



# 71<sup>ST</sup> COMMENCEMENT

*Class of 2021 Undergraduates*

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THURSDAY, MAY 13  
2021

# ACADEMIC PROCESSION

## CHIEF MARSHAL AND MACE BEARER

Susan Marine, Ph.D.

*President of the Faculty Senate and Chief Marshal,  
Associate Professor, Higher Education*

## CROSS BEARER

Allison Gill

*Associate Vice President of Student Affairs, Dean of Students*

## THE GRADUATES

Led by Rev. Raymond Dlugos, O.S.A., Ph.D.

*Vice President for Mission and Ministry*

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

## THE FACULTY

## THE DISTINGUISHED ASSEMBLY

President

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

Vice Provosts and Associate Provost

The Board of Trustees

The Honorary Degree Recipients

Academic Deans

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The audience is requested to stand 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

*Pomp and Circumstance* (Elgar),  
Merrimack College Concert Band

## OPENING OF THE EXERCISES

Susan Marine, Ph.D., *President of the Faculty Senate and Chief Marshal, Associate Professor, Higher Education*

## INVOCATION

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

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

Jacqueline LaRivee '21

## WELCOME

Christopher E. Hopey, Ph.D., *President*

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

### STUDENT SPEAKER

Samantha Frey '21

## HOMILY

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

## HONORARY DEGREES

### Doctor of Public Health

William Leahy, SJ

### Doctor of Public Administration

Daniel Rivera

## DEGREES IN COURSE

### Presentation for Degrees

John "Sean" Condon, Ph.D., *Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs*

### Conferral of Degrees

Christopher E. Hopey, Ph.D., *President*

### Undergraduate Names Read By

Mark Allman, Ph.D., *Associate Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Faculty Affairs*

April Bowling, Sc.D., *Assistant Professor, Health Sciences*

## AWARDS

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

Presented by John "Sean" Condon, Ph.D.,  
*Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs*

## CLOSING REMARKS

Christopher E. Hopey, Ph.D., *President*

## MERRIMACK COLLEGE ANTHEM

Laura Moore Pruett, Ph.D., *Associate Professor, Music*

## BENEDICTION

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

## CLOSING OF THE EXERCISES

Susan Marine, Ph.D., *President of the Faculty Senate and Chief Marshal, Associate Professor, Higher Education*

## RECESSIONAL

*Trumpet Tune* (Purcell), Merrimack College  
Concert Band

## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES IN COURSE

### WINSTON SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL POLICY

Rachel Adam	Kassandra Correale	Brenda Guerrero
Patrick Adams	Skylar Coutinho	Janelle Havens
Olivia Affannato	Amanda Cristiani	Brittany Henriques
Claudia Aguirre	Gavin Croce	Julia Herosian
Amelia Alger	Nicole Cronin	Danielle Hersey
Abigail Amato	Leanne Cross	Patricia Hill
Megan Anderson	Thomas Crowley	Jenna Hines
Catherine Andrews	Cailin Currie	Brendan Hofferty
Natalie Ardagna	Kelsey Daly	Lauren Hogan
Leah Aronson	Taylor Darrell	Caitlin Hogan
Alexa Arsenuault	Abigail Dearman	Brian Holihan
Bridget Austin	Gabriella DeGrazia	Katherine Holmes
Abigail Bachur	Cristal Delvillar	Kristen Honan
Dominique Bailey	Heather Demers	Katharine Jacobs
Lilli Baumgardner	Margaret DeParde	Michael Jamele
Olivia Beauchesne	Gina DiFelice	Jacqueline Jordan
Jacob Beaudoin	Jerard DiRado	Hannah Keating
Olivia Beauregard	Kara Dooling	Christina Keeley
Julia Behm	Kendra Doty	Shannan Kennedy
Olivia Belshaw	Meghan Dzialo	Jennifer Khuy
Michael Blando	Sade Encarnacion	Catherine Kimani
Gregory Blomgren	Kelly Fenerty	Meagan King
Ashley Botelho	Isabel Fernandes	Lillian Klosen
Ryan Botto	Patricia Ferrari	Ryan Krahn
Bridget Bradley	Laura Fisher	Brandon Landry
Kristina Brooks	Claire Flaherty	Margaret Langenfeld
Emily Brouillard	Laurie Fonhoue	Madison Lapierre
Matthew Brown	Margaret Ford	Clayton Legault
Brianna Burke	Eric Fournier	Megan Leger
Christina Burns	Bria Garabedian	Kadir Lisboa
Laura Byrd	David Gardner	Drew Lovely
Kimberly Cabral	Victoria Garvin	Maeve Lyons
Dieniffer Caldas	Samantha Gentle	Christopher MacNeil
Kelly Carbone	Alexander Gildea	Kathryn Mallon
Casey Carmody	Lauren Gilmartin	Molly Maloney
Nicole Catizone	Jessica Giuffrida	Fiona Martin
Erin Claflin	Richard Glynn	Waleska Martinez
Kyra Clinton	Madison Gothberg	Grace McCaffery
Emily Cole	Evgenia Gomasos	Jillian McCormick
Isabella Collins	Janeliee Gomez	Robert McGrane
Tess Collins	Sarah Gormally	Maury Mendes Pereira
David Comalli	Madeline Graham	Sarah Michalik
Jaclyn Connelly	Davin Granahan	AnaMaria Mira
Justin Cook	Morgan Grant	Stephanie Mixon

