



2019

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Commencement Ceremony

Monday, May 6, 2019

St. Columba Cathedral
Youngstown, Ohio



MercyCollege
of Ohio

Celebrating 100 Years of Mercy Education



PRAYER SERVICE

PRELUDE.....	Brass and Organ
ACADEMIC PROCESSION	Brass and Organ
WELCOME	Susan C. Wajert, PhD <i>President</i>
INVOCATION	Very Reverend Monsignor Peter M. Polando <i>Rector, St. Columba Cathedral</i>
SONG	Congregation Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You
SCRIPTURE READING	JoAnne Salreno <i>2019 Graduate</i>
RESPONSORIAL HYMN	Congregation, led by John Rindy, EdD <i>Cantor</i> Psalm 19
PSALM PRAYER.....	Monsignor Polando
INTERCESSIONS	Patrick McAllen <i>2019 Graduate</i>
THE LORD’S PRAYER	Congregation
PRAYER	Monsignor Polando
CLOSING SONG.....	Congregation How Great Thou Art (Stuart K. Hine) (Verses 1 and 4)



Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry,
 2. All your works with joy sur - round you, Earth and heav'n re -
 3. Al - ways giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing,
 4. Mor - tals join the migh - ty cho - rus, Which the morn - ing



Lord of love, Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you,
 flect your rays, Stars and an - gels sing a - round you,
 ev - er blest, Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing,
 stars be - gan; God's own love is reign - ing o'er us,



Open - ing to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of
 Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise; Field and for - est,
 O - cean depth of hap - py rest! Lov - ing Fa - ther,
 Join - ing peo - ple hand in hand. Ev - er sing - ing,



sin and sad - ness; Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Christ our broth - er, Let your light u - pon us shine;
 march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
 Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Prais - ing you c - ter - nal - ly!
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward, In the tri - umph song of life.

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY; arr. from Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867.



Reading

Acts 5:12-16

Sit

Psalm

Psalm 19

Sit

Please join in singing the refrain.



1. The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul;
the Lord's rule is to be trusted, the simple find wisdom.
2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding forever;
the decrees of the Lord are true, all of them just.
3. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart,
the command of the Lord is clear, giving light to the eye.
4. They are worth more than gold, than the finest of gold,
sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.

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Intercessions

Response: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Stand

The Lord's Prayer

(all)

Stand

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer

Monsignor Polando

Stand

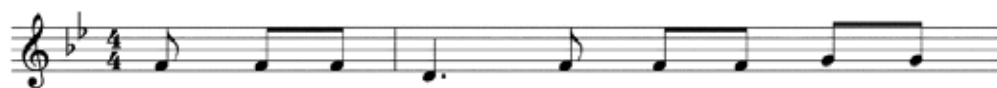


Song:

How Great Thou Art (Verses 1 and 4)

Stand

How Great Thou Art



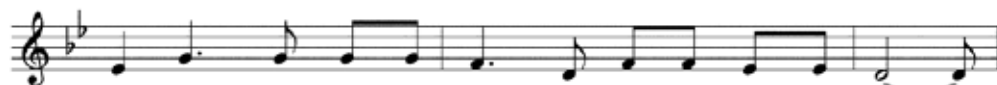
1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some
2. When thru the woods and for - est glades I
3. And when I think that God, His Son not
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla -



won - der Con - sid - er all the worlds Thy hands have
wan - der And hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the
spar - ing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it
ma - tion And take me home, what joy shall fill my



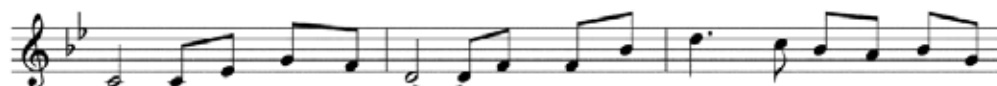
made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
in That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r thru - out the un - i - verse dis - played!
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.
bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin!
ra - tion And there pro-claim, my God, how great Thou art!



