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MISSION

The aim of Dominican College is to promote educational excellence, leadership, and service in an environment characterized by respect for the individual and concern for the community and its needs. Founded by the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt, the College is an independent institution of higher learning, Catholic in origin and heritage. In the Dominican tradition, it fosters the active, shared pursuit of truth and embodies an ideal of education rooted in the values of reflective understanding and compassionate involvement.

Committed to building its programs upon a strong foundation in the liberal arts and sciences, the College maintains a student-centered climate and serves a diverse community of students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The College empowers this community of learners to excel, lead, and serve with integrity, and to engage responsibly in the pursuit of a more just, ethical, and sustainable world.

Dominican College is dedicated to the principle that its educational programs and services must be both challenging and supportive, distinguished both by high standards and by attention to the needs and potential of the individual student. Affirmed and engaged by these standards and values, graduates are prepared for purposeful lives and for the careers and professions they choose to pursue.



PROGRAM

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION.....	Sr. Mary Ann Collins, O.P., M.A. Councilor, Sisters of St. Dominic
WELCOME	Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, O.P., Ph.D. President
THE BADAMI OUTSTANDING ALUMNA AWARD.....	Danielle Keane, M.S. Dominican College Class of 2004 Principal, PS/MS 5, The Port Morris School of Community Leadership
CONFERRAL OF VERITAS MEDAL.....	Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate Sr. Eliane Ilnitski, SSM Provincial Superior
CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREES	Volodymyr Zelenskyy, J.D. President of Ukraine Doctor of Humane Letters <i>awarded in absentia</i> Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee, M.A. Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations for Africa in the Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations Doctor of Humanities
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS.....	Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee, M.A. Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations for Africa in the Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations
BACCALAUREATE AWARDS	Thomas S. Nowak, Ph.D. Academic Dean
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES	Thomas S. Nowak, Ph.D. Academic Dean Andrew Burns, Ed.D. Assistant Professor of Communications Kathleen Hickey, Ed.D. Professor of English
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES.....	Steven T. Sabatini, M.S. Chairman, Board of Trustees
BENEDICTION	Rabbi Daniel Pernick. Beth Am Temple
ALMA MATER	Graduates

RECESSIONAL

Master of Ceremonies
Thomas S. Nowak, Ph.D.
Academic Dean

National Anthem
Jewel Sanchez
Class of 2022

Alma Mater
Katie Anderson, M.S.
Director of the New Student
& Transition Center
Class of 2008

THE BADAMI OUTSTANDING
ALUMNA AWARD

DANIELLE KEANE

*“Never give up on what you really want to do. The person with big dreams
is more powerful than the one with all the facts.”*
—Albert Einstein

Danielle Kenny Keane earned her Bachelor of Science in Education with a concentration in Humanities from Dominican College where she completed her program in Childhood Education. Her New York City journey placed her in the Special Education environment where she saw the need to expand her skills and pursue her teaching dream from general education to working with students with disabilities. She received her graduate degree in Special Education from Long Island University (LIU) and completed a second Master of Science in Education in School Building Leadership at LIU.

Danielle began her educational career with the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) at PS 160 in District 11 as a 2nd Grade Integrated Co-teacher for two years. Her dream to found and own a preschool took root when she discovered a space in Blauvelt, NY and established Busy Bees where she worked for two years and provided guidance/oversight until 2016. After her first two years at the preschool, she rejoined the NYCDOE transferring to PS 196 in District 12 as a 5th grade special and general educator. Her critical thinking skills and leadership potential were quickly recognized in those two years, and she was promoted to Assistant Principal at the same school where she served for three years. In 2017, Danielle’s team-building energy and mentorship led to her current appointment in District 7 at PS/MS 5, The Port Morris School of Community Leadership, where she continues to serve as Principal.

Danielle’s dreams of instilling a strong work ethic in her students and reinforcing diversity, equity, and inclusion connect seamlessly with PS/MS 5’s vision statement: “preparing and motivating students for a rapidly changing world by instilling in them critical thinking skills, a global perspective and respect for the core values of honesty, loyalty, perseverance, and compassion.” Her educational experiences have afforded her the opportunity to collaborate with a diverse group of educators to meet the common goal of increasing student achievement, experiences, and well-being. Her educational philosophy is based on her uncompromising belief that all students can learn, given a positive learning environment, strong and knowledgeable leadership, a committed and focused educational team, an encouraging community and a supportive family.

