105th Annual Commencement
Graduate Ceremony
MAY 19, 2016

GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY
THE MERCY UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY
Graduates must obtain their diplomas in the Casino Ballroom. Light refreshments will be available after the ceremony in the Casino Auditorium.

Please turn off all cell phones so as not to interrupt this celebratory but solemn event. We also ask that you kindly respect all roped-off areas.

This Commencement Program is not the official list of graduates. This program is based on the information available at the time of printing.
Graduate Commencement Exercises

5:00 pm

Presiding
Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.
President

Grand Marshals
Mary Lee Batesko, Ed.D.
Professor of Education
Mary Ann Smorra, Ed.D.
Professor of Education

Mace Bearer
Cathleen M. McQuillen, D.P.S.
Assistant Professor of Business; Chair,
Business Administration, Accounting, and
Economics Undergraduate Programs; and
Incoming Secretary, Faculty Assembly

Processional
“Pomp and Circumstance” .............................................................. Edward Elgar

Opening
William J. Behre, Ph.D.
Provost

The National Anthem
“The Star-Spangled Banner” ..................................................... F. Scott Key
John Stafford Smith
Led by Mia Angelia S. Dones ’18

Invocation
Jeffrey Schaffer
Director of Campus Ministry

Welcome
Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.
President

Salute to the Faculty
Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.
President

Remarks
Louesa M. Lardieri-Wright ’75
Chair of the Board of Trustees
Address on Behalf of Students
Paul Nii-Ankamah Addo II ’15
Master of Arts in Theology Graduate

Presentation of Candidates for Honorary Degrees

Doctor of Educational Administration
Rose Martin, RSM, Ph.D.
Presenter: Mary-Paula Cancienne, RSM, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Religious Studies/Theology and Chair of the
Department of Religious Studies, Theology and Philosophy

Doctor of Health
John K. Lloyd, FACHE
Presenter: Jo Ann F. Cummings, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Nursing

Commencement Address
John K. Lloyd, FACHE
President and CEO of Meridian Health System

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees
Rita Smith Kipp, Ph.D., Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences
Janice Warner, Ph.D., Dean of the School of Business and Digital Media
Lynn DeCapua, Ph.D., ’83, Dean of the School of Education

Alumni Welcome
Marjorie Murphy Hale ’68
President of the Alumni Board of Directors

Closing Remarks
Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.
President

Alma Mater
“Hail to the Blue and Gold” ...................................................... Alice Piper Kuser ’27,
Hermine Carpentier Stein ’29, and others
Led by Mia Angelia S. Dones ’18

Recessional
“National Emblem March” ...................................................... Edwin Eugene Bagley
John K. Lloyd is president and chief executive officer of Meridian Health, a $1.8-billion, not-for-profit health system encompassing Jersey Shore University Medical Center, K. Hovnanian Children’s Hospital, Ocean Medical Center, Riverview Medical Center, Southern Ocean Medical Center, Bayshore Community Hospital, and Meridian Partner Companies.

Mr. Lloyd began his undergraduate education at Princeton University, and served in the U.S. Marine Corps before attaining an M.B.A. in Health Administration at Temple University. In 1982, Mr. Lloyd was named president of Jersey Shore Medical Center, and quickly set the hospital on a track to success.

In 1997, Mr. Lloyd led the merger of Jersey Shore with Ocean Medical Center and Riverview Medical Center to create Meridian Health. Together with the Meridian Partner Companies, Meridian Health has grown and evolved into a nationally recognized health care leader. Meridian Health has consistently been rated among the top performing health systems in New Jersey for clinical quality, and is the recipient of numerous state and national recognitions, including the distinction of being the first health system in the country to receive Magnet designation for nursing excellence by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Mr. Lloyd has been instrumental in developing Meridian’s continuum of care, which has helped the organization meet and exceed the challenges of health care reform.

Mr. Lloyd has also served as the chair of the New Jersey Hospital Association and has held board and leadership positions with the New Jersey Council of Teaching Hospitals, American Hospital Association, American College of Healthcare Executives, Georgian Court University, and QualCare. In 2009, Mr. Lloyd was recognized by the New Jersey Hospital Association as its Healthcare Professional of the Year. Mr. Lloyd was recently named among NJBiz magazine’s Power 50 Health Care honorees.

