



74TH COMMENCEMENT

Class of 2024

THE WINSTON SCHOOL OF
EDUCATION AND SOCIAL POLICY

Friday, May 17, 2024

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

MACE BEARER

James Howland, Ed.D.

Program Director and Associate Professor of Practice, Master of Social Work

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 Recipient

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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

Erika Giampietro
*Founding Executive Director
Massachusetts Alliance for Early College*

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

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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

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BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING OF THE EXERCISES

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President

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MASTER'S DEGREE IN COURSE

Jacqueline Abdallah	Jessie Berry	Riley Carrier
Stephen Adagwuni	Shai Bigelow	Katelyn Carroll
Rachel Adam	Laura Bigwood	Suzanne Carroll
Jillian Adamson	A'mari Bing-Way	Reid Carter
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Jacob Alcott	Julia Borriello	Vanessa Chambers
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Mark Almy	Brooke Boulds	Shawn Chase
Michael Aloisi	Venessa Bourgeois	Carlie Cherry
Kayla Anderson	Shea-lynn Bowen	Sydney Chillo
Haley Andersson	Matthew Breen	Brianne Christopher
Tyler Angers	Amber Brewster	Alyson Cipro
Emily Anyon	Jessica Brewster	Melanie Clinton
Bridget Austin	Stephanie Brincklow	Callie Coady
Erin Avila	Ryan Brooks	Ashley Cocchiaro
Bailey Avisata-Taylor	Rochelle Brothers	Melissa Cochrane
Nicole Baddour	Alyssa Brown	Alexandra Colella
Kerrie Bagni	Andrew Brown	Mackenzie Collins
Allison Bakanowsky	Christopher Brown	David Comalli
Sarah Balestro	Lauren Brown	Sarah Conley
Lindsay Barbash	Takiyah Brown	Kevin Conlon
Gabriella Barbutto	Lauren Buckminster	Sara Connolly
Erika Barresi	Lindsay Bukowinski	Deanna Conte
Kerry Barrett	Gina Burke	Nicholas Conti
Zachary Barry	Jennifer Burke	Tiffany Coogan
Benjamin Batchelder	Cara Burns	Justin Cook
Darnnellyz Batista	Samantha Cabral	Serena Cook
Losangela Batista	Abigail Cain	Justin Cordeiro
Madison Baumann	Kelsey Callahan	Kelly Corrigan
Susan Bayer-Larson	Katherine Callery	Kelly Costa
Thomas Beasley	Catherine Camara	Danielle Cotton
Mariel Beaumier	Hugh Cameron	Kate Crane
Adam Belanger	Jaclyn Campano	Kayleigh Crocker
Michael Belanger	Samantha Campbell	Courtney Cronin
Elizabeth Belbin	Emma Campion	Christine Crowe
Katlynn Bell	Jillian Carbone	Olivia Crowley
Spencer Benoit	Rachele Carbutt	Patricia Curbelo
Kayla Berardi	Emily Caren	Jeremy Curley
Kerry-Ann Bernard	Johanna Carr	Keaghan Curley