She is the New York Citywide Lead for My Sister’s Keeper (MSK), a NYCDOE initiative to promote gender equality, empower and engage girls and young women in grades 4–12. Danielle, and her husband, Dan Keane, also a Dominican College alumnus, will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary in July. They have two daughters, Kaeleigh and Kiera. Kaeleigh will be a freshman at SUNY Cortland in September, and Kiera will be entering Tappan Zee High School.

Danielle Keane’s devotion and commitment to the teaching profession and her incorporation of the key values espoused by the Dominican tradition make us all proud. Dominican College is grateful for the work she continues to do to Educate the Mind, Develop the Self, Serve the Community, and Inspire Change and is proud to commemorate her achievements with the **2022 Badami Outstanding Alumna Award**.

CONFERRAL OF
VERITAS MEDAL

SISTERS SERVANTS OF MARY IMMACULATE

“Educate the heart of the people and serve where the need is the greatest.”
—Blessed Josaphata, SSMI, Foundress

Founded in 1892 in Zhuhzel, Ukraine, the Congregation of Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (SSMI) extended quickly with sites in Brazil, Canada, Poland, Serbia, Slovakia, and Ukraine. The Sisters were asked to work with Ukrainian immigrants in the United States as early as 1910 and while they could not respond at that time, by 1935, members of the Canadian congregation were working at the newly-established St. Basil Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Stamford, Connecticut as well as doing catechetical work in the local parish.

By 1939, ten U.S. mission homes had been opened. With these mission homes, usually composed of two Sisters, they engaged in active ministry of education in local parishes: establishing evening schools for teaching the Catholic faith, liturgical rite, music, and customs as well as the history of Ukraine and its geography, language, and customs. They organized sodalities, instructed altar servers, formed choirs, and produced concerts and plays. The Sisters saw to it that no segment of parish life was ignored.

The need for a central, community-owned home in the U.S. was obvious because the Sisters were having to travel to Canada in order to maintain relations with the larger SSMI community and to gather as a local community for getting to know each other, pray, and engage in retreats. An ideal home was identified and purchased in Sloatsburg, NY in 1941 and was later named St. Mary’s Villa. The Table Rock House became a boarding school for girls and eventually, additional land was purchased and horse stables were remodeled to become St. Joseph’s Adult Care Home. To celebrate the Marian Year of 1954, the Sisters conducted a pilgrimage at St. Mary’s Villa in order to honor the Mother of God on her feast. The pilgrimage became a popular annual event drawing thousands. The number of pilgrims steadily increased and in the 1960s an outdoor sanctuary and grotto designed as a replica of the grotto at Lourdes was built, followed soon by outdoor Stations of the Cross.

In 1958, the Superior General of the SSMI congregation made a canonical visit to the U.S. and determined that the American members were ready to assume responsibility for their future and the Immaculate Conception of the Divine Province in the U.S. was established. In total there have been 21 missions located in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Ohio, Minnesota, Connecticut, Michigan, and North Dakota.

The call of the Foundress has resonated strongly as the tragedy of the attacks suffered by Ukraine began in February 2022. The Sisters have been actively engaged in providing resources to their Sisters in Ukraine to be distributed to those in need. Their efforts have enabled many Americans to participate and are reflective of the lives of service that the Sisters have embraced and enabled. Dominican College is grateful for their presence among us and proud to recognize their extraordinary service with the **2022 Veritas Medal**.

CONFERRAL OF
HONORARY DEGREE

PRESIDENT VOLODYMYR ZELENSKY

“Leadership is not about a title or a designation. It is about impact, influence, and inspiration.”
—Robin S. Sharma

Volodymyr Zelenskyy, the president of Ukraine, is no ordinary leader nor are the people of the Ukraine ordinary citizens. Not only do they appreciate the specialness of their country, but they together remind us of what love of country truly means. This combination of courageous leadership and committed people has led to a strong defense of not only Ukraine, but of freedom itself.

