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Founded in 1933, Monmouth is a private, mid-sized, comprehensive university with a broad commitment to the liberal arts. Monmouth University offers 33 bachelor's, 24 master's, and four doctoral degree programs.

Students benefit from a rigorous academic experience, small classes, and professors who meet the highest standards for scholarship and teaching. Our students participate in more than 120 active clubs and organizations, including 14 fraternities and sororities, four media organizations, and an NCAA Division I athletics program fielding 24 teams.

Monmouth's beautiful 170-acre coastal campus, close to New York City and Philadelphia, includes a blend of historic landmarks and state-of-the-art facilities.

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MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

January 12, 2024

**Richard Veit, Ph.D., RPA, Interim Provost and
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Presiding**

PROCESSIONAL	<i>Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEM	<i>Amani Adelan, Soloist</i>
PROVOST'S WELCOME.....	Richard Veit, Ph.D.
GREETINGS FROM FACULTY.....	Kerry Carley-Rizzuto, Ed.D. <i>Vice Chair, Faculty Council</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES	Christopher D. Maher <i>Chair, Monmouth University Board of Trustees</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE SENIOR CLASS OFFICER.....	Jessica M. Bisciotti <i>Senior Class Vice President</i>
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES.....	Patrick F. Leahy, Ed.D. <i>President</i>
PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DEGREES	
School of Education	
Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies	
PRESENTATION OF DEGREES IN COURSE	
Wayne D. McMurray School of Humanities and Social Sciences	
School of Education	
Leon Hess Business School	
School of Science	
Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies	
School of Social Work	
PRESIDENT'S REMARKS.....	Patrick F. Leahy, Ed.D. <i>President</i>
ALMA MATER	
RECESSIONAL	<i>Trumpet Voluntary, Henry Purcell</i>

All commencement participants and guests are requested to remain in their seats
until all of the ceremony participants process out.

DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD 2023 RECIPIENT

Kathryn Ann Lionetti, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Biology

Kathryn Ann Lionetti, Ph.D., received her doctoral degree in Genetics from the Department of Microbiology at SUNY Stony Brook in July of 1990. She began teaching as a member of the Department of Biology at Monmouth University in August 1990, and was promoted to associate professor in 1996.

Lionetti has long been recognized for teaching effectiveness and course development. She was instrumental in developing the highly sought-after Molecular Cell Physiology concentration for Biology students. In 2006, she created a Molecular Cell laboratory to provide capstone experience in molecular and cellular techniques, and fill the gap as faculty-directed research opportunities were still emerging. She continues to teach and foster the development of the Introduction to Cell and Molecular Biology, a first-year foundational course. Her commitment to helping students adjust to college, and the challenges of a demanding major, was recognized in 2010 with the First Year Seminar Trailblazer Award for developing Meet the Microbes, the pioneering first year seminar course for the University. She has been at the forefront of transitions in general education, developing a new natural science course option, Mighty Microbes, in 2018, and helping the department move to an Introductory to Biology Major Seminar. In line with her interests in education, Lionetti helped develop syllabi for the three required biology courses for the Interdisciplinary Studies for Elementary Educators (ISEE) major and regularly taught Introduction to Structure and Function of Living Systems. As a major part of her teaching commitment, Lionetti has taught and undertaken major revisions in teaching both general and applied microbiology for biology majors, as well as students interested in nursing and health. When the COVID pandemic forced remote learning, Lionetti remained closely connected to the American Society for Microbiology. She developed innovative ways to accomplish lab learning outcomes for students taking the General Microbiology lecture and lab course remotely. She published this work titled, "Teaching Microscopy Remotely: Two Engaging Options," in the Journal of Microbiology and Biology Education in 2022. Lionetti is a member of the American Society for Microbiology, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the National Association of Biology Teachers. Her current research interests center around the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.

Along with teaching, advising is a true passion. Early in her career, Lionetti received the 1992-93 Life and Career Advising Center Award for her contributions and dedication to students. She has served as department advising coordinator since its inception in 1997, served on school and University wide advising committees and task forces, and has been a First Year Advisor. In 2018, Lionetti received the Jean Judge Transfer Champion Award in recognition of exemplary dedication to transfer student service and advocacy at Monmouth University. Her commitment to students' well-being led to selection for the Board of Trustees Student Life Committee, now part of the Academic and Student Experience Committee, amid a wide range of other service commitments on behalf of students and faculty colleagues.

Lionetti resides in Ocean Township with her husband Jeffrey, is the proud mother of two sons, and grandmother of one grandson.



