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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 bachelor's, 24 master's, and four doctoral degree 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 15 fraternities and sororities, four 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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August 27, 2024

**Richard Veit, Ph.D., RPA, Provost and Senior Vice
President for Academic Affairs, Presiding**

PROCESSIONAL.....	<i>Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEM	<i>Mary Jodry, Member and Choral Manager of the Monmouth University Chamber Choir</i>
PROVOST'S WELCOME.....	Richard Veit, Ph.D.
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GREETINGS FROM THE CLASS OF 2024.....	Janelle S. Ramirez
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School of Education	
Wayne D. McMurray School of Humanities and Social Sciences	
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Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies	
School of Science	
School of Social Work	
PRESIDENT'S REMARKS.....	Patrick F. Leahy, Ed.D. <i>President</i>
ALMA MATER.....	<i>Mary Jodry, Member and Choral Manager of the Monmouth University Chamber Choir</i>
RECESSIONAL.....	<i>Trumpet Voluntary, Henry Purcell</i>

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

DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD 2024 RECIPIENT

Professor Chiu-Yin (Cathy) Wong

Associate Professor, School of Education

Professor Chiu-Yin (Cathy) Wong 黃超賢 earned her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis on Second Language Education from Texas Tech University. After graduation, she joined the faculty of Monmouth University as an assistant professor in the Department of Curriculum in 2011 and was promoted to associate professor in 2017. Originally from Hong Kong, she is a multilingual speaker of Cantonese, English, and Mandarin.

Her extensive teaching experiences in Hong Kong, South Korea, Hawaii, and Texas not only enable her to enrich her classes with authentic stories but also integrate a wide range of cultural perspectives into her teaching, helping her students connect theoretical knowledge with real-world applications.

Professor Wong's aspiration to become a teacher began at the age of four. This early passion for teaching evolved into a commitment to make a significant impact on education. By focusing on training future teachers, she aims to amplify her influence, knowing that each teacher she educates can positively affect many more students.

Professor Wong has a true passion for teaching and is committed to creating a co-learning environment where the lived experiences of all students are valued. Her students often praise her as a talented instructor whose courses are well-organized and rich with content and learning opportunities.

Currently, Professor Wong's research focuses on pedagogical translanguaging in ESL and Chinese immersion settings. She was recently honored with the Research Output Award from the University of Hong Kong for her pioneering study titled "Empowering Students Through the Construction of a Translanguaging Space in an English as a First Language Classroom." Professor Wong is dedicated to normalizing multilingualism in education, a goal she diligently pursues through collaborations with fellow scholars and educators. Her scholarly articles have been featured in top-tier journals such as Applied Linguistics, ELT Journal, System, Language and Education, and the International Journal of Bilingual Education and Bilingualism.

Professor Wong resides in Monroe Township with her husband David Tsang, and is the proud mother of two children, Cynthia (6th grade) and Derek (3rd grade).



Message to the Graduating Class of 2024 from Chiu-Yin (Cathy) Wong

Dear Graduating Class of 2024,

Congratulations on reaching this incredible milestone in your lives! Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance have brought you to this momentous occasion, and it is truly a cause for celebration. As you prepare to embark on the next chapter of your journey, take a moment to reflect on the memories and experiences that have shaped your time at Monmouth University. From late-night study sessions to the friendships you've made, each moment has contributed to your growth and success.

Carry these cherished memories with you as you move forward and let them guide your future. Remember the friendships you have built here—the classmates who have laughed with you, supported you, and cheered you on. Think about the professors, counselors, and staff members who have guided and inspired you throughout your educational path; their dedication and passion for education have helped shape the individuals that you became today. More importantly, be grateful for your family; they were there every step of the way, offering unconditional love and support.

Whether you're pursuing further studies, entering the workforce, or taking a gap year to explore your interests, keep your curiosity alive. Challenge yourself to step outside of your comfort zone and explore new interests. The knowledge and skills you have gained at Monmouth University are just the beginning—there is so much more to learn and discover.

As you step into this exciting new chapter of your lives, remember to appreciate the diversity around you. This appreciation will enrich your understanding of the world and open doors to new opportunities. As you encounter people from different backgrounds and cultures, approach them with an open mind and a willingness to listen and learn. By embracing diversity, you will not only expand your own perspectives but also contribute to creating a more inclusive and harmonious society.

Best wishes on your exciting journey ahead. May your achievements be the stepping stones to even greater success.