Zelenskyy was born in 1978 and earned his law degree from Kyiv National Economic University in 2000. Rather than working in the legal field, however, he toured the post-Soviet Union countries as part of a comedy troupe and later starred in both feature films and in the highly popular television series “Servant of the People,” in which he played a fictional president of Ukraine. In 2018, despite the fact that he had not yet announced his candidacy, polls showed that he was the frontrunner for the upcoming presidential election. Running on an anti-corruption campaign and advocating for his nation’s growth as a democracy, Zelenskyy was elected the sixth President of Ukraine in April 2019, taking 73% of the vote in the second round of balloting.

Since the invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces on February 24th of 2022, thousands of Ukrainians have died and more than 5 million have fled the country, half of them children. Another 7 million have been internally displaced. The suffering, death and separation that the people of the Ukraine have experienced in this unprovoked war is unconscionable. Zelenskyy, an exceptional communicator, has not only kept his own people informed and unified, but has also kept world leaders across the globe informed regarding the war taking place on Ukrainian soil and on the material needs of his country as they fight the Russian aggressors. Throughout all of this, Zelenskyy has resolutely defended his country against overwhelming odds and forged forward to preserve his nation and all it stands for. His heartfelt compassion and unwavering courage are seldom witnessed today.

This spring, nearly thirty colleges and universities throughout the United States are conferring on Volodymyr Zelenskyy an Honorary Degree of Humane Letters at their respective commencement ceremonies in recognition of his extraordinary leadership, courage, sense of justice, and for his willingness to possibly lose his life in the effort to defend freedom. We also recognize the supportive role of his family who stands with him. His wife and two children continue to live in the Ukraine. When Zelenskyy declined the United States’ offer of evacuation, he responded, “the fight is here, I need ammunition, not a ride.”

Dominican College is among those institutions of higher learning recognizing the exceptional dedication of President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and the Ukrainian people. Dominican’s Board of Trustees approved the awarding of an **Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters**.

Zelenskyy will receive these awards *in absentia* given that the war Russia has launched against his country has no sign of ending soon.

CONFERRAL OF
HONORARY DEGREE

MARTHA AMA AKYAA POBEE

“It isn’t enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn’t enough to believe in it. One must work at it.”
—Eleanor Roosevelt

Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee says in a world where there is so much injustice, violence, and deprivation, she aspires to seize every opportunity to make a difference. Time and time again, she has made a difference during a long, distinguished career of more than 30 years in international relations and diplomacy. Ms. Pobee serves as Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations (UN) for Africa in the Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations (DPPA-DPO). This latest appointment follows impressive diplomatic posts in Moscow, Geneva, Tel Aviv, South Africa, New York, and Washington, D.C.

Of her many posts, Ms. Pobee considers her appointment as Ghana’s first woman Permanent Representative to the United Nations from 2015 to 2020 to be the highlight of her career. In this position, she had various special assignments, including serving as Vice-President of the 71st Session of the United Nations General Assembly, Co-Facilitator of the high-level meeting on Financing for Development 2019, Chair of the African Group of Ambassadors in New York, Chair of the New York Group of Friends of the African-Women Leaders Network, and Co-Chair of the Group of Friends on Gender Parity at the United Nations.

Ms. Pobee’s interest in international relations and diplomacy was first sparked as a high school student in Cape Coast, Ghana, when she joined a school club called the Ghana United Nations Students Association (GUNSA). The students discussed world issues and took part in mock UN General Assembly sessions and Security Council sessions. It was then that she began to closely follow the anti-apartheid struggle of the late 1970s and early 1980s, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and human rights and economic development issues. Ms. Pobee was also a member of the Red Cross Society and Sunday School Club in high school and spent many weekends providing first aid services and teaching bible studies to children in local communities. At that young age, she realized how fortunate she was to be attending one of the best schools in the country and decided to be mindful of the needs around her and to serve others.

A graduate of the University of Ghana, Ms. Pobee also holds a master’s degree in Development Studies with a specialization in Women and Development from the Institute of Social Studies in The Hague. In addition, she has diplomas in Public Administration and Multilateral Diplomacy from the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration and the Geneva Institute of International Studies. As a graduate student in The Hague, Ms. Pobee ran for the office of president of the student body (SCHOLAS) in reaction to a fellow student’s comment that women were better suited to serve as treasurer or secretary. She won that tough election and uses it as an example of how she learned to challenge herself and the limits set by society and popular thinking.

