

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

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DOMINICAN
UNIVERSITY



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MISSION

The aim of Dominican University New York 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 University 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 University maintains a student-centered climate and serves a diverse community of students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The University 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 University New York 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

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| Invocation | Sr. Barbara McEneany, O.P. Sisters of St. Dominic |
| Welcome | Manuel Martínez, Ph.D. President |
| The Badami Outstanding Alumna Award | Mardochee Julien-West M.S, RBT Dominican University, Class of 2016 |
| Conferral of Veritas Medal | Howard Goldin Co-Founder & Chairman S.T.E.P., Schools to End Poverty Edward J. Frank Co-Founder & 1st Vice President S.T.E.P., Schools to End Poverty |
| Conferral of Honorary Degrees | Raymond H. Hill, MEM Operating Partner of Arsenal Capital Partners Doctor of Humane Letters James J. Breheny Executive Vice President General Director, Zoos and Aquarium & the Jonathan Little Cohen Director of the Bronx Zoo Doctor of Humane Letters |
| Commencement Address | James J. Breheny Executive Vice President General Director, Zoos and Aquarium & the Jonathan Little Cohen Director of the Bronx Zoo Doctor of Humane Letters |
| Interlude | Imperial Brass Band |
| Baccalaureate Awards | Thomas S. Nowak, Ph.D. Academic Dean |
| Presentation of Candidates for Degrees | Thomas S. Nowak, Ph.D. Academic Dean Regina V. Alvarez, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Biology Elena Guevara, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Biology |
| Conferral of Degrees | Steven T. Sabatini, M.S. Chairman, Board of Trustees |
| Benediction | Sr. Jennifer Schaaf, O.P., D.Min. Vice President for Mission and Ministry |
| Alma Mater | Graduates |

Recessional

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| Master of Ceremonies Thomas S. Nowak, Ph.D. Academic Dean | Mace Bearer Clare Pennino, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Business Administration | National Anthem Amber Coronel Dominican University New York, Class of 2024 | Alma Mater Katie Anderson, M.S. Director of the New Student & Transition Center Dominican University New York, Class of 2008 |
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THE BADAMI OUTSTANDING ALUMNA AWARD

MARDOCHEE JULIEN-WEST, M.S.

“Lift up your hearts. Each new hour holds new chances for new beginnings.”
—Maya Angelou

Dominican University New York takes great pride in recognizing young alumni who exemplify leadership, service, and lifelong learning. From her time as a student leader to her impactful work in education and qualitative research, Mardochee Julien-West has consistently demonstrated a passion for fostering community, empowering others, and embracing intellectual growth. Her journey embodies the *Dominican Difference* in action, and the University is honored to celebrate her achievements and ongoing dedication to making a difference.

As an undergraduate, Mardochee was an integral part of both academic and student life at Dominican, seamlessly blending these two spheres through her co-leadership of Verbal Asylum, the University’s poetry and open-mic club. Alongside fellow English major Ikea Poole and under the mentorship of Dr. James Reitter, she learned how to organize auditions, design programs, and host events that regularly drew audiences of over 200 people. Working with emcee Aliyah Herndon, a Communication Studies major and English minor, Mardochee helped recruit open-mic performers, ensuring each event fostered a vibrant and inclusive atmosphere. Their combination of structure and creativity established a lasting “vibe” for *Verbal Asylum*, empowering student performers and strengthening Dominican’s artistic community.

Academically, Mardochee excelled as an English major, honing her skills in collaborative research projects and peer-led oral presentations that allowed her leadership and analytical abilities to shine. Her senior seminar capstone focused on George Bernard Shaw’s *Pygmalion* (1913), in which she explored Eliza Doolittle’s journey of self-transformation as a compelling parallel to the experiences of college students forging their own identities and paths.