Sarah Molk  
Genesis Moran  
Lauren Morin  
Lacreacia Munera  
Samantha Musto  
Devin Neal  
Ashley Newbegin  
Christopher Nguyen-  
Bishop  
Emily Nichols  
Michaela Noviello  
Julia O'Brien  
Shannon O'Neil  
Gisell Ortega  
Lorenza Ortega  
Natalie Pagliocca  
Annileidy Paula Hernandez  
Rosalina Pinto  
Jessica Plante  
Nicholas Ponte  
Magdalini Poulimeni  
Casey Power  
Sofia Quinci  
Alison Radzik  
Joshly Ramos

Audrey Regan  
Samantha Reilly  
Amanda Ribot  
Katelyn Richardson  
Brooke Rinkus  
Angelica Rivera  
Miranda Roller  
Zinha Rosa-Andrade  
Vivian Rosado  
Jacqueline Rosales  
Jacklyn Rouse  
Amanda Ruderman  
Abigail Sartori  
Andrew Scarpa  
Mary Seltzer  
Lavanya Selvaraj  
Noor Shams  
Cali Shaw  
Lindsey Shea  
Aidan Sheehan  
Kim Silverman  
Laura Smith  
Amanda Smith  
Bridget Soraghan  
Ciera Spagolla

Mackenzie Stanley  
Emily Starion  
Brooke Steward  
Brianna Sullivan  
Bryan Tercetti  
Raymond Terry  
Christina Theodore  
Salynna Thoeun  
Abel Trejo  
Alexander Turanski  
Lisa Tyler  
Elsy Utate  
Jensen Valeri  
Taylor Vasconcelos  
Alexis Vierung  
Hannah Wahl  
Erin Walsh  
Angela Walukevich  
Brian Weyrauch  
Kasey Williams  
Jordan Wilson  
Yasmine Yilgor  
Hayley Yule  
Jessica Zins

## GIRARD SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Alyssa Abruzzese  
Ryan Acone  
Jaylene Aguirre  
Vanessa Aguirre  
Kordell Aigbekaen  
Madison Allen  
Armen Almasian  
Kyle Alvarez  
Madison Amorelli  
Matthew Andrea  
Logan Angers  
Alyssa Ardai  
Jacob Arena  
William Askenburg  
Gene August  
Michael Axiotakis  
Meghan Azevedo

Emma Bagni  
Thomas Bales  
Haley Bartlett  
Marielis Batista  
Lauren Bender  
Nicholas Bernardi  
Nicholas Bethoney  
Mark Bickford  
Dhimitri Bido  
Brian Bilafer  
Brian Bixby  
Sean Black  
Samantha Blank  
Aidan Boppel  
Lena Bouchrouche  
Braden Boulet  
Kyle Boyd

