



2018

ACADEMIC AWARDS & CERTIFICATE CEREMONY

MAY 23, 2018

GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY

THE MERCY UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY

ACADEMIC AWARDS & CERTIFICATE CEREMONY

3:00 PM

PRESIDING

Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.

President

PROCESSIONAL

“Pomp and Circumstance” Edward Elgar

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

“The Star-Spangled Banner” F. Scott Key

John Stafford Smith

Led by Mia Angelia Dones '18

OPENING PRAYER

Jeff Schaffer

Director of Campus Ministry

WELCOME

William J. Behre, Ph.D.

Provost

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.

President

PRESENTATION OF STUDENT AWARDS

Mary Chinery, Ph.D., '86, *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*

Amani Jennings, *Dean of Students*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

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CLOSING REMARKS

William J. Behre, Ph.D.

Provost

ALMA MATER

“Hail to the Blue and Gold” Alice Piper Kuser '27,
Hermine Carpentier Stein '29, and others
Led by Mia Angelia Dones '18

RECESSIONAL

“Liberty Bell March” John Philip Sousa

SPECIAL AWARDS

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

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SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

APPLIED ARTS AND SCIENCES

First Award in Applied Arts and Sciences..... Dawn M. Riedel

ART AND VISUAL STUDIES

First Award in Art..... Farris Rosely Ellington

*Ocean County Cultural & Heritage
Commission Award (Art)*..... Farris Rosely Ellington

Art Education..... Jessica Singer

BIOLOGY

First Award in Biology..... Shannon Delaney
Julia Martone

Honorable Mention in Biology..... Jennifer Lynn Moran

CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

First Award in Chemistry..... Liam J. McGlaughlin

First Award in Natural Science..... Michelle Minniti

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, ANTHROPOLOGY, AND SOCIOLOGY

First Award in Criminal Justice..... Elizabeth Wright

Honorable Mention in Criminal Justice..... Gregory Vincent Kastner

DANCE

First Award in Choreography..... Hassan Syed

Most Accomplished Dancer..... Nicole Paige Gallo

ENGLISH

First Award in English..... Heidi V. Chaya
Julie M. Temple

Honorable Mention in English..... Jaclyn Marie Baccarella
Sara Beth Crane
Katherine Stabile
Holly Ann Walker

HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

First Award in History Stacey Louise Davis Moss
Hanna Wiczorek

Honorable Mention in History..... Adam M. McNeil
Kaitlyn Mulrane
Richard Hamilton Van Pelt

*Ocean County Cultural & Heritage
Commission Award (History)*..... Michael R. Crawford

HOLISTIC HEALTH AND EXERCISE SCIENCE

First Award in Exercise Science Tara M. Vitale

Honorable Mention in Exercise Science..... Courtney Tylutki

MATHEMATICS

First Award in Mathematics..... Kimberly Carter
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NURSING

First Award in Nursing Glad Abel Quinonez

Honorable Mention in Nursing..... Louna Cenatus

PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELING

First Award in Psychology..... Brittany A. Pawlik

Honorable Mention in Psychology..... Taylor N. Dash
Dana N. Sobel

RELIGIOUS STUDIES, THEOLOGY & PHILOSOPHY

First Award in Religious Studies..... Claudette Smith

SOCIAL WORK AND GERONTOLOGY

First Award in Social Work..... Angela L. Vaccaro

Most Service to Department..... Tanya Robbins

Outstanding Performance in Field..... Kimberly Ann Bonner

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND DIGITAL MEDIA

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, ACCOUNTING, AND ECONOMICS

<i>First Award in Accounting</i>	Michael C. Haker
<i>Honorable Mention in Accounting</i>	Alexandra Kupecz
<i>First Award in Business</i>	Cassandra Mira Varvaro
<i>First Award in Management</i>	Taylor Bauerband
<i>First Award in Marketing</i>	Egle Sadauskaite
<i>Honorable Mention in Marketing</i>	Marisa DeVito

COMMUNICATION, GRAPHIC DESIGN, AND MULTIMEDIA

<i>First Award in Digital Design</i>	Jessica Szewczyk
<i>First Award in Graphic Design and Multimedia</i>	Malawi Abiona Allen

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

EDUCATION

<i>First Award in Education</i>	Katherine Stabile
<i>Honorable Mention in Education</i>	Francesca Victoria Liverani

KAPPA GAMMA PI
NATIONAL CATHOLIC COLLEGE
GRADUATE HONOR SOCIETY

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

Malawi Abiona Allen

Taylor Bauerband

Nicholas Ciccone

Marisa DeVito

Mia Angelia Dones

Claudette Smith

Dana N. Sobel

Casey Tumblety

Holly Ann Walker

Elizabeth Wright

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

Olivia Zitarosa, *President*

David Hamilton, *Vice President*

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Jenalee Jenkin

REPRESENTATIVES

Mia Angelia Dones, *School of Arts and Sciences*

Marisa DeVito, *School of Business and Digital Media*

Holly Ann Walker, *School of Education*

Chelsey Peniston, *Commuter Students*

Christina Lynn Morgese, *Transfer Students*

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

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SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED GRADUATE STUDY IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

Sara Aldorasi	Jillian Rosenfeld
Devory Hammond	Amanda Stankowitz
Simcha Henkin	Lauren I. Torzewski
Yocheved Rivka Rosenberg	Devon Wagner

CERTIFICATE IN HOLISTIC HEALTH STUDIES

Judith Ellen Hromoko†

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR CERTIFICATE

Kimberly Fitzpatrick†

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND DIGITAL MEDIA

CERTIFICATE IN BUSINESS ESSENTIALS

Hongtao Cao	Megan Marie O'Keefe‡
Terra Guaba	Cynthia Lynn Shymanski†

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

CERTIFICATE IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

Brittany Bennett†	Kathleen Lane†
Peggyann Cokert†	Laura Moldovan†
Jacquelyn Elliott†	Kaitlin M. Pasula†
Nicole Lynn Johnston†	

† Certificate conferred August 2017

‡ Certificate conferred December 2017



OUR MISSION

Georgian Court University, founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, provides a comprehensive liberal arts education in the Roman Catholic tradition. The university has a special concern for women and is a dynamic community committed to the core values of justice, respect, integrity, service, and compassion, locally and globally.

Georgian Court University provides students with:

- a curriculum broad enough to be truly liberal, yet specialized enough to support further study and future careers;
- an environment for the entire university community to grow through shared educational, cultural, social, and spiritual experiences; and
- the will to translate concern for social justice into action.

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.

Alma Mater

“Hail to the Blue and Gold”

Hail to the Blue and Gold
Dear Georgian Court
'Mid stately pines so old
Ideals you brought to us
Of honor and loyalty,
Faith staunch and true;
We pledge fidelity and love
To you.

So through the years to come
Your name will be
Symbol of faith and love
And constancy, dear G.C.!
Here in these hallowed halls
Pledge we anew
Our hearts' devotion to the
Gold and Blue.

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