innovation sector by building strong partnerships across industry, academia and government.

Kirk oversees a team of almost 90 employees, more than 60 percent of whom are women. In 2024, Kirk was ranked No. 72 in the Top 100 Women-Led Businesses in Massachusetts, a list created by The Women's Edge and published in the Women & Power issue of "The Boston Globe Magazine."

Under Kirk's leadership, MassTech has spearheaded investments statewide and regionally across several critical industries including advanced manufacturing, bluetech/marinetechnology, cybersecurity, digital health, fintech, robotics and quantum computing.

Notably, in 2023, Kirk steered the agency through a highly competitive process that secured \$19.7 million to establish the Northeast Microelectronics Hub (NEMC), a regional Department of Defense Microelectronics Commons Hub funded through the federal CHIPS and Science Act. And in 2024, Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey signed the Mass Leads Act, which entrusted Kirk and MassTech with \$100 million to establish the Massachusetts AI Hub.

For more than a decade before becoming MassTech CEO, Kirk was a government leader at the local and state levels. She served as the first woman popularly elected as mayor of the City of Gloucester, Mass. After serving as mayor for seven years, she served as the deputy secretary at the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development.

Before her roles in public service, Kirk's private professional career spans more than 25 years and includes experience as a management consultant.

She is a graduate of Boston College.

# DIPLOMA TRANSLATION

*The translation of the Merrimack College diploma from Latin to English is as follows:*

Merrimack College

To all reading this document

Greetings in the Lord

The President, Faculty and Trustees of Merrimack College

by virtue of properly completing required studies on the recommendation of the faculty

and by the authority vested in us

by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts confer on

name of student

the degree of

name of degree

and grant freely all rights, privileges and honors pertaining to that degree.

In witness thereof we place the seal of the College.

Given in North Andover in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

date of degree

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## ABOUT MERRIMACK COLLEGE

One of only two Catholic Augustinian colleges in the United States, Merrimack College is a rising institution with a decade-long trajectory of growth and innovation. Merrimack is a selective, research-oriented, master's comprehensive institution with approximately 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students from 43 states and 42 countries, comprising schools of arts and sciences, engineering and computational sciences, nursing and health sciences, education and social policy, and business. The College's 220-acre campus is just north of Boston in North Andover, Mass.

## MISSION AND VISION

### **OUR MISSION IS TO ENLIGHTEN MINDS, ENGAGE HEARTS, AND EMPOWER LIVES.**

Inspired by the Catholic faith and the Augustinian tradition of seeking truth through inquiry and dialogue, our vision is to

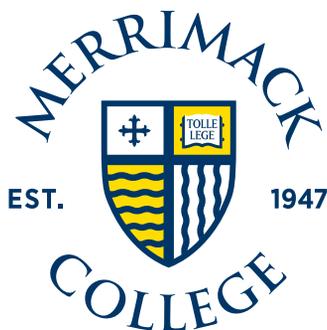
- Prepare students to adapt creatively to tomorrow's realities through excellence in the liberal arts, sciences, and the professions;
- Build a community of scholars welcoming and respecting a diversity of backgrounds, experiences, beliefs, and perspectives;
- Cultivate the intellectual, moral, spiritual, physical, and personal awareness needed to make wise choices for life, career, and service;
- Encourage and support scholarly work that contributes to the wisdom on which society bases its decisions;
- Engage other educational institutions, industry, and agencies of social change in collaborative efforts fostering a just, peaceful, and sustainable world.

## THE SEAL OF MERRIMACK COLLEGE

Drawing on our rich history, the modern shield of Merrimack College reinterprets elements from the original 1947 college seal.

The shield includes four quadrants:

- The book with the words “Tolle Lege” (“take up and read”), the famous words connected with the conversion of Saint Augustine to Catholicism, proclaiming the College’s founding by the Order of Saint Augustine.
- Wavy pallets, to represent the “swift water” of the Merrimack Valley’s original Native Americans.
- The cross fleurette, from the coat of arms of the Archdiocese of Boston, in which Merrimack College is located. The cross fleurette refers to the French ancestry of Bishop Cheverus, the first Bishop of Boston (1810–1823).
- The symbolism of our colors: blue for loyalty (and the cold, rippling waters of the Merrimack River) and gold for wisdom (also the color of the papacy).



