

Notre Dame of Maryland University



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Notre Dame of Maryland University educates leaders to transform the world.

Embracing the vision of the founders, the School Sisters of Notre Dame, the University promotes the advancement of women and provides a liberal arts education in the Catholic tradition.

Notre Dame challenges women and men to strive for intellectual and professional excellence, to build inclusive communities, to engage in service to others, and to promote social responsibility.



Program

Prelude Music and Processional

Academic Procession

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Welcome and Invocation

Marissa Vaughn, Class of 2023
Oluwatosin Omoshebi, Class of 2023

The National Anthem

Jolisse Gray, Class of 2023

Presentation of Candidate for Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa

PRESENTER

Marylou Yam, Ph.D., President

RECIPIENT

The Honorable Rosie Rios

Commencement Address

INTRODUCTION

Kate Bossert, Ph.D., Associate Professor
of English

SPEAKER

The Honorable Rosie Rios

Presentation of Pro Urbe Award

INTRODUCTION

Patricia McLaughlin, SSND, Chair, Board of Trustees

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Board of Trustees

Presentation of Mullan Distinguished Teacher Award

Martha Walker, Ph.D., Provost & Vice President
for Academic Affairs

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees

Martha Walker, Ph.D., Provost & Vice President
for Academic Affairs

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science

Master of Arts and Master of Science

Certificate of Advanced Study in Education

Doctor of Pharmacy

Doctor of Philosophy

Conferral of Degrees

Marylou Yam, Ph.D., President

Investiture in Academic Hood

Marylou Yam, Ph.D., President

Brenda Rivera, Class of 2023

Bestowal of Degrees

Marylou Yam, Ph.D., President

Student Response

Tahreem Haq, Class of 2023

Closing Remarks

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Benediction

Lisa M. Yates, Class of 2023

Alma Mater

Jolisse Gray, Class of 2023

Recessional

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science, School of Arts, Sciences, and Business

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| Zohra Ahmed <i>magna cum laude</i> | Tinsaye M. Kirub |
| + Prabina Ale Magar | Chelsea L. Krzywdik <i>cum laude</i> |
| Maria Antunez | Jessica Anne Leatherwood <i>cum laude</i> |
| Makeda T. Balderson <i>cum laude</i> | Chelsea Lisette Llivichuzca |
| Jaime Rebecca Ballard | ~ Keara R. Logan |
| Troi M. Beckett | Madisson Sanlin Luciano <i>cum laude</i> |
| + Vanessa W. Brundige <i>cum laude</i> | Alexandria E. Malinowski <i>cum laude</i> |
| Destiny T. Burks | Marquida L. Marseille |
| Madison Ramona Calhoun | Dhara K. Mills (December 2023) |
| * Christy Marcela Canjura <i>summa cum laude</i> | + Sara Danielle Morales <i>summa cum laude</i> |
| Eliana Rose Coffey | Joselyn Nayely Moreno Garcia |
| + Ingrid Gabriella Cruz <i>cum laude</i> | Nahla D. Morgan <i>cum laude</i> |
| Cesia Elizabeth Diaz | Princesse Ngamuvuli Embankana |
| Wendy Yisel Diaz-Portillo | Nana Fremah Nyarko |
| Katrina Irene DuLaney | Johanna N. Ortega |
| Ashley Chinwendu Enweze | * Alexandra Perry |
| Brigette Karlina Flores | Abigail Poole |
| Sabina Ghale | Bethany Evadney Powell |
| Kirstin Sara Giganti | * Emmaisabel Quiroga |
| Ronica J. Gravette | + Rachel Renz |
| + Jolisse M. Gray <i>summa cum laude</i> | Hermione Bell Riggs |
| Eleanor L. Haigley | + Michelle Anne Schwarz <i>magna cum laude</i> |
| Alycia Hancock <i>magna cum laude</i> | Kerine Simone Simms <i>cum laude</i> |
| Tahreem U. Haq | ~ Darilyn Jean Solano |
| Katie Ann Hawkins | Dylan Allison Stabbe |
| + Ivory James Hemphill <i>cum laude</i> | Gabrielle Marie Miniano Taganas <i>summa cum laude</i> |
| Zulma Suyapa Henriquez | Alaiyah Tetteh |
| Narelle Rachel Hernandez-Argueta <i>summa cum laude</i> | Rojeena Thapa |
| Danielle Hirsch <i>cum laude</i> | Aissata Dite Yatimbe Timbine <i>magna cum laude</i> |
| Janice I. Hush | ~ Ardinia T. Townes |
| Lina I. Ibrahim | Konstantina J. Vavaroutsos |
| Candice Eve Irby | + Camille Walker |
| Jennifer Favour Kalu | Khya Vonique Watkins-Lemon |