Message to the Graduating Class of 2024 from Kathryn Ann Lionetti, Ph.D.

Congratulations Class of 2024! It has been a pleasure to watch you grow and reach this milestone in your lives! In your college experience, you've faced challenges unique to this time in history. You overcame them to be here celebrating today. When obstacles cross your path again, remember that you have already proven that you have the skills and fortitude to push through them. Facing adversity has also taught you the importance of understanding, kindness, and caring. Take these lessons to heart. Let your strength, passion, and power fuel you to fulfill your life in the way that best suits you and no one else. With pride and excitement, I, and your Monmouth University community, look forward to celebrating your future accomplishments!



UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE CANDIDATES

Honors for January undergraduate candidates and highest-ranking degree recipients by department are included in the commencement program insert and published online at monmouth.edu/commencement.

WAYNE D. McMURRAY SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Emily Anna Balsamo, <i>BA, English, Education - Elementary K-6</i>	Gabriella C. Griffo, <i>BA, Political Science, Sociology</i>	Eric Paul Riester, <i>BA, History, Education - Secondary</i>
Madison Margaret Bednarik, <i>BA, Psychology</i>	Madison Lynne Hudson, <i>BA, Psychology</i>	Thomas Flynn Rosta, <i>BA, Anthropology, Political Science</i>
Julia Kathrynann Benol, <i>BA, Foreign Language-Spanish, Education - Secondary</i>	Kaitlyn E. Hurley, <i>BA, Psychology</i>	Julia Renee Schaefer, <i>BA, Foreign Language-Spanish</i>
Isaiah K. Bishop, <i>BA, Communication</i>	Thomas Moijwe Joe-Kamara, <i>BA, Criminal Justice</i>	Davis M. Smith, <i>BA, Music</i>
Gabrielle Marie Bisignano, <i>BA, Anthropology, Education - Elementary K-6</i>	Zahkia Kakari, <i>BA, Psychology</i>	Sabria Sanaa Smith, <i>BA, Political Science</i>
Ellen E. Bozza, <i>BA, History, Education - Elementary K-6</i>	Assanti Dupri Kearney, <i>BA, Communication</i>	Cameron Jordan Rubin Stovel, <i>BA, Criminal Justice</i>
Mark Anthony Bravaco, <i>BA, Political Science</i>	Emily Rose Lang, <i>BA, Criminal Justice</i>	James M. Sundberg, <i>BA, Communication</i>
Keegan Christopher Cannon, <i>BA, Communication</i>	Rebecca Catherine Malinowski, <i>BA, Political Science</i>	Christina N. Sutera, <i>BA, Communication</i>
Gabriela Marie Capela, <i>BA, Foreign Language-Spanish, Education - Elementary K-6</i>	Molly M. Masonius, <i>BA, English</i>	Jude Anthony Umunakwe, <i>BA, Communication</i>
Madison Tyler Dellea, <i>BA, Psychology</i>	Nicole Rose Mautone, <i>BA, English</i>	Nicole Renee Verdino, <i>BA, English</i>
Larry Dougherty, <i>BS, Homeland Security</i>	Anaiza Sariyah Medina, <i>BA, English</i>	Michael C. Wade-Stump, <i>BS, Homeland Security</i>
Sarah Rose Drew, <i>BA, Psychology</i>	Ransom Miller, <i>BA, Psychology</i>	Shannon Casey Whartnaby, <i>BA, History</i>
Connor Raymond Dupree, <i>BA, Sociology</i>	Evan J. Orsini, <i>BA, Psychology</i>	Blaney M. Wheeler, <i>BA, English, Education - Elementary K-6</i>
Charlotte Jane Edwards, <i>BA, English</i>	Megan C. Pagliettini, <i>BA, English, Education - Elementary K-6</i>	Katherine White, <i>BA, Anthropology</i>
Katelyn Fabian, <i>BA, Foreign Language-Spanish, Education - Elementary K-6</i>	Nicole Anna Parylak, <i>BA, History, Education - Elementary K-6</i>	Elena Serafina Worton, <i>BA, Music</i>
Edward Immanuel Gatling Davis, <i>BA, Communication</i>	Richard D. Pitts, <i>BA, Political Science</i>	Alex Theodore Zuckerman, <i>BA, Psychology</i>
	Daniel Pukac, <i>BS, Homeland Security</i>	Peter Anthony Zukowski, <i>BA, History</i>
	Sierra Naomi Ramirez, <i>BA, Political Science</i>	
	Christina Esperanza Raspa, <i>BA, English</i>	
	Katherine Corina Reynoso, <i>BA, Political Science</i>	

