

Class of 2020 Commencement

Saturday, May 8, 2021 5:30 P.M.

John Makuvek Field

Concluding the 278th Academic Year



Thank you for joining us at this Commencement ceremony as we recognize Moravian College's Class of 2020. Moravian College is committed to the health and safety of all our graduates, guests, and community members. Public health guidelines, state restrictions, and the College's Health and Safety Plan for COVID-19 are in effect for all Commencement-related events. All attendees coming to campus are required to wear a mask and maintain physical distancing.

While we encourage you to celebrate with today's graduates, we believe the tone of the ceremony should be consistent with its formal purpose: an academic event recognizing the educational achievements of our students.

We ask you to join with us in maintaining an atmosphere of dignity and joy and to refrain from picnics, loud conversation, playing of radios and music players, and other distractions. Children, while welcome, should be supervised at all times so as not to disrupt the program. When taking photographs of your graduating family member, please be careful not to block the view of other members of the audience. Due to physical distancing protocols, guests will not be allowed near the stage area.

We appreciate your care in helping to make this Commencement ceremony memorable for all.

The list of graduates includes the names of those students who were expected to complete all requirements for their degrees as of the time this program went to press.

A video of the ceremony is being recorded by Moravian College and will be made available to family and friends.

Commencement Exercises

Maci Kendrick '20, Flag Bearer

Deborah Appler, Katie P. Desiderio, Carmen Ferrero, Joanne McKeown, and Neil Wetzel, Marshals Bryon L. Grigsby '90, P'22, President of the College, Presiding

Processional*

Invocation*

Jennika M. Borger '98, '01 Chaplain, Moravian College and Moravian Theological Seminary

Greeting

President Grigsby

Statement of the Bachelor's Degree Graduates

Maci Kendrick Class of 2020

Statement of the Master's and Doctoral Degree Graduates

Eric Andrew Schwartz Class of 2020

Statement to the Graduates

Nicole Loyd Vice President for Student Life & Dean of Students

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees in Course

Cynthia K. Kosso Provost

^{*}PLEASE STAND.

Conferring of Degrees

President Grigsby

Presentation of Graduates, Prizes, and Awards

President Grigsby · Provost Kosso

Alma Mater*

"Old M.C."

H. S. Thompson J. Kenneth Pfohl, Class of 1900

- College ties can ne'er be broken Formed at old M.C.Far surpassing wealth unspoken They'll forever be.
 - Refrain:

M.C.! M.C.! Hail to thee! Thou hast been kind to us. Ever shall we cherish for thee Thoughts of love and trust.

- And our ways shall part, Still by thee we'll be united, Still be one in heart. Refrain
- 3. Pledge we thee by word and deed, Our Alma Mater dear, Loyalty and faith and love For all thy fost'ring care. *Refrain*

Benediction*

Chaplain Borger

Recessional*

Please remain in place until all the graduates have left the field.

^{*}PLEASE STAND.

Degrees in Course

This program lists candidates and graduates at the time of printing. The Moravian College transcript and diploma are the official recognitions of attainment of a degree or academic honor.

Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Athletic Training

Daniel Richard Barber Jennifer M. Concannon Kevin John Cullen

Ashley Marie Gray Kelly Marie Hoots Jason R. Miller Eric Andrew Schwartz Scott Benson Street

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Arts in Chaplaincy

Desna Henry Goulbourne Colleen Smith

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Arts in Clinical Counseling

Lindsey Bell †
Grace Budier
Charles Gardner
Angela Kelly

Ilia Morales Diomarys Nunez Jacqueline Re Alexandrea Scirrotto

Christina Siewert Colleen Torrey Angela York Crane

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Arts in Theological Studies

Victoria Aitchison Kristy Christian-Petrow Lisa Johnson

Paul Silwamba

Kristy Christian-Petrow Jessica Morris

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Divinity

Kristina Geer Jane Matsinger

Linda Wisser

[†] Veteran, active member of United States armed forces, or member of Reserve Officer Training Corps

