



2022

111TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

GRADUATE CEREMONY

MAY 18, 2022

GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY
THE MERCY UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY

GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

5:30 PM

PRESIDING

Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.
President

MACE BEARER

Amitabh Mungale, Ph.D.
*Assistant Professor of Business,
Chair of the Department of Business Administration, and
Past Secretary of the Faculty Assembly*

PROCESSIONAL

“Pomp and Circumstance”Edward Elgar

OPENING

Janice Warner, Ph.D.
Provost

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

“The Star-Spangled Banner”F. Scott Key
John Stafford Smith
Led by Liana Hollendonner,
accompanied by Robert MacReynolds

INVOCATION

Jeffrey Schaffer
Director of Campus Ministry

WELCOME

Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.
President

SALUTE TO THE FACULTY

Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.
President

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Julia Ann Upton, RSM, Ph.D.
Acting Chair of the Board of Trustees

ADDRESS ON BEHALF OF GRADUATES

Christine Clark '13, '15, '22
Psy.D. in School Psychology Candidate

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Janice Warner, Ph.D., *Provost*
Mary Chinery, Ph.D., '86, *Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences*
Jennifer J. Edmonds, Ph.D., *Dean of the School of Business and Digital Media*
Amuhelang Magaya, Ph.D., *Acting Dean of the School of Education*

ALUMNI WELCOME

Kristen Cladek '14
President of the Alumni Association

CLOSING REMARKS

Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.
President

ALMA MATER

“Hail to the Blue and Gold” Alice Piper Kuser '27,
Hermine Carpentier Stein '29,
and others
Led by Liana Hollendonner,
accompanied by Robert MacReynolds

RECESSIONAL

“National Emblem March” Edwin Eugene Bagley

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Please turn off all cell phones so as not to interrupt this celebratory but solemn event. We ask that you kindly respect all roped-off areas. Due to state regulations, guests should remain at their seats during the ceremony.

This program is not the official list of graduates; it is based on the information available at the time of publication.

CLASS OF 2022

Candidates for Graduate Degrees

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Doctor of Psychology in School Psychology

Christine Clark
Samantha Defilippo
Sara Kahan

Lauren Schaible
Amy Winters

Master of Arts

Jessica Alexandria Ahearn‡
Shifra Kayla Albert-Andelman†
Tyrah Andrews†
Mary Ann Billerman
Marisa Christine Bonamassa-
Cimino
Tori Marie Brokaw†
Kelly Danielle Bropson
Kristin Marie Brown
Jessica Camarda
Jessica Lynn Carter‡
Andrea Marie Dadetto
Bernadette Danner‡
Nicole A. Difoglio†
Alexa Hope Eisenhauer
Erica Eugene‡
Elmira Leeannetta Francis-
Arway†
Shannon Faith Frankenfeld†
Joseph M. Friedrich†
Susan Fry‡

Amber Gorney†
Jessica Habib†
Laura Hegewald‡
Mackenzie Taylor Jacobs
Jessica Jones
Kelly Ketcham^
Olivia M. Krupinski†
Kasey Lardieri
Aria R. Leunes†
Jessica Marie Lizura‡
Justina Martino
Gabriella Matone
Vanessa Santos Meier†
Alyssa Lynn Nolan†
Jessica Palmer
Tara Ann Pattermann†
Dana Marjorie Randolph Pryce†
Lindsay Marie Roemer
Brielle Amanda Sanders†
Juliana Stolker†

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND DIGITAL MEDIA

Master of Business Administration

Somiya G. Ali[^]
Keri Brozyna[†]
Juliana Esposito[‡]
Barbara-Gene Garrell
Nicholas Joseph Gill
Morgan L. Graham
Molly Shea Jackson
Timothy Patrick Kirn

Vito Licciardi
Tiffany A. Monte
Kyle Jadon Muir[^]
Maria Virginia Narvaez[‡]
Alicia Nowicki
Jessica J. Sipili[†]
Mellissia M. Zanjani[†]

Master of Science

Veronique Leigh Blostein[^]
Nerea Brajac[^]
James G. Navalancet[‡]

Alyssa M. Nichols[^]
Alicia Ann Smith[^]
Joshua E. Tinto[^]

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Master of Arts

Luke Akins[†]
Veronica Barahona-Meza[^]
Geraldine Bayles
Robert Bennett[†]
Zachary Brebner[‡]
Michelle Buccigrossi[†]
Brianna Burton[‡]
Michael B. Cestaro[†]
Robert Cilmi[†]
Robert Cotugno[†]
Kimberly A. Curry[‡]
Matthew Philip Dimarco[‡]
Kristina Donovan
Angela Egnozzi[‡]
Leandro Felicio[‡]
Sean Joseph Field[‡]
Kerry Foderingham[‡]
John Peter Gabrielli[†]
Robert Gardella[†]
Kimberly A. Gleinig[‡]
Christina Griffoni
Tiffany Herbert[^]