Bachelor of Arts, School of Education

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|---|--|
| + Ebony Monae' Blevins <i>summa cum laude</i> | * Karen Loeffler |
| Ayana O. Brim | Jennifer Anne Manor |
| Marleina A. Cantrell <i>summa cum laude</i> | + Tania Sofia Martinez <i>magna cum laude</i> |
| Nafissatou Diene | Tigist Fekede Mengesha |
| McKenna Rae Garland <i>magna cum laude</i> | * Edith O. Onalapo <i>cum laude</i> |
| + Casey L. Hall <i>magna cum laude</i> | Fidelia Pereira Rivera <i>summa cum laude</i> |
| Miranda Morgan Held <i>magna cum laude</i> | Lilia Emmaline Petropol <i>summa cum laude</i> |
| Erin Marie Horner | Crystal M. Rice <i>magna cum laude</i> |
| + Krystal Hudson-Waters | Brenda Rivera <i>summa cum laude</i> |
| Lauren Marie Kirscht | Tammy Ann Smith |
| + Jo Ann Parrino Kopp <i>magna cum laude</i> | Teresha Ann Sutton <i>cum laude</i> |
| Anna Catherine Lahman <i>magna cum laude</i> | Gina Renee Vaonakis |
| Judi Amanda Lazo | |

Bachelor of Science, School of Nursing

- * Roth Abdulkareem Adebayo *cum laude*
- * Emelia Sarfoaa Afrim
Faith Fidelia Akuma
Joshua Oliver Padua Aonian
Benedicta O. Appiah
Jennifer Christine Athas
- * Oluwabusola O. Ayodeji
Morgan Elizabeth Bailey
- * Roopneet Bains
- + Daniel Cheyenne Bandy
- + Audrey Demetria Barnes
- + Jennifer Anne Barrett
Taylor J. Blackwell
- + Sandra Eleanor Brackett
Quartay L. Bradshaw
- * Tamia Katlyn Brice
- + Priya Burma
Miranda A. Burton *cum laude*
- + Stephanie Buttino
- + Erin Marie Campbell
Catherine Marie Cano
- * An Gabrielle Valdez Carino
Keynah N. Carroll
- + Olivia Lorraine Carter
Malika Comoe
Katile Andrean Conley
Michaela Lhynne Cousins
- * Rosemary J. Crumrine
- + Danee' Briana Cunningham
- * Katieri Marie Delessio
Phebe Dice
- + Lee Mitchell Duthu
Talia Edwards
Ashley Engles *summa cum laude*
- + Shannon Elizabeth Fass
- * Emilia Maria Ferrara
- * Nicolette Alyse Ficca
- * Laura Aminkeng Forcha *cum laude*
Nicole Kathleen Franklin
- * Henna Laya Friedman
- * Anna Malinda Gamble
Beatriz Nicole Catre Gamolo
- + Jarimaris Garcia
Yvette Damaris Garza
- * Kyle Austin Glazer
- + De'Asia Gloria
Yvonne Godwin
- * Joy Nichole Goodie
Jasmine Danielle Green
Kimberly Lynn Griffith
- + Megan Elizabeth Guarnieri
- * Yamelith Judith Guerrero
- + Maya Lesley Harris
- * Courtney Michelle Haynie
Ziomara Herrera *magna cum laude*
Kayla Michelle Hickman *cum laude*
- + Kelsey Spencer Hilbourn
Taylor Elizabeth Hinline
- * Sarah A. Hutchison
- + Mary Ellen Jasinski
Nasheira Dylanna Johnson
- + Eryn Elise Jones
Julie Jones
Erica Joseph
- * Erin Aileen Joy *magna cum laude*
- + Hyun Jung Kim
Garrett Austin V. Kirk
Sarah F. Kolb
Nikia Tierra Kpabitey
- * Madeleine Rose Kress
Emily Seung yun Kwon *cum laude*
- + Nicole Anne Kyle
- * Judy Sun Lee
Lun Li
- + Kirstie Long-Smith
Tevin Charles Luckie
- + Caroline Magno Ribeiro
- + Raeann Lee Maguire
Kimberly Sue Mahar
- + Rachel Jennifer Maj
Anastasia Natalya Martin
- * Nicholas William Masters
- * Nicole Elizabeth Meyers
- * Roxana Maria Molina
- * Danielle Lauren Moran
Ingrý Gisselle Moreno
- * Allison M. Moxley
Victoria Myers
- * Angele Nyamukoko Nawej
- * Kathryn C. Newsome
- + Angela Marie Nicholls
Wambui Njoroge
- + Jonas Nnanna Okafor Jr.
- + Briana N. Okoro
Abimbola Oladele
Oluwatosin O. Omoshebi *cum laude*
- + Amanda Nicole Paradis
Jessica Lyn Pareja
Christine Park
Deara D. Parker
- * Madison Nicole Pasqual
Krupa A. Patel
- * Reema C. Patel *magna cum laude*
Shernae Payne-El

