



73RD COMMENCEMENT

Class of 2023

THE WINSTON SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
AND SOCIAL POLICY

Saturday, May 20, 2023

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

MACE BEARERS

Karen Hayden, Ph.D.

Associate Dean Graduate Programs, Winston School of Education and Social Policy

Russell Olwell, Ph.D.

Associate Dean, Winston School of Education and Social Policy

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

Board of Trustees

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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

Stacey Ciprich, H’22
Principal of Abbott Lawrence Academy

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

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MASTER'S DEGREE IN COURSE

Jacqueline Abdallah	Leah F. Block	Emily Grace Cole
Heather Felicia Abraham	Dominique Hannah Bolduc	Kathryn Gau Congleton
Rachel Pauline Adam	Matthew Patrick Bonomo	Kevin Conlon
Jillian Adamson	Julia Borriello	Michela D. Connors
Julia Ann Bedard Afflitto	Anthony Bova	Nicholas Conti
Tayla Nicole Aleci	Kathryn D. Bramley	Justin Cook
Olivia Alford	Makenzie M. Bray	Justin Cordeiro
Brooke Allen	Stephanie R. Brincklow	Alycia Marie Corvini
Jessica Marie Almeida	Andrew C. Brown	Kelly Costa
Mark Almy	Erin J. Bruce	Tiffany Costello
Priya Amar	Isabelle Marie Bruneau	Tiffany L. Cote
Jessa Nicole Anderson	Lindsay Bukowinski	Skylar Coutinho
Kayla Ashleigh Anderson	Tyler Christopher Burgoyne	Christina Cramer
Taylor Marie Anderson	Gina Burke	Nancy V. Craver-Harnois
Katelyn Anderson	Kelly Ann Burke	Matthew Croston
Catherine Thana Andrews	Maria Antonina Buttafuoco	Olivia Paige Crowley
Eliza Dua Andrews	Kimberly Cabral	Dayanara Cruz
Tyler Angers	Sherry Dawn Calabrese	Anna Jayce Cuevas
Emily Rose Servideo	Hannah Christine Callaghan	Patricia Curbelo
Jenna Appleton	Kelsey Rose Callahan	Keaghan Michael Curley
Theodore Aseltine	Julia Callbeck	Ashley Cutter
Olivia Avery	Colby Daniel Callery	Demimarie Dabilis
Alyssa S. Badgio	Katherine Callery	Gabrielle D'Amelio
Kerrie Bagni	Lauren Rebecca Campbell	Taylor Darrell
Damon Bailey	Emma Grace Cannistraro	Chanell DaSilva
Shelly Ann Tanesha Bailey	Jillian Amber Carbone	Emily Davis
Andrew Baker	Cameron Michael Carpenter	Shaina Renee Dawes
Sarah Balestro	Abigail Carven	Maria Carolina Ferraz
Matthew T. Bancroft	Olivia Maria Casey	Kamila Dealey
Colin Bannen	Nicole Angela Catino	Olivia Ann Dellisola
Lindsay Barbash	Ashley Cavicchi	Elizabeth Anne DeLong
Anna Caitlin Leslie	Amanda Chamberlain	Brittany Tara Dempsey
Seanda Bartlett	Shawn Chase	Kathleen D'Errico
Kayla Barys	Carlie T. Cherry	Brian Thomas Dervin
Jacob Beaudoin	Sydney Chillo	Leah Devlin
Kendra Beaudoin	Reem E. Chniouli	Stacey Diaz
Spencer Ryan Knowles Benoit	Erin Donna Clafin	Molly Dickerson
Mikayla Benoit	Melanie Clinton	Mark Dilegge
Kayla Marie Berardi	Diana Belên Coello Baquero	Zully Ninette Dinc
Lindsey Berke	Lauren Michelle Cohen	Meghan A. Doane
Vanessa Bertsch	Joshua David McCauley	Brian Donohue
Christina Bither	Colameta	Jamie Dostoomian

