



The Inauguration of

JOSEPH R. MARBACH, PH.D.
Georgian Court University's Ninth President

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2015

*Answering the Call:
Transformation through Catholic Education*

*"It is God's will that
everyone called
to His service
should be happy."*

—CATHERINE MCAULEY
Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy

Inaugural Program

Answering the Call: Transformation through Catholic Education

PROCESSIONAL

“TRUMPET VOLUNTARY”Jeremiah Clarke
Performed by the Garden State Philharmonic Orchestra

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

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Alumni Association Executive Officers
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Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton
President

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Miriam Hunte ’16
President, Student Government Association Executive Board

Inauguration

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

“THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER” F. Scott Key
John Stafford Smith
Led by Mia Angelia S. Dones '18

GREETINGS & INVOCATION

The Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.
Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton

WELCOME

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GREETINGS

FROM THE INSTITUTE OF THE
SISTERS OF MERCY OF THE AMERICAS.....Mary Pat Garvin, RSM, Ph.D.
*Councilor & Member of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy
of the Americas Leadership Team*

FROM NEW JERSEY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIESA. Gabriel Esteban, Ph.D.
President, Seton Hall University

FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITYDeacon James J. Knipper '15
Founder & CEO, J. Knipper & Company, Inc.

FROM THE GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY ALUMNIMarjorie Murphy Hale '68
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FROM THE PAST PRESIDENTS OF
GEORGIAN COURT Rosemary E. Jeffries, RSM, Ph.D., '72
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MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“FANFARE FOR THE COMMON MAN”Aaron Copland
Performed by the Garden State Philharmonic Orchestra

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“Answering the Call: Transformation through Catholic Education”

Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.
President

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“NEW WORLD SYMPHONY (SYMPHONY No. 9—LARGO)” Antonin Dvorak
Performed by the Garden State Philharmonic Orchestra

BENEDICTION

Barbara A. Williams, RSM, '63
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“HAIL TO THE BLUE AND GOLD” Alice Piper Kuser '27
Hermine Carpentier Stein '29, and others
Led by Mia Angelia S. Dones '18

RECESSIONAL

“TRUMPET TUNE” Jeremiah Clarke
Performed by the Garden State Philharmonic Orchestra

THE NEW PRESIDENT



DR. JOSEPH R. MARBACH became Georgian Court University's ninth president on July 1, 2015. As the president of Georgian Court University, Dr. Marbach is charged with leading the strategic vision and growth of the university. He is the first male and first lay president in Georgian Court's history. Dr. Marbach possesses a distinguished background in the academic arena as both an educator and thought leader.

In 2010, he was named provost and vice president for academic affairs at La Salle University. There, Dr. Marbach, who also held a post as a professor of political science, established the English Language Institute, the Office of Professional and Corporate Education, and the Institute for Lasallian Education and Engaged Pedagogy (I-LEEP).

He expanded the university's presence in online education, graduate studies, international education and recruitment, signing cooperative agreements with local colleges and international universities.

He is the former dean for the College of Arts and Sciences at Seton Hall University, where he also was a professor and former chair of the Department of Political Science. At Seton Hall, Dr. Marbach served as acting chair for the Department of Africana Studies and as co-founder and director of the Center for Community Research and Engagement. During his years at Seton Hall, Dr. Marbach was a frequent media contributor and subject matter expert for television, radio, newspaper, and magazine outlets.

Dr. Marbach is a past president of the New Jersey Political Science Association and has served on the council of the American Political Science Association's Section on Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations. He was a fellow with the Pennsylvania Policy Forum, and he has been an active participant in the Global Dialogue on Federalism, sponsored by the Forum of Federations and International Association of Centers for Federal Studies. He has taught in many faculty seminars sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Fulbright Summer Institute.

Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.



Dr. Marbach with his family.

Dr. Marbach graduated magna cum laude from La Salle University in 1983, and earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science from Temple University in 1986 and 1993, respectively. His areas of expertise include federalism and intergovernmental relations, state and local government, and New Jersey politics.

Dr. Marbach is editor-in-chief of *Federalism in America: An Encyclopedia* and has contributed to and edited *Opening Cybernetic Frontiers*. Along with several book chapters, Dr. Marbach's work appears in numerous journals and encyclopedias. An award-winning radio analyst, he is often asked to share his expertise in state and local government, and particularly in New Jersey politics.