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Education

Pamela L. Dobson Morgan Ricapito

Shea E. Kardelis Gabrielle Katelyn Smith

Sherri L. Marino Natasha Trad Brooke Moeller Kelsey VanHorn

Lorie Jane Reinhard Kaitlynn Naomi Wiltraut

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Business Administration

George Samir Abdouche Kyle M. Kelly

Elizabeth L. Ackerman Shane Matthew Kohler

Rocco Ralph Barone Jessica Anne Long

Bryan M. Butto Nicole Maloney
Courtney Marie Caka Liana Marie Marte

Christopher F. D'Angelo John Joseph Miniscalco

Joseph Louis Forcellini Tyler M. Ornstein

Mariana Esteves De Freitas Ann Marie Secheresiu

Casey Lynn Gadsby

Makayla Anne Trittenbach

Stephen I. Jagernauth

Adrian Humberto Vasconez

Kellie Ann Kaplan Mary Catherine Zacher

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Health Administration

Jordan Haverstick Michael Mark Woodbridge

Dorrit L. Trate

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science in Human Resource Management

Lindsay Marie Frantz Cristina Rivera Elizabeth Lee Hans Kassandra L. Ward

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science in Athletic Training

Heather M. Chapman

April M. Daly

Samantha Mary Darby

Haided Estevez

Margaret Fay Heft

Keiko Alec-Patrick Martin

Sydney Mursko

Brandon James Percey

Pablo Andres Ramos

Alexandria Mae Sobelman

Kellie Rae Wanamaker

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science in Nursing

Claire Bartholomew

Stacey H. Batz

Venessa L. Beck †

Nicholas Parigian Blankenberg

Concetta Louise Brown

Abby Danielle Cunningham

Kathryn D. Getz

Rubama Jahangir

Alex J. Jones

Kimberly Ann Jones

Amanda M. Kensecki

Kelly Kimock

Erin Elizabeth Martinez

Joelle M. Milkovitz

Kate Margaret Nikorak

Melissa Lee Rusk Megan Russell

Benjamin Paul Watchous

Heather L. Weiss

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Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Jessica L. Abraham ★★ Grace Barbara Ackerson Scott Lawrence Adams III Vina-Andrea Aguirre ★★ Khola Ahmad ★★ Meshari Tirad Alamri Diana Patricia Alejandro Karin Al Haddad Baker Mohammed Alhussain Elizabeth Rose Trishagni Allen Khader M. Alomri Ahmed Khalid Algabbaa Meshari Alrobiya Ahmed Alsakhairi Bashaer Alsakhairi Nawf Alshehri Sarah S. Althiyabi Annisa Amatul Muqtadir Kevin Douglas Amerman Fatimah Hussain Amunayan Brian Paul Anthony Michael Phillix Arroyo Eyliena Patrice Baker * Lauren Alyssa Balbierer ★★ Jason Barish Carlos Lamont Barnes Jr.

ACADEMIC HONORS

- *** Summa cum laude
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Gillian M. Bartholomew Corentin Bauchet ** **Justin Beasley-Turner** Steven R. Berger *** Kate Michelle Bisio ★★★ Boris Prince Bla Vanessa Nicole Blose ★★ Nyeasha Nicole Bond Alyssa Marie Bostany Hannah Iov Bovard ★★★ David I. Brandes Allison Faith Brembt Chadd Michael Brideson † NorahE Bruther Miranda Brooke Buskirk Juliana E. Caranci Iose Salvador Carcamo Nicholas-Constantine Jeremiah Benjamin Cephas Austin M. Chakif Iulia Charben Nicholas David Chismar Alan A. Choy Quinn R. Ciesielski Sara Cipriotti ★★ Matthew Francis Clapps ★ Christian Michael Coia Daniel S. Comiskey Kayla M. Contreiras Lily Jane Cooper Sarah Cleveland Corroda Rachel E. Corwin Zachary Wilson Cregar Nichele B. Cruz ★★★ Sara R. Cruz Ian Tucker Csencsits

Christopher P. Csencsits * Marissa Lyn Cummings Cathryn Christine Cusano Jamie N. Daly Brian Dennis Darling Kevin Adam Darling Elijah J. Davis Peter J. Degnan Andrew Peter DeMaio Ianelle Anne Demko Brianna Marie DePaola Lyric Elizabeth DeSimone ★ Alec T. Divenuto Abigail Maria Dominick Samantha Marie Doyen ★★★ Thomas Durham ** Megan Ashley Eltringham ★★ Fallon P. Endler ★ Paulina A. Escobar Wyatt J. Evans Gartley Nadine Symone Ewald Brandon M. Faust * Dante Michael Fazio Kenneth Fellows Amanda Aulis Fish * Haillee Ann Flank