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Benjamin Paul Doucette	Christine Ganong	Julianne Ingraham
Jacqueline Doucette	Bria Garabedian	Liubomir Iordanov
Carly Dow	Caitlyn Sumer Garica	Ivy Irwin
Katelyn Anne Drescher	Valeria Denisse García Lara	Emma Nicole Iskra
Danielle M. Driscoll	Erika Jane Gareri	Alison Jacobs
Abigail Elizabeth Duggan	Thomas Garland	Esdras N. Javier, Jr.
Emily Durkin	Kadyn Germain	Arianna S. Jedrey
Meghan S. Dzialo	Vanessa Gerring	Laura Helene Johnson
Matthew Paul Eaton	Rachel Ann Gillespie	Meghan Lynn Johnson
Sara Elkerm	Alyssa N Giordano	Phoebe Catherine Johnson
Alexandra Emrick	Danielle Gomes	Kristina M. Jones
Jennifer Enaboakpe	Nieves Gomez-Lopez	Ashley Jones
Rachel K. Enriquez	Kendra Rae Gordon	Tayla Jones
Ana Delia Espinal	Amanda Beth Goscinski	Kelsey Leigh Joyal
Mackenzie Newman Evans	Jennifer Aron Graff	Sherry Jusseaume
Katarina B. Everhardt	Rosa Granadeno Aguilar	Vanessa Kaddaras
Julia Elizabeth Fader-Laskin	Margaret Elizabeth Green	Victoria Kako
Jenna Faichney	Daniela Greene	Deanna Kiyoko Kalian
Ivette Fantauzzi Picart	Kayleigh R. Greenfield	Aubine Kalisa
Jenna Ann Farraher	Zipporah Griffith	Megan Gabrielle Karcher
Kerry Farrell	Sydney Elizabeth Griswold	Kasey Marie Kavanaugh
John Michael Federico	Sebastian Alexander Gruber	Maeve Keane
Isabel Marie Fernandes	Angela Guarino	Bridget Keefe
Shanelle Fernandez	Caroline Grace Gulla	Christopher Shea Kelleher
Myracle Sadie Fielding	Maire Lisa Gustafson	Victoria Kelliher
Rachel Elizabeth Figucia	Alexandra Hajjar	James Aidan Kelly
Caitlin Fiorante	Katie Renée Hamilton	Lyndsay Kennedy
Lia Fitzgerald	Lauren Marie Hamilton	Peter Thomas Keohane
Olivia FitzGerald	Tania Tasmin Haque	Kayla Renee Keough
Jill Fitzgerald	Alyse Kathryn Harradon	Kimberly Kevorkian
Haley Elizabeth Flaherty-Dawson	Danielle Hart	Joseph Kielinen
Steven Flint	Molly Hayes	Catherine Kimani
Jessica Ann Flynn	Julia Virginia Healey	Megan Kindt
Bianca Elizabeth Foley	Zoe Agnes Santacroce	Haleigh Anne King
Kristen Jennifer Foley	Henderson	Shelby Kirejczyk
William Foley	Erika Vanessa Hernandez	Kara G. Knipe
Kylie Ford	Breanne Hickey	Adam Christopher Kohnle
Shawna Fox	Aleigha Marie Hilberg	Stephen Kohnle
Nicole Freeman	Kelsey Rose Holick	Rachel Emily Kornreich
John Gabordi	Rulondo Holland	Deborah Kosnar
Devin Galante	Amanda Hoover	Stephen Kovatsi
Diona Gambini	Maureen Huberman	Anastasia Kranz
	Tiesha Denise Hughes	

