



CONFERRING OF DEGREES

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DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY NEW YORK

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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

INVOCATION Rabbi Daniel Pernick, D.Div.
Beth Am Temple

WELCOME Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, O.P., Ph.D.
President

THE BADAMI OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS AWARD..... Daniel Colon, M.S.
Dominican University New York, Class of 2013
Research and Development Specialist
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

CONFERRAL OF VERITAS MEDAL Sr. Jean Graffweg, O.P., M.S.
Dominican University New York, Class of 1970
Migrant Head Start Director
House on the Hill

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREES..... P. Joseph Corless, P.E., M.B.A, M.S.
Corless & Associates
Doctor of Science

Victor B. Lawrence, Ph.D.
Senior Research Scientist and
Director of the Center for Intelligent Networked Systems
Stevens Institute of Technology
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COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Victor B. Lawrence, Ph.D.
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BACCALAUREATE AWARDS Thomas S. Nowak, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs/Academic Dean

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES..... Thomas S. Nowak, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs/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 Reverend Michael P. Kerrigan, M.Div.
Church of St. John-Visitation

ALMA MATER..... Graduates

RECESSIONAL

Master of Ceremonies
Thomas S. Nowak, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs/
Academic Dean

National Anthem
Celine Cornelly
Dominican University New York
Class of 2023

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

THE BADAMI OUTSTANDING
ALUMNUS AWARD

DANIEL COLON, M.S.

*"The moment you doubt whether you can fly, you cease forever to be able to do it."
—Peter Pan, J.M. Barrie*

When we speak of the Dominican difference and its wonderful spirit, Daniel Colon comes to mind as he personifies the mission of Dominican University New York. As an undergraduate student at the University, he consistently strove for educational excellence. As a research scientist in the area of virology, he has shown his concern for improving the health environment of the community at large.

Born to parents struggling with drug addiction and gang affiliation, Dan's early life was not one that would necessarily lead to future professional success. Fortunately for him, while he was still an infant, his paternal grandmother recognized that his environment was not only an unsuitable one for a child, but a dangerous one as well. She became his custodial parent, thus ensuring that he would always be provided with a stable and loving environment in which to grow up. Knowing that he did not want to inherit the lifestyle of his parents, Dan recognized that through education, he could achieve a better life than they had. Thus, in fall 2007, he enrolled in what was then Dominican College of Blauvelt, declaring a major in Biology in the spring of his freshman year. Through the support and encouragement of his faculty and others at the College, Dan was shown another form of love and acceptance.

In his final semester at Dominican, Dan enrolled in a "Molecular Microbiology" course taught by Dr. Bernadette Connors, who introduced him to the book *The Hot Zone: A Terrifying True Story*, by Richard Preston, which details incidents involving viral hemorrhagic fevers, such as Ebola. In 2013, as a newly graduated biology student, Dan was hired as a research assistant at NYU Langone in a laboratory that studied tumor detection and growth in a mouse model system. From NYU, Dan secured a position at Profectus Biosciences, later Auro Vaccines, where he had the opportunity to pursue work in the very field that Dr. Connors introduced him to, virology research and discovery. There he worked collaboratively with a team of scientists whose aim was to develop vaccines to treat viral diseases such as HIV and Hepatitis C. This work ignited in him a passion to integrate science and service to humanity, a passion that defines him today. Currently, Dan is a research and development specialist at Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc., working with other scientists dedicated to not only advancing scientific knowledge, but to saving lives across the globe.

Dan has been invited back to Dominican University on multiple occasions to talk with Biology majors and other students about both his personal and professional journey. His message about overcoming the most difficult of beginnings through the love and dedication of both his extended family and his mentors here at Dominican resonates deeply with these students. Through these talks, he shows the next generation of Dominican students that where one comes from does not need to determine who one becomes. Dan has also given back by starting an intern program, personally mentoring numerous Dominican students over the years. He has also supported the hiring of Dominican graduates for entry-level positions in the vaccine industry.

Daniel Colon has proven that we can all use our struggles to fuel the fire that drives us forward and prove to the world that we can be better than what might be expected of us. Today, Dan is married to his soulmate Michele, and together, they have two beautiful young children, Raegan and Miles. It is for his accomplishments, past, present, and future, Dominican University New York is proud to present Daniel Colon with the **2023 Badami Outstanding Alumnus Award**.

