

## THE EIGHTY-THIRD COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, THE TWENTIETH DAY OF MAY, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, TWO THOUSAND



### Order of Exercises

Academic Procession

Presiding

Charles L. Flynn, Jr., Ph.D., Provost

Invocation

Reverend Dennis M. Gallagher, A.A., Acting Vice President for Religious Affairs

National Anthem

Senior Members of the Assumption College Chorale

Greetings

Charles L. Flynn, Jr., Ph.D., Provost Very Reverend John L. Franck, A.A., Chairman of Board of Trustees Honorable Raymond V. Mariano, Mayor, City of Worcester Thomas R. Plough, Ph.D., President

Presentation of St. Augustine Award
Charles L. Flynn, Jr., Ph.D., Provost

Valedictory Address

Laura B. Raymond

Introduction of Commencement Speaker

Deirdra A. Sauter, Salutatorian

Commencement Address

Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner of Social Security

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees

Honoris Causa

Timothy M. Barnicle, Member of Board of Trustees

Degrees in Course

Graduate Degrees

Mary Lou Anderson, Ed.D., Dean of the College

Continuing and Professional Education Degrees
Charlene L. Martin, Dean of Continuing Education

Bachelor of Arts

Mary Lou Anderson, Ed.D., Dean of the College

Alma Mater

Assumption College Chorale and the Symphonic Brass Quartet Michelle Graveline, D.M.A., Director

Remarks and Benediction

Most Reverend Daniel P. Reilly, D.D., S.T.D., Bishop of Worcester

Recessional

Reception

Tent Behind Plourde Recreation Center

# Undergraduates Receiving Academic Honors

Ronelle Meunier Laura B. Raymond Elizabeth M. Palinkas Kristen A. Espie Geoffrey A. Homoliski Kelly M. Before Lauren E. Kane Laura L. Small Abbey L. Dick Eileen M. Cusack Alessandra Roffo Deirdra A. Sauter Jurai Danko Michael J. DiMarzio Laura L. Small Kelly S. Panos Kristen L. Bud Andrew E. Giese Kathryn L. Black

Kathryn L. Black
Kathleen F. Roos
Katerina S. Callahan
Stacy A. Mattioli
Lisa M. Payne
Erin L. Tobin
Aimee J. Costanza
Robert J. Courtney
Edward J. Buscema

Art
Accounting
Management
International Business

Economics Global Studies Elementary Education Secondary Education English

Communications: Media Track Foreign Languages

Spanish
German
History I
Mathematics
Computer Science
Biology

Biology with Biotechnology Concentration

Chemistry I Philosophy Political Science Psychology

Social and Rehabilitation Services Social and Rehabilitation Services

Sociology Sociology Theology

The following graduates of the Center for Continuing and Professional Education are members of the Assumption College Chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the national honor society for adult students:

Denise F. Batchelder Irene A. Brank Maxine R. Casev Norma A. Chanis Maria A. Choinski Richard K. Duguay Susan C. Dussault Michelle T. Fontaine Susan E. Graham Laurie J. Harrington Jane L. Johnson Janet T. Judice Lee Ann A. Majercik Judy A. Mouradian Mark S. Mushinsky Sandra J. Ordway Nancy A. Peterson Denise M. Phaneuf Craig S. Prouty Jane A. Provost Gerard G. Sutton

Bachelor of Business Administration Bachelor of Business Administration Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies Bachelor of Business Administration Associate of Liberal Studies Bachelor of Liberal Studies Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies Associate of Liberal Studies Bachelor of Liberal Studies Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies Bachelor of Liberal Studies Bachelor of Business Administration

## Kenneth S. Apfel

### Doctor of Laws

Kenneth S. Apfel was nominated in May 1997 by President Clinton, and subsequently confirmed by the U.S. Senate, as Commissioner of the United States Social Security Administration (SSA). Mr. Apfel has the honor of becoming the first confirmed Commissioner of Social Security since it became an independent agency. This new Cabinet level position was authorized by Congress in 1995.