In recognition of her extraordinary career in international relations and diplomacy, her steadfast dedication to furthering peace and security, her tireless advocacy for education and human rights, and her passionate support of women and youth, Dominican College is pleased to confer upon Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee the degree of **Doctor of Humanities, honoris causa**.

BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

MOTHER GERALDINE FORKEL AWARD
for Academic Excellence
Jordan Iacobucci

SISTER NATALIE CASEY AWARD
for Academic Excellence
Mackenzie Tokarz

SISTER MICHELE NUGENT AWARD
for Achievement in the Study of the
General Education Curriculum
Teresa Sharkey Eustace

GRADUATES WHO ARE RECIPIENTS OF STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS FOR 2022

ANA ROJAS MEMORIAL AWARD
for Outstanding Service to Residence Life
Lanay Lopez

SISTER BARBARA MCENEANY AWARD
for Spirited Involvement in Campus Life
Nicole Mastrianni and Jose Jimenez

DOHN HARSHBARGER AWARD
for Outstanding Contribution to the Life of the College
Darlenys Sanchez

SISTER KATHLEEN SULLIVAN AWARD
for Significant Contribution to the Academic Life of the College
Madison Newman

SISTER MARY EILEEN O'BRIEN AWARD
for Citizenship and Service to the College
Danaiya Simmonds

COMMENCEMENT HONORS

Latin Honors are conferred upon undergraduate students who have achieved the following cumulative grade point averages at Dominican College and all others institutions attended.
summa cum laude: 3.9 | *magna cum laude*: 3.7 | *cum laude*: 3.5

Graduate Honors are conferred upon all graduate students who have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.75

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Johana Florestal

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Kihanyis Maria Germosen
Séan Vincent Gick
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Ptryk T. Gruca
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Elizabeth Hernandez, *magna cum laude*
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Jose Jeraldo Jimenez
Imani Joseph
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Andrew Joseph Leonardo
Mario V. Liggieri
Lanay Y. Lopez
Sebastian Lopez-Sanchez
Christopher Cosmo Lubrano, *cum laude*
Jordan Lindsey Maraia
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Emmanuel Martinez
Nicole Antonia Mastrianni
Beatriz Mazariego
Wilber A. Mazariego
Eithan McEnulty
Samantha Joan McGovern
Abby Montera
Robynn Alexis Montes
Valentina Yeraldly Munoz Cortes
Julian Nieves
Jillian Grace O'Rourke, *magna cum laude*
Amanda Lynn Ortiz
Julia Marie Papayiannis
Lilianna R. Papuli
Alysse Peterkin
Thaina Petit-Freire
Isabella Piedrahita Garcia, *cum laude*
Leslie Isabel Pimentel Monterrozo
Samantha N. Rahman
Samantha Rivera
Mekayla Lauryn Robinson
Angelik Rodriguez
Ashley Rodriguez
John Elijah Rodriguez
Yanil Rodriguez
Ben Rosenblum
Jewel Elizabeth Sanchez, *cum laude*
David Sanmartin
Kenya Santos
Lauren Michelle Selkowitz
Kevina Shalvey
Carlos Shamburger
Teresa Sharkey Eustace, *magna cum laude*
Amara Danae Simmonds
Madison Michele Smith
Vicky Michelle Soler
Amanda Spadavecchia, *cum laude*
Francis T. Taggart

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BIOLOGY**

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Melissa Collier	Isaiah Javier Rodriguez
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Ewan Spencer Gray	Tayina Charlotte Solon
Jada Hammond	Mariel Taveras
Jaid Harrell	Bryan Thelismond
Shannon Knipl	Jada Thurston
Anthony Kwok Yin Siong Yen	Jhosep Nicolas Tovar
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Jack McKeever	Jocelyn Williams
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Maddison Elizabeth Pacione	

