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THE 61ST COMMENCEMENT CLASS OF 2023

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023, 1:00 P.M.
EMPIRE STATE PLAZA,
279 MADISON AVE, ALBANY, NY 12242

Maria College founded by the Sisters of Mercy.

“We should be shining lamps,
giving light to all around us.”

CATHERINE MCAULEY

HISTORY OF MARIA COLLEGE

MARIA IS A PRIVATE COLLEGE, FOUNDED IN 1958 ON THE PRINCIPLE OF SERVICE TO OTHERS. TO THIS DAY, THAT PRINCIPLE DRIVES EVERYTHING WE DO—FROM THE WAY WE SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS IN THE PURSUIT OF THEIR DEGREE TO OUR OUTREACH TO THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY. THAT PRINCIPLE ALSO IS THE HALLMARK OF THE MARIA GRADUATE, THE GUIDING FORCE BEHIND AN ENDURING COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF OTHERS.



Maria College was founded on April 25, 1958 by the Religious Sisters of Mercy to serve as a sister formation college, an institution providing higher education for the community of sisters.

In the early 1970s, the college opened a preschool that served Albany families for more than 40 years. Now closed, the campus school building has been renamed Mercy Hall and was dedicated in 2017 to the Frank E. O'Brien, Jr. Student Support Center. The Maria Office of Student Affairs provides caring service to Maria students so they feel welcome, supported, and enabled to meet their goals. Support services include peer and professional tutoring, accessibility services, opportunity programs, and career guidance.

In 1975, Maria College purchased a cloistered convent campus that abutted the administration building grounds. Known for its stunning architecture and inner courtyard, Marian Hall, home of the President's Office, was awarded a designation by the Historic Albany Foundation in 1986.

In recent years, the campus has undergone major renovations as part of the Campus Master Plan. Stemming from a charge in the Strategic Plan, the multi-stage plan's ultimate goal is to enhance the student experience here at Maria College and to make sure our campus, buildings, and spaces better reflect our mission and heritage. This project includes the renovation of the McAuley Building to serve as learning spaces for the Occupational Therapy and Nursing programs; the relocation of the main entrance to the western side of Marian Hall and the creation of the Great Lawn to the building's east; renovations to the Main Building to include an elevator, handicapped accessible entrance, enhanced laboratories and the campus cafe; improvements to learning technology in all classrooms; and the beautification of the campus' natural landscaping to reflect the beauty and values of our Mercy heritage. The plan also included the acquisition of the 5.5-acre property located to its south and the deconstruction of the 92-year-old barrier wall surrounding the original cloistered convent campus. This purchase is the largest one-time expansion in the College's history.

Maria College is one of the 17 institutions sponsored by the national Conference for Mercy Higher Education network, which currently enrolls more than 40,000 students throughout the United States. Maria College serves approximately 850 students and boasts a charming and intimate campus that embraces an academic atmosphere both timeless and contemporary.

Maria College helps students transform their futures in preparation for rewarding careers of care and compassion for others. We offer academic programs in nursing, occupational therapy, and arts and sciences. We offer a nationally ranked associates in Occupational Therapy Assistant, a bachelor's in Health & Occupational Sciences, as well as a master's in Occupational Therapy. Maria has one of the most well-respected nursing programs in the Capital Region offering two bachelor completion programs in Nursing, an associates degree in Nursing (RN), and a Practical Nursing Certificate (LPN). In addition to occupational therapy and nursing programs, Maria College provides a bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts, Psychology, and Healthcare Management, as well as degrees in Liberal Arts and General Studies.

MISSION AND VALUES

MARIA IS A CATHOLIC COLLEGE SPONSORED BY THE SISTERS OF MERCY AND ANIMATED BY THE MERCY CHARISM. IT PROVIDES CAREER-RELEVANT, OPPORTUNITY EDUCATION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CATHOLIC INTELLECTUAL TRADITION TO ALL WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM IT. MARIA IS COMMITTED TO OUTSTANDING AND HOLISTIC STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES, FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY AND THE PURPOSEFUL USE OF EVIDENCE TO DRIVE INSTITUTIONAL RENEWAL AND STUDENT SUCCESS. MARIA SEEKS TO FOSTER GRADUATES WHO RECOGNIZE AND RESPECT THE DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN PERSON AND WHO WILL TRANSFORM THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL INTO CARING AND COMPASSIONATE SERVICE TO OTHERS.

