

Notre Dame of Maryland University



COMMENCEMENT

WEDNESDAY, MAY TWENTY-SECOND,
TWO THOUSAND & TWENTY-FOUR

Mission

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

Meaghan Davidson, Ed.D., Associate Vice
President for Student Life & Dean of Students

SCHOOL MARSHALS

Jensen R. Armstrong
School of Arts, Sciences & Business

Edmund L. Mitzel, Jr.
School of Education

Neena M. Rodriguez
School of Nursing

Nneoma Miriam Okezie
School of Pharmacy

FACULTY MARSHAL

James Culhane, Ph.D., Professor of
Pharmaceutical Sciences

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Marylou Yam, Ph.D., President

Invocation

Ena-Lynnette Bolling, Class of 2024

The National Anthem

Aubrey Mbimba, Class of 2027

Presentation of Candidate for Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa

PRESENTER

Marylou Yam, Ph.D., President

RECIPIENT

Carla Hayden, Ph.D., Librarian of Congress

Commencement Address

INTRODUCTION

Rachel E. Durham, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of Education

SPEAKER

Carla Hayden, Ph.D.

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
Occupational Therapy Doctorate
Doctor of Pharmacy
Doctor of Philosophy

Conferral of Degrees

Marylou Yam, Ph.D., President

Investiture in Academic Hood

Marylou Yam, Ph.D., President
Aniyah Plumer, Class of 2024

Bestowal of Degrees

Marylou Yam, Ph.D., President

Student Response

Christian Kulemfuka, Class of 2024

Closing Remarks

Marylou Yam, Ph.D., President

Benediction

Jensen R. Armstrong, Class of 2024

Alma Mater

Autumn Crandall, Class of 2027
Hailey Guerrier, Class of 2026

Recessional

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

Nadia Abibat Abi	Brianna Mae Malkus
Emma Lucille Alascia	+ Morganne Noelle Manouse <i>magna cum laude</i>
Sadya Amany	+ Marquida L. Marseille
Alanna S. Anderson	+ Dhara K. Mills
Halle' T. Anderson	Nicole E. Medina Lopez
Jensen R. Armstrong <i>summa cum laude</i>	Samuella Promise Vera Momoh
Julie M. Asbury <i>summa cum laude</i>	Angelina Moree
* Jennifer L. Bekier	+ Sarah R. Morris <i>summa cum laude</i>
Rebekah A. Borman <i>magna cum laude</i>	Caitlin E. Murphy <i>cum laude</i>
Chanel M. Britt	Theu Thi Nguyen <i>summa cum laude</i>
+ Carissa Lynn Burton	+ Ruth Demissie Nicola <i>magna cum laude</i>
Laurie Gwynneth Caldwell	Aniyah J. Plumer
~ Carmen Elisabeth Canas	+ Kelly D. Guerrero Portillo
Angel-Marie Cassell	Bianca N. Quisbert
Arianna C. Clark <i>magna cum laude</i>	~ Aminata Seck
Nicole Crockett-Ey	Amy Seck
Chantel L. Curry	* Jamie L. Selzer
Briana Alaynna Davis	Erin Taylor Shaw
Francesca Marda David	Erika Michele Smith
Joi G. Dixon	* Darilyn Jean Solano
* Stephennie Ezeanochie	Miriam Souada
Miasia Ferrer	Samantha L. Strasser
Colleen Renee Ford	Rojeena Thapa
* Jasimine Renee Gardner	+ Taylor Noel Thomas
Alyson Michele Geckle <i>cum laude</i>	Cassandra Alexis Thompson
Kristine Aleena George	* Ardinia T. Townes
Rochele Germain	Maribel Verduguez-Zurita
Erika Yeane Gutierrez Rodriguez	Jennifer Walker
+ Alyssa L. Heflin	Angelina M Whye
* Martha C. Hipley	Jala I. Williams
Amelia Alexandra King <i>cum laude</i>	Jamie Almeta Williams
+ Keara R. Logan	Veronica Kaye Williams
Mackenzie Elise Lookingland <i>summa cum laude</i>	Victoria Marie Wong <i>magna cum laude</i>
Melanie Makada	Esetemariam D. Yigzaw

