



Sixty-first Commencement
The School of Nursing and Health Sciences

*Wednesday, the Twentieth of May,
Two Thousand Twenty-Six
Gardner, Massachusetts*

Commencement Exercises

PRESIDING

PROCESSIONAL	Prelude and Welcome
STUDENT MARSHALS	Taylor O'Dell
FACULTY MARSHAL	Collene Thaxton Professor
PROCESSIONAL	Scots Highland Pipes and Drums
WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS	Ana Gaillat, Ph.D. Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Whitney Doucet MWCC Class of 2013
INVOCATION	Reverend Susan Suchocki Brown Minister Emerita, First Church Unitarian Universalist Leominster
INTRODUCTION TO CEREMONY AND CHARGE TO THE PRESIDENT	Claire M. Freda Chairperson, MWCC Board of Trustees
PRESIDENT'S WELCOME	James L. Vander Hooven, Ed.D. President
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FINAL REMARKS	James L. Vander Hooven, Ed.D. President
RECESSIONAL	Scots Highland Pipes and Drums

Commencement Awards

Curriculum Awards

Dental Hygiene.....	Alivia Grace Zuccalmaglio
Fire Science Technology	Scott G. Semenchuk
Interdisciplinary Studies – Allied Health.....	Joshua C. Bauer
Nursing – Advanced Standing Bridge	Meaghan Paige Banister
Nursing	Shania Cassey
Veterinary Technology	Nevin Guy Arseneault

Candidates for Degrees

Commonwealth Honors Program Graduates

Leila Akello Marie*Λ

Allied Health Certificate

Allyson Adams ♦*
Marisabel Almanza ♦
Salome K. Anyiasong ♦
Alexis Asamoah ♦*
Emma Bacigalupo ♦*
Tina Baygboe
Gabrielle V. Bentley-Cumming ♦*
Daniela Josephine Beauvais
Trinity Amrie-Nevea Bergeron ♦*
Kylah J. Blundon ♦
Nicole Rose Boutell ♦
Gianna Nicole Braccini ♦*
Aubrielle M. Brockney
Jacqueline Louise Bussiere
Emma Rose Caban
Brianna M. Calleva
Leah Cardenas ♦
Iris Clarke ♦*
Melissa Cloutier
Jenna Colon
Kaitlyn M. Constantine ♦
Caitlin Ann Cote
Gian Paul Nmn Cruz Castro ♦*
Christina L. Davis ♦*
Nakiya A. Davis
Emily L. Doucette ♦*
Rhenda Elizabeth Dube-Culbert Λ ♦
Abigail Celeste Duncan ♦
Anjalicia Paige Dunn ♦*
Stephen East ♦
Jennifer K. Freeman ♦*
Jenessa Mae-William Gagnon

Leah M. Gamache ♦*
Leah S. Garrapy ♦*
Ariana Gonzalez
Marley Josephine Griffith
Tamara N. Hadley
Gabriel Ryan Hamelin
Koral Hernandez Λ ♦*
Kelsea Hannah Houghton ♦*
Nehemie Jean ♦*
Michael Jellison Λ ♦*
Kayla D. Johnson ♦
Eureka Marie Emmanuella Joseph ♦*
Trinity Majella Keating ♦*
Alyson Marie Koerts Meijer Λ ♦*
Marie Alice Labossiere ♦
Chelsea Anne LaClair ♦*
Isabelle Jean Leano
Jose Llaurador
Kylie M. Lombardo ♦
Cassidy Elizabeth Maggs
Emilie Ann Rose Maloughney
Tammy M. Marotta ♦
Anna Louise Martin ♦*
Jalen Rose Martioski ♦*
Talia Martioski ♦*
Ryan W. Mathieu
Kazim Mehmud
Anjelec Mejia ♦*
AliMaria Alicia Melendez ♦
Marilyn Rosse Morochó ♦*
Maghan C. Moynahan
Norah Elizabeth Mtileni ♦♦

