



2022

111TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY

MAY 18, 2022

GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY
THE MERCY UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY

UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

1:30 PM

PRESIDING

Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.
President

MACE BEARER

Paul Cappucci, Ph.D.
*Professor of English 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 Liana Hollendonner,
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

Conferment of Emeriti Status

Evelyn Quinn, M.S.W., M.Ed., '74
Associate Professor of Social Work

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.
Acting Chair of the Board of Trustees

PRESENTATION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

Amani S. Jennings
Dean of Students

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

Yasmin Amaro-Garcia '22
Immediate Past Vice President of the Student Government Association Executive Board
B.S.N. in Nursing Candidate

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE FOR HONORARY DEGREE

Doctor of Health
Robert C. Garrett, FACHE

Presenter: Theresa Wurmser, Ph.D.
Dean of the Georgian Court-Hackensack Meridian Health School of Nursing

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Robert C. Garrett, FACHE
CEO of Hackensack Meridian Health

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

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 Piper Kuser '27,
Hermine Carpentier Stein '29,
and others
Led by Liana Hollendonner,
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.*

ROBERT C. GARRETT, FACHE



Robert C. Garrett is the CEO of Hackensack Meridian *Health*, New Jersey's largest health network with 17 hospitals, 500 patient care locations, 36,000 team members and 7,000 physicians.

Under his leadership, the network has made major strides in medical education, behavioral health care, cancer care, and innovation and research. During the COVID-19 pandemic, it developed the state's first rapid COVID test, participated in nearly a dozen clinical trials for COVID therapies and in the formulation of safe and effective vaccines, and created a rapid COVID variant test.

The network opened the first private medical school in New Jersey in decades. The Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine offers an innovative curriculum that includes a three-year path to residency, a community immersion program, and interdisciplinary learning.

In 2019, the network opened the Center for Discovery and Innovation, which focuses on cancer and infectious disease, multiple myeloma, and regenerative medicine. The network also merged with Carrier Clinic, New Jersey's largest behavioral health provider. This resulted in the opening of the first urgent care behavioral health center in New Jersey and a state-of-the-art destination addiction treatment center.

Mr. Garrett has been ranked 1st for two years in a row by the CEO Forum as one of the *10 CEOs Transforming Healthcare in America*; ranked 48th in Modern Healthcare's *100 Most Influential People in Healthcare 2019*; ranked 4th on *ROI Influencers: Power List 2022* and 6th on *NJBIZ Power 100 List 2022*.

Mr. Garrett is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and received a Master of Health Administration from Washington University and a bachelor's degree from Binghamton University. He serves on the boards of the Bank of America Trust Advisory Board, Choose New Jersey, New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, Seton Hall University, New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, Greater New York Hospital Association, and is the incoming chair of the American Hospital Association's Health Systems Council.

Georgian Court University proudly awards Robert C. Garrett the degree of Doctor of Health, *honoris causa*, for his tireless efforts in improving the quality of health care in New Jersey, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

CLASS OF 2022

Candidates for Undergraduate Degrees

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts

Alexa Nicole Aguiar
Catherine Barnes
David Bethea^
Wendy-Nicole M. Bland
Shannon E. Boller^
Jennifer Ann Booket^
Kendall Victoria Boyd‡
Leah Nicole Bradley
John Brady‡
Dylan Patrick Breen
Jazmine Monae Brooks†
Bryanna Teresa Buccella
Thuan Thi Bich Bui
Brittany Marie Busch
Kayla Butkus‡
Martina Caputo‡
Bailey F. Carden
Garrel O. Carmichael^
Anthony Carofalo
Britney Marie Cichorz‡
Brooke Colavito‡
Catherine Cooke‡
Sabrina E. Cruz†
Alexa Ann Curcio‡
Nolan Christopher Czech‡
Monica Demetrio‡
Daniela Denrich‡
Danielle Depalma‡
Jeshurun Leonist Devero
Thomas H. Dombrowski
Brandon William Downey
Alyssa Catherine Einhorn
Yasmeen Farraj
Jamie Marie Ferguson‡
Marisa Ann Flannigan
Jordany Fleurant‡
Nicole Galante‡

