WELCOME

We are delighted to have you join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates. Commencement is a special occasion, both solemn and joyous. It is a time when we respect the traditions of higher education and recognize the hard work and sacrifices that brought each graduate to this point of personal growth.

Thank you for sharing in this important celebration.
As you seize this day and your future, we congratulate you on your accomplishments, graduating at this extraordinary time in our nation’s history. You join a large and welcoming network of more than 130,000 Montclair State University alumni, who, like you, were prepared to lead, serve, innovate, create and change the world.

Your dreams and the accomplishments of this diverse class are already forging a path toward the change needed in our society. We look forward to watching your careers and lives flourish as responsive and engaged citizens working for the greater good.

We hope you look back fondly on your time at Montclair State University, knowing you persevered through an unprecedented time, returning to campus determined to get the most of your college experience and to enjoy the intellectual and social life of our university, including lectures, art exhibits, performances, athletic events as well as the beauty and serenity of our campus and its memorable views of the Manhattan skyline.

Montclair has grown in ways that would have been hard to imagine 114 years ago when we opened as a normal school to educate teachers. We’re bigger, stronger and more complex, and now the model of a 21st-century university – a doctoral research and public-serving university, offering more than 300 majors, minors, concentrations and certificates.

Alumni, foundations, corporations and friends care deeply about our university and pay it forward with gifts to help us provide scholarships and a vibrant educational environment where students, regardless of their financial means, are challenged and empowered to succeed. Our faculty scientists and scholars also benefit, allowing for research to take place around the globe.

Many of you are the first in your families to graduate from college. We are proud of our legacy as a Hispanic-Serving Institution and the scholars who benefit from our supportive Educational Opportunity Fund program. The majority of this graduating class has benefitted from internships, cooperative education and volunteer experiences. Some of you have studied abroad. Most of you have grown in ways you never expected.

In the coming years, we know that you will not forget Montclair, your professors and your fellow Red Hawks. We invite you to stay involved with your alma mater, visit campus for events and to keep us updated on your achievements in your careers and personal lives. We will always take great pride in your accomplishments.

We at Montclair State University are honored to have been part of your journey and to have helped you empower your imaginations in ways needed to prepare you for meeting the exciting challenges and opportunities that await you. We look forward to seeing what you will do.

To the Class of 2022, Congratulations!
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Ann Marie Barrera

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REMARKS

TASSEL CEREMONY
ALUMNI INTRODUCTION
Cynthia Watson ’99

ALMA MATER
Alec Michael Lobe

RECESSINAL

American Sign Language Interpreter services provided by Tricia Dolan and Karen Keams
This year’s Commencement features a video presentation of the outstanding graduates of the Class of 2022, the exemplary students selected by the deans to represent each of Montclair’s Colleges and Schools as emblematic of the soaring Montclair Red Hawk. In their undergraduate or graduate studies, these students excelled in their academics and research, led in community and public service, took on new challenges, and maximized the opportunities given to them.

The graduates recognized are:

COLLEGE OF THE ARTS
Victoria Ayoub, BA Visual Arts
Diane Silvester, MA Music Education

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
Susy C. Rodriguez, BS Public Health
Vanessa Garcia, MA Educational Leadership

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Ebony Herald, BA Linguistics
Brandon Wilde, MS Computational Linguistics

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS
Nina Mammana, BS Mathematics
Pallavi Tilloo, MS Computer Science

FELICIANO SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
Madison Surgent, BS Business Administration
Mark Olivieri, 5-year BS/MS Accounting

SCHOOL OF NURSING
Anthony Ghandour, BSN Nursing
Sandy Hussain, MSN Nursing

PLEASE ENJOY WATCHING THE VIDEOS OF OUR EXEMPLARY STUDENTS
montclair.edu/commencement/

This program reflects students who graduated in August and December 2021, and January 2022 as well as those who are candidates for degrees in May 2022.
MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

DEGREE CANDIDATES

Master of Arts

MUSIC

Composition
Chloe Rose D. Diago
Vonetta Lawrence
Donald Eugene Lopez
Anse Yvonne Miller
Diane Varga Silveira
Brandy Wilkie

Music Education
Sophia Kim
Nicole Coronado
Miriam Debra Cole
Gracia Jan Pink
Maria Lisa Politano
Monica Frances Leysa
Miriam Debra Edelstein
Nicolette Corrado
Sophia Kim

Music Therapy

Anthony Scheitinger
Brianna Alessandra Osmond
Elizabeth Mason Camaraza
Tyra N. Thomason
Jacqueline Joanne Phillips
Diane A. Issa
Brianna Michelle Hairston
Anna Dillon
Brianna Nicole Cortez
Phillip Clifford
Dario Javier Castillo
Kateryna Bystrytska

Arts

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Performance Studies

Brianne Marie Allain
Jadyn Grace Amato
Alexandria Bennett
Kayla Imani Griffith
Darlyn De Los Angeles Granja Molina
Richard Alejandro Febles
Shannon Kristine Egan
Emilia Marie Macarthur
Maggie Spector-Williams
William Cole Sexton
Nicholas James Cherrey
Nour Al-Dien W. Barakat