Miriam Nakayi ♦*
Marcia R. Nims
Rhaniah Oclerne Onore ♦*
Jenna Ortiz
Dyestnie Marie Panet Σ
Juan Pinto
Danyel L. Price ♦*
Hannah Marie Raimon ♦
Mia S. Richards ♦*
Iverangelie Rios Λ Σ ♦*
Rachel M. Robertson
Iveliz Jamilet Rodriguez Jimenez ♦*
Sherley Saint-Louis ♦
Ronie G. Sainvil Maxime
Angelissa Gabrielle Santiago ♦*
Frances M. Santiago ♦*
Trinity Savoie
Chelsea Amber Scott ♦
Jeffrey J. Shaulis
Elycia L. Shea
Samantha Ann Sheppard ♦
Erica L. Souza ♦*
Kali Rae Stetson ♦*
Brayden Thomas Swanson
Crystal Theresa Swartz
Mustapha Ahmed Thembo ♦*
AmyJean Tomaso ♦
Suliana Elise Torres Σ
Eliza Rose Vello ♦*
Paige Wheeler ♦*
Ashley Marie Wiseman ♦*
Laura Grace Worcester ♦

Dental Hygiene Degree

Destiny Irene Bennett ♦*
Renee M. Blouin ♦*
Adriana K. Cintron Rodriguez Λ Σ ♦*
Rylee Anne Litchfield ♦*

Eveline Orlova McPhee ♦*
Christeen Atef Megala ♦*
Kathleen Rita Mott ♦*
Crystal M. Payant ♦*

Desiree Santana ♦*
Kendra Nicole Scott ♦*
Mayling Ann Tedstone ♦*
Alivia Grace Zuccalmaglio ♦*

Λ PHI THETA KAPPA
International Honor Society

Φ ALPHA BETA GAMMA
International Business Honor Society

Σ SIGMA ALPHA PI
Leadership Society

▲ DELTA ALPHA PI
Disabilities Honor Society

❖ HIGHEST HONORS

♦* HIGH HONORS (See page 8 for details)