As Commissioner, Mr. Apfel brings a lifetime of leadership and public service experience to a position that has been frequently described as one of the most complex and challenging in the federal government. He heads an agency that delivers benefits each month to more than fifty million people. He is responsible for the actions of approximately 65,000 employees who, among other responsibilities, serve the needs of twenty-six million visitors each year to SSA's 1,300 field offices, and who answer sixty million phone calls annually on the agency's toll-free telephone lines. During his tenure as Commissioner, he has significantly strengthened the policy, planning, and public education activities at the Social Security Administration. He has also played a leadership role in the efforts to strengthen childhood disability programs, and to enable persons with disabilities to return to work. In addition, he served from 1997-1999 as a member of the President's Management Council.

Prior to his current appointment, Mr. Apfel was the Associate Director for Human Resources at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in the Executive Office of the President, where he served from 1995-1997. His responsibilities included budget, policy, and management review of all the human resource agencies of the federal government, including SSA, the Departments of Labor and Education, and parts of the Departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services. In this capacity, he was centrally involved in efforts to reform welfare and to strengthen federal education and training programs.

Before his position at OMB, Mr. Apfel served as Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). He was nominated by President Clinton in March 1993, and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate. In this capacity, he served as the senior budget official and chief financial officer for HHS. He formulated and executed the third largest budget in the world—a \$700 billion budget for a department staffed nationwide by 125,000 people, with half of HHS resources in support of the Social Security Administration. During his tenure, he served as a principal on the Secretary's task force that elevated the Social Security Administration to independent-agency status. He also served as a member of the President's working group on welfare reform, and the Secretary's task force on Head Start's quality improvement.

Prior to joining the Clinton Administration, Mr. Apfel worked the prior two decades in the area of social policy. From 1989-1993, he served as legislative director to Senator Bill Bradley, overseeing the formulation and development of all aspects of congressional policymaking. During 1982-1989, he was the Senator's chief staff person for federal social policy, with particular focus on programs under the jurisdiction of the Senate Finance Committee. He served as the Senator's key staff person for the Committee's actions on the historic 1983 Social Security reform legislation.

Between 1980-1982, Mr. Apfel was committee staff for human services, education, training, and income security programs for the U.S. Senate Budget Committee. From 1978-1980, he served a Presidential Management Internship at the U.S. Department of Labor. He was a college administrator from 1973-1976 at Newbury College in Massachusetts, coordinating a grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to provide outreach and remediation to veterans.

Mr. Apfel was born in Worcester, MA. He graduated from Shrewsbury High School in 1966; and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 1970; a Master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from Northeastern University in 1973; and a Master's degree in Public Affairs from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas in 1978. He has been elected as a Fellow by both the National Academy of Public Administration and the National Academy of Social Insurance.

He is married to Catherine Hadley, and has two sons, Derek and Dana.

## Graduating Class of 2000

### **Graduate School**

### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Paul Anderson Dessislava K. Andreeva Laura Ann Auger Christopher M. Barbour Jennifer A. Buffone Vanda Sim Conley Carolyn R. Dyson Natalya Fater Vicky Fontaine Jonathan Richard Gonynor Jeffrey D. Harris Lloyd Peter Haskell Gregory L. Hippert Jodi Ann Hogan Dorothy H. Jacques Mary M. Kavanagh Raymond P. Knox William Francis Landers III Michael S. Lewis Elizabeth A. Moquin James Edward Noonan Shari M. Oliver John D. Robillard Stuart Ronald Sheinhait Donald Joseph Shimkus Suzanne D. Smiley-Sacco Marc S. Smith Suzanne Wetherbee

# MASTER OF ARTS COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Francis J. Ciccone Mark R. Dell Jannie Durr Jon D. Hogue Shawn Emerson Kenyon Devon Klein Beth L. McCloskey Nicole McGrath Alicia A. McInnis Jane A. Nault Christine J. Pappas Shirley M. Piskadlo Scott Michael Smith Danielle M. Taylor Sheila Ann Turner

# MASTER OF ARTS EDUCATION

Ara Asadoorian Jamie Barbieri James R. Conry Christine Clare Conway Debra A. Frank Steven Michael Lamarche

John J. McHugh Carol M. Medico Debora Zablocki

# MASTER OF ARTS SPECIAL EDUCATION

Judith Anne Beaulieu Katrina Breen Alina Reyes Brush Loralyn M. Christian Kristen M. Douillard Mary I. Foley