Shina Lynette Howerton-Tiller[^]
Kevin Izworski[‡]
Emily L. Karu[‡]
Danielle Kelly
Emily Lagrotteria Petrillo[†]
Joseph B. Lindenbaum
Stephanie Mahr[^]
Mark Anthony Mernonet[‡]
Craig Miller[‡]
Michelle Nam[^]
Jennifer Nelson
Joseph F. Paladino[†]
Adam Parkinson[‡]
Giulia Angela Picascia[‡]
Sabine Posy-Stewart[‡]
Kyleigh Reckage[‡]
Chrystal Rinehold[‡]
Chelsea Ross[‡]
Julia Emily Rothwell[†]
Jeremy Schulte[†]
Shana Tulloch-Ward
Madeline Wodeshick[†]

Master of Arts in Teaching

Amy Branagan‡
Bethany Lynn Budner‡
Gianna Elyse Caravella
Danielle Evangelista‡
Michelle Rose Farrell
Gillian Rose Grover
Briana Marie Gurriero
Brendan Mccarthy†

Kelly Elizabeth Morant‡
Jennifer Ivonne Orozco
Gianna Marie Palombi‡
Gabriel Rodriguez
Gabrielle Celia Rulli
Ryan R. Tjarks
Megan Ann Walsh
Cheryl Lynn Zubkow‡

Master of Education

Adrienne Michelle Abbazia
Brian K. Alex†
Brianna Nicole Allender†
Ashley Baldanza†
Alexa Barber†
Kristin Barclay‡
Kristina Berrios
Lisa V. Cerny^
Catrina Clarke
Taylor Paige Connolly
Caroline Conroy‡
Angelo Costagliola
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Jessica DiGiovanni
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Michelle Renzulli
Jaclyn Rhodes†
Jessica Sadej†
Rehannah Sattaur
Zac Skeeter‡
Lisa Smith†
Heather Smith
Megan Marie Sullivan
Brian Alan Temple
Kaleigh Marie Wargo

† Degree conferred August 2021 ‡ Degree conferred December 2021

^ Degree anticipated to be conferred in August or December 2022

THE PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION

The President's Medallion, which is also called the lavalier, depicts the seal of the university on the front and the cross of the Sisters of Mercy on the reverse. It is worn by the president at official university functions of high solemnity, such as the Inauguration, Convocation, and Commencement. The seal of Georgian Court University features the Cross of Christ, which symbolizes true Christian character. This character is enlightened by the lighted lamp and illustrates the virtues of truth and goodness. These virtues are fostered through the Book of the Arts and Sciences by which Georgian Court students achieve intellectual development. The lion signifies moral and physical fortitude united by the laurel wreath, the Greek symbol of victory and triumph.

The name of the school is inscribed in English, accompanied by the founding date, 1908.

Bonitas, Disciplina, Scientia—goodness, discipline, and knowledge—are the virtues through which Georgian Court graduates will triumph in the formation of their characters.

THE UNIVERSITY MACE

The history and tradition of the mace is rooted in medieval times. Over time the mace was used for royal ceremonial purposes and eventually became intertwined with the idea of a scepter, made with precious metals and encrusted with jewels. The mace evolved into a symbol of authority, order, and pomp in academic ceremonies, reflecting the mission and values of the institution. A new mace was crafted for Georgian Court after the institution became a university in 2004.

The university mace symbolizes the commitment of the faculty and administration of the university to excellence in education, and to the Mercy core values of justice, respect, integrity, service, and compassion. The fluted walnut staff bears the gold seal of Georgian Court surrounded by blue enamel, which is positioned above a bronze plate engraved with the Mercy core values. The mace is proudly carried by the mace bearer, traditionally the incoming chair of the Faculty Assembly.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Today's academic regalia has its origins in medieval English custom, where styles of gowns, mortars, and hoods conveyed the loyalties, disciplines, and achievement levels of the wearers. These academic costumes arrived in America in the 1700s and have been made uniform by two 20th-century examinations by a commission for the American Council on Education.

The color of the gown is commonly black, with no trim for the bachelor's or master's degrees. The doctor's gown is faced along the front with broad velvet panels and has full bell-shaped sleeves each bearing three horizontal bars of velvet; it may be worn open or closed. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves in contrast to the master's gown, which is distinguished by the long oblong sleeve with a square cut. The hood worn around the neck and draped down the back displays the colors of the institution which awarded the degree, as well as the colors of the degree subject. Bachelor's degree hoods are optional. Tassels for caps or mortars are black, though gold is most often worn by those with doctoral degrees. The cords, sashes, and stoles worn by some of the graduating students are provided by the academic honor societies or programs to which they belonged. The colors and lettering of the honor regalia are those of the honor society or program.

