



COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023





Mount Mary University was founded in 1913 by the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Prairie Du Chien, WI, to provide an education exemplified by the strength of its academic programs and commitment to inspire students to transform the world.

The University moved to Milwaukee in 1929, opening its doors to 132 young women who filled the two Gothic-style buildings, Notre Dame Hall and Caroline Hall. It was the first Catholic four-year women's university in Wisconsin for laywomen who wanted to pursue an education. Today, Mount Mary University welcomes students of all faiths and backgrounds in more than 50 undergraduate and 12 graduate programs.

The strength of our historical University continues to lie, not in the grace of its architecture nor the beauty of its surroundings, but rather in the diverse lives of the students it serves and those who lead them. It is this power that forms the true cornerstone of Mount Mary, transforming the world around us, one graduate at a time.

PROGRAM

OPENING OF COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Karen E. Friedlen, Ph.D.

Vice President for Academic Affairs | Mount Mary University

INVOCATION PRAYER

Lucinda Izzo

December 2023 | Graphic Design

WELCOME

Stephanie Russell, Ed.D.

Chair, Board of Trustees | Mount Mary University

GREETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME

Debra M. Sciano, SSND

Provincial Leader, Central Pacific Province | School Sisters of Notre Dame

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Louise Kessler, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Biology | 2023 Teaching Excellence Award Recipient

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Karen E. Friedlen, Ph.D.

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Isabelle Cherney, Ph.D.

President | Mount Mary University

PRESIDENT'S CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

Isabelle Cherney, Ph.D.

PRESENTATION OF SENIOR CLASS REPRESENTATIVE

Karen E. Friedlen, Ph.D.

COMMEMORATIVE ADDRESS, SENIOR CLASS REPRESENTATIVE

Millicent Achieng Oduor, SSND

December 2023 | Educational Studies

WELCOME TO THE ALUMNI COMMUNITY

Marilka Velez, B.A.

Class of 2003 | Mount Mary University

CLOSING OF COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Karen E. Friedlen, Ph.D.

GRADUATE DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Zac Campbell	Murphy Winslow Smith
Chet Alan Garrett	Damian Leland Vertz
LaShonda Ronette Hines	

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Jacqueline Barker	Delia Gast
Tiffany Chanell Benson	Cindy Isabel Solano
Bianca A. Cisneros	

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ART THERAPY

Marisabel Trujillo^

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COUNSELING

Jennifer Suzanne Bigus	Ajalee Marie Matus^
Kayleigh Rose Eisold^	Sarayu Brennan Meraki^
Greta Krehbiel^	Paige Pepper^
Jennifer L. Larsen	Robin Steger^
Mary Vivian Marquez-Razo	

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Grace Begotka	Carly Laurent
Kaitlyn Amanda Beth	Brina Rose Linning
Alyssa Marie Brown	Mary Catherine McGuire
Briana Elaine Cline	Ellie Jean McMeeken
Alyssa Dieter	Amanda Marie Michuda
Ellen Catherine Fey	Rose Rawson
Sidney Elizabeth Gochis	Amber Stapelfeldt
Jane Grieser	Kelsey Pauline Van Cuick
Margaret Helen Hoover	Antonina Wellinghoff
Samantha Leigh Jahfetson	Marie Elizabeth Wilkey
Allison Marie Kriegler	Samantha Willms
Rachel Lynn Lahti	Allyse Yagoda

CANDIDATES FOR POST MASTER'S CERTIFICATES

Geraldine Green	John Weber^
Ayan Qureshi^	

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Millicent Achieng Oduor***§	Curin V. Johnson
Nicolette Almeida	Brianna L. Jurss***^
Katia Raquelle Arce	Mayra Alondra León Guerrero
Karly Bartels***	Gaozong Melony Lor^
Edith I Bautista	Candice Madonna Montalvo
Anna Marie Berquist	Autumnstar Shahela Monteen*
Katelyn Maureen Bloomer	Abigail Esther-Anne Parker
Adriana Derielle Carter*	Jasmine Elizabeth Perry
Shonea L. Croom-Smith	Taylor D. Robinson
Kendra Sienna Marie Dittmar	Alyssa Amber Ryan**
Kathryn Lily DuQuaine	Megan Rachel Schmitz
Chantel Marissa Gates***§	Kaylee D Sheckles
Patricia Latina Golden	Melina Subotich
Erika Guijosa	Rebekah Torkelson***
Natali Gutierrez-Ortega	Morgan Rose Vander Kooy
Stephanie Hays-Barkley	Baylee Drew Willard
Adara A. Johnson	