After graduating, Mardochee earned a Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis from Pepperdine University, which led to her work as a Registered Behavior Technician, developing strategies to support individuals with behavioral challenges. She credits this degree with shaping her approach to coaching, where she integrates leadership with a deep commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Recently, Mardochee began a new role as a Qualitative Research Analyst and Success Coach at the University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC), where she is also pursuing a Doctor of Management degree focused on community college policy and administration. These accomplishments reflect the love of lifelong learning that Dominican seeks to instill in all its students. Shortly after joining UMGC, she was recognized as *Success Coach of the Month*, with colleagues praising her ability to build strong relationships and foster a deep sense of belonging among students.

This recognition reflects the many ways in which Mardochee embodies the *Dominican Difference*—a commitment to academic excellence, leadership, and service that remains central to her life and career. For her outstanding achievements—past, present, and future—Dominican University New York proudly presents Mardochee Julien-West with the **2025 Badami Outstanding Alumna Award**.

CONFERRAL OF VERITAS MEDAL

HOWARD GOLDIN AND EDWARD J. FRANK

*“As long as poverty, injustice, and gross inequality persist in our world,
none of us can truly rest.”*
— Nelson Mandela

Vietnam veterans Howard Goldin and Edward J. Frank were haunted by the Vietnam War they fought in many years ago, but a trip back overseas in 2005 changed their lives forever. They made peace with their former enemies, and became determined to help Vietnamese children, who had to contend with a lack of education in rural areas, human trafficking, the effects of Agent Orange, and unexploded land mines left by Americans.

During the Vietnam War, Howard was in the U.S. Army and was shot multiple times by the Vietcong in his knee. Doctors tried to remove the bullet fragments, but pieces of metal remain in his leg today. Ed served in the U.S. Navy on a River Patrol Boat in the Mekong Delta. After the war, the men returned to the U.S. as decorated veterans. Howard was the recipient of a Purple Heart, a Bronze Star, and the Combat Infantry Badge. Ed received a National Defense Service Medal, a Vietnam Service Medal, and a Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. They became friends after meeting at the local Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 333. Both were born leaders and involved community members. Howard became Chief of Police for the Village of Spring Valley. Ed is a member of the West Nyack Fire Engine Company #1. Eventually, both would serve as President of the Spring Valley Rotary Club and the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 333.

Years after the war had ended, Howard was still very angry. His son passed away at 22 years old after enduring respiratory problems and other health issues related to Agent Orange, which Howard was exposed to in Vietnam. More than 35 years after leaving Vietnam, Ed and Howard decided to return with other veterans and civilians and described the trip as “cathartic” and “healing.” They discussed war and peace with former enemy soldiers and finally put the war behind them. During that trip, Howard and Ed saw Vietnamese children working in the sex trade and noticed a lack of education. Dominican Sisters approached them for help in rebuilding a school that had been destroyed during the war, and they agreed to raise money.

When they returned to the United States, Howard and Ed founded a nonprofit organization called S.T.E.P or Schools to End Poverty, which is sponsored by the Spring Valley Rotary. Twenty years after that initial trip, the organization has built three schools in Vietnam, as well as schools in Jamaica, Honduras, and Ghana. In addition, two orphanages have been constructed in Vietnam with a third orphanage planned. The orphanages house physically-challenged children and young people who were abused, abandoned, or both. S.T.E.P. has also provided children with more than 500 wheelchairs and 500 bicycles. Two tons of supplies, including a refurbished ambulance, have been sent to third world countries to assist children injured in land mine incidents and 58 brain shunts have helped children affected by Agent Orange. Locally, in Rockland County, S.T.E.P has several programs to support children and provides school supplies and backpacks to students in the East Ramapo School District.

In recognition of their extraordinary efforts to educate and protect children in Vietnam and around the world, their remarkable commitment to help fellow Vietnam veterans heal during return trips to Vietnam, and their impressive fundraising with no overhead costs, Dominican University New York is honored to award the **2025 Veritas Medal** to Howard Goldin and Edward J. Frank.

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREES

RAYMOND H. HILL, M.E.M.

“Is life less than a boat race? If a man will give all the blood in his body to win the one, will he not spend all the might of his soul to prevail in the other?”

—Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

Raymond H. Hill stands as an inspiring example of excellence in business, service, and personal integrity—qualities that embody the highest ideals of Dominican University New York.

Ray Hill is a rower. A man of discipline and determination, he discovered his lifelong passion for rowing while a student at Cornell University, where he competed as a member of the men’s heavyweight crew. He continues to row competitively today as a master’s athlete, having won gold at the USRowing Masters National Championships an extraordinary eleven times. Like all rowers, Ray has never hesitated to put in the immense work required to pursue the opportunity to triumph. Rowing—often called the ultimate team sport—requires not only perseverance but trust in one’s teammates and perfect synchronization with them in order to achieve success. Ray has found that the values that one needs to succeed as a rower are the same ones that are needed to succeed in life both personally and professionally.

Following his graduation from Cornell, Ray went on to distinguish himself in myriad ways. He earned a Master’s Degree in Environmental Management from Duke University and went on to build an exceptional career in health technology and business leadership. He served as Chairman and CEO of CorEvitas, a biotechnology firm delivering real-world data on the safety and effectiveness of therapies for autoimmune and inflammatory diseases. Under his leadership, CorEvitas achieved nine-fold revenue growth in just eight years, culminating in its acquisition by Thermo Fisher Scientific for nearly \$1 billion. Today, Ray continues to shape the future of healthcare as an Operating Partner at Arsenal Capital, where he advises on pharmaceutical and bioscience investments.

Beyond his professional success, Ray has remained deeply committed to service and philanthropy. He exemplifies Dominican University’s mission of respect for the individual and concern for the community. As Board Chair of Row New York, a nonprofit that merges rowing with rigorous academic support, Ray has helped expand opportunities for students from New York City public schools to attend and thrive in four-year colleges. Together with his wife, Darla Sweet, he has also established scholarships at Dominican University, specifically to support first-generation college students in achieving their academic dreams.

For his extraordinary accomplishments in business, his unwavering commitment to service, and his profound investment in the education and empowerment of young people, Dominican University New York is proud to confer upon Raymond H. Hill the degree of **Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa**.

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREES

JAMES BREHENY

“The wildlife and its habitat cannot speak, so we must and we will.”

—Theodore Roosevelt

Jim Breheny is a renowned American wildlife conservationist and the Director of the Bronx Zoo, one of the largest and most respected zoological institutions in the world. He also serves as the Executive Vice President of Zoos and Aquariums for the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), overseeing the management and operations of WCS’s five zoological parks in New York City: the Bronx Zoo, Central Park Zoo, New York Aquarium, Queens Zoo, and Prospect Park Zoo. With over four decades of experience in wildlife management and conservation, Breheny has played a pivotal role in advancing WCS’s mission to protect wildlife and wild places, making a lasting impact on both the zoo community and global conservation efforts.

A Bronx native, Jim Breheny’s deep connection to animals and nature began early in life. His fascination with the natural world led him to his first job at the Bronx Zoo at the age of 14, working the camel rides at the Children’s Zoo—an opportunity that marked the beginning of a lifelong career. After earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Manhattan College in 1981, he was promoted to supervisor of the newly reimagined Children’s Zoo. Breheny’s exceptional leadership and dedication propelled him through the ranks, holding positions including Curatorial Science Fellow, Assistant Curator of Education, leader of Special Animal Exhibits, and General Curator. In 2004, he was appointed Director of the Bronx Zoo, and in 2011, he assumed his role as Executive Vice President of WCS’s Zoos and Aquarium.

Under Breheny’s leadership, the Bronx Zoo has not only thrived but flourished. He has overseen the launch of several major exhibits, including the renovation of the Children’s Zoo and the creation of Madagascar!, Nature Trek, and Budgie Landing. Beyond exhibit enhancements, Breheny has transformed the Bronx Zoo into a global leader in public education, serving over one million students, educators, and families annually. He has also spearheaded initiatives to improve animal enclosures, expand conservation programs, and introduce sustainable practices. His leadership in WCS conservation breeding programs has contributed to the preservation of endangered species such as snow leopards and American bison, as well as the successful reintroduction of the Kihansi spray toad into its native Tanzania.