Taylor Gansereit
Alexa Hailey Gazzanigo‡
Yitzchok Glancz
Chaim Yosef Glatzer
Tami Lewkowicz Gottfried‡
Alexandria Paige Grieco
Patrick Andrew Handel‡
Tyler H. Hullings
Annie Huynh
Margaret Elizabeth Hyde
Gianna Marie Innucci
Ariana Rose Janus
Kelly Jefferys^
Jared M. Jefferys
Kimberly A. Kane
Kelly Jayne Karausky
Ivona Krakic
John Patrick Krzyzyczuk
Brandon Lewis
Leighanna Marie Lister
Esmeralda Ivette Luciano
Edward R. Machnicki‡
Alonzo-Augustine Magsino‡
Morgan Catherine Maher‡
Christopher Maher
Briann Ellen Maikisch
Jaycee Manto
Denisja Manuel‡
Matilda Anne Marks
Alana J. Masino‡
Michael James Mason
Marissa Matis‡
Tyrone McDaniels
Aidan Kaye McDonnell
Breanna G. Meglio‡
Annmarie Melfi†
Samantha J. Mitchell

Andrea Claire Montague
Kaitlyn Rose Moran
Lacie Catherine Moran
Matthew Jamel Morris
Kelsey Murray‡
Alexandra Nieto
Christian Padilla‡
Julia Rose Palmieri
Morgan Palumbo‡
Gianna Marie Papeo‡
Leanne Josephine Paulson
Matthew Perillo
Breanne Perna‡
Angelina Puglisi‡
Tiffany Ann Quinby
Alexa Marie Quinn‡
Orly Jesus Quispe
Caitlin M. Regan
Noah Alonzo Roach
Courtney Josephine Robbins
Tyshona Mona Robinson^
Taylor Alexandra Robustelli†
Gabriel Rodriguez†
Eliza A. Roman
Antonio V. Rosania‡
Samantha Rozon

Shaine Amelia Sauter
Morgan J. Scott
Tyler Scotto‡
Nicole Scourtsis
Alexia Silletti‡
Alexa Smedberg
Kourtney Victoria Smith‡
Victoria Rose Smith
Lauren Ann Sodano
Quincy Southerland
Kristen Spada‡
Deena Stolz‡
Taylor Taddeo
Francesca Carmela Terrizzi‡
Kyle Thatcher†
Noah Pantelis Tripolitis
Brooke Elizabeth Trotta
Mia Vaccaro‡
Sydney Leigh VanLew^
Krystina Catherine Vied
Joseph Vigliante
Gabrielle Vivona
Stephanie Lynn Walterst‡
Dylan Wasesky
Kelly Marie Wienges
Michael Williams

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Emma Lee Eisner

Jia Qi Li

Bachelor of Science

Valerie Baradejki‡
David Bartolini‡
Faith Amber Bennett
Lara Noelle Brandeisky†
Magdala Charles^
Meuke Klaus Landry Cheta‡
Brittany Consalvo‡
Alyssa Dimedici^
John Robert Dolan‡
Ginalee Judith Erskine
Matthew Angelo Finocchiaro
Jonathan Vito Finocchiaro
Samuel Andrew Giordano‡

Kinsy Melinda Haschke‡
Dawson Heath
Emily Patricia Humphries
Jaleela Ameera Jackson
Melanie Naya Joseph†
Charles Bernard Kiesnowski
Niklas A. Laenger
Mackenzie Lillis
Annalicia Lopez‡
Arianna Cecelia Maffei
Connor William Maher
Nicholas E. Mann^
Deanna Nicole Martin‡

Devin Martin
Ciani Ciera McCullough
Kerri Lynn Morrisset
Patrick John Morris
Morgan Natkiet
Krzysztof Paczesny
Sloane Pansini
Kristin Joy Pappas
Matthew Dominick Picone

Michael Pisanot
Jessica L. Rogers
Meesha Angelique Samuels
Chase Swankt
Emily Tisony
Alejandro Valdez
Victor Vargas
Dakota Jonathon Wright

Bachelor of Social Work

Chukwuebizie Chijioke
Anuamadi
Ermelinda Batiet
Ashley Taylor Berman
Lydia Ruiz Bovasso
Valerie Ardi Bropleh
Sandra Brown
Kitty Bunting
Teadra Chestnut^
Julia Fernandez+
Mikayla Hope Gilgert
Maria Grazia Greco
Carley Guy
Kelsey Hammer
Chloe Marie Kassner

Emily Lioudis
Samantha Leigh Messeck
Tanisha Enit Mori
Shala C. Oates
Ashly Nicole Oquendo
Breanna Christine Ortiz
Lorena S. Pacheco-Parejas
Lizette Pelaez^
Yeila Marie Rivera
Rebecca Alexandra Rodriguez
Aida Serrano
Jacqueline Silva
Sephoko F. Stokes
Mary Verange
Ebony Watts

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES IN A TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Bachelor of Arts

