



**BACCALAUREATE
AND
COMMENCEMENT
CEREMONIES**

Virtually: May 9, 2020

In-Person: May 8, 2021

DEFIANCE COLLEGE



2020 CEREMONY

BACCALAUREATE

Prelude Defiance College Community Orchestra,
DC College Choir, Ryan Mays, Organ

The Avengers Alan Silvestri
Mfurahini Haleluya Philip Lehenbauer, Arranger
Allegretto from Symphony No. 7 Ludwig van Beethoven
One Voice arr. Ruth Moody
Salvation is Created Pavel Chesnokov
Andromeda Carol Williams
Defiance College Alma Mater Mary Strickland Roberts
A Thankful Return Phil Lehenbauer, Arranger

*Processional Defiance College Community Orchestra
Pomp and Circumstance Elgar
The President and Platform Party

InvocationRev. Jim Brehler

Responsive ReadingRev. Jim Brehler

Leader: Creator of all things, You called into existence
life from the earth on which we dwell,

People: and breathe into it new life and meaning.

Leader: Graciously You empower us with knowledge and skills,

People: to aid one another as we live out our life on this earth.

Leader: Bless our gathering this day as we recall Your
grace and kindness to these young lives,

**People: and celebrate the endings and beginnings
of the opportunities You provide.**

Leader: Empower us all to live lives worthy of the callings You offer,

**People: that we may strengthen one another and Your creation
as we walk together with You through this life. Amen.**

Musical Selection..... DC College Choir
Festival Sanctus John Leavitt

Meditation.....*Romans 12*Rev. Jim Brehler

**The audience will please stand.*

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COMMENCEMENT

Welcome.....Dr. Richanne C. Mankey, President

Pilgrim Medal Award..... Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell, Vice President for Academic Affairs
Bronze: Student
Silver: Citizens & Alumni

Awarding of Honorary Degree.....Dr. Richanne C. Mankey

Remarks from the Senior Class.....Ms. Blake Newman

Introduction of Commencement SpeakerDr. Richanne C. Mankey

Address.....“You’re Where You Are Supposed to Be.” Dr. Holli Seabury ’97 & ’98

Recognition of Academic Honors.....Dr. Agnes I. Caldwell

Awarding of the Degrees.....Dr. Richanne C. Mankey
Associate’s Degree Candidates
Bachelor’s Degree Candidates
Master’s Degree Candidates

Remarks by the President.....Dr. Richanne C. Mankey

*Singing of the “Alma Mater” (see page 22).....DC College Choir,
featuring Ryan Mays, Organ

BenedictionRev. Jim Brehler

Musical Selection..... DC College Choir
On Justice, Truth, and Peace Amy F. Bernon

*Recessional Defiance College Community Orchestra
The Liberty Bell..... John Philip Sousa

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During the recessional, please remain in your places until the graduates
and platform party have recessed.

**The audience will please stand.*

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Dr. Holli Seabury '97 & '98, is the executive director of the Delta Dental Foundation, which is dedicated to improving the oral health of the public and to advancing dental science through education and research. From 2009 to 2019, Dr. Seabury was the CEO of McMillen Health, a non-profit health education center serving over 80,000 annually. She was the lead curriculum developer for the Brush Oral Health Program, which serves over 1.85 million children nationwide through Early Head Start/Head Start and WIC. Her work has focused on health literacy and developing educational materials for the Medicaid population, especially young families. She is also the author of four children's books on oral health. Dr. Seabury holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Defiance College. In 2015, she earned a doctorate in curriculum and instruction with a specialty in educational technology from the University of Florida.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

John Trautman '72 is the volunteer senior advisor for institutional advancement at Defiance College. He started his professional career working at his family business: Trautman and Son. From there, he moved to the Montpelier Chamber of Commerce. In 1981, Mr. Trautman began his first tenure in the development office of Defiance College; shortly thereafter the College started to experience record-setting levels of giving. DC received the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (C.A.S.E.) Award for selection to the Circle of Excellence in Educational Fundraising in 1993. In 2002, Mr. Trautman was named the executive director of the Isaac Knapp District Dental Society in Fort Wayne, Indiana. While there, he assisted with the Isaac Knapp Dental Education Foundation to promote the art and science of dentistry in Northeast Indiana. After ten years Mr. Trautman retired – only to promptly begin volunteering in the institutional advancement office at DC in 2013. Here, he continues to help the College exceed campaign goals with the most recent example being the “Defi the Odds” campaign during the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020.

