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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, 23 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 18 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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August 26, 2025

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

PROCESSIONAL.....*Pomp and Circumstance*, Sir Edward Elgar

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PROVOST'S WELCOME..... Richard Veit, Ph.D.

GREETINGS FROM

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES Christopher D. Maher
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GREETINGS FROM FACULTY John Comiskey, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Dept. of Criminal Justice & Chair, Faculty Council

GREETINGS FROM

THE CLASS OF 2025..... Nayeli Analia Conill '24
M.A. in Communication

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School of Science

School of Social Work

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS..... Patrick F. Leahy, Ed.D.
President

ALMA MATER

RECESSIONAL.....*Trumpet Voluntary*, Henry Purcell

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

DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD 2025 RECIPIENT

Joanne Jodry, Ed.D., DMH, LPC, LCADC

Associate Professor and Program Director, Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Joanne Jodry, Ed.D., DMH, LPC, LCADC, associate professor and director of the Clinical Mental Health Counseling graduate program, has been a faculty member at Monmouth University for 22 years. Professor Jodry received her master's degree in psychological counseling and post-master's certificate from Monmouth in 1998 and has been a Hawk ever since. She continued her education, receiving doctoral degrees in medical humanities and counselor education and supervision.

This is a second career for Professor Jodry. She earned her bachelor's degree in business management and began her first career in senior retail management. Seeking something more personally fulfilling, she turned to professional counseling and discovered her passion for teaching. Professor Jodry teaches from a feminist pedagogy and co-creates the classroom experience so that each student can grow at their own pace. She says it has been a joy watching students grow and find their voices over the last 22 years.

Her recently published theoretical book, "Feminist Intersectional Therapy," displays her passion for helping people understand social, cultural, and political internalized messages, and empowers them to decide if and how they may want to navigate the often-oppressive macro systems. Another research area of interest includes integrating other humanities disciplines into mental health counseling, such as philosophy, storytelling, and spirituality—specifically Buddhist psychology and drama therapy.

In addition to her academic work, Professor Jodry maintains a private clinical practice grounded in feminist intersectional theory. She specializes in adults struggling with finding meaning in their lives.



Message to the Graduating Class of 2025 from Joanne Jodry

Dear Graduating Class of 2025,

Congratulations on your monumental accomplishment! As you reflect on your hopes and dreams from your first steps at Monmouth University, I hope your experience has exceeded your expectations of growth and change in these crucial years of your life. Your personal development and professional growth at Monmouth should now be a launch pad for your future.

This may be the last time many of you will hold a student identity. What will your new identities entail? What do you want your life and career to mean? When will you be satisfied and happy? The next steps toward new roles and identities in your life should be chosen with intention. As you fly from the Hawks' nest, consider this: Are you going to judge yourself based on salary and material gains, or will you judge yourself on the ability to think, love, and serve despite the pressures of competition in society? Will you stop educating yourself in new thoughts and ways of being, or will you continue to grow in consciousness toward love and compassion in service to others? Are you going to judge yourself on how much you gain or how much you give? Will your happiness depend on your comfort and fulfilled desires, or your contribution to improving your community?

When will you be happy and content? Why not choose to be joyful from this day forward? You can choose gratitude and happiness every day of your life. That is my sincere wish for you, Class of 2025. Today is indeed a joyous day, as will be tomorrow if you choose it.

Congratulations!



UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE CANDIDATES

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

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Christina Bayer-Fahsen, *EdD*,
Educational Leadership

Erin Jean Blaney, *EdD*,
Educational Leadership

Michael Kevin Ennis, *EdD*,
Educational Leadership

Nicole Mary Halpin, *EdD*,
Educational Leadership

Brianna Marie Perricone, *EdD*,
Educational Leadership

Kaitlin Brooke Rodriguez, *EdD*,
Educational Leadership

MASTER'S DEGREES

Kathryn E. Alvarez, *MEd, Education*

Alana C. Bair, *MEd, Education*

Shelby Jessica Beard, *MSEd*,
Education - Special Education

Robyn Lynn Catalano, *MEd, Education*

Kimberly Coder, *MEd, Education*

Olivia Faith Cozzi, *MSEd*,
Education - Special Education

Mariella Abutin Gallagher, *MEd*,
Education

Julyana Karen Goncalves, *MEd*,
Education

Danielle Marilyn Granski, *MEd*,
Education

Julia Brady Hall, *MSEd*,
Education - Literacy

Laura Ann Kinlin, *MEd, Education*

Natalie Elizabeth Kosko, *MEd*,
Education

Elizabeth Krakoviak, *MEd, Education*

Rachel Sabrina Melillo, *MEd, Education*

Jesenia I. Montalvo, *MEd, Education*

Emma Frances Morris, *MSEd*,
Education - Literacy

Luis Emilio Ramirez-Molina, *MSEd*,
Speech-Language Pathology

Mary Catherine Schuld, *MSEd*,
Education - Literacy

Lisa Ann Schultz, *MSEd*,
Education - Principal

Jessica Shertenlieb, *MEd, Education*

Meredith Louise Smisek, *MEd*,
Education

Cori Elizabeth White, *MEd, Education*



WAYNE D. McMURRAY
SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Madeleine Mae Beck, <i>BA, English</i>	Michael Victor Freeman, <i>BA, Communication</i>	Shiao Ma, <i>BA, Communication</i>
Amber Rose Bender, <i>BS, Homeland Security</i>	Aidan Hanlan Gilmore, <i>BA, Political Science</i>	Riley Angiolina McGory, <i>BA, English</i>
Derek J. Benzinger, <i>BA, Sociology</i>	Sarah C. Guinnesssey, <i>BA, Communication</i>	Tara Ashley Mendillo, <i>BA, Communication</i>
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Gianna Marie DiAngelis, <i>BA, Anthropology</i>	Tucker William Lynch, <i>BFA, Fine Arts</i>	Aidan Sean Timmons, <i>BS, Homeland Security</i>
John Burnell England, <i>BA, Communication</i>		