Congratulations!



UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE CANDIDATES

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

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Deborah Elizabeth Bleisnick Heath,
EdD, Educational Leadership
Lindsay Turner Jablonski, *EdD,*
Educational Leadership
Shalom Labkovski, *EdD,*
Educational Leadership

Amanda Lamoglia, *EdD,*
Educational Leadership
Patricia Sainvilus, *EdD,*
Educational Leadership

Lindsey Hope Skerker, *EdD,*
Educational Leadership
Matthew F. Vazzana, *EdD,*
Educational Leadership

MASTER'S DEGREES

Kathleen Elizabeth Arcomano, *MEd,*
Education
Jamie Armstrong, *MEd, Education*
Jessica Balz, *MEd, Education*
Robyn Lynn Catalano, *MEd, Education*
Celia Grande, *MEd, Education*
Denise Haulenbeck, *MEd, Education*

Julia Baaba Krampah, *MSEd,*
Educational Counseling
Emma Grace Lagattolla, *MEd,*
Education
Anthony William Lane, *MAT,*
Education - Secondary
Morgan Iris Matthews, *MEd, Education*

Kayley Noelle Mullooly, *MSEd,*
Education - Literacy
Marcie Anne Petrucelli, *MEd,*
Education
Cassie Taylor Presti, *MEd, Education*
Michael N. Rodriguez, *MSEd,*
Educational Counseling



WAYNE D. McMURRAY
SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE

Ludrianna Bazile, *AA, General Studies*

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Jillian Rose Bernstein, *BA, Music*

Nicole Marie Conti, *BA, English*

James Joseph Ianicelli, *BA,*
Communication

Peter Alexander Ivanick, *BA, History*

Karhianna J. Joseph, *BA,*
Communication

Harris T. Khan, *BA, Psychology*

Henry Jacob Kowalski, *BS,*
Homeland Security

Liam Joseph Lubitz, *BFA, Fine Arts*

Jay Savig McClelland, *BA,*
Criminal Justice

Melanie Constance Miller, *BA,*
Communication

Christian Tomas Murillo, *BA,*
Psychology

Aaron M. Nitzberg, *BA,*
Political Science

Maria Ortega-Lopez, *BA,*
Criminal Justice

Isabella Luna Pacetti, *BA,*
Communication

Antonia Panayides, *BA,*
Political Science

Alexander Jason Phillips, *BFA,*
Fine Arts

Javier Micheal Pose, *BS,*
Homeland Security

Ana Jaqueline Rodriguez, *BA,*
Criminal Justice

Maleah Rose Salomone, *BA,*
Criminal Justice

Brandon Cross Spinner, *BA,*
Criminal Justice †

Christina N. Sutura, *BA,*
Communication

Kendall Ward, *BA, Political Science* †

Jake Alexander Wells, *BA,*
Communication

MASTER'S DEGREES

Jessica Renee Beetsch, *MS,*
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Charlene Anne Boehm, *MA,*
Anthropology

Maggie Lee Downs, *MA,*
Communication

Alexis Anne Falco, *MA,*
Criminal Justice

Mary Katherine George, *MS,*
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Nikita Konstantynovskiy, *MA,*
Communication

Claudia Jozefa Makarski, *MA,*
Criminal Justice

Ronnie Meador, *MA, Anthropology*

Kyle Monteith, *MS,*
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Lauren Michelle Napolitano, *MS,*
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Mya Rose Ostermiller, *MA,*
Criminal Justice

Janelle Shadae Ramirez, *MA,*
Communication

Nicole Marie Renaldi, *MA,*
Criminal Justice

Emily Mary Sakowski, *MA,*
Communication

Luke Shefski, *MA, Anthropology*

Kristen Brielle Silver, *MS,*
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Sarah Rebecca Skran, *MA,*
Criminal Justice

Abha Sood, *MS,*
Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Sydney Olivia Strickland, *MA,*
Criminal Justice

AA: Associate of Arts
BA: Bachelor of Arts
BFA: Bachelor of Fine Arts

BS: Bachelor of Science
MA: Master of Arts
MS: Master of Science

† *Cum Laude*
‡ *Magna Cum Laude*



LEON HESS BUSINESS SCHOOL

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Anthony William Berardis, *BS*,
Business Administration

