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## October 11, 2017 ~ 3:00 pm OceanFirst Bank Center

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## THE CONVOCATION CEREMONY

## \*PROCESSIONAL

The Monmouth University Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Professor Michael Gillette; Bryan Jenner, Assistant Conductor

## WELCOME

Michael Plodwick, Chair, Board of Trustees

## MUSICAL SELECTION

America The Beautiful by Samuel Ward, arr. by David Angerman and Joseph Martin The Monmouth University Chamber and Concert Choruses under the direction of David M. Tripold accompanied by Maggie Tripold

### **INVESTITURE**

Michael Plodwick, Chair, Board of Trustees, presiding

Grey J. Dimenna, Esq. Ninth President of Monmouth University

### STUDENT AND FACULTY REMARKS

Nicholas Verzicco, SGA President Associate Professor Eugene Simko, Faculty Council Chair

### **CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE**

Trustee Robert B. Sculthorpe '63, presenting

Henry D. Mercer, III '87 Immediate Past Chair, Board of Trustees

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Trustee Karyn F. Cusanelli '89, presenting

### William "Bill" Elliott '95M

### MAURICE POLLAK AWARD

FOR DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY SERVICE Trustee Emeritus Alfred J. Schiavetti, Jr., presenting

John K. Lloyd, FACHE Co-CEO, Hackensack Meridian Health

## MUSICAL SELECTION

*Justice*, words and music by Rollo Dillworth The Monmouth University Chamber and Concert Choruses

#### **\*SINGING OF THE ALMA MATER** Chorus and Audience

## \*RECESSIONAL

The Monmouth University Chamber Orchestra

Immediately following the ceremony, all guests are invited to a reception on the second floor of the OceanFirst Bank Center.

\*Please stand

# MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT Grey J. Dimenna, Esq.



Grey J. Dimenna, Esq., is the ninth president of Monmouth University, assuming office on February 28, 2017. As president, Dimenna has advanced the goals and objectives set forth in the comprehensive strategic plan endorsed by the Board in 2014, and embraced a student-centric approach to his presidency.

Dimenna took the helm of Monmouth during a period of tremendous growth, including a new partnership to establish the Bruce Springsteen Archives and Center for American Music, a partnership with the Borough of Rumson to create a Monmouth Marine and Environmental Field Station on the banks of the Navesink River, dedicated music education classrooms at the Lakehouse Academy in Asbury Park, the introduction of new graduate and undergraduate academic programs, and significant progress toward renovation and construction projects including the new Henni Kantor Kessler & John H. Kessler Stadium, and the University's largest capital investment in academic facilities at the School of Science.

Prior to his appointment as president by the Board of Trustees, Dimenna previously served as vice president and general counsel at Monmouth University for 20 years, retiring from the position in July, 2015. As the first to hold the position, he established the organizational framework of the Office of the General Counsel, which has continued to evolve to meet the challenges of increased federal regulations and the myriad legal and compliance issues that face higher education.

Dimenna earned his bachelor's degree in History from the State University of New York at Binghamton and a Juris Doctorate at the Syracuse University College of Law. He lives with his wife, Nancy Kaplen, in the president's official residence, Doherty House.

# HONORARY DOCTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE DEGREE Henry D. Mercer, III '87



Henry D. Mercer, III '87 is president and chief investment strategist of Mercer Capital Advisers Inc., which he founded in 1999. Mercer began his investment career in 1979 at Tucker, Anthony & R.L. Day Inc. in New York. Prior to the formation of Mercer Capital, he was president of Mercer, Bokert, Buckman, and Reid Inc., where he managed the firm's investment advisory division and authored an investment strategy newsletter, *The Mercer Report*. He currently writes Mercer Capital's quarterly investment strategy commentary and has been quoted in trade publications such as *Barron's*, *Forbes*, and *Fortune*.

Mercer is an active participant in distance running both as competitor and coach. From 2005 to 2016, he, along with Tim McLoone, coached the Rumson-Fair Haven High School cross country team. During this period, the RFH girls team achieved great success—winning six Central Jersey Group 2 championships, three New Jersey State Group 2 championships, and in 2011 the overall state title at the NJSIAA's Meet of Champions. At the conclusion of the 2011 season, Mercer and McLoone were named "Coaches of the Year" by the *Asbury Park Press* and *The Star Ledger*. Mercer also learned to sail at a young age, and his devotion to the sport continues today. (He likes to say that he could sail before he could ride a bike.)

Mercer attended Tulane University in New Orleans for three years before going on to receive his Bachelor of Arts in History from Monmouth University. He received the history department's award for academic excellence. Mercer is also a member of Monmouth University's Board of Trustees, and he served as chairman from 2014 to 2017. He and his wife, Joan, live in Locust, New Jersey, and have two married children and a grandson.

# 2017 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD William Elliott '95M



William "Bill" Elliott '95M is the chairman and chief executive officer of the John R. Elliott HERO Campaign for Designated Drivers, which seeks to end drunk driving tragedies nationwide by promoting the use of safe and sober designated drivers. The campaign is named for Elliott's son, who was killed by a drunken driver.

The HERO Campaign has won state and national awards for its positive and practical approach to preventing drinking and driving, and since its inception 17 years ago, more than 100,000 designated drivers have signed up by taking the HERO pledge.

Elliott, who retired as vice president of development at Shore Medical Center in 2012 to devote his time to the HERO Campaign, holds a Master of Business Administration from Monmouth University and a Bachelor of Arts in Geology from The College of William and Mary. He lives in Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, with his wife, Muriel.

## MAURICE POLLAK AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY SERVICE John K. Lloyd, FACHE



John K. Lloyd is co-CEO of Hackensack Meridian Health, one of the largest and most comprehensive health networks in New Jersey, which includes 13 hospitals, 28,000 team members, more than 6,000 physicians, and over 200 facilities across the state. As co-CEO, Lloyd oversees all non-hospital businesses, including health ventures, population health, and the foundations.

Prior to his current role, Lloyd served as president and CEO of Meridian Health, a \$1.8 billion, New Jersey-based, not-for-profit integrated health system, encompassing Jersey Shore University Medical Center, K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital, Ocean Medical Center, Riverview Medical Center, Southern Ocean Medical Center, Bayshore Community Hospital, Raritan Bay Medical Center–Old Bridge, Raritan Bay Medical Center–Perth Amboy, and Meridian Partner Companies, which include home health services, skilled nursing, inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation facilities, fitness and wellness centers, ambulance services, physician practice management and support services, and urgent care facilities located throughout central New Jersey.

Lloyd received his undergraduate education at Princeton University and proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps before attaining a Master of Business Administration in Health Administration at Temple University.

## Monmouth University Alma Mater

Music by: Beethoven Lyrics by: Louis P. Nappen '90, '92M



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