MASTER'S DEGREES

Makaela R. Andes, <i>MS, Clinical Mental Health Counseling</i>	Oleksandr Nedoruba, <i>MA, Criminal Justice</i>	Diana Starr, <i>MS, Clinical Mental Health Counseling</i>
Julianna Margaret Caccamo, <i>MA, Communication</i>	Ashley Marie Nutt, <i>MA, Criminal Justice</i>	Alexis Jordan Stewart, <i>MA, Communication</i>
Sara Jill Carolonza, <i>MA, Communication</i>	Kiley RYanne O'Rourke, <i>MA, Criminal Justice</i>	Samantha Michele Traverso, <i>MS, Clinical Mental Health Counseling</i>
Nayeli Analia Conill, <i>MA, Communication</i>	Brendan James Pietrofesa, <i>MA, Criminal Justice</i>	Peter James Vandenberg, <i>MA, Anthropology</i>
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LEON HESS BUSINESS SCHOOL

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Mateo Bivol, *BS, Business Administration*

Madison Anthony Durr, *BS, Business Administration*

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Abigail Louise Rosciano, *BS, Business Administration*

Andrew Solomon, *BS, Business Administration*

Benjamin Vandenakker, *BS, Business Administration*

Kevin Zapata Perez, *BS, Business Administration*

MASTER'S DEGREES

Michael Cangialosi, *MBA, Business Administration*

Andrea Christine Competiello, *MBA, Business Administration*

Danielle Alexa Dabroski, *MBA, Business Administration*

Bastian Peter Mokkelbost Hatcher, *MBA, Business Administration*

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**MARJORIE K. UNTERBERG
SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH STUDIES**

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Ashley Elizabeth Kosenski, *BS,
Health Studies*

Jeffrey Michael LaQuaglia, *BS,
Health Promotion*

Anna Sophia Makris, *BS, Health Studies*

Jacilyn Rose Scarpone, *BS,
Health Studies*

Adriana Spagnuolo, *BS, Health Studies*

Santhasa Thontadarya Telagi, *BS,
Health Studies*

Madison Lynne Tracy, *BS,
Health Studies*

MASTER'S DEGREES

Faith Elizabeth Terrell, *MSN, Nursing*

Brianna Lee Viola, *MSN, Nursing*



SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Fareedat A. Adeleke, *BS, Biology*

Justyce Nyree Graham, *BA,
Computer Science*

Natalie P. Hayden, *BS, Medical
Laboratory Science*

Luke Lee Hernandez, *BS, Biology*

Xiao Li, *BS, Chemistry,
Medical Laboratory Science*

Vincenzo Frederico Rea, *BS,
Computer Science*

Maria Esperanza Vasconzuelo, *BS,
Chemistry, Medical Laboratory
Science*

MASTER'S DEGREES

Alonso E. Aguilera, *MS, Data Science*

Nakshatra Nitin Kawthale, *MS,
Information Systems*

Lauren M. Landstrom, *MS,
Data Science*

Ryan John Sonn, *MS, Data Science*

Gnanika Yalamanchili, *MS,
Computer Science*



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Jessica Paige Lieberman, *BSW, Social Work*

Jacqueline Jean Mazza, *BSW, Social Work*

Faith Breil Molitor, *BSW, Social Work*

MASTER'S DEGREES

Josephine M. Falcicchio, *MSW, Social Work*

Shonda L. Simpson, *MSW, Social Work*



HONORS SCHOOL

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Natalie P. Hayden, *BS, Medical Laboratory Science*

Jacqueline Jean Mazza, *BSW, Social Work*

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: *Nursing*

Brown: *Fine Arts*

Citron: *Social Work*

Crimson: *Journalism*

Dark Blue: *Philosophy*

Golden Yellow: *Science*

Green: *Medicine*

Lemon-Yellow: *Library Science*

Light Blue: *Education*

Orange: *Engineering*

Pink: *Music*

Purple: *Law*

Sage Green: *Physical Education*

Salmon Pink: *Public Health*

Scarlet: *Theology*

Yellow-Brown: *Commerce, Business, Accountancy*

White: *Arts, Letters, Humanities*

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.



Dear Members of the Class of 2025:

On behalf of the Monmouth University Alumni Association, welcome to the alumni family—a vibrant network that boasts over 59,000 Hawks in 50 states.

Today marks a new and exciting chapter in your connection to Monmouth University—one that will continue to grow with your professional and personal development. We want you to remain engaged with your alma mater, and share in your accomplishments, no matter where your achievements take you.

Stay connected by creating and updating your alumni contact record at **monmouth.edu/stayconnected** to receive the Monmouth Monthly alumni e-newsletter, invitations to alumni events and networking gatherings, and alumni discounts. Visit **monmouth.edu/careerdevelopment** to search for job opportunities and build your professional network.

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

Bayaan Oluyadi Sr.

Bayaan Oluyadi Sr. '13
President, Alumni Association Board of Directors

WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

Upcoming Events for Alumni

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Save the date for Homecoming:

Start a new tradition and celebrate with your fellow alumni, Saturday, October 18, 2025.

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