Adrien Brehany  
Samuel Bresnahan  
Joseph Bresnahan  
Peter Brown  
Andrew Brown  
Jayda Bruscoe  
Joseph Buccieri  
Nico Buccieri  
Grace Buchholz  
Joseph Buck  
Cassie Bullis  
Alyssa Burgos  
Mary Callahan  
Kira Cameron  
John Camirand  
Nicole Cantone  
Stephen Cardarelli

Allison Carey  
Amanda Carey  
Stanley Carter  
Jared Carvalho  
Alyssa Casey  
Bryanna Casey  
John Casparriello  
Shane Cassidy  
Amanda Cavicchi  
Mari Chan  
James Christy  
Miles Cobb  
Kerin Coleman  
Michelle Collette  
Bradley Cook  
Sean Cotter  
Cameron Cournoyer  
Matt Cronin  
Nicole Dahlgren  
Emily Daley  
David Daly  
Nicholas D'Amico  
Anthony Dandini  
Marlee D'Angelo  
Molly Darfler-Sweeney  
Mats Dartnell  
Nathan Dealaman  
Hailey DeFaria  
Gianna Delaney  
Andrew DeMatteo  
Patrick Dettinger-Klemm  
Patrick Devine  
Tyler Dewey  
Daniel Dillon  
Kate Dillon  
George Dimopoulos  
Ethan DiNardi  
Kylee Dion  
Matthew DiTondo  
Jake Doherty  
Shane Doherty  
Francesco Dondini  
Daniel Donegan  
Bryan Donlan  
Catherine Donnelly  
Edwin Donovan

William Doran  
Nicholas Doucette  
Shelby Downer  
Adam Drexel  
Daniel Driscoll  
Zoe Driscoll-Sbar  
Rylee Ducharme  
James Duffy  
Emma Dutremble  
Julia Eggleston  
Christopher Elkhaoui  
Colleen Ellis  
Nicholas Fabrizio  
Michael Fay  
Francisco Feliciano  
Noah Ferraro  
Joyce Ferreira  
Justin Ferreira  
Westin Ferrera  
Courtney Fitzgerald  
Sean Fleming  
Brendan Foley  
Matthew Forman  
Noel Francois  
Katherine Furrier  
Charles Gabriel  
John Gagnon  
Kaitlyn Gallagher  
Marissa Gattuso  
Adam Gaudette  
Shiva Ghai  
Stephanie Ghostlaw  
Cortney Gladstone  
Jason Glynn  
Jesse Goldberg  
Charles Golden  
Anthony Goncalves  
Joseph Gonthier  
Anairis Gotay  
Emily Grandahl  
Joseph Grant  
Chase Gresock  
Aleksander Gropman  
Darren Gurney  
Margarita Gutierrez  
Matthew Hadad