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Vanessa Guadalupe Chávez	Ashton Renee Longazel
Marlen C Garcia	Dolores Ann Martinez
Tomiah Jackson*	Krystal Phommachanh

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Rwan Bazar	Victoria Lawrence*
Shawna Breshay Butler	Dareana Yvette Taylor-Moss
Emily Dumann*	Alma Edelia Torres Gomez
Selena Maria Ferrer	Jessica Velez
Devora Kittner	

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Amy Lynn Spenner**

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Juliet R. Jaramillo

CANDIDATE FOR POST BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE

Lucinda Gayla Izzo

LATIN HONORS

- * Cum Laude
- ** Magna Cum Laude
- *** Summa Cum Laude
- § Graduation in the Honors Program
- ^ Summer 2023 Graduate

Cum laude means “With Praise” and is indicated by the * symbol. This is awarded to students whose cumulative grade point record reflects a 3.6 or higher. Magna cum laude means “With High Praise” and is indicated by the ** symbol. This is awarded to students whose cumulative grade point record reflects a 3.8 or higher. Summa cum laude translates to “With Highest Praise” and is indicated by the *** symbol. This is awarded to students whose cumulative grade point record reflects a 3.9 or higher.

Degree conferral is certified by the official Mount Mary University transcript denoting degree completion and honor distinctions.

This listing of degree candidates and honor distinctions is preliminary for Winter 2023 candidates. Final honor distinctions does not constitute certification of degree conferral.

THIS PROGRAM IS NOT AN OFFICIAL GRADUATION LIST

While every effort is made to ensure accuracy in this commencement program, printing deadlines may result in omission of some names and use of names of persons not completing graduation requirements as intended. This printed program, therefore, should not be used to determine a student’s academic or degree status. Mount Mary University Office of the Registrar manages all official student academic documentation.

HISTORY OF ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic regalia was inherited from the medieval universities of the 11th and 12th centuries. It is thought that the woolen gowns and hoods, worn by scholars for warmth in unheated quarters, evolved from the clerical practice of wearing a cape or mantle in religious processions. In 1895, American institutions of higher learning first produced a uniformity code for these vestments.

The cap worn almost universally in academic processions is the “Oxford cap,” better known as the mortarboard. The mortarboard, which is always black, is square to symbolize a book. A different style of academic headgear called the “Cambridge cap” resembles a large beret.

The tassel attached to the mortarboard is also typically black, although its color may be used to signify the field in which the degree is granted. Academic hoods, worn around the neck and down the back of the gown, signify the level of the degree, the field in which it was given and/or the institution that awarded it. The masters hood is moderate in length, and the doctoral hood is fuller and longer.

The gown’s exterior velvet panel color identifies the field in which the degree is awarded.

HOOD TRIM

Arts, Letters and Humanities:	White
Business:	Drab
Education:	Light Blue
Fine Arts:	Brown
Journalism:	Crimson
Medicine/Health:	Green
Music:	Pink
Nursing:	Apricot
Philosophy:	Dark Blue
Science:	Golden Yellow
Social Work:	Citron
Theology:	Scarlet

HONORS SOCIETY CORDS

Gold Medallion:	Graduating member of Honors Program
Gold Cords:	Graduating with Academic Honors
Brown and Ivory:	Kappa Gamma Pi, Graduate Honor Society
Blue and Red:	Phi Alpha Theta, History Honor Society
Blue and Silver:	Psi Chi, Psychology Honor Society
Blue and Gold:	Phi Alpha, Social Work Honor Society
Gold:	Alpha Mu Gamma, Foreign Language Honor Society
Lavender and White:	Sigma Theta Tau International, Nursing Honor Society
Maroon and Gold:	Delta Epsilon Sigma, National Catholic Scholastic Honor Society
Pink and Silver:	Kappa Mu Epsilon, Mathematics Honor Society
Red and Green:	Beta Beta Beta, Biology Honor Society
Red and White:	Lambda Pi Eta, Communication Honor Society
Red and Black:	Sigma Tau Delta, English Honor Society
Scarlet:	Theta Alpha Kappa, Theology Honor Society
Teal:	Alpha Kappa Delta, Sociology Honor Society

Congratulations Class of 2023!



Welcome to the Mount Mary University alumni community. As new graduates, you continue to be part of the Mount Mary family as you now join over 15,000 proud alumni transforming the world. We hope you will stay close and stay connected.

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