FINES ARTS

Art History
Anthony Scheitinger
Brianna Alessandra Osmond
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JOURNALISM

Andrea Burr

FASHION STUDIES

Studio Teaching
Shelby Lynn Geiger

Dance Education
Nina Jurin

Elisa Maricela Soler

Fine Arts Education

Jared decision

Luz Valle

Television and Digital Media

Audrey Saad

Media Arts

Michael Davis

Maggie Sceptor-Williams
William Cole Sexton
Nicholas James Cherrey
Nour Al-Dien W. Barakat

Public Relations

Julie Sophia Allen
Anthony Blake Chambers
Rushanah El Khadem
Elizabeth Mary Frasure
Brett British

Samantha Halstead
Emily West
William Cole Sexton
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Montclair State University
DEGREE CANDIDATES

Film Studies
Connor P. Harte
Michelle Lee
Jordana Martinez
Anthony Rosillo
Daniel James Snyder

FRENCH
French Civilization
Cash Carter
Brillie Elizabeth Wyka

FRENCH
French Civilization
Katherine Falls

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GENDER, SEXUALITY AND WOMEN'S STUDIES

French Civilization
Katherine Falls

HISTORY

Henry Charles Kunstadter

HUMANITIES

Christian Megan Valentine

LINGUISTICS

Merrycellee Gia Ruiz-Fonrrondona
The Felician School of Business is driven by a single goal: to transform today’s students into leaders. Students gain the skills, knowledge and experience needed to compete in today’s global marketplace. Felician programs offer a unique set of experiences designed to drive success in corporate, nonprofit and public sectors.
The School of Nursing educates undergraduates to engage in open speech to practice, develop, implement and evaluate compassionate, coordinated health care services through innovative collaboration with diverse communities. Students and faculty reflect on the global community they serve to facilitate and lead innovative collaboration and encourage high standards of ethical behavior. Inductees receive cords of red and gray to wear with regalia attire.

Montclair State University recognizes superior scholarship in work leading to the bachelor’s degree. Undergraduate degree recipients have achieved a cumulative average for honors and have completed a minimum of 51 credits at Montclair. Actual honors for undergraduate candidates will be noted on the diploma and the official transcript upon completion.
The academic process is led by the Grand Marshal, a senior-ranking member of the faculty. She carries the University mace, an ornamental staff symbolizing the President's authority. The silver mace, as well as the mace carried by the University President, were designed by Cartier and crafted in Athens, Greece.

Grand Marshal | Sandra Adams

The mace is decorated with an 18-carat gold pine design and topped with medallions depicting the seal of the State of New Jersey, the University logo, and the symbols for the University's various schools.

MACE

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor's gowns, the colors associated with the same across the sleeves, or these bars may be of velvet of the color associated with the same.

HOODS

The lines are adorned with the official color or color of the colleges or university that granted the degree. Montclair State University's colors are red and white. The colors of the outside trim of the hoods associated with the degrees are as follows:

- Doctor of Audiology (AuD): Spruce Green
- Doctor of Education (EdD): Light Blue
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD): Dark Blue

Master of Arts (MA): White
- Business Administration (MBA): Light Brown
- Education (MEd): Light Blue
- Fine Arts (MFA): Brown
- Master of Music (MM): Pink
- Public Health (MPH): Salmon Pink
- Master of Science (MS): Gold
- Master of Science in Nursing (MSN): Apricot
- Master of Social Work (MSW): Citron

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The academic regalia are a system of honor and recognition. The colors associated with the various academic disciplines and university functions, and their significance, are as follows:

- Master of Science in Library Science: Lemon
- Master of Music: Pink
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ACADEMIC REGALIA

Trimmings: None for the bachelor's or master's degree. For the doctoral degree the gown is faced down the front with black velvet with three bars of the same across the sleeves, or these bars may be of velvet of the color associated with the faculty or subject to which the degree pertains.

- The Graduate School
- Feliciano School of Business
- College of Science and Mathematics
- College of Humanities and Social Sciences

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- Again in 1959, the American Council on Education revised the costume code.
- The gonfalons of each academic college and school are borne by one of its senior faculty members. They lead the processional for their colleges and schools. The gonfalons are:

- College of the Arts: Abbey Little
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Beneath the Jersey skies so blue, in Montclair’s mountain town, 
there stands our College, tried and true and growing in renown. 
We love thy campus, love thy halls, and oft to thee we raise, 
with loyal lips and loyal hearts, united songs of praise.

All hail to thee Montclair, to thee our voices raise.
Alma mater, dear Montclair, our undying hymn of praise.

We love thy colors, dear Montclair, the scarlet and the white; 
may they forever help us dare to choose and do the right.
And tho’ in after years our fate may lead us far apart, 
nor time nor space may separate the ties that bind our heart.

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