



2020

109TH ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT
CEREMONY

OCTOBER 17-18, 2020

GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY

THE MERCY UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

PRESIDING

Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.
President

MACE BEARER

Sachiko Komagata, Ph.D., PT
Associate Professor of Holistic Health; Chair of the Department of Integrative Health and Exercise Science; and Director of the Advising Fellows

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 Olivia Jane Santarsiero '20, accompanied by Robert MacReynolds

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

Janice Warner, Ph.D.
Provost

ADDRESS ON BEHALF OF GRADUATES

Daniel David Ginchereau '20⁺

*Immediate Past President of the Student Government Association
Executive Board*

Cynthia Lynn Shymanski '20⁺⁺

Master of Business Administration Graduate

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*

Amuhelang Magaya, Ph.D., *Acting Dean of the School of Education*

Theresa Wurmser, Ph.D., *Dean of the Georgian Court–Hackensack Meridian
Health School of Nursing*

ALUMNI WELCOME

Alice Bosies Velez '84, '93

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 Olivia Jane Santarsiero '20

RECESSIONAL

“National Emblem March” Edwin Eugene Bagley

⁺Ceremonies 2 and 3

⁺⁺Ceremony 1

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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.*

CLASS OF 2020

Candidates for Undergraduate Degrees

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

Shakyya Ginee Alford-Cole	Alexandra Figueroa‡
Rita Andonian	Rivky Fink‡
Natalia F. Baez^	Kyle Lynn Francis‡
Kelly-Ann Barruffe	Anissia Fucci‡
Maria Bavosa°	Kristi Gambino
Kristi Ann Besanceney†	Austin Robert Geissel
Carla Beuthe	Kirby L. George
Emily Bianchi	Zachary N. Gerard
Colleen Michelle Branagan	Pessy Gluck
Grace Mary Breslin	Shimon T. Goldstein‡
Laura Brockman‡	Melissa Linda Grinvalds
Zachary Buonocore‡	Grace Catherine Groh†
Teresa Burns	Austin Gurczeski‡
Michael Cace Jr.	Shmuel Halpert
Vienna Lyn Catena‡	Ryan Bridget Hansen
Christopher Michael Chillemi	Zachary Taylor Hermenau
Celia Marie Cioffi	Reena Hoff†
Charles Joseph-Louis Cobble	Madison Nichole Hogan
Shira Leah Cohen‡	Cassandra Hoover
Angelo Costagliola‡	Frank Huscha°
Cynthia Craft	Menucha Miriam Inzelbucht‡
Jamie Cuomo	Sara Esther Inzelbucht†
Rileigh E. Daly	Mackenzie Taylor Jacobs‡
Margaret Deleon-Rivera‡	Frank John III
Yubetsy Deshader	Jaime Kamaris
Mariah L. Diaz‡	Sandra Cynthia Kelman
Nicole Ann Difoglio	Patricia Kirkland
Jessica DiGiovanni	Miryom R. Kline‡
Natalija Dubrovina‡	Olivia Krupinski°
Nicole Dudek†	DaShawn Lamar-Baldwin°
Juliette Zoe Esposito	Anthony J. LaRocca‡
Ryan Christopher Everitt	Olivia G. Lavallee
Hayden Fairhurst°	Jessica Ann Lazarus
Sydney P. Fairhurst°	Safiyah Lee
Kathryn Falisi‡	Alia Lepenica
Michelle Grace Fiata	Aria Rayne Leunes‡

Kaylah Hope Lincer
Kaitlin Marie Lister
Troy Milan Longley
Tyler MacFarlane
Lily Rae Mahan‡
Isabella Rose Maletto
Alexis Marangoni†
Melissa Matier
Gabriella Matone‡
Soyini McKay
Paige Alexandria McKenna‡
Olivia N. McKittrick
Allison Joy McNamara‡
Rachael Lynn Memoli‡
Cristian Emmanuel Mendoza
Vanelix G. Merced°
Kelly Ann Mormino
Jayden Muraczewski‡
John Murtagh
Kaylynn Marie Olivacz‡
William Osborn III
Angelina Rose Palermo
Philomena Panebianco°
Meagan A. Perrotta‡
Briona Rose Pipala
Michael Pizzolongo
Carmen A. Ploe‡
Angela Pollock‡
Dylan C. Pool°
Grace Annmarie Pringle
Tatiana Quiasua-Vence
Orly Quispe^
Daria Raguseo
Amy Ramsthaler†

