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COMMENCEMENT

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023

BLUE BELL, PENNSYLVANIA

Program

2023 Commencement Song ~ "G R A D U A T E" ..... ***Words and Music by:*** *Lucas Challes*

Performed by: *Marly-Chelsea McElrea*

Music Engineered, Produced, and Mastered by:
David Ivory, Director of Sound Recording and Music Technology
Michael Kelly, Assistant Professor of Music
Announcer: Josh Crew
Engineers: Nate Leslie and Quinn Szente
Additional Engineering: Ian Meranus
Matthew Porter, Senior Producer and Technical Services Manager
All recording done in The Mix Room @ Montco

Faculty & Staff: *David Ivory, Michael Kelly, Louis Rieger, Sarah Kane, Ron DiSilvestro, Howie Gordon and Matthew Porter*

Processional*

National Anthem* ..... Mrs. Jeslin Mathew
Communications Studies Instructor

Welcome to Commencement ..... Dr. Victoria L. Bastecki-Perez
President

Board of Trustees Greeting ..... Ms. Varsovia Fernandez
Chair, Board of Trustees

County Commissioner Greeting ..... Kenneth E. Lawrence, Jr., *Class of 2019*
Chair, Montgomery County Commissioners

Foundation Board Greeting ..... Mr. Joseph W. Gallagher
Chair, Foundation Board of Directors

Alumni Board Greeting ..... Mr. Bill Vitiello
Chair, Alumni Board of Directors, Class of 1993

Student Address ..... Ms. Grace McGinnis
Class of 2023

Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award ..... Dr. Chae Sweet
Vice President for Academic Affairs

eCampus.com Part-Time Faculty Awards for Teaching Excellence ..... Dr. Chae Sweet

Presentation of Candidates for Associate Degrees and Certificates ..... Dr. Chae Sweet

Conferring of Associate Degrees and Certificates ..... Dr. Victoria L. Bastecki-Perez

Closing Remarks ..... Dr. Victoria L. Bastecki-Perez

Recessional* .....

****The audience is requested to rise if able.***

For your convenience, live streaming of Commencement can be viewed at mc3.edu/grad.

The Commencement Committee would like to give a special thank you to all alumni, faculty, staff, and Board of Trustee volunteers for their assistance in the 2023 Commencement Ceremony.

The 2023 Commencement Ceremony is co-chaired by Ms. Tiffany Bregovi, Administrative Director for the Office of the President, Mr. Eric Karol, Assistant Director of Client Technologies, Media Production & Services and Mr. Tyler Steffy, Director of Student Life.

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Student Address

Ms. Grace McGinnis

Grace McGinnis completed her associate's degree in Education in the Early Years in December 2022, attending all of her classes online except for one. The first-generation college student graduates Summa Cum Laude, with a 4.0 GPA.

The Bryn Mawr resident successfully balanced working full-time as a student, while also holding down her full-time and part-time jobs as a nanny and pre-school teacher, respectively. Following her start at Montco in March 2021, her success in the classroom led her to be named the first recipient of the Dr. Victoria L. Bastecki-Perez Presidential Scholarship Award, sponsored by Ken Baker, one of 11 such scholarships celebrating the sixth president's inauguration.

In January, Grace began pursuing a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from Arcadia University. She wants to ultimately become a pre-school teacher.

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Paula Willis ★
Junel J. Willock ✧
Emauni C. Wilson
Addison C. Woelkers ⚜
Ryan D. Yenchick ⚜
Lauren A. Zdon ✪
Helen T. Zeminski ✧
Kyle Zeserman ❇
Jessica J. Zweifel

✪	Summa Cum Laude GPA 3.75 - 4.0
★	Magna Cum Laude GPA 3.5 - 3.74
☆	Cum Laude GPA 3.25 - 3.49
✳	Honors Program
∇	Veteran
◬	Graduating Members of Alpha Alpha Alpha
✦	Graduating Members of Mu Alpha Theta
❖	Graduating Members of Phi Beta Lambda
Φ	Graduating Members of Phi Theta Kappa
✲	Graduating Members of Psi Beta
❇	Graduating Members of Massage Therapy
⚜	Graduating Members of the Municipal Police Academy
✧	Walker

While every effort is made to ensure accuracy in the commencement program, printing deadlines sometimes prevent inclusion of candidates' names or may result in the use of names of persons not meeting graduation requirements. All honors indicated in this program are tentative. Official honors for diplomas and transcripts will be determined after final grades are reported. This printed program, therefore, should not be used to determine a student's academic degree status. A student's official transcript serves as the only definitive documentation of a student's academic degree status.