Aiden Gerard Altierot
Brianna Marie Barbarise^
Francesca Rose Brown
Samantha Lynn Colvin
Sabrina Ann Comforte
Lauren Connors+
Guadalupe Diaz
Dominick DiBartolomeot
Robert Charles DiLeo
Carissa B. DiStefano
Andrew Michael Dudek+
Erinn M. Edwards
Nicole Teresa Fischer
Anthony C. Forlizzi

Ashley E. Goetz
Tara Hawk
Megan Leann Hitzel
Katie Barbara Latham
Christina Marie Loucel
Amanda Marino
Michelle Denise Martinez
Hannah Grace Moran
Nicole Alexa Russo^
Danielle Russo
Emina Regjaj
Emily E. Schabacker
Jordan Jennifer Sullivan
Olivia Mae Teufel^

Jennifer Tregillies
Graziella F. Vaccaro†
Payton Nicole Vallillo

Krista Mary Weldon†
Jenna Yascur

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND DIGITAL MEDIA

Bachelor of Arts

Alycia Skye Bardon
Christian Ciancitto
Samara Hossain

Alexander Peter Shevchenko
Hanna Thrainsdottir

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Phillip Bennington
Ryan Bonham
Jarod John Brzyski
Emily Marie Dziekant†

Jadelyn Summer Hook
Savannah Elizabeth Koehler
Axel Hodo Watson

Bachelor of Science

Ryan Baird
Bobbie Beck†
Devin Robert Bell
Craig Michael Berger†
Connor Buckley
Daniel W. Burnham
Emily Rose Burtnick
Andrew Marc Candino
Sarah Carrasquillo†
Gianluca Cersosimo
Sabrina Rachel Chandler
Savannah Rose Cheavers†
Fredrick Edward Chirinos†
John M. Constantine†
Francisco Xavier Corral
Allison Frances Darakjy†
Heather Devaney
Andrew Thomas Enik
Sebastian Farah
Molly E. Finnegan
Davon Amari Floyd^
Steven Gentile†
William Paul Germana
Mariel Gomez
Jack Samuel Guiton

Adler Ismael Gustave†
Nicholas William Heim
Lucas Iarossi^
Henry Andre Jean Michel^
Colleen A. Kusi
Dallas Price Lammet†
Javier Dario Lopez†
Edward James Lucas
Christopher M. Miceli
Nicole C. Milko
Pascaline Mathei Musyoka
Michelle Niemeyer†
Michael Novotny
Rachel Hope Pausz
Christopher Ray Polanco
Lidia Quintano
Nicholas Riavez
Ryan Rigby
Tommaso Rio†
Carly Ann Rosati
Aniyah Tenaj Russell
Gianna Grace Rutigliano
Nadira Salim†
Marc C. Santiago†
Paula F. Simone

Nora Stapleton‡
Mussie Tesfay
Jody Ann Thomas

Thomas Torrone
Patrick Robert Venezia
David Wilson‡

GEORGIAN COURT–HACKENSACK MERIDIAN *HEALTH* SCHOOL OF NURSING

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Liana Abbate‡
Brennan Allmers°
Nechama Alroy
Malka Altman
Brian E. Amador‡
Yasmin Amaro-Garcia
Sebastian Bbalo
Joshua Berger°
Leah Bodenheimer-Ginsberg
Bracha Borenstein‡
Stephanie Marie Buckley
Mickey Burstyn
Sophia A. Buttari
Skylar Grace Campbell
Gillian Rose Casey
Jessica Taylor Cataldo‡
Alana N. Cataneo‡
Kowsar Chowdhury
Stephanie M. Clark‡
Gina Rose Clark
Corinne Nichole Conigliaro‡
Abigail Lynn Cook
Megan Casey Cuvanov
Maria Lynn Daly
Sara Michelle Defalco‡
Lena Melita Degraw
Caitlyn J. Delesky‡
Lauren A. Desmond°
Sabrina Dixon°
Amata F. Domasseh-Akuete‡
Kimberly Anne Duggan‡
Gabrielle Durkin‡
Elizabeth Diane Dyminski‡
Vania Marie Endrinal‡
Malka Engel
Lauren Cecilia Fernandes

