



# 72<sup>ND</sup> COMMENCEMENT

**Class of 2022 Graduates**

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Friday, May 20, 2022

# ACADEMIC PROCESSION

## CHIEF MARSHAL AND MACE BEARER

Laura Moore Pruett, Ph.D.

*Faculty Senate President and Associate Professor, Music*

## CROSS BEARER

Allison Gill, Ed.D.

*Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students*

## THE GRADUATES

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

*Vice President for Mission and Ministry*

## MASTER'S STUDENTS

## THE FACULTY

## THE DISTINGUISHED ASSEMBLY

Academic Deans

The Honorary Degree Recipients

The Board of Trustees

Vice Provosts

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**

*Pomp and Circumstance* (Elgar)  
Merrimack College Band

## **OPENING OF THE EXERCISES**

Laura Moore Pruett, Ph.D., *Faculty Senate  
President and Associate Professor, Music*

## **INVOCATION**

Alvin M. Chapital, III, '86  
*Member, Board of Trustees*

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Leanne Santerre '23

## **WELCOME**

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

## **COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

### **STUDENT SPEAKER**

Isabel Marie Fernandes '21, M'22

## **ADDRESS TO GRADUATES**

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

## **HONORARY DEGREES**

### **Doctor of Education**

M. Lee Pelton

### **Doctor of Business and Commerce**

James T. Brett

## **DEGREES IN COURSE**

### **Presentation for Degrees**

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

### **Conferral of Degrees**

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

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

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

## **MERRIMACK COLLEGE ANTHEM**

Leanne Santerre '23

## **BENEDICTION**

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

## **CLOSING OF THE EXERCISES**

Laura Moore Pruett, Ph.D., *Faculty Senate  
President and Associate Professor, Music*

## **RECESSIONAL**

*Trumpet Tune*, Merrimack College Band

## MASTER'S DEGREES IN COURSE

### GIRARD SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Alyssa Marie Ardai	Genna Iola Grasso	Shannon Elizabeth Murphy
Ashley Augulewicz	Michael Donovan Green	Christopher P. Nagle
Molly Elizabeth Aviles	Paula Finnegan Green	Suhani Nandwana
Walter Aviles, Jr.	Tasha Hayden	Erica J. Nicholas
Emma Gardner Bagni	Hansel Heredia	James Francis Niosi
Erin Catherine Batherwich	Shih-Feng Hsu	Tristen Novak
Lauren Megan Bender	Megan Sara Jewell	Magen Caroline O'Connor
Christine Nicole Bixby	Justin Edward Jones	Nolan Patrick O'Hara
Sean Black	Carlin Steinmetz Joyal	Emma Nicole Patterson
Leah Catherine Bonin	Timothy William Kalantzakos	Bradley E. Perron
Cleyon Brown	Jayne Minigell Kearney	Molly Ruth Pfordresher
Peter William Brown	Orla Sinead Kelly	Marie Guilda Pszenny
Andrew Thomas Brown	Rachel Ellen Kersey	Laura Jane Quadros
Daniel R Burke	Philip Hercules Ketrelakes III	Amanda Racca
Shane William Cassidy	Penny C. King	Cameron Richards
Alyssa Meghan Chamberlain	Hannah A. Kloiber-Bravo	Alanis Sadlowski
Jamie Alexandria Clinton	Karen A. Korpinen	Ara Richard Sarajian
David Colardeau	Elias Lagesse	Laura Coger-Savio
Naffie Johnetta Collins	Elisabeth Ann Lane	Karen A. Serafino
Fabrice Content	Samuel Lichter	Mike Simari
Lauren Crepeau	Alexander MacLellan	Henry B. Steers
William DeHaven	Catherine Elizabeth Mahanna	Numan Suleman
Kelisabeth Domond	Mandi Maloney	Nicole Switalska
Jake Durflinger	Bridgete McAuley	Elilia Teixeira
Amy E. Efstratios	Colby McCay	Isabella Tersoni
Maureen A. Ezzo	Connor McDonough	Leah V. Terzian
Janelle Meris Favuzza	Shannon Justine McHugh	Kristin Travers
Anthony Ferretti	Dylan M Mengel	Katherine Elizabeth Nessen
Courtney Rose Fitzgerald	Jessica Meyers	Lauren Rose Witzgall
Marissa Leigh Foti	Maira Irene Montes	Sanjay Yeleswaram
Katherine Rose Furrier	Lindsey Monti	Mirang Yoon
Maverick Gamble II	Willie Morales	
Jason W. Golub	Gillian Rose Murphy	

## SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Kristina Lynne Albano-Amabile	Corey Elizabeth Giarrusso	Sydney Jordan Pignone
Joseph Dennis Amundson	Ashlyn Gonzales	Stephanie Lynn Pirger
Zachary Andrade	Bryan Guetens	Joseph Patrick Qualter
Ann Marie J. Arcidi	Carl F. Hampe V	Mateus Ribeiro
Emily Kala Arguello	Natasha J. Hawkins	Katelyn Charlotte Richardson-Miller
Brian C. Armstrong	R. Kyle Hazekamp	Aimee Renée Rivard
Mallory Elizabeth Armstrong	Ashley Hernandez	Juliette Rodriguez
Kelly Arsenault	Emily Ann Hoar	Daniel J. Rosen
Sean Anthony Atkinson	Alexandria Fall Itasaka	Serena Marie Rousseau
Richard D. Austin Jr.	Kathy Jaracz	Jimmy Hout Saab
Meryl Motourayo Bantefa	Mikita Karasik	Allyson I. Sauter
Ethan Kirk Bare	Lawrence Joseph Keating Jr.	William A. Schoolcraft
Cassandra A. Brussard	Hannah Elizabeth Keller	Noah Sellers
Isabella Burrola	Mayson Rose Kimball	Torin Pierce Shanahan
Erin Burtnyk	Kelcey Lamphere	Olivia Marie Shapiro
Isabel Callen	Dominika Laskova	Angela Cristina Skarpelis
Kaitlin Carson	Arnold Lee	Kyle Edward Smith
Skolle S. Charles	Kristina MacLure	Donald John Sniffen
Devon Choi	Samuel Adam MacNicoll	Mary Holly Spierto
Lorenzo Colbert Jr.	Michael Joseph Magner Jr	Katharine M. Stasalovich
Chiara E. Corazzini	Timary Malley	Caleb Robert Stott
Krysta Cruz	Kimberly Anne Mankus	Nicole M. Sullivan
Bailey Sebastian Curcio	Jarrod Martin	Evelyn R. Sylla
Joseph R. Curit	Lauren Rose Martuscello	Jessica Tarbox
Ian Curtin	Megan M. Mattox	Danielle Angela Torossi
Laura Elizabeth de Rosales	Courtney Marie Maud	Shannon Tucker
Lauri Tebbetts De Witt	Paige Elizabeth McCormick	Hope Lily Tula
Ashley Marie Desko	Maria Theresa McHugh	Ryder Oakman Valinski
Alyssa Rae Drouin	Andrew McLaughlin	Kendal Louise Vaughan
Conner Erickson	Andrea Alicia Melgarejo Rivero	Danny Wang
Peter Salvatore Ferretti	Sophia Mellen	Ariana Marie Wentworth
Janyl Ann Finnerty	Lisa Michelle Mendez	Austin Whaley
David J. Ford	Elise Catherine Murphy	Meaghan Marie Wile
Nicole Ann Frontiero	Natasha LaNae Nichols	Stephanie Rose Wilson
Benjamin Fry	Mirko Nufi	Shai Elizabeth Woodman
Bianca Rose Gallotto	Timothy Edward O'Connor Jr.	Trevor G. Woodman
Ian Angus Ganley	Samantha Ann O'Hearn	Vincenzo Zappulla
Sydney Ellen Garrabrant	Nicholas Constantine Parianos	Christopher Zodda

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## MASTER'S DEGREES IN COURSE

### SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS

Lisa Allen	Adriana Barbosa de Melo	Stephanie Rose Modrak
Stephen Almeida	Goncalves	Paul Nason
Kendra Anne Augusta	Tessa M. Gonsalves	Maxwell Newton
Ashley Auguste	Joshua Goulet	Adam R Nicholson
Christian A. Baldino	Lara Guvelioglu	Jordan Anthony
Rachel Erin Barnard	Trinh Nguyen Ho	Normandia
Susan Frances Breton	Carolyn Patricia Hughes	Patricia Oduah
Cara Jeanne Cahill	Allison Jenkins	Nicholas E. Paolino
Jill A. Chisholm	Sara Elisabeth Jezowski	Kaila Lynne Philbrook
Janet Doris Clarke	Lantz William Kilburn	Robert Picardi
Michael Calareso Conrad	Tumo Amogelang Koontse	Connor Rafael Powell
Alyssa Corrado	Margaret Cecelia Larouche	Samantha Michelle Puleo
Sheila M. Corsaro	Joseph Thomas LeBlanc	Joshly Ramos Rodriguez
Samantha Leigh Davis	Geena Marie Levine	David Andrew Robertson
Karina DeAndrade	Nicole Limone	Meghan Julia Sampson
Dominique Marlina	Ashley LoPresti	Gabrielle Ariana Scheff
DelBene	Devyn Marie Mangrum	Rebecca Scott
Tess Ann Dunham	Maria Alejandra Martinez	Rachel Carrie Scribner
James Michael Ennis	Amador	James Stanford
Sabella Maria Fabiano	Meagan Charlotte	Lisbeth Valdez Maldonado
Claire Marie Foley	McDonough	MaryJane Wheeler
Kathryn Laura Forina	Colleen Nicole Mearon	Emily Nicole Wise
Kristy Forrest	Mackenzie J. Miller	Aaron Wolfe

### SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Temiloluwa Ajulo	Helen Eng	Enrique A. Ortiz
Joseph Almeida	Owen Richard Evans	Brianna Nichole Pekala
Lordina Ewurafua	Jake Foley	Jennifer Pereira Badji
Anderson	Logan Alexander Halladay	Matthew David Purvis
Avnish A. Bhatt	Steven Jandric	Elaini Sahtouris
Ashton Joseph	Justine Jesse	Rapkat Shakir
Bourbonnais	Mohammed Faiz Khan	Christina Shoushani
Michael Buraczynski	Amie T. Lemay	Salahuddin Sal Siddiq
Griffin Joseph Burkey	Shannon Leigh Long	Carlos Jorge Silva Spinola
Amy Byrnes	Melissa Patricia Lovato	Alex Thelusma
John Sergey Campbell	Bisgrove	Jacob Matthew Thibault
Diana Castro	Khang Dinh Lu	Michael Joseph Thompson
Ryan James Connolly	Pedro Alejandro Martínez	Cameron Edward Viola
Brian J. Cullinan	López	Bryan Waruhui
Basliel Demessie	Thomas Emmett McCarthy	Riley Elizabeth Williams
Bhagyashree Anil Dere	Morgan Murray	Maria Ann Louise Zonfrillo
Kyle Roy Durand	Asjah Nero	
Hisham Elhassan	Khanh Ngoc Nguyen	