Bachelor of Science, School of Nursing (cont.)

- Tina Rahni
- * Beedhya Devi Rai
- * Kathleen Rigali
- * Thais Rochard
- * Mekia Hulda Rodney
- + Maria Jose Rodriguez Herrera
- + Luisa Samayoa
- Kelly Lorel Santiago
- Anne Scanlan-Berman *cum laude*
- * Danielle Kristina Seifert
- * Alexis Dionne Shaw *cum laude*
- Michelle Shraybman
- * Mia Silver
- + Seda Sibel Sinan
- * Jeniece U. Small
- Raneetra Marie Smith
- + Sophia Smith
- Sydney Diane Smith
- Summer S. Snyder
- * Danielle Christina Steigerwald
- Brianna Lynn Sussal *magna cum laude*
- * Aryn Kacia Swan-Ambrose
- + Joeffrey Hun Tan *summa cum laude*
- * Nikki Angela Tarricone
- * Jennifer Taylor
- Afor Festia Tembeng
- * Danielle Dinitaris Thomas
- Janet Lynn Thompson
- Virginia Anne Titsworth
- + Gaila Isobel Tolentino
- * Thomas David Treasure
- + Jasmine Alyssa Trimmer
- * Daisy Dolores Valladares
- Marissa Vaughn *summa cum laude*
- Blanca L. Velasquez Canales *cum laude*
- Alexis McCord Vercher
- Julia Michelle Voelker
- + Kathryn Elizabeth Vollenweider
- Danielle Vosatka
- Ashlyn Monet Warren
- Victoria Paige Weber
- Garrett O. Welch
- + Akosua Asantewaa Wiredu
- * Gabrielle Worgo
- Erin Marion Wright *cum laude*
- * Tanesha Joy Wright
- Khiry F. Young
- * Naomi A. Zaksenberg

Master of Arts and Master of Science, School of Arts, Sciences, and Business

- + Tyra Lei Austin-Slaughter
- * Anna Brauer
- * Danielle L. Chan
- * Whitney Dahlberg
 - Dylan B. Grissom
 - Kelly Nicole Harrison
- * Quince Robert Hutchings
- * Emily Catherine Jones
- * Esther C. Jones
- + Samantha Jo Kastner
- * Hamza Ben Khenissi
- + Patricia Louise Kitchens
- + Joyce Marie McDonald
- + Gregg Francis Micklos
- Rachel Elizabeth Perrine
- Asia Pittman
- Jennifer Ann Pohler
- Brianna N. Ridgely
- * Shadora Robinson
- * Lillian M. Streaker
- * Daina Sullivan
- Nila Toure
- * Renee Sandra van der Stelt
- LaShawna Ann Williams
- * Adrienne Potter Yoe
- * Juan Zuniga

