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Founded in 1933, Monmouth is a private, mid-sized, comprehensive university with a broad commitment to the liberal arts. Monmouth University offers 33 undergraduate and 26 graduate degree programs, including three doctoral programs.

Students benefit from a rigorous academic experience, small classes, and professors who meet the highest standards for scholarship and teaching. Our students participate in more than 120 active clubs and organizations, including 14 fraternities and sororities, six media organizations, and an NCAA Division I athletics program fielding 24 teams.

Monmouth's beautiful 170-acre coastal campus, close to New York City and Philadelphia, includes a blend of historic landmarks and state-of-the-art facilities.

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MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

August 25, 2022

**Pamela Scott-Johnson, Ph.D., Provost and
Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs, Presiding**

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar

PROVOST'S WELCOME

GREETINGS

CONFERRAL OF DOCTORAL DEGREES

School of Education

Marjorie K. Unterberg School of
Nursing and Health Studies

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES IN COURSE

Wayne D. McMurray School of
Humanities & Social Sciences

Marjorie K. Unterberg School of
Nursing and Health Studies

School of Education

School of Science

Leon Hess Business School

School of Social Work

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

ALMA MATER

RECESSIONAL

Trumpet Voluntary, Henry Purcell

All commencement participants and guests are requested to remain in their seats
until all of the ceremony participants process out.

DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD 2022 RECIPIENT

Tina R. Paone, Ph.D.

Professor, Educational Counseling

Tina R. Paone, Ph.D., joined the faculty of Monmouth University as an assistant professor in the Department of Educational Counseling and Leadership in 2006. She was promoted to associate professor in 2012 and to professor in 2017. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Tampa, and her master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Nevada, Reno. She regularly teaches Racial Bias in the Media, Introduction to Professional Counseling, and Advanced Topics in Race and Racism. Her primary research interests are race, racism, whiteness, multicultural counseling, and social justice. Paone has numerous publications in peer-reviewed academic journals and, in collaboration with her students, developed the Anti-Racism Advocacy Project and the Learn to be Anti-Racist website. She has presented consistently at the local, state, regional, national, and international levels on topics related to multicultural counseling, race, racial identity development, and racism. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) and a certified school counselor (K-12) in Pennsylvania, as well as a Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC), a Nationally Certified School Counselor (NCSC), a Registered Play Therapist Supervisor (RPT-S), and an Approved Clinical Supervisor (ACS).

Among her many areas of past and present service at Monmouth, Paone is most connected to her work as the coordinator for the Central Jersey Consortium for Excellence and Equity (CJCEE), a collaborative effort with numerous area school districts on the promotion of social justice and anti-racism work in the K-12 setting for both adult educators and middle and high school students. Additionally, Paone was selected to develop the anti-racism curriculum for the Social Justice Academy, and served as a lead instructor for the inaugural Social Justice Academy cohort. She is the past chair and current member of the School of Education Social Justice Advocacy Committee, and a member of the American Counseling Association (ACA), the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES), and Counselors for Social Justice (CSJ). She resides in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, with her husband David and three sons, Nicholas (Monmouth University junior), Christopher (Capitol Technology University first-year student), and Joe (8th grade).



A Message to the Graduates from Tina R. Paone

Dear Members of the Graduating Class of 2022,

Congratulations! Today is a day for celebration! Receiving a degree is an enormous accomplishment. Breathe in deep, exhale, and bask in the pride you feel for yourself today. You did it! And although you undoubtedly faced challenges throughout your journey, you put in the work that brought you here today. No matter what path you choose from here, when it comes to your career, remember to follow your dreams. If you end up doing what you love, and love what you do, you will find peace and happiness in your work. That is not to say that things will be easy, but it will make your commitment towards your work meaningful and valuable for you.

As you leave Monmouth University, I offer you this advice: Recognize who you are, where you come from, where you have been, and where you want to go. Acknowledge your privileges that have provided you opportunities on the road of life. Be grateful and thankful to those individuals in your life that have helped you along the way. In turn, pay it forward by offering to support others through their own journeys throughout your life. And when you see injustice in this world, advocate for change. Do not be afraid to speak up and change the world!

I wish you all peace, love, and happiness in the years to come! Congratulations!



UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE CANDIDATES

Honors for August undergraduate candidates and highest-ranking degree recipients by department are included in the program insert and published online at monmouth.edu/commencement.

