



2016

105TH ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT

Undergraduate Ceremony

MAY 20, 2016

GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY

THE MERCY UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY

UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

2:00 PM

PRESIDING

Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.
President

GRAND MARSHALS

Russell Craig McDonald, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of English

Kathryn Quinn-Sanchez, Ph.D.
*Associate Professor of World Languages
(Spanish) and Chair of the Department of
World Languages and Cultures*

MACE BEARER

F. Thomas Crawley Jr., Ed.D.
*Associate Professor of Education and
Vice Chair of the 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

Reverend Monsignor Casimir H. Ladzinski
Trustee

WELCOME

Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.
President

SALUTE TO THE FACULTY

Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.

President

Conferment of Emerita Status

Mary Lee Batesko, Ed.D.

Professor of Education

Presentation of the Virginia Graham '31 Award for Teaching Excellence

This award is presented to a faculty member, nominated by fellow faculty members, who demonstrates outstanding leadership, teaching, and mentoring skills and a strong commitment to inspiring and helping students.

REMARKS

Louesa M. Lardieri-Wright '75

Chair of the Board of Trustees

PRESENTATION OF STUDENT AWARDS

The **Academic Excellence Award** is presented to the senior who has attained the highest grade point average for four years.

The **Julia Blake Alumni Award** is presented to the senior who has best displayed outstanding loyalty and service during the student's GCU years. Julia Blake was a 1919 graduate of Georgian Court, who then served as a professor of social science here from 1919 to 1959. Miss Blake was a phenomenal teacher who dedicated her life to Georgian Court and her students.

The **Kingdon Gould Award** is presented to the senior who, in the opinion of fellow classmates, contributed the most to the general welfare of Georgian Court University.

ADDRESS ON BEHALF OF STUDENTS

Miriam Hunte '16

President of the Student Government Association Executive Board

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR HONORARY DEGREES

Doctor of Letters

Maria Cordis Richey, RSM, Ph.D., '50

Presenter: Mary Chinery, Ph.D., '86

Assistant Provost, Professor of English, and Director of the Interdisciplinary Studies Program

Doctor of Public Service

John R. Garbarino

Presenter: Janice Warner, Ph.D.

Dean of the School of Business and Digital Media

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

John R. Garbarino
*Chairman of OceanFirst Foundation and
Chairman and Former CEO of OceanFirst Bank*

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

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*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.*

JOHN R. GARBARINO



John R. Garbarino is the chairman of both OceanFirst Financial Corporation and its principal operating subsidiary, OceanFirst Bank of Toms River, New Jersey. Founded in 1902, the prominent community bank meets the financial needs of families and businesses throughout central New Jersey.

Mr. Garbarino was elected chairman of the board in 1989 and served as CEO until his scheduled retirement at the end of 2014 in accordance with the companies' succession plan. He is also chairman of OceanFirst Foundation, which has the distinction of being the nation's first private community foundation established in connection with the initial public offering and demutualization of a bank. Since 1996, OceanFirst Foundation has made grants in excess of \$27 million to local nonprofit community organizations. Since 2010, Georgian Court has benefited from the generosity of the OceanFirst Foundation as one of four area colleges and universities to receive an annual \$50,000 grant for scholarships that help high school graduates from the Jersey Shore pursue higher education.

Mr. Garbarino is a former trustee and treasurer of Monmouth University in West Long Branch, New Jersey, as well as Monmouth County-based Meridian Health, having served on that board from its inception in 1997 through 2014. In addition to his past service on the boards of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York and America's Community Bankers, he has been active in numerous other community and business organizations during his distinguished 45-year career in the financial services industry.

Mr. Garbarino is a graduate of St. Peter's Preparatory School, Rutgers University, and the Institute of Financial Education. He and his wife, Penny, have two children and four grandchildren.

Georgian Court University proudly awards John R. Garbarino the degree of Doctor of Public Service, *honoris causa*, for using his acute business acumen to expand philanthropic efforts in the Jersey Shore community through the creation of OceanFirst Foundation and for his dedication to the Mercy core value of service, as demonstrated by his membership on the boards of numerous educational and health care organizations.