♦ HONORS

◆ MERIT

* PRELIMINARY HONORS/MERIT

Fire Science Technology Degree

Preston M. Bailey ❖*

Michael Thomas Brown

Brady Burns ❖*

Ryan Douglas Cringan Λ❖*

Ryan Christopher Delue ♦❖*

John Joseph Driscoll ❖*

Yessenia Noemi Francia Λ❖*

David E. Gibbons Λ❖*

Robert W. Green ❖*

Michael Alexander Hache ♦❖*

Peter N. Jerusik ❖*

Mark A. Jones-Maynard ♦❖*

Nicholas Ferdinand Macallister ❖*

Christopher Marcinkevicius ❖*

Colton D. Mauch ❖*

Matthew McDonald

David Clyde McGloughlin ❖*

Kacie M. Ortiz ❖*

Jeremy Parkinson Λ❖*

Matias F. Pietropinto ❖*

Brian K. Rayne ❖*

Daniel Frederick Seaver ❖*

Scott G. Semenchuk ❖*

Brian Smith

Seth Duke Viles ♦❖*

Interdisciplinary Studies Degree - Allied Health

Khiannah Boatmaa Addo

Marisabel Almanza

Joshua C. Bauer ❖*

Millenia I. Butler ❖*

Nicole Angelica Delgado

Isabella Cecilia Dietz ❖*

Stephen East ❖*

Hector Flores

Jay Raymond Haley ΛΣ❖*

Shayna E. Hayes ♦❖*

Victoria Erica Jean ΛΣ

Michael Jellison Λ❖*

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Kylie M. Lombardo

Rebecca Michelle Mancebo

Leila Akello Marie Λ❖*

Michelle Marie Martin ❖*

Jalen Rose Martioski ❖*

Brenda Berry Ntoro Λ❖*

Prinne Nyabiosi ❖*

Kayla Nicole Reyes

Sherley Saint-Louis

Anne Samedy

Erica L. Souza ❖*

Kali Rae Stetson ♦❖*

Crystal Theresa Swartz

Ritch B. Thomas ♦❖*

Angelita Sarah Torres ♦

Julianne Marie Trenga ❖*

Jenna Whitney

Laura Grace Worcester

Nursing Degree

Annastasia Anderson ♦❖*

Meaghan Paige Banister ❖*

Lindsey Brooks ♦❖*

Rebeca Campuzano Herrera

Michaela V. Carofaniello

Shania Cassey ▲❖*

Summer Chamberlain Λ❖*

Kayla Annette Cintron

Kaley Marie Colby

Amari Rae Dahrooge Λ❖*

Jennifer A. D'Olimpio Λ❖*

Amanda Fitzgerald ❖*

Damien Kenneth Fox

Lesley E. Goguen ♦❖*

Katheryn Garland Grandbois ♦❖*

Jessica Joan Jacques

Mary Rose Katona

Emily Khoury ♦❖*

Esther Waithea Kuria ♦❖*

Elizabeth Larios ♦❖*

Jonathan B. Lee ♦❖*

Luciane Puerari Lindvay

Courtney A. Lively

Micalyn Faith Mailloux

Noella Maki

Alyssa Marie Maldonado

Sophia Nicole Mason Λ❖*

Sharon Mwathi

Sandra M. Namwanje ❖*

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Gladys Petit Bois ♦❖*

Marisa Jean Richards

Brianna K. Russell ♦❖*

Veronica Isabel Shelton Λ❖*

Jocelyn L. Sosa ❖*

Amanda Leila Tados

Laura Elizabeth Viano ♦❖*

Isabel Colmenares Vining ♦❖*

Gregory J. Walker

Gilbert M. Wanyoike ♦❖*

Chloe Z. Werlinger ♦❖*

Elida Zepeda

Paramedic Technology Certificate

Owen M. Anderholm ♦

Michael Steven Ashe ♦

James Lucas Baxley

Maze T. Cruz

Christina Gustafson ♦

Ryan Hendrickson ♦

Joseph Thomas Larson ♦

Joshua Ryan McGrath ♦

Keith Warren Patch ♦

John Joseph Daley Smith ♦

Pharmacy Degree

Tinotenda Joy Kujinga Λ❖*

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Practical Nursing Certificate

Kate A. Albertelli ♦

Arman Atoofi ♦

Francis Atugonza

Linda Wairimu Change

Whittany Leigh Degnan

Brianna Dos Santos

Nelida Feliciano ♦

Jenny Lynn Gonzalez

Cali Pamela Hetherman ♦

Lainey Dawn Holombo ♦

Susan Thi Huynh

Kayla Njeri Kagwe Λ♦

Marina Odette Kamayou ♦

Rachel C. Lucia Λ♦

Rosimar Marcial-Rodriguez

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Stephanie Lynne Nikander ♦

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Alicia M. Novia

Ana Paula Pace

Jessica Lynn Plumb

Samantha Louise Rivard

Lechanda C. Rollines Λ

Shakira M. Roman-Bones

Ryan H. Siponmaa

Aida Soto

Shantee Labette St Peter

Grace Love Stackpole

Rachel Marie Zubair ♦

Veterinary Technology Degree

Nevin Guy Arseneault ❄️*

Kelliann Cote ♦*

Emily Jordyn Culver

Shannon M. Duley

Carina Renea Gagen

Matthew J. Livergood

Shannon Cady Murphy

Lauryn D. Ploof ♦*

Samantha B. Racine

Stephanie Shea

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Commencement Awards

President's Key

A President's Key is awarded to the graduating students who have achieved outstanding academic performance in their programs of study at MWCC.

Dean's Key

A Dean's Key is awarded each year to the graduating students who, in the opinion of the Academic Affairs and Student Services staff, have made the most outstanding contribution to the life and spirit of the college through active participation in student activities and who have made significant contributions to the college community.

Graduation Honors

Graduation with HONORS is awarded to students who have completed all graduation requirements for an associate degree and have achieved a grade point average of 3.30 to 3.59; HIGH HONORS is awarded for a grade point average of 3.60 to 3.79; and HIGHEST HONORS is awarded for students with a grade point average of 3.80 or above. Honors determination at graduation will be based only on the courses directly applied to the degree requirements. In cases where more credits have been taken than necessary for a degree, only those grades for courses meeting the degree requirements will be used in the computation for Honors designation. Students who complete a certificate program with a grade point average of 3.3 or higher will be granted MERIT at graduation.