WAYNE D. McMURRAY SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Nizhé Le' Mani Bailey, *BA, Music*
Benjamin R. Baliani, *BA, History*
Charlene Anne Boehm, *BA, Anthropology*
Andres A. Camacho, *BA, Communication*
Jerry J. Cardinale, *BS, Homeland Security*
Roman Anthony Ciervo, *BA, Music*
Shane M. Ciongoli, *BS, Homeland Security*
Domenico H. Cipriani, *BA, Communication*
Jacob Israel Cordero, *BA, Political Science*
Fernando Luis Cortes, *BA, Criminal Justice*
David M. Diken, *BA, Music*

Sarah Elizabeth Fox, *BA, English* [▲]
Travis Kyle Greenberg, *BA, Anthropology*
Matthew F. Klawunn, *BFA, Fine Arts*
Tanner R. Laken, *BA, Communication*
Shiao Ma, *BA, Communication*
Matthew J. Maglione, *BA, Criminal Justice*
Rebecca Catherine Malinowski, *BA, Political Science*
Shannon Tracy McGavin, *BA, Communication*
Maggie Kathleen McMillan, *BA, Criminal Justice*

Caroline Ambler Moscatello, *BA, Communication*
Isha Najaf, *BA, Political Science*
John Devin Ronald Pipher, *BA, Criminal Justice*
Mackenzie M. Purcell, *BFA, Fine Arts*
Erica Nayeli Santos-Reyez, *BA, Political Science*
Micah Kenneth Seaborn, *BA, Communication*
Charity G. Turnquist, *BA, Sociology*

MASTER'S DEGREES

Tiffany Nicole Antonelli, *MA, Criminal Justice*
Andrew Frank Betro, *MS, Clinical Mental Health Counseling*
Taj-D'von Sichelle Birtch, *MS, Clinical Mental Health Counseling*
Erica Noelle Caleca, *MA, Communication*
Stella M. Clark, *MA, Communication*
Erin Irene Dailey, *MA, Communication*
Shane Ross Dvorak, *MA, Anthropology*
Gabriella S. Iuliano, *MA, Communication*
Megan Stephanie Kudisch, *MA, Criminal Justice*

Jamie Lewit, *MS, Clinical Mental Health Counseling*
Jennifer Catherine Louro, *MA, Criminal Justice*
Killian Mann, *MA, History*
Marcus Joseph McClary, *MA, Criminal Justice*
Keeley Anne McGregor, *MS, Clinical Mental Health Counseling*
Ronnie Meador, *MA, Anthropology*
Katie Riso, *MA, Anthropology*
Leah Anna Rosen, *MS, Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

Hannah Isabel Schustermann, *MA, Anthropology*
Marielle Alexa Spero, *MS, Clinical Mental Health Counseling*
Evan B. Stackhouse, *MA, History*
Meghan Colleen Stanford, *MS, Clinical Mental Health Counseling*
Nicole Ann Totland, *MA, Communication*
Jacqueline D. Woodruff, *MA, Anthropology*
Aisha Zafar, *MA, Addiction Studies*



SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Nicole Shannon Bevere, *EdD, Education*
Natasha Cornell, *EdD, Education*
Thomas James Evancho, *EdD, Education*

Ryan John Gogol, *EdD, Education*
Morgan Ann Lalevee, *EdD, Education*
Diana Louise Morris, *EdD, Education*

Susan Pagano, *EdD, Education*
Daniqua Williams, *EdD, Education*

MASTER'S DEGREES

Taylor Elizabeth Andretta, *MEd, Education*
Sydney Lauren Blackman, *MSEd, Speech-Language Pathology*
Amelia L. Buckley, *MEd, Education*
Frances Michelle Campos, *MEd, Education*
Kelley L. Cheverino, *MSEd, Educational Counseling*
Kellie Lyn Clement, *MSEd, Education - Special Education*
Emily Cranmer, *MEd, Education*
Meghan DiGiovanni, *MEd, Education*
Christine M. Donatello, *MEd, Education*
Caitlin Cassandra Fonville, *MEd, Education*

Steven D. Green, *MSEd, Speech-Language Pathology*
Maureen Kirchoff, *MAT, Education - Secondary*
Mitchell Lange, *MEd, Education*
Gianna Leto, *MEd, Education*
Paul Orlando Marrujo, *MSEd, Educational Counseling*
Beatriz Mayan-Figueroa, *MEd, Education*
Ruben Moreno, *MEd, Education*
Nancy Negri, *MEd, Education*
Joanna Marie Novaky, *MSEd, Education - Special Education*
Lillian M. Occhipinti, *MSEd, Education - Special Education*

Erin Marie Reid, *MEd, Education*
Sara Siano, *MEd, Education*
Jennifer L. Silacci, *MEd, Education*
Maegen Rosell Skopas, *MEd, Education*
Jessica Ann Sorrenti, *MEd, Education*
Caitlyn Elizabeth Sorrentino, *MSEd, Education - Special Education*
Philip Joseph Strobel, *MSEd, Education - Special Education*
Kathleen Wainwright, *MEd, Education*
Charles Joseph Walters, *MSEd, Education - Special Education*