Master of Arts, School of Education

- Mary Acosta
- Andrew J. Adams
- Elizabeth Adams
- Stefanie M. Adams
- Zachary A. Adams
- + Anthony Paul Aiello
- * La'Chelle K. Alston
- * Dorothy M. Alvey
- + Samantha Marie Anastasis
- + Elizabeth Argo-Wilbanks
- * Kara M. S. Arrington
- Kelsey Marie Atwood
- Tierra Trane' Bacote
- Tricia Baker
- * Melissa Barr
- Cassandra Laurel Baugher
- * Raven Danielle Belford
- Beth A. Bluman
- + Rebecca L. Brezenoff
- + Kristin Nichole Britt
- + Tanya Elaine Brown
- + Grainger Browning III
- Ashley Danielle Burton
- Taylor Ann Bynion
- Ayse Caglayan Ustundag
- + Marisa Capalbo
- * Robert Blaine Cellurale
- + Jinika Conley
- Caroline Conway
- Arielle Cooper
- * Peyton Courtney
- Hannah Silk Currens
- + Jonathan David DeMauro
- * Christin Samantha Deoudes
- Dawn Silwick DeVoe
- + Pamela Marie Dirden
- + Christina Anne Drumgoole
- + Brandy Drummond
- Maura Elizabeth Dzambo
- + Damesha Edwards
- Edwin Gulanes Elorde
- Lacey Victoria Esposito
- * Brett J. Evans
- Joseph Evans
- + Beth Ann Falco
- Ashton Lundholm Farmer
- + Jodi Alyssa Favazza
- + Joseph Finlayson
- Rebecca Elizabeth Finnerty
- Daija A. Fitchett
- Gwendolyn Olive P. Francis
- Diane J. Frankenberger
- * Kimberly Nicole Gantt
- Michaela Garcia
- Joshua Steven Garrison
- Sara Gaul
- + Natalie H. Geiger
- Myra Gerald
- + Molly Gerig
- * Connor Gerken
- * Sandra Dowdy Gersten
- Caroline Rose Gillman
- + Shadaia Lisa Gladden
- Patricia Goudreau
- Briana Alyssa McBean Grimes
- Kaitlyn Ann Gristina
- + Grace Guenther
- Amanda Flynn Handy

Master of Arts, School of Education (cont.)

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- + Robert A. Hiken
Jessica Lynn Horst
Tara Ingrodi
Taylor Carnancia' Jackson
Alison Irene Johnson
Keisha Jones
Brianna Lynn Johansen Juhnke
Ramata L. Kaba
Alison Kagel
Jermain Keene
- + Mary M. Kinyoli
Kristopher Korb
- + Meredith Adams Krissoff
Elizabeth Kulp
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Larrimore
- + Sandra Jane Lastner
Kaitlyn Evelyn Lawrence
Gimena Vanessa Lemus
Yvonne Lopez
- + Sherwood Mackall
- * Ronald Mahnert
- + Matthew Mahony
Christopher D. Manning
David Scott Marks
- + Angelina A. Marmaras
Julienna Martin
- + Dreama Matos
- + Ana Samantha McArdle
Valerie Rose McCauley
Rachel McCormack
Warren Douglas McDaniel
Sarah Beth McDermott
- + Jennifer Lynne McGuire
- * Yolanda T. McLaughlin
Allison Evelyn Meade
- + Tracy Lynn Mee
Allison Meirick
- + Tyasia Simone Melton
- * Karyn Dorfman Miele
Megan C. Milazzo
- + Jamie Miller
- * Aquilla N. Mitchell
Jacob Seyed Mohammadi
Kathleen Elizabeth Moore
Mary M. Morgan
- + Hannah Morse
- * Stephanie Joy Mosby
- + Renata Moureckova
Olgarina Munoz
- Kelly L. Murphy
Laura Myers
- * lisha Nicole Nelson
Kelsey Frances Newland
Gabrielle Nicholson
- + Shannon Elizabeth McQuillan Norris
Graciela Xiomara Ortiz
- * Leah Liotta Osterman
- + Maya Outing
- * Charles K. Paintsil
Tracey Lynn Parker
Andrea Pegarella
- * Lykisha Marchelle Perkins
Haley Marie Pettit
Jordan Scott Powers
Joshua Pry
Brooke O. Psenicska
- * Roberto Carlos Quiroga
Brittney D. Reder
- + Travis Reyes
Rihab Jabar Rishak
- + Antoinette Robinson
Lucille M. Roderick
- * Ralph A. Rogers
- + Logan Ryan
Giovanna Sacca
Samantha Scheiten
Emily Lynn Schmitz
Lauren Michele Shapiro
- + Curtisha Rose Shonubi
- + Michael Shults
Amy Eileen Simon
Raffaele Simpson
Jane E. Sims
Brandy Smith
- * Katherine St. Martin
Melissa Kaufman Stein
Shannon Nicole Stevens
Nicole Maria Stevenson
- * Jessica Ann Stith
S. Kelly Sweet
Dorothea Thomas
Damon Thompson
Renee Danielle Twiname
Mary Ifeoma Uwansc
- + Christine Antoinette Wagner
- + Danbi Walman
Regina Weber
Cory Christina Wees
- * Christina A. White
- + Mindy Gowins White