THE LEGACY OF COMMENCEMENT

The awarding of academic degrees to signify reaching a specific level in a branch of learning goes back at least eight centuries, even prior to the creation of universities. In the 12th century, students in Paris and Bologna formed “guilds” as a result of common interests and problems. In such scholarly atmosphere, some of the students naturally decided on a career in teaching. Their first step was to become “baccalaureus,” which was preceded by several years’ permission to teach the “licentiate.” Following more years of study, the student was admitted to a select circle of teachers, the “masterguild,” through a series of special initiation rites.

From these origins has come our commencement, a special academic ceremony for the purpose of awarding degrees, which begins and ends with an academic procession. As a descendent of clerical processions of the churches, the academic procession is to be carried out with great dignity and impressiveness. All participants are to wear academic attire appropriate to their highest degree. Faculty members march in order of their seniority with the senior full professors first, followed by their colleagues of successively lower rank. The procession is formed in ranks of two except for the special dignitaries or honorees who may walk alone.

The culmination of the commencement program is the awarding of degrees. The placing of the hood on the shoulders of the graduate is the time-honored gesture denoting the investiture of the degree. In contemporary commencement exercises, this practice is most often retained solely for advanced degrees. Today's bachelor's degree recipients symbolize the hooding through the act of moving the tassel on the cap from the right to the left side.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEFIANCE COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On behalf of the Defiance College Board of Trustees and as a proud alumnus, it is with great pride that I convey my sincerest congratulations to you, the graduating of Class of 2020. Your presence today affirms your successful completion of the requirements for a liberal arts degree. The pillars of your education - To Know, To Understand, To Lead, and To Serve - have equipped you with the necessary tools to think critically and creatively, to face uncertainty with resourcefulness, to challenge yourself in complex situations and to be a productive, civic-minded individual. It is with these qualities that you, like the many before you, will thrive not only in today's world but well into the future. We wish you all the best as you enter the next chapter of your life.

Chad Peter '77, Defiance College Chair of the Board of Trustees

MESSAGE FROM THE DEFIANCE COLLEGE FACULTY

Congratulations, Class of 2020! On behalf of the faculty, I want to applaud each of you for your resilience. The COVID-19 pandemic changed nearly everything. The one thing it did not change was the hard work and dedication with which you faced every learning opportunity in front of you.

Your experiences at Defiance College are marked by relationships, scholarship, and extracurricular achievements - some you had planned and others you hadn't even dreamed of until becoming a Yellow Jacket. Today is a day you should be proud of all of these achievements.

As alumni and alumnae of Defiance College, you are prepared to serve as leaders in your professions and agents of change in your communities. When you return, whether it be for Homecoming or to serve as a panelist as part of Jacket Journey, we look forward to hearing about how you continue to live our mission: To Know, To Understand, To Lead, and To Serve. Congratulations, graduates! We are proud to celebrate you today!

*Clarissa Barnes, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Special Education,
Director of Hench Autism Studies Program, and Faculty Chair*

MESSAGE FROM THE DEFIANCE COLLEGE ALUMNI/AE ASSOCIATION

On behalf of over 10,000 alumni/ae of Defiance College, I would like to officially welcome you as new members of the Defiance College Alumni/ae Association. Our mission is to ensure that your relationship with Defiance College continues and that you can call upon us to help you achieve your educational, career, and personal goals. You may ask, "Now that I am an alumna/us, how do I stay connected and involved?" Represent. We invite you to take DC with you wherever you go. Wear your DC purple & gold apparel, hang your pennant or your diploma proudly, add a DC sticker to your car window, and include DC in your LinkedIn profile. Reconnect. You are our best connection to mentor, offer internships, graduate school advice, job shadowing, and more. If you have some expertise or experience you can offer our current students, please let us know and we'll see where our needs and your talents meet! Contact the Alumni Office at www.defiance.edu/alumni to update your new address and email, to submit news for class notes, and to share your ideas for involvement with your alma mater by serving on the Alumni Board. Resources. Thanks to the generosity of alumni/ae, DC has been able to provide graduates, like you, with scholarships throughout their time here. We hope that you will join the many DC alumni/ae who represent, reconnect, and give back in some way through donations, talent, time, service, and through sharing your alma mater with high school students and more. Again, congratulations on your well-deserved success, best wishes on your future endeavors, and on being the newest members of our Alumni/ae Association! Go Jackets!