Donna Cheryl Watkins Kingman Lisa M. Maramo Jennifer L. Wood Katherine Zywien-Follett

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# MASTER OF ARTS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Joan M. Burke Elizabeth J. Gilman

Michael N. Lavallee

Patricia L. Verderese

# MASTER OF ARTS THEOLOGY

Linda M. Bixby

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### ASSOCIATE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Judy Ann Mouradian, Summa Cum Laude Deborah Lynn Neal, Summa Cum Laude Alesia Kathleen Padula, Cum Laude Suzanne Marie Provencal, Summa Cum Laude Anthony Raffaele Robin L. Smith Paul L. Weisblatt, Summa Cum Laude

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Tracey Anne Kennedy
Geralyn Callahan Kohler, Magna Cum Laude
Joseph G. Lavin, Cum Laude
John Joseph Leahy, Cum Laude
Jonathan D. Lieske
Lee Ann A. Majercik, Summa Cum Laude
(b) Sandra Jean Ordway, Summa Cum Laude
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Nancy A. Peterson, Summa Cum Laude
Denise Marie Phaneuf. Summa Cum Laude

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(a) Saint Augustine Award

(b) Outstanding Service Award

# Undergraduate College Bachelor of Arts

Lisa Conceicao Afonso, Psychology/Spanish

Diane Celeste Alagno, Biology

Sophia Andreou, English

Erin Leigh Angus, Marketing

Claudia Arcuri, Communications

Andrew Frederick Arnott, Communications

Michelle Lynne Babigian, Spanish, Elementary Education

Sherri Ann Balassone, Communications

John Paul Barata, Environmental Science

Christina Louise Barbosa, Biology

Kimberly Ann Baron, English, Magna Cum Laude

Bronwen Elizabeth Barrett, Social and Rehabilitation Services

Tracy Sue Bartlett, Biology, Cum Laude

Ty Robert Batten, Biology, Magna Cum Laude

Joseph Arthur Beauchaine, Political Science

Kelly Marie Before, Global Studies/Political Science, Magna Cum Laude

Sarah Lynne Begley, Social and Rehabilitation Services, Cum Laude

Kristine Denise Belliveau, Psychology, Magna Cum Laude

Paul A. Belsito, Communications

Michael James Bierfeldt, Global Studies

Kathryn Laura Black, Chemistry, Cum Laude

Katherine Gile Blake, Marketing

Robert Anthony Boncore, Political Science

Edita Botoniic, Chemistry

Anne Marie Bouchard, Social and Rehabilitation Services/English

Eric Charles Boudreau, Sociology

Courtney Lynn Boulli, Social and Rehabilitation Services

Casey Elizabeth Bowen, English

Brooke Joan Brady, Spanish

Michael Richard Braney, Communications, Cum Laude

Toni Lynn Brehio, Spanish, Secondary Education, Cum Laude

W. Douglas Brown, Jr., Marketing, Cum Laude

Kelly Elizabeth Bucko, Accounting

Kristen Lee Bud, Biology, Magna Cum Laude

Edward J. Buscema, Theology/Mathematics,

Summa Cum Laude

Amy Leigh Bushnell, Communications

Michael Anthony Caira, Jr., English, Elementary Education

Jacqueline C. Caisse, Social and Rehabilitation Services/ Political Science

Kristin Meredith Calarese, Communications

Jason Robert Calla, Management

(d), (e) Katerina S. Callahan, Political Science, Summa Cum Laude

Michelle Christine Callahan, Management, Cum Laude

Brandt McLean Calver, Communications

Michael David Cardillo, Management

Nancy Eleanor Chapman, Social and Rehabilitation Services, Magna Cum Laude

Ottmar J. Chavez, Global Studies with Business Concentration

Timothy R. Christian, Marketing, Cum Laude

Julianne Cialdea, International Business, Cum Laude

Maura Kathleen Clancy, English, Magna Cum Laude

Melissa Erin Clark, Marketing

Jenna Katherine Cloutier, English

Maureen Grace Collins, English/Political Science, Magna Cum Laude

Kerry A. Conlon, Social and Rehabilitation Services

Brendon Clement Connors, Communications

Karen Marie Contursi, Psychology

Scott Francis Cooley, Marketing

Tara Kristen Cooper, Marketing/Communications, Summa Cum Laude

Angela Marie Corby, English/Studio Art, Cum Laude

