



75TH COMMENCEMENT

CLASS OF 2025

GIRARD SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

MACE BEARER

Michael Hyman, Ph.D.
Associate Dean, Girard School of Business

CROSS BEARER

Sarah Dionne
Interim 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

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

Joseph Preston '84, P'17
President & CEO, New Balance

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
Interim 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

GIRARD SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

MASTER'S DEGREE IN COURSE

Alivia Alberti	Samuel Dalke	Colin Kirkpatrick
Rebecca Amaral	Jillian DeSantis	Angelo Kotsironis
Collin Andrews	Harrison Dixon	Brittany Kotzuba
Cassidy Anschutz	Jean Phaudnet Dolce	Martin Lahood
Malakai Anthony	Dena Domey	Olivia Laiter
Matthew Anthony	Jennifer Donovan	Meaghan Lane
Gregory Arsenault	Katarina Douglas-Blake	Joseph LeBlanc
Adam Arvedson	William Druid	Benjamin Lewis
Selorm Atutornu	Sophie Dunn	Luke Linnehan
Anthony Balthrop	Meghan Dupell	Berny Lugo
Rosangel Batista	Alois Duperrier	Maxim Lussier
Matthew Becht	Edward Dzialo	Russell Mace
Kelsey Berry	Scott Elliott	Catrina Madden
Saarem Bhatti	Michael Ferrara	Ava Mahoney
Cole Birdow	John Fitzsimmons	Ava Masiello
Katherine Bonney	Katelyn Frontain	Jelani Mason
Ellen Boyle	Christine Gardella	Caitlin McCall
Mia Bramante	Caroline Gaughan	John McCall
Benjamin Brar	Kelly Getchell	Emily McDaid
Matthew Brehon	Kyle Gildea	Jessica McKay
Ryan Britt	Liam Gilet	Davonte Mckoy-Sophos
Katie Brown	Cedric Gillette	Vilma Merkelis
Scott Browne	Matthew Giordano	Samantha Millette
Brandon Bruso	Wilfredo Gonzalez Garcia	Beutah Monyoncho
Adam Bruzzese	Emily Grace	Garrett Murphy
Dayra Cabrera	Kelsey Grimmer	Michael Murphy
Erica Cashell	Christopher Guerriero	David Murray
Mari Chan	Brandon Hayes	Josef Mysak
Christine Chenard	Mark Hillier	Lydia Nadeau
Abigail Cieri	Carmella Hillner	Christian Nagle
Brandon Cifuentes	Ellen Hoey	Rachel Needham
Nicola Colley	Rosanne Honders	Melissa Nicolas
John Collins	Jarred Huggins	Timothy Norton
Kayla Coolican	Lincoln Ibanda	Lindiwe Nyembe
Ian Corey	Kyle Imbody	Tim O'Leary
Cory Couture	Gabrielle Jones	Tommaso Ogliari
Andrew Cowan	Cooper Joyal	Joshua Ordonez
Ryan Cox	Emily Kauranen	Abeliz Pagan
Amedeo Cubellotti	Alena Kazakova	Mark Passatempo

MASTER'S DEGREE IN COURSE Continued

Eva Pastor	Troy Tomeo
Lauren Pavao	Bryalis Torres-Serrano
Peirce Peace	Carmine Tropeano
Richard Perry	Sean Trumper
Cole Peterson	Gabriella Valente
Emely Pimentel	Antonio Venuto
David Poirier	Samuel Walsh
Samantha Preston	John Webster
Juliana Pulselli	Teresa Wegehenkel
Allee Purcell	Christina Welch
Kevin Pyne	Stacey Welch
Joseph Ramirez	Randall White
Desiree Ramirez Reynolds	Patrick Wilson
Riley Reed	Cameron Winters
Michael Renzulli	Max Yelle
Brandon Roberts	Emily Yuu
Ryan Robichaud	
Kerri Rogers	
Olivia Romano	
Carlo Romei	
Carolyn Roney	
Jack Rooney	
Emma Rotondo	
Harrison Roy	
Jennifer Ruggiero	
Christopher Sannella	
Hannah Scarano	
Patrick Sheehan	
Meghan Simmons	
Revika Singh	
Bianca Small	
Peyton Smith	
Danielle Sparks	
Chase Stevenson	
Keith Szczepanski	
Raice Szott	
Kasandra Taylor	
Larry Taylor	
Marie Paulette Theosmy	
Dianna Thompson	
Jay Thompson	
Noah Tierney-Honan	