Casey Gibson '05, President, Defiance College Alumni/ae Association

2020 ACADEMIC HONORS

Recognizing students who have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

3.9 - 4.0 grade point average

Robyn Boyd

Emily Dawn Culler

Christopher Neal Davis

Corey Michael Davis

Malia Cecile Ferry

Olivia Ashton Fett

Jessica Carmela Mello

Katherine Janeway Murphy

Erin Audrey Osting

Shelby Lynn Stamm

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

3.7 - 3.89 grade point average

Madison Marie Bowman

Jonathan Emerson Brown

Hannah Clay

Paris M. Creek

Loren Laelle Davenport

Adriana W. Dockery

Stephen Joseph Dolan

Noah Earl Goodrich

Jewel Ciera Isaac

Kody Matthew King

Elizabeth Martin

Ashton Otte

Paige Angela Sickmiller

Cory Edward Sidle

Teresa Marie Watkins

Allison Nicole White

Desiray Victoria Faith Zaleski

CUM LAUDE

3.5 - 3.69 grade point average

Derek Keaton Angelone

Ronald Patrick Cody

Abigail Christine Cronin

Brooke Danielle Gostomsky

Emily Miller

Jude E. Neary

Blake Danielle Newman

Whitney Kay Webb

Katarina Rose Wicher

Natalie Kara Woodson

DEFIANCE COLLEGE 2020 GRADUATES♦

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Sydney Ann Zeuch

Criminal Justice
Cincinnati, Ohio

BACHELOR OF ARTS

John R. Beck

Business Administration
Archbold, Ohio

William Michael Bohlman

Business Administration with
Management and Marketing Concentrations
Centerville, Ohio

Jarod James Brossia

Business Administration
Curtice, Ohio

Henry Lloyd Brown

Business Administration
Ripon, North Yorkshire, England

Jonathan Emerson Brown

Business Administration
Haskins, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Tyler James Bullock

Business Administration with
Management Concentration
Cincinnati, Ohio

Ronald Patrick Cody

Business Administration
Archbold, Ohio
Cum Laude

Bradley Collins

Business Administration with
Management and Marketing Concentrations
Pickerington, Ohio

Anna A. Craft

Design with
2D Concentration
Elkhart, Indiana

Paris M. Creek

Business Administration
Bryan, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Jessica Davis

Business Administration
Delta, Ohio

Stephen Joseph Dolan

Accounting
Painesville, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Steven James Elliott, Jr.

Accounting
Cumming, Georgia

Daren Gies

History
Plymouth, Ohio

Noah Earl Goodrich

History
Oregon, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Braxton L. Horton

Business Administration
Dayton, Ohio

Ashley F. Lee
Business Administration
Millington, Michigan

Luke J. Miller
Accounting
Grover Hill, Ohio

Katherine Janeway Murphy
History
Sherwood, Ohio
Summa Cum Laude

Joseph Clay Musgrave
Business Administration
Upper Sandusky, Ohio

Jude E. Neary
Business Administration
Toledo, Ohio
Cum Laude

Kevin Joseph O'Neil
History
Lyons, Ohio

Adam Morris Ordell
Accounting
Lima, Ohio

Dusty A. Powell
Accounting
Hicksville, Ohio

Camrin D. Santchi
English
Swanton, Ohio

Alexa Beth St. Julian
Business Administration
Oregon, Ohio

Cory Edward Sidle
History
Sherwood, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Jovon D'Angelo Thomason
Business Administration
Port Huron, Michigan

Sierra Madeleine Wall
Business Administration
South Haven, Michigan

Teresa Marie Watkins
Business Administration
Defiance, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Nicole Sue Zolman
Business Administration
Defiance, Ohio

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Rylea Nicole Amspaugh

Criminal Justice
Psychology
Heath, Ohio

Derek Keaton Angelone

Life Science
Gibsonburg, Ohio
Cum Laude

Lindsay Nicole Aversa

Criminal Justice
Memphis, Michigan

Andrew Logan Benchoff

Sport Management
Wooster, Ohio

William Michael Bohlman

Sport Management
Centerville, Ohio

Madison Marie Bowman

Exercise Science with
Fitness and Wellness Concentration
Eaton, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Robyn Boyd