Service - Caring and compassionate service to others, in the Mercy Tradition, is offered to all, especially to those in need, both on campus and in the wider community.

Scholarship - Scholarship is nurtured in the relationships that arouse and nourish the spiritual gift of justice and belief in integrity, not primarily for one's own sake, but for the service of others.

Justice - Maria College is committed to opportunity education; a belief in fair and transparent practices; and a respect of the rights and duties of each individual. We educate and advocate for social justice, focusing on the Critical Concerns of the Sisters of Mercy.

Diversity - Diversity aims to create and support an inter-cultural environment that is strengthened by the development of each individual, the recognition of unique backgrounds, and respect for diverging perspectives.

Hospitality - Maria College is marked by a dedication to diversity and inclusion and a warm and generous welcome to all, as well as compassionate outreach to both campus and community members and groups.

65TH ANNIVERSARY

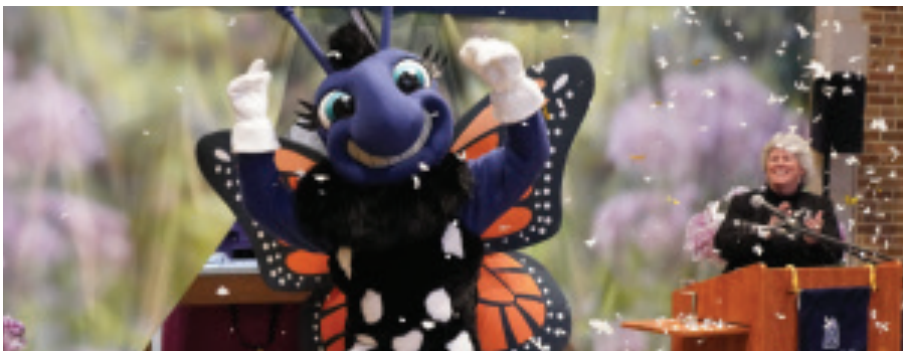


1958-2023: Maria Celebrates 65 Years

On April 25, 1958, on behalf of the New York State Education Department, the Board of Regents granted a charter to found Maria College. This year is a celebratory milestone as we look back on how Maria has transformed over 65 years providing opportunity education in high-demand careers to all who can benefit.

The Sisters of Mercy founding principles continue to move us forward, and core to our culture are these mission and values. The College marked the 65th year anniversary with two weeks of celebration including: 65th Anniversary Celebration and mascot reveal, Inaugural Lecture, Prayer Service, and concluding on May 6, 2023 with the installation of Maria College's sixth president, Dr. Lynn Ortale, who began her role in July 2022.

Revealed during the 65th Anniversary Celebration on April 25, 2023, Maria College's mascot, the Monarch butterfly, is a symbol of transformation, change, and hope. Not a mascot of athletic competition, but rather a mascot emblematic of the College's compassion and kindness. A protector and guardian of our students, our clinical patients, and our community. The Maria Monarch reminds each of us of the power within to both transform others as well embrace our own transformation.



SYMBOLS AND TRADITIONS

The custom of wearing academic regalia dates back to the 12th century when caps and gowns marked the formal admission to the body of Masters. The gowns served a practical purpose to protect teachers from the cold buildings of the time. Many of these early teachers were monks; therefore the hoods resembled a monk's cowl that attached to the gown and could be pulled over the head. Later versions featured a detached hood.

REGALIA

The European tradition of academic regalia traveled to the United States. In 1895, the United States adopted a specific code for academic apparel that has had slight modifications since its adoption. Until the Civil War, students at most American universities wore caps and gowns daily while in residence. Today, the academic regalia is reserved for special occasions like inauguration and commencement ceremonies.