Shana O. Rayside
Don Redondo
Samantha L. Reilly†
Matthew Samuel Ringel
Gabriela A. Romo°
Diego Rosas-Vazquez
Alexa M. Ruimy
Rebecca Ruimy
Matthew Schwartz
Sophia Sear‡
Allyson Seidel‡
Goldie Senderovits†
Julia Ann Silva
Emily J. Smiga
Heather Smith
Rebecca Smith
Emily Socha
Samantha Maria Sorce‡
Brooke Steinhour
Megan M. Sullivan
Alexandra Szurkus
Lucy Jayne Tamke
Michael Walter Tapp
Holly Jean Thompson
Joshua Elijah Tinto
Sydney Irene Tuzzo
Erin Uszacki
Rachelle Waldner‡
Michele M. Warhola°
Madison Marie Weeden
Cynthia A. Wesley
Judy Y. Wieder
Raizy Worcman°
Madeline Louise Yahr

Bachelor of Science

Marissa Gail Adamczyk
Michelle Almeida
Andreana N. Benjamin
Amanda Biele‡
Stephanie Bock
Elizabeth Brown
Jaret Bujacich
David I. Clark^
Deborah Cohen

Dana Leigh Colorio
Bridget M. Coulahan^
Jake P. Cullinane
Milos Djeric
Hussein Moustafa Elmeshad
Christine Noel Enright‡
Katelyn Falescky‡
Lindsey Jannelle Fischbach
Jordyn Giammona

Hailee Gordon^
Cynthia Graca‡
Lyric Green
Kayla Marie Hammond
Deane Edward Heinzler III‡
Kristina Hernandez‡
Adrian Pinto Javier
Kylie Morgan Jones
Gabriella Marie Leotsakas
Michael Anthony Palmieri
Michaela Paradiso
Dominick Joseph Petronico
Arianna G. Quinlan
Clement John Rajakumar

Amy Raulinavich
Kelsey Nicole Reed
Erica Rose Russo‡
Joseph Serpe†
Daniel Ethan Pacis Smoke
Kimberly M. Sosa°
Vanessa Soto
Sarah Srour
Victoria Stahl‡
Jennifer Tellefsen°
Klaudia Wadolowska^
Jennifer M. Wells‡
Elissa Zaccagnino‡

Bachelor of Social Work

Elizabeth Helen Antonowicz
Honesty Barrickman
Ermelinda Batie^
Tajuana M. Bell°
Kaitlyn Borghesi
Nichole Marie Bruder
Kari Buser
Krystina Ashlee Clarkson
Guadalupe Cruz^
Ilia Dejesus
Kristin L. DellaVecchia
Erica Flores
Megan E. Garrison°
Loretta Giddens^
Nehemie Minou Gontrant
Noel Christine Hartman
Nathaly Hernandez
Brooke Carol Marie Hoover
Desiree Kamil‡

Shaviahnah King
Kaitlyn Shirleen Klinger
Katie LaBrutto°
Maria Rose Lamanteer‡
Brittany Loatman
Bethzaida Morales
Jack M. Pipas
Diana Ramirez-Ramos
Taylor Renee Reina‡
Stefoni Sacca
Janay I. Sapp^
Alexis Scott
Mandeep Singh
Derek Allen Smith
Tenise Welch
Julie Windram‡
Heather Wolf
Madison M. Wood

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES IN A TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Bachelor of Arts

Alexis-Marie Bruna‡
Clare Therese Cahill
Jenna Lucia Criscuolo
Lia DiLeo
Bethany Evans

Kimberly Fallon
Carly M. Ferraro
Brian Frey‡
Olivia C. Fritz‡
Ali Garbolino‡

Daniel David Ginchereau
Cierra Rae Grasso
Brian P. Guarino
Samantha Josephine Harrington
Robyn L. Krause
Haley Julia Lowe‡
Abigail McConnell‡
Amanda Mendes‡
Jessica Monteiro
Brittany Montgomery
Megan Moser‡
Amber Rain Neumann

