



COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024





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

Khadejah T. Alhmaidat

December 2024 | Biology

WELCOME

Susan Bellehumeur '85

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

Trish Kuehn, M.A., '13

Assistant Professor of Fashion | 2024 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

Keri Alioto, Ed.D.

Vice President for Student Affairs | Mount Mary University

COMMEMORATIVE ADDRESS, SENIOR CLASS REPRESENTATIVE

Rochelle E. Parker

December 2024 | Psychological Science

WELCOME TO THE ALUMNI COMMUNITY

Ann Tesmer, M.S.

Classes of 1994 and 2001 | Mount Mary University

CLOSING OF COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Karen E. Friedlen, Ph.D.

Native Speaker Translation provided by Vanessa Varela Morales, M.A. and Yee Leng Yang, M.Ed.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

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Karen Marie Codd

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Grace Fiene

LATIN HONORS

- * Cum Laude
- ** Magna Cum Laude
- *** Summa Cum Laude
- § Graduation in the Honors Program
- ^ Summer 2024 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 Fall 2024 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
Occupational Therapy:	Slate Blue
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 2024!



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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