Michael James Bielski, *BS*,
Business Administration

Joseph Buitrago, *BS*,
Business Administration

Jeffrey Brian Case, *BS*,
Business Administration

Skyla Rose Ciauri, *BS*,
Business Administration

Erin Summer Rose Delaney, *BS*,
Business Administration

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Business Administration

Isabelle Rose Duran, *BS*,
Business Administration

Khadar Christian Estime, *BS*,
Business Administration

Griffin Michael Frye, *BS*,
Business Administration †

Val Grigorian, *BS*,
Business Administration

Kevin W. Haug, *BS*,
Business Administration

Nathaly Horvaht, *BS*,
Business Administration

Noelle Anna Kulisz, *BS*,
Business Administration

Michael A. Senatore, *BS*,
Business Administration

Markian Daniel Tabatchouk, *BS*,
Business Administration

Naomi Lin Ziola, *BS*,
Business Administration

MASTER'S DEGREES

Michel James Avent, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Andrew James Delmonico, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Janisse Alessandra Desverney, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Cesar Dominguez, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Perry Walker Doran, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Connor James Fitzgibbons, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Jake Thomas Fraher, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Zachary Tyler Francese, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Jared Anthony Garcia, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Jack D. Gertie, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Thomas Patrick Gray, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Areebah Hussain, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Gavin Joseph Lebright, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Connor Walker Macrae, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Olivia S. Montana, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Joseph Christopher Moore, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Katherine Grace Parker, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Brandon A. Roman, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Catherine Ann Scarabino, *MBA*,
Business Administration

John Michael Seyda, *MBA*,
Business Administration

Amy Marie Trapasso, *MBA*,
Business Administration



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

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Eric Z. Bernstein, *BS, Health Studies*

Shannon Rose Buchheister, *BS,
Health Studies*

Grace Kathryn Evans, *BS,
Health Studies*

Gianna Nicole Garland, *BS,
Health Studies*

Brandon Rickii Muir, *BS, Health Studies*

Autumn Elizabeth Pectle, *BS,
Health Studies*

Omarys Griselle Ramirez, *BS,
Health Studies*

Silvia Yaneth Revelo Umana, *BS,
Health Studies*

Emily Kaye Rice, *BS, Health Studies*

Zykee Sharron Robinson, *BS,
Health Promotion*

Skyler Logan Saunders, *BS,
Health Studies*

Iraimy Trujillo, *BS, Health Studies*
Jaylen M. Tucker, *BS, Health Studies*

MASTER'S DEGREE

Meghan Ryan Wirth, *MSN, Nursing*



SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Emma Katherine Berger, *BS,
Medical Laboratory Science*

Chase Robert Fairbanks, *BS, Biology*

Walter S. Gutierrez, *BS, Biology*

Maryam Kakar, *BA, Computer Science*

Alexandra Rose Raczek, *BS,
Medical Laboratory Science*

Deanna Louise Robinson, *BS, Biology*

Brianna Elizabeth Vazquez-Torres, *BS,
Medical Laboratory Science*

Amanda M. Wendt, *BS,
Medical Laboratory Science*

Alexia R. Zappone, *BS, Biology*



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

Mark Francis Rawding, *BSW, Social Work*

MASTER'S DEGREES

Elizabeth Laura Chisholm, *MSW,
Social Work*

John Patrick Durrenberger, *MSW,
Social Work*

Simone Graham, *MSW,
Social Work*

Erin Petersen De Campos, *MSW,
Social Work*



HONORS SCHOOL

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Shannon Rose Buchheister, *BS,
Health Studies*

Alexander Jason Phillips, *BFA,
Fine Arts*

Kendall Ward, *BA, Political Science* [▲]

Grace Kathryn Evans, *BS,
Health Studies*

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 2024:

On behalf of the Monmouth University Alumni Association, welcome to the alumni family—a vibrant network that boasts over 59,000 Hawks in 50 states.

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 in your accomplishments, no matter where your achievements take you.

Stay connected by creating and updating your alumni contact record at monmouth.edu/stayconnected to receive the Monmouth Monthly alumni e-newsletter, invitations to alumni events and networking gatherings, and alumni discounts. Visit monmouth.edu/careerdevelopment to search for job opportunities and build your professional network.

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

Bayaan Oluyadi





Bayaan Oluyadi '13
President, Alumni Association Board of Directors

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Save the date for Homecoming.
Start a new tradition and celebrate with your fellow alumni, Saturday, October 19, 2024.

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