Ashley Oliveira‡
Lauren N. Onnembo^
Leif Pettersen
Catharine Mary Phipps
Ashley Taylor Quardt
Concetta Romero
Amanda L. Rutter
Olivia Jane Santarsiero
Christina Scardino
Sally Thomas-Ridgway
Miranda Marie Valerio‡
Emily E. Whelan

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND DIGITAL MEDIA

Bachelor of Arts

Alex Behan
Antonia Lanzafama
Genesis Loor-Chopra
Karly M. McNamara

Emily N. Novozinsky°
Katie Michele Risley
Michael Suarez

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Heather Arbachesky
Brianna R. Capozzi‡
Sean Eldridge°
Drew Ernst‡
Michael F. Ivanko III
Ariana Mexquititla

Rebecca Paneque
Alexandra B. Roman
Emily Jane Soucheck‡
Samantha Widmer
Alicia M. Wilson

Bachelor of Science

Kristian B. Alexander^
Somiya Ali
Thomas Ardron
Emilio Arrubarrena-Rivera‡
Sean R. Barksdale
Emily M. Barnes‡
Robert Angelo Biele II
Jenise Billups
Tremaine R. M. Carter Jr.
Christian Casciano
Daniel Chochlinski‡
J'Son Jerome Clark
Josie Morgan Crafford
Javel Lloyd Dawkins

Elizabeth V. Frasson
Julianna Fren‡
Leah Rae Gendron
Ty T. Godfrey‡
Karen Leah Goldstein
Jenna Leigh Hoffman
Lauren Holton
Michael Hughes
Haley Jones
Carly Kaplan
Yianni Kavarakas
Savannah S. Kolesa‡
Tanner Lee
Dawn Daffner Lopez

Andrew Robert Maggs
Kyle Mayer
Emily Jean Marie McCurley
Andrea Nicole Migliore‡
Andrew J. Noorman-Hilling°
Jasmine Mercedes Orozco
Sara Partite
Alexandra M. Pelissier‡
Laura Petrauskas°
Nicholas Ragosta‡
Sabrina Risafi‡
Angela Ryan
Maria Guadalupe Saldana
James Thomas Sanford
Marc Richard Sanford‡

Isabella Rose Schaetzle
Olivia Alessandra Smith
Abby L. Swanger‡
Jaime Sweeney
Destiny Thompson°
Troy Spencer Thompson‡
Olivia L. Thrall‡
Rachel Elise Tideschi
Marissa Trezza
Anthony Justin Troche
Kendalia Turner
Liah Turtur
Jessica A. Walton
Samantha Grace Wiles‡

GEORGIAN COURT–HACKENSACK MERIDIAN *HEALTH*
SCHOOL OF NURSING
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Jacob Aaron Adler
Akua Amoah
Natalie R. Baez
Shanasia Bagnol‡
Claire Marie Begley
Sarah Borrelli‡
Leila Bracken‡
Skylar B. Cagen‡
Korinn M. Camacho‡
Amanda Marie Cammack‡
Carissa Marie Campbell
Amanda T. Chrzanowski
Danielle Rae Cocco
Zach Daradar
Sara A. Eidelman
Lauren Engel‡
Jillian Marie Etris‡
Nicole K. Fiore‡
Chana S. Frankel
Dominique Frascino‡
Laura E. Gall
Alexandra S. Gettis‡
Hailey L. Gilboy‡
Shaindel Goldberg
Esther M. Greenwald

Shana Grubner
Karolin Hanna‡
Maria Herring
Austin Higgins
Zachary Hunt‡
Noreen Ann Imbema
Jordan Jefferys‡
Morgan Jones‡
Kaleigh V. Jordan‡
Melissa Jordan Kass
Shannon Lee Kingston‡
Yael Komet
Frederick Andrew Kondash
Nicole Anna Kozikowski
Shoshana Lan
Melissa Mae Langan‡
Sarah J. Liguori
Michelle A. Lomangino
Nicole Maddalena
Laura R. Marini
Lauren Maurer
Dina Mayer
Joelle L. Meimin
Melissa L. Monteleone
Lauren P. Mortimer

