ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

THE EIGHTY-THIRD COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, THE TWENTIETH DAY OF MAY,
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, TWO THOUSAND
Order of Exercises

Academic Procession

Presiding
Charles L. Flynn, Jr., Ph.D., Provost

Invocation
Reverend Dennis M. Gallagher, A.A., Acting Vice President for Religious Affairs

National Anthem
Senior Members of the Assumption College Chorale

Greetings
Charles L. Flynn, Jr., Ph.D., Provost
Very Reverend John L. Franck, A.A., Chairman of Board of Trustees
Honorable Raymond V. Mariano, Mayor, City of Worcester
Thomas R. Plough, Ph.D., President

Presentation of St. Augustine Award
Charles L. Flynn, Jr., Ph.D., Provost

Valedictory Address
Laura B. Raymond

Introduction of Commencement Speaker
Deirdra A. Sauter, Salutatorian

Commencement Address
Kenneth S. Aptel, Commissioner of Social Security

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees
Honoris Causa
Timothy M. Barnicle, Member of Board of Trustees

Degrees in Course
Graduate Degrees
Mary Lou Anderson, Ed.D., Dean of the College

Continuing and Professional Education Degrees
Charlene L. Martin, Dean of Continuing Education

Bachelor of Arts
Mary Lou Anderson, Ed.D., Dean of the College

Alma Mater
Assumption College Chorale and the Symphonic Brass Quartet
Michelle Graveline, D.M.A., Director

Remarks and Benediction

Recessional

Reception
Tent Behind Plourde Recreation Center
Undergraduates Receiving Academic Honors

Ronelle Meunier
Laura B. Raymond
Elizabeth M. Palinkas
Kristen A. Espie
Geoffrey A. Homoliski
Kelly M. Before
Lauren E. Kane
Laura L. Small
Abbey L. Dick
Eileen M. Cusack
Alessandra Roffo
Deirdra A. Sauter
Juraj Danko
Michael J. DiMarzio
Laura L. Small
Kelly S. Panos
Kristen L. Bud
Andrew E. Giese
Kathryn L. Black
Kathleen F. Roos
Katerina S. Callahan
Stacy A. Mattioli
Lisa M. Payne
Erin L. Tobin
Aimee J. Costanza
Robert J. Courtney
Edward J. Buscema

Art
Accounting
Management
International Business
Economics
Global Studies
Elementary Education
Secondary Education
English
Communications: Media Track
Foreign Languages
Spanish
German
History 1
Mathematics
Computer Science
Biology
Biology with Biotechnology Concentration
Chemistry 1
Philosophy
Political Science
Psychology
Social and Rehabilitation Services
Social and Rehabilitation Services
Sociology
Sociology
Theology

The following graduates of the Center for Continuing and Professional Education are members of the Assumption College Chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the national honor society for adult students:

Denise F. Batchelder
Irene A. Brank
Maxine R. Casey
Norma A. Chanis
Maria A. Choisinski
Richard K. Duguay
Susan C. Dussault
Michelle T. Fontaine
Susan E. Graham
Laurie J. Harrington
Jane L. Johnson
Janet T. Judice
Lee Ann A. Majercik
Judy A. Mouradian
Mark S. Mushinsky
Sandra J. Ordway
Nancy A. Peterson
Denise M. Phaneuf
Craig S. Prouty
Jane A. Provost
Gerard G. Sutton

Bachelor of Business Administration
Bachelor of Business Administration
Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies
Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies
Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies
Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies
Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies
Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies
Bachelor of Business Administration
Associate of Liberal Studies
Bachelor of Liberal Studies
Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies
Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies
Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies
Associate of Liberal Studies
Bachelor of Liberal Studies
Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies
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Bachelor of Liberal Studies
Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies
Bachelor of Business Administration
Kenneth S. Apfel was nominated in May 1997 by President Clinton, and subsequently confirmed by the U.S. Senate, as Commissioner of the United States Social Security Administration (SSA). Mr. Apfel has the honor of becoming the first confirmed Commissioner of Social Security since it became an independent agency. This new Cabinet level position was authorized by Congress in 1995.