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Ashley Cutter	Daisha Dukes	Giulia Fiorentino
Demimarie Dabilis	Bianca Dulkis	Alison Fisher
Kiley Dallas	Heather Durbrow	Haley Fitzgerald
Liliana Dalmer	Emily Durkin	Lia Fitzgerald
Elizabeth Daly	Hannah Dziadyk	Noelle Fitzpatrick
Kelsey Dal	Olivia Dziadyk	Lindsay Flaherty
William Damaskos	Mikala Eacrett	Delaney Fliegel
Mia Dambra	Amy Eason-LeFort	Jessica Flynn
Cristina Daniels	Maria Eaton	Erin Foley
Chanell DaSilva	Matthew Eaton	John Foley
Ashley Davies	Mary Edmonds	William Foley
Shaina Dawes	Abigail Egan	Johanna Ford-Hunt
Kenisha De La Rosa	Jeffrey Ehalt	Shawna Fox
Gianpiero de Mari	Kimberly Eldredge	Tanya Franklin
Olivia DeCecca	Emily Emery	Nicole Freeman
Gabriella DeGrazia	Alexandra Emrick	Sabrina Fullam
Victoria Delannoy	Olivia Encarnacao	Tyler Furnari
Olivia Dellisola	Will English	Maeve Gaffney
Marissa Delucia	Michelle Ernst Modera	Amy Gagliardi
Christina Delyani	Jacqueline Errera	Keri Gagnon
Jacob DeMasi-Capua	Ana Espinal	Diona Gambini
Brittany Dempsey	Christopher Estevez	David Gardner
Anna Dennis	Thalia Estevez	Thomas Garland
Ashley DiBella	Mackenzie Evans	Kadyn Germain
Emily DiBella	Stephen Evans	Brianna Germano
Alaina DiBlasi	Julia Fader-Laskin	Vanessa Gerring
Alyssa DiBlasi	Jenna Faichney	Ann Gerry
Molly Dickerson	Kristen Falso	Alison Giglio
Mark Dilegge	Ivette Fantauzzi Picart	Sarah Gilbert
Meghan Doane	Julienne Fares	Alyssa Giordano
Patric Docmanov	Ashley Farfaras	Alexander Gohl
Kelli Doherty	Laurine Faro	Dimitry Goin
Ryan Donahue	Kerry Farrell	Danielle Gomes
Laura Dooley	Megan Fedele	Shaez Gomes
Jamie Dostoomian	Joseph Feeney	Nieves Gomez
Benjamin Doucette	Isabel Fernandes	Gloribel Gonzalez
Sarah Douglas	Shanelle Fernandez	Cameron Goodman
Caitlin Doyle	Antonio Ferreira	Kendra Gordon
Danielle Driscoll	Lauryn Field	Alyssa Gorman
Melissa Driver	Rachel Figucia	Amanda Goscinski
Taylor Dudek	Sarah Finamore	Heidi Gould
Abigail Duggan	Sierra Fiore	Spencer Graboski

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Nicole Grainger	Eddivette Jimenez Correa	Renee Lamy
Rosa Granadeno Aguilar	Jennifer Rose Johnson	Meredith Lane
Jennifer Grant	Phoebe Johnson	Timothy Lang
Lyndsey Grava	Ashley Jones	Derryn Langlois
Emily Greenberg	Tayla Jones	Cameron Lankenau
Jennifer Greene	Alli Joubert	Madelyn Lapierre
Micaela Griffin	Jill Joyce	Jordan Laplume
Caroline Gulla	Josephine Jozokos	Emily Larkin
Alexandra Hajjar	Vanessa Kaddaras	Hanna Lawler
Matthew Haley	Victoria Kako	Brandi LeBlanc
Elizabeth Hall	Aubine Kalisa	Kaitlin LeBlanc
Emily Hammond	Michael Karon	Lisa Leedy
Danielle Hart	Diana Katsikaris	Sean Leehan
Jennifer Hart	Kasey Kavanaugh	Megan Leger
Taylor Hart	Maeve Keane	Presley Leighton
Kathleen Hartnett	Catharine Keeffe	Mackenzie LeLievre
Katlyn Hathaway	Christina Keith	Haroldo Leme
Shannon Haverty-LaPointe	Benjamin Kelleher	Johanna Lesch
Abigail Hawes	Victoria Kelliher	Alysha Letendre
Julia Healey	Jenna Kelly	Sheila Lethin
Rachel Hearn	Meghan Kelly	Caitlin Letourneau
Zoe Henderson	Lyndsay Kennedy	Patricia Levitre
Abigail Henkel	Shannan Kennedy	Helena Liedtke
Annileidy Paula Hernandez	Jennifer Kenney	Sarah Liekweg
Breanne Hickey	Ashley Kesack	Marlaina Linnane
Aleigha Hilberg	Sydney Keyes	Madeleine Linschoten
VanTung Ho	Cintia Khouzami	Kaleigh Litchfield
Jessie Hodges	Joseph Kielinen	Ryan Loftus
Alexandria Hogan	Kerry Kilduff	Daniella Lombardo
Emily Hogan	Catherine Kimani	Gabriella Lombardo
Heather Hogan	Meagan King	Brooke Lonergan
Catherine Holland	Shelby Kirejczyk	Kristina Long
Jessica Hood	Kaylee Knox	Amanda Lougee
Maureen Huberman	Adam Kohnle	Abbey Loughlin
Domenica Hudy	Stephen Kohnle	Kara Lowkes
Ashleigh Huhn	Ziba Kolahy-Shams	Haley Lowney
Allison Hunt	Rachel Kornreich	Haleigh Lucas
Taylor Hutchings	Matthew Korzec	Cecelia Lunde
Katie Ilkovich	Sebastien Labissiere	Patricia Lyna
Liubomir Iordanov	Kaleena Laguerre	Megan Lyons
Alyson Irvin	Karima Lahyani	Colleen Macdonald
Izaak Janock	Ciara Lally	Erin Mackey
Esdras Javier	Emily Lamkin	William MacKinlay

