



# 74<sup>TH</sup> COMMENCEMENT

**Class of 2024**

THE GIRARD SCHOOL  
OF BUSINESS

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Friday, May 17, 2024

# ACADEMIC PROCESSION

## MACE BEARER

Benjamin Larkin, Ph.D.  
*Chair, Management, Marketing and Sport Management*  
*Associate Professor, Sport Management*

## 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  
Executive Vice President  
Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost  
President

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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

Richard Gallant H'15, P'24

## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

James (Jim) '75 and Christine Zampell '75

## 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

Ransford Aboagye-Kodjoe	Jayme DeCesare	Collin Heard
Gina Albanese	David Dempsey	Matthew Jenkins
Selorm Atutornu	William Dennison	Marissa Jones
Michael Ayles	Jillian DeSantis	Fotios Kafkas
Mason Balch	Samba Diallo	John Kasprzyk
Kimberly Basconi	Christopher Diantgikis	George Katsikaris
Kelsey Berry	Gabrielle Dionne	Emily Kauranen
Jane Bonazzoli	Dena Domey	Alena Kazakova
Isabel Bowen	Kelisabeth Domond	Aidan Kinsella
Ellen Boyle	Francesco Dondini	Jason Kluge
Nicolas Brackett	Katarina Douglas-Blake	Brittany Kotzuba
Benjamin Brar	Jacquelyn Drake	Michael Lang
Matthew Brehon	Courtney Edwards	Kalyn Leahy
Laura Brightney	Mary Ashleigh Faletra	Meghan Leporati
Caitlin Broderick	Johan Feilscher	Alyssa Levesque
Scott Browne	Michael Ferrara	Benjamin Lewis
Adam Bruzzese	Kylie Flanagan	Elizabeth Lichter
Andrew Butz	Brooke Flynn	Patricia Lucas
Dayra Cabrera	Kaylee Foderaro	David Lunt
Cara Cahill	Joseph Ford	Alexa MacArthur
Marissa Caissie	Filip Forsmark	Russell Mace
Rosemary Callahan	Andrew Fraser	Lauren Magill
Erica Cashell	Lucas Gauch	Jakub Majer
Amanda Cavicchi	Adam Gaudette	MaryRose Malian
Mari Chan	Michaela Gearin	Stacie Maria
Reimundo Chavez	Felice Genuario	Nicholas Martino
Christine Chenard	Kelly Getchell	Samantha Mathews
Diamond Christian	Lindsay Gibbs	Caitlin McCall
Rebecca Clevenger	Kyle Gildea	Michael McCarthy
Patrick Clifford	Cedric Gillette	Emily McDaid
Kerin Coleman	Matthew Giordano	Katharine McDonough
John Collins	Glenn Goist	Jessica McGee
Mark Collins	Crystal Gomez	Brennan McInnis
Gabriel Connolly	Janeliee Gomez	Jessica McKay
Patrick Conroy	Wilfredo Gonzalez Garcia	Jordan McKoy
Kayla Coolican	Emily Grace	MiKenzie Mellow
Andrew Cowan	Emily Grandahl	Nicole Meunier
Janet Crockett	Jessica Greene	Samantha Millette
Tristan Crozier	James Griffin	Shaka Moales
Gina D'Arcangelo	Jocelyn Gutierrez	Patricia Moccia
Hannah Dalton	Alexander Haba	Ejaz Mughal
Mats Dartnell	Kayla Hall	Molly Murnane
William Daughan	Paul Hansen	Emily Murphy

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Christian Nagle  
Anthony Nasta  
Rachel Needham  
Alessandro Negri  
Maryann Nguyen  
Melissa Nicolas  
Emily Nolan  
Kevin Norton  
Tommaso Ogliari  
Joshua Ordonez  
Anthony Passerini  
Eva Pastor  
Shahil Patel  
Peirce Peace  
Raquel Perez  
Nicholas Perez-Blanco  
Richard Perry  
Stefano Pesenti  
Duyen Pham  
Emely Pimentel  
Nino Pingaro  
Alyson Pinkham  
Shannon Place  
David Poirier  
Allee Purcell  
Matthew Rafferty