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to Thee; How great Thou



art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



Thee; How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

Text: Stuart K. Hine, 1899-1989
Tune: O STORE GUD, 11 10 11 10 with refrain; Stuart K. Hine, 1899-1989
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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

CALL TO ORDER.....	Trevor Bates, DHSc <i>Vice President of Academic Affairs/Dean of Faculty</i>
AUTHORIZATION	Susan C. Wajert, PhD <i>President</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEM.....	Led by John Rindy, EdD The Star-Spangled Banner
BOARD OF TRUSTEES WELCOME	Diana Colaianni <i>Member, Board of Trustees</i>
GREETINGS	Lori DeNiro <i>Chief Nursing Executive, Mercy Health, Youngstown</i>
STUDENT ADDRESS	Kathryn Butto <i>2019 Graduate</i>
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER.....	Aleah D’Amico <i>2019 Graduate</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Kathleen Harley, MBA, BSN <i>President, Mercy Health St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital</i>
MISERICORDIA ET CURA AWARD	President Wajert
PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES.....	Dr. Bates
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	President Wajert
ALUMNI WELCOME.....	Jill Fabian, MSN <i>Assistant Professor of Nursing</i>
BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES.....	Very Reverend Monsignor Peter M. Polando <i>Rector, St. Columba Cathedral</i>
SONG	Congregation America the Beautiful (Verse 1)
ALMA MATER	Led by Dr. Rindy
RECESSIONAL	Organ Hornpipe (G.F. Handel)



SPRING 2019 GRADUATES

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Nursing

Brittani Laniece Agee	Kelsey L. Loree
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Mikaela Rae Kuneli	Angelique T. Zetts
Keara Rose Lengyel	



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Kathleen Harley, MBA, BSN

President, Mercy Health St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital

Kathleen M. Harley began her employment with Bon Secours Mercy Health in January of 2019 in the role of President of St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital, a Level 1 Trauma Center and Primary Stroke Center. Prior to her current position, she served as Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer of Surgical and Procedural Services at Heritage Valley Health System in Western Pennsylvania. During her time at Heritage Valley Health, Kathy also led the Wound Care Center, Department of Cardiology and Nuclear Medicine Services, Maternal/Child Health, Radiology, and the Employed Physician Practices. Kathy also served in a Surgical Services Administrative role for two Ohio hospital systems. Kathy's clinical expertise is in intensive care and the operating room as an operating room educator, which gives her an extensive background on which to draw.

Kathy holds a Master's in Business Administration from Youngstown State University, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Penn State University and an RN Diploma from Trumbull Memorial Hospital. She has formerly served on the Board of Directors for the Greater Pittsburgh Orthopedic Association and the Board of Directors for the Women's Center of Beaver County. She currently serves on the Youngstown Cityscape Board of Directors.

MISERICORDIA ET CURA AWARD

The Misericordia et Cura Award is the highest honor bestowed by the College. It recognizes individuals who focus on the values which are vital to the healing ministry and by their lives embody the College motto "Misericordia et Cura," meaning compassion and care.



ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic regalia is traditionally worn by graduating students, faculty members and other participating members at commencement ceremonies.

The mortarboard cap is worn with the tassel color designating the field of learning. Holders of doctoral degrees wear a mortarboard or tam with a gold tassel. Colors of the velvet edging of the hoods on master or doctoral gowns denote the discipline of the degree and colors of the lining of the hood denote the college or university conferring the degree.

Arts, Letters and Humanities	White	Library Science	Lemon
Business	Drab	Nursing.....	Apricot
Education	Light Blue	Philosophy	Royal Blue
Healthcare Administration.....	Peacock	Psychology	Gold
Health Information Technology	Sage	Public Health.....	Salmon
Hospital Administration	Kelly Green	Radiologic Technology.....	Sage
Jurisprudence, Law	Purple	Science.....	Gold
Medical Imaging.....	Sage	Social Science.....	Citron
Medical Laboratory Technology.....	Kelly Green	Theology.....	Scarlet

Mercy College students are recognized for their academic achievement with an honor cord in the college colors. Bachelor's degree-seeking students may earn the following Latin Honors:

- Summa Cum Laude – Gold and Blue Braided Cords
- Magna Cum Laude – Gold Cords
- Cum Laude – Blue Cords

Associate degree-seeking students may earn the following honors:

- High Honors – White and Gold Braided Cords
- Honors – White Cords

The Mercy College Hoffman Ambassadors have distinguished themselves by their leadership and service to the College and the local community. The Mercy College Hoffman Ambassadors wear a gold medallion imprinted with the College seal and the word “Ambassador.”