Christiane Elisabeth Cormerais, Accounting

Kevin John Cosgrove, History

Aimee Jeanne Costanza, Sociology, Summa Cum Laude

Deanna Lee Cotes, Communications/English,

Magna Cum Laude

\* Patrick Michael Coty, Marketing

(e), (f) Robert Joseph Courtney, Sociology, Summa Cum Laude

Allison Mary Coutts, History

Michelle E. Couture, Social and Rehabilitation Services

Abigail Andre Curto, English, Secondary Education

Eileen Marie Cusack, English/Communications,

Magna Cum Laude

Melissa Ann Cusack, Accounting

Heather Michelle Daley, Spanish, Elementary Education, Cum Laude

Shawna Lynn D'Amour, English/Communications, Elementary Education, Cum Laude

Julie Lucia D'Angelo, Economics with Business Concentration

Juraj Danko, International Business/German

Elizabeth Annette DeBari, Social and Rehabilitation

Craig Steven DeCosta, Philosophy

Michael Demetri, Management

Gregg Matthew Dennis, Management

Allison Therese Desmarais, Marketing

Ryan J. DesRoches, Computer Science

Christine Nicole Destefano, Communications, Magna Cum Laude

Kerri Lynn Desto, Psychology, Cum Laude

Stacy Ann Devaney, English/Communications

(f) Abbey Lee Dick, English, Summa Cum Laude

Brian Patrick Diercksen, Communications

Joshua Basque Diggins, History/Psychology,

Magna Cum Laude

Michael P. Dillon, Theology

Michael James DiMarzio, History, Magna Cum Laude

Lauren Marie DiPace, Marketing

Jodi Dawn DiProfio, Anthropology

Lisa Ann Donofrio, Psychology

Colleen Marie Doyle, Psychology

Sheila M. Driscoll, English

Heather Lynn Duclos, English
Amanda Louise Helen Dusza, Spanish, Secondary
Education

(f) Jamie Carole Eaton, English/Communications, Cum Laude Natali Gabriella Elia, Psychology, Secondary Education, Magna Cum Laude

Sean Richard Ellbeg, Biology

Richard Francis Elrick, Communications

Valentina Maria Errico, English/Economic Theory

Kristen Ann Espie, International Business,

Magna Cum Laude

Kristen Ann Exter, Social and Rehabilitation Services

Suzanne Marie Farrell, Psychology, Magna Cum Laude

Marisa Federico, Sociology

Kathleen Elizabeth Feehily, Psychology

Kevin Joseph Fenlon, Psychology, Cum Laude

David Keith Ferrari, Accounting, Magna Cum Laude

\* Christine Lynne Fitzgerald, Communications Melissa Marie Fleming, Spanish, Summa Cum Laude Christine Leigh Frank, Communications Erinn Marie Gallagher, Social and Rebabilitation Services

Stacy Leah Gallagher, Psychology, Cum Laude

Kathryn Gabrielle Garibaldi, Communications

Steven Matthew Gaudet, Mathematics, Secondary
Education

Christie Lynn Gaulin, Mathematics, Secondary Education

Renee E. Geneau, Psychology, Cum Laude

\* Jennifer Lynn Gibson, Communications

Andrew Edward Giese, Chemistry/Biology with Concentration in Biotechnology, Cum Laude

Jessica Lynn Giulino, English

Doreen Elizabeth Gode, Social and Rehabilitation Services

Lisa Marie Gomes, Marketing, Magna Cum Laude

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Kathryn Mary Gorman, Chemistry, Cum Laude

Jason Norman Graf, Communications

Anthony F. Gribbons, Political Science

Jennifer Lee Griffin, Biology, Cum Laude

Marianna N. Grillo, Psychology, Magna Cum Laude

James Joseph Grocki, Jr., Management

Matthew J. Grybowski, Mathematics

Adria Jayne Guimond, Biology with Concentration in Biotechnology

Jacqueline Paulette Hafner, Social and Rehabilitation

Joshua Patrick Hammer, Biology

Jennifer Ann Hanley, English

Meghan Lynn Hansbury, Accounting, Cum Laude

Neil Daniel Haskell, Sociology

Sean Michael Hayes, Management/Economic Issues and Policy

Jessica Leigh Hebert, Social and Rehabilitation Services

Rachele Laura Henriquez, Communications

Michael Joseph Herard, Communications

Sonya J. Hickey, Management

Paula Jane Higgins, Sociology, Magna Cum Laude

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Daniel Patrick Huben, Psychology

