



74TH COMMENCEMENT

Class of 2024

THE SCHOOL OF
ARTS AND SCIENCES

Friday, May 17, 2024

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

MACE BEARER

Melissa “Mish” Zimdars, Ph.D.
Faculty Senate President
Associate Professor, Communication and Media

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
Honorary Degree Recipients
Board of Trustees
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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

The Portsmouth Brass Quintet

INVOCATION

Kevin J. Lucey '89
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

Maxwell Beland '24
Lara Guvelioglu MA '22, MPA '24

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER

David McGillivray '76, H'12
Owner, DMSE Sports

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

William (Bill) '66 and Nancy Marsden '66
Owners, DeMoulin Brothers and Company

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES AND PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Christopher E. Hopey, Ph.D.
President

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

2024 Merrimack Medal

Presented by Rebecca Jimenez
*Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and
Dean of Students*

CLOSING REMARKS

Christopher E. Hopey, Ph.D.
President

MERRIMACK ANTHEM

Audrey McGill '25 Accompanied by
The Portsmouth Brass Quintet

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

The Portsmouth Brass Quintet

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MASTER'S DEGREE IN COURSE

Omara Acosta	Michael Fierstein	Lauren Pardue
Amanda Alcox	Emmalee Foley	Anna Pellerin
MacDonald Anakwe	Kiera Foley	Nicholas Penkala
Jake Bencale	Ana Fox	Olivia Piazza
Alexa Bergeron	Nathaniel Frontiero	Kajal Purohit
Charles Boddy	Katie Gabriello	Carlos Reyes
Nina Bramante	Rocco Geary	Francisco Rivera
Scott Browne	Hannah Gibbs	Mitchell Root
Connie Burianek	Hannah Goodwin	Maureen Rosenthal
Cole Cameron	Bryan Grasso	Anthony Russo
Lisa Chaloux	Amelia Groothuis	Amanda Schiavone
Andrew Chung	Lara Guvelioglu	Margaret Silvestri
Amanda Clarke	Itzel Guzman Dominguez	Shane Singh
Bailey Clurman	Elisha Hartzell	Katelyn Smalley
Lauren Comeau	Nicholas Iacovella	Goldera Surles
Justine Cook	Carrie Ives	Dianna Sutera
Michael Corley	Lauren Kennedy	Celine Tedenby
Alyssa Cugno	Vincent Leone	Kyle Teixeira
Colby Currier	Leslea Linebarger	Kirstin Trouville
Mary D'Alba	Olivia Lombardo	John Vets
Sierra Dearnis	Erin Madden	William Walsh
Hannah Delaney	Ryan Masse	Alison Williams
Michael Dellostritto	Jackson McCarty	Damien Williams
Christopher Dolan	Annie McDonnell	Emily Wood
Rachel Donovan	Nashaly Medina	David Woodford
Scott Falzano	Cassandra Miller	Faryal Yaquby
Robert Fernandes	Cynthia Morrison	
Zoe Ferrara	Marissa Myers	

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UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN COURSE

Layan Abdelkarim	Saba Challant	Vali Durra
Joseph Accardi	Lee Chan	Emily Eaton
Benjamin Adams	Gabrielle Chase	Malik Edmead
Katherine Adams	Nazek Chatila	Adalyse Escobar
Fabiana Albanese	Noah Christopher	Meghan Faberlle
Darianna Alcantara	Gianna Cioto	Alison Felizardo
Julia Anelli	Havilland Clark	Vanessa Fillion
Mia Ardila	Molly Cliggott	Benjamin Finney
Estelle Arseneau	Joseph Coleman	Lillian Fiorillo
Katherine Aste	Owen Collins	Andrew Fishel
Sofia Augeri	Anne Commisso	John Fitzsimmons
Sydney Babb	Emily Concannon	Jacob Flynn
Tyler Backus	Ryan Connolly	Kaitlyn Foley
Faisal Bajunaid	Trevor Connolly	Margaret Frawley
Marissa Balbino	Alexander Conte	Serena Frisella
Jessica Barra	Lorena Corbelli	Christopher Fruland
Michael Bashorun	Mia Corrado	Cassandra Fusaro
Maxwell Beland	Rylie Craven	Nicole Galvin
Sophia Beland	Ethan Cuggino-Zensky	Kailin Garland
Ryan Belanger	Olivia Cutler	Jennifer Garvey
Katelyn Bennett	Roxanne Cyrankowski	Charles Gendreau
Ashley Bodenrader	Emily Czarnecki	Anthony Gentile
Michael Bolduc	Grace Dauley	Brooke Gerry
Nicholas Bonazoli	Destiny Davis	Meridith Ghizzoni
Nadia Bouhlal	Jessica Davis	Aidan Gibbs
Skye Bourque	Yasmin Davis	Sedona Gillard
Calandra Boutin	Julia Dawber	Berkeley Gore
Millicent Boye	Brett Dawson	Shazia Gray
Colby Brennan	Brianna DeFelice	Logan Green
Cailey Brickett	Cassandra DeLegge	Jaidyn Gross
Stephen Brophy	Renee DeLeon	Lydia Gugliuzza
Scott Browne	Michael Delgreco	Christopher Gwozdz
David Brusco	Emery DeMartino	Jason Haase
Allyson Buckley	John DeSimone	Ryan Hall
Colby Calnan	Patricia Diaz	Thomas Hall
Molly Campagnone	Skylar DiMartino	Kaela Harrigan
Joseph Cappadona	Anthony DiSanto	Thavary Hay
Tucker Carroll	Madison Doherty	Tyghe Healy
Lucas Castro	Anthony Dominici	Gabrielle Heroux
Wendy Cermeno Estrada	Anjaleigha Draper	Austin Higinbotham
Madison Cerpa	Jenna Dubrule	Patricia Hill
Cherilyn Chadwick	Kyle Durgin	Jennifer Howard