CONFERRAL OF
VERITAS MEDAL

SR. JEAN GRAFFWEG, O.P., M.S.

“Tell the children how wonderful they are and they will be wonderful.”
–National CACFP

A passion for the enablement of others and a keen desire to alleviate the impoverishments of humankind have characterized the lives of both Sr. Jean Marie Rathgaber, founder of the House on the Hill Migrant Child Care Center in Goshen, New York; and Sr. Jean Graffweg, current Director of House on the Hill.

True to the Dominican charism of study, Sr. Rathgaber earned a master’s degree in Sacred Science from St. Bonaventure’s and a doctorate in Education from Fordham University. Sr. Jean Graffweg, a graduate of Dominican (Class of 1970), obtained a Masters from Providence College where she was recognized as an “Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America.”

In 1972, following the completion of her service as Academic Dean of what was then Dominican College of Blauvelt, Sr. Jean Marie Rathgaber founded the House on the Hill, a comprehensive educational day care center to care for the young children of families who worked the black dirt fields of Florida and Pine Island in Orange County, New York. Her initial staff included Sr. Barbara McEneaney, Sr. Peter Bridget, and Sr. Adrian Paolilli who cared for the youngsters who, prior to the founding of the House on the Hill, had been resting in boxes as their parents picked onions, lettuce, and radishes.

For over five decades, the Sisters of Saint Dominic of Blauvelt have been serving the children of farm workers in Orange County. Located in Goshen, New York, the House on the Hill has served as an early childhood migrant seasonal head start center that provides education, family engagement, health, and nutrition services. The children served range in age from two months to five years. For 42 of these 50 years, Sr. Jean Graffweg has ministered at House on the Hill, being involved there as teacher, cook, bus driver and, for the past fifteen years, as Director. Whatever had to be done, Sr. Jean was available. She was ably assisted by Sr. Pat Kuhlow, Sr. Anthony Jerome, Sr. Caritas, and a generous lay staff. For all of them, nothing was more important than the growth and happiness of the children.

Today, in her role as Director, most days for Sr. Jean start as early as 6:00 a.m. when children begin to arrive. By 7:00 a.m., House on the Hill is filled with infants, toddlers, preschool, and pre-kindergarten children. Each child begins the day with a warm hug of welcome. They are fed breakfast and later lunch and a snack. The rest of the day is focused on language development, literacy, pre-mathematics and science, creative arts, social and emotional development, physical health, problem-solving, and the development of initiative. Acres of rolling hills surround House on the Hill and provide healthy exercise for the young children. Many who have been educated at House on the Hill return to share the experience with their own children. Sr. Jean is a meaningful role model in the lives of the families and children she serves.

Dominican University New York is honored to award the **2023 Veritas Medal** to Sr. Jean Graffweg; in memoriam, to Sr. Jean Marie Rathgaber; and to all those who have worked and continue to work faithfully with them in service of migrant families and their children.

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HONORARY DEGREES

P. JOSEPH CORLESS, P.E., M.B.A, M.S.

*“Scientists investigate that which already is; Engineers create that which has never been.”
–Albert Einstein*

The professional career of P. Joseph Corless has masterfully fulfilled the criteria noted in the above quotation. With a Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree from Manhattan College and an MBA and a Master of Science from NYU, as well as continuing education courses in construction management, urban planning, and environmental engineering, Joe has served as a trusted professional, a generous and adept trustee, and, perhaps most importantly, as a splendid leader.

With registration in both New York and New Jersey in his profession and as a New York and New Jersey Land Surveyor and Land Planner, Joe earned a deeply respected reputation for his strong understanding of the issues confronting organizations and new developments being undertaken. During his over 50 years of environmental and civil engineering activity, his leadership as Assistant Commissioner for Environmental Health for Rockland County, as Executive Director of the Haverstraw Joint Sewerage Board, and as town and village engineer for more than a dozen New York State municipalities, Joe’s career has been an exceptional asset to the region.

Dominican University New York has been a benefactor of Joe’s professional and leadership abilities for over thirty years. Joe has been a member of both the President’s Advisory Council and the University’s Board of Trustees, to which he was elected in 1989. He served as Chair of the Board for six years and was later granted status as Trustee Emeritus in recognition of his many invaluable services to the institution.

During his Trusteeship, Joe volunteered to serve as Project Engineer, overseeing the construction of the multiple campus facilities built and/or acquired during his tenure on the Board. His tremendous efforts and commitments to working on site plans, environmental reviews, contracts, RFP’s, budget negotiations, and so on, in great measure, made possible the development of Dominican’s campus.