Social Work
Westmoreland, Jamaica
Summa Cum Laude

William Bruhn

Sport Management
Wixom, Michigan

Cheyenne N. Bultman

Self-Designed: Education Studies
Huber Heights, Ohio

Danielle Ann Carruthers

Social Work
New London, Ohio

Hannah Clay

Early Childhood Education
Intervention Specialist: Mild to Moderate
Fort Jennings, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Samara Coates

Criminal Justice
Toledo, Ohio

Paris M. Creek

Sport Management
Bryan, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Abigail Christine Cronin

Social Work
Lambertville, Michigan
Cum Laude

Emily Dawn Culler

Early Childhood Education
Farmer, Ohio
Summa Cum Laude

Grant T. Curavo

Criminal Justice
Toledo, Ohio

Loren Laelle Davenport

Early Childhood Education
Defiance, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Christopher Neal Davis

Life Science and Chemistry
Haviland, Ohio
Summa Cum Laude

Corey Michael Davis

Intervention Specialist: Mild to Moderate
Haviland, Ohio
Summa Cum Laude

Adriana W. Dockery
Early Childhood Education
Intervention Specialist: Mild to Moderate
Defiance, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Garrett Mathew-Louis Enders
Exercise Science with
Pre-Professional Concentration
Arcadia, Ohio

Malia Cecile Ferry
Early Childhood Education
Intervention Specialist: Mild to Moderate
Milford, Ohio
Summa Cum Laude

Olivia Ashton Fett
Early Childhood Education
Intervention Specialist: Mild to Moderate
Defiance, Ohio
Summa Cum Laude

Jordan Taylor Furko
Forensic Science
Swanton, Ohio

Noah Earl Goodrich
Integrated Social Studies
Oregon, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Brooke Danielle Gostomsky
Exercise Science with
Fitness and Wellness Concentration
Covington, Ohio
Cum Laude

Matthew R. Groves
Criminal Justice
Findlay, Ohio

Dylan Harris
Exercise Science with
Fitness and Wellness Concentration
Marblehead, Ohio

Erica Danielle Honigfort
Early Childhood Education
Kalida, Ohio

April R. Howard
Social Work
Wauseon, Ohio

Mariah Huff
Exercise Science with
Strength and Coaching Concentration
Mogadore, Ohio

Jewel Ciera Isaac
Social Work
Rittman, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Christopher La'mar Keys, Jr.
Exercise Science with
Strength and Coaching Concentration
Pontiac, Michigan

Kody Matthew King
Early Childhood Education
Cecil, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Nathan P. Kline
Social Work
Van Wert, Ohio

Jada Paige Lopez
Exercise Science with
Strength and Coaching Concentration
Leipsic, Ohio

Sarah Robin Madaras
Criminal Justice
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Elizabeth Martin
Early Childhood Education
Intervention Specialist: Mild to Moderate
Bellefontaine, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Madeleine McMaster
Social Work
Defiance, Ohio

Jessica Carmela Mello
Early Childhood Education
Intervention Specialist: Mild to Moderate
Vermilion, Ohio
Summa Cum Laude

Emily Miller
Exercise Science with
Fitness and Wellness Concentration
Maumee, Ohio
Cum Laude

Blake Danielle Newman
Social Work
Jackson, Michigan
Cum Laude

Lauren Renea Oglesbee
Exercise Science with
Pre-Professional Concentration
Kenton, Ohio

Erin Audrey Osting
Early Childhood Education
Intervention Specialist: Mild to Moderate
Fort Jennings, Ohio
Summa Cum Laude

Ashton Otte
Social Work
Defiance, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Lauren Joanne Perry
Early Childhood Education
Intervention Specialist: Mild to Moderate
Northwood, Ohio

Brooke Leigh Plummer
Biology
Marysville, Ohio

Steven Wayne Pope
Computer Science
Wauseon, Ohio

Machetta L. Porter
Self-Designed: Education Studies
New Bavaria, Ohio

Arianna Lynn Richards
Social Work
Covington, Ohio

Lauren Rogers
Criminal Justice
Munger, Michigan

Matthew Loren Rosebrook
Criminal Justice
Digital Forensic Science
Miller City, Ohio

Jason Daniel Santora
Criminal Justice
Avon, Ohio

Emma Morgan Seitz
Criminal Justice
Toledo, Ohio

Katherine Grace Settich
Exercise Science with
Strength and Coaching Concentration
Dayton, Ohio

