



2023 112TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

.....
UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY

MAY 17, 2023

GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY
THE MERCY UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY

UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

1:30 PM

PRESIDING

Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.
President

MACE BEARER

Beth Schaefer, Ph.D.
*Professor of Physics and
Chair of the Faculty Assembly*

PROCESSIONAL

“Pomp and Circumstance”Edward Elgar

OPENING

Janice Warner, Ph.D.
Provost

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

“The Star-Spangled Banner”F. Scott Key
John Stafford Smith
Led by Gabrielle DiGangi '23,
accompanied by Robert MacReynolds

INVOCATION

Jeffrey Schaffer
Director of Campus Ministry and Mission

WELCOME

Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.
President

SALUTE TO THE FACULTY

Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.
President

Conferment of Emeriti Status

Dr. Kathleen Froriep
Associate Professor Emerita

Dr. Claire Gallagher
Professor Emerita of Education

Dr. Joseph Gower
Professor Emeritus of Theology and Religious Studies

Dr. Parvathi Murthy
Professor Emerita of Chemistry

Dr. Mary Ann Smorra
Professor Emerita of Education

Dr. Joseph Springer
Professor Emeritus of Psychology

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 ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Julia Ann Upton, RSM, Ph.D.
Chair of the Board of Trustees

PRESENTATION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

Joy L. Smith, Ed.D.
Chief Diversity Officer and Associate Provost for Student Support & Services

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

The **Kingdon Gould Jr. 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 GRADUATES

Gayana Feliciano '23
*Immediate Past President of the Student Government Association
Executive Board
B.A. in Psychology Candidate*

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE FOR HONORARY DEGREE

Doctor of Humane Letters

Fr. Greg Boyle

Presenter: Deacon James J. Knipper '15, H'17

Trustee, Georgian Court University

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Fr. Greg Boyle

Founder of Homeboy Industries

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Janice Warner, Ph.D., *Provost*

Mary Chinery, Ph.D., '86, *Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences*

Jennifer J. Edmonds, Ph.D., *Dean of the School of Business and Digital Media*

Kelly McNeal, Ph.D., *Dean of the School of Education*

Theresa Wurmser, Ph.D., *Dean of the Hackensack Meridian Health School of Nursing and Wellness at GCU*

ALUMNI WELCOME

Kristen Cladek '14

President of the Alumni Association

CLOSING REMARKS

Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.

President

ALMA MATER

“Hail to the Blue and Gold” Alice Pier Kuser '27,
Hermine Carpentier Stein '29,
and others

Led by Gabrielle DiGangi '23,

Liana Hollendonner,

Rowan Krutchkoff '26,

Kayla Latendresse '24,

and Natalie Moradian '26,

accompanied by Robert MacReynolds

RECESSIONAL

“National Emblem March” Edwin Eugene Bagley

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Please turn off all cell phones so as not to interrupt this celebratory but solemn event. We ask that you kindly respect all roped-off areas. Due to state regulations, guests should remain at their seats during the ceremony. This program is not the official list of graduates; it is based on the information available at the time of publication.

If any items in this program have been displayed incorrectly, please send an email to marketing@georgian.edu so that we can update the online version.

FATHER GREG BOYLE



Father Gregory Boyle is the founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, the largest gang-intervention, rehabilitation, and re-entry program in the world.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, and a Jesuit priest from 1986 to 1992, Fr. Boyle served as pastor of Dolores Mission Church in Boyle Heights. Dolores Mission was the poorest Catholic parish in Los Angeles, and also had the

highest concentration of gang activity in the city.

Fr. Boyle witnessed the devastating impact of gang violence on his community during the so-called “decade of death” that began in the late 1980s and peaked at 1,000 gang-related killings in 1992. In the face of law enforcement tactics and criminal justice policies of suppression and mass incarceration as the means to end gang violence, he and parish and community members adopted what was a radical approach at the time: treat gang members as human beings.

In 1988 they started what would eventually become Homeboy Industries, which employs and trains former gang members in a range of social enterprises, as well as provides critical services to thousands of individuals who walk through its doors every year seeking a better life.

Fr. Boyle is the author of the 2010 New York Times-bestseller *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*, followed by *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship* (2017) and *The Whole Language: The Power of Extravagant Tenderness* (2021). Most recently, he authored *Forgive Everyone Everything*, an anthology of writings accompanied by Fabian Debora’s artwork.

