

# 2026

## COMMENCEMENT

May 18, 2026

1:00 p.m.

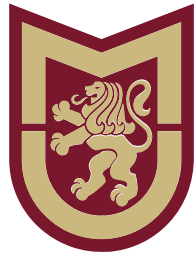
*Northwell at Jones Beach Theater*



**MOLLOY  
UNIVERSITY**







# **MOLLOY UNIVERSITY**

Molloy University, an independent, Catholic University, rooted in the Dominican tradition of study, spirituality, service and community, is committed to academic excellence with respect for each person. Through transformative education, Molloy promotes a lifelong search for truth and the development of ethical leadership.

# Commencement Program

James P. Lentini, D.M.A.

*President*

*Presider*

C. Michelle Piskulich, Ph.D.

*Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

*Leader*

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## **PROCESSIONAL**

“Pomp and Circumstance No.1”

*by Edward Elgar*

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## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

“Star Spangled Banner” by Francis Scott Key

Allyson Short

*Vocalist*

Soyoung Chun

*Accompanist*

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## **INVOCATION**

Father Steven A. McClernon

*Associate Pastor of Beach Catholic*

*Long Beach, NY*

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## **STUDENT WELCOME**

Grace Helen Wilson

*Salutatorian*

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## **PRESIDENT’S WELCOME ADDRESS**

James P. Lentini, D.M.A.

*President*

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## **VALEDICTORIAN ADDRESS**

Isabella Schaefer

*Valedictorian*

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## **PRESENTATION of CANDIDATE for HONORARY DEGREE**

James P. Lentini, D.M.A.

*President*

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## **DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS (*Honoris Causa*)**

Jo Napolitano, B.S.

*Senior Reporter, The 74*



**COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

Jo Napolitano, B.S.  
*Spencer Education Fellow, Columbia University*  
*Senior Reporter, The 74*

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**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR  
DOCTORAL DEGREES  
ASSOCIATE DEGREES  
BACCALAUREATE DEGREES  
MASTER'S DEGREES**

C. Michelle Piskulich, Ph.D.  
*Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

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**CONFERRAL of DEGREES**

James P. Lentini, D.M.A.  
*President*

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**GREETINGS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS**

John J. Bishar, J.D.  
*Chair, Molloy University Board of Trustees*

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**BENEDICTION**

Michelle Martin, Ed.D.  
*Director of Mission and Ministry*

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**ALMA MATER**

Allyson Short  
*Vocalist*

Soyoung Chun  
*Accompanist*

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**RECESSIONAL**

Triumphant March from "Aida" by Verdi

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**UNIVERSITY MARSHAL**

Maureen L. Mackenzie-Ruppel, Ph.D.  
*Professor of Business*

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**FACULTY MARSHAL**

Luis Landron, Ph.D.  
*Professor of Languages and Cultures*

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BAGPIPES  
Erin McGrath, *Class of 2021*



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# Commencement Speaker

**Jo Napolitano, B.S.**

*Spencer Education Fellow, Columbia University*

*Doctor of Humane Letters (Honoris Causa)*

Jo Napolitano is an award-winning immigration and education reporter with a nearly three-decade long career spanning some of the nation's largest and most storied newsrooms, including *The New York Times*, *The Chicago Tribune* and *Newsday*.

She now works at *The 74*, an education-focused news site that has allowed her to do her best work to date. Her 2024 investigation of educational discrimination against immigrant students sparked real change across the country: 13 states and three major cities have made it easier for older newcomer students to enroll as a direct result of her reporting. She was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for this work.

In 2016, Napolitano was named a Spencer Education Fellow at Columbia University and attended Teachers College and the Graduate School of Journalism. Her resulting book, *The School I Deserve: Six Young Refugees and Their Fight for Equality in America*, was released by Beacon Press in 2021 and chronicles the true story of a group of newcomer students who were unlawfully kept out of a Pennsylvania public school.

Born in Bogotá, Colombia, Napolitano was abandoned at a bus stop when she was a day old and placed in an orphanage where she nearly died of starvation. She was eventually adopted by a blue-collar family from Holbrook. Raised by a single parent, she is a first-generation college graduate, earning her bachelor's degree from Medill at Northwestern University.

Napolitano is a two-time Education Writers Association Fellow (2020 and 2024), a grantee from the Fund for Investigative Journalism (2020), and a recipient of multiple awards for her immigration coverage.