As Commissioner, Mr. Apfel brings a lifetime of leadership and public service experience to a position that has been frequently described as one of the most complex and challenging in the federal government. He heads an agency that delivers benefits each month to more than fifty million people. He is responsible for the actions of approximately 65,000 employees who, among other responsibilities, serve the needs of twenty-six million visitors each year to SSA's 1,300 field offices, and who answer sixty million phone calls annually on the agency's toll-free telephone lines. During his tenure as Commissioner, he has significantly strengthened the policy, planning, and public education activities at the Social Security Administration. He has also played a leadership role in the efforts to strengthen childhood disability programs, and to enable persons with disabilities to return to work. In addition, he served from 1997-1999 as a member of the President's Management Council.

Prior to his current appointment, Mr. Apfel was the Associate Director for Human Resources at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in the Executive Office of the President, where he served from 1995-1997. His responsibilities included budget, policy, and management review of all the human resource agencies of the federal government, including SSA, the Departments of Labor and Education, and parts of the Departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services. In this capacity, he was centrally involved in efforts to reform welfare and to strengthen federal education and training programs.

Before his position at OMB, Mr. Apfel served as Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). He was nominated by President Clinton in March 1993, and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate. In this capacity, he served as the senior budget official and chief financial officer for HHS. He formulated and executed the third largest budget in the world—a $700 billion budget for a department staffed nationwide by 125,000 people, with half of HHS resources in support of the Social Security Administration. During his tenure, he served as a principal on the Secretary's task force that elevated the Social Security Administration to independent-agency status. He also served as a member of the President's working group on welfare reform, and the Secretary's task force on Head Start's quality improvement.

Prior to joining the Clinton Administration, Mr. Apfel worked the prior two decades in the area of social policy. From 1989-1993, he served as legislative director to Senator Bill Bradley, overseeing the formulation and development of all aspects of congressional policymaking. During 1982-1989, he was the Senator's chief staff person for federal social policy, with particular focus on programs under the jurisdiction of the Senate Finance Committee. He served as the Senator's key staff person for the Committee's actions on the historic 1983 Social Security reform legislation.

Between 1980-1982, Mr. Apfel was committee staff for human services, education, training, and income security programs for the U.S. Senate Budget Committee. From 1978-1980, he served a Presidential Management Internship at the U.S. Department of Labor. He was a college administrator from 1973-1976 at Newbury College in Massachusetts, coordinating a grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to provide outreach and remediation to veterans.

Mr. Apfel was born in Worcester, MA. He graduated from Shrewsbury High School in 1966; and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 1970; a Master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from Northeastern University in 1973; and a Master's degree in Public Affairs from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas in 1978. He has been elected as a Fellow by both the National Academy of Public Administration and the National Academy of Social Insurance.

He is married to Catherine Hadley, and has two sons, Derek and Dana.
Graduating Class of 2000
Graduate School

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Paul Anderson
Dessislava K. Andreeva
Laura Ann Auger
Christopher M. Barbour
Jennifer A. Buffone
Vanda Sim Conley
Carolyn R. Dyson
Natalya Fater
Vicky Fontaine
Jonathan Richard Gonynor
Jeffrey D. Harris
Lloyd Peter Haskell
Gregory L. Hippert
Jodi Ann Hogan
Dorothy H. Jacques
Mary M. Kavanagh
Raymond P. Knox
William Francis Landers III
Michael S. Lewis
Elizabeth A. Morquin
James Edward Noonan
Shari M. Oliver
John D. Rohillard
Stuart Ronald Scheihait
Donald Joseph Shumkus
Suzanne D. Smiley-Sacco
Marc S. Smith
Suzanne Wetherbee

MASTER OF ARTS
COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY
Francis J. Ciccone
Mark R. Dell
Jannie Durr
Jon D. Hogue
Shawn Emerson Kenyon
Devon Klein
Beth L. McCloskey
Nicole McGrath
Alicia A. McInnis
Jane A. Nault
Christine J. Pappas
Shirley M. Piskadlo
Scott Michael Smith
Danielle M. Taylor
Sheila Ann Turner

MASTER OF ARTS
EDUCATION
Ara Asadoorian
Jamie Barbieri
James R. Conry
Christine Clare Conway
Debra A. Frank
Steven Michael Lamarche
John J. McHugh
Carol M. Medico
Debora Zablocki

MASTER OF ARTS
SPECIAL EDUCATION
Judith Anne Beaulieu
Katrina Breen
Alina Reyes Brush
Loralyn M. Christian
Kristen M. Douillard
Mary J. Foley
Donna Cheryl Watkins Kingman
Lisa M. Maramo
Jennifer L. Wood
Katherine Zywien-Follett