He has received the California Peace Prize and been inducted into the California Hall of Fame. In 2014, President Obama named Fr. Boyle a Champion of Change. He received the University of Notre Dame’s 2017 Laetare Medal, the oldest honor given to American Catholics. Homeboy Industries was the recipient of the 2020 Hilton Humanitarian Prize validating 32 years of Fr. Greg Boyle’s vision and work by the organization for over three decades.

CLASS OF 2023

Candidates for Undergraduate Degrees

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

Shania Gail Mejia†	Tian Trinity Addison
Diana Nicolas	Sarah Back†
Diana Angelica Sanchez	Nechama Brechert†
Efraim Shkarofsky	Santina Marie Dimauro
Ilona Szumski	Batsheva Hirsch†
Anna Marie Claudio	Faygah Klein‡
Anshela Jaramillo	Jack W. McCarthy
Robert Benjamin Duncan	Jillian Rose O'Reilly‡
Andela Kremenovic	Dov B. Rabinowitz
Taylor Renee Barraza	Molly Rosenwasser‡
Titus Beard	Rachel Rottenberg†
Tiler Brown	Brittany Lee Webstert
John R Christ‡	Ariana H. Wolf
Nina Galason	Lindsey Victoria Flake
Santino Anthony Galati	Victoria Nicole Vonfrolio
Kayla Marie Hayes	George Anthony Malgeri
Kristis Laurinaitis	Silvetta Agosto†
Jane Hannah Paschen	Alexander C. Ajello‡
Jacob Audain Pierre‡	Haley Nicole Amogretti‡
Jaison-Ashley Christine Pleva	Olivia Annibale
Angela G. Sulfaro^	Madison Joy Baracia‡
Katie Taylor Boylan‡	Danica Hernaez Belda
Anthony Logan	Victoria Ann Bleich‡
Dimaria-Sadorski	Jana Borkovic
Gianna Nicole Rutigliano‡	Janai Gabrielle Brown
Rachel Zigrest	Ingrid Marie Carlsons†
Ava Jacqueline Boyle	James Clayton‡
John Anthony Fenimore	Danielle R. Crimeni
Shaylyn Kruesi	Kaitlyn C Cuisinier‡
Juliette Lily Margolies	Gianna Rose DeMarco
Amber Rizzi‡	Gayana Feliciano
Alexis M. Serpico^	Morgan Gale
Samantha Angel Sicari	Megan A. Ginex
John Vallario	Macy Lynn Hendriksent
Jake Dean Ellington	Judith Anne Hopkins‡
Sierra Paige Porter	Lauren Marie Jensen
Nicole Elizabeth Russo‡	Kevin Patrick Knoetig

Carleigh Ann Luzzo
Madeline Kaye Mayhew
Victoria Catherine Miesieski
Olivia Ann Minerva†
Maegan Christine Moser
Catherine Angelina Mulligan
Mary Ruth Muscillo
Kayla Frances Rein^

Jade Nichole Rivera
Raquel A. Savvis†
Alyssa Simonelli†
Jessica L. Sprankle
Samantha Anne Sylvester†
Eric Szewczyk
Nicole Catherine Turelli†
Victoria K. Black†

Bachelor of Science

Jessica Bis
Philip Cameron Demars
Alexis N. Hahn
Jhelaine Allyson Marie Palo
Gianna Maryann Connors^

Manjinder Kaur†
Melissa Valenti†
Dakota Montemarano
Molly Scott†
Cassandra Mae Castellano

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND DIGITAL MEDIA

Bachelor of Arts

Precious Adediran
Joseph DeBrito
Lindsey Marie Kardashian
Kyle J. Sager
Kim Casino†

Nicole Jordan Dipasquale†
Christina Gabrielle Grasso†
Michael John Spano†
Michael Daniel Wallace

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Alyssa Gaetana Corrado
Chloe Rose Croghan
Lilly Winslow Flicker

Jessica N. Imperiale
Brandon R. Ogrodnik†

Bachelor of Science

Jay Abraham
Nicole Rose Del Buono
Troy Fitzsimmons
Alexa Noelle Houston
Joan Sebastian Moralez
Aristides George
Papoutsakis
Meghan Amanda Rualest†
Olha Vorobchak
William B. Anderson†
Marc Barreau
Troy Richard Bertolatus†
Cortlandt Dalik

Jennifer Cheyenne Dixon
Savawn Catherine Hughes
Krystal Rose Hund
Cameron Robert Irons
Jelani F. Jackson
Abbey Jacobs
Henry Andre Jean Michel†
Theresa O'Neal
Shanae O. Rayside
Isela Rosas
Zachary Smith†
Zachary J. Thein
Gina L. Veltry†