Simeon Ramey  
Joseph Ramirez  
Desiree Ramirez Reynolds  
Samuel Rebinskas  
Riley Reed  
Grace Reid  
Daniel Rodier  
Thomas Rooney  
Emma Rotondo  
Jennifer Ruggiero  
John Rush  
Stephen Santarpia  
Gregory Sawyer  
Jacob Schwartz  
Robert Sica  
Matthew Smith  
Ryan Smith  
Brandon St. Onge  
Sarah StergisCox  
Chase Stevenson  
David Stuart  
Thomas Sullivan  
James Tamburro  
Nikolas Tammaro  
Kaia Taylor  
Larry Taylor

Jaillyse Teixeira  
Kyle Templeton  
Marie Paulette Theosmy  
Kaylee Thomas  
Joshua Thompson  
Troy Tomeo  
Kathryn Tompson  
Kristen Tracy  
Austin Trim  
Gabriella Valente  
Robin Vallerand  
Sofia Vasconcelos  
Matthew Venuti  
Matthew Walsh  
Teresa Wegehenkel  
Christina Welch  
Ryan Wetterberg  
Cameron White  
Maria Willett  
Kimberley Williams  
John Williamson  
Max Yelle  
Riley Zaya  
Juntao Zhang

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## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN COURSE

Tess Abboud	Adam Brissette	Nicholas Criniti
Joseph Abramo	Catherine Buecker	Conor Crowley
Cooper Adrien	Lauren Burke	Amedeo Cubellotti
Alivia Alberti	Maeve Burke	Matthew Cunniffe
Samarah Alteon	Mia Burke	Brenna Cunningham
Brooke Alves	Justin Bustamante	Sean Cunningham
Dante Andrade	Nolan Butler	Charlotte Cute
Cassidy Anschutz	Shayne Butler	Wills D'Angelo
Malakai Anthony	Ian Callahan	Matthew D'Atri
Adam Arvedson	Sean Calnan	Zachary D'Urso
Sydney Austin	Daniel Camelio	Michael Dagg
Allessandra Badolato	Shane Cameron	Darrell Dejesus
Aidan Bagley	Chris Canavan	Elizabeth R. Delaney
Zachary Bail	Jacob Cappello	Antonio Derry
Jakob Bailey	Talia Carbone	Nilsa DeSousa
Brandon Baldi	Colby Carlson	Jade Desrosiers
Casey Barnes	Ethan Carman	Joshua Diaz
Antonio Barone	Wyatt Carr	Brennan Dill
Dylan Barreira	Nolan Carragher	Kyle Dillon
Sean Barrett	Leah Cary	Dean Doherty
Nicholas Basinet	Andrew Casagrande	Janie Donahue
Rosangel Batista	Ryan Cayton	Adam Donoghue
Megan Battinelli	Claudel Chevallier	Colin Dooley
Andrew Bell	Redwan Chowdhury	Gabriella Dorrer
Jake Berdine	Isabella Ciciulla	Ian Dowd
Luigi Bernard	Abigail Cieri	Robert Dowdle
Tyler Bertocchi	Meghan Clifford	Michael Dragon
Michael Bertrand	William Coakley	Sophie Dunn
Nathan Bertucci-Bissonnette	Derrick Cochran	Meghan Dupell
Robert Bettencourt	Emily Collins	Edward Dzialo
Aryaan Bhatia	Gavin Collins	Matthew Eggleston
Cole Birdow	Lauren Concannon	Jenny El Helou
Jack Blanchard	Matthew Conley	Leah El-Hachem
Bradley Boarman	Norah Connors	Sophia Elkhaoui
Zachary Borgiel	Kenneth Cooper	Scott Elliott
Carla Bouchrouche	Ella Cormier	Sydney Emerson
Julian Bouchrouche	Hannah Corneliusen	Nathan Eskander
Ryan Bouchrouche	Jonathan Corrieri	Francis Esquivel
Henri Bourque	Danny Costa	Courtney Evans
Amy Bowab	Jeffrey Cote	Conner Farina
Owen Brady	Cory Couture	Benjamin Farrell
Mia Bramante	Aidan Craffey	Caitlin Farrell
Connor Breen	Lance Crate	Peter Faulkner