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Michelle MacPherson	Stephanie Messina	Celine ODowd
Christine Maggio	Benjamin Miele	Patricia Oduah
Shannon Maglione	Joanna Mills-Reid	Jennifer Ogonowski
Brianna Mahoney	Lindsey Minchello	Samantha Oliver
Daniel Mahoney	Belinda Miranda	Nicole Olsen
Mariely Maldonado	Bryce Miranda	Sandra Olsen
Maria Maldonado Cruz	Katherine Mitchell Moreno	Christine Ortiz
Michelle Manatrey	Hannah Mobilia	Joshua Page
Janet Manning	Emma Moffatt	Abigail Paine
Laura Marino	Celeste Molle	Katlyn Paiva
Giana Marks	Tamara Mondesir	Kyle Palladino
Nathaniel Marotta	Meghan Mongeau	Jocelyn Palmer
Jaminnette Marquez	Jake Moniz	Kayla Palmer
Kiley Martel	Jessica Moniz	Olivia Pantano
Kyle Martin	Christopher Mooney	Tyler Papciak
Sarah Martin	Ashlee Morgan	Clarice Papp
Aiman Masalawala	Caroline Morgan	Shaylyn Parkhurst
Nicole Mastrantonio	Isabella Morgan	Katelyn Parziale
Kaylen Mawdsley	Abigail Morin	Maya Patel
Faith May	Joseph Morin	Kaley Patriquin
Casey McAuliffe	Katelyn Morin	Michael Patterson
Natalie McBeath	John Morris	Dorothy Paul
Patrick McCarter	Louisa Morrow	Christina Pedersen
Brooke McCarthy	Marykate Mulcahy	Brittany Peoples
Jaelen McCarthy	Amanda Murphy	Julia Pepka
Keara McCartney	Michelle Murphy	Elise Persicketti
Christopher McCoy	Ryan Murphy	Jonathan Peters
Timothy M. McCue	Amanda Murray	Christine Peterson
Andrea McDonald	Jordan Muse	Lily Peterson
Timothy McDonough	Corinne Newell	Christine Phillips
Caitlin McElwaney-Rio	Jessica Nicholas	Crissel Pineda
Shannon McGrath	Ashley Nightingale	Timothy Pinkham
Lori McHenry-Gildae	Alison Ning	Caitlin Pires
Hana McLinden	Hannah Nitescu	Jason Pollina
Maggie McManus	Shaista Noreen	Nancy Lyn Pompeo
Owen McMullen	Kaela Noyes	Yismark Ponce
Serena McNary	Starlina Nunez	Nicholas Ponte
Audrey McQueen	Kathryn O'Brien	Stephanie Popovichenko
Angela McVey	Julie O'Connor	Ariana Portalla
Rosmery Medrano	Sean O'Connor	Jessica Porter
Natasha Mercuri	Charlena O'Keefe	Jessica Potito
Marie Merlino	Matthew O'Neill	Alisa Povenmire
Morgan Messina	Brittany Odenweller	Claire Powell