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Alyssa E. Schwalb	

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Nicholas Vincent DiGuglielmo	Daniel Sanchez
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Ivianette Bencosme	Jennifer Alina Lora, <i>magna cum laude</i>
David V. Benjamin, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Josephine M. Louza, <i>cum laude</i>
Hansraj Alonso Bhandal, <i>cum laude</i>	Emily Nicole Lubrano, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Melissa Marie Boos	Alexandra Madden
Kathryn Bottari, <i>cum laude</i>	Jessica Mailim
Jacqueline Boucher	Merin Elsa Mani
Jason Bridgewater	Hannah Rose Manning, <i>cum laude</i>
Kasey M. Brissing	Stephanie Marquez, <i>cum laude</i>
Taphara Brize, <i>magna cum laude</i>	John Philip Nilo Masong
Cassie Browne	Nikki Ann Mayer, <i>cum laude</i>
Sandra Marie Castro, <i>cum laude</i>	Ann McCormack
Michael Cerrato, <i>cum laude</i>	Mary Evangelista McLaughlin
Claudia Chan	Charissma Molyneux, <i>cum laude</i>
Lisa Marie Cohen	Tara A. Mulligan
Rachel Cohen, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Antonietta Rose Natale, <i>cum laude</i>
Courtney Collins	Elaine Marie Nicholson, <i>cum laude</i>
Tara Marie Coyne, <i>cum laude</i>	Joseph N. Patyi
Brianna Lizette Delgado	Mykerline Paul
Jacqueline M. DeSimone, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Alexis A. Perricelli
Virginia Mary DeStaso, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Evelyn Z. Pineda
Rosy Mariela Diaz, <i>cum laude</i>	Megan Mary Porter
Michelle Disla	Rubia Nicole Posas, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Catherine Marie Feger	Aaron Raju
Jhane Alizah Figueroa	Wiliska Jasmine Rodriguez
Katherine A. Frias	Taylor Brie Rosado, <i>cum laude</i>
Sabrina Marie Fusco, <i>cum laude</i>	Michael A. Ross
Jeamae Yancha Gadia, <i>cum laude</i>	Dagny C. Saja, <i>cum laude</i>
Erin Garvey	Emily Sanchez
Diana Gashaj, <i>cum laude</i>	Heena Shaikh, <i>cum laude</i>
Kimberly Joan Geary	Danaiya Brie Simmonds, <i>cum laude</i>
Kevin Gomez	Euree Son
Hope D. Goswick	Haree Son
Jessalyn Guilamo	Katherine Mary Sposa, <i>magna cum laude</i>
Christian Geovany Guzman Yupa	Jamela Aisha Stephenson
Kelly Elizabeth Hannon, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Jessica Sullivan
Deon Candacy Hardeen	Gregory Tavani, <i>cum laude</i>
Ginet Hernandez, <i>cum laude</i>	Nelvin Franklin Thomas
Michelle Lynn Hernandez	Nichelle M. Thomas
Jordan Jacobs	Carolyn Mary Trillana, <i>cum laude</i>
Ifunanya Japheth	Celina Tifanny Valdiviezo Quinonez, <i>cum laude</i>
Ashley Ann Joseph, <i>cum laude</i>	
Giannie Karam, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Khanh Vong
Harpreet Kaur, <i>cum laude</i>	Abigayle I. Wargo
Lorenzo Kazemian	Madison Ashley Warren
Samantha Lauren Kelly	Samantha Megan Wilson, <i>cum laude</i>
Laurel Bernardyne Kennedy	Lauren Yudman, <i>cum laude</i>
Paulina LaGalia	Diana M. Zuniga, <i>cum laude</i>

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Jessica Guzman
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Natasha La Volpe, *magna cum laude*

Samantha J. Lugo
Maria Cristina Martinez-Linares
Brianna Janae Sparrow

HONORS DEGREES

Anna M. Acosta, *magna cum laude*,
Bachelor of Arts
Fantejah Ivy Aaliaya Barker,
Bachelor of Science
Darien Francis Chismar, *Bachelor of Arts*
Bethzabeth Berrios Concepcion,
Bachelor of Arts
Marzena Julia Czymczuk, *cum laude*,
Bachelor of Arts
Jordan Iacobucci, *summa cum laude*,
Bachelor of Arts
Charles Luczkiewicz, *magna cum laude*,
Bachelor of Arts
Jarisa Marte, *Bachelor of Arts*
Kristin Miscia, *cum laude*, *Bachelor of Arts*
Madison Rose Newman, *cum laude*,
Bachelor of Science