## WINSTON SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL POLICY

Kara Lynne Abate	Ashley Marie Botelho	Gabrielle O. Coe
Hana Abualragheb	Ryan Michael Botto	Lauren Cohen
Lillie Acoff	Sarah Kimberley Boutotte	Ashley Angelina Colarusso
Patrick Michael Adams	Justin Anders Bowen	Kimberly Cole
Kanyinsola Adedeji	Anna Boyle	Ellen Elizabeth Kelly
Jack Pasquale Alberici	Elizabeth Mary Boyle	Contini
Alice Albuja	Marie A. Brenker	Katherine Cooney
Maegan Monaghan Allen	Allison Brooks	Patricia Ann Cooney
Marie Alvernaz	Kristen M. Buccelli	Emelia Rose Cooper
Katelyn Anderson	Sarah Buckley	Jillian R. Cooper
Colleen Andrews	Bridget Burns	Kristina Lynne Copelas
Benares Narayana Angeley	Kathleen Mulgrew Burns	Jennifer Cordes
Tess McCann Anketell	Kelly Winifred Byrne	Eben Robblee Cottrelle
Cameron Richard	Olivia Maria Cabrera	Chantal Marie Couture
Applegate	Mark C. Cafarelli	Catherine Eliese Creane
Ketene S. Arante	Alexander Matthias Caissie	Gina Creedon
Emily Archibald	Christie Elizabeth Caliendo	Sarelle Elizabeth Creesy
Taylor M. Arcuri	Erin Callagy	Nicole Alyse Cronin
Alexa Arsenault	Emily Calos	Thomas C. Crowley
Jessica Arsenault	Lauren Rebecca Campbell	Julia Crugnale
Ugo Nina Igwe	Paige Julia Campbell	Gabriella Cuddy
Kristen Allyn Ascì	Lauren Marie Capasso	Meredith Rafferty Curtin
Shawna Auger	Andrew Card	Ryan Cutillo
Olivia Avery	Eileen Ahearn Cardoso	Carl Robert Cyr
Olivia Victoria Bachry	Charolette Marie Caron	Kyra Lane D'Entremont
Dominique A. Bailey	Gabrielle Ruth Carpenter	Lauren D'Intino
Caileigh Baker	Ralph Anthony Carrieri Jr.	Taylor Jordan D'Urso
Bruno Barbuto	Mikayla Ann Cassidy	Ally Catherine DaCosta
Michael Barresi	Kathleen Ann Cavanaugh	Alison Marie Daigle
Megan Bartleman	Ashley Cavicchi	Kelsey Susan Daly
Colin Batchelder	Amanda Chamberlain	Aaron Dame
Stephanie Bazinet	Lilian Joy Chang	Erika Martha Damiani
Summer Alice Beals	Kaila Marie Chanthaboun	Kamila Dealey
Quinn Beattie	Kaitlyn Lee Chao	Francesca M. DeCaro
Brandon Beaudry	Caitlin Elizabeth Charette	Brooke Gail Delahunty
Caitlyn Michelle Bellezza	Jeong Woo Choe	Charlotte Elizabeth Delasin
Mikayla Benoit	Krista Martha Chouinard	Rachel Arleen Deloia
Lindsey Xiao Hui Berke	Alyssa Cicconi	Roby Ambrose Deschenes
Evelyn Rose Bernard	Carlos Arturo Cid	Shyann S. DiGiovanni
Meaghan E. Bertini	Erin D. Claflin	Thomas Clayton
Laura Bishop	Heather L. Clark	DiPasquale
Michael Joseph Blando Jr.	Paige Madison Clark	Juliana Bella DiRamio
Elena Evanthia Blatus	Kyra Elizabeth Clinton	Norway Olivia Dolan
Nicole Elizabeth Bockus	Kalyn Alecia Cochran	Nicole Ann Douglass

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## MASTER'S DEGREES IN COURSE

Lily Dow	Lisa A. Graham	Helen Holway
Kian Dunn	Rosa Granadeno Aguilar	Alexandra Rose Howe
Ariela Duran	David M. Grandmaison Jr.	Meaghan Rose Hudson
Jenna Maria Durkin	Cassandra Grasso	Alexa Nicole Hughes
Bram Alan Eagan	Michelle Marie Grasso	Adina Bianca Jean
Ashley Rose Eisnor	Sophia Grayson	Anouse Jean-Jacques
Ariana Lee Ellsey	Daniela Greene	Arianna Jedrey
Melissa Andrea Ennulat	Ashley Griggs	Adam Robert Joy
Rachel K. Enriquez	Sydney Griswold	Sherry Jusseaume
Taylor M. Eriksen	Soumia Guemi	Maria Kaestner
Vanessa Marie Espinola	Brenda Guerrero	Kim Katz
Kathleen Maria Farrell	Gina Marie Haerer	Bridget Keefe
Isabel Marie Fernandes	Candice M. Hahn Clark	Kaitlyn Nicole Kelly
Joseph O'Connell Ferrarini	Alexander John	Julia Anne Kennedy
Alyssa Rose Figueiredo	Hajdukiewicz	Felisa Kerr
Jennifer Claire Fiorentino	Meghan Elizabeth Hale	Kimberly Kevorkian
Brendan Rue Fitzgerald	Kristen Haley	Jonathan Knee
Meredith V. Fitzsimmons	Meghan Rose Hall	Anastasia Kurmanova
Kerry Lynne Flaherty	Nicole Leanne Hall	Grace A. LaMuraglia
Joseph Fleming	Meagan Hallaran	Margaret L. Langenfeld
Nicole Fletcher	Andrew Hamm	Madison Ruth Lapierre
Danielle Nicole Chartrand	Malik Hamm	Gianna Marie Larson
Margaret Rose Ford	Julia Hancock	Madison Elizabeth Lawler
Eric William Fournier	Michelle Elizabeth Hand	Katherine Jane Lawless
Catherine Mary Francis	Kathryn-Mary Hanlon	Amanda Marie Lawlor
Stephanie M. Frazier	Tania Tasmin Haque	Lee Lebensbaum
John Anthony Froio III	Eva Carmen Harrell	Katelyn Nicole Leboeuf
Maya Rose FrostBrophy	Phoenix Morgan Harris	Nina June Lee
Janice Fuller	Leah Elizabeth Hart	Olivia Leone
Tara M. Gaide	Janelle Suzanne Havens	Jenissa L. Lequin
Kara Gardiner	Connor James Arndt	Andrew Lindsey
Diana Nicole Gargas	Hayden	Elena Jane Lizotte
Jacqueline Dolores Garvey	Maura Hayes	Dary Long
Victoria Alexis Garvin	MacKenzie Elizabeth	Tracie Lord
Amanda Gaudreau	Hayward	Daniel James Lordan
Megan Gaudreau	Em Heath	Samantha A. Lucier
Melissa Luise Gavin	Kimberly Heghinian	Amanda L Lurvey
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Chanteau L. Gilmore	Carmen Hogan	Anne Paula Maloney
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Alison Gordon	Katherine M. Holmes	Madison Maniatis



