



# 73<sup>RD</sup> COMMENCEMENT

**Class of 2023**

THE GIRARD SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND  
THE SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

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Saturday, May 20, 2023

# ACADEMIC PROCESSION

## MACE BEARERS

Fan Chen, Ph.D.

*Chair, Accounting & Finance Department and Associate Professor, Finance*

Joel Kuszmaul, Ph.D.

*Associate Dean, School of Science and Engineering*

## CROSS BEARER

Rebecca Jimenez

*Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and 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

Distinguished Speaker

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Executive Vice President

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**

Merrimack College Band

## **INVOCATION**

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

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Mackapella

## **WELCOME**

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

## **REMARKS FROM THE PROVOST**

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

## **ADDRESS TO GRADUATES**

John T. Boyce '81  
*Chair, Board of Trustees*

## **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**

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

## **RECESSIONAL**

Merrimack College Band

# GIRARD SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

## MASTER'S DEGREE IN COURSE

April Baker	Jovan Grant	Alessandro Negri
Juainer Beato-Lopez	Paul Hansen	Elie B. Nembambi
Isabel Rose Bowen	Kerri Hanson	Maryann Nguyen
Nicolas Brackett	Rebecca Sarah Harty	Emily Elizabeth Nolan
Benjamin Edwin Singh Brar	Alexandria Jane Hogan	Gillian Lee O'Brien
Laura Jean Brightney	Rosanne Honders	Jalina M. Pedersen
Joseph Buck	Taylor Marie Hubert	Raquel Mercedes Perez
Eric Burton	Daniel Jacob Johnson	Nicholas A. Perez-Blanco
Rosemary Callahan	Elizabeth Marie Johnson	Stefano Pesenti
William Calverley	Cory Alan Jolicoeur	An Phan
John Camirand	Brendan Joyce	Brooke Pistorino
Kylie Kristabella Capri	Christopher James Kalil	Shannon Place
Ashley Christina Carrington, MS	Elena Marie Kapolis	Samuel David Rebinskas
Amanda Nicole Cavicchi	John Kasprzyk	Grace Elizabeth Reid
Reimundo Chavez	George Peter Katsikaris	Thomas Joseph Rooney
Elizabeth A. Cicerone	Kaitlyn Nichole Kaufman	Kevin Russo
Catherine Coker	Jason Paul Kluge	Alanis Sadlowski
Alex Thomas Connolly	Elias Albert Lagesse	Gregory Sawyer, Jr.
Patricia Katy Coughlin	Jack Landers	Elma Sehovic
Janet Crockett	Michael Lang	Jordan Seyfert
Tristan Crozier	Megan Larson	Michael Simari
William Daughan	Ottoville Severi Leppäenen	Grace E. Soucy
Sandra Lee del Rosario	Ciara Elise LiCausi	David Kenneth Stuart
Stanislav Demin	Elizabeth Lichter	Ryan Francis Sullivan
William A. Dennison	Samuel Lichter	Etchu Tabenyang
Francesco Dondini	Sophia A. Limonciello	Elilia Teixeira
Matthew Joseph Donlan	David Lunt	Kyle Templeton
Courtney Edwards	Anthony J. Luti	Kathryn Tompson
Hugo Esselin	Nicole Alexandria Manning	Sofia Silva Vasconcelos
Adam J. Fontaine	Kelly Kavanaugh Marie	Matthew Venuti
Felice Genuario	Kaitlin Marie Marques	Matthew Phillip Verreault
Danielle A. Giordano	Jacqueline M Mason	Christine Marie Volpe
Cortney Gladstone	Caroline Lord May	Nguyen Vu
Michael Golankiewicz	Bridgete McAuley	Jessica Hope Wagner
Crystal Nicole Gomez	Jessica Lyn McGee	Ryan Walker
Wilfredo Antonio Gonzalez Garcia	Mick G. Messner	Matthew Walsh
Andrew J. Gorham	Ejaz Mughal	Cameron Robert White
Anairis Lucrecia Gotay	Arthur Mukotanyi	John Williamson
Emily Day Grandahl	Bradley Lawrence Myers	Julie Danielle Wilmot
	Anthony Sergio Nasta	Sidni A. Wise-Wright