Master of Arts, School of Education (cont.)

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Johnai Nicole Williams
+ Lauren Wilson
+ Margaret H. Wilson

Yoopadee Wongsuptawee
Hasara Sandaruwani Yatiwella
* Emily M. Zalucki
Rebekah Zimmerman

Master of Science, School of Nursing

Jonathan David Conner Bettle
Grace Gabrielle Deckert
Ma Luthgarda Abuda Fernandez
Mahlet Adisu Ketema
Tina Kim

Joselyn Puyod Forio
Michella N. Savoy
* Julie Lynn Shamberger
Lisa Jean Stronsky
Misty A. Turner

Certificate of Advanced Study in Education, School of Education

+ Sam Felix Aung
* Joslyn Dawn Lear
+ Erin R. O'Toole-Trivas

+ Meredith Anne Pitts
+ Alexandra Rago
+ Shirley Mendoza Ucol-Cobarria

Doctor of Pharmacy, School of Pharmacy

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| Janely M. Acevedo | Hasinas Kriya |
| ~ Ntemgwa Achafack Crystelle Leonie | Elise Lee |
| * Brian Ogenna Agugoesi | Kayla Rae Marcucci <i>magna cum laude</i> |
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| Ali Mohammed Taher Aljuboori | Caleb McCoy |
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| Matthew T. Austin | ~ Krinita Mehta |
| Laura Cristina Calderon Lugo <i>cum laude</i> | Lexaly Marie Meléndez Ramos |
| Cristina Paola Casiano Paz | Rasheedat Kemi Momoh |
| Loreal M. Del Valle Santiago <i>cum laude</i> | Janice Morales Bosques <i>cum laude</i> |
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| Phuong Hang Thi Duong | Carilyan Negron Ramos <i>cum laude</i> |
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| ~ Bibiane Foppa | Sarah W. Njeri |
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| Michelle Elizabeth Grillasca-Figueroa | Chidi Onyebuenyi |
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| Juhi Manohar Hegde | Veronique Ornella Patchou |
| ~ Karla G. Hernandez | Kim Pham |
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| Marjan Hosseinnia <i>cum laude</i> | Krystal Yarill Santiago Román |
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| Stephanie Caulfield Knode <i>cum laude</i> | Shelby L. Zavala |
| Edwige Kondombo <i>magna cum laude</i> | |

Doctor of Philosophy, School of Education

JEFFREY MICHAEL ANTICO

Stress and Life Satisfaction: The Impact of a Gratitude Journal on Students Enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

Chair: Dr. Kristine Larson

CYNTHIA LOUISE FOX BARNEY

The Influence of Mindfulness Practices on Anxiety and Self-Regulation in Children

Chair: Dr. Joan Sattler

BRYNNE J. BARUCH

The Impact of Remote Learning on the English Acquisition of K12 Multilingual Learners: Evidence from Public Schools in Delaware

Chair: Dr. Rachel Durham

MARIE F. BERNARDIN

Supporting Nontraditional Online Students: Does Academic Advising Impact Persistence and GPA?