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Tiana Powell	Amy Roos	Kaitlyn Sok
Edward Prajzner	Edgar Rosario Marrero	Nicole Solimine
Mary Pratt	Antonia Rosati	Abbi Solomon
Evan Prees	Jillian Rowland	William Spirdione
Michael Preston	Alexander Royer	Riley Spring
Michael Price	Olivia Russell	Christopher Staniul
Alexandra Proch	Siobhan Salani	Tanya Stanley
Candace Proulx	Sasha Sammis	Molly Staunton
Marissa Puccio	Enrique Sanchez	Emily Stefanich
Miranda Putnam	Kara Sands	Cameron Steig
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Franklin Quijada	Cassandra Santos	Catherine Stewart
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Ariana Reid	Amy Schram	Kathryn Sullivan
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Caitlin Reilly	Isabella Scuderi	Christian Surette
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Caroline Ren	Samantha Shanahan	Kaitlyn Svendsen
Rachel Resendes	Jessica Shay	Melinda Sweeney
Erin Reynolds	Aidan Shea	Michaela Szymanski
Claire Rhatigan	Meghan Shea	Louis Takesian
Julia Ricci	Rachel Sheehan	Savannah Taylor
Bryna Richards	Kyle Sherrick	Ashley Tejada
Jordan Riggs	Spencer Shock	Jylian Tereso
Olivia Riley	Eliza Shulman	Stephanie Thayer
Matthew Rinaldi	Kenneth Shute	Jessica Tran
Alexander Risberg	Arielle Silva	Samantha Treff
Samantha Roberts	Tayla Silva	Katrina Tuck
Conner Robertson	Kim Silverman	Marissa Tucker
Eileen Rockwell	Elizabeth Simmons	Laura Tweedy
Racheal Rodimak	Rose Simplicie	Miranda Tygert O'Connell
Jessica Rodrigues	Clare Simpson	Erin Tyrrell
Joshua Rodriguez	Peter Skaza	Katherine Ulcickas
Elizabeth Rogers	Amy Smith	Haley Vaillant
Cheryl Rooney	Ei Phyu Smith	Maggie-Molloy Van Dyne

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Taylor Vanaria
Jessica Vangos
Rachel Vigorita
Arianna Vitacca
Marissa Votruba
Carolyn Wallace
John Walsh
Heather Walter
Blake Wasserman
Bryanna Watts

Rylan Wertz
Erin Wesley
Garrett White
Sophia White
Kimberly Whittaker
Amanda Williams
Lily Williams
Mollie Williams
Sarah Williams
Araiyah Willis

Matthew Willis
Ainsley Witherell
Athlyn Wood
Madeline Wood
Olivia Wood
Julianne Wydola
Bradley Zadrozny
Elicia Zecchini
Danni Zhu
Kimberly Zuber

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UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN COURSE