# GIRARD SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN COURSE

Ella Marie Affanato	Kevin Michael Carroll	Zachary D'Urso
Jacob Steven Aleksa	Michael Alfred Caruso	Michael James Dyer
Kate Mary Thiboutot Alexanderson	Joseph Casale	Edward Dzialo
Gianluca Robert Alfe	Cameron Casella	Gabrielle Eckard
Samarah Alteon	Joshua Cavallaro	Leah El-Hachem
Brooke Alves	John P. Centofanti	Scott Elliott
Jada Simone Andrade	Diamond Christian	Francis Esquivel
Nicole Andrea	Isabella Cecilia Ciciulla	Courtney Evans
Ashley Arcidi	Daniella Joyna Cimino	Colleen Marie Fahey
Mariah Arsenault	Liana Marie Cincotti	Emma Rae Faivre
Julia Auger	Robert Cleary	Mary Ashleigh Faletra
Sydney Austin	Gabriel Clemente	Michael Fallon
Aidan Bagley	Cameron Colby	Anthony Fazzolari
Zachary Bail	John Collins	Johan C. Feilscher
Bianca Nicole Baldassarro	Lauren Concannon	Dylan Fernandez
Brandon Baldi	Patrick Joseph Conroy	Mariah Fernandez
Kathleen W. Bank	Sean Richard Conway	Michael Arturo Ferrara
Cassidy Barcelos	Serena Rae Cook	Mary Elizabeth Flaherty
Morgan Barker	Kenneth Cooper	Kylie Renee Flanagan
Cecelia Francesca Barron	Noah Cotrupi	Trent Flood
John Barron	Michael Dewey Courtney	Brooke Flynn
Vincenzo Napoleon Basile	Cory Couture	Erin M. Flynn
Marcus Eric Bennett	Ryan Cox	Molly Flynn
Annmarie Berthiaume	Christian Crowley	Nicholas S. Foderaro
Jacqueline Ann Bethoney	Matthew Crowley	Joseph Anthony Ford, III
Cole M. Birdow	Amedeo Cubellotti	Ethan Fowle
Jack Blanchard	Samuel Richard Dalke	Keanna French
Adam Edward Bockhoff	Brandon Kenneth Dalton	Jayden Frye
Jane Bonazzoli	Nicholas Matthew D'Angelo	Michael Gaeta
Henri Bourque	Gina D'Arcangelo	Tyler James Galvin
Amy Bowab	Joshua John Davis, Jr.	Lucas Allen Gauch
Jacob P. Brennan	Jayme Nicole DeCesare	Natalie Theresa Gebeyan
Peter Brown	Amy DeLeo	Leila Geha
Lauren Burke	Daniel DeLeo	Emma Mary Patricia Gerbutavich
Meghan Lynn Burke	Antonio Derry	Gabrielle Gervais
Scott Evangelos Bussell	Miles Dewhirst	Zachary Gibbons
Nolan Butler	Evan DiGiovanni	Marc Gonzalez
Shane Cameron	Samuel Paul DiPillo	Andrew James Gorey
Dimitri Diego Campusano	Michael D. DiPlacido	Michael T. Gorgoni
Jacob Cappello	Brett James Doherty	Alexandra Goskoski
Talia Carbone	Abigail Dolan	Ted Molloy Gosselin
Ethan Carman	Darell Z. Dorrah	Emily May Grace
	Dylan Matthew Dresher	Ava Harnch Grady