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Lauren Hamilton  
James Hanlon  
Rebecca Harty  
Colin Haskell  
Max Hayden  
Coleman Hayes  
Kyle Heeren  
Priscilla Hemway  
Jefrey Henriquez  
Jeffrey Hildreth  
Caleb Holden  
Zachary Holden  
Patrick Holway  
Victoria Hommel  
Luke Hosman  
Travis Hunt  
Jenna Hurteau  
Jennifer Hutnyan  
Paul Iannuzzi  
Derek Iantosca  
Ryan Jackson  
Lauren Janowicz  
Shawn Jarish  
Devin Jensen  
Samuel Johnson  
Joseph Joiner  
Khorl Jones  
Jeffrey Joslyn  
Carlin Joyal  
Kyra Juffre  
Timothy Kalantzakos  
Elena Kapolis  
Kaitlyn Kaufman  
William Keller  
Michael Kelly  
Joanna Kent  
Hannah Kloiber-Bravo  
Julia Koralishn  
Connor Lang  
Nicole Langlois  
Kyle Lechman  
Curtis Lehouiller  
Madalyn Letellier  
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Neil Lodi  
Kate Longo  
Cristina Lucas  
Pedro Lugo  
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Joseph MacDonnell  
Russell Mace  
Julia MacLean  
Catherine Mahanna  
Lori Manoukian  
Perri Mansfield  
Alex Marceau  
Julia Marcouiller  
Jake Marlow  
Victoria Marotta  
David Marotti  
Oliver Martiny  
Samantha Mathews  
Abagayle Matz  
Caroline May  
Shaun McAvoy  
Ronan McCall  
Kerrin McCarthy  
Madison McCarthy  
Connor McDonough  
Taylor McGee  
Ryan McGinty  
Molly McKean  
Justin McKenzie  
Brooke McLaughlin  
Hannah McNeil  
Emily McNulty  
Angela Merullo  
Trevor Messineo  
Anthony Miccoli  
Ryan Miller  
Bridget Monahan  
Jonathan Morales  
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Benjamin Morrill  
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Arthur Mukotanyi  
Cameron Mullins  
James Murphy  
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Alessandro Negri  
Deep Neogy  
Tiffany Nguyen  
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James Niosi  
Nathan Nkabasele  
Kelly Nolan  
Kylie Nolan  
Tristen Novak  
Stephanie Nunez  
Christopher Nyhan  
Gillian O'Brien  
Catherine O'Donnell  
Juliane Ohmen  
Adrian O'Keeffe  
Eseosa Omuemu  
Daniel O'Riordan  
Daniel Ortega  
Nicholas Pallotta  
Kirill Paltsev  
Andrew Pasquale  
Emma Patterson  
Jalina Pedersen  
Jessica Pelletier  
Cheng Peng  
Taylor Pereira  
Brian Pescatore  
Erin Peterson  
Sean Petinge  
Francis Petratos  
Molly Pfordresher  
Alex Phan  
Curtis Philpot  
Daniel Pisaturo  
Erik Pocock  
Daniel Portuondo  
Austin Post  
Dylan Potter  
Allee Purcell  
Timothy Quinn  
Samuel Rebinskas  
Connor Reedy  
Sean Reidy  
Kerry Reynolds  
Emma Reynolds

Matthew Rhee  
Jessica Ricci  
Callie Rich  
Brittany Richard  
Lauren Richardson  
Ivana Riddle  
Patrick Roache  
Tyler Roberge  
John Roche  
Bryan Roche  
Marc Rocheleau  
Rachel Rockwell  
Pedro Rosario  
Serena Rousseau  
John Russell  
Dylan Sacca  
Nicole Sacco  
Rebecca Salerno  
Haroldo Sandoval  
Ryan Sauer  
Katherine Scott  
Tia Sfeir  
Audrey Sheehan  
Charles Sibanda  
Robert Sica  
Matthew Sideman  
Charlotte Silveira  
Joseph Silvestri  
Christian Simeone  
Alexandria Smeltzer  
Colleen Smith  
Katelyn Smith  
Cassidy Snopak  
Patrick Snow  
Brendan Spillane  
Ava Starasinic  
Jacob Stasiowski  
Joseph Steeves  
Nicholas Stefekos  
Kailee Stobbe  
Cameron Stober  
Brittney Sudanowicz  
Ryan Sullivan  
Shelby Sweeney  
Melinda Sweeney  
John Sydlowski

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Molly Tansey  
Carly Thayer  
Brian Thompson  
Sebastian Toro  
Cherie Troisi  
Rachael Trott  
Kirsten Tully  
Christopher Urena

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Jamari Venter  
Matthew Verreault  
Joanes Vincent  
Sydney Volpe  
Ryan Walker  
Maceo Warre  
Derek Wasson  
Joseph Whitaker

Caitlin Whitman  
Collin Wiercinski  
Ryan Williams  
Ryan Winitzer  
Tyler Winn  
Cameron Winters  
Conor Yardumian  
Maxwell Yelle  
Ian Young

## SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

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Andrew Armenio  
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Konstantinos Asprogiannis  
Matthew Ayotte  
Trevor Blanchard  
Alexander Boehm  
Andrew Borromeo  
Marlene Boulas  
Alexia Boyle Fontana  
Ian Branconnier  
Darren Brillantes  
Krista Brown  
Jordany Bruny  
William Buraczynski  
Rosemary Campanella  
Andrew Cannon  
Madison Carney  
Graycen Cassidy  
Brian Colleoni-Pimenta  
Delia Cormier  
Alexys Cuthbert-Holmes  
Corey Daly  
Kieley DesRosiers  
Nadia Dietz  
Zachary Dieujuste  
Ava Dimmick  
Kelly Dovi  
Ryan Driscoll  
Ervin Durraj  
James Eastwood  
Connor Elmy  
Alyson Ennegrass