Georgian Court University proudly awards John K. Lloyd the degree of Doctor of Health, honoris causa, for his tireless efforts in improving the quality of health care in New Jersey and for sharing his business acumen in service to numerous organizations, including Georgian Court.
Sister Rose Martin will begin her 50th year as a Sister of Mercy this September. She entered the community after completing high school and has been engaged in the ministry of education for her entire religious life. She has served in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and South Florida, and she now works in the poorest zip code in the poorest big city in the country, Philadelphia. Her ministry has included teaching and administration and, most recently, founding an organization and serving as its executive director.

In 2002, Sister Rose co-founded Hope Partnership for Education, a middle school and adult education center that serves one of the neediest neighborhoods of North Philadelphia. Hope Partnership is a joint venture of the Sisters of Mercy and the Society of the Holy Child Jesus. Hope Partnership begins its 15th year in September and boasts a 95-percent high school graduation rate in a community with a traditional graduation rate of less than 50 percent. Hope Partnership also serves a steadily increasing number of neighborhood residents who are returning to school for GEDs and job readiness training.

Sister Rose’s experiences in Miami’s Overtown community, a principalship in West Philadelphia, and most recently, her immersion in the Fairhill Community of North Philadelphia, have fueled her passion for opportunity and equality for all people. She has received training from the National Multi-Cultural Institute and has served on the Anti-Racism Transformation Team of the Sisters of Mercy since its inception in 2010.

Sister Rose received a bachelor’s degree from Gwynedd Mercy University, a master’s degree from St. Thomas University in Miami, Florida, and a Ph.D. in Education from the University of Pennsylvania. She has attended Bryn Mawr College’s Non-Profit Executive Leadership Institute and has served on the boards of the Philadelphia Archdiocese, Mercy Health System, and Mercy education boards, most recently the board of Gwynedd Mercy University.

Georgian Court University proudly awards Sister Rose Martin the degree of Doctor of Educational Administration, *honoris causa*, for her true dedication to Mercy works as the co-founder of Hope Partnership for Education and as an advocate for the Mercy critical concern of racism.
CLASS OF 2016
Candidates for Graduate Degrees

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Arts

Paul Nii-Ankamah Addo II‡
Anthony E. Albanese†
Carissa Ali^
Brittany Ann Angrisani‡
Kathia Arango
Lauryn M. Argyelan
Naomi Brown‡
Robyn Lynn Capella†
Nicole Cavuoto†
Christine Clark†
Lisa Click†
Kaitlyn Coleman‡
Cierra Corbett‡
Clarissa Rose DeLuca
Jillian Brielle DeSomma‡
Moshe Z. Deutsch†
Melissa DuBois‡
Sarah Elisabeth Elsby‡
Stacey Lynn Fennimore†
Marisa Michelle Fetch
Victoria C. Flores
Stephanie Gallo†
Danielle Nicole Garris†
Anna Grejtakova‡
Meghan Elizabeth Gunsten‡

Kaitlin Jean Hand†
Samantha Kasey Hanson†
Marisa M. Hauenstein
Nicole M. Ioviero†
Bonnie Caitlin Kiesewetter‡
Sheree Annette King†
Katelyn Kwiatkowski
Colleen M. Laughery-Monahan†
Emily Corinne Leaghty
Stacey Marie Lenz†
Leighann Elizabeth Lorusso
Ashley Manion†
Katherine Alicia May‡
James McGuire
Sherry Neill
Danisha Lanae Nelson^ Heather Nunziato
Kristi Pflug‡
Antanette Ringold‡
Ebony L. Samuel‡
Ellen Kathleen Scavuzzo†
Kirk Patrick Schuetz†
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School of Education

Master of Arts

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Michele DePompo
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Jerilyn DiMicco
Kristine Donovan
Janine Dowe
Lisa Dreher
Diana Dromsky
Alexandra Therese Eppinger
Andrea Fenenic
Jill Fernandez
Rebecca Hayley Franzel