The official Georgian Court University gown is worn by the president, trustees, honorary degree recipients, and Commencement speaker. The royal blue gown is embellished with black velvet panels on the front, on which the Georgian Court University seal is embroidered in gold, and black velvet chevrons on the sleeves. The hoods are Georgian Court's school colors of blue and gold, and the black velvet tams are adorned with gold silk tassels.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

- 1963** John F. McCarty
1964 The Hon. Margaret Chase Smith
1966 Helen Hayes
1967 The Hon. Mildred Barry Hughes '23
1973 The Most Reverend George W. Ahr, S.T.D., D.D.
1975 Loretta Young
George Gallup Sr.
George Gallup Jr.
1976 Ralph Nader
1980 Buckminster Fuller
1982 The Hon. Alan J. Karcher
1983 Rosemary Haughton
Gov. Thomas H. Kean
The Hon. James J. Howard
1984 Rev. J. Bryan Hehir
1985 Mary Alice Williams
1986 The Hon. Theodore J. Lebreque
Hortense Kessler Green
Col. Guion S. Bluford Jr.
1987 Mary Little Parell
1988 Joyce Carol Oates
1991 Dorothy K. Light
Daniel P. Weadock
Douglas E. Johnson
1992 Deborah P. Wolfe, Ed.D.
1994 Mary Higgins Clark
1995 Mary Ann Martin
Jay Cleveland Harbeck
Edward B. Connolly
1996 H. George Buckwald
1997 The Most Reverend John Charles Reiss, D.D., J.C.D.
1999 Mary Loretto Snite Dillon '37
Kingdon Gould Jr.
2000 Helen F. Boehm
Lucille Bongiovanni
Jack Ford
2001 Laurence M. Downes
Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C.
JoAnne Kane
The Hon. Robert W. Singer
2002 Dorothy J. Marron '36
The Hon. Christopher Smith
Msgr. Leonard R. Toomey
2003 Bruce Feiler
Hirair Hovnanian
Eleanor Weisbrod '44
2004 Joseph Buckelew
Joyce Armstrong Carroll, Ed.D., '59
2005 Virginia S. Bauer
Ellen Mullane Gallagher '64
Gerald R. Gallagher
2006 Rosalie Bertell, GNSH, Ph.D.
Marlene Lynch Ford, J.D., '76
Ruth B. Mandel, Ph.D.
2007 Elizabeth Christopherson
Mary E. Morris Powell '45
Zeni Fox, Ph.D.
2008 Margaret Cleary '51
María Elena González, RSM
Patricia B. Licuanan, Ph.D.
Anne Milgram, J.D.
Grace Nolan, RSM, '57
The Hon. Eugene D. Serpentelli, J.S.C.
2009 Rev. Daniel Berrigan, SJ
Rev. Ann Struthers Coburn '72
Judith M. Persichilli
The Most Reverend John M. Smith, J.C.D., D.D.
Mary C. Sullivan, RSM, Ph.D.
2010 Barbara Ellen Black, D.P.S.
The Hon. Honora O'Brien Killgallen, J.D., J.S.C., '82
Kevin Ryan, J.D.
2011 Helen Hanna Casey '71
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The Hon. Rochelle R. Hendricks
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- 2013** Mary Patrice Brown, J.D.
The Hon. Frank J. Guarini, J.D.
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The Most Reverend David M.
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- 2016** John R. Garbarino
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- 2017** Deacon James J. Knipper '15
Adam Lowy
Richard Rohr, OFM
Barbara Williams, RSM, '63
- 2018** Elisabeth Fontenelli
Jon F. Hanson
Triantafillos Parlapanides,
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- 2019** Brian Gragnolati, FACHE
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OUR MISSION

Georgian Court University, founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, provides a comprehensive liberal arts education in the Roman Catholic tradition. The university has a special concern for women and is a dynamic community committed to the core values of justice, respect, integrity, service, and compassion, locally and globally.

Georgian Court University provides students with:

- a curriculum broad enough to be truly liberal, yet specialized enough to support further study and future careers;
- an environment for the entire university community to grow through shared educational, cultural, social, and spiritual experiences; and
- the will to translate concern for social justice into action.

ALMA MATER

“Hail to the Blue and Gold”

Hail to the Blue and Gold
Dear Georgian Court
'Mid stately pines so old
Ideals you brought to us
Of honor and loyalty,
Faith staunch and true;
We pledge fidelity and love
To you.

So through the years to come
Your name will be
Symbol of faith and love
And constancy, dear G.C.!
Here in these hallowed halls
Pledge we anew
Our hearts' devotion to the
Gold and Blue.

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