Rimon Fakhory  
Ryan Farrell  
Jose Fernandez  
Jake Foley  
Benjamin Forest  
Hannah Fortier  
Matthew Gibney  
Matthew Gillert  
Kate Godfrey  
Annick Guerin  
Leigh Guerra  
Felipe Guimaraes  
Stephen Harnois  
Derrick Harris  
Celine Hashem  
Gunnar Hasselquist  
Yexis Hechavarria Ortiz  
Samantha Hickey  
Daniel Hilton  
Taylor Hunt  
Nicholas Hutchinson  
Anthony Iannuzzi  
Joshua Jacobo  
Giseimi Javier  
Sarah Johnson  
Michael Kazadi  
Nicholas Kelsey  
Vatsal Khatri  
Wesley Kupic  
Gregory Lachcik  
Samuel Lafreniere  
Michael Lappas  
Paul Lazzaro

Juliana Leone  
Hannah Leopold-Brandt  
Leslie Lima  
Christopher Lorthe  
Ronnie Lusso  
William Macone  
Abdullah Majrashi  
Justin Mann  
Jack Martin  
Domenic Martiniello  
Alexander Mastrocola  
Collin McCabe  
Cameron McCarthy  
Laine Mckay  
Jasmine Meade  
Samantha Merritt  
Mario Moscato  
Morgan Murray  
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Noah Nunes  
Meaghan O'Brien  
Liam OCearuil  
Shannon O'Grady  
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Hector Ortega  
Enrique Ortiz  
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Sun Yo Park  
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Thomas Pearsons  
Katherine Pelland  
Thomas Perry  
Ryan Pina



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Dhruvesh Rana  
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Kerry Remy  
Thomas Rezzani  
Jacob Richards  
Joseph Riley  
Daniela Rivera  
Patrick Romulus  
Bashar Salloum

Amanda Schiavone  
Anmarie Schmid  
Thomas Schomburg  
Noah Sellers  
Bridget Shanahan  
Caelan Small  
Sean Snyder  
Constantina Stavrou  
Hannah Sullivan  
Brittney Tabicas  
Emerson Thayer  
Jacob Thibault  
Callie Toothaker

Erika Torkildsen  
Emery Travers  
Marco Trombetta  
John Tuttle  
Jonathan Vasallo  
Brian Veloza  
Cameron Viola  
Angelia Wasi  
Austin Wendell  
Allen Westgate  
Renee Whitelaw  
Peter Xerras

## SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS

Spencer Aguiar  
Briana Alberghini  
Mollie Anderson  
Karina Anderson  
David Jarrett Andrighetti  
Cobbina Appiah  
Julio Arzu  
Samuel Batchelder  
Emily Beatrice  
Rebeca Benevides  
Olivia Ann Bibbo  
Shai Bigelow  
Robert Bonitatibus  
Erin Browne  
Meghan Bussiere  
Maria Buttafuoco  
Kevin Callahan  
Joshua Callahan  
Brianna Caron-DiPietro  
Olivia Casey  
Phoebe Chetsas  
Kylie Chetwynde  
Gabriela Cicala  
Alicia Ciriello  
Kristin Cole  
Aleda Collins  
Alicia Collins  
Casey Condon  
Nickolas Conley  
Sean Conroy

Julia Costa  
Tiffany Costello  
Alexis Cournoyer  
Khalief Crawford  
Marisa Cronin  
Kelly Crotty  
Christopher Culkins  
Evan Cummins  
Ashley Davies  
Matthew DeBella  
Julia Dempsey  
Courtney Dillon  
Nicholas D'Innocenzo  
Molly Doherty  
Bryssa Dossantos  
Logan Drevitch  
Isabelle Duseau  
Scott Edwards  
Kyle Erickson  
Sabella Fabiano  
Erin Falcone  
Kailey Fenton  
Megan Fergusson  
Alana Filaseta  
Emily Finney  
Felicia Fishel  
Madison Fortier  
Brady Freeman  
Samantha Frey  
Vicky Garcia