Chair: Dr. Michael Quinn

SHERRI RENE A DELL

Hiatus from College: A Quantitative Analysis of Stopping Out, Field of Study, and Re-Enrollment

Chair: Dr. Mark Fenster

MELISSA E. DIDONATO

A Longitudinal Examination of the Relationship Between Access for ELLs 2.0 and Academic Achievement

PASSED WITH DISTINCTION

Chair: Dr. Mark Fenster

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Impacts of Teacher Preparation on Teacher Efficacy for Students With Disabilities in Secondary Remote Settings

Chair: Dr. Angela Snyder

KIMBERLY SMITH FERGUSON

Dual Enrollment and its Impact on the College Access and Persistence of Students of Color

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Chair: Dr. Stephanie Savick

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The Liberal Arts Degree: Perceptions of Value Among Adult Students, Graduates, and Employers

Chair: Dr. Kathryn Doherty

+AMANDA HEATHER GRINER

Food Insecurity and the Community College Experience: An Analysis of Obtainment of SNAP Benefits, Academic Performance, and Retention

Chair: Dr. Mark Fenster

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Examining the Association of Project Based Learning (PBL) on Reading, Math, and Motivation for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

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KELLI HICKEY

Is A for Assimilation or Advocacy? An Analysis of Teachers' Perceptions of Their Use of Culturally Relevant Pedagogy and their Implementation of Sociopolitical Consciousness

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SIMON EDWARD HOBBS

Preparing English Language Learners for College: The Role of High School Counselors in Supporting Students' College Readiness

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KEITH R. LORENZ

An Analysis of the Effects of Administrator Support on Retention and Job Satisfaction Among Early-Career ESOL Teachers

Chair: Dr. Christa deKleine

JAMES S. LOWREY III

Protecting the New Student Athlete: Exploring the Mental Health Outcomes of College Esports Athletes and the Supportive Factors of Collegiate Esports Organizations

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Chair: Dr. Kathryn Doherty

KELLI MARIE MCDONOUGH

Using Texting and Internet Language (TAILS) to Help Students Get Ahead in School: A Mixed Methods Study About Finding the Balance Between Two Competing Discourses

Chair: Dr. Patricia Dwyer

CHRISTINA ASHLEY MCKOY

The Power of Parental Engagement: An Examination of the Effect that ECLS-K Home and School-Based Parental Engagement Categories Have on Kindergarten-Fifth Grade Black Non-Hispanic Students' Reading & Mathematics IRT Achievement Data from Different Socioeconomic Statuses

Chair: Dr. Kelly Bull

TASHAWNA DANIELLE MILLER

Analyzing Social Skills and Academic Achievement Using the ECLS-K:2011 Data Set

Chair: Dr. Joan Sattler

Doctor of Philosophy, School of Education (cont.)

+SANDRA LEE SANDERS

Female Voices from Not so Afar: Female Education, South African Literature, and the Impact of History

Chair: Dr. Andrew Moore

DENNIS ALEXANDER SCOTT

Evaluating the Effect of Teacher-Student Relationship Quality on Gender Achievement Gaps and Black Male Achievement

Chair: Dr. Kathryn Doherty

PATRICE M. SILVER

A Systematic-Functional Linguistics Analysis of Community College English Essays of Resident Second Language Writing as Compared with Monolingual English and International Student Writing

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Chair: Dr. Christa deKleine

ANNE MARIE SOLOMON

Improving the Lives of Urban Children through Grassroots Gardens: Fannie Griscom Parsons and The Children's School Farm of New York, 1902-1931

Chair: Dr. Evelyn Spratt

ELIZABETH SWARTZ

Student Inventory Scores and First-Generation Students: A Comparison of TRIO SSS and Non-TRIO SSS Students

Chair: Dr. Kathryn Doherty

SHAUNTEL MARIE THOMPSON

Undergraduate Collegiate Experiences of African American Single Mother Students and a Sense of Belonging: A Phenomenological Investigation

Chair: Dr. Kathryn Doherty

KARALEE CRAIGE TURNER-LITTLE

Exploring Contributions to Transgender College Students: Sense of Belonging and Identify Validation

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Chair: Dr. Angelo Letizia

SEAN PATRICK WARREN-CROUCH

The Type of Dual Credit Taken and its Impact on Student Success on Student Achievement in Higher Education