MARIA CORDIS RICHEY, RSM, PH.D., '50

Sister Maria Cordis Richey graduated from Saint Paul School in Princeton, Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung, and Georgian Court College before entering the Sisters of Mercy in 1951. She received an M.A. and Ph.D. from Fordham University. She was missioned to Georgian Court in 1957 for 55 years, including serving as Georgian Court College's sixth president from 1974 to 1980. Her teaching ministry as professor of English was completed in December 2011, though she continued to write poetry and garden here until 2015.



Sister Maria Cordis served as chair of the Georgian Court Department of English for 33 years. In the early 1970s, she consented to sponsor a chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the international English honor society. Georgian Court College was designated the Sigma Mu Chapter in 1974, and Sister Maria Cordis served as its sponsor from 1985 to 2008. She is well-known for her poetry, which has been published in the *Sewanee Review* and a variety of other publications.

During her tenure as president, the first master's program, an M.A. in Education, began in 1976, and the coeducational undergraduate programs were instituted in 1979. The Casino Ballroom was converted into the "Student Pub" and Campus Club became the Music Center. The major in business administration was approved and reinstated, and the Center for Christian Concerns was initiated in 1977. The campus was also placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Sister Maria Cordis is the highlight of the 2012 *Chaucer at The Mansion* DVD, in which she reads aloud from *The Canterbury Tales* and guides viewers through the famous "The Canterbury Pilgrims" frieze in the Mansion's Great Hall. In 2012, she was named a professor emerita, and the GCU Alumni Association honored her with the Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award for her devotion and service to Georgian Court for over 50 years. Her trademark elegance and grace has left an indelible mark upon this institution and its community.

Georgian Court University proudly awards Sister Maria Cordis Richey the degree of Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, for her dedication to generations of Georgian Court students who benefited from her perfect prose and love of literature, as well as for her advancement of Georgian Court through the creation of the first graduate program and the first coeducational undergraduate programs.

CLASS OF 2016

Candidates for Undergraduate Degrees

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

Daisha Abrams	Michael Matthew Diamante
Silvetta Agosto^	Matthew H. DiGirolamo‡
Tinuola A. Akinode	Marilyn Dillon
Bronwyn W. Aldino	Toni Ann DiPasquale
Samantha Ines Alexander	Allyson Drugas
Alyssa Marie Amato	Viera Dudova
Cassandra Augustin	Laurel Duffy‡
Anne Catherine Baird^	Amanda Marie Earle‡
Najahla Angelic-Mari Baldwin†	Trevor Rees Ellis†
Zilvinas Balcaitis^	Alex Estrada^
Alyssa Rose Barreto‡	Shadaysha Aletha Fair‡
Marissa Bell‡	Racquel Farmer^
Ashley Bello-Calamari	Barbara Fasolo
Andrew Black	Cynthia Fereno
Nicole Annette Bonacci	Lauren Mila Fereno
Jessica Ann Boody	Gaelle Gabriel
Sophia Botton†	Kristina Nicole Galluccio
Dennis Branen*	Skyler Jade Giannone
Jovon Alexander Brooks‡	Yesenia Gonzales
Margaret A. Brown‡	Keashan C. Gordon^
Diana Bruno	Stephanie T. Grainger
James Declan Burke	Alexandria J. Graziosi‡
Antoinette Sharae' Butler	Edwana P. Hallowanger
Kaitlyn Callahan‡	Gabrielle Hanan†
Grace Marie Cassidy‡	Janelle Leigh Hanlon
Juliana Castronovo	Adam M. Harlan‡
Erin Cayanong	Victoria Lynn Harris‡
Sophia P. Chrysanthou^	Marissa Elise Harvey
Kayla Mon'ea Cook	Jennifer J. Hayward^
Cassandra Lynn Cox^	Christine Hedgebeth
Madelyn Craig	Jamie Lee Hentschel
Jennifer Cuyos	Nicole Renee Herner‡
Andrea Delia	Marie-Joann Ashley Hill