Genna Grasso  
Caroline Graziano  
Caroline Hazelton  
Derek Henry  
Emma Hogan  
Abigail Hooper  
Michael Jacobs  
Elizabeth Jenkins  
Maria Kamenias  
Craig Kelly  
Mayson Kimball  
Jessica Klein  
Bryson Knight  
Sebastien Labissiere  
Nicholas Lacroix  
Mathew Lannon  
Nicholas Lanza  
Jacqueline LaRivee  
Joseph LeBlanc  
Katherine Lecher  
Geena Levine  
Daniel Lovell  
Melena Lugo  
William Lundgren  
Anthony Luti  
Riley MacDonald  
Theresa Macdonald  
Dana MacPherson  
Harrison Markowsky  
Kathryn Martello

Maria Martinez Amador  
Ryan Masse  
Julia Matter  
Leah McDevitt  
Madeline McDonough  
Carly Mckay  
Darion Mckenzie  
Emma McNeil  
Colleen Mearon  
Jessica Melanson  
Benjamin Mendonca  
Bryana Michitson  
Tamara Mondesir  
Megan Morrissey  
Travis Motsis  
Stephen Mottram  
Matthew Murphy  
Scott Neville  
Jubilee Newton  
Connor Nickerson  
Joshua Noonan  
Lauren Noonan  
Haley Norris  
Alexi Nowokunski  
Kayla Pearson  
Raquel Perez  
Caitlin Pierson  
Crissel Pineda

Andrew Poland  
Tyler Pollock  
Victoria Ponte  
Samantha Puleo  
Thomas Rich  
Araya Richard  
Olivia Rober  
Brenna Roberts  
Paoli Rodriguez  
Cora Rollins  
Daniel Roussel  
Hope Salts  
Jessica Sargent  
Shelby Sawtelle  
Krista Sbordone  
Brooke Schofield  
Maya Schwack  
Meghan Schweizer  
Sarah Scougall  
Mitchell Shaughnessy  
Aiden Shaw  
Sabeen Sheikh  
Daekwon Shepherd  
Abbey Sigman  
Tabitha Silva  
Jaclyn Silva  
Tyffani Simmons  
Samantha Siriano

Joshua Skalski  
Caroline Smith  
Lindsay Smith  
Andrew Spanos  
Makenna Stimpson  
Dorian Straker  
Cheryl Surprenant  
Haley Taing  
Louis Takesian  
Dayan Tan  
Mark Taylor  
Isabella Tersoni  
Christina Tessier  
Christian Thomas  
Sarah Tripp  
Kirstin Trouville  
Autumn Truesdale  
Julie Tulley  
Kristopher Vazquez  
Thomas Vidal  
Emily Villani  
Connor Walsh  
Eliza Whitfield  
Garrett Wilkinson  
Brianna Witts  
Keli Yianacopolus

## SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Naomi Abrego	Moe Graziano	Stefano Pesenti
Heather Adams	Gabriella Grimes	Jordan Pinhack
Jacob Alben	Emily Hanna	Andrew Porada
Alyssa Aldorasi	Meghan Hawley	Colleen Pritchard
Marcus Alexander	Natalie Heaney	Joseph Qualter
Leena Ali	Mikayla Hickey	Ryan Reppucci
Kaelin Andrews	Emily Hoar	Noel Riley
Jonathan Asigri	Elizabeth Hoffman	Taylor Robertson
Stephen Barthold	Brooke Jackson	Sarah Rose Rocchio
Allison Beauchesne	Elizabeth Kashian	Rodney Samson
Sara Berg	Kristen Kuleszka	Allyson Sauter
Alayna Briggs	Riley Lambert	Hannah Savage
Kylie Caputi	Megan Langlois	Samantha Savoy
Nicole Catino	Alexis Lanning	Troy Shallow
Andrea Cervizzi	Dominika Laskova	Olivia Shapiro
Devon Choi	Brooke Leestma	Christopher Sialatis
Benjamin Coccoluto	Shamus Malia	Jason Smith
Luciellia Colarusso	William March	Anne Snyder
Rachel Conway	Jarrod Martin	Mary Spierto
Shannon Cooney	Courtney Maud	Jenna Stackhouse
Olivia Danjou	Grace McCann	Angelo Succi
Ashley Davies	Michael McCarthy	Michaela Sullivan
Nicole Denommee	Elizabeth McCoy	Kate Sylvester
Gina DiZazzo	Isabel McDonnell	Alexa Tejada
Devin Doherty	Paige McEachern	Pooja Tekchandani
Grace Dominov	Lauren McPherson	Michelle Tenaglia
David Doremus	Jacqueline Medici	Britney Twomey
Fiona-Rose Dulude	Mary Milward	Theodore Urbanik
Sophia Eisenhaure	Kelsey Montanez	John Whitaker
Hassan Elalami	Michael Mulvena	Julia Whiting
Jennifer English	Elise Murphy	Jenna Wike
Katarina Everhardt	James Murphy	Stephanie Wilson
Amanda Fallon	Maria Naimo	Randy Winchester
Lillian Ferren	Britney Nguyen	Madison Withers
Kathleen Fisher	Samantha O'Hearn	Anthony Witherstone
Nora Fleming	Declan O'Sullivan	Trevor Woodman
Ryann Forte	Victoria Palmer	Austin Wyllie
Bianca Gallotto	Samantha Paul	Vincenzo Zappulla
Ian Ganley	Nicole Pecjo	Emelia Zukowski
Priscilla Geha	Andy Pelletier	
Madelyn Goskoski	Adrian Pereyra	

## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

**William P. Leahy, S.J.**, a member of the Wisconsin Province of the Society of Jesus, became the 25th president of Boston College in July, 1996. He came to Boston College from Marquette University, where he served as a faculty member for six years and then as Executive Vice President. Father Leahy holds a Ph.D. in history from Stanford University, an M.A. in US history from Saint Louis University, and master's degrees in divinity and sacred theology from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, California. He is the author of *Adapting to America: Catholics, Jesuits and Higher Education in the Twentieth Century*, as well as scholarly articles on religious and educational history in the United States. Father Leahy is a trustee of Santa Clara and Creighton universities.

**Daniel Rivera** is the President and CEO of MassDevelopment and the former Mayor of the City of Lawrence, Massachusetts. During his time as Mayor, the city saw significant commercial development, record new units of housing, and tens of millions of dollars invested in economic development planning and projects. Rivera's focus on economic and community development as Mayor included investments in housing, job creation, downtown redevelopment, transit-oriented development and equity, infrastructure, brownfields redevelopment, placemaking, and quality-of-life improvements, and establishing professional, transparent, modern, and streamlined permitting and licensing processes.

Rivera was an invaluable member of the Baker-Polito Administration's Reopening Advisory Board, bringing the municipal viewpoint to the group tasked with developing the Commonwealth's strategy to reopen the economy during COVID-19, and the COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Group. In 2017, Governor Baker tapped Rivera to serve on the newly established Latino Advisory Commission charged with addressing concerns of the Massachusetts Latino community and promoting economic prosperity and well-being.

## 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 U.S., Merrimack College is a coeducational institution with approximately 5,500 undergraduate, continuing education and graduate students from 34 states and 36 countries, comprising schools of liberal arts, science and engineering, health sciences, education and social policy, and business.

The College's 220-acre campus is approximately 25 miles north of Boston in North Andover and Andover, Mass. Merrimack is a Master's Colleges & Universities/Medium Programs institution in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

## 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, industries, 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.

Since 1986, the Merrimack College mace has been carried by the Chief Marshal at Commencement.

## 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 Alternative Break 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.