Shane C Williams
Logan Vincent Romero
Jessica Harilal
Dana Marie Zahariou
Alexandra Rae DePietro^
Kasha Ana Elzinga

Pauline Galisson
Kaylei Fujiehuan Seamant‡
Caroline Van Benschoten
Alyssa Taylor Wahl
Kyle S. Wlazlowski‡

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts

Ashley Michelle Alessi^
Karen Amaro-Melendez‡
Liana-Rose Trinidad
Cabactulan^
Lily Elizabeth King^
Lexi Brianna Kuka
Camryn Clair Mctighe
Lauren Charlize Pagano‡
Catherine Quinn
Bridget L. Sheehan^
Gabrielle Patricia Sortino
Frank Aguilar
Jeanine Anne Clark‡
Joseph Lanahan
Rebecca Lynn Throckmorton
Amanda Josephine Hession

Mary Katherine Clara
McNamara^
Kelly Wall
Meghan Faith Castro
Alex Cocuzza
Nora Byrne
Gabrielle Valentina Digangi^
Victoria Foglia‡
Emily Theresa Gilson
Victoria Elizabeth Janssent‡
Amanda Dianne Martinho
Paige O'Neill
Marie Sheehan Pender
Valeska Maria Yaninas
Josselin Ruiz Morales

Bachelor of Science

Brett Lukas Czerwinski‡

HACKENSACK MERIDIAN *HEALTH SCHOOL* OF NURSING AND WELLNESS AT GCU

Bachelor of Arts

Jessica C. Amaral
Emily Rose Buxbaum
Alison Dempsey
Ellianna E. Diaz Perez
Celeste Maria Eugenio‡
Ashley Marie Furey
Brandon Anthony Gillen
Gregory Arto Gopoyant‡

Anastasia Guglielmo‡
Elena Kathryn Keck
Caroline Kowalski
Ananda Murrell
Felicitas Chiebonam Osefoh
Chana Svei
Natalie L. Valenzuela‡

Bachelor of Science

Olivia Beth Arnold
Alina S. Chant
Rhys Cotter
Vincent P. Giunta
Hannah Margaret Gravante
Angel Guerrero-Salgado
Brianna Jade Hills
Trilby Angelana Kite‡

Noah Phillip Lynch
Harry Leroy Messitt^
Riley Ann O'Connor
Ashlee E. Pataky
Sulyvette Almodovar
Shauna Lynn Chan
George Richard Halivopoulos
Madison Taylor Pansini

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Jill Susan Adoni°
Devorah Aharonoff
Dominique Sophia Albert‡
Breanna Saige Angel
Tatiana Aponte
Ngozichukwu Vanessa Arisa°
Deana Barrier
Olivia Rae Bartholomew‡
Angelica Marie Bauer
Nashla Janismae Bedran°
Marina Belfer
Meyer Bennett
Chava Berkowitz°
Amanda Brill‡
Cara Capra
Vincent Anthony Carnesi‡
Georgia Carros‡
Rachel Tova Cohen
Miriam Cohen Benguigui
Kaitlyn Conner‡
McKayla Ann Conti°

Abigail Mary Cronin
Eva Csontosova
Danielle Brianna Dampf‡
Annet David°
Sabrina Devito
Christian DiAntonio°
Alyssa M. Dias
Martha Jean Donnelly‡
Mia Dragovic‡
Brielle Mary Ebner
Mariah Estronza
Alexandria Rose Forsyth‡
Dominique Noelle Foti
Pessel Fried
Bracha Friedman
Ruth Rivka Fuchs
Kelly A Gifford°
Mikerlie Gille
Nechama B. Halberg
Samantha Annalese Haroun
Stephanie Marie Healy°

Bassheva Hebel
Abigail Heller
Shalva Hess
Kaylee Jane Hoffmant
Tziporah Horowitz
Cheyenne Alexis Hunsberger
Lauren Johnson
Kimberly Kammer‡
Sara Kaplan
Beatriche Kasperaviciute
Faigy Kizelnik
Malka Kleiman
Esther Klein‡
Monica R Kovbasyuk°
Nicolette Kuka
Melissa Elizabeth Kuligoski‡
Alexis La Belle°
Tova Lang
Malka Lebowitz
Tova R. Leiter
Chaya Levine
Brittany Lee Lucey‡
Rebecca Lynn Lustgarten°
Daniel P Maloney°
Angelica Marie Mancusi‡
Nechama Bracha Marcus
Bryana Alita Marks‡
Rebecca Elizabeth Matthews
Alexis L. Maurer
Devorah Mehl°
Kerry Elizabeth Mendest‡
Aviva Mitnick
Maire Erinn Moloughney
Gloria Monroy Torres
Gianna Marie Morrealet‡
Sarah Nagel
Nechama Neiman
Viviene Natoya Newland
Jennifer Lynn O'Leary
Jenelle Alyza Chang Pasamba
Victoria Payort‡
Danielle Payton‡