Christopher Mulholland
Conor M. Nolan
Jenna Parliament
Kajal Patel
Brittany N. Piccillo‡
Madelyn Poley
Claire Marie Prevosti‡
Elisheva Privalsky
Chaya Rimmer
Cristina Isabel Rodriguez‡
Tzipporah Ahuva Rotberg
Genesis Isabel Sanchez
Sierra Lisa Savage‡
Toba R. Schecter
Dawn M. Schiano
Patricia A. Schoch‡

Stephen M. Schwartz
Dinah R. Singer
Samantha Krystyana Stavar
Gitty Stern
Megan Ann Suchecki
Rimantas Surblys‡
Kaitlyn A. Sweat‡
Angela Lynn Terracciano‡
Jake Patrick Thoms
Ashley Tremer‡
Mercedes A. Vega
Esther Werblowsky
Kaylie Wessberg
Baily Ann Yanci
Iryna Yukhman‡
Nancy Grace Zerrudo‡

CLASS OF 2020

Candidates for Graduate Degrees

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SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Arts

Michael Thomas Antonelli
Kendall Marie Bell
Gregory Berger
Debra Kay Cantwell†
Nicole Marie Cappuccino
Jenna Carbin‡
Kristen Carpenter
Teresa M. Carr
Mia Nicole Corona
Karen Theresa DegliAntoni
Ekaterina Doneva^
Cydaisha K. Dupree
Brooke Ashley Edgerton‡
Regan Elizabeth Ennis†
Kelly Marie Fahey‡
Kelly Hannah Faxon†
Lauryn Breae Fields

Deborah Flam‡
Lisa Gallegos‡
Lauren Rose Garrity‡
Laura Genco‡
Deborah Ann Gilbert-Rogers‡
Kaitlyn Mary Gilmartin‡
Rosa Godoy°
Jennifer Green†
Melissa Gull†
Sarah Amy Hensel
Kelley Higgins
Rosemaur Intelisano‡
Heather Catherine Kees†
Kayla Kraftmann†
Jessica Marie Leahy
Nicole Ashley Linke†
Thomas Lombardi†

Durie Leidner Lynch‡
Gabrielle Matey‡
Melissa Miller‡
Kathleen Molyneux
Krista L. Morton
Amanda Moscatelli†
Emilienne Mwaba
Kristen Neglia‡
Emily Marie Novak‡
Samantha Marie Partyka
Brittany A. Pawlik‡
Shea-Lynn Prendergast‡
Patricia Quigley-Ayscue*
Alissa Megan Rivera†

Laurie Robertson°
Elizabeth Rose Rosciano‡
Cristina Marie Russo^
Dymphna Santiago
Amanda Sarosi†
Danielle P. Savvis‡
Caitlin M. Sedillo°
Erin Margaret Shaw‡
Samantha Spadavecchia
Tammy Tanski†
Richard Hamilton Van Pelt
Rachele Marlene Vespi‡
Pamela Janet White‡
Kelsey L. Wood

Master of Science

Autumn Inteso

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND DIGITAL MEDIA

Master of Business Administration

Giovanni Francesco Alamia
Jada Atchison°
Ross Campbell
Hongtao Cao†
Nicholas Claudeo†
Thomas E. Daly II†
Bennett Michael Drake
Nathaniel Morris Eskinazi
Christopher Adam Femiano
Nikki Ann Forbes†
Kevin Richard Harty†
Christopher George Jarahiant†
Christian Caladan Jones

Alexandra Kupezc^
Meghan E. Lee
Denise Loutas
Quadasia Manning
Alexis Mayo
Jacqueline Patricia McGuckint†
Christa Normandia‡
Vincent Peter Paolo
Rebekah Pezzello‡
Nicholas Rjedkin°
Cynthia Lynn Shymanski
Joshua Solow
Evan Michael Wesley