Bachelor of Arts, School of Education

Michelle L. Abuel <i>magna cum laude</i>	Tristin Hope Hutchison
Erin Mercedes Bartee	* Lauren Marie Kirscht
* Ayana O. Brim	+ Thiri Wai Lwin <i>magna cum laude</i>
Jennifer Lynn Chandler <i>cum laude</i>	Edith Ahia Kacou Nda
* Sunny Chen	Natalie Ruth Newton <i>summa cum laude</i>
* Jennifer Crane <i>magna cum laude</i>	* Heather Lynn Riley <i>magna cum laude</i>
* Gabrielle Mary Donovan	Courtney Erika Schmitt
* Rina Ann Freedman <i>cum laude</i>	+ Jillian Constance Vogan
* Kirstin Sara Giganti	+ Christine Nichole Westphal

Bachelor of Science, School of Nursing

- + Nelson Adebola
Chizoba Patience Agonmuo
- + Robel Ali Amede
Irimi P. Barlas
Anahja Nicole Barnett
- + Jennifer L. Barr
- * Ryan Joseph Beitzell
- + Casey Johnson Bell
Lydia Narum Bishop
April L. Boss *cum laude*
Shayne Elizabeth Boyd
Kassidy Marie Bresnahan
Diamond Alexis Brown
- * Selena Alexis Butler
Mary Clare Callahan *cum laude*
- + Elizabeth Carbonella *summa cum laude*
Shaquia J. Chapman
- + McKayla Anne Charney
- * Ariel G. Cherry
- * Gina Cicero
- * Obianuju Elsie Chidueme *cum laude*
- * Najiba Conteh
- * Renee Leona Cranford
Karen Cuahutepitzi Xicohtencatl *magna cum laude*
Adriana J. D'Amore
- + Sia Mamie Dauda
- * Claire Elizabeth Davis
- + Haley Leigh Davis
- * Dani P. Dratch
- * Caitlan Marie Drury-Aragona
- + Shiela A. Edwards
Bethany D'Anne Ekeagwu
- * Faith Osayiomwanbor Ekhaton *cum laude*
- + Angeline Chiagoziem Ekwonye
Nyame Adom Jackie Eliason
Sema Er
- + Lydia Monet Evans
- * Taylor Alexis Exum
- + Kendall E. Fielding *cum laude*
- + Elizabeth Marie Firlie
- + Mary Kathryn Fitz-Patrick *cum laude*
- + Layla Fitzgerald
- * Madison Elizabeth Forrest
- + Nicole Kathleen Franklin
Samantha N Gamble
- + Madison Alexandra Garrity
- * Marina Ann Scott Gillies
Tia B. Grant
- + Logan Elizabeth Hagerty
- * Cierra U. Hall
- + Princess Halm
Morgan Danielle Hawkins
- + Christina Elizabeth Hittel
- + Hyacintha Shakera Inglis
Brandon Balley Joy
- * Shalva Katz *cum laude*
Tricia Johanna Kelly
- + Samantha Nicole Kim
Emily Christine Krause
- + Virothavy Manea Lam
- * Michele R. LaSpina
- + Cyrena Kayla-Ann Lawrence
- + Maria T. Lebi
- * Isabella Theresa Lennon
- * Olivia Ludwig
- + Remi Manoj
- + Terrika Sasha Martin *magna cum laude*
Ashlyn Nicole Lee Mayo
Kyah Shavonne McDowell
Marilyn Raquel Medrano
- + Meghan Sackett Menon
- + Olivia A. Mish
- + Sydney Marie Mitchell
Leah Marie Moses
- * Murielle Audrey Mpacko
Nwerebuaku Chinwe Mpi
Gracious Israel Muzenda
- * Chelisa F. Nave
- + Hao Lan Nguyen
- + Magnus Nolting
Kelsey Elizabeth Norton
Samantha Miriam Oyugi *cum laude*
- + Elizabeth Pajimola-Konanui *cum laude*
- + Steven George Pappas
- * Denise Paras
Charmi Dineshkumar Patel
- + Martha Ann Pease Neugebauer
Kyrstin Marie Pedrick
- * Kailynn Olivia Perkins
- + Joseph Ryan Portugal
Paige A. Powell
- * Michael A. Pratt *magna cum laude*
- + Emma Grayson Prusak
Averee E. Radonovich *cum laude*
- * Tia Chantal Ramseur
- + Terron Bontivia Reeves

Bachelor of Science, School of Nursing (cont.)