Rebecca Lynn Martin  
Colby Lynn Massa  
Derek Michael Matthews  
Allison Melissa Maynard  
Cristen McCarthy  
Margaret McCarthy  
Meghan Elizabeth McCarthy  
Reilly McCobb  
Patrick McCormick  
Megan Elizabeth  
McGunigle  
Tina McNeil  
Kaleigh Marie McNicholas  
Julia Mary McNiff  
Jessica Leigh Melanson  
Norimar Mercado-Machado  
Christina Messoré  
Victoria Elizabeth Mirabito  
Stephanie Mixon  
Yanira Molina-Gonzalez  
Tevin Jordan Monroe  
Cesar Moran  
Taylor Lorraine Morash  
Joseph Morin  
Macy L. Morrison  
Amanda Kate Moser-Shick  
Jillian Elizabeth Moulaison  
Fiona Christine Moynihan  
Brenna Mullin  
Samantha King Mullin  
Claire Murphy  
Caitlin Murray  
Eman Najjar  
Brittani Christine Napoli  
Madison Napoli  
Zacil Nash  
Fabiola Nazaire  
Devin Neal  
Leeann Newcomb  
Emily Arline Nichols  
Sarah Noone  
Kaela Darby Noyes  
Julia Ann Marie O'Brien  
Katherine O'Brien  
Kristen O'Connor  
Shawna Cecile O'Leary

Matthew O'Sullivan  
Suzanna Oliveira  
Amanda Olsavsky  
Anna Olson  
Casey Ondrus  
Tylan J. Onorato  
Julielys Ortiz-Leger  
Courtney Otero  
Margaux Irene Pace  
Giuseppe Palladino Jr.  
Isabella Anne Palmeira  
Jacob Davidson Palmer  
Natalie Ann Paquin  
Eleanora Grace Parravano  
Kristal L. Pastore  
Drew Arthur Patrick  
Tianna Pellerin  
Veronica Alexis Peña  
Dylan Perry  
Katarina Picanco  
Kendall M. Pieri  
Sara R. Pimental  
Heath Lawrence Pitt, Jr.  
Samantha Elizabeth Pitzl  
Samantha Ann Plumley  
Andrew Poland  
Alexa Elizabeth Popp  
Abby Ellen Pratt  
Tara Elizabeth Price  
Marissa N. Puccio  
Cameron Pugliares  
Austin Pyne  
Mia Nicole Quirini  
Emma Lloyd Randazza  
Chaya Natasha Rangaraj  
Mackenzie Reardon  
Shealyn Marie Redmond  
Caileigh Jane Reming  
Christopher Reusch  
Alexandra Reynolds  
Anna Fortunato Rhodes  
Joseph Ricci  
Meaghan Rickard  
Katherine Riffle  
Emma Louise Roca  
Allison Rodenbush