MASTER OF ARTS & CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED GRADUATE STUDIES
REHABILITATION COUNSELING
Monica L. Albert
Heidi Lyn Bowen
Maribeth A. Capparelli
Kristen Daigle
Christine E. Donovan
Alison J. McCabe
Michelle Kristine Micari
Andrea M. Minichiello
Amy F. Montecalvo
Shaye Lynne Paradis
Brian E. Potter
Theresa E. Salonis
Daniel G. Smachetti

MASTER OF ARTS
REHABILITATION COUNSELING
Michelle E. Amado
Vicki L. Amgott
Barbara-Ann Borden
Debra A. Borst
Kerri Bullock
Kathleen A. Carey
Rosemary Catherine Carmody
Robert R. Caron
Mary Perry Carpenter
Bridget Colleen Dessaint
Laurie Ruth DiOrio
Widmark Donis
Eileen Habacker
Catherine M. Hill
Patricia M. Ianiere
Irene Miller Lombardo
Julie S. Longacre
Darren T. Losek
Julie Gaul Lucier
Tamara A. Martone
William H. Moore
Barbara A. Mulligan
Joseph F. Murphy, Jr.
Derek S. Nalle
Sarah Elizabeth O'Connell
Sharon M. Orefice
Kellie A. Pearson
Fan Lucy Pope
Leisha J. Seifert
Tina A. Serpa
Maura Ann Silvia
Steven James Spar
Sarah L. Travassos

MASTER OF ARTS
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Joan M. Burke
Elizabeth J. Gilman
Michael N. Lavallee
Patricia L. Verderese

MASTER OF ARTS
THEOLOGY
Linda M. Bixby
ASSOCIATE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Edmund Arriaga, Accounting, Cum Laude
Patricia A. Izbicki, Management, Cum Laude
Darlene M. Waska, Accounting

ASSOCIATE OF LIBERAL STUDIES

Diane M. Corazzini, Cum Laude
Jacqueline F. Doherty, Magna Cum Laude
Robert C. Fitzgerald
Susan E. Graham, Magna Cum Laude
Pamela B. Houlihan, Magna Cum Laude
Cheryl Elizabeth Kavanagh, Magna Cum Laude
Joyce Mary McKenna, Magna Cum Laude

Judy Ann Mouradian, Summa Cum Laude
Deborah Lynn Neal, Summa Cum Laude
Alesia Kathleen Padula, Cum Laude
Suzanne Marie Provencal, Summa Cum Laude
Anthony Raffaele
Robin L. Smith
Paul L. Weisblatt, Summa Cum Laude

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

(b) Denise F. Batchelder, Accounting, Summa Cum Laude
Kim Marie Beauchamp, Accounting, Magna Cum Laude
Irene A. Brank, Accounting, Summa Cum Laude
Kathryn Anne Buckman, Accounting, Cum Laude
Michelle T. Fontaine, Management, Magna Cum Laude
Susan M. Girard, Management
Edward S. Lenard, Management, Cum Laude
Nancy Malloy, Accounting, Cum Laude
Kellie A. Malo, Management, Cum Laude

Kathryn A. Murphy, Management, Cum Laude
Sharon L. Richford, Management, Cum Laude
Donna Mae Ripley, Management, Magna Cum Laude
Joseph P. Schlichte, Management
Laurel M. Schmick, Management, Magna Cum Laude
James R. Soares, Management
Gerard George Sutton, Management
Ralph T. Vescera, Management

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(a) Laurie J. Harrington, Summa Cum Laude
Pamela A. Harris
Brenda J. King, Magna Cum Laude
Mark S. Mushinsky

Jane Angela Provost, Summa Cum Laude
Kelly Ann Schraven
Amy M. Tryba, Cum Laude

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Kathleen E. Barry, Cum Laude
Gordon L. Beane, Magna Cum Laude
Maxine Reiter Casey, Summa Cum Laude
Norma A. Chanis, Summa Cum Laude
Maria A. Choinski, Summa Cum Laude
Wendy Jean Davis
Brien M. Devaney
Patricia A. Dibonaventura, Cum Laude
Richard K. Duguay, Summa Cum Laude
Susan Catherine Dussault, Summa Cum Laude
Frances Evelyn Fertoli, Magna Cum Laude
Yolanda Inés Field
Jane Louise Johnson, Summa Cum Laude
Janet T. Judice, Summa Cum Laude
Mary E. Kasik
Patricia Kempskie, Magna Cum Laude