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UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN COURSE
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Amy Hoyt	Christian Mann	Jayla Odorczuk
Cassandra Hunt	Katelyn Mann	Alianna Rita Olivier
Declan Hurley	Ashley Manocchia	Abeliz Pagan
Dillon Hyland	William Manusky	Jeffrey Palermo
Lynndara Jean	Heather Marszalkowski	Emma Patch
Kathleen Jeffers	Margaret Martin	William Pearce
Audrey Jocher	Emily Matheson	Gregory Pelissier
Avery Johnson	Wesley Matthews	Pamela Peralta de Hernandez
Erin Katzbek	David Maturo	Michael Perez
Riley Keene	Angela Mayes	Joseph Perkins
Nolan Kennedy	Sarah McAlenney	Nathan Persampieri
Waleed Khiyaty	John McBain	Aleksandra Piascik
Adrienne Khun	Josh McCarthy	Grace Pimental
Hailey Kiley	Kristina McCarthy	Maxwell Pojednic
Ian Kingston	Molly McCarthy	Audrey Pomar
John Kircaldie	Seamus McDonough	Allyson Qualley
Victoria Klimek	Devin McGovern	Allison Reeb
Flavio Kodheli	Braelyn McLaughlin	Brian Reilly
Kaitlin Koehler	Michael McNamara	Nicholas Reimer
Priscilla Laine	Griffin McNulty	Antonisa Renzi
Jazelle Lampkin	Josalyn Melendez	Mackenzie Reynolds
Taylor Landurand	Nicholas Melillo	Nicole Rioux
Beau Lanzidelle	Eduardo Mendez Ortiz	Marcos Rivera
Sophia Lanzilotti	Colin Michael	Noah Roan
Avery Lapis	Cassandra Miller	Shannon Robinson
Samantha Lassey	Donna Miller	Adam Roczniak
Hunter Laubstein	Gabrielle Miller	William Rodgers
Brenna Lawlor	Caleigh Millett	Alvaro Rodriguez Alonso
Sydney Lechman	Erin Millette	Shelein Rojas
Kailey Leclerc	Shirley Mitchell	Renee Ruiz
Meghan Lee	Cailey Morley	Elizabeth Sacco
Erin Leonard	Daniel Mullen	Christopher Sannella
Andrew Leuci	Lyanne Murphy	Yoely Santana Santos
Erin Lincoln	Reilly Murphy	Carolyn Santos
Hannah Loan	Madison Nagy	Kathleen Sawyer
Michael LoDato	Kihyuk Nam	Sophia Scapicchio
Jack Lopez	Briana Normandin	Olivia Scher
Melissa Lora	Isabella Nugent	Juri Schlingmann
Carlirys Luciano	Timothy O'Donnell	Skye Scott
Molly MacDonald	Molly O'Driscoll	Ryan Shannon
Randy Maldonado	Abigail O'Keefe	Jacquelyn Shaw
Amy Malone	Summer O'Rourke	Dylan Shea
Molly Manion	Jada Ocasio	Allison Silva