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Josef Kranz	Julia Alexandra Marshall	Leeann Newcomb
Alison M. Kyer Burns	Hope Martin	Jessica Nicholas
Melanie C. LaCasse	Sarah Martin	Connor Nickerson
Erin Elizabeth LaMonica	Aiman Masalawala	Alison Ning
Renee Lamy	Anna Elizabeth Matthews	Hannah Nitescu
Meredith Lane	Faith J. May	Jessica Elizabeth Noke
Timothy R. Lang	Laura Mayott	Derik J. Noland
Cameron Lankenau	Keely Lynn McCaskie	Taylor Elizabeth Nolasco
Jordan Grace Laplume	Caleb McClure	Haley Ann Normandin
Mandy Marie Laporte	Caroline McDonagh-Moniz	Michaela Marie Noviello
Carina Hernandez Lawrence	Andrea Vanessa McDonald	Katherine Alice O'Brien
Emily Abigail Leal	Kaila McEvoy	Rachel O'Brien
Kevin J. LeBourdais	Kylie C. McGilvray	Kathryn O'Brien
Kelsey Leonard	Lori Gildae	Daniel Kelleher O'Connor
Johanna Elizabeth Lesch	Madison McKinnon	Kristen O'Connor
Bianca Lessard	Tina M. McNeil	Julie O'Connor
Caitlin Letourneau	Thomas McNeil	Charlena Destiny O'Keefe
Katerina Leung	Audrey Denise McQueen	Jacklyn Oliver
Emily Levenson	Amanda Rose McVey	Samantha Oliver
Anna Hanh Levin	Angela Lee McVey	Sandra Tegan Olsen
Emily Jane Lewis	Meghan Meadows	Matthew J. O'Neill
Adaline Lining	Rebecca Leigh Miller	Mary Elizabeth Overbeck
Kaleigh Litchfield	Lindsey Minchello	Julia Overhiser
Daniella Marie Lombardo	Samantha Rae Missildine	Shawn Kyree Page, Jr.
Brooke Lonergan	Kendall Mitchell	Joshua Page
Kevin Lopez Giraldo	Hannah Mobilia	Katlyn Sierra Paiva
Abbey Barbara Loughlin	Rachel Molenaar	Matthew J. Palermo
Danielle Lovecchio	Emma Monaghan	Morgan Palmieri
Kara E. Lowkes	Tamara Omayra Mondesir	Shaylyn Parkhurst
Haley Margaret Lowney	Christopher Mooney	Alexandra Mozelle Parsons
Kristen E. Machado	Caroline Elizabeth Morgan	Katelyn Parziale
Jessie Kimelman MacInnes	Maeve Gallagher Morgan	Maya Patel
Molly S. Magrane	Joseph Morin	Allison Marie Paul
Daniel Mahoney	John Morris	Dorothy Paul
Jessica Lynn Maille	Anastasia C. Morrison	Christina Pedersen
Olivia Margaret Maly	Louisa Morrow	Kaitlyn E. Perrin
Valerie Mamish	Ashley Mountain	Mysia N'yami Elajiah Perry
Rashmi Mandayam	Marykate Mulcahy	Christine Peterson
Krista E. Marchand	Amanda Leigh Murray	Lyndsey Autumn Pineo
Jason Daniel Margossian	Jordan Elizabeth Muse	Caitlin Pires
Emilee Marie Markham	Maha Nassar	Nancy Pocoli
Giana Linda Marks	Alandra Nespoli	William F. Politano
Nathaniel Marotta	Ashley Newbegin	Jessica Porter