Rebecca Louise Nutting, *magna cum laude*,
Bachelor of Arts
Justin Bryan Pagan, *cum laude*,
Bachelor of Arts
Alyssa Madelene Tusing Pereyra, *cum laude*,
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Bronwen H. Roshong,
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Darlenys Sanchez, *Bachelor of Arts*
Sophia Love Smith, *magna cum laude*,
Bachelor of Arts
Mackenzie Tokarz, *summa cum laude*,
Bachelor of Arts
Jordan Mi'kel Walker, *cum laude*,
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Victoria Michelle Wayne,
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE/MASTER OF SCIENCE
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

Julia Carroll
Robby Gallardo
Jessica Ann Johnson

Eleanor Leyden
Kara Petrosky
Victoria Blaze Schulze, *cum laude*

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

Angela Butler
Gabrielle Cocca
Lauren Marie Constenla
Lindsey B. Curtin
Nadine Mary Distefano
Lia Fau
Stephanie Gerard
Christopher M. Gray
Lorraine Hernandez
Sukhmjot Kaur
Enxhi Lapaj
Jonathan Laskoski

Steven Mitchell
Albert Nee
Katherine Ann Nelson
Maria Perullo
Amanda Penny Rigolli
Matthew L. Schurman
Danielle Shedlock
Katarina Brianna Soares
Emely Tavaréz
Cecelia Katherine Wegener
Nicole Margeaux Weick
Kelsey Marie Weiss

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

David Maxwell Chidsey, *graduate honors*
Dawn Dorothy D. Constancio
Adam Lawrence Gloskin
Brent Harrison Gotkin, *graduate honors*
Teresa Marie Keel

Kenneth Andrew McQuillen, *graduate honors*
Sagi Palatty
Marcos J. Pierce
Thamika Sainvil
Zachary Sica

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Shira Antar, *graduate honors*
Natalie Linn Boyd, *graduate honors*
Shane Cronin, *graduate honors*
Lucas Frajndlich
Catherine Jane Furletti, *graduate honors*
Sheila Ann Furman II, *graduate honors*
Ashalet Simone Gooden, *graduate honors*
Andrea Hester
Heather M. Lynch
Danielle E. McIvor, *graduate honors*
Miranda Ellen Nagell, *graduate honors*

Bryan Patrick Michael O'Loughlin,
graduate honors
Keishla Marie Quezada, *graduate honors*
Eilish Mary Ross, *graduate honors*
Cristina Rose Sacco, *graduate honors*
Raffi J. Sarajian, *graduate honors*
Fiona Sia, *graduate honors*
Anne-Marie L. St. John
Allan Stein
Alex Barrett Zimmerman

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
NURSING**

Kwame A. Amo, *graduate honors*
Mini Roy Antony, *graduate honors*
Bincy Baby, *graduate honors*
Tyrell Kamal Clay, *graduate honors*
Keane Irpha Cort, *graduate honors*
Christina Cruz, *graduate honors*
Sheena Ája Daffin, *graduate honors*
Alexandra Denis, *graduate honors*
Esskee J. Doucet, *graduate honors*
Sawyer Coley Flandreau, *graduate honors*
Nathalieflor Pauline E. Flores-Feliciano
Taylor Flynn
Sarah Ashleigh Garland, *graduate honors*
Nathalie Gonzalez, *graduate honors*
Kristie Guarino, *graduate honors*
Crystal L. Harter, *graduate honors*
Brittany J. Hascoat, *graduate honors*
Seena Jacob, *graduate honors*
Sincy Jacob, *graduate honors*
Jessica Janisheski, *graduate honors*
Johncy Susan John, *graduate honors*
Navpreet Kaur, *graduate honors*
Chimere Tanya McConnell, *graduate honors*