He and his wife, Paula, have three children.

“Our aim is to help students find their calling, pursue their passion, and lead purposeful lives.”

“More than ever before, higher education demands that we bring new ideas and a new way of thinking to the difficulties we face,” says Dr. Marbach. “It is only by working together—on campus, in our schools, churches, workplaces, and communities—that we can meet our challenges and continue to transform the lives of our students. Our aim is to help students find their calling, pursue their passion, and lead purposeful lives. In doing so, we bear witness to the legacy of the Sisters of Mercy and ensure that Georgian Court continues to thrive and prosper.”



Dr. Marbach, GCU student-athletes Luka Zgonjanin '17 and Melanie Schaefer '16, and alumna Agnes Moore Higgins '39 threw out first pitches at the GCU Night at the BlueClaws game on August 27, 2015.

PAST PRESIDENTS OF GEORGIAN COURT

1908–1940

MARY CECILIA SCULLY, RSM was the first and longest-serving president of Mount Saint Mary College/Georgian Court College. To accommodate a growing student body, the college was moved to the George Jay Gould estate in Lakewood (1924) and renamed Georgian Court College. During her term, the famous Card Party (1925) and Spring Musicale (1926) began. The Students' Chapel bell was dedicated in her honor in 1937.

1940–1948

MARY JOHN CONSIDINE, RSM, '12 became president after serving as dean of the college from its founding. In addition to the purchase of the Kearney House and its opening as Campus Club (1940; now Lake House), it was during her term that the first official "handbook" for college personnel was planned. In 1941, she was the first woman to receive an honorary degree (Doctor of Letters) from Fordham University. Under her direction, the Farley Memorial Library (1951; now Farley Center) was built; it was the first new construction on the Lakewood campus.

1948–1962

MARIE ANNA CALLAHAN, RSM, PH.D., '12 served as the third president of Georgian Court College. During her helm, the college began offering courses leading to a major in elementary education (1951), and a campus division in Atlantic City started (1957). St. Joseph Hall, the first dedicated residence hall, was constructed (1961) to accommodate a growing college resident population.

1962–1968

MARY PIERRE TIRRELL, RSM, '30 was the fourth president of Georgian Court College. In addition to her many accomplishments, she appointed the first male academic dean in 1967. The Arts and Science Center (1964; now Jeffries Hall) was completed, and Maria Hall, our second residence hall, opened (1967). Sister Mary Pierre also granted the first honorary degree in 1963.



Past Presidents

1968–1974

MARY STEPHANIE SLOYAN, RSM, PH.D., '39 served as the fifth president of Georgian Court College. During her term, the college started participating in the New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund for disadvantaged students. She instituted a series of meetings for representatives of administration, faculty, and students to deal with student reaction to the killings at Kent State University, the Vietnam War, and requests for changes in student life regulations. During this time, the college paid off debt to the Diocese of Trenton incurred when the college purchased the former Gould estate.

1974–1980

MARIA CORDIS RICHEY, RSM, PH.D., '50 served as the sixth president of Georgian Court College. Under her direction, the Casino Ballroom was converted into the “Student Pub” and Campus Club became the Music Center. Also, the major in business administration was approved and reinstated, and the Center for Christian Concerns was initiated in 1977. The first master’s program, an M.A. in Education, began in 1976, and the coeducational undergraduate program was instituted in 1979.

1980–2000

BARBARA A. WILLIAMS, RSM, '63 served as the seventh and second-longest serving president of Georgian Court College. During her tenure, the entire campus was designated a National Historic Landmark (1985), Mercy Center was completed (1988), and the Sister Mary Joseph Cunningham Library was built (1993). Numerous master’s degree programs, including the M.B.A., were granted state approval. She also authorized the computerization of administrative offices and established the Office of Human Resources, among her many other milestones.

2001–2015

ROSEMARY E. JEFFRIES, RSM, PH.D., '72 was the eighth president of GCU. She brought with her an understanding of higher education and both secular and religious leadership experiences, and shepherded the institution through the transition from college to university in 2004. During her tenure, two new residence halls, St. Catherine Hall and Mercy Hall were completed (2004), along with the Dorothy Marron University Community Chapel (2005), the Audrey Birish George Science Center (2005), and the Gold-LEED certified Wellness Center (2008). Sister Rosemary spearheaded the largest fund-raising effort in the university’s history, the Campaign for Georgian Court, which raised \$17.2 million in 2008 and exceeded its original goal of \$15 million. In 2013, she led the university through its shift to a fully coeducational university.