Kristen Marie Hurley, English

Gina Marie Iannarilli, English

Jacqueline Ingemi, English

Barbara Mildred Jacobs, Social and Rehabilitation Services

Brian Richard Jacobs, Marketing

Lauren Elizabeth Kane, History, Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude

Joseph Michael Kean, English/Communications

Kristen Alysse Kelley, Spanish

Jonathan Michael Kelly, History, Secondary Education

John Francis Kennedy, Communications, Cum Laude

Melissa Ann Kenny, English, Elementary Education

Kathryn Marie Kerr, Psychology, Cum Laude

Stephanie Jean Kewley, Social and Rehabilitation Services, Cum Laude

Alicia Ann Kilcourse, Communications

Brandon Scott Killion, Management

Holly Beth Kinch, Social and Rehabilitation Services

Brendan Michael Klaes, Management

Jennifer Dawn Koback, Psychology, Cum Laude

(f) Cory Ann Koehler, Economic Theory, Magna Cum Laude Amy Jean Korczynski, Marketing/Communications Jason Arthur LaCroix, Communications Kristen Ann Ladebauche, Political Science

Thao Ngoan Lam, Economics with Business Concentration Carrie Ann Landry, Social and Rehabilitation Services,

Magna Cum Laude

Julie Katherine Lane, Management

Keith Michael Laprade, Marketing, Cum Laude

Federico Lascano, International Economics

Jennifer Arline Laurin, English, Secondary Education, Cum Laude

Bryan Richard Laut, History/Management

Sandra Marie Leardi, Social and Rehabilitation Services/ English

Mark Christopher LeBlanc, Marketing

Melissa Lee, Communications

Nancy Patricia Lee, Psychology

Maria Elizabeth LePain, English, Elementary Education

Patricia Ann LePain, English, Magna Cum Laude

Jeffrey Michael Levis, Management, Magna Cum Laude

Nathan Michael Lucier, Management

Kevin Michael Luperchio, English, Magna Cum Laude

Jenny Rebecca Lynch, English/Political Science

Christopher David Madsen, Political Science

Matthew Manuel Marques, Biology

Michael John Marshall, Marketing

Michelle Susan Martin, Psychology

Stephanie Jane Martin, Management

(f) Stacy Ann Mattioli, Psychology, Summa Cum Laude Bethany Lynn Mawdsley, History, Elementary Education, Cum Laude

Adam Peter Mazzadra, Social and Rehabilitation Services

Erin Louise McDonough, Psychology

Dawn Ann McGillivray, Communications

Daniel Thomas McGowan, History, Secondary

Education, Cum Laude

Jennifer Michelle McNulty, Economic Theory

Brian James Meade, Marketing

David Albert Mercier, Accounting, Cum Laude Ronelle Josephine Meunier, Art History, Summa Cum Laude

Heather Lynn Michel, Psychology

Kerri Ann Miller, Social and Rehabilitation Services

Jeffrey Milligan, Economics with Business Concentration

Anne Kathryn Mingolelli, Social and Rehabilitation Services

Heather Leah Mish, Biology

Jenifer Lynn Monahan, Classics

Megan Ellen Monahan, English, Secondary Education, Cum Laude

Megan-Sioux Diane Moody, Management

Bryan Christopher Moore, International Business/ International Economics

Andrea Leigh Morgan, Sociology

Christopher Robert Morris, Management

Lisa Marie Morrison, Social and Rehabilitation Services

Jennifer Elizabeth Morrissey, Spanish, Cum Laude

Suzanne Mumford, Communications

Kevin Patrick Murphy, History

Meghan Eileen Murphy, Sociology, Cum Laude

Meghann Leah Murphy, Accounting

Melissa Jean Murphy, Biology

Emily Proctor Murray, English, Cum Laude

James Michael Murray, History, Cum Laude

Christopher John Nicoletti, English

Andrew Wieslaw Niedzwiecki, Mathematics, Secondary Education

Michael David O'Coin, Biology with Concentration in Biotechnology/History, Magna Cum Laude

