

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2020
COMMENCEMENT





Mount Mary University was founded in 1913 by the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Prairie Du Chien, WI, to provide an education exemplified by the strength of its academic programs and commitment to inspire students to transform the world.

The University moved to Milwaukee in 1929, opening its doors to 132 young women who filled the two Gothic-style buildings, Notre Dame Hall and Caroline Hall. It was the first Catholic four-year women's university in Wisconsin for laywomen, who wanted to pursue an education. Today, Mount Mary University welcomes students of all faiths and backgrounds in over 30 undergraduate and nine graduate programs.

The strength of our historical University continues to lie not in the grace of its architecture nor the beauty of its surroundings, but rather in the diverse lives of the students it serves and those who lead them. It is this power that forms the true cornerstone of Mount Mary, transforming the world around us, one graduate at a time.



PROGRAM

OPENING OF COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Karen E. Friedlen, Ph.D.

Vice President for Academic Affairs | Mount Mary University

INVOCATION PRAYER

Jhonnelle' Patricia Suto

December 2020 Bachelor of Science Candidate

WELCOME

Cathy Buck, MSN, RN

Chair, Board of Trustees | Mount Mary University

GREETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME

S. Debra M. Sciano, SSND, M.A.

Provincial Leader, Central Pacific Province | School Sisters of Notre Dame

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Jennifer Kontny, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor, English | 2020 Teaching Excellence Award Recipient

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Karen E. Friedlen, Ph.D.

CONFERRING OF PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATE DEGREES

Christine Pharr, Ph.D.

CONFERRING OF MASTERS DEGREES

Christine Pharr, Ph.D.

CONFERRING OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Christine Pharr, Ph.D.

AWARDING OF POST BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATES

Christine Pharr, Ph.D.

PRESIDENT'S CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

Christine Pharr, Ph.D.

COMMEMORATIVE ADDRESS, SENIOR CLASS REPRESENTATIVE

Quinn Clark

December 2020 Bachelor of Arts Graduate

INDUCTION INTO THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Sierra Cooper, Class of 2011

President, Alumnae Association | Mount Mary University

CLOSING OF COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Karen E. Friedlen, Ph.D.

DOCTORATE & MASTER DEGREES

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATE IN ART THERAPY

Zoë Armstrong
Sharona Bookbinder
Melanie Heindl

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COUNSELING

Lidia Angelica Becerra
Connie Z. Guerrero
Stephanie Nicole Low
Kirsten Elise Seline
Xavier D. Smart
Melaney Olson

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DIETETICS

Jolene Dorn
Kyndal Lyn Hettich
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Andrew Mirviss
Serina Armida Myers
Erin Van Boxel

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Megen Marie Boening
Linda Therese Dreger

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

Michael W. Greer
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Meghan Maureen Swanson
Kathleen Ann Van Zeeland

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF THE ARTS

Lisa M. Breitsprecker **
Analexis Skyi Calderon
Ploua Chang
Quinn Clark *** §
Daniella Marie Fenelon **
Anastasiya Vladimirovna Gouchtchina **
Margaret Mary Gundrum
Darien Rese Horst ***
Alyssa Braden Hults
Yuliana Iniguez
Megan Irene Johnson **
Haley Fae Johnson
Elyse Mielach
Leslie Jackeline Moreno
Nicole Jean Mueller *** §
Melanie P. Mussa
Madeleine Elizabeth Niggemann **
Jakaylyne Nicole Rodriguez *
Nour Sidi ***
Aubrey J. Stoehr ***
Sharletta Marie Thurman
Brianna Devine Valdez
Halee Kathleen Vande Boom
Carly Christine Vickerman ***
Catrice Lantz Vukodinovich **
Kaniya Desiree Washington **
Shoua Xiong

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Marissa Fremut *
Amanda Rae Nelson
Serena Shyu * §
Johnelle' Patricia Suto * §

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES & POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATES

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Shalimar Jenae Rydzik *

CANDIDATES FOR POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATES IN DIETETICS

Carly M. Grimm

Britnni Hesse

LATIN HONORS

*** Summa cum laude

** Magna cum laude

* Cum laude

§ Graduation in the Honors Program

Cum laude means “With Praise” and is indicated by the * symbol. This is awarded to students whose cumulative grade point record reflects a 3.6 or higher. Magna cum laude means “With High Praise” and is indicated by the ** symbol. This is awarded to students whose cumulative grade point record reflects a 3.8 or higher. Summa cum laude translates to “With Highest Praise” and is indicated by the *** symbol. This is awarded to students whose cumulative grade point record reflects a 3.9 or higher.

Degree conferral is certified by the official Mount Mary University transcript denoting degree completion and honor distinctions.

THIS PROGRAM IS NOT AN OFFICIAL GRADUATION LIST

While every effort is made to ensure accuracy in this commencement program, printing deadlines may result in omission of some names and use of names of persons not completing graduation requirements as intended. This printed program, therefore, should not be used to determine a student’s academic or degree status. Mount Mary University Office of the Registrar manages all official student academic documentation.

HISTORY OF ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic regalia was inherited from the medieval universities of the 11th and 12th centuries. It is thought that the woolen gowns and hoods, worn by scholars for warmth in unheated quarters, evolved from the clerical practice of wearing a cape or mantle in religious processions. In 1895, American institutions of higher learning first produced a uniformity code for these vestments.

The cap worn almost universally in academic processions is the “Oxford cap,” better known as the mortarboard. The mortarboard, which is always black, is square to symbolize a book. A different style of academic headgear called the “Cambridge cap” resembles a large beret.

The tassel attached to the mortarboard is also typically black, although its color may be used to signify the field in which the degree is granted. Academic hoods, worn around the neck and down the back of the gown, signify the level of the degree, the field in which it was given and/or the institution that awarded it. The masters hood is moderate in length, and the doctoral hood is fuller and longer.

The gown’s exterior velvet panel color identifies the field in which the degree is awarded.

HOOD TRIM

Arts, Letters and Humanities:	White
Business:	Crimson
Education:	Light Blue
Engineering:	Orange
Fine Arts:	Brown
Journalism:	Crimson
Medicine/Health:	Green
Music:	Pink
Nursing:	Apricot
Philosophy:	Sage Green
Science:	Golden Yellow
Social Work:	Citron
Theology:	Scarlet

HONORS SOCIETY CORDS

Gold Medallion: Graduating member of Honors Program

Gold Cord: Graduating with Academic Honors

Brown and Ivory: Kappa Gamma Pi, Graduate Honor Society

Blue and Red: Phi Alpha Theta, History Honor Society

Blue and Silver: Psi Chi, Psychology Honor Society

Blue and Gold: Alpha Mu Gamma, Foreign Language Honor Society

Navy and Gold: Pi Theta Epsilon, Occupational Therapy Honor Society

Lavender and White: Sigma Theta Tau International, Nursing Honor Society

Pink and Silver: Kappa Mu Epsilon, Mathematics Honor Society

Red and Green: Beta Beta Beta; Biology Honor Society

Red and White: Lambda Pi Eta, Communication Honor Society

Red and Black: Sigma Tau Delta, English Honor Society

Red and Gold: Delta Epsilon Sigma, Association of College Honor Societies Member Society

Scarlet: Theta Alpha Kappa, Theology Honor Society

Teal: Alpha Kappa Delta, Sociology Honor Society

Congratulations!

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GENERATION



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