THE SISTERS OF MERCY



*Catherine McAuley, foundress
of the Sisters of Mercy*

On September 24, 1827, the feast of Our Lady of Mercy, Catherine McAuley, an Irish Catholic laywoman, opened the House of Mercy in Dublin, Ireland, to provide safe shelter and education for young women seeking employment in the city. This shelter for abandoned and

abused women and children was the start of a ministry that continues today in Sisters of Mercy religious communities throughout the world.

Although not her original intention, Catherine established a religious community to continue the works of mercy she had begun. On December 12, 1831, after completing a novitiate with the Presentation Sisters, Catherine McAuley pronounced her vows as the first Sister of Mercy. She gathered around her a group

of dedicated women who would eventually become the first Sisters of Mercy. The Sisters, who became known as the walking nuns, left their convent to visit prisons, hospitals, and homes. As nurses, social workers, and teachers they provided care, compassion, solace, and inspiration to people in need.

Between 1843 and 1858, six groups of women left convents in Ireland to come to the Americas, including the areas which now comprise the Mid-Atlantic Community. Most of the Sisters were under 30 years of age, many were recently professed, and some were novices and postulants.

While each foundation was unique, all the early foundations required courage, resourcefulness, and compassion. Upon their arrival, the early Sisters began visiting the sick, comforting the distressed, and educating adults and children. They tackled unexpected obstacles such as numerous epidemics with creativity and ingenuity. Mobility and flexibility in service were keys in the expansion of the works of Mercy in schools, hospitals, and social services.

Sisters of Mercy

Today, in the tradition of their foundress, Catherine McAuley, the Sisters of Mercy continue to reach out to people throughout the world. Sisters of Mercy are actively involved in education from preschool through college, in numerous outreaches to persons in need of housing and health care, in retreat work and other spiritual ministries. In terms of education, they sponsor 16 colleges and universities in the United States and more than 60 elementary and secondary schools. The Sisters of Mercy also sponsor more than 200 nonprofit organizations in collaboration with tens of thousands of committed co-ministers, staff, and volunteers.

The Circle of Mercy continues to grow... Today, in the United States, 3,096 Sisters continue to minister to people in need and to follow the example of Jesus Christ in His compassion for suffering people. At Georgian Court University, we help continue this heritage of Catherine McAuley, our foundress, which began over 180 years ago, and the courageous women who followed in her footsteps.



This bronze bust of Catherine McAuley was sculpted by Marie Henderson, RSM, and is the centerpiece for GCU's Raymond Hall courtyard.



THE UNIVERSITY

In 1905, at the request of Rt. Rev. Bishop James A. McFaul, bishop of Trenton, a group of Sisters of Mercy in Bordentown, New Jersey, accepted responsibility for creating a college for women. Mount St. Mary's College and Academy for Young Ladies opened in North Plainfield, New Jersey, on September 24, 1908, with an inaugural class of seven. The student body grew steadily, and by the 1920s the search was on for a new campus to accommodate the college's expanding needs. In 1924, the Sisters moved the college to Georgian Court, the palatial winter estate of Gilded Age railroad tycoon George Jay Gould, in Lakewood, New Jersey, and renamed it Georgian Court College.

Over the next several decades, Georgian Court College's programs and facilities grew, along with a reputation for graduating scholarly women of the highest caliber. In 1976, the Graduate Program was launched as the first coeducational program on campus. It was soon followed by the Coeducational Undergraduate Program,

which allowed both women and men to take undergraduate classes in the evening. Mindful of the university's mission to maintain a special concern for women, the Women's College continued to provide undergraduate women with mentoring and leadership opportunities.

Throughout the 1980s and 1990s, Georgian Court continued to expand academic offerings

and resources. In February 2004, the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education awarded university status, and Georgian Court College became Georgian Court University. Since then, the university has added, expanded, and revised academic offerings; updated campus resources and technology; and constructed new academic



and residential spaces. In Fall 2013, the university became fully coeducational, launching men's athletic teams and welcoming men into residence halls for the first time.