Kristy Lynn Howarth
Tenaya N. Hughes-King^
Kevin J. Istvanditsch
Raven R. Jackson^
Karla Jaramillo
Francis Jasinski‡
Alexis Ranay Jenkins
Allaire Nicole Jones
Jessica Lynn Jones^
Michael Anthony Kuligoski Jr.^
Ama Kuma
Angela LaMarca
Anna M. Lapinskas
Stephanie Alyssa Leather‡
Crystal Lynn Lees
Stephanie Lehner
Elizabeth Leiser
Mei Choo Lim‡
Ivan N. Lingat
Jacquelyn Lysko‡
Kaitlyn Mack
Elizabeth Mancheno
Laura Marchi‡
Rachel Lynn Marino
Beau Maslov
LaRon McClellan‡
Betty Jean Meyer‡
Yariana Miranda
Gwendolyn Anne Morris
Amanda Rose Mueller
Allison Nazzaro
Dayja Aniece Nelson
Jennifer L. Nevulis
Steven Giacomo Ninivaggi
Vanessa J. Noel
Elise Marie Nowak
Briget Nunn‡
Alexandria O'Connell‡
Bridget Mary Anastasia O'Donnell
Emily Olman
Angela Marie Ortiz‡

Richard E. Pagan Jr.
Ketchyne Hillary Paul
Melissa A. Peebles‡
Lynn Perotti
Nyfeesha Phillips
Ayana Ima Pierre‡
Alyssa M. Pinney
Heather Marie Pullen
Ebonie Puryear‡
Shinnecka Rayside
Shari Lynn Renaud‡
Victoria Reulbach
Walter Roberts
Catherine Roldan‡
Cristina M. Russo‡
Milagros Salas
Andrea Michelle Sanzari
Deena Scannapieco‡
Elizabeth Moody Schmalz Ferguson
Monica L. Schottlander
Matt Schou
Ryan Patrick Seery‡
Milagros Ivelisse Sims^
Patricia M. Sindoni
Ashley Sousa‡
Connor J. Surmonte
Morgan Sweeney
Paige Tedesco
Joseph D. Torrisi
Nicholas Kurt Van Ishem DelCorpo
Michelle Lauren Walko‡
Aidel Weintraub‡
Jade Weiss
Melissa Lynn Williams
Courtney T. Wilson
Lashea R. Woodside
Phema Woodson
Tianna Marie Worden
Shantice N. Wright‡
Mary Esther P. Wyman^
Fiona Philicia Young

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Jessica Anne Hulsart*

Bachelor of Science

Danielle L. Atkinson
Heidie Beyer
Octivia Booker
Jacqueline Marie Buresch
Tori Capestro^
Kaitlyn Connell
Jenna H. DePietro‡
Ashley DiRobbio
Terence Doran‡
Logaina Elattar
Lesly Escobar^
Amanda R. Farina‡
Amy N. Ferentino‡
Christina M. Gili
Courtney Griffin‡
Heather Christina Gurdon
Jamie Hand
Nicole A. Hoagland
David Hoffman‡
Meredith Malone Hoffman
Moriah Jennings
Jeffrey Robert Karczewski‡

Louis Kopack
Rachel S. Kowal
Samantha Ann Kuntz
Maria Fernanda Leal
Anna Mead
Augustina Obiri-Yeboah‡
Ebony Oppong-Boateng^
Sarah J. Park‡
Ted Pettrow‡
Genesis Pimentel
Randy Ramroop‡
Alicia N. Robinson
Charles T. Ryan
Oktay Saglam
Rebecca Ann Scherman-Smith‡
Rebecca Schiele^
Tiana Marie Taylor
Estefani A. Torres
Gabrielle Alexis Tull‡
Cristina Valentin
Sarah Anne Yager‡

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Nadira Adams
Laura G. Amdur
Therese Mae Balisalisa
Jillian Dorothy Conley
Tammi Lynn Dini
Alyse Kathleen Dugan
Mary Elise Fay
Yocheved Fellner
Elizabeth Asatu Freeman^
Cheyenne Graham
Laura A. Hartmann
Louis Martini Illuzzi
Jessica Lukacs
Shira Marcus

Loressa Kathryn McDonnell
Kathryn Rose Meyer
Christina M. Mildorf
Dana Misso
Maxine Noyan^
Deena Marie Pochopin
Kaitlyn Mary Popek
Ashlee Rosa
Samantha Ross
Rachael Rutz
Sarah Snyder
Jessica Lynn Wangenstein
Melissa Lee Weber