- + Shanice Micole Robinson
Neena M. Rodriguez
- + Ashley Lynn Rorke
- * Manroop Sandhu *cum laude*
- + Justin John Savakinus
- * Chesley Gabriel Sazo-Galicia
- * Saloni N. Shah
- + Suhani Nitin Shah
Tanya Shah
- * Mary Catherine Shea
- + Riley Michaela Shipley
- * Amandeep Singh
Shejprit Singh
- * Raney Lynne Skinner *magna cum laude*
Kaya T. Stokes
Emily Catherine Thorpe
- * Sema Panyin Twum-Danso
- * Karla Ujueta
Rosa M. Umanzor Romero
- * Maya Jordan Washington
Carolina Love White
- + Roxanne Star Williams
Tayja Malique Wilson
Jasmine Denise Young
Britany Nicole Zeglin

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

Omena Akpobome	* Madison Ann Harlow
* Olivia Ruth Bankard	Jocelyn Taylor-Lee Hill
Haley Marie Belcher	* Jeffrey Jenkins
* Hannah Grace Cook	+ Audrey Yvonne Smallwood Lawson
* Grace Claire Costello	Andrew Jess Moore
Michelle Cressy Daigle	Danny Hoi King Pang
Isabella Dallasta	* John William Pease
Wren Douglass-Robinson	+ Kacy Reece-Balboni
* Alyssa Robyn Einhorn	Allison Rockstroh
* Saskia F. Everts	Aaron Philip Schlein
* Ariel Feldman	* Jarek G. Sparaco
Sasha Harden Flores	Susan Werning'
Nicole Hamm	

Master of Arts, School of Education

Joshua Timothy Adams	Tracey Annette Golding
* Anna Paulina Alfonso	* Robert James Gordon
Sarah Allen	* Naughtya John'te Gray
Senchal Alishia Allen	Anastasia Guerrero
Vegah Anguh Numfor	Claire Hamera
Wendy Joana Blanco	Brittany Nicole Hamilton
* Anne Hillary Brady	Jada L. Harris
+ Morgan L. Brock	* Tracy Harsha
+ Dior L. Brown	+ John David Hartman
Mary Virginia Bunker	Noel Marie Hasty
* Shannon Nichole Butler	Robin Jeanne Henry
Alice Carmody	* Malakai Hofman
Stephanie Fulton Carpenter	* Samantha N. Houston
Meena Chettri	Dwight D. Hunter
Hannah Coll	Ilazhia Jordan Huntt
+ Chandra Kesha Cooper	* Louis Hyman
* Jennifer K. Decker	* Kelly Lynne Jarrett
Taylor Nicole Dorr	Ashley Lynne Mullens Jenkins
* Brittany Ann Downs	Rebecca Jane Johnson
* Hussein K. Drabo	Dannan C. Jones
+ Alison Eichel	Rachel A. Jones
+ Nina Eisenberg	Tiffany N. Jones
+ Lauren Amy Ellis	Christopher Kaiser
* Dionne Kiechell English	Yamini Kamalahasan
+ Daniel Malik Faison	+ Amrita P. Kaur
Marianna Fedoroff	* Maria Kayes
+ Carol Ann Flerlage-Wilson	+ Justin R. Keith
* Yvonne C. Francis	+ Kathryn Kenner
Erin Fridley	+ Julia Seny Kim
Jeannette Gaynor	+ Cullen W. King
LaToyia A. Glover	* Alyric Knight

Master of Arts, School of Education (cont.)

Carson Jess Korman	Colleen Barbara Retzbach
Chelsea L. Krzywdik	Lacy M. Reynolds
Avonda D. Lambert	+ Kyle Stafford Robinson
Kendra Lane	+ Kareem Maceo Rojas
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Larrimore	+ Kirby Jerome Rowe
Matthew Terry Lathroum	Catherine Russell
Emily Lewis	Daley Ryan
+ Joseph Vincent Limarzi	Jenny Marianela Santamaria
Madison MacArthur	* Sarah Schwartz
+ Andria Manley	+ Charlotte Cerutti Scott
Tiffanie Lynn Marshall	Mariana Jean Serra-Flayhan
+ Erika Martin	Ozlem Seyhan
* Lloyd Brown Martin III	Katelyn Nicole Shields
+ Julyann D. Marx	+ Marone Shiferaw
* Neil Lees McAslan	+ Emily A. Skinner
* Jessi McCloskey	Monica Purnell Smalls
+ Anbrea Domika McCoy	Rachel Dione Smith-Donald
* Kevin McCullen	* Jaclyn R. Soldinger
Jonathon P McKenney	Madeleine Sottak
+ Sara D. Morales	+ Christina Marie Southerland
Poonam Sahebrao More	Nicole M. Sprucebank
* Caleigha Elisabeth Neil	Kimberly Sturkey
Taylor J. Newkirk	+ Jermaine Oratio Swaby
Brittany Hernandez Ngo	Lily Taylor
* Ashley Nicholls	Skylar Taylor
* Rachel Nichols	* Anita Thesen
Darby Nicholson	Ebonee D. Thomas
Teri Nichelle Nicholson	Daniel Gould Thompson
* Michelle Lynn Oakley	Winifred Tomsheck
Lorin Nicole Obler	+ Ana Tuba
Erwin Ivan Otero Santos	* Sara Valcarcel
+ Patricia Parsons	Kelly Marie Wall
Caitlyn M. Pearce	+ Katie Ward
* Ravindra Pillalamarri	* Brian K. Weiland
* Jordan Scott Powers	* Alec J. Weinberg
Alicia Pugh	* Dorothy Wiley
+ Elizabeth Rahimi	+ Katie Wilson
Emma Mae Reed	* Alex Yoon
* Lauren Marie Regulinski	

