



THE 59TH COMMENCEMENT CLASS OF 2021

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES & WHITE TEA PINNING CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021, 11:00 A.M. AND 2:00 P.M.

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES
SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021, 11:00 A.M. AND 2:00 P.M.

EVENTS HOSTED AT MARIA COLLEGE, ALBANY, NY


Maria College was founded and is sponsored by The Sisters of Mercy.

Dear Graduates,

Let be me one of the first to offer congratulations to you on this significant day. Commencement, as you know, is seen by some as the end of an educational journey but, in fact, the word itself means “beginning.” As we gather to celebrate your accomplishments, we look confidentially with you towards your future. The road to a degree is not easy, but your hard work and dedication has paid off. The countless hours of studying, the balancing of school with other priorities, the exams, and tests, the large and small decisions, and your achievements have all brought you to this point. I hope you take time to reflect on reaching this important milestone and celebrate your successes.

The Class of 2021 has had the particular challenge of balancing studies in the midst of a global pandemic, many while serving on the front lines. Each and every one of you have achieved academic degree completion in one the most grueling times in our history, yet you persevered. As you commence your careers and lives outside of Maria College, or return to us for further study, know that we all stand proudly behind you and that you always have a home here at Maria. We are immensely proud of you. In the words of Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Religious Sisters of Mercy, may you live out your lives of service with “great tenderness in all things.”

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas J. Gamble". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Thomas J. Gamble, PhD
President of Maria College

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