Paige Angela Sickmiller
Early Childhood Education
Intervention Specialist: Mild to Moderate
Leipsic, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Cory Edward Sidle
Integrated Social Studies
Sherwood, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Garrett Reece Sierra
Sport Management
Defiance, Ohio

Shelby Lynn Stamm
Exercise Science with
Fitness and Wellness Concentration
Bellevue, Ohio
Summa Cum Laude

Danielle Vance
Self-Designed: Education Studies
Defiance, Ohio

Jacob K. Vorce
Criminal Justice
Paw Paw, Michigan

Whitney Kay Webb
Early Childhood Education
Intervention Specialist: Mild to Moderate
Troy, Ohio
Cum Laude

Rachel Ann Wehrman
Middle Childhood Education with
Math and Science Concentrations
Minster, Ohio

Austin Wheeler
Sport Management
Almont, Michigan

Allison Nicole White
Criminal Justice
Digital Forensic Science
Defiance, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Katarina Rose Wicher
Psychology
Toledo, Ohio
Cum Laude

Morgan Louise Williamson
Exercise Science with
Fitness and Wellness Concentration
Sylvania, Ohio

Natalie Kara Woodson
Social Work
Springboro, Ohio
Cum Laude

Ronald YawJiun Wu
Exercise Science with
Fitness and Wellness Concentration
Honolulu, Hawaii

Desiray Victoria Faith Zaleski
Criminal Justice
Psychology
Bryan, Ohio
Magna Cum Laude

Sydney Ann Zeuch
Social Work
Cincinnati, Ohio

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Leah Kristine Anderson
Hicksville, Ohio

Cody Howard Brown
Grass Lake, Michigan

Lyndsey Louise Donley
Lima, Ohio

Andrea L. Guerra
Toledo, Ohio

Montgomery Lee Irvine
Xenia, Ohio

Katherine Janeway Murphy
Sherwood, Ohio
Summa Cum Laude

Leah L. Vandenberghe
Grover Hill, Ohio

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Megan Elizabeth Chapman
Intervention Specialist Concentration
Reading/Literacy Concentration
Swanton, Ohio

Megan Belle Lamberson
Reading/Literacy Concentration
Montpelier, Ohio

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Christopher R. Clawson
Leadership Concentration
Defiance, Ohio

Corina Salinas
Leadership Concentration
Chicago, Illinois

Ethan Ellsworth Foster
Leadership Concentration
Rushville, Indiana

Damon Maurice Sims, Jr.
Leadership Concentration
Aliquippa, Pennsylvania

Erica N. Huber
Leadership Concentration
Anna, Ohio

Santana Matthew Villarreal
Leadership Concentration
Defiance, Ohio

Bryan Mestre
Leadership Concentration
Miami, Florida

Megan Elizabeth Warren
Leadership Concentration
Mason, Ohio

Brittany Elizabeth Osborne
Leadership Concentration
Union City, Indiana

CEREMONY NOTES

The Defiance College Community Orchestra is open to DC students and community musicians from the surrounding area. This year's musicians include Riley Alcorn, Amber Baldwin, Katherine Bundy, Moses Costa, Lauren Criblez, Eli Lee, Lucas Panella, Fallon Radcliffe, Paige Rohloff, Dakota Swift, Sarah Wise, and Matthew Wielinski. The Defiance College Community Orchestra is under the direction of Cassidy Nalepa, Director of Music Programs.

The Defiance College Choir is open to all DC students who have an interest in singing and performing. This year's singers include Moses Epps, Sam Haas, Abigail Miller, Sophie Moller, Noelani Schmidt, Mallery Sullivan, Noah Svanberg, Jaylen Turner, Desirē Walker, Jyllien Welk, and E'lonJanaé Wilson-Banks. The College Choir is under the direction of Camille Lively, Assistant Director of Music Programs.

Blake Newman is a top scholar of the graduating class as measured by grade point average.

Rev. Jim Brehler is Pastor of St. John United Church of Christ, Defiance.

Assisting in the awarding of diplomas is Dr. Robert Detwiler, Registrar. Announcing the names of graduates is Ms. Mercedes Clay, Assistant Dean of Student Engagement and Director of Intercultural Relations.