Todd George O'Connor, Marketing

Brendan M. O'Donnell, Marketing

Brian O'Donnell, Accounting, Cum Laude

Louis W. Olwana, Psychology/International Business

Erin Marie O'Neil, English, Elementary Education

John Louis Orlandella, Marketing

Lisa Sharon Ostberg, Chemistry, Cum Laude

Elizabeth Marie Palinkas, Management, Magna Cum Laude

Jennifer Marie Palumbo, Biology

Kelly Susan Panos, Computer Science/Spanish,

Magna Cum Laude

Nicole Paterek, Economic Issues and Policy, Cum Laude Joanna Therese Patrone, Social and Rehabilitation Services

(f) Lisa Marie Payne, Social and Rehabilitation Services,

Magna Cum Laude

Robyn Lee Pellerin, Psychology, Magna Cum Laude

Bethany Kate Perry, English, Elementary Education

Amy Elizabeth Peterson, Political Science,

Magna Cum Laude

Dennis Michael Phillips, Jr., Computer Science

Julie Elizabeth Phipps, English, Magna Cum Laude

Karen Marie Pincince, English, Magna Cum Laude

Nicholas Allen Pirrotta, Accounting

Gina Marie Plourde, English, Elementary Education, Cum Laude

Nicholas Paul Police, Communications

David Joseph Pollicelli, Jr., Management

Karen Ann Potty, Social and Rehabilitation Services, Cum Laude Jeffrey Robert Poulin, Political Science

Henry A. Pozzuoli, History

Renee Jan Provencher, Accounting

John Edmund Prybyla, History/Political Science

Lisa Marie Quinn, Marketing

Elizabeth Ann Randazzo, Psychology

Ryan Sean Raposa, Management

(f) Laura Beth Raymond, Accounting, Summa Cum Laude

Laura Sandra Reardon, Marketing/Communications,

Cum Laude

Julie Lynn Rebelowski, Social and Rehabilitation Services, Magna Cum Laude

Erin Megan Reczek, Economic Theory/Psychology, Cum Laude

Laurie Aline Remillard, Computer Science

Jennifer Lynne Remington, Accounting,

Summa Cum Laude

Amanda Rhodes, History

Paul Rizkalla, Psychology

Jacalyn Marie Robida, Social and Rehabilitation Services, Magna Cum Laude

Vincent Robert Robustelli, Biology

Anthony Carl Rodrigues, Biology, Magna Cum Laude

Angel Luis Rodriguez, Social and Rehabilitation Services

Luis Angel Rodriguez, Social and Rehabilitation Services

(f) Alessandra Roffo, International Business/Foreign Languages, Magna Cum Laude

Nicole Marie Rogalski, Biology, Magna Cum Laude

David Allen Rollinson, French

Karly Jean Ronan, Psychology, Cum Laude

Kathleen Frances Roos, Philosophy, Magna Cum Laude

Trevor Aaron Rose, Marketing

Nichole Marie Ruggles, English, Elementary Education

Teraisa M. Sabatini, Communications

Brenda Kaye Safford, Social and Rehabilitation Services

Gregory Vincent Samos, Mathematics

Laura Ann Sanderson, Spanish, Elementary Education, Madna Cum Laude

Ryan Santimaw, Accounting

Andrea Carol Saudade, Social and Rehabilitation Services, Summa Cum Laude

(d) Deirdra Anne Sauter, Spanish, Summa Cum Laude

Brian Kenneth Schlitzer, Psychology

Gregory Thomas Schultz, English

John Louis Scott, Global Studies/Geography

Meghan Lynn Scull, Social and Rebabilitation Services

Michael David Seabury, Communications

Mark Arnold Sgalia, English

Suzanne Louise Shaw, English/Communications

\* Stephen J. Siddle, English

Marcel Mumbere Sikalavi, International Economics

Adrienne Burch Silva, Marketing

Michael Anthony Silvia, Biology

Christopher Gerard Sixt, Management

Laura Lorraine Small, Mathematics, Secondary Education
Summa Cum Laude

Kimberly Anne Smith, Accounting, Magna Cum Laude

\* Vanessa Jean Smith, Psychology

Sarah Marie Sogigian, English

Beth A. Souchuns, Communications

Lisa F. Sousa, Economics with Business Concentration

\* Erik Patrick Sparfven, English

Lauren Anne Staffieri, History, Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude

Joseph Edward Stafford, Management

Gregory Patrick Stevens, Management

Sarah Joanna Steverman, Spanish, Secondary Education

Kerri Lynne Streeter, Spanish, Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude

James M. Sullivan, Accounting

Kenneth Allen Sundberg, Jr., Mathematics

\* Gregory John Susko, Economic Issues and Policy

Amy Lynn Sweet, Communications

Marianne Tacito, Communications, Cum Laude

Erin Elisabeth Tahaney, Social and Rehabilitation Services

Michael Ion Taverna, Management

Meredith Grace Tebbetts, Mathematics, Secondary

Education, Magna Cum Laude

Christine Marie Terris, Social and Rehabilitation Services/ Psychology, Cum Laude

Steven Albert Thebodo, Accounting

Derek Thieme, Economic Issues and Policy

Jennifer Lee Thomas, Communications/English

Erin L. Tobin, Social and Rehabilitation Services.

Magna Cum Laude

Michael Leo Tomasian, Psychology

Christopher David Toppin, History

Sean Edward Touhey, Management

Lisa Marie Traficanti, English

Eric Lee Tridenti, Management

Britt Anne Trifone, Political Science

Ryan Kimberly Tripp, History, Cum Laude

Katie Lynn Turant, Social and Rehabilitation Services. Cum Laude

Edwin James Twomey, English

Gregory David Ventura, Accounting

Lynette Marie Walania, Psychology

Andrew Adam Walsh, Political Science

Kasey E. Walsh, Communications, Cum Laude

Meaghan J. Walsh, English/Fine Arts

Kristen Patrice Watson, Political Science.

Magna Cum Laude

Eve Weber, Social and Rebabilitation Services

Jennifer Lee Westerlind, Social and Rehabilitation Services

Elizabeth Ann Whelan, Communications

Darren Swen White. Mathematics

Michelle Marie Whitworth, Economic Theory, Magna Cum Laude

Novar Munro Whitworth, Management

John Christopher Whyte, Economic Issues and Policy

Scott Williams, Communications

Lynne Wilson, History, Elementary Education, Cum Laude

Daria Ann Wojcik, English, Elementary Education

Kathleen Mary Wood, Social and Rehabilitation Services, Cum Laude

Erin Kathleen Woods, Economics with Business

Concentration, Summa Cum Laude

Scott Michael Wynne, Communications

Alyssa Ann York, Biology

Matthew Richard Zannelli, Biology with Concentration in Biotechnology/Chemistry

Theodore Michael Zayka, English

Joshua Edward Zielke, Communications

Michael David Zucker, Global Studies

(c) George A. Doyle Scholarship Award Recipient

(d) Marion Merit Award Recipient

(e) Members of Delta Epsilon Sigma Honor Society

(f) Augustine Scholarship Award Recipient



## The Assumption College Mace

In medieval times, a mace was a spiked war club, an effective weapon in combat. Later, it became a symbol of authority, and in the context of an academic community, has come to signify teaching authority.

At Assumption College, education promotes self-discovery, but the true discovery of self must first take into account one's nature and purpose. The symbolism of the mace reflects the simple but essential elements that make for a full and responsible consideration of self, within the broader context in which there can be a full blossoming of the individual.

An education at Assumption nurtures the growth of specific habits or, more precisely, virtues. These include the Intellectual Virtues, which guide the student to truth; the Moral Virtues (prudence, justice, fortitude, and moderation), which enable a person to lead a good life; and, most important of all, as Saint Paul and Saint Augustine would say, the Theological Virtues (faith, hope, and charity), which lead the Christian to ultimate happiness. The lettering in Latin on the three bands of the sterling node states simply the thrust of these essential virtues: Intelligentia Adducitur Veritatem; Voluntas Adducitur Bonum; Cor Adducitur Amorem. The staff could be considered a "lignum vitae" (tree of life), from which the virtues spring. The three upper branches of ebony and gold represent the virtues and their impact upon everyone at the College, symbolized by the multifaceted fluorite stone.