Master of Science, School of Nursing

Samlomena Altina Boston
Wendy Burch
Jennifer Connelly
Emma Kimberly Durham
Melissa Marceille Griffin

Theresa M. Holland
Constance M. Melton
Suja Prashant
Lisa Jean Stronsky

Certificate of Advanced Study in Education, School of Education

+ Olive M Baker
+ Kamal Dawson-Quest
* Keturah Johnson Draper

+ JeNean Antoinette Jeffreys
* Patricia Lavin Riely
* Anna Belinda Zelinski-Gafford

Doctor of Occupational Therapy, Department of Occupational Therapy

~ Ena-Lynnette Bolling II

~ Iyobosa Favor Erhabor

~ Kayleigh Karnbach

Doctor of Pharmacy, School of Pharmacy

* Ntemgwa Achafack Crystelle Leonie

Sahar Mahmood Shaker Al-Hili *cum laude*

Barbara P. Calero Spreng

Marielie Carrasquillo Rivera *summa cum laude*

Daphenie J. Cox

Shakyra Marie Crespo Ramos

Ana Gabriela Flores Santiago *cum laude*

* Bibiane Foppa

Kwabena Manso Frempong

Jodi-Ann Rochelle-Lee Gayle *summa cum laude*

Demetria Latrice Glover *cum laude*

Alla Gorokhovskiy

Iman Dalila Xavier Hawkins *cum laude*

* Karla G. Hernandez

Sarbjit Kaur

Belen Eshetu Kebede

Masia Kpoto *cum laude*

Christian Kulemfuka

Alyssa K. Lagasca

Eric James Liggins *cum laude*

Sarah Irene Maknati

Lizette Andrea Maldonado Laboy *magna cum laude*

~ Tehseen Ahmad Malik

Caylah Elyse Manuel

Priscilla Monyette McKoy

* Krinita Mehta

Laura Giomarys Morales Vidot

Aishat Omolara Musa

* Mary E. O'Brien

Nneoma Miriam Okezie *summa cum laude*

Aloysius A. Okon

Ma. Ysabell Yu Ong

Roberto Andres Pagán Pérez *cum laude*

Ali Rafiee

Edgardo Rodríguez Rodríguez *summa cum laude*

~ Juston Sean Summerville

Abdurrahmon Babatunde Talabi

Claudia Marian Torres Montes

Stephanie M. Vega River

Doctor of Philosophy, School of Education

SHANNON LATRICE BANKS

The Practice of Counseling and Its Contribution to the Success of African American Male Counselors

Chair: Dr. Laura Foerster Puglisi

KARLA ALISA BARROW

Teacher Factors Affecting the Academic Achievement, Advanced Course Enrollment in High School Science and Mathematics Classes and Pursuit of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics College Majors of Students of Color

Chair: Dr. Debra Franklin

APRIL E. BELL

Destination FAFSA: High School Student, Family, and School Factors that Matter for Planning for and Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid

PASSED WITH DISTINCTION

Chair: Dr. Rachel Durham

TRAVIS ALAN BROWN

Towards a Theory of Flow for Positive Youth Development: The Association between Engagement in After-school Programs and Academic and Behavioral Competencies

Chair: Dr. Kristine Larson

+JULIE M. CARTER †

Seeing Beyond the Disability: An Analysis of Administrator-Provided Supports for General Education Teachers Working with Students with Special Needs, the Sufficiency of those Supports, and the Association of those Supports on the Success of Students Receiving Special Education Services