Gold cords are worn by those students graduating with academic honors. Purple and gold cords are worn by seniors who have been recognized for their leadership and service. Green and gold cords are worn by members of the Sigma Beta Delta business honor society. Citron cords are worn by member of the Tau Mu social work honor society. Royal blue cords are worn by McMaster Scholars. Purple and white cords are worn by McMaster Certificate Program students. Red, white, and blue cords are worn by Honored Veterans. Teal cords are worn by students who received the Civic Engagement Award. Kente Stoles are worn by students of color. Gold medallions are worn by professors honored as Distinguished Faculty. Navy blue stoles with a gold outline are worn by members of Alpha Phi Omega. Purple stoles are worn by graduates of the Carolyn M. Small Honors program.

Sign language interpreter is Ms. Beverly Reinbrecht.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The gathering of the college family today is the present expression of a living tradition and thus forms the visible symbol of joint partnership in the continuing search which is education. That we respect the past by using its form and regalia at the moment of transition to the future is simply our witness to the world that “what is past is prologue.”

The wearing of caps and gowns is basically an old English custom. The custom still used today has its origin in the type of dress worn during the twelfth century by all classes. The cloak, with its attached hood, was worn over a long, flowing robe for protection from the weather. In the thirteenth century, the hood appeared as a separate article of dress, a kind of pointed bag with an oval opening for the face, the long point hanging down behind.

The origin of the use of the cap as part of the degree ceremony is not clear; at Oxford University the M.A. cap was the sign of a scholar’s independence, as under Roman law a slave was freed by being allowed to put on a cap. There is no agreement on the reason for the shape of the square “mortarboard” style used today.

The English heritage has been reflected in American academic costume from colonial times, particularly at Columbia (King’s College), Yale, and a number of others. Around 1885, a widespread student movement introduced the wearing of caps and gowns at commencement ceremonies. Present practice largely follows the code of an intercollegiate commission of 1895, as revised over the years.

The mortarboard cap is standard, except for the soft cap women may wear. The tassel may be black for any degree or in the color of the major field of learning in which the degree has been granted. Gold tassels are worn only by doctors.

Traditionally, gowns are black and fall in straight lines from a fairly elaborate yoke. The cut of the gown identifies the degree. The bachelor’s gown has pointed sleeves and is worn closed. The master’s gown has oblong-cut sleeves slit at the wrist and is worn open or closed. The doctor’s gown, which is also worn open or closed, has bell-shaped sleeves, usually crossed with bands of velvet.

The length of the hood also identifies the degree: 36 inches for a bachelor’s, 42 inches for a master’s, and 48 inches for a doctor’s. The color of the velvet binding of the hood identifies the wearer’s specialized field of study. These colors include white for arts and letters, scarlet for theology, purple for law, green for medicine, dark blue for philosophy, golden yellow for science, brown for architecture and fine arts, pink for music, lemon yellow for library science, light brown for business, light blue for education, sage green for physical education, citron for social work, silver gray for oratory (speech). The institution granting the degree is identified by the color(s) of the satin lining which drapes outward from the center of the hood. International universities follow their own systems; e.g. the Sorbonne (Paris) designates its doctor’s degree by a scarf trimmed in white fur.

More recent additions to the academic regalia include recognition for the scholarly and personal accomplishments. Sashes, cords, and medallions can indicate study abroad, honorary societies, and academic honors.

2020 HONORS CONVOCATION AWARD WINNERS

GERALD E. MALLOTT OUTSTANDING SENIOR SERVICE AWARD

Blake Newman

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT HONORS

Rylea Amspaugh
Robyn Boyd
Christopher Davis
Corey Davis
Malia Ferry
Madeleine McMaster
Katherine Murphy
Blake Newman
Cory Sidle
Rachel Wehrman
Alison White

CAROLYN M. SMALL HONOR SCHOLARS

Robyn Boyd
Christopher Davis
Corey Davis
Malia Ferry
Jordan Furko
Montgomery Irvine
Madeleine McMaster
Katherine Murphy
Blake Newman
Cory Sidle
Allison White
Natalie Woodson

McMASTER SCHOLARS

Rylea Amspaugh
Madison Baker
Madison Bowman
Robin Boyd
Abigail Cronin
Emily Culler
Corey Davis
Malia Ferry
Olivia Fett
Madeleine McMaster
Blake Newman
Cory Sidle
Rachel Wehrman
Allison White

McMASTER CERTIFICATE COMPLETERS

Rylea Amspaugh
Malia Ferry
Blake Newman
Rachel Wehrman
Corey Davis
Jordan Furko
Madeleine McMaster
Cory Sidle