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Alyssa Marie Flannery ★ Alexa Elizabeth Fodera Alexandria Lori Fries * Alfred George Fustakgi ★★★ Gianna Marie Gallo ★★ Stephen Tyler Gober Victor Gomez Yessica Marie Gomez Brooke N. Granitz * Sean C. Haas ★ Stephanie Rose Haffling Jacqueline Marie Harakal John W. Hargraves Tenise Tina Hargrove Ryan Daniel Harper ** Taylor Anna Heffner ★★ Youssef Helou ★★★ Emily Elizabeth Hendershot Sonya Blue Davidson Hennet ★★ Indiany E. Herrera Maia M. Hession Maura Connors Hill Mia Lyn Frances Hodge Hannah Cox Hook ♦ Austin Anthony Hopler † Emma Chase Hutchman Alexis Elizabeth Illing ★★ Julia Ingarao Elizabeth Ingersoll Kaitlin Ann Jackson Samantha Marie Johns ★★ Madison Elizabeth Johnson Yossef M. Juhaif Victoria Joan Kauffman ★★ Gavin Palmer Kemery ★★★◆ Michael R. Kemeter

Brendan Robert Kirkpatrick Katherine Ferguson Kohut Nicholas Abraham Kopko Cathi Lynn Krock ★ Nicholas J. Kuhn Krista Lee Kunkle Iordan McKenzie LaBar Gabriela N. Landi 🖈 Mitchell E. Lapka Devyn Lapp ★ Alejandra Lara Meghan E. Lazarchak * Brittany N. Legreaux Jennifer L. Leh ★★★ Austin Lee Lewis ★★★◆ MacLean Alden Lincoln Ian M. Luberti Brenden Charles Malloy † ★★ Lauren M. Mann Vincenzo Marando Kelly Jean Martin ★★★ Michael Philip Martino Kylie Christine Mastricola Diane Maria Matteo * Jonathan W. Matthews Thaise F. McCauley ★

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Andrew J. Petrisko **Emily Grace Pettinato** Corinne L. Philbin Dat T. Phung Alexander Summers Pierce Brett Stephen Poling James Christopher Prekopa **** Nicholas Rocco Princiotta Dane Addis Ralph Shianne Reimer *** Kelsey L. Reimer Alexa Nicole Reinold ★★★ Noah Joseph Trenery Reiss Teagan J. Renner Cameron Christopher Reppert ★★★ Gianna Brooke Rettino Donald Michael Reynolds Sarah Anne Riegel ★★★ Destiny Rivera Kayla Lexis Rivera ★★ Nico Donte Rizzo Timothy A. Robbins ★★ Kole Stephen Rodrigues Gabrielle Roe Ashley Elizabeth Rohrer Liam E. Romond ★

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Brooke E. Vennie ***
Ashley Theresa Vesdel
Elizabeth A. Ward
Evan Charles Weiss
Brianna J. Wellington
Jamie Marie Wickett ***
Christine A. Wieder ***
Benjamin Joshua Wilder
Eric T. Williams
Bryn Emily Wiragh ***
Hannah Nicole Witkowski **

Cody Nathaniel Yarnall ***
Crystal Ann Yautz ***
Sara Yitzchaki ***
Hailee Yoder *** Dual degree
Mairead Christine Young ***
Miranda Lee Youngkin *
Leila R. Youssef
Montana A. Youssef
Yamil Yunez II
Colin James Zarzecki
Cecelia Dina Zutic

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts

Wendy Irene Cooper ★
Jillian Marie McLuhan ★◆

Savanna R. Paxton

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Music

Marc Anthony Bernal ★★
Rachel Olivia Cupp ★
Amy Sarah Flyte ★
Mark James Pall

Kellen Francis Pisani Lauren Meredith Steinert ★ Cayden J. Michael Wisner ★★★

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Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science