Julie Ackerson	Katelyn Distasio	Matthew Kaplan
Lillian Ahl	Courtney Dolan	Rory Kerr
Griffin Allaire	Leah Doucot	Annalise Kolenda
Bruno Auzec	Megan Downing	Molly Kueter
Renee Babineau	Kristina Doyle	Michael Lavallie
Lauren Baudo	Emma Driscoll	Erin Leahy
Amber Bean	Bonnie Durante	Tyler Leavy
Anthony Bello	Tatiana Estrada	Leann LeBlanc
Elizabeth Belmonte	Victoria Fazio	Isabella LeBrun
Charlotte Bernhardt	Abigail Federici	Ava Lescinskas
Carly Bettano	Patrick Feeney	Quinn Lewis
Mariah Beutel	James Ference	Kendra Link
Ashley Bill	Jessica Ferraro	Gwyneth Littlehale
Joseph Bisson	Zachary Fiore	Gabriel Lopez
Kailyn Bowie	Ava Firicano	Andrew Mac
Pamela Brady Euler	Rebecca Fisher	Molly Macdonald
Sarah Breen	Jenny Fogle	Sara MacGaffey
Julia Brennan	Jackson Fortune-O'Brien	Isabella Maffeo
Riley Brunelle	Margaret Franz	Allison Mallett
Halle Burgess	Jahaida Gabriel	Jenna Malone
Allison Cabral	Melissa Gannon	Natalie Mank
Rebecca Cantu	Abigail Garside	Victoria Mantia
Joseph Cappadona	Emma Gedick	Haylee Marchand
Toni Caputo	Emily Glynn	Gabriella Marchese
Joe Carreiro	Emily Gosselin	Fabielys Martinez
Erin Carroll	Kylie Greeley	Keely Martyn
Sarah Carroll	Lindsey Griffin	Emma Mastovsky
Talia Casale	Jenna Gross	Edward McCarthy
Marissa Chaves	Meghan Harmon	Emily McCormack
Nicholas Ciciotte	Alexa Harrington	Sophia McGonagle
Julia Cohen	Sydney Haskin	Grace McIntyre
Katia Coll-Santana	Lindsey Hays	Mikayla Melahn
Matthew Connelly	Kaitlyn Healy	Ryan Merchant
Victoria Conti	Casey Hegan	Brieanna Metcalf
Aidan Cook	Charles Helm	Christina Milinazzo
Corinna Corriveau	Thomas Hemmendinger	Emily Mullen
Madison Coughlin	Erin Hill	Aries Mustoe
Ciara Cox	Jakobi Holiday	Rebecca Nee
Jalie Cuoco	Aislin Hynes	Christopher Nguyen-Bishop
Jillian Darois	Hannah Jeffers	Riley Nigohosian
Kelsey Davenport	Catherine Johnson	Caitlin O'Brien
Alec Diradourian	Sophia Kalaitzidis	Stephen O'Brien

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Grace O’Leary
Joshua Oman
Arline Ortiz
Lauren Paradis
Georgia Parker
Bethany Pender
Sam Phelan
Ashley Piazza
Olivia Poillucci
Molly Porter
Alessia Puccio
Ashley Rapoza
Abigail Raymond
Shea Robertson
John Robinson
Kali Rowe

Serena Russo
Emma Ryder
Kelly Sacramone
Paige Salvi
Gabriela Scarpelli
Casey Sheehan
Luke Sheehan
Rachel Sheikh-Abdou
Bridget Slocum
Abigail Sperrazza
Nicole Stagg
Kailyn Stanio
Amaya Staton
Caitlin Ann Sullivan
Erica Surabian
Sara Elizabeth Swanton

Aislin Terenzio
Allison Tolan
Daniel Tolan
Meghan Tully
Julia Vass
Peter Vasta
Sylvia Vega
Jordyn Vella
Sean Walsh
Molly Whelan
Kylie Willwerth
Hanna Wizboski
Ryan Young
Emma Zimon

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER AND HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Erika Giampietro

Honorary Doctorate of Education

The Massachusetts Alliance for Early College breaks down barriers to college and career success for all students, particularly for those who have historically been underserved and underrepresented, by supporting the growth of and creating conditions for high-quality, high-impact early college programs across Massachusetts.

Prior to founding the Alliance, Ms. Giampietro served as senior advisor to the chair of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education. In this capacity, she built expertise in areas critical to the success of early college in Massachusetts.

She facilitated a burgeoning coalition around early college, helped draft and advance legislation and policy related to early college, partnered alongside the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Department of Higher Education in growing the initiative, and provided technical assistance to a group of early college programs.

Prior to that, Ms. Giampietro worked in the Boston Public Schools (BPS) for seven years serving in a variety of roles, including deputy CFO, interim CFO and special assistant to the superintendent. While at BPS, Ms. Giampietro oversaw the district's \$1 billion budget, facilitated strategic planning for the superintendent and co-authored a long-term financial plan for the district.

She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia.

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.

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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

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