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Joseph Faulstich	Alexander Heffernan	Avery LaMotte
Paige Felton	Aidan Heim	Sean Landers
Dylan Fernandez	Kevin Hennessey	David Langlois Jr
Mariah Fernandez	Bianca Herbert	Owen LaPlant
Colin Ferris	Sean Herbert	Alexander R. LaRosa
Colin Flanagan	Jandeliz Hernandez	Christopher Lavoie
Trent Flood	Audrey Hill	Spencer Lee
Eric Folta	Mark Hillier	Ryan Lefebvre
Katelyn Frontain	Carmella Hillner	Dante Leone
Mason Fuller	Caitlin Hmiel	Alexis Lescovitz
Michael Gaeta	Timothy Hodgson	Owen Letteney
Heather Gagliard	Morgan Hopwood	Jaydahrius Levy
Stephen Gallagher	Matthew Hottleman	Justin Lewis
Jordan Galvin	Lexine Hulburt	Matthew Lucey
Tyler Galvin	Darian Huon	Maxim Lussier
Aneudy Garcia-Lora	Alan Hyatt	Benjamin Mac
Amanda Garden	Kyle Imbody	Kyle MacDonald
Jack Garrity	Matthew Imbriano	Owen Maciel
Joseph Gatto	Sean Inman	Catrina Madden
Madeleine Gaudreau	Ryan Isaacson	Patrick Madden
Leila Geha	Mia Iturrondo	Abigail Magee
Christian Gemelli	Grant Jackson	Nora Magurn
Gabrielle Gervais	Benjamin Jacoby	Julia Mahaney
Benjamin Giffen	Paarth Jain	Sean Mahon
Liam Gilet	Noah Jepson	Maxwell Makara
Brandon Gillis	Raya Johnson	Colby Manning
Aiden Glover	Coleman Jones	Taylor Mannion
Liam Goddard	Taylor Jones	Nina Manzi
Jillian Golden	Joseph Jorgenson	Aidan Marchand
Daniel Gonzalez	Filip Karlsson-Taegtstroem	Brianna Markwarth
Marc Gonzalez	David Kashian	Giovahni Martinez
Benjamin Goolsby	James Katsikis	Mario Marulli
Sydney Grass	Joshua Katz	Ava Masiello
Tyler Grillo	Luke Kelleher	Jelani Mason
Nicholas Grimes	Connor Keohane	Matthew May
Tyler Grissom	Elina Khoury	Brendan McCabe
Nolan Gunning	Junghyun Kim	Maira McCarthy
Guillermo Gutierrez-Largaespada	Eric Kisich	Angelo McCullough
Mitchell Hammond	James Kritzas	Elizabeth McFarland
Brendan Hannabury	Jillian Krouse	Gerard Mcgath
Zachary Hardy	Alexander Krupski	Michael McKenzie
Jessica Haskin	Joshua Kusinski	Davonte Mckoy-Sophos
Craig Hatfield	Martin Lahood	Bradley McMullen
Brandon Hayes	Grant Laman	Dyllon Mcneil

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Alexander Medeiros	Gabrielle Prodders	Ashley St Cyr
Patrick Mello	Kylie Pucci	Ashley Stefanik
Evangelos Meltsakos	Juliana Pulselli	Brooklyn Stolgitis
Madison Melvin	Nathan Quay	Colin Strong
Christian Meneide	Clayton Rahaman	Karl Sutter
Sydney Mercado	Vithuli Rajadurai	Michael Sutton
Craig Messina	Hayley Randazza	Raice Szott
Alexander Miller	Franco Recto	Jonathan Tammaro
Christopher Miller	Summer Reigles	Tyler Tarp
Adam Montgomery	John Reynolds	Annabelle Taylor
Matthew Moore	Jacob Riley	Jay Thompson
Mollie Morrison	Heather Ritson	Travis Thurman
Matthew Motes	Savanah Robbins	Peter Tieuli
Connor Murphy	Brandon Roberts	Ryan Torrisi
Ryan Mut	Carlo Romei	James Valade
Ethan Narducci	Conor Ronan	Samuel Valenti
Chloe Newell	Carolyn Roney	Scott-Christian Vara
Kaitlyn Ng	Matthew Rotker	Halie Veilleux
Bridgette Nocella	Ethan Royer	Laura Vilella-Durieux
Donato Nuzzo	Abdelmalek Sabri	Michael Vital
Devlin O'Brien	Nicholas Sadlow	Henry Vogt
Grace O'Connor	Gabrielle Saffer	Luc Vonzcoernig
Henry O'Donnell	Joseph Salvi	Jacob Vozikis
Tim O'Leary	Joann Salvucci	Nolan Vuori
Shane O'Neill	Peter Santos	Francesca Wallace
Arianna Ohanian	Christian Sapienza	Scott Walsh
Hugo Ollas	Christopher Sarno	James Walters
Emily Oosterveld	Vincent Scaduto	Charles Warley
Thomas Orcutt	Hannah Scarano	Cameron Washisko
Grace Owaida	Sonia Scarfo	Julie Wester
Ava Owens	Holly Schweitzer	Caitlin White
Emma Panarella	Henry Senese	Peter Wilcox
Brian Panzini	Abigail Shea	Andrew Williams
Colby Paolo	Michael Sidhly	Donte Williams
Chrysovalantou Papadopoulos	Christian Simeone	Olivia Williams
Mark Passatempo	Meghan Simmons	Joshua Wilson
Deven Patel	Amaya Singh	Arlen Winer
Reece Pearlman	Connor Smith	John Wojnarowski
Jason Pellegrino	Garrett Smith	Kaitlyn Wrisley
John Perry	James Smith	Liam Ziegler
Cole Peterson	Ryan Smith	Ryan Zollo
Julia Porter	Matthew Sokol	Kevin Zou
Bradley Powers	Landon Sorensen	Christopher Zullo
Luke Presti	Erica Spallone	
Samantha Preston	MaryKate Spendley	

## DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER

### **Richard Gallant H'15, P'24**

Richard Gallant's career began at Ernst & Young providing financial consulting services to small and medium-sized companies, as well as providing strategic divestiture advice to banks undergoing restructuring as a result of the 1988-91 financial crisis.

After Ernst & Young, he worked in leveraged finance at JPMorgan Chase and Credit Suisse First Boston working with private equity firms and private and public companies in structuring and financing leveraged buyouts, mergers and acquisitions advice and executing initial public offerings to help monetize client investments.

In December 2001, Mr. Gallant began his entrepreneurial career by founding and chairing Global Technology Finance, a financial surety company. He also served as a founder and president of Fibertech Medical a mid-sized endoscopic repair company, while also being heavily involved in several hockey-based endeavors including managing/owning several rinks and helping to steward the Islander Hockey Club.

He is a member of Merrimack College's Athletics Board of Advisors, sits on the board of trustees of several schools and fundraises for Autism Speaks.

Mr. Gallant earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Colgate University, as well as master's degrees in accounting and business administration in finance from New York University Stern School of Business. He and his wife Susanna reside in Concord, Massachusetts with their four children – Mark M'24, Rachel, Sarah and Richard.

## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

### **James (Jim) '75 and Christine Zampell '75** Honorary Doctorates of Business and Commerce

James and Christine Zampell met in the spring of their freshman year at Merrimack College when they both joined the Orientation Committee. Mr. Zampell graduated with a degree in political science and Mrs. Zampell graduated summa cum laude with a degree in biology. After graduation, they pursued careers that put their Merrimack education to use. Mr. Zampell worked as director of constituent services for then-Massachusetts Congressman Michael J. Harrington. Mrs. Zampell pursued graduate work in microbiology at the University of New Hampshire. A few years after they graduated from Merrimack, the Zampells married on campus in the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher.

In time, Mr. Zampell joined his father at Zampell Refractories and founded successful businesses including Zampell Facilities Management, which specializes in project management and facilities, and ZAR-TECH, which distributes refractories and high-temperature materials. Zampell Companies' operations expanded from Beverly, Massachusetts to offices throughout the United States and Europe. While supporting the growth of the family business, Mrs. Zampell taught science in Andover Public Schools and later at St. Mary of the Annunciation School in Danvers, Massachusetts.

In keeping with the tenets of an Augustinian education, the Zampells have invested significant portions of their professional lives in giving back to their community. They have been involved with many local non-profits and educational institutions as volunteers, donors and trustees. Mrs. Zampell served on Merrimack College's Board of Trustees through the tenures of four presidents. Together they established the Zampell Family Faculty Fellowship at Merrimack College to support faculty research.

The Zampells have two children, Kristin, executive director of the Wenham Museum, and Brian, now president of the Zampell Companies. They are proud grandparents of four grandsons.

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

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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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 -

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