THE GOWN

The gown is made from a black material, or signifying colors of the institution, with varying degrees of fullness. The sleeves indicate a person's academic credentials. Those with a bachelor's degree have long, pointed sleeves and the gown is worn with a closed front. A person with a master's degree wears the gown open with a distinctive full length square sleeves that are crescent shaped at the bottom. The doctoral gowns are worn closed and have velvet panels on the front with full, round open sleeves with three cheverons. Presidential regalia has four chevrons.

THE HOOD

Academic hoods tell an individual's academic story. The hood is three and a half feet long and has velvet edging. The colors of the edging indicate the discipline: apricot (nursing), brown (architecture and fine arts), citron yellow (social work), crimson (journalism/communications), dark blue (philosophy), gold (science), green (medicine), lemon (library science), light blue (education), drab (business), orange (engineering), peacock blue (public administration), pink (music), purple (law), sage green (physical education), scarlet (theology), and white (arts and humanities).

THE CAP

Academic caps vary by institution. Some use black mortarboards with black or colored tassels that relate to the conferred degree. Gold tassels are frequently worn for doctoral degrees. Some institutions have adopted a tam instead of the traditional mortarboard.

REGALIA FOR PRESIDENT ORTALE

President Ortale wears a specially designed gown of Maria College blue with four navy chevrons indicating her rank as President. The gown includes the new College icon, created to include the design of the stained-glass windows found in Marian Hall. The velvet of her hood is dark blue and gold, representing her Ph.D. with satin blue and gold representing Maria College. Her eight-sided tam is topped with a metallic gold tassel.

COLLEGE MACE

Maria College ceremonial occasions begin with the entrance of the College mace, carried by a designated mace bearer. The mace bearer for the Commencement ceremony of Maria College is Assistant Professor of English and Senior Academic Advisor, Anne Devlin, MA.

The mace symbolizes the College's governing authority and is present only when the president and trustees are in attendance. It signifies the proceedings have official sanction.

The tradition of the mace derives from medieval times in England, when the mace was held by a bodyguard for dignitaries at ceremonial functions. Ceremonial maces are used by governing bodies worldwide, including the U.S. House of Representatives and the British Parliament.

THE COLLEGE SEAL

"The Divine Lord is present in our midst to aid us in every difficulty, to enable us to surmount every obstacle on our way to His kingdom."

- Catherine McAuley

The Maria College seal combines a series of symbols characterizing the purpose, not only of the College, but also of the Sisters of Mercy who established the College. The name “Maria” honors Our Lady of Mercy, patroness of the Sister of Mercy.

An open book, the heraldic indication of a college, occupies the center field of the seal. On the left is a shield with red and gold bars topped with a Maltese cross. This shield connotes Mercy, the essence of all Divine attributes and the distinctive feature of the humanitarian objectives undertaken by the Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, Catherine McAuley. The Chi-Rho on the right represents the Christocentric training, the core of the College curriculum.

The crown at the top-center is a tribute to the patroness of Maria College, the Queen of Heaven. A cross reaching from crown to book symbolizes the far-reaching principles permeating all phases of Maria College life.

THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

Each president of Maria College has worn a medallion embossed with the seal of the College and the names and tenure of each past president. President Ortale, sixth president of Maria College, will wear the chain today for Maria College’s 61st Commencement ceremony.

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GREETING

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INVOCATION AND INTRODUCTION OF PRESIDENT ORTALE

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WELCOME

DR. LYNN ORTALE, PRESIDENT

THE MCAULEY AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE INTRODUCTION

COLLEEN CARMODY, ED.D., RN

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AWARDING OF HONORARY DOCTORATE OF HUMANE LETTERS HONOREES

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HONOREES

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COMMENCEMENT MESSAGE TO GRADUATES

SHALONI WINSTON, CEO THE ARC LEXINGTON

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CONFERRING OF DEGREES

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ALUMNI WELCOME

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RITE OF COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