When she reached the mid-level of her journalism career and wished to step away from daily reporting for a year-long fellowship, she applied to programs at MIT, Harvard, and Columbia. She was denied by all three, but it was Columbia's Spencer Program that she wanted most.

After her initial rejection, she called the university and asked how she could improve her application. She won the prestigious fellowship on her second attempt and later learned that many fellows apply more than once before they are accepted.

Napolitano is proud to note Harvard will teach her book twice this year. Princeton called to replicate her work, and Columbia hired her two years ago to promote the Spencer Program.

# Candidates for Degrees

**AUGUST 2025**

## **DOCTOR OF EDUCATION**

**Michael Malinowski**

*"I Didn't Have to Change Who I Was to Listen": A Phenomenological Action Research Study Exploring College Students' Transformative Learning through Bridgebuilding Initiatives as High-Impact Practices in Higher Education'*

ADVISOR: DR. TRICIA KRESS

**Mary Porter**

*"Examining the Relationship Between Teacher Characteristics and Attitudes Toward African American Vernacular English (AAVE)"*

ADVISOR: DR. JOANNA ALCRUZ

**AUGUST 2025**

## **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN NURSING**

**Darshani Singh**

*"An Evaluation Of Training Strategies Among Healthcare Professionals During The Covid-19 Pandemic: A Cross-Sectional Survey Study"*

ADVISOR: DEBRA HANNA, PHD, RN, ACNS-BC

**Kaye Whyte**

*The Processes That Contribute To Readiness To Learn For An Accelerated Nursing Graduate: A Grounded Theory Study*