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Master of Arts

Nydia Adorno†
Timothy Aldrich†
Samantha Babo
Katherine Bednarz‡
Chelsea Brizak°
Christina Bronowich‡
Laura Brunton°
Quienzell Bunch‡
Kimberly Vigilotti Byrne‡
Amber Callahan
Drew Calvo†
Vanessa Carbalho†
Angela Marie Carlo
Kristen Cecchini†
Patricia Ciaccio
Jean M. Ciner°
Melissa Cohen°
Joseph Collins†
Patrick James Conti†
Laura Croker°
Nicole Curtis
Meredith Ashley Del Guercio†
Mary Frances DelRossi-Bishop‡
Caroline Dettlinger
Sanoussi Diaby°
Irma Diaz†
Eileen Dopart°
Yurika Ebata†
Carlyann Eggie
Shakida S. Faniel†
Edith Farrell
Stephanie R. Fuchilla-Goracy°
Melita J. Gagliardi‡
Lauren Patricia Ganley‡
Alyssa M. Garnett†
Kenneth Gibson‡
Kelly Godfrey‡
Sarah Griffin‡
Krupa Guruvayurappan†
Erica Haake‡
David Haase‡
Michael Hajisafari‡

Danielle Happel†
Keri Hennessy-Wilson‡
Ivy Melody Hollander†
Mariah Iapicco
Hee Sook K. Inn†
Douglas Jackson°
Caitlin Jameson†
Meghan Kinsky
Aimee Klinger‡
Lindsey Knehr‡
Christine Kosciowiat
Nora Ashley Leary
Kathryn Lehocky‡
Loucadia Lett
Teresa Samaha Lewis†
Gregory Lins‡
Amita Lluveres†
Robin E. Lynch‡
Gabrielle Maggio‡
Amy Elizabeth Mann
Tyler Marion
Rosemary Mazzara
Erin McKenna†
Tianna Marie Meyer
Zachary Miller‡
Diana Moreno†
Fatima Mulroy
Jessica Nastasi†
Heather Marie Notte‡
Laura R. Occhiuzzo‡
Amanda Owens†
Angela Palumbo‡
Danielle Papa†
Angela Pape‡
Michelle Pederson°
Steven Poppe‡
Jessica Prawetz
Emily Puc
Kathryn R. Quacquareini°
Joshua Raposo‡
Katelyn Richerts‡
Matthew Ritter†

Samantha Roberts†
Jessica Rogers‡
Courtney Ross
Marie L. Sajous°
Danielle Schneider‡
Jessica Rose Scoras
Alexis Smith-Cooper‡
Jennifer Sonsiadek°
Ariana States†
Vincenzo Stio‡
Katlyn Swayze†
Jessica Jaimie Taylor‡
Tracy Taylor‡

Marcos Roberto Terreros
Stephanie Terry
Dana Tressito‡
Nicole Trocciola†
Shannon Turner‡
Irene Vergis
Kalyn Vizzoni†
Daniele Eleanor Washington†
Lisa Williams°
Elizabeth Yates‡
Danielle Lynn Young‡
Deanna Marie Zimmerman

Master of Arts in Teaching

Samantha Jane Daly
Sheree Sabrina Louise Gray
Amy Kirschner

Shannan McCabe
Tyler James Tomanek

Master of Education

Maham Ayub‡
Rebecca A. Caramanica°
Jessica Ann Constantine
Jeanine I. DeFilippis°
Lainie Epitropakis°
Janelle Fisher°
Ivana Garcia
Jenna Giustino°
Jason Goldheimer
Maria Goncalves°
Virginia Guise
David Hamilton
Matthew John Koba
Helen M. Konz‡
Claudia Koumoulis

Dejanez Martinez°
Marisa Massarotti
Erin-Marie Merwin°
Heather Monahan°
Christopher William Murray
Amber Lea Patterson
Nicole Quartuccio
Caitlin Reilly
Alexandria Robitaille°
Sandra Y. Rolling°
Harmony Schwier
Dorothy M. Sharo°
Tanya Staffa°
Joan Strassman

† Degree conferred August 2019

‡ Degree conferred December 2019

° Degree conferred August 2020

^ Degree anticipated to be conferred in December 2020

* Degree awarded posthumously

SPECIAL UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

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

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

ART AND VISUAL STUDIES

First Award in Art & Visual Studies Grace Annmarie Pringle
*Ocean County Cultural & Heritage
Commission Award (Art)* Grace Annmarie Pringle