Chair: Dr. Rhonda Scott

LISA M. YATES

Exploring the Disability Perceptions of College Stakeholders Who Attended an Experiential Learning Event at One Southern California Community College

Chair: Dr. Kathryn Doherty

CYNTHIA L. ZIMMERMAN

Gangs: The Silent Epidemic in Suburban Schools

Chair: Dr. Angela Snyder

Honorary Doctorate



The Honorable Rosie Rios
43rd Treasurer of the United States

Former Treasurer of the United States Rosie Rios is most known for leading the initiative to place a woman's portrait on U.S. paper currency for the first time in over a century. She is a pioneering women's rights advocate and influential leader in real estate finance, economic development, and urban revitalization.

As the 43rd Treasurer from 2009-16 serving both terms of the Obama Administration, she initiated and led the U.S. Treasury Department's efforts to place Harriet Tubman's portrait on the \$20 bill. Upon leaving the Treasury Department, she received the Hamilton Award, the department's highest honor. In 2019, she was inducted into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame, and in 2020 *USA Today* named her one of 10 Women of the Century for the state of Maryland.

Rios is currently the CEO of Red River Associates, a real estate investment management consulting firm. She was recently appointed as chair of America250, the Congressional Commission charged with planning the nation's 250th anniversary in 2026. She has also served as a Visiting Scholar at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University. A graduate of Harvard, she was selected as the first Latina in Harvard's more than 387-year history to have a portrait commissioned in her honor.

FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN PROMOTING WOMEN'S RIGHTS, CELEBRATING WOMEN'S ACHIEVEMENTS,
AND SETTING AN EXAMPLE OF EXCELLENCE, NOTRE DAME OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY IS PLEASED TO
AWARD THE DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS,

honoris causa, to
The Honorable Rosie Rios
ON THIS 24TH DAY OF MAY 2023

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Vernon Wright

Alumnae and Alumni Council

The Alumnae and Alumni Council is a leadership board representing the entire alumnae and alumni community. On behalf of the community, we extend our sincere congratulations to each graduate. You have just joined a family of exceptional local, national, and global leaders. As everyone is engaged in using their degree to the fullest, we also strive to pay it forward. There are many ways in which you will find meaning in your new graduate status: perhaps it is attending Alumnae and Alumni Weekend or a campus program, staying in touch with your professors, or helping out a current student. However you choose to be involved, we look forward to getting to know you.

Stay up-to-date on all things NDMU by sharing your contact information with the Office of Alumnae and Alumni Engagement. Simply email ndmalum@ndm.edu. We are thrilled you have joined our ranks. Welcome to the family!

Notre Dame of Maryland University

Mace

In November 1979, Mary John Bersch, SSND '52, professor of art, designed and carved a mace for Notre Dame of Maryland University.

On the top of the mace, the original seal is carved in sweet gum wood, taken from Fourier Hall. The obverse of the seal is a stylized design of the Caroline Hall tower. The handle of the mace is made of white oak, the Maryland State tree. Inserted in the handle is a brass key from an original door of Caroline Hall.

The base of the holder is an ornamental part of the original marble altar in Marikle Chapel. The brass part of the holder is from a door fixture in Rice Hall.

The University

For more than 125 years, Notre Dame has educated leaders who make a difference in their professional careers, their communities and the world. Founded by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Notre Dame of Maryland University has anticipated and met contemporary needs with visionary educational programs since 1895. Rooted in the Catholic tradition, with an emphasis on the liberal arts and service to others, a Notre Dame education challenges students to strive for excellence, build inclusive communities, and promote social responsibility.

September 9, 2011 marked a historic institutional milestone, as the College of Notre Dame of Maryland became Notre Dame of Maryland University. The university designation reflects Notre Dame's growing number of graduate-level degree options and strengthens its long-standing tradition to provide exceptional academic programs that address the goals of contemporary students and the workplace needs of a global economy. The University is organized into four distinct and distinguished schools—Arts, Sciences & Business; Education; Nursing and Pharmacy—all of which offer rigorous academic programs and exceptional advising and support. In 2022, Notre Dame of Maryland University announced that the University would become gender-inclusive at all levels beginning in fall 2023. This transformative step is an extension of Notre Dame's mission to educate leaders to transform the world.