Oluwatoyosi A. Adebayo Toluwalashe O. Adebayo Setareh Mohammad Alipour Ashtynn F. Allen Benjamin Will Anderson Rachel E. Andrews Kate Elizabeth Arner ★★★ Isaac B. Bachert ★★ Ankita Bassi ★★★ Alvaro Rafael Belmonte • Steven R. Berger *** Ashton P. Bevans † ★★★ Emma Leigh Blades Britney Sarah Blaise Emily Grace Bolger ★★★◆ Irene Bonetti ★★◆ Karlie Samantha Brogan ★★★ Kayzie Marie Burgos Carolina Bustamante Tobon Josie Ann Byler Madison C. Capuano Lauren Caronia *** Bethann Casciano * Ioel Alberto Castro Madison A. Cesanek Nicholas James Cregar

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Gagan P. Kaur Bryan J. Kelly ★★★◆ Youssef Khayata Megan Shealene Konrath ★★★◆ Courtney Rose Kunzman Andrew C. Lelie ★ Paige Elizabeth Lesher Evan Michael Lutz Monica A. Marzouk Tyler Daniel Maxsim Kathleen Grace Mayer ★★★◆ Caelin Finn McCool Iessica McCormick ★◆ Mohamed Mdarhri Angelica Merone Lucas Pharon Metzger ★ Angelina Mae Miller Connor W. Morro ★★★ Taylor Marie Moskal ★★★ Nicole T. Murtsef Brianna Ashley Myers

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Kaitlyn Marie Nemes ★★★◆ Christine W. Neu *** Ciara B. Nicholson Andrew Michael Nieves Joshua Aaron Osowiecki Salvatore Francesco Pagano *** Vincent A. Pillinger ★ Nischal Piya Jennifer Rose Pugliese Somaya A. Rajhi ★★ Carlos Sebastian Ramirez Carla Milagro Ramos ★★ Dayvon J. Reimert Domingo Rodriguez Ir. Ydalisa Rodriguez Aleksander E. Rogalewicz Katelyn M. Ruth ★ Christina C. Santo ** Hilda Sarah Sarraj Robert John Scheirer Gabrielle Scherff ★★★◆ Kiersten L. Schmall ★ Christopher Soika William Aaron Stackhouse Emily Anne Szuter ★★ Jasson Tahhan Andjela Todorovic ★★★ Alyssa Noel Ullmann Alicia Jacqueline Wallace

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Jessica Nicole Agans ★ Lashanda J. Arrington-Hughes Joanne Augustin ♦ Aaron Richard Bach ★★ Christina Baker Nicholas Joseph Barni Christi Bartynski ★★★ Amanda Bencivenga ★★ Elizabeth Jeanne Bill Allyson T. Bodziak Julia Lynn Boyer ★ Alexa Canella ★★ Leslie Gabriela Carmona *** Sydney Nicole Carter ★ Ricky C. Castro ★★★ Michelle Rose Ciliberto ★★ Camille Jeanette Claessens Shelby Kristine Codd ★ Sandra L. Dantzler Alexandra Susan DeDio ★★ Marc A. De Leon Jacqueline Eve DeSarro ★ Morgan Christina-Marie Dluhy ★ Emily Rose Dolgas *** Gregory Q. Farina Michelle J. Fehnel Alexandra Rose Fisher ★ Arielle Nicole Fleischer *

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Breanna V. Malecki ***

Steven Marone † *

James Martino

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing (continued)

Paul Joseph Mastronardi Autumn Marie Schray ★★★ Sarah Nicole Mazur *** Daniel Kenneth Selmasska * Erin L. McCartney Margarita Luisa Serrano Samantha Marie Smolinsky * Tamara Ann Meckes Noah Christian Miller * Heather Anne Sponder Melissa Kristyn Moreton Emily A. Stanilious * Nichole Lynn Morrison ★ Kimberly Michelle Stanley ★★★ Bailey Logan Stark Calli Jo Mosebach * Dorothy Nelson Shawn Sugden Tiffany Amber Tattoli ★★★ David Nicholas *** Meghann Irene Noonan Wendi K. Thomas Samantha O'Brien Brianna Marie Torres Venita Grace O'Hanlon ★★★ Jessica Daya Umlauf Samantha Taylor O'Keefe * Daria Corinne Van Doren *** Julianne Vargas Sharon Louise Oravec Ruth Oreoluwa Osayomi Janice Mariel Vazquez Kwadwo Owusu ★★★ Courtney Nicole Webber Lauren A. Pickett Hannah Lee Weierbach Shelby Erin Weigel ★★ Kristin A. Popovice Janiya Ariyon Punzalan Paige Elizabeth Weiss ★ Jamie L Radcliffe ★★ Trevor Allen Wentz Kate Willner ★★★ Scott Keith Rader III Iessica Giselle Salib ★★★ Haley N. Wrazien * Victoria Marie Scheuplein ★★ Fan Xing ★★★ Devan Ashley Young ★★ Allison Schlegel ★★★ Olivia Lynn Schlofer ★★ Linda M. Zachar