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RECESSIONAL

**Please remain in place until all graduates have recessed.*

2023 STUDENT AWARDS

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

LIBERAL ARTS, BA
MARGARET H. KILTS

HEALTH & OCCUPATIONAL SCIENCES, BS
MACKENZIE MARIE BROWN

HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT, BS
TRACEY SAWKA

RN-BS DEGREE IN NURSING COMPLETION
ALISHA MAE FRAZEE

PSYCHOLOGY, BS
EVANGELINE RUTH MURPHY

NURSING, AAS
ISABELLA MARIE REINMANN

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT, AAS
DANIELLE LANE SCHOECK

NURSING, AAS CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

KATIE ANN LAPISHKA & ERIC RUSSELL THOMAS

NURSING NIGHTINGALE AWARD

RN-BS DEGREE IN NURSING COMPLETION NIGHTINGALE AWARD
LAUREN SEEBALD, RN

NURSING, AAS NIGHTINGALE AWARD
KEFIRA N. CUNNINGHAM

NURSING, PNC NIGHTINGALE AWARD
MELISSA A. KEEN

BEARLDEAN BURKE AWARD – OTA

*PRESENTED TO THE STUDENT WHO HAS SHOWN SUSTAINED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAM, WHO HAS PERSEVERED THROUGH CHALLENGES, AND WHO
EMBODIES THE CARING SPIRIT OF THE PROFESSION*

JANYZIA M. CROWSON

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Ω MARIA A. MIM
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* JENNIFER MARIE DEL RIO KOSTENWEIN
❖** LYNNE MARIE DELVECCHIO-FINN
❖** MARCELLA DEUEL
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❖** ALISHA MAE FRAZEE
❖** SUSAN M. GUNDRUM
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Nursing RN-BS Completion continued

SUNIL MASIH
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* ABIGAIL A. PIERCE
❖ LAUREN SEEBALD
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** KOKESE J. BALLOU
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- ALANI CHRISTIA ROC
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*Degree candidacy for the above is based on academic information effective
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MARIA COLLEGE

CLASS OF 2023 GIVING

Our newest graduates are giving back in honor of those who supported and encouraged them on their educational journey. The Class of 2023 gifts will support student scholarships at Maria College. These graduates are recognized today with special blue and white philanthropy cords as a part of their regalia.

Here are their heartfelt messages of thanks.

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ALEXIS MARIE BARNES

HUNTER A. BLACKBURN

SARAH MARIE BOUCHER

SUSAN ANN BURDICK

CAMILLE ALEXA CABALLERO

LIONARDO MIGUEL CAJULAO

MIKAYLA ASHLEY CARLSON

HONOREE

Tracy Salisbury

My Mom, Dad & incredible Husband – *I would not be her today without your love and support. Thank you!*

Mom, Dad, my children & partner Darryl – *Thank you all for believing in me and supporting me through this journey. I love you all!*

Christina Barnes

My Family & Friends – *I am so grateful for you all, thank you for bringing so much happiness into my life. I love you!*

Mom, Dad & Ryan – *Thank you all for pushing me and believing that I could do it. Love you!*

My Kids & Grandkids – *Thank you for all the love and support you gave me.*

In Memory of my Grandfather – *Thank you!*

My Parents – *From the start you never gave up on me, thank you for everything!*

My Family – *Thank you for always supporting me every step fo the way. I love you!*

KYLE LYNN CASEY	Loved ones in Heaven – <i>Thank you!</i>
ROSELEA S. COTROFELD	Aurora, Drew & Family – <i>I could not have done this without you!</i>
KURTIS P. CUMMINS	Isabella Cummins – <i>I love you endlessly, it was all for you!</i>
ANNA MARIA D’AMICO	John D’Amico, Francesca D’Amico & Tashiana Williams – <i>This is for you dad...thank you. To my sister, friend and children for the love and support.</i>
LYNNE MARIE DELVECCHIO-FINN	My Mom, family, friends, Professor Argust, Dr. Powell, Dr. Trevor
SAMANTHA LEE DONOVAN	Mom, Michele LeClair – <i>Thank you for being my rock, I wouldn’t be here without you! I love you.</i>
JEIDGA C. EBANKS	Ashely Jones – <i>Thank you for everything, I couldn’t have done it without you! I love you!</i>
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