For his generous commitment to the current and future generations of Dominican University and for his excellent contributions to the community, Dominican University New York is honored to award P. Joseph Corless the degree of **Doctor of Science, *honoris causa***.

CONFERRAL OF
HONORARY DEGREES

VICTOR B. LAWRENCE, PH.D.

"It always seems impossible until it's done"
—Nelson Mandela

As a boy growing up in Ghana, on the western coast of Africa, Victor Lawrence heard President Kennedy's iconic Moon speech in 1962, broadcast on the Voice of America, pledging that U.S. astronauts would go to the moon before the end of the decade. The thought of space exploration piqued his interest in science and engineering and put him on a path to becoming an electrical engineer and an inventor of ground breaking technologies. Dr. Lawrence's discoveries led to worldwide access to the internet and high-definition television (HDTV). Among his many accomplishments, his work has advanced gigabit photonic and wireless networking, signal processing, modem technology, digital techniques, and ATM switching and protocols. Dr. Lawrence was instrumental in bringing submarine fiber optic communication to Africa, and is a champion for introducing technology to under served areas in the United States and the developing world.

After graduating from secondary school in Ghana, Dr. Lawrence was awarded a full scholarship to the Imperial College of Science and Technology at the University of London, where he earned a Bachelor of Science and a Ph.D. in electrical engineering. His pioneering work on digital signal processing at the University of London caught the attention of Bell Labs, and he was subsequently recruited to work in the United States. Dr. Lawrence describes Bell Labs as a utopian workplace where everyone had a common goal—to create and develop technology for humanity. He worked there for 32 years and rose through the ranks, retiring as Vice President for Advanced Communications Technology at AT&T Bell Laboratories and Lucent Technologies. As Vice President, he led the development of technologies for worldwide communications networks, oversaw a staff of more than 500 scientists and engineers, and managed a budget of about \$100 million.

In 2016, Dr. Lawrence was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame. He holds 53 U.S. and international patents, is the co-author of five books, and has published more than 100 papers. Dr. Lawrence has received many awards including a 1997 Emmy Award for his work on the development of HDTV. He received the 2004 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Award in International Communication and the 2016 IEEE Simon Ramo Medal for technical innovation and leadership in the systems engineering of worldwide data communications networks.

After leaving AT&T Bell Laboratories, Dr. Lawrence joined Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ, where he served as Associate Dean and Charles Batchler Chair Professor of Engineering. He is now a Senior Research Scientist and Director of the Center for Intelligent Networked Systems at Stevens. Despite all he has accomplished, Dr. Lawrence hopes to be remembered more for his loyalty to Bell Labs and to his colleagues than for his achievements. He is grateful that he had the opportunity to guide the greatest minds at Bell Labs and to invent systems that continue to change the world. Dr. Lawrence also has mentored many students and young professionals in the U.S., Europe, and Africa.

In recognition of his extraordinary career inventing technologies that have improved life around the globe, his tireless advocacy for worldwide access to the internet, and his steadfast commitment to mentor the next generation of inventors, Dominican University New York is pleased to confer upon Dr. Victor Lawrence the degree of **Doctor of Science, *honoris causa***.

BACCALAUREATE AWARDS

MOTHER GERALDINE FORKEL AWARD
for Academic Excellence
Josephine Sassano

SISTER NATALIE CASEY AWARD
for Academic Excellence
Lizbeth Quiroga Lluizupa

SISTER MICHELE NUGENT AWARD
for Achievement in the Study of the
General Education Curriculum
Eleni Zlatis

GRADUATES WHO ARE RECIPIENTS OF STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS FOR 2023

OUTSTANDING SENIOR 2023
Guilherme Camarano Salim

FR. RONALD STANLEY AWARD
for Service to the Community
Sandra Melisa Ramirez-Vaquerano
Carla Cristina Grossman - *Senior Graduate Student*

SISTER KATHLEEN SULLIVAN AWARD
for Significant Contribution to the Academic Life of the University
Skylar Maine Ross

DOHN HARSHBARGER AWARD
for Outstanding Contribution to the Life of the University
Noel Fernando Vasquez
Elena Vilanova

SISTER MARY EILEEN O'BRIEN AWARD
for Citizenship and Service to the University
Guilherme Camarano Salim
Celine Cornelly