ADVISOR: JUDITH JAMES-BORGA, PHD, RN

**DECEMBER 2025**

## **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Cate Donato\*\*

Allison Dormer

Justin Grange

Megan Guarascio

Marisa Rose Hickey

Kyle Mansfield

Safiya Rahaman

Oswaldo Ramirez

**DECEMBER 2025**

## **BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS**

Mikaela Bonilla

Gianna Calabrese\*

Arlyne Mercado\*

**DECEMBER 2025**

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Prejitha Alex

Cordelia Alexander

Courtany Andreala

Gabriella Marie Annunziata

Marissa Brittany Anselmo

Gabriella Avellino\*

Emily-Rose Bach

Olivia Bartolo

Isabella Bastiani\*\*\*

David Belcher\*\*

Chloesha Bellanger\*\*\*

Sarah Bock\*\*\*

Shyann Olivia Boyd

Mary Kathryn Branche\*\*

Alyssa Brandl

Erika Brito Valladolid\*

Christian Calovic

Olivia Carpenter

Briana Elizabeth Celis

Sarita Chowtie\*\*

Matthew Christensen\*\*\*

Danielle Colucci

Corinne Cooper

Miranda D'Alessio

Demi Julia D'Angelico

Michael DaCosta\*

Delia Damboise

Marc Benjamin Davis

Anna Deignan

Joseph DeRobertis\*

Rebecca Lynn Di Scipio

Heaven Diaz

Jack DiBattista

Michael Donleavy\*\*

Karla Maria Duarte

Osarugue Dudoh

Mushi Dusseck

Krystal Esposito

Hannah Feeney

Julia Fitzpatrick

Lindsey Flynn

AmyMarie Gaffney

Thomas Gaffney\*\*

Jessica Garcia\*

Rachelle Garcia

Allison Gluck\*\*

Elena Gonzalez

Lily Gosin

Joseph Guarrera

Ethan Guchek

Maritza Guevara

Amanda Guzzello

Olivia Hamerman

Tia Yacoub Hawat

Byron Henne

Caitlin Henry

Daniella Christine Henry

Stephania Hernandez-Palacio

Emily Hunt\*

Tiffany Lucia Idelfonso

Olivia Ingenito

Cris-Angelo Asehan Inojales

Priscilla Jean-Francois\*

Christina Jean-Louis

Marie Jironard

Carly Kane\*\*

Rebecca Karol\*

Lauren Kelly

Alexa Ann Kourkoumelis

Kaeley Langan

Terry Ann Lawson

Thomas Lebrecht

Paul Lee

Dylan Lipman

Dennis Lleshaj\*

Marielle Alexa Teh Mahadeo

Jonathan Malakov-Isaharov

Aaron Mathew

Destiny Matzen\*

Timothy McCabe

Tara Mckeogh Smyth\*\*

Kayla Julisa Melgar\*\*

Jabalie Z Mitchell

Ashley Mora

Kayla Moroney

Samantha Muller

Oliver Murch

James Murchison

Meaghan Elizabeth Murray

Athena Jocel Napigkit

Briana Niedermeyer

Rose Noncent

Michael Nunziata

Jeniffer Nwokeji

Claire Olsen

David Ortiz

Joyce Marie Padavona

Amanda Palazzo

Jayson Paredes\*\*

Jemimah Paul

## Candidates for Degrees CONTINUED

Gisselle Peralta  
Maureen Perry  
Meghan Peters\*\*\*  
Jennifer Petruccelli  
Ashley Pichardo  
Sheyla Pilamunga Pilamunga  
Paula Pinzon Portuguese  
Mia Bella Pizzo  
Ryan Christopher Jelley Polehinke  
Mycaela Reilly\*  
Stephanie Reese Rifkin  
Kaitlyn Roman  
Christ-Ann Saint-Paul  
Daniela Saravia  
Gianna Scaduto  
Cara Scanio  
Fernando Sepulveda  
Christina Skaronis\*  
Matthew Star\*\*  
Ephraim Suleymanov  
Beshoy Tadres  
Stephen Tang  
Anna Taranto  
Alexa Terzakos\*  
Kyrsten Tomasic  
Anthony Toppi  
Ryan Tropp  
Marc Villanueva  
Avia Wildman  
Kimberly Winslow  
Maliha Yousuf  
Zoya Zahid  
Katelyn Zamot  
Emily Zaruma Lopez

### **DECEMBER 2025 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE / MASTER OF SCIENCE**

Jessica Nicole Portela\*\*\*

### **DECEMBER 2025 BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK**

Courtnei Smith\*\*\*  
Diana Torchenaud

### **DECEMBER 2025 MASTER OF SCIENCE**

Samantha Amato  
Mary Amitrano  
Kacie Anthony  
Jennifer Barcenes  
Taylor Berry  
Jordanna Blisko

Zachary Blisko  
Michele Boykin-Blackshear  
Patricia Capobianco  
Matthew Capozzo  
Daniel Cardito  
Willow Chamblin  
Riley Chavarria  
Tara E. Coleman  
Taylor Coppola  
Lauren Cupelli  
Gianna D'Aguanno  
Laurie D'Aprile  
Kristen Moore DelMar-Cain  
Claudia Doupé  
Richard Escudero  
Amna Farooq  
Gwyneth Fernandes  
Justin Gibbons  
Audrey Godnick  
Fabiola Gomes Dos Santos Scharli  
Kayla Marie Gray  
Gianna Hendrickson  
Kashawn Hernandez  
Nicholas Incalcaterra  
Antarpreet Kaur  
Elena Kyriakides  
Cyanne Lashkari  
Ginamarie Lombardo  
Francier Loscalzo  
Daniel MacLeod  
Cassidy Mangano  
David Mathew  
Daniela Marie McNally  
Barbara Mitchell  
Jason Monsanto  
Ana Moronta  
Emily Mowdy  
Michele Milagros Musarra  
Lisa Marie Nitzsche  
Heather Palmer  
Alyssa Ramroop  
Jessica Resmini  
Joseph Richards  
Alina Sanders  
Spencer Shiff  
Rashida Michelle Shockley  
Elizabeth Sime  
Haley Sorensen  
Gina Stabile  
Samantha Thein  
Ema Tufekcic  
Jamie Verity  
Lauren Will  
Neev Woods  
Jinying Ye

### **DECEMBER 2025 DOCTOR OF EDUCATION**

Jill DeRosa

*"Student Engagement in Early  
Childhood Classrooms: A Mixed  
Methods Study Examining Student  
and Teacher Perspectives"*

ADVISOR: DR. CHANDLER  
PATTON MIRANDA

Sara Kelleher

*"A Seat at the Table: A Narrative  
Inquiry into the Navigational  
Strategies of Girls of Color in One  
Private School"*

ADVISOR: DR. ALLISON RODA

### **DECEMBER 2025 DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN NURSING**

Lauren Elizabeth Moran

*"A Mixed Methods Study: The  
Influence Of Educational Preparation,  
Clinical Experience, And  
Orientation On Nursing Professional  
Development Role Transition  
Experience"*