Marissa P. Freeman
Melissa Gallagher
MaryAnn Garbooshian
Kristine Ann Goworek
Samantha L. Greenstein
Jessica M. Gwin
Kristen Ann Hanson
Theresa Hazley
Cheyenne Michaela Hill-Serviss†
Alison Holtermann
Christopher Edward Hrycenko
Jillian Kaczorowski
Kathryne Katzgrau
Katharine E. Kerber
Genevieve Kotzas
Jillian Kreutzer
Katheryn Lawson
Michele Lynn LeBlanc
David Lisowski
Megan E. Lizotte-McNally
Caitlyn MacIntyre
Jaclyn Makela
Kathleen Rose Mancuso
Kelly Materia
Kara Jean Clarke Matunas
Ashley McCutcheon
Diane F. McGregor
Eric Melone
Alison Mika  Amanda M. Riker
Julia Mirfield  Ashley Love Elizabeth Roberts
Kristin Nicole Morris  Carole Rogers
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Kimberly Pastine  Betty Lou Velez-Gimbel
Cynthia Pearce  Christina Lynn Vezos
Desiree Christine Pena^  Christina M. Vogt
Cristeen Kathleen Quinn  Nicole Marie Wilson
Caitlin M. Reichelt  Jessica Anne Wirth
Meghan Ashley Riggi  Kristin Zahn

†  Degree conferred August 2015
‡  Degree conferred December 2015
^  Degree anticipated to be conferred in August or December 2016
Our Mission

Georgian Court University, founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, provides a comprehensive liberal arts education in the Roman Catholic tradition. The university has a special concern for women and is a dynamic community committed to the core values of justice, respect, integrity, service, and compassion, locally and globally.

Georgian Court University provides students with:

- a curriculum broad enough to be truly liberal, yet specialized enough to support further study and future careers;

- an environment for the entire university community to grow through shared educational, cultural, social, and spiritual experiences; and

- the will to translate concern for social justice into action.
The President’s Medallion

The President’s Medallion, which is also called the lavaliere, depicts the seal of the university on the front and the cross of the Sisters of Mercy on the reverse. It is worn by the president at official university functions of high solemnity, such as the Inauguration, Convocation, and Commencement. The seal of Georgian Court University features the Cross of Christ, which symbolizes true Christian character. This character is enlightened by the lighted lamp and illustrates the virtues of truth and goodness. These virtues are fostered through the Book of the Arts and Sciences by which Georgian Court students achieve intellectual development. The lion signifies moral and physical fortitude united by the laurel wreath, the Greek symbol of victory and triumph.

The name of the school is inscribed in English, accompanied by the founding date, 1908.

Bonitas, Disciplina, Scientia—goodness, discipline, and knowledge—are the virtues through which the Georgian Court graduate will triumph in the formation of her or his character.

The University Mace

The history and tradition of the mace is rooted in medieval times. Over time the mace was used for royal ceremonial purposes and eventually became intertwined with the idea of a scepter, made with precious metals and encrusted with jewels. The mace evolved into a symbol of authority, order, and pomp in academic ceremonies, reflecting the mission and values of the institution. A new mace was crafted for Georgian Court after the institution became a university in 2004.

The university mace symbolizes the commitment of the faculty and administration of the university to excellence in education, and to the Mercy core values of justice, respect, integrity, service, and compassion. The fluted walnut staff bears the gold seal of Georgian Court surrounded by blue enamel, which is positioned above a bronze plate engraved with the Mercy core values. The mace is proudly carried by the mace bearer, traditionally the incoming chair of the Faculty Assembly.
Today’s academic regalia has its origins in medieval English custom, where styles of gowns, mortars, and hoods conveyed the loyalties, disciplines, and achievement levels of the wearers. These academic costumes arrived in America in the 1700s and have been made uniform by two 20th-century examinations by a commission for the American Council on Education.

The color of the gown is commonly black, with no trim for the bachelor’s or master’s degrees. The doctor’s gown is faced along the front with broad velvet panels and has full bell-shaped sleeves each bearing three horizontal bars of velvet; it may be worn open or closed. The bachelor’s gown has pointed sleeves in contrast to the master’s gown, which is distinguished by the long oblong sleeve with a square cut. The hood worn around the neck and draped down the back displays the colors of the institution which awarded the degree, as well as the colors of the degree subject. Bachelor’s degree hoods are optional. Tassels for caps or mortars are black, though gold is most often worn by those with doctoral degrees. The cords, sashes, and stoles worn by some of the graduating students are provided by the academic honor societies or programs to which they belonged. The colors and lettering of the honor regalia are those of the honor society or program.