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UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN COURSE
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Nathan Silvia	Elizabeth Sypek	Autumn Vance
Jaeden Smith	Jonathan Tanz	Carlos Viteri
Samuel Smythe	Carly Taylor	Caitlin Wahl
Olivia Snow	Myles Taylor	Ainsley Walsh
Eileen So	Gregory Thomas	Colin Walsh
Shawn Sousa	Sara Thompson	Allison Weed
Starr Sroka	Angelina Toribio	Madelyn Whelan
Casey Stevenson	Sadie Tosch	Ariana White
Dorian Straker	Emma Trainor	Megan Wigley
Mia Sukeforth	Jaclyn Tredeau	Jonathan Wood
Jeffrey Supple	Dimitrios Tsoumbanikas	Aisha Young
Julie Surabian	Sarah Tucker	Ryann Young
Cheryl Surprenant	Lori Uvanitte	Sylvia Zaeder
Bryce Sweetapple	Kelli Vacirca	Angelina Zampine

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER

David McGillivray '76, H'12

Dave McGillivray is the founder and president of DMSE Sports, a full-service event-management organization, providing a full range of event and race production, management and consulting services to support events of all sizes. The firm has produced more than 1,400 events since opening its doors in 1981 and serves clients throughout the United States. Through DMSE Sports events and Mr. McGillivray's personal fundraising, together they have helped raise more than \$200 million for various charities through the events they manage. Mr. McGillivray has directed or consulted on more than 1,400 events throughout the world including the Boston Marathon, the Olympic Marathon Trials and the Olympic Games.

Mr. McGillivray is also the founder of the Dave McGillivray Finish Strong Foundation, which seeks to inspire and empower youth across New England and beyond to increase physical activity, expand literacy and build community and self-esteem through running, reading and performing acts of kindness. For over 18 years, the foundation has remained committed to preparing individuals for future success and building vibrant communities. Mr. McGillivray raised more than \$100,000 for the foundation while training for and completing his 50th Boston Marathon.

In addition to these two roles, Mr. McGillivray is a sought-after motivational speaker. He has given more than 1,600 motivational talks throughout the U.S. and abroad and was selected to present a Ted Talk. He is the author of four books.

Mr. McGillivray has earned the Road Race Management's Race Director of the Year Award, Runner's World Heroes of Running Award, MarathonFoto Road Race Management Lifetime Achievement Award, the Fleet Feet Lifetime Commitment to Running Award, the Ron Burton Community Service Award, the Runner's World Hero of Running award, the Old North Church Third Lantern Award and the "Jimmy Award" by the Jimmy Fund and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute for 30 years of contributing time and expertise to help raise millions for cancer research and treatment.

He was inducted into the USA Triathlon Hall of Fame, the Running USA Hall of Champions and the Road Runners Club of America Long Distance Running Hall of Fame.

Mr. McGillivray is a graduate of Medford High School and Merrimack College. He was born and raised in Medford, Massachusetts and now resides in North Andover, Massachusetts. He is married to his wife Katie and they have five children: Ryan, Max, Elle, Luke and Chloe.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

William (Bill) '66 and Nancy Marsden '66

Honorary Doctorates of Fine Arts

Bill and Nancy Marsden graduated from Merrimack College in 1966, with Mrs. Marsden receiving a bachelor's degree in math education and Mr. Marsden receiving a bachelor's degree in business administration. Their relationship, which started at Merrimack, ultimately led to them marrying in 1966.

Mr. Marsden began his career in sales with Procter and Gamble and went on to work for RJR Foods and Welch's in sales, marketing and general management. Later on, he served as a division president for Con Agra and Sunmark (Nestle) in St. Louis, Missouri. In 1995 the Marsdens and their financial partner acquired DeMoulin Brothers and Company from a fourth-generation DeMoulin family member and his partner. DeMoulin is a worldwide manufacturer and marketer of music apparel for marching bands, color guards and concert bands, as well as uniforms for military academies and several United States military bands.

Mr. Marsden currently serves as chairman of the DeMoulin board. He is an active member of the board of directors of LOGOS School in St. Louis, and a former board member for many years with AAIM, an association serving businesses in Missouri and Illinois.

Mrs. Marsden has been involved in raising their family while also working over the years as a realtor, a teacher, the first female lay eucharistic minister at a local parish, a Girl Scout leader, owner of a boutique store and board member at the local and county levels. She has held leadership roles in various community and church organizations and is an active supporter of Play for Pink Breast Cancer Research. She currently serves as an officer and board member of DeMoulin.

The Marsdens have three adult children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. They reside in Fort Myers, Florida and Saint Charles, Missouri and are active supporters of Merrimack College and its mission.

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 34 states and 36 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 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.

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.

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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