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science in Political Analytics

Matthew Estephan Hanni Matthew G. Hanson Mary Elizabeth Orobono Carly Anna Thorpe

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Awards and Prizes

The Alumni Prize for Outstanding Achievement in the School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

To a graduating senior in the School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences on the basis of grade-point average, independent study, and involvement in college and/or community affairs. Awarded by the Moravian CollegeAlumni Association.

Mairead Christine Young

The Alumni Prize for Outstanding Achievement in the School of Natural and Health Sciences

To a graduating senior in the School of Natural and Health Sciences on the basis of grade-point average, independent study, and involvement in college and/or community affairs. Awarded by the Moravian College Alumni Association.

Kathleen Grace Mayer

The Alumni Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Interdisciplinary Studies

To a graduating senior in interdisciplinary studies on the basis of grade-point average, independent study, and involvement in college and/or community affairs.

Awarded by the Moravian College Alumni Association.

Joann Augustin

The Timothy M. Breidegam Memorial Student Service Award

To the student who has unselfishly given his or her service to the college community, following the example of Timothy M. Breidegam of the Class of 1978.

Bryan J. Kelly

The Charles A. Albrecht Memorial Award

To the senior class member or members with the best four-year record at Moravian College in scholarship and effective participation in student activities.

Salvatore Francesco Pagano · Daria Corinne van Doren

Awards and Prizes (continued)

The George Tyler Award

Presented to a graduate from the Division of Continuing Studies for academic excellence; for contribution to the institution, a profession, or the community; and for triumph over difficult circumstances encountered in pursuing a college degree.

Maura Connors Hill

Graduate Business Humanitas Award

Given to a student who epitomizes values of integrity and character, enriches the classroom experience, and demonstrates principles of servant leadership. Graduating students meeting these requirements are nominated by their peers and faculty. Given by the Moravian College Alumni Association and established to recognize outstanding graduating students of the Moravian MBA, MSHRM, and MHA programs.

Lindsay Marie Frantz

The Master of Business Administration Award

To the graduating MBA student with the highest grade-point average in courses taken at the graduate level by March of the current year.

Casey Lynn Gadsby · Ann Marie Secheresiu · Makayla Anne Trittenbach

The Master of Science in Nursing Achievement Award

To a master of science student selected by the nursing faculty for outstanding achievement in scholarship and professional practice.

Joelle M. Milkovitz

The Moravian College RN to BSN Nursing Excellence Award

To an RN to BSN student who, in the judgment of the nursing faculty, has displayed educational commitment and academic excellence, based on outstanding student performance and professionalism throughout the program of study.

Elizabeth N. Lancaster

Awards and Prizes (continued)

The Graduate Education Humanitas Award

Given by the Moravian College Alumni Association, this award is established to recognize outstanding humanistic achievements of graduating students of the college's graduate education program.

Gabrielle Katelyn Smith

The Graduate Education Thesis Award

To the candidate for the master of education or master of arts in teaching degree whose thesis meets the highest standards of scholarship, critical reflection, and benefit to the practice, in honor of excellence in teacher action research.

Natasha Trad

The Outstanding Master of Science in Athletic Training Student Award

To the athletic training student selected by the graduate faculty for outstanding achievement in scholarship and professional practice.

Kellie Rae Wanamaker

The Outstanding Doctor of Athletic Training Student Award

To the doctor of athletic training student selected by the graduate faculty for outstanding achievement in academics and scholarship and for outstanding advocacy for the profession.