Class of 2023
By The Numbers

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Programs with largest number of Graduates:
Liberal Studies
Business Administration
Nursing

73
Oldest Graduate

Youngest Graduate
18

2
First AON Apprentice Graduates

25
Number of Graduates with 4.0 GPA

800
Number of Graduates with Academic Honors (3.25 GPA or higher)

298
Number of Graduates in Honor Societies

1,312
Total Number of Graduates

372
Number of First-Generation Graduates

421
Number of Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC)

1,364
Number of Degrees/Certificates

32
Number of Veterans or Active Military Personnel

21
Number of International Students

22
Number of Athletes

2/1
All-PA Academic/Workforce Scholars

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The statistics for the Class of 2023 are current as of April 27, 2023, when they were compiled for the program. The final statistics will be calculated after final grades are reported.

Commencement Traditions

History of the College

Montgomery County Community College started its first semester on October 3, 1966 with 17 faculty members and an enrollment of 428 students in the former Conshohocken High School. Today, students enjoy the flexibility of learning at the College's campuses in Blue Bell and Pottstown and online.

Founded in 1964, and accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, the College has grown with the community to meet the lifelong learning needs of Montgomery County. The College boasts a nationally recognized faculty and a comprehensive, rigorous curriculum that includes more than 100 associate degree and certificate programs, as well as specialized workforce development training and certifications. The College is proud of the successes of its more than 90,000 alumni.

As an Achieving the Dream Leader College of Distinction, Montgomery County Community College is positioned at the vanguard of national efforts to increase completion, improve learning outcomes, and remove barriers to access for all students. For seven years, the College was named one of the Most Promising Places to Work in Community Colleges in the nation for its work to enhance equity, diversity, and belonging. The College also is recognized regionally and nationally for its innovative technology, sustainability leadership, work with military veterans, and experiential learning opportunities.

The Commencement Ceremony

The Commencement Ceremony, with all its pomp and pageantry, brings together a long history of traditions dating back to the Middle Ages when undergraduates and scholars at Oxford and Cambridge adopted the simple robes of the Benedictine monks. From the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" to the wearing of the academic regalia, Montgomery County Community College, which today celebrates its 56th commencement, is proud to continue the traditions of the centuries.

Mace and Presidential Medallion

The headpiece of the Montgomery County Community College Mace consists of a golden eternal flame of knowledge embossed with the College seal, which symbolizes lighting the path of success for our students and their academic goals. The flame sits upon the images depicting our College's past, present, and future through our first campus location in Conshohocken, to Blue Bell, and then growth into online learning and Pottstown. The staff is made of wood, which represents the collective strength of our community partnerships, employees, and trustees, bonded together to encompass our mission of serving the educational, workforce, and cultural needs of students and County communities.

The Presidential Medallion, worn by Montgomery County Community College's president, is imprinted with the College seal on the front and the president's name on the back. Each side of the chain has three identical ornamental components: the Lamp of Learning, which represents higher education and the continuous search for wisdom and knowledge; the Tree of Life, which represents personal development and growth as an institution forged through our unique and diverse perspectives; and the Hands, which represents our continued commitment to partnerships and building community to drive success for students at the College and beyond. Between each symbol is a red gem, which represents one of the College's primary school colors and the importance of keeping the vision, mission, and values as a central focus of how we live and embody the values of the College in our daily lives.

Commencement Traditions

Academic Regalia

Dating back to the Middle Ages, the wearing of caps, gowns and hoods at college and university functions was a means for scholars and students to keep warm in the damp and drafty halls of twelfth-century castles. Over the years, robe styles and colors have taken on specific meanings.

