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 Kingdom 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

Grades 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 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.
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

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Bachelor of Fine Arts
Jessica Anne Hulsart*

Bachelor of Science

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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

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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 Plic
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 Biochemistry* ................................................. Cristina 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 Multimedia* .............. Kathryn 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

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First Award in History .................................................. Nicole Marie Blazejewski

Honorable Mention in History ...................................... Kerry Glovich

Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission Award .... Jeffrey Wallster

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
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Bethany Elizabeth Felicie
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Tenaya N. Hughes-King
Alexis Ranay Jenkins
Ivan N. Lingat
Anna Mead
Patricia Smilcy Pagan
LeeAnn Pilot
Ashley Reilly
Milagros Ivelisse Sims
Juliann Suckow

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
Miriam Hunte
Anna Mead
Jakov Pilic

Caitlin Roman
Sarah Snyder
Juliann Suckow
Thomas. P. Vincent
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.
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