Denise Sharlyn
Phillip-Augustine
Zlata Zahava Pollak
Cassandra Portaleos
Ramesha Qureshi‡
Renee Nicole Ribeccat
Abbey Marie Rickett
Shulamis Tova Rosenbaum
Roiza Rosenblum
Jada Desirae Rosenthal
Yisroel Y Rotberg°
Marilyn Michelle
Ruiz-Estrada‡
Rachel Schechter
Aliza Yetta Schneider
Amy Elizabeth Schulte
Ashley Cora Shaloo°
Danica Sharpley°
Kristin L. Sheehan‡
Bracha Shurin°
Marissa Simoncini‡
Lital Soleimani
Samantha Rose Spataro
Ava Stamnes
Kassidy Stepnosky
Andrew Wikoff Strucek°
Yocheved Tarter
Selene Grace Thompson
Nikki Torres
Brittany Ann Tuite‡
Brooke Van Deventer°
Samayra Vincent‡
Hannah Vorotinov°
Chaya Nechama Wagner
Terri R Wall°
Batsheva Weiser
Batsheva Werther
Elizabeth Wiesel
Anna Anita Wnek‡
Esther Zaveloff
Zahava Malkah Zuroff°

Bachelor of Social Work

Alyssa L. Christiana†
Madison Sadie Craig‡
Kamauri Tre'Shonne Davis‡
Makenzie Lorraine Dixon
Aretha Rosanna Edwards‡
Julia Anne Fernandez
DaJau Marie Fussell†
Kayla Mona'e Gordon
Gladys J. Green
Rachel Marie Harrison
Talya Jimenez

Elizabeth Ann Lloyd
Kendra Paige Lucas
Amanda Maria Ricci
Katelyn Mary Roll
Kaleigh Aine Smith
Shian Shanelle Smith
Carissa Lynn Sorensen
Anisa S. Townsend
Deicie Vasquez
Markita Shanee Williams^

† Degree conferred August 2022 ‡ Degree conferred December 2022

^ Degree anticipated to be conferred in August or December 2023

o Degree conferred February 2023

SPECIAL UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

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

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

ARTS AND VISUAL STUDIES

First Award in Art Victoria Black
Honorable Mention Award in Art Jessica Imperiale
*Ocean County Cultural and
Heritage Commission Award (Art)* Victoria Black

BIOLOGY

First Award in Biology Alexis Hahn and Efraim Shkarofsky
Service Award in Biology Jessica Bis

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, ANTHROPOLOGY, SOCIOLOGY, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

First Award in Criminal Justice Jaison-Ashley Pleva
*Honorable Mention Award in
Criminal Justice* Titus Beard and Kristis Laurinaitis

DANCE

First Award in Choreography Gianna Rutigliano
Most Accomplished
Dancer AwardAnthony Dimaria-Sadorski and
Juliette Margolies

ENGLISH

First Award in English Juliette Margolies
Honorable Mention Award in English..... Lauren Pagano

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

First Award in Interdisciplinary StudiesDov Rabinowitz
Honorable Mention Award in
Interdisciplinary Studies.....Nechama Brecher

HISTORY

First Award in HistoryFrank Aguilar and Nicole Russo
Ocean County Cultural and Heritage
Commission Award in History.....Sydney VanLew

POLITICAL SCIENCE

First Award in Political ScienceGeorge Malgeri

MATHEMATICS, COMPUTER SCIENCE, AND PHYSICS

First Award in Computer Information Systems... Robert Duncan
First Award in Mathematics Victoria Vonfrolio

PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELING

First Award in Psychology.....Jana Borkovic and Judith Hopkins

RELIGIOUS STUDIES, THEOLOGY, AND PHILOSOPHY

First Award in Religious Studies Sierra Porter

WORLD LANGUAGES

First Award in SpanishJosselin Ruiz
Helen Paparella Pfeiffer Award in Spanish.....Josselin Ruiz