MASTER'S DEGREES

Gina Marie Aucello, <i>MA, Criminal Justice</i>	Nicole Collins, <i>MA, English</i>	Nicole Elizabeth DeShan, <i>MS, Clinical Mental Health Counseling</i>
Samuel Joseph Burkhard, <i>MA, Criminal Justice</i>	Alexandra Heintz Conaway, <i>MS, Clinical Mental Health Counseling</i>	Jessica Frances DiStefano, <i>MS, Clinical Mental Health Counseling</i>
Marisa Ann Clinton, <i>MA, Anthropology</i>	Haley Alexandra DeMarco, <i>MA, Criminal Justice</i>	Seth Geller, <i>MS, Clinical Mental Health Counseling</i>
Anna Catherine Coffman, <i>MS, Clinical Mental Health Counseling</i>		

Martin Giancarli, *MA, Criminal Justice*
Luis C. Guedes, *MS, Clinical Mental
Health Counseling*
Caroline M. Guerrero, *MS, Clinical Mental
Health Counseling*
Kaleigh Henry, *MA, Criminal Justice*
Timothy Thomas Jacoutot, *MA, History*
Victoria A. Jonczyk, *MS, Clinical Mental
Health Counseling*
Yana Katri, *MS, Clinical Mental
Health Counseling*
Lauren Marie Kimble, *MS, Clinical Mental
Health Counseling*

Evangeline Nichole Lappas, *MA,
Criminal Justice*
Denis Long, *MA, History*
Chanz Jaden Martinez, *MA,
Criminal Justice*
Marquez Edward McCray, *MA,
Communication*
Francis S. Millheim, *MA, Criminal Justice*
Michael Francis Padovani, *MA, English*
Michael Louis Petillo, *MA, Criminal Justice*
Luke Shefski, *MA, Anthropology*
Judith Marie Shingledecker, *MA, English*
Patrick John Specchio, *MA, Criminal Justice*

Graciela Victoria St. Onge, *MA,
Anthropology*
Natalie Marie Tavares, *MA,
Addiction Studies*
Angelica M. Urbino, *MA, Criminal Justice*
Emma Rose Wheeler, *MS, Clinical Mental
Health Counseling*
Aaron Anthony Williams, *MA,
Communication*



SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Amanda Lynn Connelly, *EDD, Education*
Oscar Rodrigo Díaz, *EDD, Education*

Matthew E. Johnson, *EDD, Education*

Matthew Patrick Miranda, *EDD, Education*

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Jacqueline M. Aquino, *BS, Mathematics,
Education - Secondary*
Emily Anna Balsamo, *BA, English,
Education - Elementary K-6*
Julia Kathrynann Benol, *BA, Foreign
Language-Spanish, Education - Secondary*
Gabrielle Marie Bisignano, *BA,
Anthropology, Education - Elementary K-6*
Ellen E. Bozza, *BA, History,
Education - Elementary K-6*
Gabriela Marie Capela, *BA, Foreign Language
Spanish, Education - Elementary K-6*

Katelyn Fabian, *BA, Foreign Language-
Spanish, Education - Elementary K-6*
Aimee Christine Hirst, *BS, Health and
Physical Education, Education - Secondary*
Megan C. Pagliettini, *BA, English,
Education - Elementary K-6*
Nicole Anna Parylak, *BA, History,
Education - Elementary K-6*
Ashley Noelle Pietrowski, *BA,
Early Childhood/TSD*
Eric Paul Riester, *BA, History,
Education - Secondary*

Brooke Ashley Rothman, *BA,
Interdisciplinary for Elementary Educators*
Danielle M. Somohano, *BA,
Early Childhood/TSD*
Margaret K. Walsh, *BA,
Early Childhood/TSD*
Blaney M. Wheeler, *BA, English,
Education - Elementary K-6*

MASTER'S DEGREES

Irene M. Brooks, *MSEd,
Education - Special Education*
Anay Mercedes Castro, *MSEd,
Educational Counseling*
Alexandra Lauren Demarest, *MEd,
Education*

Kamilla Cunha Dosantos, *MSEd,
Educational Counseling*
Dana Joy Hanlon, *MSEd,
Education - Special Education*
Arianna Gabrielle Hoffman, *MSEd,
Educational Counseling*