## THE CEREMONIAL MACE

The mace carried in academic processions derives from medieval times in England when an official was taking office. At that time, the mace was a formidable weapon and was held ready by the mace bearer to protect the dignitary. From the sixteenth century in England and since colonial days in America, the mace has become a symbol of academic office and is carried by a distinguished member of the faculty.

The Merrimack College mace has a young history. It was fashioned for the 1986 Commencement by Cistercian Monks of the Holy Rood Guild at Saint Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, Massachusetts. The monks are renowned craftsmen and designers of ecclesiastical vesture.

The Merrimack College mace is thirty-six inches long and is made of black walnut. The front of the mace carries the College's hand-painted, gold-leafed seal. From the intricate coat of arms of the Order of Saint Augustine, the back of the mace is hand carved with an open book symbolizing the conversion of Augustine. On the left hand side of the book is a tongue of flame above a heart pierced with "the burning love of God." An elegantly simple cross adorns the top of the mace.

Since 1986, the Merrimack College mace has been carried by the Chief Marshal at Commencement.

## THE CEREMONIAL CROSS

The processional cross is expressive of the Augustinian longing for unity of our minds and hearts in God. It was designed by the Augustinian Contemplative Nuns at the Monastery of Our Holy Savior In Leccetto, Tuscany, Italy. Small replicas of this cross are given to Merrimack students engaged in service to others through Service Learning and the Alternative Break Programs as well as to those who participate in MORE, the Pellegrinaggio en Italia, and other programs that foster self-awareness and spiritual growth.

## REGALIA

The origins of academic dress lie in fourteenth century England. The buildings frequented by medieval scholars were often cold and damp; long gowns (particularly with hoods to protect tonsured heads) may have been worn more for warmth than fashion.

The distinctive gown set the student apart from his fellow citizens. As late as the Civil War, students at American universities wore caps and gowns daily while in residence. Whatever the origin, academic regalia grew in diversity and splendor, with scholars displaying distinctive costume for different occasions and achievements. The result was a bewildering variety of designs.

An intercollegiate commission met at Columbia University in 1894 to establish a standard academic costume code, and over the years it has been revised by an official committee of the American Council on Education. The committee's prescriptions, while regulating, still allow for great pageantry at formal academic events.

From the cap, gown, and hood, it is possible to distinguish the institution from which the wearer was graduated, the field of learning in which the degree was earned, and the level of the degree—bachelor, master, or doctoral.

The distinguishing feature of the black mortarboard cap, standard at most colleges and universities in the United States, is the color of the tassel—black for the holder of a bachelor's or master's degree, gold for a doctor's degree or the governing officers of educational institutions.

The gown is normally black, and the gown's cut and trim indicate the level of the degree held. The bachelor's has long, pointed sleeves, while the master's has oblong sleeves, open at the wrist, with the front part cut in an arc. The doctor's sleeves are bell-shaped, with three bars of velvet, and the gown is trimmed with velvet down the front as well. The hood tells the most about its wearer. The length of the hood and width of the binding vary according to degree. The hood is lined with the official colors of the college. The color of the hood's binding indicates the area of study in which the degree was granted. Students also wear other regalia, including cords signifying academic honors and stoles representing countries they studied in during their academic career.

At formal academic occasions, the President of Merrimack College also wears the Presidential Medal which incorporates the College seal.

# MERRIMACK COLLEGE ANTHEM

Michael J. Rossi, Ph.D.  
Rev. Joseph L. Farrell, O.S.A.  
Rev. Scott C. Ness, O.S.A.

*Intro.*

*In unison*

O— Mer-ri-mack, how shall we hon-or you? With  
mind and heart a - wa-kened to the truth. We shall build God's ci - ty in our -  
selves and in our world, reach-ing out in ser-vice, our hearts a - fire with  
love. The rest-less quest for wis-dom in the com - pa - ny of friends,  
calls us ev-er on - ward 'til in God our hearts find rest. Our guides are faith and  
rea - son on a path that yet un - folds, and come we will to wis-dom through  
know-ledge formed in love. O— Mer-ri-mack, how shall we hon-or you? With  
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