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND DIGITAL MEDIA

*School of Business and Digital Media Executive Advisory
Council Emerging Leader Award*..... Jay Abraham

ACCOUNTING

First Award in Accounting..... Jay Abraham and
Aristides Papoutsakis

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

First Award in Business Administration.....Abbey Jacobs

FINANCE

First Award in Finance..... Jay Abraham

MARKETING

First Award in Marketing.....Pauline Galisson

SPORTS MANAGEMENT

First Award in Sports Management..... Shane Williams

DIGITAL COMMUNICATION

First Award in Digital Communication.....Lindsey Kardashian
*Honorable Mention Award in
Digital Communication*..... Joseph DeBrito

GRAPHIC DESIGN AND MULTIMEDIA

*Honorable Mention Award in Graphic Design
and Multimedia*.....Chloe Croghan
*Honorable Mention Award in
Digital Design*..... Nicole Dipasquale

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

EDUCATION

First Award in EducationMeghan Castro and Alex Cocuzza

Honorable Mention

Award in Education.....Frank Aguilar and Josselin Ruiz

HACKENSACK MERIDIAN HEALTH SCHOOL OF NURSING AND WELLNESS AT GCU

EXERCISE SCIENCE

First Award in Exercise Science..Vincent Giunta and Trilby Kite

Honorable Mention Award

in Exercise Science.....Hannah Gravante

HEALTH PROFESSION STUDIES

First Award in Health

Profession Studies.....Caroline Kowalski and Chana Svei

Honorable Mention Award in

Health Profession Studies.....Jessica Amaral

HEALTH SCIENCES

First Award in Health Sciences Shauna Chan

Honorable Mention Award in Health Sciences... Madison Pansini

NURSING

First Award in Nursing/Richard Hader

Academic Excellence Award Georgia Carros,

Andrew Strucek, and Tova Leiter

John K. Lloyd BSN Graduate

Nurse Leadership Award.....Lauren Johnson

Rosemary E. Jeffries Mercy Core

Values Award in Nursing Miriam Cohen Benguigui,

Abigail Cronin, and Samayra Vincent

Catherine McAuley

Spirit of Nursing Award..... Angelica Mancusi,

Vivienne Newland-Davis, Elizabeth Wiesel, and Anna Wnek

SOCIAL WORK

- First Award in Social Work*.....Talysa Jimenez
- Mercy and Social Justice Award
in Social Work* Anisa Townsend and Deicie Vasquez
- Outstanding Performance in Field Award
in Social Work* Shian Smith and Markita Williams



SOROPTOMIST INTERNATIONAL OF TOMS RIVER

*This volunteer service organization for professional women awards
one senior who has been accepted into a graduate
school program for the following semester.*

Amanda Ricci

KAPPA GAMMA PI NATIONAL CATHOLIC COLLEGE GRADUATE HONOR SOCIETY

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

Dominique Foti
Caroline Kowalski
George Malgeri
Juliette Margolies
Paige O'Neill
Aristides Papoutsakis
Sierra Porter
Molly Scott
Deicie Vasquez

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 Georgian Court graduates will triumph in the formation of their characters.

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 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.
- 2016** John R. Garbarino
John K. Lloyd, FACHE
Rose Martin, RSM
Maria Cordis Richey, RSM,
Ph.D., '50
- 2017** Deacon James J. Knipper '15
Adam Lowy
Richard Rohr, OFM
Barbara Williams, RSM, '63
- 2018** Elisabeth Fontenelli
Jon F. Hanson
Triantafillos Parlapanides,
Ed.D., '00
- 2019** Brian Gragnolati, FACHE
Justice Anne M. Patterson, J.D.
Michael A. Pontoriero,
M.D., FACS
- 2021** Annie Hanna Cestra '73
Marlene Laó-Collins
- 2022** Robert C. Garrett, FACHE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2022–2023

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Julia A. Upton, RSM, Ph.D., *Chair*
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Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D., *University President*

- James E. Andrews '17
Nina B. Anuario
Michele Teresa Aronica, RSM, Ph.D.
The Hon. Jeffrey S. Chiesa, Esq.
Rodrigo A. Colon, Jr. '95, '17
Alicia Cook '08
Chris E. Domes, Ed.D.
Madeline Ferraro, Esq.
Mary Ellen Fuhrman, RSM
Rev. Msgr. R. Vincent Gartland
Marilyn E. Gonyo, Ed.D.
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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
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