ANA ROJAS MEMORIAL AWARD
for Outstanding Service to Residence Life
Gabriela Sanchez

COMMENCEMENT HONORS

Latin Honors are conferred upon undergraduate students who have achieved the following cumulative grade point averages at Dominican University New York 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

Pamela Audu
Kayla DeLeon
Joseph D. DeRosa

Michelle Fitzpatrick *magna cum laude*
Fernando Vasquez

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Juliana A. Addae
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Darian E. Almonte
Samantha Alpert
Maggie Babcock
Marouf Barry
Judmy Barthelemy
Angela J. Basile
Kylee Marie Baum
Autumn Rose Becker
Caitlyn Carisse Betances *cum laude*
Girette Betances
Genesis Maria Borgen
Maite Casas
Cynthia Ceballos *cum laude*
Ashly Virginia Chavez
Danai G. Chimedza
LindaJean Clark
Alissa Conce *magna cum laude*
Ryan Conroy
Danielle Elizabeth Corry
Mickayla Coyle *magna cum laude*
Maya Crittendon
Krystal Kristine De la Cruz
Franchesca De Leon
Jader DeJesus
Alex Del Valle
Casey Rose Doddy
Abigail Virginia Dougherty
Brett J. Dwyer *magna cum laude*
José A. Encarnación
Marc Espinal
Danielle Catherine Esposito
Samantha Irene Faye
Matthew Felix
Kimberly Garcia Sandoval *cum laude*
Lynne E. Garofalo
Sebastian A. Garzon
Martina E. Gomez
William M. Gordon, Jr.
Ewan Gray
David James Guariglia *magna cum laude*
Rebecca Flinn Haggerty
Alyssa Hamblin
Erin Marie Hawthorne *summa cum laude*
Karina Hill
Andrea Ingrassia
Vanessa Jimenez
Brittany Larie Johnson
Kristinamarie Kaszovitz
Lisa Elaine Kovalsky

Emmalyn LaPier *magna cum laude*
Andrew James Lebron
Orianna Cerisse Lee
Miosotis Leon Rodriguez
Nicole Ethyl Lieberman-Hartmann
Ethan John-Claude Lindsey
Gabrielle Carmen Lopez
Lanay Y. Lopez
Nailee Mercedes Lopez Guzman
Kimberly Julissa Luna
Yoko Mallory Cabell-Arnold
Melissa Mancuso
Eric Anthony Martinez *cum laude*
Charlotte McCabe
Cassandra Rachel McKoy
Brittany Miller *cum laude*
Theresa S. Misedra
Melissa Moise
Celine Marcella Montoya *cum laude*
Nicole Morales *cum laude*
Joana Chitula Ndunduma
Victor Somtochukwu Ogbo
Sarah A. Ouseph
Jessica Perisnaka
Denzel Isaiah Peterson
Jazie Anne Pierre
Shaily J. Portillo-Medina *cum laude*
Rebecca Heidimarie Pritzker
Chanel Emelly Ramirez
John P. Reitter III
James C. Rinaldi
Zakary James Rivera
Amaia Nicole Rivers
Isaac Jefferson Rodriguez
Madison Grace Rogers *magna cum laude*
Ashley M. Rojas
Danaé Angel Roldan *magna cum laude*
Kaylin Marie Jolie Rosado
Nicholas James Ruth
Matthew Joseph Sabene
Angelena Ashley Sanabria
Gabriela Sanchez
Vanessa Sanchez
Paige Alyssa Sasser *magna cum laude*
Phillip A. Schepps *magna cum laude*
Joshua Serrano
Nithurnan Sivakumar
Omare Smith
Joseph Robert Sormani *magna cum laude*
Jason C. Sosa-Rivas *magna cum laude*
Alexis J. Suarez

BACHELOR OF ARTS (CONT.)