LEON HESS BUSINESS SCHOOL

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Kristhian Javier Amaro-Cruz, *BS,
Business Administration*
Keith Bathan, *BS, Business
Administration*
Jordan M. Bloom, *BS,
Business Administration*
Tahlia Botha, *BS, Business
Administration*
Matthew G. Cerdeira, *BS,
Business Administration*
Morgan R. Deickmann, *BS,
Business Administration*
Harsh Desai, *BS, Business
Administration*
Ceasar Dominguez Jr., *BS,
Business Administration*
Kyle Steven Ferguson, *BS,
Business Administration*

Jenna R. Garra, *BS,
Business Administration*
Justin Headden, *BS,
Business Administration*
Gianni Paul Henrique, *BS,
Business Administration*
Saule Kaupyte, *BS,
Business Administration*
Derek Matthew Keenan, *BS,
Business Administration*
Michael Joseph Marino, *BS,
Business Administration*
Anna P. Martinetti, *BS,
Business Administration*
Liam Bradford McGregor, *BS,
Business Administration*
Robert Charles McHugh, *BS,
Business Administration*

Brian Joseph Meola, *BS,
Business Administration*
Nicholas John Merlo, *BS,
Business Administration*
Hasan S. Muhammad-Chambers, *BS,
Business Administration*
Gene Pagnozzi, *BS,
Business Administration*
Eric James Panzera, *BS,
Business Administration*
Andrew James Pollard, *BS,
Business Administration*
Daniel Evan Szejnrok, *BS,
Business Administration*
Hunter Wayne Tedder, *BS,
Business Administration*
Ian T. Weinberg, *BS,
Business Administration*

MASTER'S DEGREES

Jeffery Ryan Belcaro, *MBA,
Business Administration*
Cassie Elizabeth Fuhro, *MBA,
Business Administration*
Anthony T. Granite, *MBA,
Business Administration*
Alexandra Ann Langan, *MBA,
Business Administration*

Angelica Salvatrice Lockhart, *MBA,
Business Administration*
Kristen Elizabeth Olmstead, *MBA,
Business Administration*
Ryan D. Pedrick, *MBA,
Business Administration*
Brandon C. Rosenblum, *MBA,
Business Administration*

Joseph Edward Sabatello, *MBA,
Business Administration*
Kahari O. Scarlett, *MBA,
Business Administration*
Justin Cory Seemann, *MBA,
Business Administration*
Zachary R. Tredway, *MBA,
Business Administration*



**MARJORIE K. UNTERBERG
SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH STUDIES**

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Sharon M. Scrofine, *DNP, Nursing*

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Jennifer Marie Berry, *BS,
Health Promotion* ✦

Brandon Kai Harris, *BS,
Health and Physical Education*

Joshua George Hartman, *BS,
Health Studies*

Elizabeth Ann Healy, *BS, Health Studies*

LeDawn Pearl Holder, *BS,
Health Promotion*

Madison Nicola Moeller, *BS,
Health Promotion*

Nikkei Carson Ruty, *BS,*

Health and Physical Education

Emily Louise Seaman, *BS, Health Studies*

MASTER'S DEGREES

Jennifer Nicole Gibson, *MSN, Nursing*

Brittany Marie Hurden, *MSN, Nursing*

Karishma Jaggernaut, *MS,*

Physician Assistant

Erika Najmi, *MSN, Nursing*

Brittany Marie Taggart, *MSN, Nursing*



SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Jessie Mary-Jeannette Holmes, *BS,
Chemistry*

Carrington Ann Leone, *BS, Biology*

Alexa Marie Medina, *BS, Biology*

Sarah Morsi, *BS, Biology*

Kadie Jean O'Byrne, *BS,*

Medical Laboratory Science

Alyssa Renee Torres, *BS, Biology*

Christopher Woszczak, *BS,*

Computer Science

MASTER'S DEGREES

Alexander Gribtsov, *MS, Computer Science*

Gongwei Liu, *MS, Computer Science*



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Elizabeth Laura Chisholm, *BSW*,
Social Work

Alyssa R. Ferrigno, *BSW*, *Social Work*

Samantha Rose Harms, *BSW*, *Social Work*

Chelsea Marie Franchette, *BSW*,
Social Work

Brooke Marie Gorski, *BSW*, *Social Work* †



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BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Erica Nayeli Santos-Reyez, *BA*, *Political Science*

Alyssa Renee Torres, *BS*, *Biology*

Monmouth University Alma Mater

Music by: Beethoven

Lyrics by:

Louis P. Nappen '90, '92

Moderato



1. Sym - bol of our skills and vir - tues her - ald of our
2. Gro - wing with each ge - ne - ra - tion, for - ming ties that



di - gni - ty; with these prai - ses we sa - lute you
will re - main. For - ging true our lives foun - da - tions



Mon - mouth U - ni - ver - si - ty Soar - ing from the
with each goal that we at - tain.