ELIZABETH COTTER, PHD, RN,  
NPC-BC

### **JANUARY 2026 ASSOCIATE IN ARTS**

Kadence Pipota

### **JANUARY 2026 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Robert Moulder  
Emma Simone Quinn\*\*

### **MAY 2026 ASSOCIATE IN ARTS**

Michael Carbone  
Yerly Manzanarez

### **MAY 2026 ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE**

Sandra Jean-Louis

## Candidates for Degrees CONTINUED

### MAY 2026

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Jessica Aguilar  
Daanyaal Bawla  
Kritika Bedi\*  
Ridgley Boisrond Canal  
Kayla Bonilla\*\*\*  
Casey Campo\*\*\*  
Ilaria Micol Chiericati  
Luke Cox  
Kassandra Sofia Diaz Hernandez  
Kelly Emily Estrella\*  
Jessica Eunises Gilbert  
Ashley Diana Gomez Escobar  
Rosemary Hasin  
Justin T. Held\*  
Alessandra Horvath  
Anthony Mennella III  
Daniel Morales  
Erick Morales  
Bar Niazov  
Christopher Nilsen  
Antonette Pommells  
Madison Ramos  
David Reed  
Jonathan River\*  
Abner Rivera  
John Takach  
Gabriella Urrutia  
Sean Wilde  
Amanda Williams\*  
Grace Helen Wilson\*\*\*  
Joseph Zahra

### MAY 2026

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS / MASTER OF SCIENCE

Alyson Anderson  
Bryan Diliberto\*\*\*  
Joseph Grimando  
Ryan Kealey  
James Mooney\*\*  
Joseph Nolan\*\*  
Carolyn Romeo\*\*  
Gregory Tile

### MAY 2026

#### BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

William Aamold\*\*  
Austin Barone\*  
Zachary Bartlett\*  
Chelsea Alexis Castro\*\*\*  
Katelin Marie Christy  
Callie Colvard  
Austin Downey\*\*\*  
Vincent Guida-Ferguson  
Ty Nicholas Hart  
Cate Irvine\*\*  
Ciara Noda-Johnson  
Alyssa Jones  
Ryan Kimbark\*\*\*  
Jillian Elizabeth Kirchdorfer\*\*  
Grace Lott\*\*\*  
Charles Marion Luetje IV\*\*  
Emma Elizabeth Majewski\*\*\*  
Aria Miller\*\*  
Kara Moy\*  
Joaquin Carver Higuera Pope\*  
Maizy Lillian Post\*\*  
Ava Katherine Rankin  
Finn Rutis  
Amelia Rose Savola  
Allyson Katelyn Short\*  
Miranda Slater\*  
Ethan Ivory Smith  
Liam Specht\*  
Ellise Stager\*  
Callie Todd\*

### MAY 2026

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Kamil Abdullah  
Ryan Acevedo  
Sarah Elizabeth Acosta  
Daniela Acteopan  
James Adams\*\*  
Abigail Agatep  
Charles Paul Albano\*\*  
Miranda Albert  
Angelina Alexander  
Kylee Alonso

Vanessa Alonzo  
Max Alter\*  
Samantha Altieri\*\*\*  
Alyssa Renee Amato  
Alana Ambroseccchia  
Catherine Amini  
Katherine Amon-Segarra  
Carolina Amores  
Isabella Anzalone  
Natalia Argueta  
Fabiana Arrigo  
Olivia Aupperlee  
Daniel Reuben Avner\*  
Adriana Balan  
Alexa Altre Balatbat  
Savannah Faria Barreira\*\*  
Mikaela Barriga\*\*  
Isabel Barrios\*\*  
Ashley Barroco  
Julianna Bartick\*  
John Basile\*  
Rebecca Beatty  
Gina Bedoya-Lopez  
Stephanie Bell  
Danielle Bellairs\*\*\*  
Josselyn Benitez Mendez\*  
Kevin Berg  
Jared R Bergen\*\*\*  
Marianna Bevilacqua  
Jesse Bianco\*\*  
Jordana Birchfield\*\*  
Yadiyah Blackman  
Amber Boyle  
Lauren Marie Bracco  
Berelis Breton Jimenez  
Kristi Britton  
Olivia Ann Brodarick  
Emily Marie Brooks  
Joseph Bruzzo  
Joanna Burke  
Makayla Burke  
Cadence Calderon  
Alyssa Lorraine Cammiso\*  
Christian Canela\*  
Antonio Cappellino, Jr\*\*