Francis T. Taggart
Tatiana Taveras
Kennee Torres
Shadeed Trujillo
Ryan Turi
Alexandra M. Uceda

Devora Vasquez
Noel Fernando Vasquez
Elena Vilanova *cum laude*
Caira Watson
Jayson J. Wright
Eleni Zlatis *summa cum laude*

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BIOLOGY

Brian Scott Holderman

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John R. Barker *cum laude*
Julio Daniel Canela
Daniel James Carson
Tanaka Simba Chabata
Justin Copman
Kevin James Diercksen, Jr. *cum laude*
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Zachary Foley
Christopher Fox
Nora Gabrielle Frederick
Adriana Rose Garafolo
Joel Garcia
Christopher James Grupp
John Miller Haas II
Shamar R. Hamilton
Jaid Harrell
Marcus Wayne Jackson
Jason Jimenez
Michael Esquea Jimenez
Wahaad Johnson
Jordan K. Jones-Rivers
Marcos Souza Lee
Daniel Luis Lopez

Rachel Madden *summa cum laude*
Shane Malley
Andrew Manson *cum laude*
Deborah Mathew
De'Antae McFarlane
Lush Nikollaj
Mark Nikollaj
Ethan Brian Nolan *summa cum laude*
Jacob Owen
Nora Marie-Elizabeth Owens
Quaison Samuel Parris
Jaden Poterbin
Sandra Melisa Ramirez-Vaquerano *magna cum laude*
Hailey Dawn Rigatti
Ayana Janelle Rivers
Stefanie N. Romero
Skylar Maine Ross *magna cum laude*
Guilherme Camarano Salim *cum laude*
Jowayne Michael Santana
Lucas Pereira Silva
Dariel Jose Suarez
Williams Tavarez
Brendan Robert Turton *cum laude*
Liceth Alexandi Valle
Marlon Alexander Valverde-Suazo
Isabel Vazquez

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Karl A. Francois
Sydney Hanifin
Sabrina Michel Hernandez Reyes
Benedick E. Marcano
Algan McLean
Ryan Alexander Morris

Steffen Peabody
Giovanni Perdomo
Lowell Pierrette
Michael Anthony Prestipino
Quaci Reid
Elizabeth Ann Roemmelt
Chelsea Sackey
Mbessin Sowe
Jeremy Tomy Thomas *cum laude*
Danielle M. Zacher

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IN NURSING

Leslie I. Acosta
Sarah Vanessa Alexandré
Jashley Canicula Andongo
Shyar Antar
Shanna Betances Heleno *cum laude*
Katherine S. Bollozos
Vanessa Browne
Deborah Felicidad Castillo Velez *cum laude*
Taylor Leigh Codner
Rachel Cooper *cum laude*
Celine Cornelly *cum laude*
Christopher John Cummings *cum laude*
Tesheena Patricia Dejoie
Ava D'Esposito *cum laude*
Daffney Dieu
Stanley William Diggs III *cum laude*
Isabel Donado *magna cum laude*
Brittany Marie Donohue *cum laude*
Cerina Dunkel *cum laude*
Kelsea Anne Dunne
Noelle Christine Feeney
Ana Carmela Ocampo Fernandez
Dorcas A. Flakwah
Emmanuella A. Flakwah *cum laude*
Stefanie Ellen Fontes
Francheska Francisco
Shacara Marie Gaddis
Kathleen Margaret Gallagher
Meaghan Elizabeth Gilbride
Aaliyah Celestine Guerrero *magna cum laude*
Samantha Gutierrez
Joseph Iacoviello *cum laude*
Hidaya Yazied Jabr *magna cum laude*
Jada Dream Jiles *magna cum laude*
Kevisha Danara Jones
Ashley Joseph *cum laude*
Travis Kiernan
Amanda Kola
Rhea Kuruvilla
Kelsey Lauren O'Connor Labas
Jaqueline Teresa Lemus
Arielle Rebecca Lenz *cum laude*
Journey Victoria Limardo
Lisa Stephany Liriano *cum laude*
Erica Lynn Little
Nilsa Sarai Lopez Cornejo
Astrid Carolina Lopez Medina
Caitlyn Marie Lynch *cum laude*
Victoria MacCarthy *magna cum laude*