Tara Rodrigues  
Alexis Rodriguez  
Kathleen Rosa Romano  
Olivia Paola Rosa  
Zinha Rosa-Andrade  
Dina Maria Roumeliotis  
Ashley Royer  
Amanda Niccole Ruderman  
Mary Rose Elias Saad  
Elizabeth Saltus  
Natalie Elizabeth San  
Martin  
Salina Catherine Santone  
Alexa Savvas  
Caroline Rose Scannell  
Joshua Schilmeister  
Erika Rose Scott  
Amanda Leigh Semler  
Noor Shams  
Julia Shangraw  
Caitlin Shea  
Corey Mark Shepherd  
Andrea Sherbakov  
Elizabeth Simic  
Anina Theroux Sinclair  
Emily M. Small  
Cameron J. Smith  
Darla Lynn Snyder-Rilling  
Michelle Soel  
Bridget Elizabeth  
Soraghan  
Elisabeth Sorrows  
Katherine Clara Sorrows  
Elizabeth Corey Sousa  
Perocchi  
Samantha Jean Souza  
Christine Ann Spinale  
Hannah Marjorie Springer  
David Stack  
Emma Irene Stalker  
Jessica Stanton  
Shannon Stewart  
Samantha N. Stilian  
Karthika Streb  
Brooke Colleen Sturtevant  
Katherine Sullivan

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## MASTER'S DEGREES IN COURSE

Alex Surro  
Allison Taylor  
Meaghan Elizabeth Teehan  
Sadie Elizabeth Terramare  
Kathryn Vittoria Elizabeth  
Terranova  
Alyson Rose Testa  
Christina Esther Theodore  
Krystle Thomaszewski  
Brendel Tine  
Autumn Truesdale  
Bethany Tsiaras  
Alexander Joseph Turanski  
Cassidy B. Tyros

Paul Steven Valley  
Alexa Winifred van der Burg  
Taylor Vanaria  
Alicia Varraso  
Ashley Veloz  
Carolyne Ventricelli  
Michaela Verrette  
Rachael E. Vokey  
Martha Vosnak  
Tabatha R Walker  
Craig Edward Weatherbee  
Lindsay A. Weatherbee  
Brian Weiner  
Caitlin West

Michelle Susan White  
Nathaniel Stefan Wiech  
Kasey Marie Williams  
Kelley Williams  
Molly Katherine Wilmot  
Olivia Wise  
Emily Rae Wood  
Brent Thomas Wright  
Prisca Yangambi  
Laura Maria Yepes  
Patti-Ann Young  
Rachel Elana Zabar  
Joseph Van Zannoni Jr  
Jessica F. Zeyger

## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

### **M. Lee Pelton**

After decades in higher education, Lee Pelton in 2021 took the reins as president and CEO of the Boston Foundation, one of the nation's leading philanthropic organizations. He oversees one of the oldest community foundations in the country. Since its founding in 1915, the Boston Foundation has given more than \$2 billion in grants.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Pelton announced "Our New Pathway," a strategy for the foundation that, among other key areas, will aim to repair the harm caused by systemic and structural economic, social, gender and racial disparities, close racial wealth gaps and establish programs that contribute to an equitable and just society for marginalized communities.

Prior to The Boston Foundation, Pelton served as president of Emerson College from 2011 to 2021. He was inducted by the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce into its Academy of Distinguished Bostonians, received the Governor's Award from MassHumanities in 2020 and the Robert Coard Distinguished Leadership Medal in 2021.

### **James T. Brett**

James T. Brett has led The New England Council, a non-partisan alliance of businesses, academic and health institutions, and public and private organizations to promote economic growth and a high quality of life in the New England region, since 1996.

Under his leadership, the Council has made successful impacts on federal policy including energy, financial services, healthcare, education and workforce development.

Brett is also a lifelong advocate for people with disabilities. He has served on the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities for three of the past four administrations, and is vice chair of the National Council on Disability.

# 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, Massachusetts. 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, 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.

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

*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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