Chair: Dr. Mark Fenster

+SORAYA TERESA MADRIAZA CIOCCA

Inclusion, Equity, and Diversity in Chilean Higher Education: A Qualitative Study of the Lived Experience of Students Receiving Free Tuition at Two Universities in Santiago, Chile

Chair: Dr. Joe Wieczorek

+JOHN JOSEPH D'ADAMO

An Analysis of Technological Attitudes and Self-Efficacy Among K-12 Teachers Following the Emergency Remote Teaching Used During COVID-19

Chair: Dr. Kevin Ensor

*JULIE ANN DIETRICH-EISLER

The History of Racial and Gender Desegregation at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute

Chair: Dr. Andrew Moore

BRUCE DAVID FRIEDLANDER

Historic Overview and Biographical Sketches of Two Students that Attended Carlisle Indian School

Chair: Dr. Angelo Letizia

*TAMIKA M. FULLER

Principal Perceptions of Leadership Program Preparation to Interrupt Institutional Racism in PK-12 Education Spaces

Chair: Dr. Renee Garraway

COLLEEN MARIE FOSTER GILL

STEMing the Tide: Using Mentors to Build Teacher Efficacy for STEM Integration in Intermediate Grades

Chair: Dr. Juliann Dupuis

STEPHANIE R. GRABLE

Phonemic Awareness Literacy Intervention: The Effects of Grade Level of Duration of Support

Chair: Dr. Katherine Beauchat

MAURA O'HARE HILL

Beliefs and Behaviors of Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning Program Faculty at a Community College: A Mixed Methods Study

Chair: Dr. Stephanie Savick

*JOANNA MARIE HOBBS

The Impact of Online Dual-Enrollment

Chair: Dr. Chretien Guidry

KRISTY M. WEIDNER HOVE

Resetting Institutional Priorities Post-COVID-19: An Analysis of College Selection Criteria and Student Consumerism in Higher Education

PASSED WITH DISTINCTION

Chair: Dr. Rachel Durham

*JESSIE LYNN LAMB

Teacher Resilience: The Role of Well-being Practices and Self-efficacy

Chair: Dr. Kelly Bull

CHRISTINA SUEJUNG LEE

The Impact of Asian Cultural Values on the Leadership Preferences of Asian American K-12 Principals

Chair: Dr. Molly Dunn

REBECCA D. LEONARD

Stigma, Sense of Belonging, and Educational Outcomes: A Quantitative Approach to Understanding the Internal Lateral Transfer Student Experience

Chair: Dr. Mark Fenster

LAKRIA ANTONIA MARTIN

The Impact of RJP Practices on African American Males Academic Achievement and Discipline in a Mid-Atlantic School District

Chair: Dr. Angela Snyder

† Degree awarded posthumously

Doctor of Philosophy, School of Education (cont.)

*ADELE F. MERLINO

Intercultural Knowledge and Competence: Assessing U.S. Undergraduates in COIL Virtual Exchange

Chair: Dr. Joe Wieczorek

EDMUND L. MITZEL, JR.

How are Maryland Athletes Managed for their Successful Return to the Classroom Following Sports-Related Concussions: A Quantitative Review from Maryland School Administrators' Perspective

Chair: Dr. Kathryn Doherty

MARYELLEN GAUGHEN MORRISSEY

An Intersectional Examination of the Trajectories of Student Science Identity Growth Among Secondary and Postsecondary Students

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Chair: Dr. Mark Fenster

+ELIZABETH ANN MOSSER KNIGHT

Supporting the Transition to Virtual Teaching During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Lessons Learned for Large Scale Faculty Skill Development at Community Colleges

Chair: Dr. Lisa Pallett

PEGDWENDE DIANE PORGO

The Effectiveness of Online Learning: The Perceptions and Experiences of International Students in the United States

Chair: Dr. Angela Snyder

KATARINA RADI

Effectiveness of Praise on Skill Acquisition in Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Other Impairments Meta-Analysis

PASSED WITH DISTINCTION

Chair: Dr. Kevin Ensor

LACY JAYE ROBERTS

Administrator Perspectives of the Best Practices in Transition Services for Students with Disabilities

Chair: Dr. Angela Snyder

RYAN LAWRENCE SCHAAF

Digital Game-Based Learning, The State of Flow, and its Effects on Learner Focus, Engagement, and Time-On-Task Behavior: A Comparative, Experimental Study

Chair: Dr. Juliann Dupuis

JENNIE LYNN TOWNER

Measuring the Impact of a Race-Based Student Empowerment Program on Student Retention and Degree Attainment

Chair: Dr. Lauren Mauriello

+JEANELLE VERWAYNE

Synchronous Dialogue in Asynchronous Courses and its Impact on the Overall Job Satisfaction of Online Faculty

Chair: Dr. Chretien Guidry

CRYSTAL WATKINS WILLIAMS

#passfailnation: An Analysis of Master's Students' Pass/Fail Grade Use, Characteristics, and Academic Performance during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Chair: Dr. Angelo Letizia

Honorary Doctorate



Carla Hayden, Ph.D.