At Assumption, it is the community's shared vision that fosters a full flowering of the individual. The three blossoms of gold from the blue fluorite represent the individual coming to full maturity in Christ, in accord with the College's motto: "Until Christ be formed in you."

The Assumption College Mace was conceived, designed, created, and given as a gift to Assumption College by Paul A. Cavanagh of Greenville, Rhode Island.



## Medallion of the President of Assumption College

The shield on the seal is divided into four sections by the cross, the symbol of Christ, denoting the College as a Catholic institution. It is a "fleur-de-lisée" cross, a symbol that the College is located in the Diocese of Worcester, which also has this style of cross on its coat of arms. On the cross is an open book, representing the Gospel, which is the foundation of teaching at a Catholic institution, and also representing the Liberal Arts, which seek to lead the student to knowledge and wisdom. On the book are the letters ART (Adveniat Regnum Tuum, or Thy Kingdom Come), a phrase from the Lord's Prayer, which is the motto of the Assumptionists who founded the College in 1904. In the upper left quarter is the monogram of Mary with a crown above it, a symbol of the Blessed Virgin Mary in her Assumption. In the lower right quarter is the fleur-de-lis, a reminder of the French origins of the founding religious order.

The Medallion is suspended by a chain, the links of which consist of the letter "M" with a crown representing the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Assumption, patroness of the College.

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## Academic Regalia

The academic garb is derived from the 12th and 13th centuries, when most students and teachers were clerics and had taken at least minor holy orders. The assignment of colors to certain faculties was a much later development, and was standardized in the United States in the late 19th century. White was assigned to arts and letters; red, a traditional color of the church, was assigned to theology; green, for herbs, went to medicine; purple, the color of emperors, went to law; and golden yellow, standing for wealth and alchemy, went to the sciences. Because philosophy means love and pursuit of wisdom, in the case of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), dark blue represents the mastery of the discipline of learning and scholarship in any field for which the degree is conferred, rather than in the discipline of philosophy alone.

Gowns vary by degree. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves. The master's gown has oblong sleeves, the rear of which is cut square, and the front of which is cut in arcs. Both the bachelor's and master's gowns are untrimmed. The doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves and is faced down the front with black velvet. Three bars of velvet cross each sleeve. Often the bars are black, but they may also be in the color distinctive to the discipline in which the degree has been conferred.

In all cases, the exterior of the academic hood is black, and the interior is lined with the official color or colors of the institution that conferred the degree. The bachelor's hood is three feet in length; the master's is three and one-half feet; and the doctor's is four feet. Only the doctor's hood has panels at the sides. The edges of the hoods are velvet, and are two inches, three inches, and five inches for the bachelor's, master's, and doctor's degrees, respectively. The color of this trim is indicative of the subject to which the degree pertains.

The mortar board cap may be made of soft or hard material and, as its name suggests, symbolizes the role of learning in building an individual and shared future. The tassel is black or the color appropriate to the subject, with the exception of the doctor's tassel, which may be gold.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctors' gowns, edging of hoods, and tassels of caps, the colors associated with different disciplines are as follows:

Agriculture
Arts, Letters, Humanities
Commerce, Accountancy, Business
Economics
Education
Fine Arts
Law
Library Science
Medicine
Music
Oratory
Philosophy

Physical Education

Science

Theology

Maize
White
Drab
Copper
Light Blue
Brown
Purple
Lemon
Green
Pink
Silver Gray
Dark Blue
Sage Green
Golden
Scarlet

# Assumption College Alma Mater

Lyrics: Beverly Shaw Johnson (1985) Melody: Christe sanctorum (Antiphone, Paris, 1681)



- 1. Pledge we our loy-al-ty to As-sump-tion Col·lege-
- 2. Our hearts will al-ways be with As-sumption College



Whose de di cartion in pur suit of know-ledge-Her ban-ners wa-ving with out-standing courage



With-stands the test of time, aids us in our on-wardclimb Call for si-de-li-ty and protect a spi-rit free-



In search of truth and light. Long live the blue and white!

Written upon the occasion of the 80th Anniversary of the founding of Assumption College.