The Mansion at Georgian Court

Recently ranked as a “Best Bang for the Buck” by *Washington Monthly* magazine and #25 among the “Top 50 Colleges That Add the Most Value” by *MONEY* magazine, Georgian Court University maintains a student-centered learning environment, offering superior academic opportunities through 31 undergraduate majors, 10 master’s degree programs, and numerous graduate certificate and certification programs. The Mercy core values of respect, integrity, compassion, justice, and service and the goals set forth by the Sisters of Mercy remain at the core of all university decisions and activities, including providing an interactive, personalized education that transforms and empowers our students as leaders in their careers and their communities.

More than 100 years after our founding, Georgian Court University, the only Catholic university in South and Central New Jersey, continues to provide a comprehensive liberal arts education to students of all faiths. Our curriculum is broad enough to be truly liberal, yet specialized enough to provide in-depth preparation for careers or further study. We have a commitment to creating world citizens and pride ourselves on helping our students use their unique strengths to finding and answering their calling—that place where talent and passion intersect. We teach students about how they can make a positive difference in the world.

The University

THE UNIVERSITY SEAL & PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

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 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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1746

Princeton University

Robert Silverman

Alumnus

1754

Columbia University

Janice Warner, Ph.D.

Alumna

1766

Rutgers University

Ruth Ann Burns

Alumna

1826

Lafayette College

John Kincaid, Ph.D.

Director of the Meyner Center for the Study of State & Local Government and Professor of Government

1846

Saint Vincent College

John J. Hutchinson Jr.

Alumnus

1853

Manhattan College

Matthew McManness

Vice President for Finance

1856

Seton Hall University

A. Gabriel Esteban, Ph.D.

President

Chrysanthy Grieco, Ph.D.

Interim Dean, College of Arts & Sciences

Janine Buckner, Ph.D.

Professor, Department of Psychology

1863

Boston College

Chuck Hopkins, Esq.

New Jersey Shore Alumni Chapter President

1863

La Salle University

Alice Hoersch, Ph.D.

Executive Assistant to the President

Margaret M. McManus, Ph.D.

Former Associate Provost for Graduate Studies

1865

Rider University

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President

1867

Cedar Crest College

Catherine Davino Kerris

Alumna

1889

State University of New York at Oneonta

Mary Mallazzo

Alumna

1890

Post University

Thomas Samph, Ph.D.

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1899

College of Saint Elizabeth

Helen Streubert, Ed.D.

President

1904

The College of New Rochelle

Marie Therese Mulcahy

Alumna

1914

Omicron Delta Kappa

National Leadership Honor Society

Michael Gross, Ph.D.

GCU Circle Faculty Secretary

DELEGATES

1920

Immaculata University

Mary Anne Gearing

Alumna

1926

Kappa Gamma Pi

National Catholic College Graduate

Honor Society

Justyna Steuer Carlson '66

National President 1997-2001

1929

New Jersey City University

Aaron Aska, Ed.D.

Vice President, Finance & Administration

1932

University of Saint Joseph

Kathleen Olsen

Alumna

1933

Monmouth University

Paul Dement

Vice President, Government &

Community Relations

1933

Wilkes University

Patricia Florio

Alumna

1937

Siena College

Edward Oles, J.S.C.

Alumnus

1942

Felician University

Edward Ogle, Ed.D.

Vice President for Academic Affairs

1947

Manor College

Steve Greenbaum

Director, Marketing Communications

1948

Gwynedd Mercy University

Catherine McMahon, RSM

Special Assistant to the President for

Mission and Planning

1957

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Parviz Ansari, Ph.D.

Provost & Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

1964

Ocean County College

Lisa DiBisceglie, Ed.D.

Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs

Toni Clay

Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs

1967

Brookdale Community College

Anita Voogt, Ph.D.

Dean of Higher Ed Centers & K-16 Partnerships

1968

County College of Morris

Edward J. Yaw, Ed.D.

President

1974

Hudson County Community College

Paula Pando, Ed.D.

Vice President, North Hudson Campus

1976

University of Phoenix

Miriam Frolow, Ph.D.

Director of Academic Affairs, Jersey City Campus

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1991

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2002

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2007

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And all of the countless volunteers among the GCU community who have made this special day possible.



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