The official Georgian Court University gown is worn by the president, trustees, honorary degree recipients, and Commencement speaker. The royal blue gown is embellished with black velvet panels on the front, on which the Georgian Court University seal is embroidered in gold, and black velvet chevrons on the sleeves. The hoods are Georgian Court’s school colors of blue and gold, and the black velvet tams are adorned with gold silk tassels.
HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

1963 John F. McCarty
1964 The Hon. Margaret Chase Smith
1966 Helen Hayes
1967 The Hon. Mildred Barry Hughes ’23
1975 Loretta Young
George Gallup Sr.
George Gallup Jr.
1976 Ralph Nader
1980 Buckminster Fuller
1982 The Hon. Alan J. Karcher
1983 Rosemary Haughton
Gov. Thomas H. Kean
The Hon. James J. Howard
1984 Rev. J. Bryan Hehir
1985 Mary Alice Williams
1986 The Hon. Theodore J. Lebrecque
Hortense Kessler Green
Col. Guion S. Bluford Jr.
1987 Mary Little Parell
1988 Joyce Carol Oates
1991 Dorothy K. Light
Daniel P. Weadock
Douglas E. Johnson
1992 Deborah P. Wolfe, Ed.D.
1994 Mary Higgins Clark
1995 Mary Ann Martin
Jay Cleveland Harbeck
Edward B. Connolly
1996 H. George Buckwald
1997 The Most Reverend John
Charles Reiss, D.D., J.C.D.
1999 Mary Loretto Snite Dillon ’37
Kingdon Gould Jr.
2000 Helen F. Boehm
Lucille Bongiovanni
Jack Ford
2001 Laurence M. Downes
Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C.
JoAnne Kane
The Hon. Robert W. Singer
2002 Dorothy J. Marron ’36
The Hon. Christopher Smith
Msgr. Leonard R. Toomey
2003 Bruce Feiler
Hirair Hovnanian
Eleanor Weisbrod ’44
2004 Joseph Buckelew
Joyce Armstrong Carroll, Ed.D., ’59
2005 Virginia S. Bauer
Ellen Mullane Gallagher ’64
Gerald R. Gallagher
2006 Rosalie Bertell, GNSH, Ph.D.
Marlene Lynch Ford, J.D., ’76
Ruth B. Mandel, Ph.D.
2007 Elizabeth Christopherson
Mary E. Morris Powell ’45
Zeni Fox, Ph.D.
2008 Margaret Cleary ’51
María Elena González, RSM
Patricia B. Licuanan, Ph.D.
Anne Milgram, J.D.
Grace Nolan, RSM, ’57
The Hon. Eugene D. Serpentelli,
J.S.C.
2009 Rev. Daniel Berrigan, SJ
Rev. Ann Struthers Coburn ’72
Judith M. Persichilli
The Most Reverend John M.
Smith J.C.D., D.D.
Mary C. Sullivan, RSM, Ph.D.
2010 Barbara Ellen Black, D.P.S.
The Hon. Honora O’Brien
Killgallen, J.D., J.S.C., ’82
Kevin Ryan, J.D.
2011  Helen Hanna Casey ’71  
Major General Maria Falca-Dodson  
Assemblyman Joseph R. Malone III  
Tim McLoone

2012  Richard Hader, R.N., Ph.D.,  
FAAN, CHE, NE-BC, CPHQ  
The Hon. Rochelle R. Hendricks  
William R. Johnston  
Elizabeth Schmalz Ferguson

2013  Mary Patrice Brown, J.D.  
The Hon. Frank J. Guarini, J.D.  
Amy Joseph Habib ’60  
The Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M., J.C.D.

2014  The Hon. Thomas F. Kelaher, J.D.  
Maryann Cusimano Love, Ph.D.  
Tracey Severns, Ed.D.  
Francis X. Wentworth Jr.

2015  Mary Louise Miller, RSM, Esq.  
Karen Schneider, RSM, M.D.  
Father Alphonse Stephenson  
Robert J. Wicks, Psy.D.

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Alma Mater

“Hail to the Blue and Gold”

Hail to the Blue and Gold
Dear Georgian Court
’Mid stately pines so old
Ideals you brought to us
Of honor and loyalty,
Faith staunch and true;
We pledge fidelity and love
To you.

So through the years to come
Your name will be
Symbol of faith and love
And constancy, dear G.C.!
Here in these hallowed halls
Pledge we anew
Our hearts’ devotion to the
Gold and Blue.