In 2017, Breheny collaborated with Animal Planet on the groundbreaking docuseries *The Zoo*, offering viewers a behind-the-scenes look at the remarkable work of Bronx Zoo staff in animal care and wildlife conservation. The series, which aired for five seasons from 2017 to 2021, became the network’s second-highest-rated program. Also featured in the show was his wife of 28 years, Kathleen LaMattina, who serves as the Bronx Zoo’s Curator of Animal Encounters.

Jim Breheny has received numerous accolades for his contributions to wildlife conservation, and he remains at the forefront of efforts to create a world where animals and humans coexist sustainably. His career exemplifies the power of dedication, passion, and innovation in the pursuit of global conservation goals. In recognition of his visionary approach to zoo management, his profound understanding of animal behavior, and his unwavering commitment to preserving biodiversity, Dominican University New York is honored to confer upon Mr. James Breheny the degree of **Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa**.

BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

Mother Geraldine Forkel Award

Sydney Strohmayr (Biology and Criminal Justice)

Sister Natalie Casey Award

Sabine Sørensen (Business Management)

Sister Michele Nugent Award

Erin Carr (English)

GRADUATES WHO ARE RECIPIENTS OF STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS FOR 2025

Outstanding Senior

Daniel Pinilla

Ana Rojas Memorial Award

Alessandro Guzzinati

The Sr. Kathleen Sullivan Award for Significant Contribution to the Academic Life of the University

Yuliana Perez

The Dohn Harshbarger Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Life of the University

Kristin Mena

The Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien Award for Citizenship and Service to the University

Jillian Craig

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Jean-Luc Borge

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Gabriella Alexa Capolupo

Christian Jeremiah Centeno

Alivia Chieca

Michael Cinquemani

James Conklin

Joseph Coppola

Wendy Cruz (*magna cum laude*)

Kayla Isabel DeLeon

Thelie Delmond

Melanie Dominguez (*magna cum laude*)

Michelle Duran

Brandon Alan Edwards

Jeffrey Argenis Figueroa

Shannon Charleigh Flynn (*magna cum laude*)

Yolemar Francois

Nicole Franke (*summa cum laude*)

Madeline Friedman (*magna cum laude*)

Jessilynn Galgano

Daniel Garvey

Blaise D. Gilbride

Ty Gilligan (*cum laude*)

Leilani Anais Gonzalez (*cum laude*)

Alessandro Guzzinati (*summa cum laude*)

Marquise A. Harris

Tiffany-Ann Hyatt

Nadjha T. Jackson

Calvin N. Jerome

Yecis Madeley Jimenez Aguilar

Tamala Johnson

Khadijah H. Kareem

Anthony Leak

Julia Elaine Leibman (*cum laude*)

Josie Lettieri (*cum laude*)

Robert J. Liriano Fermin

Ariana Lopez

Yaritza Lopez (*magna cum laude*)

Alissa Madura

Yaneth Araceli Magana (*cum laude*)

Alexander Daniel Martinez

Vanessa Elizabeth Mazariego (*cum laude*)

Ana Cristina Mazariegos Alarcon (*magna cum laude*)

Chloe McIntosh

Colm Martin McLaughlin

Alexis R. Merchan Bermeo

Tanasha Mills

Jazmine Molina

Yesly Elizabeth Morales (*cum laude*)

Niccolo' Moretti (*magna cum laude*)

Devin Victor Morris

Margaret Newell (*magna cum laude*)

Katie Novick

Erin O'Neill (*magna cum laude*)

Erica Ortiz

Kaylyn Amaya Pabon

Shaylie M. Paula

Khaliya J. Reyes

Randell Reyes (*magna cum laude*)