SERVICE LEADERS

Rylea Amspaugh
Lindsay Aversa
Robyn Boyd
Jarod Brossia
Chrisopher Davis
Corey Davis
Jessi Davis
Malia Ferry
Jordan Furko
Elizabeth Martin
Jordan Maschino
Kate Murphy
Blake Newman
Camrin Santchi
Jason Santora
Cory Siddle
Alexa St. Julian
Whitney Webb
Rachel Wehrman
Allie White
Desiray Zaleski

HIGHEST RANKING SENIOR SCHOLARS

Katherine Murphy
Emily Culler
Dusty Powell

VETERAN'S RECOGNITION

Leah Anderson
Nathan Kline

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Frank J. Lausche, Doctor of Laws, 1951
Ross S. Marshall, Doctor of Laws, 1951
Maguerite Reilley, Doctor of Humanities, 1951
Rev. Frederic Fox, Doctor of Divinity, 1952
Rev. Earle B. Pleasant, Doctor of Divinity, 1952
Honorable C. William O'Neill, Doctor of Laws, 1953
Flossie Emeline Whitney, Doctor of Music, 1953
Rev. Carl Dille, Doctor of Divinity, 1953
Daniel W. Mikesell, Doctor of Business Administration, 1953
Arthur Conrad Decker, Doctor of Divinity, 1954
Norman Whitehouse, Doctor of Divinity, 1954
Wilbur D. Fulton, Doctor of Laws, 1955
Rev. Cleon Swarts, Doctor of Divinity, 1955
Harold Schellenger, Doctor of Laws, 1957
Richard Nixon, Doctor of Laws, 1957
Kevin McCann, Doctor of Laws, 1957
Angie Crew, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1958
Commander William R. Anderson, Doctor of Science, 1958
James C. Donnell II, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1958
Robert Fitz-Randolph Peters, Doctor of Divinity, 1959
Claire Coci, Doctor of Music, 1959
Frank P. Thomas, Doctor of Divinity, 1960
Andrew K. Craig, Doctor of Divinity, 1960
Wilber M. Brucker, Doctor of Laws, 1960
Charles R. Eisenhart, Doctor of Humanities, 1961
Lewis L. Gilbert, Doctor of Divinity, 1961
George W. Cornell, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1962
L. Ward McReynolds, Doctor of Science, 1962
Frank J. Wright, Doctor of Divinity, 1962
Truman B. Douglass, Doctor of Letters, 1962
Herbert E. VanMeter, Doctor of Divinity, 1963
Helen Huntington Smith, Doctor of Social Sciences, 1963
Erston M. Butterfield, Doctor of Divinity, 1963
Charles A. Dana, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1964
Donald W. Webber, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1964
Donald L. Powers, Doctor of Divinity, 1965
Charles H. Percy, Doctor of Laws, 1965
Francis H. Horn, Doctor of Laws, 1966
Harry W. Bredeweg, Doctor of Divinity, 1966
Lawrence W. Fairchild, Doctor of Divinity, 1967
Raymond E. Dix, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1967
Raymond S. Baby, Doctor of Science, 1968
William G. Barndt, Doctor of Divinity, 1968
Grant H. Young, Doctor of Laws, 1968
Pierre DuPont Vuilleumier, Doctor of Divinity, 1969
Kevin McCann, Doctor of Humane Letters, 1969
Donald W. Riegle, Jr., Doctor of Laws, 1970
Paul W. Kohler, Doctor of Divinity, 1970
Richard T. Andrews, Jr., Doctor of Divinity, 1971
Lauris Norstad, Doctor of Laws, 1972
Sister Jane Kirchner, R.S.M., Doctor of Humane Letters, 1973
Clyde C Flannery, Doctor of Divinity, 1974
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1. Hail, dear Al-ma Ma-ter! To thee our praise we bring; We
2. Hail, dear Al-ma Ma-ter! We soon shall leave thy halls, And

♩ = 112

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pledge thee our al - le - giance, And all thy glo - ries sing. For thee, our own De - fi - ance, Our
mem - o - ry will bring us Oft back to col - lege walls, We'll still trust thee, De - fi - ance, And

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lives, our all we give; In all our days we'll strive for thee, Hail, dear Al - ma Ma - ter.
lift thy ban - ners high, And shout thy praise from earth to sky, Hail, dear Al - ma Ma - ter.

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