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN COURSE

Quinn Abbate	Michael Castracane	Bella DiRico
Stravensky Abelard	Aiden Cavanaugh	Ryan Doherty
Jonathan Abreu	Ambar Cheuveret	Thomas Dombo
Daniel Agbor	Kabir Chhabria	Janie Donahue
Jacob Aleksa	Redwan Chowdhury	Mia Dondero
Aja Alimonti	Robert Ciaffoni	Adam Donoghue
Mackenzie Allaire	Michelle Ciampi	Colin Dooley
Enmanuel Alsina	Evan Clark	Jacob Doring
Mary Rose Anjim	David Clemente	Robert Dowdle
Caroline Applin	Gabriel Clemente	Finnian Dowler
Declan Arturi	William Coakley	Isabelle Dube
Anthony Attianese	Liam Coen	Peter Duffy
Jillian Babine	Payton Coleman	Lauren Dumont
Allessandra Badolato	James Comeau	Justin Durfee
Tyler Balestracci	Patrick Connolly	John Dwyer
Colby Barnes	Sophia Conti	Ryan Dyer
Antonio Barraza	Scott Cooley	Jabari Echols
Nicholas Basinet	Jacob Corman	Brian Egan
Ryan Bazarian	Ella Cormier	Michael Egan-Walsh
Jack Bernardi	Jonathan Corrieri	Sophia Elkhaoui
Bradley Boarman	Chad Costa	Malia Enderle
John Bondhus	Daniel Costa	Briana Fallon
Angelina Bonito	Jeffrey Cote	Benjamin Farrell
Max Bothwell	Preston Coyle	Robert Farren
Nathan Bott	Matthew Cranney	Paige Felton
Nicholas Bouchard	Alexis Cummings	Nicalas Fernandes
Cole Brady	Kenneth Curtin	Jackson Ferraiuolo
Anny Loren Braga	Charlotte Cute	Eamonn Finn
Anthony Bitsoli	Wills D'Angelo	Trevor Firek
Aidan Bullock	Kalesta Daaboul	Conor Fitzgerald
Daniel Burcsu	Aidan Danyow	Corinn Flanagan
Cahill Burke	Emma Darcy	Mollie Flanagan
Elizabeth Bush	Lliam Davis	Ryan Folta
Brendan Butler	Aidan Day	Ryan Forester
Justin Calo	Faith Degregorio	Brady Frank
Christopher Canavan	Elizabeth Delaney	Damon Fuller
Daniel Cappello	Joeliz Delbrey	Mason Fuller
Julianne Carlat	Madison Demmons	Cole Gamache
Tegan Carr	Connor Derderian	Emma Gannon
Meagan Carroll	Owen DesLauriers	Chloe Garceau
Alejandro Carvajal	Joshua Diaz	Anthony Garcia
Logan Castellano	Dean Dimopoulos	Kyler Garrett

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN COURSE

Matthew Garrett	Elina Khoury	Gavin McCusker
Jayden Gelin	Robert Kimmel	John McIntyre
Marc Georges	Sean Koch	Matthew McKean
Jillian Getchell	Neeraj Kolpe Shetty	Michael McLaughlin
Matthew Giangrande	Michael Koralishn	Caitlin McLoughlin
Trevor Gilligan	James Kritzas	Bradley McMullen
Liam Goddard	Saku Kulesza	Jonathan Mejail
Jillian Golden	Susanna Langan	Ana Mendoza Morel
Trey Gonzalez	John Lanzidelle	Sydney Mercado
Yasmine Gonzalez	Alexander LaRosa	Leah Merritt
Sarah Gormley	Andre LaRose	William Mertz
Egan Gouveia	Michael Laurino	Cameron Mills
Liam Grant	Brianna Leccese	Angelina Minasian
Aiden Hale	Dante Leone	Tyler Mitchell
Ryan Hanley	Ethan Letendre	Aiden Molloy
Evan Hannibal	Owen Letteney	Alejandro Montelongo
Liam Heckman	Marley Levenson	Colby Muise
Aidan Heim	Justin Lewis	Sydney Nickerson
Michael Henderson	Henrik Lindeman	Jonathan Norwood
Aiden Hendry	Liam Locke	Brandon O'Connor
Jandeliz Hernandez	Dawson Logie	Ryan O'Sullivan
Thomas Higgins	Marco LoGrasso	Cam Offer
John Hinckley	Scott Logush	William Oliver
Emmanuela Hippolyte	Mariana Londono Gomez	Angela Orellana
Deon Houston	Nicholas Longo	Samuel Orsie
Jake Howard	Guilherme Lopes	Arline Ortiz
Christian Hutcheson	Amelys Lopez	Jesse Oskirko
Matthew Hutcheson	Emma Lucy	Ava Owens
Anthony Iantosca	Christopher MacDonald	Joseph Pallaria
Sean Inman	Shane MacDonald	Owen Palmer
Kelsey Innocenti	Owen Maciel	Brian Panzini
Ryan Isaacson	Kelly Maguire	Chrysovalantou Papadopoulos
Simon Olle Erik Johansson	Vanshita Malhotra	Samantha Papastathis
Annalea Johnston	Joseph Mansella	Abhi Patel
Riley Jooss	Nina Manzi	Aditya Patel
Shawn Joubert	Taya Marinaro	Sara Patriarca
Matthew Kashian	Spencer Marquis	Stephen Patterson
Alexander Keane	Camila Marte	Sophie Pegba-Ndjan
Collin Keddy	Jabez Marte	Ashleigh Pepin
Brody Keefe	Lilia Martin	Pascale Percy Fleurima
Nolan Kelleher	Scott Mateus	Angelica Perez
Collin Kendra	Casey McCarthy	Omira Perez