Gowns for those receiving associate and bachelor degrees, originally worn throughout undergraduate study, have semi-stiff yokes, long pleated fronts, and intricate shirring across the shoulders and back. The gowns are worn closed and are primarily distinguished by their long, wide and pointed sleeves.

Gowns for those receiving master's degrees have the same yoke effect as that of the bachelor's, but they are designed to be worn open or closed. The sleeves of these gowns are open at the wrist to allow the hand to be free. The portion of the sleeve below opening is straight at the back, and has long semi-circular cut-outs in the front of the sleeve.

Gowns for those earning doctoral degrees are also worn open or closed. These gowns are distinguished by bell-shaped sleeves and velvet trimmings. Panels of velvet face each side of the gown opening in front and around the neck. Each sleeve is faced with three horizontal velvet bars. The velvet may be black to match the gown or at the option of the wearer, it may be the color which is distinctive of the department in which the wearer's degrees have been conferred.

The Hood

It is the hood that gives color and definitive meaning to the academic attire. The hood is lined with the color or colors of the institution conferring the degree and is bordered with velvet of the proper width and color to indicate the field of learning of the wearer. During the College's ceremony, hoods are worn by faculty, administrators, and staff.

College Medal

The Student Commencement Speaker is selected by a committee of College faculty and staff members to represent the graduating class. The medal awarded to the Student Speaker is engraved with the College's seal and strung from a red and white ribbon.

Gold Double Cord with Blue and Gold Tassels

Students who wear this cord are members of the College's chapter of Psi Beta, a national honor society for students attending two-year colleges, who plan to major or minor in psychology, as well as students who simply have an interest in psychology. Psi Beta students maintain a minimum GPA of 3.25 and have completed a college-level psychology course with a grade of B or higher.

Gold Tassel

The gold tassel worn by some of the College's students indicates that they are members of the Alpha Kappa Zeta or Beta Tau Lambda chapters of Phi Theta Kappa, which is the international honor society for two-year colleges. Phi Theta Kappa recognizes and encourages scholarship through a variety of activities which promote fellowship, leadership and service. To be a member of Phi Theta Kappa, students must maintain a 3.5 GPA.

Green and Gold Double Cord

The green and gold double cord is worn by the College's Honors Program graduates. Honors Program students complete a minimum of 9-12 credits of Honors coursework and participate in extensive intellectual and community service activities.

Commencement Traditions

Kente Stole

The Kente stole has historical significance for understanding and honoring Black student achievements. It is worn by members of the Black Student Union whose purpose is to educate, unite and inspire the student body by providing cultural awareness pertaining to the Black experience. Membership is open to any student at the College.

Light Blue and Gold Double Cord

The double light blue and gold cord worn by some of the College's students indicates that they are members of Mu Alpha Theta, the National Two-Year College Mathematics Honor Society. Mu Alpha Theta recognizes students who have completed two or more math courses beyond the pre-algebra level and have a cumulative math GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Navy Blue and Grey Cord

The navy blue and grey cord cord worn by some graduates indicates their membership in the Alpha Alpha Alpha Honor Society for first generation college students. Using the colors of Moravian College, where the society was founded, the colors are intertwined to demonstrate the connection we all have to each other.

Rainbow Cord

Available to all graduates, the rainbow cord signifies diversity and is worn as a sign of solidarity by members of the College community. The rainbow colors reaffirm the College's continuing commitment to diversity and equal opportunity.

Red and Black Cord

Students graduating with GPA Honors are represented by a single black and red cord for Summa (3.75 to 4.00 GPA), Magna (3.50 to 3.74 GPA) or Cum Laude (3.25 to 3.49 GPA) distinctions.

Red, White and Blue Cord

The red, white and blue cord worn by some of the College's graduates indicates these students have served or are currently serving in the armed forces. The tri-colored cord symbolizes our veteran students' dedication and service to our nation.

Royal Blue and Gold Double Cord

The blue and gold double cord is worn by the College's Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda graduates. Phi Beta Lambda students bring business and education together through innovative leadership and career development programs.