Samantha A. Jaslow, *MSEd,
Educational Counseling*
Kylie A. Johnson, *MSEd,
Educational Counseling*
Vicki L. Jordan, *MSEd,
Education - Principal*

BA: Bachelor of Arts
BS: Bachelor of Science
EDD: Doctor of Educational Leadership

MA: Master of Arts
MS: Master of Science

MEd: Master of Education
MSEd: Master of Science in Education

Stephanie N. Kelly, *MEd, Education*
Samantha Lyn Kobryn, *MSEd,*
Educational Counseling
Amanda L. Lawrence, *MEd, Education*
Skylar Raine Lyons, *MSEd,*
Educational Counseling
Morgan T. McCarthy, *MEd, Education*
Kathy-Ann Margaret Mitchell, *MSEd,*
Educational Counseling
Hayley Elizabeth Mooney, *MEd,*
Education
Andrew Nash, *MSEd,*
Educational Counseling
Kelly Brooke Ney, *MSEd,*
Education - Literacy

Melissa O'Brien, *MSEd,*
Education - Special Education
Luz Brighth Olivero, *MEd, Education*
Natalie Rose Ostermann, *MSEd,*
Educational Counseling
Nuha Othman, *MEd, Education*
Alexa B. Palmerini, *MSEd,*
Educational Counseling
Sara R. Paone, *MAT,*
Education - Elementary K-6
Rachel Sarah Peyser, *MSEd,*
Educational Counseling
Angelina M. Piccinino, *MEd, Education*
Karen Anne Raguette, *MSEd,*
Educational Counseling

Cesar O. Roman, *MEd, Education*
Amanda Rutkowski, *MSEd,*
Educational Counseling
Julia Delane Salsido, *MAT,*
Education - Elementary K-6
Bryan J. Schuck, *MSEd,*
Educational Counseling
Samantha Lynn Schweyher, *MSEd,*
Educational Counseling
Anastasia Marie Sciorra, *MEd, Education*
Marissa Rowan Tamuzza, *MSEd,*
Educational Counseling
Bridgette Dawn Triola-Salman,
MAT, Education - Elementary K-6



LEON HESS BUSINESS SCHOOL

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Camilo Andres Acuna, *BS,*
Business Administration
Eli Avivi, *BS, Business Administration*
Samantha Grace Basso, *BS,*
Business Administration
Devon M. Butler, *BS,*
Business Administration
Emma Victoria Byrne, *BS,*
Business Administration
Carissa Anne Civitello, *BS,*
Business Administration
Caseem Charlie Oluwabumi Dewitt, *BS,*
Business Administration
Sara Nicole Dominguez, *BS,*
Business Administration
Luke Anthony Finn, *BS,*
Business Administration
Emily Rose Finnegan, *BS,*
Business Administration
Taylor Rose Galloway, *BS,*
Business Administration
Brennan K. Grooms, *BS,*
Business Administration
Patrick M. Hayden, *BS,*
Business Administration

Haider Abbas Husaini, *BS,*
Business Administration
Jager D. Iemmello, *BS,*
Business Administration
Erick Thomas Jara, *BS,*
Business Administration
Anthony Gaetano Lenoy, *BS,*
Business Administration
Matthew Thomas Lobocchiaro, *BS,*
Business Administration
Jacob T. Manna, *BS,*
Business Administration
Britney Nicole Michko, *BS,*
Business Administration
Gabriel A. Miranda, *BS,*
Business Administration
Makai Parkey, *BS, Business Administration*
Allison Mae Pinkert, *BS,*
Business Administration
Katya Rodriguez, *BS,*
Business Administration
Steven Michael Sabatino, *BS,*
Business Administration
Alexis Carolyn Santoro, *BS,*
Business Administration

Sabrina Scala, *BS, Business Administration*
Gina Denise Shaughnessy, *BS,*
Business Administration
Miranda J. Sica, *BS,*
Business Administration
Karolina Anna Sliwiak, *BS,*
Business Administration
Celestine Alicia Taylor, *BS,*
Business Administration
Griffin M. Tomas, *BS,*
Business Administration
Alexander V. Van Name, *BS,*
Business Administration
Samuel Vaturi, *BS, Business Administration*
Kyle Joseph Wenrich, *BS,*
Business Administration
Isabella F. Whitaker, *BS,*
Business Administration
Benjamin Michael Zakowski, *BS,*
Business Administration
Kristen Nicole Zeppetella, *BS,*
Business Administration