Students graduating with Honors are wearing blue cords, High Honors are wearing blue and green cords, and Highest Honors are wearing gold, blue and green cords. Students graduating with Merit in a certificate program are wearing green cords.

Preliminary Honors

Students who are enrolled in spring or summer courses that are required to complete the degree program have preliminary honors designation noted in this program. Final honors/merit designations will be determined when all final grades are processed.

Regalia & Pins

Students who have completed twenty, forty or seventy-five hours of service learning have been awarded civic scholar pins and medallions respectively, which many graduates are wearing this evening.

Students who have completed 200+ hours of service are wearing blue and gold cords.

Students with 300+ hours of service are wearing blue and gold Civic Scholar stoles.

Graduates who have satisfied the requirements for the Sigma Alpha Pi Leadership Society are wearing black and platinum regalia this evening.

Graduates wearing blue and gold honor cords are members of the Delta Alpha Pi Honor Society which recognizes high achieving students with disabilities who have earned a grade point average of 3.1 or higher.

Graduates wearing gold stoles and blue and gold cords are members of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. Members of the Phi Delta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa must maintain a GPA of 3.3 or higher.

Students who have completed both a high school and an Associate Degree simultaneously are wearing a silver 'Degree & Diploma' stole.

Alpha Beta Gamma Business Honor Society are wearing blue stoles.

Gateway to College graduates are wearing blue cords.

Pathways Early College graduates are wearing green cords.

Students graduating from the Dual Language program are wearing black and teal cords.

Student Veterans graduates are wearing stoles with their respective branch of military service.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The caps and gowns worn in formal academic affairs in American colleges today are the direct descendants of the everyday costumes worn in the universities of medieval England. Each school had its peculiar dress so that an Oxford student would be distinguished from a Cambridge student, or a divinity student from a layperson.

Because of the tremendous growth of American colleges and the confusion that would result if each were to adopt a distinctive costume, the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume was organized. The bureau has established a uniform code, which over 700 institutions have adopted. Harvard, practically alone, still clings to its own traditional costume.

The distinctions of the code are simple, there being three types of gowns and three types of hoods for bachelors, masters, and doctors, respectively. The bachelor's **gown** has a long pointed sleeve; whereas the master's gown has a long closed sleeve, square at the end with an arc of a circle just above the bottom. The sleeve extends well below the knee, the arm coming through a slit near the elbows. The doctor's gown is characterized by a voluminous bell-shaped sleeve on which appear three velvet bars. The colors of the bars are the colors of the faculty that granted the degree but may be black.

The **hood** is the most important and distinctive feature of the code. The hoods for all degrees are lined with silk in the official academic color or colors of the institution conferring the degree and have an edging or trim of velvet, the color of which indicates the course or faculty to which the degree pertains. The lining is exposed when the hood is worn. The bachelor's hood is rather short with a narrow velvet edging. It is not worn by candidates for the baccalaureate degree but only by those upon whom this degree has been previously conferred. The master's hood is considerably longer, has a wider velvet edging, and exposes more of the lining. The doctor's hood has wide panels at the side and is easily recognized since, of the three types of hoods, it has the widest velvet edging, greatest length, and fullest exposure of the lining.

The black mortarboard **cap** with tassel is worn with each type of gown. Those holding a doctor's degree are privileged to wear a gold tassel. Masters and bachelors wear tassels that are either black or of the color appropriate to the course in which they are being graduated.

COLORS

Some of the colors that may be observed at this commencement, and that symbolize various courses or faculties, are as follows:

- **WHITE:**
Arts, Letters, Humanities
- **DULL GRAY:**
Commerce,
Accounting, Business
- **COPPER:**
Economics
- **LIGHT BLUE:**
Education
- **YELLOW:**
Engineering
- **BROWN:**
Fine Arts, including
Architecture
- **MAROON:**
Home Economics
- **CRIMSON:**
Journalism,
Communications
- **PURPLE:**
Law
- **LEMON:**
Library Science
- **APRICOT:**
Nursing
- **SILVER GRAY:**
Oratory (Speech)
- **DARK BLUE:**
Philosophy
- **SAGE GREEN:**
Physical Education
- **GOLDEN YELLOW:**
Science
- **CITRON:**
Social Work
- **SCARLET:**
Theology



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