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Jack Matthew Poska	Robert Jeffrey Scudder	Jordyn Lynn Tanguay
Claire Mary Powell	Mary Catherine Seltzer	Savannah Taylor
Tiana Powell	Samantha Marie Shanahan	Robin L. Teague
Casey Leigh Power	Meghan Kathleen Shea	Anna Anastasia Topouzakis
Edward Prajzner	Samantha Reagan Shea	Kiara Torres
Evan Prees	Kyle Sherrick	Julia Margaret Treon
Michael Price	Eliza Shulman	Rachel Treweek
Candace Mikayla Proulx	Erica Silva	Katherine Jane Ulcickas
Heather Provost	Kim Marie Silverman	Tatiana Valaes Melendres
Madeline Grace Puccia	Alani Simmons	Blanca Valencia
Marissa Puccio	Elizabeth Simmons	Emily Valenzuela
Stephanie Quezada	Peter Skaza	Jessica Vangos
Jordan P. Raffalli	Ei Phyu Smith	Ashley Raquel Veloz
Mackenzie Reardon	Amanda Jacqueline Snead	Alexis Marie Viering
Laura Ann Reid	Abbi Jo Solomon	Rachel Vigorita
Rachel Resendes	Kayla Festa Soares Dos Reis	Martha E. Vosnak
Erin Elizabeth Rettino	Sousa	Marissa Votruba
Roselien Reyes Gonzalez	Kailey Lauren Sparks	Carolyn Wallace
Erin Reynolds	Tanya Stanley	John Walsh
Abigail Reynolds	Molly Staunton	Emily Wehring
Claire Noreen Rhatigan	Kathleen Jeanne Stefanelli	Kaitlin Diane Weidler
Joseph Ricci	Emily Stefanich	Andrea Lynn Whalen
Kelvin Dewayne Roberts	Cameron Steig	Lindsey Christine Whalen
Allison Rodenbush	Claudia Nicole Stephens	Garrett Francis White
Madison T. Rodgers	Patricia Louise Stewart	Kimberly Whittaker
José Carlos Rodríguez Flores	Catherine Stewart	Lily Michelle Williams
Elizabeth Rogers	Shannon Stewart	Sarah Williams
Antonia Rosati	Toni Stewart	Olivia Wise
Jennifer Corinne Rose	Kara Stone	Allison Witowicz
Brianna Carmela Rovella	Karthika Streb	Melissa Witt
Saira L. Saez	Elisa Sugerman	Narci Woods
Deanna Lynne Saif	Daniel Patrick Sullivan, IV	Eric Worden
Siobhan Salani	Chelsea Catherine Sutherland	Chelsea E. Worthington
Elizabeth Jepsen Saltus	Jonathan Richard Swain	Yasmine Yilgor
Sasha Sammis	Gabrielle Marie Synk	Paula Zagarella
Enrique Sanchez	Rebecca Jane Szum	Sara Zaveloff
Alexandra Marie Scholl	Louis David Takesian	Danni Zhu
Justin Scott	Kristina Talambekos	