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Kelleigh Greaney	Joshua Kusinski	Jacob McGlynn
Samantha Jane Grenier	Martin Jamil Lahood, Jr.	Brendan McGonagle
Anna C. Grinnell	Avery LaMotte	Brennan McInnis
Guillermo Gutierrez-Largaespada	Matthew Leo Lane	Daniel Gerard McMahon
Alexander Haba	Owen LaPlant	Bradley McMullen
Andre Jalil Hanania	Ryan E. LaPointe	Nolan Mealey
Alexander Daniel Harrison	Sean Larrow	Damian John Medina
David Hawes	Jordyn LeCompte	Patrick Mello
Jake Anthony Heerman	Andrew Joseph Lee	Brandon Aaron Melo
Alexander Heffernan	Benjamin Lee	Emma Gerilyn Mercier
Matthew Heffernan	Michael Paul LeGage, Jr.	MiKenzie Leigh Mellow
Liam Nicholas Hemeon	Gavin LeggSpadano	Heather Lee Mileika
Catherine Joyce Henaire	Meghan Ann Leporati	Jacob Millsap
John Henry	Amanda Flynn Lepsevich	Claudia Marie Mirshak
Bianca Camille Herbert	WilliamJacob Lerman	Shaka Malik Moales
Audrey Hill	Samantha Lessick	Emma Virginia Monkiewicz
Maegan Hladick	Zachary W. LeTendre	Connor R. Morrison
Matthew Hottleman	Calogero LoGrasso	George Mosher
Emily Margaret Hunt	Renea Lombardi	Kyle Austin Muldoon
Meghan Rose Hurley	Nicholas Lopez	Aidan James Mulligan
Cameron Matthew Ingham	Elvin Louis	Emily Charlotte Murphy
Alexandra Patrice Inman	Jason Louis	Kevin Lawrence Murphy
Benjamin Jacoby	Sean S. Lynch	Michael Dudley Murphy
Omar Jasseh	Connor E. Lyons	Andrew J. Musselman
Matthew E. Jenkins	Benjamin Mac	Ryan Mut
Mikaela Johnson Campana	Jacob Macchi	Luke Myers
Marissa Jones	Bruna M. Mariani	Rachel Needham
Ryan Kacmarcik	Patrick Madden	Allyson Nerf
Laura Katamani	Robert Magazzu	Jordyn Nobrega
Emily Paige Kauranen	James Majeski	Kevin Daniel Norton
Armen John Kazanjian	Maxwell Makara	Robert Anthony Noto, Jr.
Elizabeth Ann Keane	Liza Judith Manuele	Jameson Michael O'Connell
Dylan Anthony Kehoe	Phillip A. Marchese	Thomas Orcutt
Garrett Kelley	Matthew Francis Marino	Grace Owaida
Elizabeth Mary Kempker	Kiley A. Martel	Stephen James Pagliuca, Jr.
John Kennedy	Cameron Martin	LyAnn Palma
Meghan Kerr	Makenna Mathieu	Ronald Paolo
Elizabeth Ann Kilmer	Kayla Diana Mayo	Paul Richard Papageorgiou
Junghyun Kim	Timothy McCaffrey	Kaerys Carolyn Parry
Tiffany Jasmine Kirkland	Nicolas McCarthy	Deven Patel
Kyle L. Knight	Richard Patrick McCoy, II	Roshani V. Patel
Matthew Korzec	Angelo McCullough	Shahil K. Patel
Michael Franklin Kusick	Emily Elizabeth McDaid	Jaylissa Yasmine Perdomo

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Matthew L. Pescatore, Jr.	Lucas Sarantopoulos	James Austin Valade
Alyson Pinkham	Holly Schweitzer	Angel Vargas
Anthony Lee Pistorino	Joseph Lawrence Scioli	Matthew Davide Vettrano
Kyle S. Pizzarella	Abigail Shea	Laura Vilella-Durieux
Jada Powell	Michelle Elizabeth Shepard	Jared Wain
Derrick Joseph Pratt	Michael Sidhly	Samuel David Walsh
Marino Romani Preziosa	Brian Smith	Sean Walsh
Logan Michael Prousalis	Garrett Smith	Robert MacGregor Welsher
Garrett Prucher	Justin C. Sommer	Alex Michael Weston
Nathan Quaye	Ian Sparks	Grace Catherine Wheeler
Samuel Reid Rabassa	Brandon Michael St. Onge	Macy Margaret Wilcox
Jacob Scott Randall	Julia Stabile	Michael Wilder
Riley Edward Reed	Alexander Keith Steele	Melinda Williams
Siegfried Rico Reid, Jr.	Sarah Rose Stergis	Joshua Wilson
Idalys Reynoso	Nolan Stevenson	Samuel Arthur Windle
Meghan Nicole Richter	James Strong	Sarah Ann Withers
Isabella Mary Rinaldi	Evan Studley	Ian D. Woods
Mary Ellen Riordan	Trevor John Suydam	Sydney Lynne Woods
Caroline Elizabeth Robinson	Phillip Tammaro	Nelson Young-Simpson
Daniel Richard Rodier	Lindsay Margaret Tavano	Miguel Youssef
Olivia Romano	Kayla Ann Thibodeau	Emily Jayne Yuu
Jack Rooney	Kaylee Ann Thomas	Jacob Adam Zwickau
Mitchell Root	Jay Thompson	
Emma Dow Rotondo	Alexandra Elise Tomasso	
James Rowley	Troy Nicholas Tomeo	
John Rush	Kristen Elizabeth Tracy	
Domenic Russo	Andrew Traveis Tringali	
Abdelmalek Sabri	John Fotis Tsaousis	
Stephen Santarpia	Melissa Lynn Uhrynowski	

# SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

## MASTER'S DEGREE IN COURSE

Anthony Abi-Nader	Matthew Christopher Gibney	Lisa Partington
Quadri Ameen	Luke R. Groder	Gleiciane Pereira Cardoso
Madeleine Anctil	Annick R. Guerin	Danielle Talia Pintone
Jenifer Antonelli	Joseph David Hollins	Victor Jospheh Privetera
Abhay Bhurane	Deana Hutcheson	Makayla Sharelle Richard
Terrick Boire	Sarah Noelle Johnson	Robert John Sand
Mary Bonefant	Samuel Johnson	Erick O. Sereti
Noah Tyler Briggs	Aynura Kalmurzaeva	Bridget Shanahan
Ares Canetti	Rebecca Lynn Licciardi Kendall	Andre J. Singer
Joseph Chalhoub	Sunkwon Kim	Cheick Sissoko
Amanda Clarke	Ronnie King	Jared Richard Smith
Jesse Alan Conlon	Kyle Macri	Fareesa Syeda
Samuel Lucas Crow	Eliot Mangeolle	Erica Jean Tanzella
William Dempsey	Tyler J. Mann	Emma Tkachuk
Joseph Jesus Diaz	Domenic William Martiniello	Russell Townsend
Zachary Olivier Dieujuste	Joseph Mazza	Laura Trimboli
Mohab Gamal Eldokla	Ahmed Messid Bouziane Meflah	Tighe C. Tubito
Kelby Daniel Faulk	Sarah Elizabeth Montgomery	Joshua David Villarreal
Anthony Fonte	Deogratias Musyoki Muthini	Bryan Waruhiu
Joshua Brian Gabel	Patrick Neff	Ruth Maria Wilson
Ellen Gagnon	Benjamin A. Nelson	
Steven Gambino	Lauren Elise Nixdorf	
Connor Jacob McCoy Gibbons	Meaghan Leonardia O'Brien	

## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN COURSE

Layan Abdelkarim	Modesty Butler	Taelyr Marcia-Elizabeth Czech
Ziyad Alqarni	Zachary M. Camino	Kiley Joyce Dallas
Justin William Applebee	Andrew Caron	Robert Gary Danehy, III
Sydney Babb	Michael Chankhour	Eric DeFelice
Allan Barata	Rachel Chanley	Kaleigh Nicole Della Grotta
Samuel Barresi	Camron Alexander Chrissis	Jason Demers
Autumn M. Bates	Ashley Elizabeth Cocchiaro	Skylar DiMartino
Connor Beevers	Aiden Timothy Coleman	Owen Enestvedt
Sophia Beland	Killian Coleman	Jake Ryan Festa
Harrison Bell	Owen Collins	Brendan Fitzgerald
Justin Bettencourt	Lorena Corbelli	Emmalee Foley
Nicholas William Bordenca	Kevin G. Costa	Daniel Fox
Ian Branconnier	Jeffrey Thomas Crane	Allyn French
Jessica Ann Brewster	Paul Matthew Cromwick	Ryan Gamelin
Hannah Renee Brisson	Alyssa Rae Cugno	Andrew Gardner
Nicholas Burling	Colby S. Carrier	Sedona Gillard