## Candidates for Degrees CONTINUED

Juliana Therese Caraan**	Amanda Destephano	Hailey Hawkesworth
Taylor Carangi	Chloe DeVito*	Kathleen Healy**
Andrea Cardenas Rodas*	Brianna Diaz	Javin Herbert
Keri Carlin	Damary Lisette Diaz**	Zoey Arie Heredia
Hope Carolan**	Juliette Diaz	Jailene Hernandez
Antionietta Caruso**	Katherine Diaz Hernandez	Melissa Maria Hernandez
Dominic Casella	Edward Doran*	Melissa Noemi Herrera*
Drake Castonguay***	Sasha Dornevil***	Helen Hickey
Schantal Castro	Catherine Duggan	Lilah Rose Horn*
Jessica Catanzaro	Britney Duncan	Michael Hospodar
James Cavallaro	Thaina Edouard	Emily Huber
Rose Cavanagh	Arthur Edwin	Kaitlyn Hing-Ga Hui**
Matthew Cedeño	Joseph Esposito	Sara Husain***
Katherine Cerini	Izabelle Nelie Eustache	Jacquelyn Izzo
Emily Chavarria	Abigail Feliciano*	Lindsey Leena Jacob***
Claudia Chelchowski**	Jason Raymond Ferguson	Chelsey Jacobs*
Tiffany Chen*	Lana Botex*	Nathalia James
Derek Chinchilla	Sandra Figueroa	Lauren Janovsky
Sammy Choi	Megan Finamore***	Kevin Jewels*
Anna Marie Ciccolella	Joshua Flaum*	Danyl Johnson
Christina Cieslak	Leydi Noemy Flores Garcia**	Leah Juste
Tyler Cissik	Isabella Rosina Fontana	Selin Kahyaoglu**
Alicia Ciullo	Tyquaan Francis**	Avneet Kaur**
Andrea Cojal*	Makayla Frank**	Venpreet Kaur
Jack Coogan*	Colleen Gange**	Sara Keenan
Lily Margaret Cooper**	Grainne Gattis***	Ariela Khafizov
Thomas Corcoran	Alexandra Gaudio	Rafi Khan
Lauren Cornelius	Sacchin George	Melisa Sema Kilic
Olivia Corwin**	Alexa Rose Giacomarra**	Daniel Sungmin Kim**
Emily Raquel Crespo	Sarah Gilbert	Joseph Kinsella
Antonio Cruz***	Joseph Giordano*	Alexander Wawrzyniec Kobylski
Mauricio Cueva*	Jason Matthew Goldman	Alicia Koshy**
Lauren Cuomo	Karina Allyce Gonzalez	Gabriella Kouletsis***
Sabrina Cusumano*	Reuben Juan Gordillo	Suzanne Krasner
Gabriela Angelika Dabkowski	Wesley Goumba*	Sophia Kraupner**
Steven Daly***	Caitlyn Claffey Gruter	Katlyn Ann Krupski*
Paige Darienzo	Jamie Guerrero	Rachel Kshonzo
Julia Davie	Alison Guevara	Kaylee LaFlare
Jolena Davis	Isabella Gurrera*	Jasmine Angelina Lainez
Gianna DeFiore	Emma Gutierrez*	Vivian Lam
Nolan Delargy**	Tracy Ha	Samantha Latorre*
Sadin Demaidi	Faith Hannafin	Emma Lawrence*
Jeffrey Denis*	Liam Hannon	Katelin Leavey**
Nia Dennis	Jadene Harrison-Blake	Jenna Lepper