Jennifer M. Concannon

Insignia of Scholars and Members of Honor Societies

Alpha Alpha Alpha Phi Alpha Theta (history) (first-generation students, Light-blue and red cords founded at Moravian College) Phi Eta Sigma Blue and grey intertwined cords (academic achievement) Alpha Kappa Delta (sociology) Black and gold cords Phi Sigma Iota (foreign language) Teal cords Alpha Psi Omega (theater) Purple and white cords Light-blue cords Phi Sigma Tau (philosophy) Purple and white cords Beta Beta (biology) Red and green cords Pi Mu Epsilon (mathematics) Chi Alpha Sigma (student athletes) Yellow, light-purple, and Gold and black cords dark-purple cords Pi Sigma Alpha (political science) Delta Omicron (music) Red, white, and black cords Pink and grey cords Gamma Sigma Alpha (fraternity and Psi Chi (psychology) sorority academic excellence) Platinum cords with navy tassels Cardinal-red and gold cords Psi Rho Nu (neuroscience) **Institute of Management Accountants** Silver and white cords Navy and gold cords Sigma Iota Rho Iota Iota Iota (women's studies) (international studies) Gold cords Lavender and white cords Kappa Delta Pi (education) Sigma Pi Sigma (physics) Green and purple cords Dark-green and cream cords Kappa Pi (art) Sigma Tau Delta (English) Red and black cords Gold cords Omicron Delta Epsilon (economics) Sigma Theta Tau (nursing) Yellow and blue cords Orchid and white cords Omicron Delta Kappa Theta Alpha Kappa (scholarship and leadership) (religious studies)

Scarlet cords

White, black, and sky-blue cords

Other Distinctions

Students wearing blue and white honor cords have successfully completed an honors project. Some students in the procession wear stoles representing countries outside the United States. These are either the home countries of international students or the destination countries of students who studied abroad for at least one full term.

Some students have chosen to wear a **gold Stole of Gratitude** during the commencement ceremony. Immediately after the ceremony, the new graduate presents the stole to someone who provided extraordinary help or support—such as parents, relatives, or mentors who have helped with wisdom, words of support, or financial assistance. New graduates who wear more than one stole during commencement will give this special thank-you to more than one person today. Stoles of Gratitude may be decorated or personalized, as presenters often write a few words of love and appreciation on the back of the stole using a permanent marker. It is a lasting symbol of love, appreciation, and academic accomplishment.

Academic Customs

Many of the customs we observe at commencement are reflections of the medieval origin of colleges and universities; they pay tribute to a continuity of tradition reaching back more than 900 years. Though the universities grew out of cathedral schools and their members were clerics, many of their practices were based on secular models, specifically those of the guilds, as the universities were organized as guilds of scholars.

The Academic Procession

For people of the Middle Ages, the procession was both a religious device for demonstrating devotion and a secular device for demonstrating status and power. Kings and high officials were accompanied by an extensive entourage wherever they

went (the higher the rank, the longer the procession of attendants and menat-arms). In such a culture, it was natural to gather members of an organization or community together in procession on significant occasions to demonstrate their solidarity and influence. The guilds of scholars who constituted the early universities considered the admission of a new member to their company to be such an occasion. The contemporary academic procession is the direct descendant of the medieval university procession.

The Commencement Ceremony

When scholarly candidates were accepted into the ranks of the masters, they were admitted formally to the privilege of teaching on their own authority (in

other words, not as the disciple of a more senior master). They were escorted in procession to be presented to the university chancellor and to receive the license to commence their careers as scholars. They marked the formal commencement of their teaching careers by giving an inaugural lecture followed by a banquet. Because degrees are no longer granted singly, Moravian pays tribute to the lecture tradition by choosing one member of the graduating class to give a symbolic lecture, in the form of a brief address, to the assembly at commencement.

The Mace

The mace is the symbol of the institution's authority, which is vested in the faculty as a corporation. Historically, it was, and still is, carried by a member of the faculty in procession to assert this authority for the faculty's official actions. Moravian's mace was commissioned by Robert P. L. Frick '49 as a gift to the institution on the occasion of his own graduation, when the mace was carried for the first time. The shaft is a cherry baluster from Nazareth Hall, the first home of Moravian College and Theological Seminary for Men. The head is an engraved silver-plated cup that Frick had inherited from relatives in the Wilbur family. Leverett Howell Cutten, a retired manufacturing plant engineer and hobby silversmith from Allentown, cleverly re-engraved the W monogram to form an M, topped the cup with a silver cover and pinecone finial, assembled the pieces, and finished the base of the shaft

with silver oak leaves and a silver acorn. With its wooden shaft, its simplicity, and its links to the institution's heritage, Moravian's mace is closer to the original form and function of the institutional staff of authority than many other examples in use today in academe.