Student government officers wear red and blue braided cords to designate their leadership of the College student body.

Honor society membership is a reflection of outstanding academic achievements. Membership is an opportunity for scholarship and engagement associated within each society. Honor society members wear the respective honor cords or stoles to designate their excellence in academia. Alpha Delta Nu Honor Society members wear peach cords. Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society members wear a gold stole. Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society members wear white and orchid braided cords.



MACE AND PRESIDENTIAL SEAL

The mace is a decorative staff that signifies degree-granting authority. The College's mace is constructed of walnut and glass with the wood representing the College and the glass finial representing Toledo, the "Glass City."

The Presidential Seal of Office is a medallion worn by the president signifying the authority of the office. On the face of the seal are four engravings: the Mercy Cross representing the College's founding religious community, the Sisters of Mercy; a book representing knowledge; a caduceus representing the health professions; and a dove representing the Holy Spirit. A ribbon signifying the interconnectedness of the elements in the life and spirit of Mercy College surrounds these engravings.

PARTICIPANTS

Presider	Very Reverend Monsignor Peter M. Polando	Marshalls.....	Darnell LaRosa Claudia Swantek Tina Fowler
Cross Bearer	Zackary Gmitter		
Candle Bearer.....	Mohammad Esmail	Usher	Aubrey Freeze
Flag Bearer	Heather Zarella	Organist	Dr. Daniel Laginya
Mace Bearer	Dr. Patricia McAllen	Cantor.....	Dr. John Rindy
Readers.....	JoAnne Salreno Patrick McAllen	Trumpet	Tim Winfield



Song: America, the Beautiful (Verse 1)

Stand

America, the Beautiful

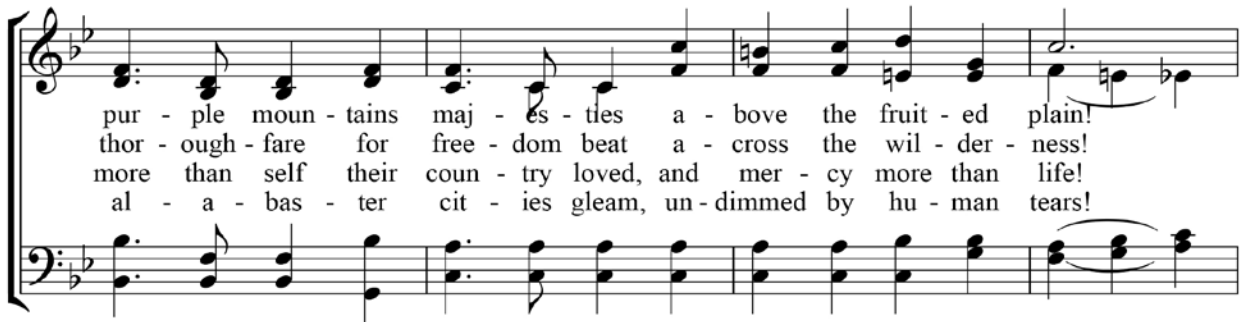
MATERNA

Katharine L. Bates, 1893, 1904

Samuel A. Ward, 1882



1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain, for
2. O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress a
3. O beau - ti - ful for he - ros proved in lib - er - at - ting strife, who
4. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years thine



pur - ple moun - tains maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat a - cross the wil - der - ness!
more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thess, and
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw, con -
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine, till
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee, and



crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea!
firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law!
all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - ery gain di - vine!
crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea!

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In the midst of our fair Ci - ty Glist - ning dig - ni - ty. Stands our no - ble

Al - ma - Ma - ter School of Char - i - ty. All our lives ere be true

to the gold and blue. Hail to thee our Al - ma Ma - ter, Mer - cy hail to you.



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Special thanks to all whom have volunteered in any way to make this event a memorable experience.

