Merrimack College

72nd Commencement | Class of 2022 Graduates

Friday, May 20, 2022

# Academic Procession

**Chief Marshal and Mace Bearer**

Laura Moore Pruett, Ph.D., *Faculty Senate President and Associate Professor, Music*

**Cross Bearer**

Allison Gill, Ed.D. , *Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students*

**The Graduates**

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

**Master’s Students**

**The Faculty**

**The Distinguished Assembly**

Academic Deans

The Honorary Degree Recipients

The Board of Trustees

Vice Provosts

Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost

President

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**

Christopher E. Hopey, Ph.D., President

**Processional**

Pomp and Circumstance (Elgar), Merrimack College Band

**Opening Of The Exercises**

Laura Moore Pruett, Ph.D., Faculty Senate President and Associate Professor, Music

**Invocation**

Alvin M. Chapital, III, ’86 , Member, Board of Trustees

**National Anthem**

Leanne Santerre ’23

**Welcome**

Christopher E. Hopey, Ph.D., President

**Commencement Address Student Speaker**

Isabel Marie Fernandes ’21, M’22

**Address to Graduates**   
Rev. Raymond Dlugos, O.S.A., Ph.D., Vice President for Mission and Ministry

**Honorary Degrees**

Doctor of Education - M. Lee Pelton

Doctor of Business and Commerce - James T. Brett

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

**Conferral of Degrees**

Christopher E. Hopey, Ph.D., President

**Closing Remarks**

Christopher E. Hopey, Ph.D., President

**Merrimack College Anthem**

Leanne Santerre ’23

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

**Closing of the Exercises**Laura Moore Pruett, Ph.D., Faculty Senate President and Associate Professor, Music

**Recessional**Trumpet Tune, Merrimack College Band

# Master’s Degrees in Course

**Girard School of Business**

Alyssa Marie Ardai

Ashley Augulewicz

Molly Elizabeth Aviles

Walter Aviles, Jr.

Emma Gardner Bagni

Erin Catherine Batherwich

Lauren Megan Bender

Christine Nicole Bixby

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Shane William Cassidy

Alyssa Meghan Chamberlain

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Shih-Feng Hsu

Megan Sara Jewell

Justin Edward Jones

Carlin Steinmetz Joyal

Timothy William Kalantzakos

Jayne Minigell Kearney

Orla Sinead Kelly

Rachel Ellen Kersey

Philip Hercules Ketrelakes III

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Karen A. Korpinen

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Alexander MacLellan

Catherine Elizabeth Mahanna

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Bridgete McAuley

Colby McCay

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Shannon Justine McHugh

Dylan M Mengel

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# Honorary Degree Recipients

**M. Lee Pelton**

After decades in higher education, Lee Pelton in 2021 took the reins as president and CEO of the Boston Foundation, one of the nation’s leading philanthropic organizations. He oversees one of the oldest community foundations in the country. Since its founding in 1915, the Boston Foundation has given more than $2 billion in grants.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Pelton announced “Our New Pathway,” a strategy for the foundation that, among other key areas, will aim to repair the harm caused by systemic and structural economic, social, gender and racial disparities, close racial wealth gaps and establish programs that contribute to an equitable and just society for marginalized communities.

Prior to The Boston Foundation, Pelton served as president of Emerson College from 2011 to 2021. He was inducted by the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce into its Academy of Distinguished Bostonians, received the Governor’s Award from MassHumanities in 2020 and the Robert Coard Distinguished Leadership Medal in 2021.

**James T. Brett**

James T. Brett has led The New England Council, a non-partisan alliance of businesses, academic and health institutions, and public and private organizations to promote economic growth and a high quality of life in the New England region, since 1996.

Under his leadership, the Council has made successful impacts on federal policy including energy, financial services, healthcare, education and workforce development.

Brett is also a lifelong advocate for people with disabilities. He has served on the President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities for three of the past four administrations, and is vice chair of the National Council on Disability.

# 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

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# About Merrimack College

One of only two Catholic Augustinian colleges in the U.S., Merrimack College is a coeducational institution with approximately 5,500 undergraduate, continuing education and graduate students from 34 states and 36 countries, comprising schools of liberal arts, science and engineering, health sciences, education and social policy, and business.

The College’s 220-acre campus is approximately 25 miles north of Boston in North Andover and Andover, Massachusetts. Merrimack is a Master’s Colleges & Universities/Medium Programs institution in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

# 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 the United States, 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 their 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

O Merrimack, how shall we honor you?

With mind and heart awakened to the truth.

We shall build God’s city in ourselves and in our world, reaching out in service, our hearts a-fire with love.

The restless quest for wisdom in the company of friends, call us ever onward ‘til in God our hearts find rest.

Our guides are faith and reason on a path that yet unfolds, and come we will to wisdom through knowledge formed in love.

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