Patrick Armstrong Roderka

Kristine Romero

Ashley Veronica Schmitt

Sydney Strohmayr (*summa cum laude*)

Morgan Pamela Stroud

Sean Kevin Sullivan

TJ Swaney (*cum laude*)

Dayna Ruth Tidwell (*magna cum laude*)

Melissa Varughese

Raysa Vasquez

Brandon Watson

Diego Armando Yupangui Lliguicota

Jesica Fabiana Yupangui Lliguicota

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KC Anola Gordon

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Sydney Strohmayr (*summa cum laude*)

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Mackenzie Abigail Chambers
Andreya Davis
Brikke Decoster *(cum laude)*
Aaron DeGuzman
Steffy Espejo
R Lavien Eugene
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Isaiah Figueroa
Alex Garcia Buil
(magna cum laude)
Josue J. Giron
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Lucas Salvatore Guerrero
(cum laude)
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Sandoval
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(magna cum laude)
Kristin Mena
Thiago Odo Micki
Jonathan Morales Carpio
Niccolo’ Moretti
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Leonardo Nikollaj
Simon Ostrowski
Diego Perez
Anish Pillai
Angelo Alexander Remigio
Alexander Reyes
Anthony Reyes
Edward Felix Richardson
Daren Rodney
Rose Maniola Saint-Preux
Lia Sarjveladze
(magna cum laude)

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Thiea Kneo Shea
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Sabine Sørensen
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Catherine Bermeo Ponce
Arianna Katherine
Blanchard-Lorentz
Jon David Buyl *(cum laude)*
Courtney Candullo
(magna cum laude)
Daniela Cantillo
Geneva Marie Carter *(cum laude)*
Kylie Dela Cruz Catral
(cum laude)
Richelle Charity Causing
Briana Jane Celestin
Amber Madeline Coronel
(magna cum laude)
Danielle Corry
(magna cum laude)
Jillian M. Craig
(magna cum laude)
Kyle Dalida
Bryan Deleña Diaz
(magna cum laude)
Leah Dillon *(cum laude)*
Kiera Margaret Doherty
(magna cum laude)
Sarah Elizabeth Doyle
(magna cum laude)
Mildred Veronica Emestica
Karl A. Francois *(cum laude)*
Paula S. Franklin
Berli George *(magna cum laude)*
Felicia D. Gorham

Kelly Harris *(magna cum laude)*
Lea Jeannine Henke *(cum laude)*
Beyli Hernandez
Isabela Hickey *(cum laude)*
Sarah Madison Jones
(cum laude)
Samantha Joseph *(cum laude)*
Sereena Joseph *(cum laude)*
Jill Kanui
Lauryn Katz *(magna cum laude)*
Stellar Sion Kim
Rafal Tadeusz Kita
(summa cum laude)
Alexandra Hope Klukosky
Jaayden Jordan Lafontant
(cum laude)
Abraham Latorre
JulieAnna LeBron *(cum laude)*
Olivia Rose Levy
Juwon Lopez *(cum laude)*
Jesmely Lopez Cruz
Estreyita Lucero
Kaleigh R. Lutkevich
Hailey Jeanne Maher
(magna cum laude)
Christine M. Matias
(magna cum laude)
Anthony V. Mecca *(cum laude)*
Seraph Millar
Diana Leticia Minchala
Saury Nunez Diaz
Kevin Patrick O’Leary
(magna cum laude)
Tayna S. Paulino *(cum laude)*
Sean Andre Philippeau
Daniel Alphonse Pinilla
Camila Polanco Dominguez
Leila Prevoit
Alexis Deana Rafferty
(cum laude)
Karryann Reyes
Mekayla Lauryn Robinson

Nathalia Rodriguez Gonzalez
Jorge G. Romero
Melanie Rose Rosario
(cum laude)
Giovanna Salcido
Sabrina Alejandra Sanchez