Academic Dress

In the Middle Ages, when the universities were first formed, cap, gown, tunic, and hood were ordinary clothing for men of all ranks, inside and outside the universities. Scholars were clerics and were supposed to look like clerics, but their clothing was based on the standard clothing of their society. The dress of scholars was originally based on current fashion, subject to custom and popular attitudes. Just as people today have a mental association of banking executives with pin-striped suits, the people of the Middle Ages associated particular styles of gowns and hoods with scholars of varying degrees of prestige.

As fashion evolved, it gradually left academic dress behind, frozen by conservative institutional regulations. Eventually, professors, students, and clergy were the only people left wearing gowns after everyone else had given them up, giving rise to the phrase "town and gown" as an expression of the visual divergence between university members and their fellow citizens.

Modern American academic dress, regulated since 1895 by the Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume, preserves

many of the features that conveyed rank and dignity in the Middle Ages. Velvet trim, a mark of high status in the medieval centuries, still distinguishes the doctor's gown. The gowns worn by holders of the master's and bachelor's degrees are plain cloth; they are differentiated by their sleeves. The master's gown is easily recognized by its extralong sleeves, with the wrist opening in the middle instead of at the end. Bachelors' gowns have "angel wing" sleeves—wide, open sleeves with pointed ends that hang lower in back than in front. The intercollegiate code stipulates that all gowns be black, but many universities have instituted more colorful robes for holders of their doctoral degrees.

The square cap in a number of variations was popular headgear for both clergy and lay people in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. It stiffened into the mortarboard shape by the early 17th century, undergoing a process of distortion and stylization typical of garments worn for ceremonial purposes with no surviving practical use except symbolism. The mortarboard is now standard wear for all academic ranks. The color of the tassel is most often black but may be gold on a doctor's mortarboard.

The modern academic hood is descended from the chaperon, a close-fitting hood with a shoulder cape that was nearly universally worn by men (and occasionally by women) from the early 13th through the 15th century.

Monks wore plain ones, noblemen wore fancy ones, and everyone who

could afford it had a fur lining; scholars most often wore white rabbit fur. In reminiscence of those fur linings, today's hood has a wide velvet binding around what would be the face opening. White velvet—a reference to the original white rabbit fur—binds the hoods of those who earn their degrees in the humanities, the oldest field. Other fields are now indicated by hood bindings in velvet of various colors (see the colors displayed below).

President Grigsby holds the degree of doctor of philosophy from Loyola University Chicago. Instead of wearing the bright maroon gown of his doctorate, however, he wears the presidential gown of Moravian College, which is navy blue with grey velvet facings and four grey velvet sleeve bars, and the Moravian hood lined with navy blue satin with a grey chevron.



COMMON COLORS IN THE ACADEMIC COSTUME CODE

- O Arts
- Athletic Training
- Business Administration
- Education
- Fine Arts
- Music
- Nursing
- Philosophy
- Science
- Theology

The Presidential Chain of Office

When American colleges and universities began establishing themselves in the 17th century, they adopted the storied chain-of-office tradition from their European counterparts. This historic tradition remains strong throughout the academic world, and the Moravian College Chain of Office is a stunning example of history, tradition, and prestige.

The Presidential Chain of Office, created by the Medallic Art Company, is the official symbol of the Office of the President of Moravian College and is worn by the president at all official College functions over which he or she presides.

The Moravian College Presidential Chain of Office features the Presidential Seal, depicting John Amos Comenius, the father of modern education and creator of the educational values on which our institution stands. The chain also includes a silver tag inscribed with "Benigna 1742" in honor of Benigna von Zinzendorf, whose call for education in 1742 marked the beginning of the Moravian College we know today. Finally, a tag inscribed with "275 Years" hangs from the Presidential Seal medallion to commemorate the 275th anniversary of the College in 2017.

The links on the Moravian College Presidential Chain of Office record the historical lineage of the College. The upper portion of the chain features the names of the presidents of the Moravian Seminary and College for Women on the left and the presidents of the Moravian College and Theological Seminary (the men's college) on the right. Beneath the fleurs-de-lis, both sides of the chain are engraved with the names of the presidents presiding since 1954, when the men's and women's colleges were united under one Moravian College.