## Candidates for Degrees CONTINUED

Samuel Leung*	Amy Michaca	Ekaterini Perlegis***
Grace LeViness	Bridget Michie	Gabrielle Perpignan
Daniel Lewis*	Kelly Mikowski	Lauren Piel***
Caitlin Liebegott	Nicole Mitchell	Najwa Mamie Gee Pierre
Rosemary Lin	Naadia Mohamed**	Jessica Pinelli**
Christy Lino	Samanta Alexandra Molina	Cora Prue*
Nicoletta Longhitano	Emily Montagano**	Madison Puglisi***
Nikko Lontok	Cristian Morales	David Pulatov**
Dania Lopez	Emily Moran***	Parvin Purawal
Marissa Lopez***	Patrick Moran**	Adrian Quezada**
Dulce Lopez Aviles**	Vincent Morena	Kailee Radcliffe
Nedjen Quemar Louis	Angelina Morici	Mikayla Destiny Ragot**
Fahmida Luna	Teresa Moulder*	Marilyn Ramirez*
Brandon Luzzi**	Chelsea Mullings	Yomara Ramirez Vasquez**
Erin M Maas	Lili Muñoz	Kressias Ramirez-Rivera
Nicholas Maida	Taylor Munson	Shelly Ramnanan
Juliet Maiello***	Colleen Paige Murphy***	Amy Ramos*
Emily Majkowski	Matthew Nardino	Alyssa Ramsaran
Tiffany Maldonado**	Joshua Naveen	Tiffany Randone
Amana Malik	Angelica Nguyen	Krystal Raymond
Timothy Mallon	James Nichol*	Catherine Reilly**
Amelia Mandato*	Christopher Niedfeld**	Ariana Maria Rivera
Christina Mari**	Amal Njاليathu	Rosa Gabrielle Rizzitelli***
Renelle Mark	Teresa Noynay*	Amy Robles*
Nicole Martin	Nana Yaa Ntiriwaa	Isabel Roccaro
Andrea Martinez***	Gabrielle Nunez	Gabriella Rodriguez
Anthony Martinez	Eve O'Connor**	Joseph Rodriguez
Isabella Mata	Jillian Oggeri	Olivia Roeder
Lindsay Mateichik	Stephanie Rose Olivieri***	Maria Rohr
Miranda Mateo	Efe Omokeni	Frank Romeo*
Victoria Matheos	Valeria Ormeno	Rhina Romero
Jonah Matlis	Bianca Orso*	Helena Rosasco**
Amanda Matos**	Katherine Ortiz	Nicholas Ruffino
Stephane Maurice*	Tanusha Osmani***	Bridget Russell
Matthew May	Mayra Roxana Pacheco	Salvatore Russo*
Kiara Alanna McCarson*	Emily Paladino***	Alexis Ryan**
Matthew McCoy	Christina Evgenia Papazahariou***	Frances Sabzehroo
Manuela McElhone	Anastasios Papazoglou	Akshay Sahonta***
Marissa McGrath	Gabrielle Eva Papia	Layla Amber Saied
Emily McGurk**	Angela Mary Parrella**	MeesamAli Salam
Jaden McLeod*	James Parwana	Julia Salazar***
Emily McMahan*	Brandon Paziienza	Michelle Salerno
Adiren Giovanni Melendez	Noelle Pedersen	Yared Samuel
Lori Merard	Matthew Perez*	Carina Sanchez*
Alyssa Lynn Merk***	Anthony Perkins	Daniella Marie Santoli**

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Paola Santos  
Christiana Sanzone  
Jhaylin Saquicaray  
Kaitlyn Sarcona\*  
Nicole Saugsted  
MaryKate Ashley Saulon\*\*  
Malia Savage\*  
Tania Scaduto\*  
Isabella Schaefer\*\*\*  
Jillian Segermeister  
Jason Seiter\*\*  
Chelsea Semler  
Sean Serrano  
Michelle Ann Sylva Shurland  
Alexa Siavichay\*  
Alejandra Sibrian  
Anisha Singh\*\*\*  
Karwinder Singh  
Kawar Singh  
Kimberly Ashley Singh  
Rachel Sage Sirico\*\*\*  
Abigail Smith\*\*  
Emily Smith  
Kelilah Delisha Snaggs  
Michaela Soury  
Francesca Siena Springo\*  
Alexa Stagno  
Joseph Stallone\*\*\*  
Maia St. Louis  
Daniel Strianese  
Blayne Supino\*\*  
Ariela Sutherland  
Madison Suzel  
Mohammad Taha  
Gianna Tallini\*  
Cristina Tavora  
Jael Thomas  
Abigail Brianna Thompson  
Adam Thompson  
Joseph Todaro\*  
Kelly Top Vasquez  
Allan Jev Carin Torres\*  
Kaitlyn Trepeta\*  
Aniello Trinchese