Bachelor of Social Work

Camilla M. Bach
Sheila Barr*
Kiara Boyd^
Takiya Boyette^
Bethany Elizabeth Felicie^
Brenay Gaynor
Amanda Marie Graga
Nicole C. Hulsart
Thomasina Renee Jackson
Christine Laine

Lafonda S. McKinney
Asharra Miller
Patricia Smilcy Pagan
Kathleen Paone
LeeAnn Pilot
Ashley Reilly
Brandon Allen Scott
Juliann Suckow
Jaynar Brie Turner

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES IN A
TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Bachelor of Arts

Ashley Angela Accardi
Samantha Michele Anderson
Angela Marie Anzano
Kimberly Baranowski‡
Nicole Marie Blazejewski
Justin P. Bunnell
Ashley E. Callahan^
Mariah A. Cifaldi
Melissa Ann DeMauro‡
Lauren Anastasia Feeley
Jamie E. Fisher‡
Angeline Monica Flores
Kerry Glovich
Steffanie Hartrum‡
Jennifer Hill‡
Mariya Ivanus
Jaime Elizabeth Kelly
Vivien Scarlet Kok
Kelley Kozma‡
Lauren Ferguson Laird‡

Hannah Eden Levin
Amanda Linder‡
Alyssa M. Lyons
Jennifer L. Mocarski‡
Melissa Anne Moscato
Kathryn Ann Pantelup‡
Kristen Pasqualetti‡
Caitlin Roman
Amanda Scaglione
Alison Marie Schlein
Gina Marie Sciaraffo‡
Margarita Suarez
Allyson M. Talbot‡
Thomas P. Vincent
Jeffrey Wallster
Christine Wersinger‡
Ashley Wiederspan
Joseph Yglesias‡
Melissa Zecca‡

Bachelor of Science

Francesca Louise Cameron‡

Ariel Nicole Clark

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND DIGITAL MEDIA

Bachelor of Arts

Cynthia J. Caradonio

Tuere A. Chisholm-Thomas

Gabriella DeSisto[^]

Melissa Lynn Anne Halk

Jacqueline M. Jubina

Samantha Rae Mancino

Erin R. McGowan

Anthony John Mellone

Briana Marie Pagnotta

Parker Russo

Amy V. Strauss

Bianchi E. Valdez

Lauren Valinotti

Theresa Faye Zaccone

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Kathryn Glorioso

Han Mi Douglas Jung

Amie A. Morosco[‡]

Bachelor of Science

Domenico S. Barbiero

Shannon MacKenzie Carlin

Nora Ann England

Ian Andrew Edward Glover

Melisa Marie Graubard

Miriam Felicia Hunte

Brenden V. Kripinski

Lindon Lulgjuraj

Valentina Lytle

Danielle Ann Marella[^]

JoAnna McCall[‡]

Colleen Murphy

Anna Ozolina

Jessica Pedroza

Jakov Pilic

Michael Purrazzella

Nicholas Reed

Jennifer Jean Ricany

Arthur Anthony Schneider

Meghan Rose Sfraga

Rapinder Kaur Sidhu

Rachel Jean Smith

Edward Marc Zelinski

† Degree conferred August 2015

‡ Degree conferred December 2015

[^] Degree anticipated to be conferred in August or December 2016

* Degree awarded posthumously

SPECIAL AWARDS

*Faculty grant awards in recognition of outstanding ability
and achievement in the student's major field.*

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ART AND VISUAL STUDIES

First Award in Art Education.....Kathryn Glorioso
Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission Award (Art) ... Kathryn Glorioso

BIOLOGY

First Award in Biology Samantha Kuntz
Gabrielle Alexis Tull
Honorable Mention in Biology Marilyn Dillon

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, ACCOUNTING, AND ECONOMICS

First Award in Accounting..... Valentina Lytle
Honorable Mention in Accounting..... Michael Purrazzella
First Award in Business.....Jakov Pilic
Honorable Mention in Business.....Kathryn Rose Meyer

CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

First Award in Biochemistry..... Anna Mead
Honorable Mention in BiochemistryCristina Valentin
First Award in Chemistry..... Charles T. Ryan
Honorable Mention in Chemistry Heidie Beyer
First Award in Natural Sciences Ariel Nicole Clark

COMMUNICATION, GRAPHIC DESIGN, AND MULTIMEDIA

First Award in Digital Communication..... Melissa Lynn Anne Halk
Honorable Mention in Digital Communication.....Samantha Rae Mancino
First Award in Digital Design Cynthia J. Caradonio
Honorable Mention in Digital Design Theresa Faye Zaccone
First Award in Graphic Design and Multimedia Han Mi Douglas Jung
Honorable Mention in Graphic Design and MultimediaKathryn Glorioso

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, ANTHROPOLOGY, AND SOCIOLOGY

- First Award in Criminal Justice* Heidie Beyer
James Declan Burke
- Honorable Mention in Criminal Justice* Nicole Annette Bonacci
Christine Hedgebeth
Jennifer L. Nevulis
- Dedication in the Face of Adversity* Antoinette Sharae' Butler

DANCE

- First Award in Choreography*..... Skyler Jade Giannone
- Honorable Mention in Choreography*.....Emily Olman
- Most Accomplished Dancer*Emily Olman

EDUCATION

- First Award in Education* Caitlin Roman
- Honorable Mention in Education*Mariah A. Cifaldi
- Alfred Freer Award*..... Hannah Eden Levin

ENGLISH

- First Award in English*..... Alexandria J. Graziosi
Thomas P. Vincent
- Honorable Mention in English*..... Hannah Eden Levin
Caitlin Roman

HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

- First Award in History* Nicole Marie Blazejewski
- Honorable Mention in History*..... Kerry Glovich
- Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission Award*..... Jeffrey Wallster
(History)

HOLISTIC HEALTH AND EXERCISE SCIENCE

- First Award in Exercise Science*Jamie Hand
- Honorable Mention in Exercise Science*.....Genesis Pimentel

HUMANITIES

- First Award in Humanities* Lauren Anastasia Feeley

MATHEMATICS

First Award in Mathematics.....Mei Choo Lim

Honorable Mention in Mathematics.....Anne Catherine Baird

NURSING

First Award in Nursing Sarah Snyder

Honorable Mention in Nursing.....Kathryn Rose Meyer

PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELING

First Award in Psychology.....Mariah A. Cifaldi
Jamie Lee Hentschel

Honorable Mention in Psychology.....Diana Bruno

RELIGIOUS STUDIES, THEOLOGY, AND PHILOSOPHY

First Award in Religious Studies..... Mary Esther P. Wyman

SOCIAL WORK AND GERONTOLOGY

First Award in Social Work.....Juliann Suckow

Most Service to Department..... Bethany Elizabeth Felicie

Outstanding Performance in Field.....LeeAnn Pilot

WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

First Award in Spanish.....Margarita Suarez

WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Faculty and staff select students who have demonstrated high academic scholarship, participated and shown leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, and, through their service to Georgian Court University, show potential as future leaders.

Camilla M. Bach	Miriam Felicia Hunte
Takiya Boyette	Tenaya N. Hughes-King
Logaina Elattar	Alexis Ranay Jenkins
Bethany Elizabeth Felicie	Ivan N. Lingat
Angeline Monica Flores	Anna Mead
Keashan C. Gordon	Patricia Smilcy Pagan
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Jamie Hand	Milagros Ivelisse Sims
Christine Hedgebeth	Juliann Suckow
Nicole A. Hoagland	

KAPPA GAMMA PI NATIONAL CATHOLIC COLLEGE GRADUATE HONOR SOCIETY

The administration selects members from among students graduating with scholastic distinction, outstanding service and leadership.

Mariah Cifaldi	Caitlin Roman
Miriam Hunte	Sarah Snyder
Anna Mead	Juliann Suckow
Jakov Pilic	Thomas. P. Vincent

THE PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION

The President's Medallion, which is also called the lavalier, 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.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

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
1973 The Most Reverend George W. Ahr, S.T.D., D.D.
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. Lebreque
Hortense Kessler Green
Col. Guion S. Bluford Jr.
1987 Mary Little Parel
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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“Hail to the Blue and Gold”

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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.

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