BIOLOGY

First Award in Biology Shimon T. Goldstein
Grace Catherine Groh
Michael Anthony Palmieri

CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

First Award in Biochemistry Milos Djeric

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, ANTHROPOLOGY, SOCIOLOGY, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

First Award in Criminal Justice Troy Milan Longley
Honorable Mention in Criminal Justice Michael Walter Tapp

DANCE

First Award in Choreography Madeline Louise Yahr
Most Accomplished Dancer Daria Raguseo

ENGLISH

First Award in English Brian P. Guarino
Honorable Mention in English Grace Mary Breslin
Melissa Linda Grinvalds
Rebecca Smith

HISTORY AND POLITICS

First Award in History Emily E. Whelan
Honorable Mention in History Daniel David Ginchereau
*Ocean County Cultural & Heritage
Commission Award (History)* Lucy Jayne Tamke

INTEGRATIVE HEALTH AND EXERCISE SCIENCE

First Award in Exercise ScienceKylie Morgan Jones

Honorable Mention in Exercise Science.....Kelsey Nicole Reed

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

First Award in Interdisciplinary Studies..... Jenna Lucia Criscuolo

MATHEMATICS

First Award in Mathematics.....Sally Thomas-Ridgway

Honorable Mention in Mathematics.....Amber Rain Neumann

NATURAL SCIENCES

First Award in Natural SciencesJake P. Cullinane

NURSING

First Award in Nursing Tzipporah Ahuva Rotberg

Honorable Mention in Nursing..... Megan Ann Suchecki

PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELING

First Award in Psychology..... Michael Cace Jr.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES, THEOLOGY, AND PHILOSOPHY

First Award in Religious Studies..... Cynthia Craft

SOCIAL WORK AND GERONTOLOGY

First Award in Social Work.....Elizabeth Helen Antonowicz

Honorable Mention in Social Work..... Guadalupe Cruz

Kaitlyn Shirleen Klinger

Most Service to Department Kari Buser

Stefoni Sacca

Outstanding Performance in Field..... Ilia Dejesus

Shaviahnah King

WORLD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

First Award in Spanish..... Gabriela A. Romo

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND DIGITAL MEDIA

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

<i>First Award in Accounting</i>	Andrew Robert Maggs
<i>Honorable Mention in Accounting</i>	Rachel Elise Tideschi
<i>First Award in Business</i>	Emily Jean Marie McCurley
<i>Honorable Mention in Business</i>	Angela Ryan
<i>First Award in Management</i>	Leah Rae Gendron
<i>Honorable Mention in Management</i>	Jasmine Mercedes Orozco
<i>First Award in Marketing</i>	Lauren Holton
<i>Honorable Mention in Marketing</i>	Elizabeth V. Frasson

COMMUNICATION, GRAPHIC DESIGN, AND MULTIMEDIA

<i>First Award in Digital Communication</i>	Katie Michele Risley
<i>Honorable Mention in Digital Communication</i>	Genesis Loor-Chopra Karly M. McNamara
<i>First Award in Graphic Design & Multimedia</i>	Alexandra B. Roman
<i>Honorable Mention in Graphic Design & Multimedia</i>	Ariana Mexquititla

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

EDUCATION

<i>First Award in Education</i>	Olivia Jane Santarsiero
<i>Honorable Mention in Education</i>	Emily E. Whelan

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 fall semester.*

Elizabeth Helen Antonowicz

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.*

Elizabeth Helen Antonowicz

Juliette Zoe Esposito

Leah Rae Gendron

Daniel David Ginchereau

Frank John III

Jasmine Mercedes Orozco

Madelyn Poley

Olivia Jane Santarsiero

Heather Smith

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

*This award is presented to the senior who has attained the
highest grade point average for four years.*

Kristin L. DellaVecchia

Nathaly Hernandez

Tylette O. Miller

Alexandra B. Roman

Olivia Jane Santarsiero

Madison M. Weeden

KINGDON GOULD AWARD

*This award is presented to the senior who, in the opinion of
fellow classmates, contributed the most to the general welfare of
Georgian Court University.*

Elizabeth Helen Antonowicz

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
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