Librarian of Congress

Librarian of Congress Dr. Carla Hayden is the first woman and first African American to lead the national library. Following President Obama’s nomination and the U.S. Senate’s confirmation, Dr. Hayden was sworn in as the 14th Librarian of Congress in 2016. She leads the world’s largest library and home to America’s national treasures, with a collection of millions of books, videos, audio recordings, photographs, and more.

Her vision is to connect all Americans to the national library. In redefining and modernizing the Library’s mission, Dr. Hayden has prioritized making the Library’s exceptional collections more publicly accessible. Through her social media presence, events and activities, she introduces new audiences to the Library’s gems – from Frederick Douglass’ papers, to the contents of President Abraham Lincoln’s pockets on the night of his assassination, to James Madison’s crystal flute made famous by Lizzo. Through investments in technology and digitization, she enables more Americans to explore the nation’s stories and rich history maintained by the Library of Congress. With the support of a \$15 million grant from Mellon Foundation, in 2021, she launched the Of the People initiative to create opportunities for more Americans, especially underrepresented communities of color, to engage with the Library and add their perspectives to its collection.

Before becoming Librarian of Congress, Dr. Hayden served as CEO of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore from 1993 to 2016. She made history in 1995 as the first African American to win *Library Journal’s* Librarian of the Year Award, honoring her outreach services at the Pratt Library. In 2015, she gained national attention in the wake of riots after the death of Freddie Gray, when she kept libraries open through the city to continue service and provide safe havens.

Among her civic and professional memberships, Dr. Hayden served as president of the American Library Association from 2003 to 2004 and is an elected member of both the American Philosophical Society and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

FOR HER DEDICATION TO PROMOTING ACCESS TO OUR NATIONAL TREASURES, ELEVATING PUBLIC LIBRARIES AS BEACONS OF KNOWLEDGE, AND SERVING AS AN EXCELLENT ROLE MODEL FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS, NOTRE DAME OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY IS PLEASED TO AWARD THE DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS,

honoris causa, to
Carla Hayden, Ph.D.
ON THIS 22TH DAY OF MAY 2024

Congratulations Graduates!

Board of Trustees

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Vernon Wright

Alumni Council

The Alumni Council is a leadership board representing the entire 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 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 Alumni Engagement. Simply email ndmalum@ndm.edu. We are thrilled you have joined our ranks. Welcome to the family!

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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, a Notre Dame education challenges students to strive for intellectual and professional excellence, build inclusive communities, engage in service to others 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 2023. 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.

Senior Class Gift

The Senior Class Gift is an opportunity for graduating seniors to come together and start their legacies as NDMU alumni leaders, with a gift this year of \$20.24. In recognition of their investment in their alma mater, participating students earned the distinction of wearing navy and gold cords at commencement. These cords represent the graduates' support of future generations of NDMU students. Students wearing the Senior Class Gift cords epitomize the NDMU mission through their generosity.

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Hood Color

Administration & Supervision for Changing Populations:	Navy Blue
Analytics in Knowledge Management:	Gold
Bachelor of Art:	White
Business:	Drab
Certificate of Advanced Study in Education (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
Occupational Therapy:	Blue & White
Pharmacy:	Olive
Radiological Sciences:	Gold
Risk Management:	Drab
Teaching:	Light Blue

Cord Color

Association for Women in Communications:	Gold
Bonner Leaders:	Light Blue & White
Campus Activities Board (CAB) Executive Board:	Gold & Silver
Desk Assistants:	Forest Green & Purple
Industry Pharmacists Organization (IPhO)	Maroon & Gold
Kappa Gamma Pi:	Brown & Ivory
Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education:	Jade Green & Violet
Leadership & Entrepreneurship Certificate	Royal Blue & Gold-Pharmacy
Phi Lambda Sigma, Pharmacy Leadership Society:	Gold & Green
Resident Advisors:	Gold, Purple & White
The Rho Chi Society, Academic Honor Society in Pharmacy:	Purple & White
Senior Class Gift:	Navy & Gold
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.