MASTER'S DEGREES

Victor Araujo Vialogo de Castro, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Lucca Bernardo da Silva, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Bridget J. Byrnes, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Lauren Alexis Canelo, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Justin Thomas Cormey, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Jacqueline Marie DiGregorio, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Garrett M. Henn, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Calli Jackson, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Taylor Grant Kahn, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Sigal F. Khodara, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Rose Marie Masias, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Cassidy Orban, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Elizabeth Victory Riddle, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Brian Andrew Saible, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Justin L. Scotti, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Hannah N. Stone, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Kelly Y. Toomey, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Kyle J. Tripple, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Annick Antonia Maria van Lange, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Tyler D. Williams, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Lukasz Wlodkowski, *MBA*,
Business Administration



SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

James Tanner Allan, *BS, Computer Science*

Jacqueline M. Aquino, *BS, Mathematics*,
Education - Secondary

Mariah Elizabeth Beeler-Hope, *BS, Biology*

Michelle Eillen Bulnes, *BS, Biology*

Anthony J. Cross, *BS, Computer Science*

Morgan B. Davis, *BS, Biology*

Camryn Ann Duffy, *BS, Biology*

Julia Marie Evernham, *BS, Biology*

Chase Robert Fairbanks, *BS, Biology*

Emily Marie Ferris, *BS, Biology*

Christine Alicia Gabbidon, *BS, Biology*

Amanda Rose Gallaro, *BS*,

Computer Science

Olivia Louise Hiers, *BS, Chemistry*

Charlene Kimberley Jansen, *BS, Biology*

Julia Adriana Kalynchuk, *BS, Biology*

Patrick C. O'Connell, *BS, Chemistry*

Shirley Michelle Robles, *BS, Biology*

Adriana Simancas, *BS, Biology*

Gavin Henry Simons, *BS, Chemistry*

Maxwell Robert Swiatek, *BS, Biology*

Samantha Mishel Valencia, *BS, Biology*

MASTER'S DEGREES

Adrit Biswas, *MS, Information Systems*

Paul Joseph Bitterly, *MS, Computer Science*

Sneha Gorantla, *MS, Computer Science*

Spencer C. Johnson, *MS, Computer Science*

David Allen Kundrats, *MS*,

Computer Science

Julianna Alexandra Rubinetti, *MS*,

Information Systems

Lisa Sharice Swarn, *MS, Computer Science*

Regan James Waters, *MS*,

Information Systems



MARJORIE K. UNTERBERG SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH STUDIES

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Clarese M. Bradley, *DNP, Nursing*
Margarida Cruz, *DNP, Nursing*
Beyyinah Hasan, *DNP, Nursing*
Martine Julsaint Jones, *DNP, Nursing*

Farah Laurent, *DNP, Nursing*
Giuseppina Palma Pagnotta, *DNP, Nursing*
Yvette C. Rodgers-Musial, *DNP, Nursing*

Shanna Rose Sapienza, *DNP, Nursing*
Rosemary Ellen Smentkowski, *DNP,
Nursing*

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Jennifer Angon, *BS, Health Studies*
Megan Elizabeth Borton, *BS,
Health Studies*
Joseph P. Carlo, *BS, Health Promotion*
Kaitlin R. Fitzgerald, *BS, Health Studies*
Alexa Anne Frazzetto, *BS, Health Studies*
Jordan Bobby Gray, *BS, Health Studies*
Conrad C. Halvorsen, *BS, Health Studies*

Aimee Christine Hirst, *BS, Health and
Physical Education, Education - Secondary*
Nicholas J. Kenneally, *BS, Health Studies*
David Mitchell Kraftmann, *BS,
Health Studies*
Michelle M. Lasky, *BS, Health Studies*
Rachel Erica Loining, *BS, Health Studies*
Jordan Conner McCormack, *BS,
Health Promotion*

Katherine Riley O'Brien, *BS,
Health Studies*
Isabella Marie Osorio, *BS, Health Studies*
Noelle Parrino, *BS, Health Studies*
Antonio Pugliese, *BS, Health Promotion*
Nicole Stas, *BS, Health Studies*
Andre Thomas Tucker, *BS, Health Studies*

MASTER'S DEGREES

Dominique Bourgelais, *MSN, Nursing*



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Samantha Grace Schubel, *BSW, Social Work*

MASTER'S DEGREES

Brianna A. Barnes, *MSW, Social Work*

Carlin Glyptis, *MSW, Social Work*

Courtney Ann Johnson, *MSW, Social Work*

Katielynn L. Labruzzo, *MSW, Social Work*

Jessica Martinson, *MSW, Social Work*

Rebecca Allison Sundt, *MSW, Social Work*

Katelyn Louise Szoke, *MSW, Social Work*

Brian Tier, *MSW, Social Work*



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BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Jacqueline M. Aquino, *BS, Mathematics,
Education - Secondary*