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Haley Alcott	Thomas David Driggs	Jenna Kelly
Rachel Aleskivitch	Brianna June Dube	Austin Kenison
Griffin Allaire	Jillian Elizabeth Dunn	Cintia Khouzami
Margaret Marie Allen	Olivia Morgan Encarnacao	Ashley Christine Kierce
Sarah Nicole Amato	Angelina Anoush Falletti	Riley Jane Korengel
Alyssa Brooke Anderson	Ashley Jane Farfaras	Abigail R. Lacroix
Stephanie Jean Aucello	Victoria Fazio	Ciara Mary Lally
Laurel M. Barbosa	Elizabeth Ann Fera	Lauren Catherine Lancey
Alexandra Batts	James Ference	Derryn J. Langlois
Amber Bean	Michael Fernandez	Courtney Lanpher
Michael Belanger	Michael Montgomery Fierstein	Leann LeBlanc
Anthony Nicholas Bello	Andrew Richard Finn	Isabella LeBrun
Shania Rose Monica Berard	Giulia Isabella Fiorentino	Sierra Grace Ledoux
Joseph Bisson	Rebecca Fisher	Alexis Marion LeFebre
Antonio Bonavita, IV	Noelle Elizabeth Fitzpatrick	Presley G. Leighton
Emily Bruneau	Andrew Flynn	Sheila Noelle Lethin
Riley Brunelle	Emily Caroline Forisso	Kerra Lipman
Cara Rose Burns	Scarla Frances	Gabriel Lopez
Megan Elizabeth Cairns	Melissa Gannon	Simon Peter Lukwago
Joseph Cappadona	Abigail Garside	Juliana Marie MacAdams
Emily Elizabeth Cappucci	Emma Senior Giosi	Molly Macdonald
Audree E. Carleton	Alissa Jane Gonzales	Michelle Elaine Maffe
Reid H. Carter	Jasmine Gonzalez	Kathryn Marie Mailloux
Victoria Lydia Carter	Victoria L. Guarino	Allison Mallett
Matthew Cavoli	Marissa M. Hamilton	Madeline Marcucci
Molly Marie Cazeault	Gabrielle Hanley	Toni Ann Marganti
Morgan Elizabeth Chase	Nathan Alexander Harvey	Fabielys Martinez
Alyson Rose Cipro	Bryanna Hendershott	Keely Martyn
Jordan Marie Clements	Shane Patrick Henley	Emma Mastovsky
Mackenzie Collins	Erin Hennessey	Conor McAuliffe
Sara Mian Connolly	Kayla Hennessey	Erin Elizabeth McCaffrey
Jeremy Curley	Kyannah Hernandez	Kevin Patrick McElroy
Noah Cusack-Margolis	Melissa Hernandez	Grace McIntyre
Elizabeth Ann Daly	Erin Hill	Courtney McLaughlin
Nicholas William Dee	Catherine Michele Holland	Krystal Memmolo
Conan Thomas Devlin	Jessica Ann Hood	Caroline Ann Meroski
Jacob A. Di Martino	Ryan Huntington	Ryan Miller
Ashley Michelle DiBella	Taylor Jax	Samantha Lee Millette
Alyssa Angela DiBlasi	Emma Kae Jones	Emma Caroline Moffatt
Courtney Elizabeth Dishaw	Josephine Jozokos	Ashley Mayona Morehouse
Kennedy Margaret Dolloff	Kaitlin Jurasek	Erin Moss
Brendan Donovan-Tiernan	Caroline Rose Kelley	Fiona Mary Nagle

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Rebecca Nee	Abby Grace Ricciardelli	Samantha Karen Sypek
Meghan Neylon	Samantha Nicole Rich	Briana Marie Talarico
Stephen Charles O'Brien	Jack Richards	Daley Mayo Tegan
Megan O'Donnell	Jordan Riggs	Morgan Martha Thayer
Celine Marie O'Dowd	Vivian Rosado	Delaney Margaret Tobias
Emma Katherine O'Leary	Jonathan Rosario	Allison Grace Tolan
Grace O'Leary	Jacqueline Rosney	Daniel Tolan
Alanna Irene Palladino	Lily Meng Ryan	Melanie Nicole Turano
Kaley Patriquin	Paige Salvi	Fiona Margaret Twomey
Michael Patterson	Danielle Ashley Santoro	Monica Marie Van Stry
Alexander Robert Perry	Abigail Sarraf	Peter Vasta
Wes Petrone	Ashton Savage	Sylvia Vega
Ashley Piazza	Anna Sawicki	Antonio Joseph Ventresca
Timothy Robert Pinkham	Kiera Ann Scott	Arianna Rose Vitacca
Ariana Portalla	Ryan Shea	Adriana Wallis
Kathryn Porter	Joseph Silva	Michael John Ward
Julia Pothier	Bridget Slocum	Sarah E. Ward
Domna Poulimeni	Emily Grace Smith	Angelica Marie Watson
Magdalini Poulimeni	Kaitlyn Mary Sok	Abigail Grace White
Huntyr Alyne Poulin	Abigail Sperrazza	Kylie Willwerth
Benjamin Pulvino	Jacquelyn G. Stiles	Kristen E. Wolf
Kyle Richard Quinzani	Christopher Stoddard	Morgan Noel Woolard
Marissa Elizabeth Reardon	Ava F. Sullivan	Matthew Zifchak
Kevin Joseph Reddington	Erica Surabian	Gianna Filomena Zuniga
Julia Ricci	Kaitlyn Danielle Svendsen	

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 to 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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Paul L. Mucci P'07
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Kevin J. Routhier '99
James E. Scammon '83
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Marques D. Torbert

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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