**Merrimack College**

74th Commencement | Class of 2024

The School of Arts and Sciences

Friday, May 17, 2024

# ACADEMIC PROCESSION

**MACE BEARER**

Melissa “Mish” Zimdars, PhD, 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, OSA, PhD; Vice President for Mission and Ministry

**GRADUATE STUDENTS**

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**

**THE FACULTY**

**THE DISTINGUISHED ASSEMBLY**

Academic Deans

Distinguished Speaker

Honorary Degree Recipients

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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, PhD, 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, PhD , 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, PhD, President

**AWARDS**

* Edward G. Roddy, Jr. Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award

Presented by John “Sean” Condon, PhD, 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, PhD, President

**MERRIMACK ANTHEM**

Audrey McGill ’25 Accompanied by The Portsmouth Brass Quintet

**BENEDICTION**

Father Raymond Dlugos, OSA, PhD, Vice President for Mission and Ministry

**CLOSING OF THE EXERCISES**

Christopher E. Hopey, PhD, President

**RECESSIONAL**

The Portsmouth Brass Quintet

# MASTER’S DEGREES IN COURSE

Omara Acosta

Amanda Alcox

MacDonald Anakwe

Jake Bencale

Alexa Bergeron

Charles Boddy

Nina Bramante

Scott Browne

Connie Burianek

Cole Cameron

Lisa Chaloux

Andrew Chung

Amanda Clarke

Bailey Clurman

Lauren Comeau

Justine Cook

Michael Corley

Alyssa Cugno

Colby Currier

Mary D’Alba

Sierra Dearns

Hannah Delaney

Michael Dellostritto

Christopher Dolan

Rachel Donovan

Scott Falzano

Robert Fernandes

Zoe Ferrara

Michael Fierstein

Emmalee Foley

Kiera Foley

Ana Fox

Nathaniel Frontiero

Katie Gabriello

Rocco Geary

Hannah Gibbs

Hannah Goodwin

Bryan Grasso

Amelia Groothuis

Lara Guvelioglu

Itzel Guzman Dominguez

Elisha Hartzell

Nicholas Iacovella

Carrie Ives

Lauren Kennedy

Vincent Leone

Leslea Linebarger

Olivia Lombardo

Erin Madden

Ryan Masse

Jackson McCarty

Annie McDonnell

Nashaly Medina

Cassandra Miller

Cynthia Morrison

Marissa Myers

Lauren Pardue

Anna Pellerin

Nicholas Penkala

Olivia Piazza

Kajal Purohit

Carlos Reyes

Francisco Rivera

Mitchell Root

Maureen Rosenthal

Anthony Russo

Amanda Schiavone

Margaret Silvestri

Shane Singh

Katelyn Smalley

Goldera Surles

Dianna Sutera

Celine Tedenby

Kyle Teixeira

Kirstin Trouville

John Vets

William Walsh

Alison Williams

Damien Williams

Emily Wood

David Woodford

Faryal Yaquby

# UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES IN COURSE

Layan Abdelkarim

Joseph Accardi

Benjamin Adams

Katherine Adams

Fabiana Albanese

Darianna Alcantara

Julia Anelli

Mia Ardila

Estelle Arseneau

Katherine Aste

Sofia Augeri

Sydney Babb

Tyler Backus

Faisal Bajunaid

Marissa Balbino

Jessica Barra

Michael Bashorun

Maxwell Beland

Sophia Beland

Ryan Belanger

Katelyn Bennett

Ashley Bodenrader

Michael Bolduc

Nicholas Bonazoli

Nadia Bouhlal

Skye Bourque

Calandra Boutin

Millicent Boye

Colby Brennan

Cailey Brickett

Stephen Brophy

Scott Browne

David Brusco

Allyson Buckley

Colby Calnan

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Saba Challant

Lee Chan

Gabrielle Chase

Nazek Chatila

Noah Christopher

Gianna Cioto

Havilland Clark

Molly Cliggott

Joseph Coleman

Owen Collins

Anne Commisso

Emily Concannon

Ryan Connolly

Trevor Connolly

Alexander Conte

Lorena Corbelli

Mia Corrado

Rylie Craven

Ethan Cuggino-Zensky

Olivia Cutler

Roxanne Cyrankowski

Emily Czarnecki

Grace Dauley

Destiny Davis

Jessica Davis

Yasmin Davis

Julia Dawber

Brett Dawson

Brianna DeFelice

Cassandra DeLegge

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Madison Doherty

Anthony Dominici

Anjaleigha Draper

Jenna Dubrule

Kyle Durgin

Vali Durra

Emily Eaton

Malik Edmead

Adalyse Escobar

Meghan Faberlle

Alison Felizardo

Vanessa Fillion

Benjamin Finney

Lillian Fiorillo

Andrew Fishel

John Fitzsimmons

Jacob Flynn

Kaitlyn Foley

Margaret Frawley

Serena Frisella

Christopher Fruland

Cassandra Fusaro

Nicole Galvin

Kailin Garland

Jennifer Garvey

Charles Gendreau

Anthony Gentile

Brooke Gerry

Meridith Ghizzoni

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Kailey Leclerc

Meghan Lee

Erin Leonard

Andrew Leuci

Erin Lincoln

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Jack Lopez

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John McBain

Josh McCarthy

Kristina McCarthy

Molly McCarthy

Seamus McDonough

Devin McGovern

Braelyn McLaughlin

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Colin Michael

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Alianna Rita Olivier

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Jeffrey Palermo

Emma Patch

William Pearce

Gregory Pelissier

Pamela Peralta de Hernandez

Michael Perez

Joseph Perkins

Nathan Persampieri

Aleksandra Piascik

Grace Pimental

Maxwell Pojednic

Audrey Pomar

Allyson Qualley

Allison Reeb

Brian Reilly

Nicholas Reimer

Antonisa Renzi

Mackenzie Reynolds

Nicole Rioux

Marcos Rivera

Noah Roan

Shannon Robinson

Adam Roczniak

William Rodgers

Alvaro Rodriguez Alonso

Shelein Rojas

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Yoely Santana Santos

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Gregory Thomas

Sara Thompson

Angelina Toribio

Sadie Tosch

Emma Trainor

Jaclyn Tredeau

Dimitrios Tsoumbanikas

Sarah Tucker

Lori Uvanitte

Kelli Vacirca

Autumn Vance

Carlos Viteri

Caitlin Wahl

Ainsley Walsh

Colin Walsh

Allison Weed

Madelyn Whelan

Ariana White

Megan Wigley

Jonathan Wood

Aisha Young

Ryann Young

Sylvia Zaeder

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.

# MERRIMACK COLLEGE ANTHEM

O Merrimack, how shall we honor you?

With mind and heart awakened to the truth. We shall build God’s city in ourselves

and in our world, reaching out in service, our hearts a-fire with love.

The restless quest for wisdom in the company of friends,

call us ever onward ‘til in God our hearts find rest. Our guides are faith and

reason on a path that yet unfolds, and come we will to wisdom through

knowledge formed in love. O Merrimack, how shall we honor you?  
With mind and heart awakened to the truth. We shall build God’s city in ourselves

and in our world, reaching out in service, our hearts a-fire with love.