Sarah Mathew *cum laude*
Jacqueline G. Mazariago *cum laude*
Jemma June McKee
Mary Evangelista McLaughlin
Arta Mekuli *cum laude*
Katherine Michelle Mercado
Palissa Amelia Miller
Abby Rose Montero
Danyel Rose Nagle
Madeline Nicholson *cum laude*
Nicole Frances Nicolas
Elle Anne Nittinger *magna cum laude*
Lyndon Emanuel Nuqui
Anita S. Oolut
Krystal Nicole Paulino *cum laude*
Francesca Ann Valentina Perry
Katherine E. Petrini
Kalisha Phillip
Lounedia Arya Rene
Alvin Reny *cum laude*
Dalia Jeannette Reyes
Emma Rodgers *cum laude*
Yansi Rodriguez *cum laude*
Bianca Marie Rosa
Cristen Ryan *cum laude*
Tracey-Ann Sewell
Ina Sharma *cum laude*
Martine Sigue
Ravdeep Singh Mehrok *cum laude*
Sophia Love Smith *magna cum laude*
Monica Solanki
Garrett James Sullivan *cum laude*
Jenny Tamia Suprice *magna cum laude*
Engelina Taine
Prinscilla Tetteh *magna cum laude*
Anitta Thomas *cum laude*
Mackenzie Todd *cum laude*
Maria Elena Torres
Alexis Tsiavos
Ryan Ulysse
Lourdes M. Urgiles
Stephany Milletta Van Dunk
Gwendolyn Vargas
Evely Jasmin Vasquez *cum laude*
Gina Vivar
Victoria Marie Waite *magna cum laude*
Daesha Jilli-Ann Williams
Meagan Rose Woods *magna cum laude*
Mariella Juliana Yanitelli

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Nelissa Disla
Katherine Martinez *cum laude*
Danielle Nicole Miranda
Ashley Hitai Perez

Kamryn Alexis Raya
Jocelyn A. Rodriguez
Michael David Stadt
Doismari Torres

HONORS PROGRAM

Mailyn Noemi Arbizu-Alarcon *cum laude*,
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Tania DaSilva *magna cum laude*, *Bachelor of Arts*
Marissa DeMarco *magna cum laude*,
Bachelor of Arts
Yvanna Diaz *Bachelor of Arts*
Maximilian J. Lenn *Bachelor of Arts*
Lizbeth Quiroga Lluizupa *summa cum laude*,
Bachelor of Arts

Mariel Ravel *magna cum laude*, *Bachelor of Arts*
Naomi Sanchez *Bachelor of Arts*
Josephine Sassano *summa cum laude*,
Bachelor of Arts
Rosa Angelica Suarez *Bachelor of Arts*
Marielys Suriel Peralta *Bachelor of Arts*
Jessica Lois Zumpano *cum laude*,
Bachelor of Arts

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE/MASTER OF SCIENCE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

David Charneco
Evangeline Rapess-Fitzpatrick

Alyssa Paige Ruggieri

MASTER OF SCIENCE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Leticia Ama Serwa Agyapong
Margot Bangs *graduate honors*
Brianna Botta *graduate honors*
Stephanie M. Brosnan
Charie Monet Carroll
Kaitlynn Marie Connor
Luis Cuevas
Lindsey B. Curtin
Vianney Cristopher
Darcy Dubuisson
Susanna Dunscomb
Kirsten Elizabeth Ekelund
Vanessa Ezemadu
Emely Garcia
Joseph Alfred Guariglia

Maritza Gisele Jean-Charles
Samantha Korovich
Shailei Kraft *graduate honors*
Gabrielle Kurtz *graduate honors*
Vincent Vito La Rocca
Lisa Christina Maniscalco
Samantha Rose McClutchy
Chelsea Elizabeth Murphy *graduate honors*
Ana Yanik Novoa
Harshil Shreyas Shukla
Brittany Stone
Eugene Volkov
Ashley Volpe *graduate honors*
Erin Kathleen Vrydaghs
Lauren Elizabeth Wise

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Khrista-Lee Amore
Georgeline Aristide
Joshua Cabezas
Andrew Carlone *graduate honors*
Maximino Casares

Anthony Contero
Teresa Marie Keel
John G. McCabe *graduate honors*
Christo Thomas

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Jenna Marie Alejandro *graduate honors*
Joseph Russell Astorino *graduate honors*
Heather Herps Collazo *graduate honors*
Ryan Cruger
John Curcio *graduate honors*
Elaine Juliet DiPalma *graduate honors*
Joanne Theresa Germain *graduate honors*
Lynn M. Heed *graduate honors*
Alayna Heegan *graduate honors*
Djazmina Shenighdine Jean-Pierre
Elizabeth J.Kotchmar *graduate honors*
Shelley Mica Maxi
Claudia Naddeo *graduate honors*

Brian R. O'Connell
Kerri Perrone
Kaitlyn Rau *graduate honors*
Zakary James Rivera *graduate honors*
Kelli Elizabeth Roldan
Adriana M. Shaw
Brandon K. Smith *graduate honors*
Amanda Spadavecchia
Megan Elizabeth Streeter *graduate honors*
Brett Vasquez
Kaziya Madelyn Watson
Ross Karlton Wolosky
Sara Lynn Zask