Today, Notre Dame's mission is as vital and relevant as it was more than 125 years ago. Our motto, *Veritatem prosequimur* (We pursue truth), has sustained and strengthened the University, and will continue to inspire us as we educate leaders to transform the world.

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Honors Designations

Degrees with Latin honors are conferred on students who achieve the following grade point average based on at least 60 credit hours completed at Notre Dame:

3.90 for the distinction *summa cum laude*

3.70 for the distinction *magna cum laude*

3.50 for the distinction *cum laude*

Graduate degrees (except for Pharmacy) do not carry Latin honor designations. Latin honors listed are based on credits and grades earned as of Fall 2022. Once degrees are officially certified, Latin honors on the diploma and transcript will be based on all credits and grades earned at Notre Dame of Maryland University.

Academic Dress

The custom of wearing academic dress stems from the Middle Ages, when scholars were also clerics and wore the apparel of their monastic order. The hood was originally a cowl attached to the gown, which could be slipped over the head for warmth. The cap was originally round but has evolved to the varieties that we see today.

The gown varies for the respective degrees. The bachelor's gown can be distinguished by its long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown is designed to be worn with the arms through the slits in the elbows of the sleeves. The doctor's gown has full, bell-shaped sleeves with three horizontal bars stitched across the elbows of the sleeves. There is a velvet panel draped around the neck and stitched down the front edges. This velvet trimming may be either black or the same color as the velvet border of the hood.

The hood also varies for the respective degrees. The bachelor's and master's hoods are of the same design, pointed at the base. The bachelor's hood is three feet long; the master's hood is three and a half feet long. The doctor's hood is four feet long, of fuller shape and rounded at the base.

The silk lining of the hood represents the institution that granted the degree. The hood is bordered with velvet, the color of which indicates the field of study in which the degree was earned.

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Hood Color

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| Administration & Supervision for Changing Populations: | Navy Blue |
| Analytics in Knowledge Management: | Gold |
| Bachelor of Art: | White |
| Business: | Drab |
| CASE: | Light Blue |
| Contemporary Communication: | White |
| Economics: | Copper |
| English Literature: | White |
| Gifted & Talented Education: | Light Blue |
| Instructional Leadership for Changing Populations: | Light Blue |
| Leadership & Management: | Drab |
| Leadership in Special Education: | Light Blue |
| Leadership in Teaching: | Light Blue |
| Non-Profit Management: | Drab |
| Nursing: | Apricot |
| Pharmacy: | Olive |
| Radiological Sciences: | Gold |
| Risk Management: | Drab |
| Teaching: | Light Blue |

Cord Color

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| Association for Women in Communications: | Gold |
| Bonner Leaders: | Light Blue & White |
| Campus Activities Board (CAB) Executive Board: | Gold & Silver |
| Desk Assistants: | Forest Green & Purple |
| Kappa Gamma Pi: | Brown & Ivory |
| Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education: | Jade Green & Violet |
| Phi Lambda Sigma, Pharmacy Leadership Society: | Gold & Green |
| Resident Advisors: | Gold, Purple, & White |
| The Rho Chi Society, Academic Honor Society in Pharmacy: | Purple & White |
| Sigma, Honor Society in Nursing: | Orchid & White |
| Student Ambassadors: | Light Blue & Gold |
| Student Association of Nurses at Notre Dame (SANND): | Light Blue, Navy Blue, & White |
| Student Government Association (SGA) Executive Board: | Gold & Silver |
| Trailblazers Program, First Generation Undergraduate Students: | Gold, Royal Blue, & White |
| Undergraduate Class Council: | Emerald Green, Royal Blue, & White |





Alma Mater

We raise our voices proudly,
dear Notre Dame, to your name.
How rich is the heritage
your students claim!
The years have made you glorious
to those who seek after truth,
Answering the challenge
you set for our youth.
Founded in a great tradition,
strong in wisdom's might,
You bear the colors of Our Lady—
her blue and white;
And we who share these college years,
spirited or calm,
Pledge our love forever to you,
Notre Dame.