Rivka F. Sandel *(cum laude)*
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Nina Victoria Scanlon
(magna cum laude)
Delon Smith
Jordan Sunny
Jenipher Katherine Tamay
Kadijah Y. Tarawallie
Michelle S. Thomas
(magna cum laude)
Annmarie Traverse *(cum laude)*
Jacob Vadakara
Sitara Caresse Vargas
(summa cum laude)
Lynda Iris Velez
(magna cum laude)
Melissa Veliz
Caitlyn Hanna Waletzky
(summa cum laude)
Paola Ward *(cum laude)*
Renae Watson
Daisy Ann Wist
(magna cum laude)
Kaitlyn Zeeb *(magna cum laude)*

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Yasmeyris R. Veras

**HONORS
PROGRAM**

Victoria Balboa,
Bachelor of Science
Sabryna Mary-Cayla Carreon
Cadavillo, *Bachelor of Science*
Erin Carr, *magna cum laude,*
Bachelor of Arts

Domenica Rae DaCosta
magna cum laude,
Bachelor of Science
Kathryn Ehrlinger,
Bachelor of Science
Aaliyah Ellis,
Bachelor of Science
Sydney S. Grandison,
Bachelor of Science
Emma Kaszovitz,
Bachelor of Science
Toni-Jo Lopez,
magna cum laude,
Bachelor of Arts
Lindley McCutcheon,
magna cum laude,
Bachelor of Arts
Yuliana Perez,
magna cum laude,
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Nicolette Piscopo,
Bachelor of Science
Jordana Rose Tomasetti,
Bachelor of Science

**MASTER OF
SCIENCE
OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY**

Angelena Dominique Cancel
Jessica Catalioto
Megan Catherine Geary
Renee Nicole Llanes Lago
Nicholas Martinez
Mark Edward Ayoo Menya
Nicole Morales
Samantha Rahman
Danaé Angel Roldan
Jewel Elizabeth Sanchez
Lindsey Marie Schuessler
Jonathan Matthew Seymour
Kerry Ann Tauken
Elena Vilanova
Eleni Zlatis

**MASTER OF
BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION**

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(graduate honors)
Angelina DiMarsico
(graduate honors)
Zachary Ian Gloskin
Jaden Honis
Marcus Wayne Jackson
Alicia James *(graduate honors)*
Joshua Tejo Kaandorp
(graduate honors)
Qalib Ladhani *(graduate honors)*
Alexander Niklas Lundvall
(graduate honors)
Nora Marie-Elizabeth Owens
(graduate honors)
Jennifer Rae *(graduate honors)*
Ernst Samson *(graduate honors)*
Anisha Varghese *(graduate honors)*
Joshuel White

**MASTER OF
SCIENCE IN
EDUCATION**

Guillena Adolphe
Ashley Shannon Auguste
Justin Caloras *(graduate honors)*
Joanna Chan *(graduate honors)*
Stacey N. Davis
Shanecia Rianna Flemmings
Daniel Patrick Hartigan
(graduate honors)
Janelys Hernandez
(graduate honors)
Erini Kallivokas *(graduate honors)*
Ashley Rose Lane *(graduate honors)*
Chelsie Laudico *(graduate honors)*
Jordan L. Maraia
Bailey Rose McGuire
(graduate honors)
Lilianna Papuli
Josephine Sassano *(graduate honors)*
Rayna Mollie Schiering
(graduate honors)
Alexis J. Suarez *(graduate honors)*
Molly M. Welch *(graduate honors)*

**MASTER OF
SCIENCE NURSING**

Libymon Abraham *(graduate honors)*
Isabella Angel Acevedo-Circelli
(graduate honors)
Priya Anish
Sharon Kraba Baffoe
(graduate honors)
Claudia Mirto Charles
(graduate honors)
Dale Marie Cobey
Katea Dale *(graduate honors)*
Stephanie Gyau Degraft
(graduate honors)
Kaitlin Marie Eckert
(graduate honors)
Rhea Dnysha Edghill
(graduate honors)
Connor Emmert *(graduate honors)*
Catherine Ugochi Eze
Sebria Marie Farquharson
Jessica Danielle Fray
(graduate honors)
Maria Angelica Garcia
(graduate honors)
Sheila Gaughan May
Anisha B. George *(graduate honors)*
Joanne Gonzalez *(graduate honors)*
Jude Alex Jacob *(graduate honors)*
Robin Levin Lopez *(graduate honors)*
Priscilla Mais
Brianna McKiernan
(graduate honors)
Kavon J. McMillan *(graduate honors)*