Michal Florans
Melissa Fontana
Brandon Robert Frei
Esther F. Friedman
Anna Maria Froehlich
Brooke Fromkin°
Ashley Fuentes
Alexa Jade Gabrielt‡
Esther Gibaldi°
Madeline Leonia Gilk
Claudia Giordano°
Debra Simone Greenstein‡
Chanie Grunfeld
Joy Guardino‡
Julia Eve Guida‡
Monique Harper‡
Lacie Anne Hila
Trista Nicole Hradilt‡
Justin Anthony Intile°
Amanda Irwin
Joslee Jean
Chaim Zev Josilowski‡
Elizabeth Nicole Karu
Rasha Baila Kaufold
Kathryn T. Kavanagh
Megan Patrice King
Hannah E. Koutishian
Miriam Esther Kupferstein
Shavy Landau
Kelly Susan Letual
Tova L. Levy
Rachel A. Leyh‡
Rebecca Deborah Lisit‡
Corinne M. Loeser‡
Jessica Lopez
Ashley Michelle Lupi

Lorraine Ly†
Jamaal Lynwood°
Samantha Mandarot‡
Yitzchok Manies°
Heather Ann Marelli
Kendall Sandra Mattessich‡
Rebecca Katherine McCullough
Yitzchok Mehlman°
Angelica Memoli
Nicole Lisa Mercado
Georgia Milne
Miriam Minzer
Samantha Tyler Mosley‡
Sabrina Muscato°
Sarah Neiman
Alyssa Camile E. Nicolas
Cynthia L. O'Boyle‡
Jason O'Donnell°
Danielle Nicole O'Leary
Emily Olsen
Alicia Marie Omoletski‡
Precious Chinasa Onuwa-Onyia
Pablo Alberto Ortega
Jennifer Ortiz
Gianna Marie Osty‡
Gabriela Pacheco
Julia Ana Paco‡
Jessica Nicole Paiva
Francesca Zhi-Lee Palma‡
Victoria Rose Parrinello
Chaya Pinkovics
Elizabeth Rose Porter
Taylor Chase Pugliese‡
Carissa Marie Quintero‡
Emily Anne Raynor

Lena Rimawi‡
Brenda Rojas-Delossantos
Fraida Rosenberg
Elisheva Liba Rothstein°
Zahava Sachs°
Emily Elizabeth Salisbury
Janet Sayilik°
Dylan James Schreiner
Sabreen Sehgal°
Rivka Serebrowski
Sara Shapiro
Stephanie Marie Sidunt
Judith Singer
Danielle Marie Skorupa
Briana Leigh Smith-Cataldo
Chana Solomon
Daniella Marie Soto-Safit‡
Emily L. Spagnuolo‡
Angela Christina Sparmo
Jordyn Swanda‡
Taylor Nicole Terzulli
Jessica D. Textor‡
Emily R. Tobia‡
Stephanie Vaccaro
Vyara K. Vasta
Amanda Veroutis
Jessica M. Viegas
Joseph Meir Weinstein°
Elisheva Esther Werblowsky
Lillian Wharton
Erin Wimmer
Nechama E. Yardley
Miriam Basha Zamel
Ricky Ziegelheim
Faigy Zoberman

† Degree conferred August 2021 ‡ Degree conferred December 2021

° Degree conferred February 2022

^ Degree anticipated to be conferred in August or December 2022

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..... Brittany Busch
Honorable Mention Award in Art John Krzyzczuk
Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission Award (Art)..... Emma Eisner

BIOLOGY

First Award in Biology Yitzchok Glancz
Chaim Glatzer
Patrick Morris

CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

First Award in Chemistry Emily Humphries
First Award in Biochemistry..... Niklas Laenger

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, ANTHROPOLOGY, SOCIOLOGY, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

First Award in Criminal Justice Briann Maikisch
Honorable Mention Award in Criminal Justice Daniela Denrich
Matthew Morris

DANCE

First Award in Choreography Tiffany Quinby
Most Accomplished Dancer Award..... Esmeralda Luciano
Alonzo-Augustine Magsino

ENGLISH

First Award in English Brandon Downey
Honorable Mention Award in English..... Catherine Cooke

HISTORY AND POLITICS

First Award in History Gabriel Rodriguez
Honorable Mention Award in History Emily Schabacker
Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission Award (History)..... Haylee Vitale

INTEGRATIVE HEALTH AND EXERCISE SCIENCE

- First Award in Exercise Science* Jessica Rogers
Honorable Mention Award in Exercise Science.... Mackenzie Lillis
First Award in Health Profession Studies Faith Bennett
Honorable Mention Award in..... Margaret Hyde
Health Profession Studies
First Award in Health Sciences..... Connor Maher
Honorable Mention Award in Health Sciences.... Meesha Samuels

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

- First Award in Interdisciplinary Studies*..... Alexia Silletti

MATHEMATICS, COMPUTER SCIENCE, AND PHYSICS

- First Award in Computer* Rachel Pausz
Information Systems
First Award in Mathematics Alexa Curcio

PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELING

- First Award in Psychology*..... Hanna Thrainsdottir
Honorable Mention Award in Psychology Jaycee Manto

RELIGIOUS STUDIES, THEOLOGY, AND PHILOSOPHY

- First Award in Religious Studies*..... Sister Thuan Thi Bich Bui

SOCIAL WORK AND GERONTOLOGY

- First Award in Social Work*..... Chloe Kassner
Aida Serrano
Mercy & Social Justice Award..... Shala Oates
in Social Work Sephoko Stokes
Outstanding Performance in Field..... Ashley Berman
Award in Social Work Kelsey Hammer

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND DIGITAL MEDIA

School of Business & Digital Media..... Hanna Thrainsdottir
Executive Advisory Council
Emerging Leader Award

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

First Award in Accounting..... Rachel Pausz
Honorable Mention Award in Accounting..... Javier Lopez
Nicholas Riavez
First Award in Business Michael Novotny
Honorable Mention Award in Business..... Molly Finnegan
Christopher Miceli
First Award in Finance..... Gianluca Cersosimo
Honorable Mention Award in Finance..... Daniel Burnham
Edward Lucas
First Award in Marketing..... Carly Rosati
Honorable Mention Award in Marketing..... Jack Guiton
Gianna Grace Rutigliano

COMMUNICATION, GRAPHIC DESIGN, AND MULTIMEDIA

First Award in Digital Communication..... Hanna Thrainsdottir
Honorable Mention Award in..... Alycia Bardon
Digital Communication
Honorable Mention Award in..... Jarod Brzyski
Graphic Design & Multimedia..... Jadelyn Hook

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

EDUCATION

First Award in Education..... Anthony Forlizzi
Michelle Martinez
Honorable Mention Award in Education Emily Schabacker
Jenna Yascur

GEORGIAN COURT-HACKENSACK MERIDIAN HEALTH SCHOOL OF NURSING

NURSING

First Award in Nursing/Richard Hader Corinne Conigliaro
Academic Excellence Award Yitzchok Manies

Rebecca McCullough
Chaya Pinkovics

John K. Lloyd B.S.N. Graduate Nurse Yasmin Amaro-Garcia
Leadership Award Esther Gibaldi

Rosemary E. Jeffries Mercy Core Amata Domasseh-Akuete
Values Award in Nursing Brandon Frei

Catherine McAuley Spirit of Maria Daly
Nursing Award Taylor Pugliese

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.*

Shala Oates

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.*

Sister Thuan Thi Bich Bui
Daniel Burnham
Gianluca Cersosimo
Carissa DiStefano
Kelsey Hammer

Rebecca McCullough
Patrick Morris
Rachel Pausz
Jessica Rogers
Alexa Smedberg

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
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HISTORY OF GEORGIAN COURT

Georgian Court University was founded in 1908 by the Sisters of Mercy of New Jersey as a women's liberal arts college in the Roman Catholic tradition. The university began in North Plainfield, New Jersey, headquarters of the Sisters of Mercy of New Jersey—and was originally called Mount Saint Mary's College. The college set out to offer women a quality education.

By the 1920s, the search was on for a new campus to accommodate expanding needs. The Sisters found Georgian Court, the winter estate of George Jay Gould in Lakewood, New Jersey, that featured stunning architecture. In 1924, the college moved to Lakewood and was renamed Georgian Court College. The dramatic Gilded Age architecture and idyllic grounds became a hallmark of the college, providing an inspiring environment where students could grow academically, spiritually, and socially.

Over the next several decades, Georgian Court's programs and facilities grew, along with its reputation for graduating scholarly women of the highest caliber. In 1976, the Graduate Program was launched as the first coeducational program. 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 college continued to provide undergraduate women with mentoring and leadership opportunities.

In 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 its academic offerings; updated campus resources and technology; constructed new academic and residential spaces; established additional sites; and launched in-demand programs online. Much of this has occurred since Georgian Court went fully co-ed in 2013. This historic move expanded GCU's Mercy education to a more diverse audience of women and men.

As the university approaches its 100th anniversary in Lakewood, the Mercy core values of respect, integrity, justice, compassion, and service set forth by the Sisters of Mercy remain at the core of GCU's mission. Ultimately, GCU is a caring community fueled by scholarship, friendship, and empowerment—all of which help students expand their sense of what is possible and develop in them a powerful sense of purpose.



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.

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“Hail to the Blue and Gold”

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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
Gold and Blue.

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