Michelle Nicole Monaco, *graduate honors*
Rejani Jayakumar Nair, *graduate honors*
Niall J. O'Connor, *graduate honors*
Myriame Osias-Louis
Sean D. O'Toole, *graduate honors*
Nadia C. Patrick, *graduate honors*
Therese Platel, *graduate honors*
Michelle R. Purville, *graduate honors*
D'Andra Nastassia Richards, *graduate honors*
Jessica M. Rios, *graduate honors*
Tennille C. Rivera, *graduate honors*
India Westcott Robinson, *graduate honors*
Christina Marie Roman, *graduate honors*
Esther Schanowitz, *graduate honors*
Brittany Sekulo, *graduate honors*
Sharran Sookraj, *graduate honors*
Stephanie Tejada, *graduate honors*
Shiny Thankachan, *graduate honors*
Sherin Sara Thomas, *graduate honors*
Yvette Urena, *graduate honors*
Bergica Valentin, *graduate honors*
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Kelli Veronica Ward, *graduate honors*

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Matthew T. Konecni, *graduate honors*

Khay'la Deneè Latimer
Erin Catherine Mayo, *graduate honors*
Samantha Nicole Meyers, *graduate honors*
Sarah Smith, *graduate honors*
Cheryl Valenti, *graduate honors*

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Jennifer Christophe	Dina Mounitz, <i>graduate honors</i>
Eartha Clarke, <i>graduate honors</i>	Sherin Mary Ninan, <i>graduate honors</i>
Cassandra Desirade	Travonna Shanelle Peterson
Tracey Joann Dinac, <i>graduate honors</i>	Evangeline Reyes-Pastorella
Petrona Ivylyn Ennis-Welch, <i>graduate honors</i>	Graig Scott Straus, <i>graduate honors</i>
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Giancarlo Carvalho	Tyler P. Nichols
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Kelsey Cогnetta	Sehyuk Park
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Darian Fernandez	Mohamed Gamal Mohamed Saleh
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Ma Larissa Francisco	Jason Schwartz
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Catherine Ganapin-Almario	Mayada Ibrahim Abdrabu Mohammed Sharaf
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Alma Mater

Refrain
Our College is Dominican
We will sing it loud and clear.
Our College is Dominican
We are proud that we are here.

You have cared and taught and loved us
You have helped us to increase
In our wisdom and our knowledge,
In our search for truth and peace.
May the light of your high standards
Guide our path as years go by.
We are grateful, Dominican College,
As we raise our voices high.

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Our College is Dominican
We will sing it loud and clear.
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We are proud that we are here.

Now we pledge our lives in service
So our talents we might give.
Meet the challenge, yet before us,
That in justice all might live.
May the light of your high standards
Guide our path as years go by.
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The Tradition of Academic Attire

The caps, gowns, and hoods worn at college and university functions date back to the Middle Ages. Monks and students used them to keep warm in medieval castles and halls of learning. From these practical origins they have developed into the accepted garb symbolizing scholarly achievement.

Baccalaureate gowns have a long, pleated front with shirring across the shoulders and back. They are primarily distinguished by flowing sleeves, pointed at the fingertips. These gowns may be worn either open or closed. The master's degree gown is worn open, and the sleeve is cut so that the forearm comes through a slit above the elbow. Gowns for the doctor's degree are also worn open. They carry broad, velvet panels down the front, and three velvet bars on the full, round sleeves. This velvet trimming may be either black or the color distinctive of the degree.

The hood gives color and real meaning to the academic costume. Its silk lining bears the colors of the institution conferring the degree. The hood is bordered with velvet of a prescribed width and color to indicate the field of learning to which the degree pertains.

Hoods worn by candidates in today's ceremonies are lined with red and black, the colors of Dominican College. Their velvet borders are tinted with colors representing the degree being conferred.

Faculty members in the academic procession are robed in gowns and hoods representing the institutions from which they have degrees.

Honors Tassels worn on the mortar board symbolize scholastic achievement at Dominican College. Students receive the white tassel for one year of excellence; red for two years of excellence; and gold, the highest honor, for attaining scholastic honors for three years.

Graduates who are members of the National Honor Society, Alpha Chi, wear the white stole which has the letters of the Society in emerald green and a sapphire blue ribbon signifying their active membership in the Dominican College Chapter.