White Stole with Red Trim

Student athletes are honored by wearing a stole in the College's primary colors, emblazoned with the Athletics logo. The Athletics stole is reserved for student athletes who maintain National Junior College Athletic Association academic standards and compete at the varsity level.

Full-Time Faculty

Thomas Abrahams
Benjamin Armstrong
Yaniv Aronson
Barbara Auris
Cory Bank
Steven Baron ✣
Jennifer Barwis
Jill Beccaris-Pescatore ❋
Stephen Belmonte
Diane Biddle
Don Block
Marian Bompadre
Jill Bregovi
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Melissa Brocklesby
Edward Brown
William Brownlowe
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Kelli Corrado
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Jessica Dalcanton
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Samali Datta
Stephan Daubney
Lori Davidson
Kristin Davies
Judy Davis-Radich
Sophia deMasi
Sanket Desai
Thomas Donlan
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Lindsey Doran
Brandon Dougherty
Christine Dunigan
Debra Eckman-Drabick
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Damon Gray
Karen Green
Lawrence Greene
Deborah Greenspan
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Harold Halbert
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Marie Hartlein
John Hasyn
Brian Heljenek
Robert Heller
Richard Herbst
Rosemary Herman
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Joseph Jacques
Paul Johnson
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Heather Thomas ✣
Douglas Vardakas
Christopher Vaughen
Elaine Venuti
Victoria Vetro
Samuel Wallace
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Jason Wertz
David Whalen
Erin White-Mincarelli
Darryl Williams
Gary Winchester
Patrick Winston
Paul Winterbottom
Amanda Wooldridge
Michael Wyant
Wendy Zoll Fillgrove
Dianne Zotter-Mill

❋ Gladys and Raymond Pearlstine Teaching Excellence Award Recipient

✣ Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award Recipient

In Remembrance

With respect and appreciation, we remember those former employees who passed away this year.

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Mace Bearers

10:00 a.m. Ceremony:
Rosemary Herman, *Assistant Professor of Dental Hygiene*

2:00 p.m. Ceremony:
Paul Winterbottom, *Associate Professor of Math*

6:00 p.m. Ceremony:
Patrick Winston, *Professor of Art, Pottstown Campus*

Marshals

10:00 a.m. Ceremony:
Rob Heller, *Advisor/Instructor*
Tracy Kaiser-Goebel, *Director of Educational Effectiveness/Assistant Professor*
Dr. Patricia McEnery, *Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs, Liberal Arts*
Dr. Kimberly Murphy, *Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs*
Dr. Theresa Napson-Williams, *Associate Professor of History*
Dr. Giusi Russo, *Assistant Professor of History*
Denise Shipp, *STA Advisor/Instructor*
Dr. Victoria Vetro, *Assistant Professor of English*

2:00 p.m. Ceremony:
George Bradley, *STA Sociology Instructor*
Dr. James Bretz, *Dean of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics*
Cheryl DiLanzo, *Dean of Health Sciences*
Jennifer Gordon, *Advisor/Instructor*
Georgette Howell, *Associate Professor of Exercise Science and Wellness, Pottstown Campus*
La Toya Kitchens, *Advisor/Instructor*
David Pica, *Theatre Probationary Lecturer*

6:00 p.m. Ceremony:
Dr. Timothy Brown, *Dean of Liberal Arts*
Dr. Samuel Coleman IV, *Dean of Students*
Kelli Corrado, *Assistant Professor of Physics*
Dr. Rebecca Hays, *Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics*
Nicole Howard, *Faculty Diversity Fellow, Advising*
Dr. Cindy Legree, *Faculty Diversity Fellow, Advising*
Nicole Maugle, *Temporary Director of Libraries*
Kelly Strunk, *Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs, Business and Professional Studies*

Readers

10:00 a.m. Ceremony:
Therol Dix, *Vice President of Pottstown Campus and Educational Partnerships*
Jared Brown, *Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs, Pottstown Campus*

2:00 p.m. Ceremony:
Dr. Lianne Hartman, *Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs*
Dr. Isabelle Porter, *Director of Physical Therapist Assistant Program*

6:00 p.m. Ceremony:
Chera Watson, *Mass Media and Sound Production Instructor*
Patrick Rodgers, *Galleries Director*

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