Jer - sey shore u - pon the wind, our wings un - furl'd.



High a - bove the o - cean's roar, the Blue Hawks rise to meet the world.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The history of academic dress reaches far back into the earliest days of the oldest universities. A statute of 1321 required that all “Doctors, Licentiates, and Bachelors” of the University of Coimbra wear gowns. In England, in the second half of the 14th century, the statutes of certain colleges prescribed the wearing of a long gown. In the 16th and 17th centuries in Europe, the wearing of a robe often signified a degree candidate’s political or religious affiliation; in the northern universities and those of the British Isles, the robes signified that tuition and boarding fees of the wearer had been paid and also entitled them to special immunities in civil law, as well as providing them warmth at lectures and chapel.

When American colleges and universities desired to adopt some suitable system of academic apparel, a conference held at Columbia University in 1895, made up of representatives from various institutions, drew up a “By-Law, Regulation, or Statute” for the establishment of a suitable code of academic dress for colleges and universities in the United States. This code, with modifications made in 1959 by the Committee on Academic Costumes and Ceremonies of the American Council on Education, is still in force; the costumes and colors, trimmings, and patterns you will see are traditional, and interpret both the degree and field of learning. The bachelor’s gown, designed to be worn closed, has pointed sleeves; the master’s gown, which may be worn open or closed, has an oblong sleeve open at the wrist that hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut, and the front part has the arc cut away. The doctoral gown has bell-shaped sleeves. It may be worn open or closed.

Black is the recommended color for all academic gowns. Bachelor’s and master’s gowns are untrimmed. Doctoral gowns are faced with black velvet, with three bars across the sleeves; the color of the velvet may also be that which is distinctive to the degree, agreeing with that of the edging of the hood. In the 1960s, many American land-grant universities adopted the British and the Scottish tradition of using the official school color(s) for the robes of their doctoral recipients—for instance, Yale: sky blue; Harvard: crimson; University of Pennsylvania: scarlet and blue; Columbia: slate gray; Rutgers: scarlet and black.

The colors you will see in the hoods of our faculty represent the various fields in which the degrees were taken:

Apricot: <i>Nursing</i>	Orange: <i>Engineering</i>
Brown: <i>Fine Arts</i>	Pink: <i>Music</i>
Citron: <i>Social Work</i>	Purple: <i>Law</i>
Crimson: <i>Journalism</i>	Sage Green: <i>Physical Education</i>
Dark Blue: <i>Philosophy</i>	Salmon Pink: <i>Public Health</i>
Golden Yellow: <i>Science</i>	Scarlet: <i>Theology</i>
Green: <i>Medicine</i>	Yellow-Brown: <i>Commerce, Business, Accountancy</i>
Lemon-Yellow: <i>Library Science</i>	White: <i>Arts, Letters, Humanities</i>
Light Blue: <i>Education</i>	

The hoods, differing in length for the three degrees—bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral—are lined with the official colors of the university or college conferring the degree, usually with one color forming a chevron pattern over the other. Hoods are edged and bound with velvet or the color appropriate for the degree. You will see in our procession many hoods edged with dark blue, representing doctor of philosophy.

Mortarboards are the approved headgear. The tassel, worn on the left side of the cap, may be gold if the holder has a doctoral degree.



Dear Members of the Class of 2022:

On behalf of the Monmouth University Alumni Association, welcome to the alumni family – a vibrant network that boasts over 57,000 Hawks in 50 states.

After a year that tested your strength, stamina, and spirit, today marks a new and exciting chapter in your connection to Monmouth University – one that will continue to grow with your professional and personal development. We want you to remain engaged with your alma mater and share your accomplishments, no matter where your achievements take you.

Stay connected by creating and updating your alumni contact record at monmouth.edu/newalumni to receive the Monmouth Monthly alumni e-newsletter, invitations to alumni events and networking gatherings, and alumni discounts. Join the Hawk Network at monmouth.edu/hawknetwork to build professional connections with fellow Hawks who are looking to support you in your journey to career success.

Congratulations once again and we look forward to welcoming you to the alumni association.

Karyn F. Cusanelli

Karyn Cusanelli '89





President, Alumni Association Board of Directors

WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

Save the date for Homecoming to start a new tradition with your fellow alumni!

Saturday, October 22, 2022

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