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Matthew Gilliland	John C. Liddy	Allyson Qualley
Mina William Girgis	Daniel Lignos	Francisco Quintana
Nicholas Lima Gois	Braden Likhite-Koehler	Kennedy Rahaman
Hannah Nicole Goldthwait	Samuel Peter LoPiano	Jared Nathan Rathbun
John Gosselin	Leudybert Lora Cruz	Kelly Lynne Redford
Arthur Got	Andrew John Malek	Allison Reeb
Daniel Gray	Sean Edward Maloney	Carlos M. Reyes
Logan Green	Christian Mann	Adam Rocznik
Itzel Guadalupe Guzman	Anton Mao	Michael Romefelt
Dominguez	Enrico P. Marcoaldi	Connor Shane Rose
Drew Ruppy Hailey	Corey Simon Mastrocola	Jillian Marie Rowland
Jacob Hamel	Collin Patrick McCabe	Alexander Fredric Royer
William Hancock	Riley David McCue	Ashley Ryan
Thomas Hardy	Griffin McNulty	Logan Salvi
Jake Francis Howlett	Madison Medeiros	Gabriella Sarraf
Patrick Byron Hurley	Catherine Merritt	Terrence J. Scanlan, Jr.
Teghan Inglis	Isaac Anthony Mezher	Lillian Abigale See
Sean Patrick Janerico	Bradley James Miller	Garald J. Seip
Andrew Clayton Jenet	Frederick Agustiv Monroy	Gregory Sencabaugh
Rivency C. Jeudy	Curtis Moore	Kyle Silva
Gage Johnson	Vanni Rose Morello	Starr Sroka
Allyson Danielle Jones	Raymond Mullin	Aislinn P. Sullivan
Taisha Emmanuela Joseph	Molly O'Brien Murnane	Kyle Sweeney
Austin John Kalinowski	Lyanne Murphy	Nicholas T. Tenczar
Jaden S. Kamm	Moses Mwaura	Gregory Thomas
Quinn Danielle Kellogg	Yash Nandwana	Mason Tidd
Madison Elise Kirrane	Joseph Nemezczy	Laney Shea Tillman
Ryan Joseph Kless	Patrick Norcross	Parker David Todd
Fatoumata Kourouma	Jad Noureddine	Maddie Vaine
Trym Kyvaag	Sophia Susana Obering	Brianna Van Hecke
Christina M. Lane	Kathryn O'Neil	Leonardo Venturotti
Matthew Lanney	Olivia Orłowska	Madysen Elizabeth Wallace
Katelyn Laurencio Leal	Antoni Piascik	Sean White
Meghan Lee	Aleksandra Piascik	Christopher Wildman
James Arthur LeFave, Jr.	Fayth Ann Poitras	Erik Owen Wunderlich
Elizabeth Mary Lemone	Zachary Bowen Pond	Sylvia Zaeder
Neil Letellier	Magdalini Poulimeni	
Brandon Turner L'Heureux	Gihana Pruitt	

## DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

### **The Girard School of Business and the School of Science and Engineering | 9:00 a.m.**

**John T. Boyce '81**

*Chair of the Board of Trustees*

John Boyce chairs the Board of Trustees of Merrimack College and has served on the Board for nine years.

An investment industry leader for 40 years, John has had responsibility for the commercial activities of Insight Investment in North America for the past five years.

Prior to Insight, John spent six years at Aberdeen Standard as Head North America Distribution where he was responsible for building the brand and the region's institutional business development activities.

Earlier in his career, John led global investment activities at American International Group/PineBridge Investments, General Electric Asset Management as well as U.S. business development for Diversified Investment Advisors/Aegon.

He is also a past board member of the Alzheimer's Association.

John received his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Merrimack College in 1981. He holds his FINRA Series 7, 63 and 24 licenses. He resides in Ridgefield, CT with his wife, Maryann Testa Boyce '81. John and Maryann have two daughters, Lauren G. (Boyce) Koury and Sarah M. Boyce.

### **The Winston School of Education and Social Policy | 1:30 p.m.**

**Stacey Ciprich, H'22**

*Principal of Abbott Lawrence Academy*

Stacey Ciprich is the founding principal of Abbott Lawrence Academy (ALA), an accelerated honors high school within the Lawrence High School campus. Opened in 2015, it is the district's first exam high school. In 2020, she was named Educator of the Year by the Massachusetts Association for Gifted Education.

Since 2017, Merrimack and ALA have partnered on an Early College Program today known as the Pioneer Scholars Program. Upon graduation from ALA, select Pioneer Scholars enroll at Merrimack with financial assistance covering tuition, room, board and books, as well as dedicated academic guidance and support from faculty and staff.

### **The School of Liberal Arts and the School of Nursing and Health Sciences | 5:30 p.m.**

**The Rev. Nicholas A. Sannella, J.D., M.D.**

*Pastor, Lowell Collaborative, Archdiocese of Boston*

The Rev. Nicholas A. Sannella graduated from Boston College in 1967, attended Tufts University School of Medicine and trained in vascular surgery at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Boston and Stanford University Medical Center.

Returning to Massachusetts, he chose to practice in Lowell and Lawrence, underserved areas in his specialty. He was chief of surgery at Lawrence General Hospital, president of the medical staff at Saints Medical Center in Lowell and vice president of the New England Society of Vascular Surgery. Involvement in hospital and medical staff governance, as well as patient care issues, led his pursuit to a juris doctorate from Suffolk University.

In 1999 he entered Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts and was ordained in 2003. Today, he is pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church, Saint Anthony's Church and Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity, which make up the Lowell Collaborative of the Archdiocese of Boston.

He has served as a trustee of St. John's Hospital and Saints Memorial Medical Center, both in Lowell, and Boston College. He has also served as a medical officer in the United States Air Force Reserve.

## 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 SEND 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.





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