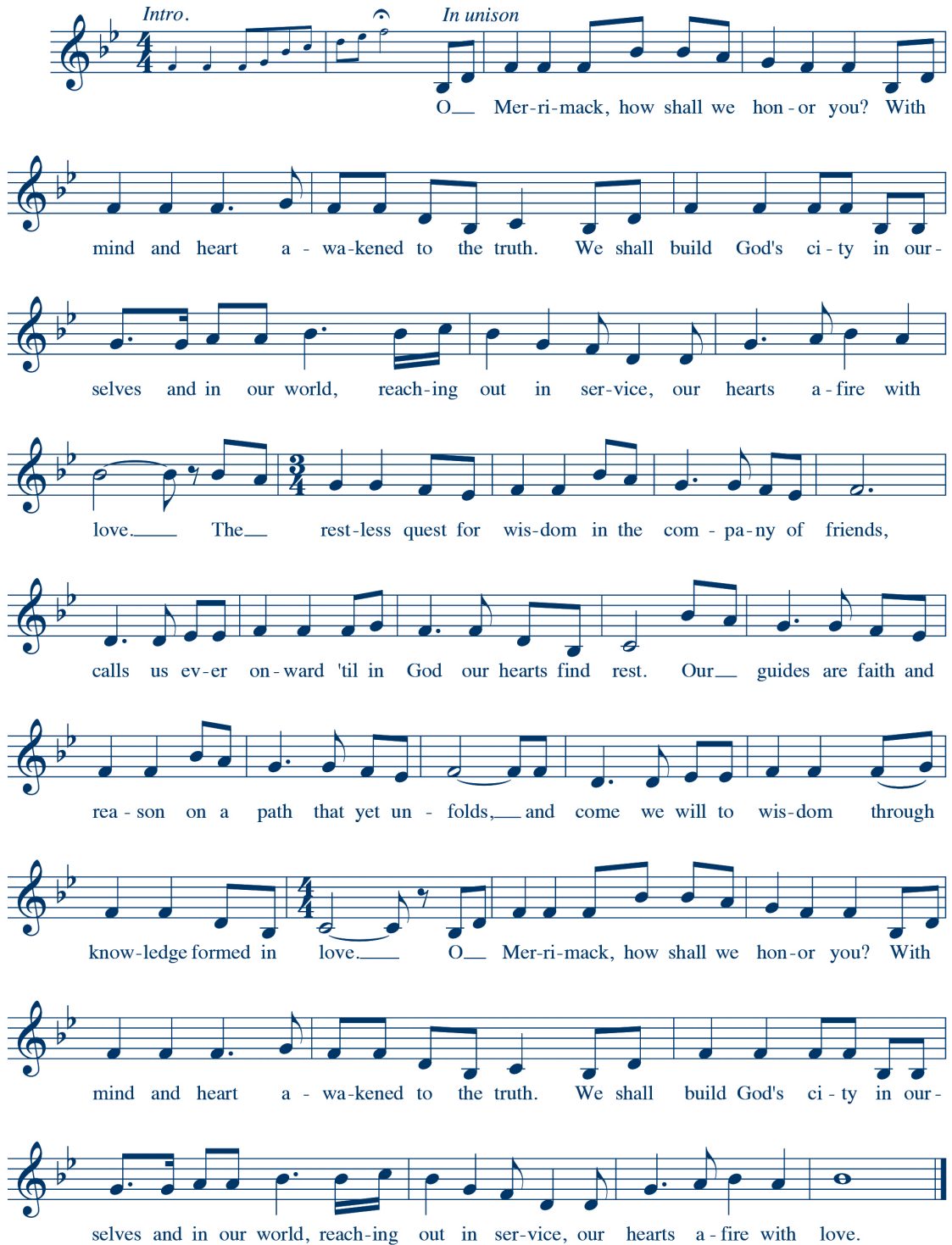
From the cap, gown, and hood, it is possible to distinguish the institution from which the wearer was graduated, the field of learning in which the degree was earned, and the level of the degree—bachelor, master, or doctoral.

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



The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It begins with an 'Intro.' section in 4/4 time, followed by the main 'In unison' section. The lyrics are: '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.' The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, key signatures, time signatures, and dynamic markings.

*Intro.*

*In unison*

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*Words and music by Scott Ness, O.S.A., Michael J. Rossi, and Joseph Farrell, O.S.A.*





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