Brenna Clare Megahey
(graduate honors)
Shanniqua M. Mitchell
(graduate honors)
Maria Fernanda Munnelly
Molano
Amy Newmann
Isabelle Osse *(graduate honors)*
Sanny U. Paningbatan Jr.
(graduate honors)
Beatrice D. Pierre *(graduate honors)*
Alena Regi *(graduate honors)*
Emma Kate Silverman
(graduate honors)
Christina Sirera *(graduate honors)*
Francesca Toni Zayas
(graduate honors)

**MASTER OF
SCIENCE
ORGANIZATIONAL
LEADERSHIP AND
COMMUNICATION**

Cynthia Rose Castro
(graduate honors)
Daphne Eileen Cedeño Vera
Kubra Selin Copur
Joseph M. DiSiena *(graduate honors)*
Kristinamarie Kaszovitz
David C. Kyvik *(graduate honors)*
Stefano Libio *(graduate honors)*
Noel Fernando Vasquez
Kaitlyn Anne Vatter
(graduate honors)
Madison Lynn Walker
(graduate honors)
Alexander Yang *(graduate honors)*

**DOCTOR OF
NURSING PRACTICE**

Mini Chacko *(graduate honors)*
Cynthia Annette Diaz
(graduate honors)
Jasmine Vingco Hackett
(graduate honors)
Sonia Joseph *(graduate honors)*
Reneé Marrian Lewis-DuQuesnay
(graduate honors)
Surya Vettath *(graduate honors)*

**DOCTOR OF
PHYSICAL THERAPY**

Migdalia Enith Berrio
Justin Black
Karina Nadine Borda
Alyssa M. Boudreau
(graduate honors)
Angelica Cuevas
Ariane Hasbrouck
Jadyn Jasmine Hermanns
Yeweon Kang
Sydney Lauren Kaplan
Young Kim
Nicole Sarita Kumar
Christopher Cosmo Lubrano
Kristin Miscia
Carlie Mullins
Ebshoy Naam
Calvin Wayne Novak
Sandy Osman
Juliana Marie Schraer
Nicholas S. Soares

DOMINICAN
UNIVERSITY
NEW YORK
ALMA MATER

*Revised by Dr. James Filippelli,
Associate Professor of Fine and
Performing Arts & Mrs. Janet Moore,
Adjunct Lecturer of Music.*

Refrain

Our hearts are with Dominican,
University so dear.

Our hearts are with Dominican,
we are proud that we are here.

Verse 1:

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,
as we raise our voices high.

Refrain

Our hearts are with Dominican,
University so dear.

Our hearts are with Dominican,
we are proud that we are here

Verse 2:

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.

We are grateful, Dominican,
as we raise our voices high.

Refrain:

Our hearts are with Dominican,
University so dear.

Our hearts are with Dominican,
we are proud that we are here.

THE MACE

A mace is a ceremonial staff that has been a symbol of authority and power for centuries. It represents the University's academic heritage and is a vital part of the Commencement Ceremony, reinforcing the gravity and tradition of the event. The University President appoints the Mace Bearer, generally a senior member of the faculty. This Mace Bearer leads the platform party in the procession that begins the Commencement Ceremony. Dominican University New York's walnut-fluted mace features a brass medallion with the University seal on both sides. Honoring the University's mission, the words Excellence, Leadership, and Service are engraved on the mace, thus it serves as a powerful reminder of the University's mission and commitment.

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 University New York. 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 University New York. 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 University New York Chapter.



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