MASTER OF SCIENCE NURSING

MaryKatelyn Albin *graduate honors*
Michelle Arteaga *graduate honors*
Katy Baez *graduate honors*
Jo Barr *graduate honors*
April-Rose L. Blanco *graduate honors*
Candice Marie Cestone *graduate honors*
Christina Marie Chiorazzi *graduate honors*
Emilie Rose Doran *graduate honors*
Laura Dorn *graduate honors*
Donyelle Echevarria
Ashly Elias
Rachel Marie Feist *graduate honors*
Jazmin Ivette Garcia Ferrer *graduate honors*
Franceska Floriant *graduate honors*
Brianna Teresa Fogarty *graduate honors*
Carla Cristina Grossman *graduate honors*
Jasmine Vingco Hackett *graduate honors*
Michelle Herasme *graduate honors*

Sunitha Jacob *graduate honors*
Reneé M. Lewis-DuQuesnay *graduate honors*
Saphira S. Linares *graduate honors*
Kathleen Jean Maloney *graduate honors*
Corinne M. Manger *graduate honors*
Denise Miranda *graduate honors*
Miguel Angel Pina
Rivka Reissman *graduate honors*
Mercy M. Rios-Floyd *graduate honors*
Stephanie Rodriguez *graduate honors*
Daryl Rota *graduate honors*
Amanda Smith *graduate honors*
Gabrielle Jay Smith *graduate honors*
Deborah Sulemana *graduate honors*
Karen Jacqueline Swaby *graduate honors*
Arta Ukaj *graduate honors*
Surya Vettath *graduate honors*

MASTER OF SCIENCE ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION

Anaisa Ines Acevedo *graduate honors*
Grace Victoria Brodersen *graduate honors*
Susan Elizabeth Cerra *graduate honors*
Shedricka Edwards
Janell Alexa Escobar
Maya Israa Gant
Daniel Marcillo *graduate honors*

Kyle Morgan
Brandt Le'Roy Roundtree
Carlos Shamburger
Sarah Smith *graduate honors*
Kristen Teklits *graduate honors*
Sebastien Eder Tertulien *graduate honors*

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Alexander Aboagye Aduamah
Tamara Benoit *graduate honors*
Sandes Chery *graduate honors*
Jennifer Christophe
Tracey Joann Dinac *graduate honors*
Angyleke S. Gibson
Sainu Joby
Gabriela Krebs *graduate honors*

Rekha Nevin Mathew *graduate honors*
Rosmi Saji Mathew *graduate honors*
Dina E. Mounitz *graduate honors*
Anna Marie Murray *graduate honors*
Dorisah I. Nelson
Sherin Mary Ninan *graduate honors*
Travonna Shanelle Peterson
Jennifer Vasconez *graduate honors*

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Andy Akdemir *graduate honors*
Kathleen Alarcon Walling
Tyler Matthew Ardizzone
Amal Atta
Kyra Elizabeth Berkner
Urvi Prakashbhai Bhatt
Veronica Lynn Canada
Juan P. Cifuentes
Jodi Cohen
Maggie-Mae Cronin
Rex O. Cruz
Vincent Robert D'Acunto *graduate honors*
Alexandra Rose DeRiggi
Charlene Deserre
Courtney Jennifer Dumain
Megan Renae Eberhardt
Melissa A. Finnegan
Michelle Claire Furman
Jacqueline Guerra
Dayan Hadavi
Julianne Leigh Harris
Thomas Herman *graduate honors*
Victor Hugo Hernandez Coyt
Adrianna Lynn Hoogerhyde

Diana Mary Innocent
Francis Olayinka Ipaye
Akram Tawdrous Khalil
Suhas Sadanand Kotian
Jeji Kurian Mathew
Christine Meghan McSweeney
Judy Mae Arcilla Morrow
Kery Mota
Josephine Napolitano *graduate honors*
Veronique Mbombo Ntumba
Ami Patel
Renu Aniruddha Pathak
Cristian Peralta
Xavier Peters
Ashi Rana
Anne Ronilyn Satajo Samms
Carly Ann Sobecki
Sarahi K. Soca
Eriny Shalaby Tadros
David Thripuraneni
Mona Hosny Tolba
Noreen White Toolan
Bryan Weslowski

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.
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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.
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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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