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN COURSE

Ryan Perry	Rebecca See	Olivia White
Stephen Perullo	Nelton Semedo	James Wilborn
Nicholas Peters	Henry Senese	Peter Wilcox
Matthew Pieger	Emma Shea	Renee Wilson
Christopher Pierangeli	Kaylie Sheffield	Liam Winship
Jonathan Pinard	Liam Silva	Cormac Woods
Haley Pizzano	James Silvay	Jonathan Yelsits
Armandas Plintauskas	Christopher Simonian	Tyler Young
Madison Previte	Tajvir Singh	Yassien Youssef
Jack Prossner	Nigel Smalls	Liam Ziegler
Noah Razzetti	Christian Smith	
Colin Reardon	Evan Smith	
Michael Reardon	James Smith	
Cody Rehder	Shannon Smith	
Uziel Reyes	Harper Soucy	
Antonio Ricciardi	Cameron St. Louis	
Michael Rich	Bryan Strange	
Zachary Richards	Krystianna Strange	
Emily Riggs	Cameron Strong	
Matthew Ritzer	Matthew Sullivan	
David Rivera	Zachary Sullivan	
Valentin Riveros	Michael Sutton	
Charles Robertson	Matthew Tango	
Scott Robertson	Eric Tarte	
Rita Roche	Carlton Thai	
Evan Rolfe	Joseph Trainor	
Jaclyn Rosa	James Travers	
Garry Rosemond	Joseph Tu	
Diego Rossetto	Craig Tucker	
Ryan Rothberg	Jonathan Tulio	
Casey Rozmus	Christian Turner	
Douglas Russo	Madison VanDenBerghe	
Taber Ryan	Kathryn Vaughan	
Joseph Salvi	Lizette Ventura	
Louis Sandonato	Kehila Villette	
Carissa Santoro	Mikayla Vincent	
Benjamin Sarantopoulos	Jenna Vinci	
Saqqarah Satney	Cameron Washisko	
Devon Savage	Daniel Weadock	
Ryan Scanlon	Luke Weilandt	
Patrick Schultz	Liam West	
Ryan Scola	Julie Wester	

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS AND DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

JOSEPH PRESTON '84, P'17

President & CEO, New Balance

Doctor of Business and Commerce

Joe Preston is President & CEO of New Balance, the leading \$7.8 billion global sportswear brand with more than 12,000 associates and 3,200 retail locations worldwide. Privately held New Balance is recognized for its values-led culture and long-standing commitment to domestic manufacturing.

Preston is a dynamic and accomplished President & CEO with a demonstrable track record of strong leadership and an innate understanding of the global consumer retail and manufacturing industry.

He began his career at New Balance in 1995 and has 30 years of experience in the footwear and apparel industry, where his success has emanated from leveraging innovation and insights on today's consumer to drive unparalleled growth in challenging times. His tenure at New Balance includes seven years in international roles and a decade spent overseeing the company's commercial business, affording Preston firsthand experience with every aspect of product creation from design to manufacturing to marketing and merchandising.

Before assuming the role of President & CEO in 2018, Preston had served as Vice President, Asia Pacific; Executive Vice President International; Executive Vice President, Global Product & Marketing and Chief Commercial Officer.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Merrimack College and an MBA from Babson Graduate School of Business.

Preston serves as Chair of the Board of Trustees for The Sports Museum, a non-profit educational institute that builds character in kids through the power of sports. He is an Executive Committee Board member of the American Apparel & Footwear Association and a member of the Board of the Retail Industry Leaders Association.

He was recently named Board Chair for the Two Ten Footwear Foundation and serves as Vice Chair of the Massachusetts Business Roundtable. He previously served as a member of the Office of the United States Trade Representative's Advisory Committee for Trade Policy & Negotiations.

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 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
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.



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