Carissa Anne Civitello, *BS,
Business Administration*

Anthony J. Cross, *BS, Computer Science*

Sarah Rose Drew, *BA, Psychology*

Charlotte Jane Edwards, *BA, English*

Olivia Louise Hiers, *BS, Chemistry*

Nicole Rose Mautone, *BA, English*

Adriana Simancas, *BS, Biology*

Elena Serafina Worton, *BA, Music*

Monmouth University Alma Mater

Music by: Beethoven
Lyrics by:
Louis P. Nappen '90, '92

Moderato



1. Sym - bol of our skills and vir - tues her - ald of our
2. Gro - wing with each ge - ne - ra - tion, for - ming ties that



di - gni - ty; with these prai - ses we sa - lute you
will re - main. For - ging true our lives foun - da - tions



Mon - mouth U - ni - ver - si - ty Soar - ing from the
with each goal that we at - tain.



Jer - sey shore u - pon the wind, our wings un - furl'd.



High a - bove the o - cean's roar, the Blue Hawks rise to meet the world.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The history of academic dress reaches far back into the earliest days of the oldest universities. A statute of 1321 required that all “Doctors, Licentiates, and Bachelors” of the University of Coimbra wear gowns. In England, in the second half of the 14th century, the statutes of certain colleges prescribed the wearing of a long gown. In the 16th and 17th centuries in Europe, the wearing of a robe often signified a degree candidate’s political or religious affiliation; in the northern universities and those of the British Isles, the robes signified that tuition and boarding fees of the wearer had been paid and also entitled them to special immunities in civil law, as well as providing them warmth at lectures and chapel.

When American colleges and universities desired to adopt some suitable system of academic apparel, a conference held at Columbia University in 1895, made up of representatives from various institutions, drew up a “By-Law, Regulation, or Statute” for the establishment of a suitable code of academic dress for colleges and universities in the United States. This code, with modifications made in 1959 by the Committee on Academic Costumes and Ceremonies of the American Council on Education, is still in force; the costumes and colors, trimmings, and patterns you will see are traditional, and interpret both the degree and field of learning. The bachelor’s gown, designed to be worn closed, has pointed sleeves; the master’s gown, which may be worn open or closed, has an oblong sleeve open at the wrist that hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut, and the front part has the arc cut away. The doctoral gown has bell-shaped sleeves. It may be worn open or closed.

Black is the recommended color for all academic gowns. Bachelor’s and master’s gowns are untrimmed. Doctoral gowns are faced with black velvet, with three bars across the sleeves; the color of the velvet may also be that which is distinctive to the degree, agreeing with that of the edging of the hood. In the 1960s, many American land-grant universities adopted the British and the Scottish tradition of using the official school color(s) for the robes of their doctoral recipients—for instance, Yale: sky blue; Harvard: crimson; University of Pennsylvania: scarlet and blue; Columbia: slate gray; Rutgers: scarlet and black.

The colors you will see in the hoods of our faculty represent the various fields in which the degrees were taken:

Apricot: <i>Nursing</i>	Orange: <i>Engineering</i>
Brown: <i>Fine Arts</i>	Pink: <i>Music</i>
Citron: <i>Social Work</i>	Purple: <i>Law</i>
Crimson: <i>Journalism</i>	Sage Green: <i>Physical Education</i>
Dark Blue: <i>Philosophy</i>	Salmon Pink: <i>Public Health</i>
Golden Yellow: <i>Science</i>	Scarlet: <i>Theology</i>
Green: <i>Medicine</i>	Yellow-Brown: <i>Commerce, Business, Accountancy</i>
Lemon-Yellow: <i>Library Science</i>	White: <i>Arts, Letters, Humanities</i>
Light Blue: <i>Education</i>	

The hoods, differing in length for the three degrees—bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral—are lined with the official colors of the university or college conferring the degree, usually with one color forming a chevron pattern over the other. Hoods are edged and bound with velvet or the color appropriate for the degree. You will see in our procession many hoods edged with dark blue, representing doctor of philosophy.

Mortarboards are the approved headgear. The tassel, worn on the left side of the cap, may be gold if the holder has a doctoral degree.



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Congratulations once again and we look forward to welcoming you to the alumni association.

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President, Alumni Association Board of Directors





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