Hannah Triolo  
Briana Natalia Trotman  
Dean Tveter\*\*  
Julia Christianne Valdez\*\*  
Savina Vallon  
Kaitlyn VanEtten  
Johanna Vargas Baez\*\*  
Jessica Vieni  
Alanna Alicia Vilaro  
Jennifer Vilorio  
Alana Voncina\*\*  
Maggie Vyskocil\*\*\*  
Jagger Warren  
Kaitlyn Wawrzynski\*\*  
Sean Welsh\*\*\*  
Daniel Wilke  
Amia Williams  
Kirsten Rose Williams\*\*\*  
Breanna Wilson  
Derick Wilson  
Tiffany Wizansky\*\*  
Alyssa Wohl  
Sophia Yearwood\*\*  
Spencer Yodice  
Juliana Young\*  
John Zarnowski  
Nicole Zero  
Jane Zhang

### **MAY 2026 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE / MASTER OF SCIENCE**

Kailey Abatelli  
Anthony Anzalone\*\*\*  
Gianna Bacchi\*\*  
Lizbeth Aureliano Apolinar  
Liam Broderick\*  
Madison Cooper  
Samantha Cordeiro\*\*\*  
Taylor Dobbins\*\*\*  
Caitlyn Kennedy\*\*\*  
Brianna Mascia  
Ingrid Mendez  
Mary Elizabeth Michels\*  
Meghan Rugolo\*\*\*

Gabriella Scheer  
Megan Sohl\*

### **MAY 2026 BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK**

Cesanyoly Bautista  
Alisa Biju\*\*\*  
Liana Brito  
Alma Calderón\*\*\*  
Jenna Friedlander  
Jeremy Christopher Pecorella  
Emily Sandomir  
Maria Sosa  
Natalia Velasquez\*\*

### **MAY 2026 MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Nicole Bergamine  
Matthew Bustruc  
Anne Collins  
Justin Denni  
Nicolas Devis  
Seydina Dieng  
Delanie Goldman  
Moises Gomez  
Kevin Graca  
Vivek Kataria  
Gurleen Kaur  
John Kiss  
Mahely Licon  
Adam Mahadeo  
Madeline McGovern  
Joseph Francesco Marotta  
Emily Mendoza  
Sean Patrick Milet  
Matthew Muller  
Katie O'Connor  
Sarah Perino  
Ilham Qureshi  
Aiden Rooney  
Basmattie Singh  
Maria Tedesco  
Giesensky Then

## Candidates for Degrees CONTINUED

Alessia Valle  
Mariana Villada Rueda  
Julia Zalta

### **MAY 2026 MASTER OF SCIENCE**

Moridiyah Adebule  
Gianna Aiello  
Sabrina Rose Alberti  
Miriam Alvarado  
Zachary Antonette  
Temitope Aromolaran  
Brianna Bagwandeem  
William T. Baldwin Jr.  
Shannon Jaye Baptist  
Diamani Bermudez  
Jeanine Brancato  
Alexandra Busch  
Morgan Kathleen Camarda  
Amanda Cannarozzo  
Francisco Carela Correa  
Anna Carey  
Keidy Cedeno  
Wilhelmine P. Chaperon  
Magdala Charles Josaphat  
Kimberly Chavies  
Charlene Chen  
ZhiXing Chen  
Simone Chung  
Rory Collins  
Adrianna DellaVedova  
Debra Deonarain  
Ethan DePinto  
Christina Dieguez  
AnnMarie Dindial  
Kayla Doyle  
Yanique Doyley  
Christina Draghi  
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*“Why We Stayed: Looking at the Real-Life Experiences of Title I Educators who Remained Teaching throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic”*  
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*“Access, Outcomes, and Sustainability in Seal of Biliteracy Programs: Exploring Coordinators’ Perceptions on Long Island”*  
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*“Underutilization of Hospice Care Among Eligible Blacks and African Americans: A Nurse Practitioner-Driven Innovative Strategy”*  
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# Academic History and Regalia

Molloy University opened on September 15, 1955 as Molloy Catholic College for Women with a provisional charter from the New York State Education Department. After the permanent charter was granted in January 28, 1960, the institution's academic units were organized in a division structure.

Over time the four divisions of Humanities, Natural Sciences, Nursing and Social Sciences evolved to include the Division of Education, which was formally recognized in 1964. A sixth division, the Division of Business, was formed in 2006. Each division was originally organized with a Division Dean and included faculty in leadership positions such as Associate Deans or Chairpersons dependent upon specific discipline requirements.

April 2016 marked the beginning of a new era at Molloy College with the announcement of the Barbara H. Hagan School of Nursing. In 2018, Molloy College initiated a reorganization of the academic structure, taking the remaining divisions and forming a total of four schools, the Barbara H. Hagan School of Nursing and Health Sciences, the School of Education and Human Services, the School of Business and the School of Arts and Sciences. On June 1, 2022 Molloy College became Molloy University.

The caps, gowns, and hoods worn by faculty and students at college and university commencement ceremonies date to the Medieval Universities. The style of the gown differs dependent on the tradition of the university and whether the student is a candidate for the bachelor degree, the master degree or the doctoral degree.

The hood adds color and interest to the academic attire. The color of the hood corresponds to the university and the border color denotes the degree discipline. The Molloy hood color is black and the size is dependent on the type of degree awarded. The Molloy color lining the hood is Molloy Rose. The border color signifies the respective field of learning at Molloy University.

# Molloy Traditions

One of the first commencement week traditions at Molloy dating from 1959 is Class Night, now known as Convocation. Candidates receive their hoods from the Dean of the School in recognition of their achievement and anticipation of the commencement ceremony to follow.

Another Molloy tradition is the awarding of the fourragère, a braided cord worn over the left shoulder of the academic gown. The fourragère is a symbol of scholastic achievement at the University. The white, rose, gold and blue fourragères worn by our undergraduate students at commencement identify the number of semesters that a student has attained recognition on the Dean's List.







## The Molloy University Seal

The principal partition of the shield displays the blue and silver fusilly in bend of the coat of arms of Bavaria, Germany, where in the town of Ratisbon the parent congregation of the Brooklyn Dominicans was founded in 1233, shortly after the death of Saint Dominic. Moreover, the blue and silver diamond-like panes of the field in Our Lady's colors reflect the maternal love of the Blessed Mother for the Dominican Order, which she protects and defends in an especial manner.

This Marian field is charged with a black lion rampant between three trefoils-three to honor the Holy Trinity, from the coat of arms of Archbishop Molloy, the titular of the institution to acknowledge the sponsorship and patronage of His Excellency.

The upper compartment displays the Dominican cross flory, quarterly (alternatively) tinctured in black and white on a like tinctured field, also divided quarterly, to indicate that the institution is under the tutelage of the Dominican Order.

The crest is composed of a book, one of the symbols of learning, charged with the alpha and omega, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, which betoken Christ as the origin and final end of all knowledge for those who are gifted with the grace of true wisdom. The book is adorned with a golden crown significant of the Queenship of Mary proclaimed a special feast by Pope Pius XII in 1955, the year of the founding of the institution.

The motto "Mater Confidentia Nostra" articulates the devotional confidence in Mary that St. Dominic, White Knight of our Lady and Champion of Truth, bequeathed to his children.

The Molloy College seal was updated after the College became a University on June 1, 2022.



## The Molloy University Dominican Banners

The Dominican Order, founded in the 13th century by St. Dominic, was established to bring a unique gift to the Church and to the world. Dominic believed that there were four essential elements to this way of being “Dominican.” Molloy University, founded by the Dominican Sisters of Amityville, continues in this Dominican tradition and incorporates these elements into the Mission of the school. These elements include:

- The value of **Study**
- The importance of **Community**
- **Service** to others
- A **Spiritual** practice

It was Dominic’s insight that there would be an interaction of all four elements in balance with each other. All four elements are the fuel energizing the Dominican way which has been part of Molloy University since it was founded in 1955.

## **Alma Mater**

*In faith and loyalty*

*We pledge ourselves to thee,*

*To Molloy, we give our praise and raise our voices to her name;*

*Our friendship, always true,*

*We place our trust in you;*

*Our love for you will grow with every day we spend,*

*In every way we send our thanks to you.*

*Dear Alma Mater—**MOLLOY***



# Molloy University's Land Acknowledgment

We pause to acknowledge that Molloy University is located on lands once home to Indigenous Peoples, including the Lenape, the Montaukett Indian Nation, and Indigenous Peoples who resided in the Massapequa, Merrick, and Rockaway territories. We recognize the long and complex history that has brought us to these lands, and we seek to understand the ongoing impact of settler colonialism and its influence on the cultures and heritages of Indigenous Peoples. We remember and acknowledge our connections to Indigenous Peoples and appreciate the opportunity to live and learn on this land. We honor Indigenous Peoples of the past, today, and generations to come.



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