Tracey Anne Kennedy
Geralyn Callahan Kohler, Magna Cum Laude
Joseph G. Lavin, Cum Laude
John Joseph Leahy, Cum Laude
Jonathan D. Lieske
Lee Ann A. Majercik, Summa Cum Laude
Sandra Jean Ordway, Summa Cum Laude
Nancy M. Osborn, Magna Cum Laude
Nancy A. Peterson, Summa Cum Laude
Denise Marie Phaneuf, Summa Cum Laude
Craig S. Prouty
Suzanne Constance Roy, Cum Laude
Dorothy M. Stone

(a) Saint Augustine Award
(b) Outstanding Service Award
Undergraduate College
Bachelor of Arts

Lisa Conceicao Afonso, Psychology/Spanish
Diane Celeste Alagno, Biology
Sophia Andreou, English
Erin Leigh Angus, Marketing
Claudia Arcuri, Communications
Andrew Frederick Arnott, Communications
Michelle Lynne Babigian, Spanish, Elementary Education
Sherri Ann Balassone, Communications
John Paul Barata, Environmental Science
Christina Louise Barbosa, Biology
Kimberly Ann Baron, English, Magna Cum Laude
Bronwen Elizabeth Barrett, Social and Rehabilitation Services
Tracy Sue Bartlett, Biology, Cum Laude
Ty Robert Batten, Biology, Magna Cum Laude
Joseph Arthur Beauchaine, Political Science
Kelly Marie Before, Global Studies/Political Science, Magna Cum Laude
Sarah Lynne Begley, Social and Rehabilitation Services, Cum Laude
Kristine Denise Belliveau, Psychology, Magna Cum Laude
Paul A. Belsito, Communications
Michael James Bierfeldt, Global Studies
Kathryn Laura Black, Chemistry, Cum Laude
Katherine Gile Blake, Marketing
Robert Anthony Boncore, Political Science
Edita Botonic, Chemistry
Anne Marie Bouchard, Social and Rehabilitation Services/English
Eric Charles Boudreau, Sociology
Courtney Lynn Boulli, Social and Rehabilitation Services
Casey Elizabeth Bowen, English
Brooke Joan Brady, Spanish
Michael Richard Braney, Communications, Cum Laude
Toni Lynn Brechio, Spanish, Secondary Education, Cum Laude
W. Douglas Brown, Jr., Marketing, Cum Laude
Kelly Elizabeth Bucko, Accounting
Kristen Lee Bud, Biology, Magna Cum Laude
Edward J. Buscema, Theology/Mathematics, Summa Cum Laude
Amy Leigh Bushnell, Communications
Michael Anthony Caira, Jr., English, Elementary Education
Jacqueline C. Caisse, Social and Rehabilitation Services/Political Science
Kristin Meredith Calarese, Communications
Jason Robert Calla, Management
Katerina S. Callahan, Political Science, Summa Cum Laude
Michelle Christine Callahan, Management, Cum Laude
Brandt McLean Calver, Communications
Michael David Cardillo, Management
Nancy Eleanor Chapman, Social and Rehabilitation Services, Magna Cum Laude
Ottmar J. Chavez, Global Studies with Business Concentration
Timothy R. Christian, Marketing, Cum Laude
Julianne Cialdea, International Business, Cum Laude
Maura Kathleen Clancy, English, Magna Cum Laude
Melissa Erin Clark, Marketing
Jenna Katherine Cloutier, English
Maureen Grace Collins, English/Political Science, Magna Cum Laude
Kerry A. Conlon, Social and Rehabilitation Services
Brendon Clement Connors, Communications
Karen Marie Contursi, Psychology
Scott Francis Cooley, Marketing
Tara Kristen Cooper, Marketing/Communications, Summa Cum Laude
Angela Marie Corby, English/Studio Art, Cum Laude
Christiane Elisabeth Cormerais, Accounting
Kevin John Cosgrove, History
Aimee Jeanne Costanza, Sociology, Summa Cum Laude
Deanna Lee Cotes, Communications/English, Magna Cum Laude
Patrick Michael Coty, Marketing
Robert Joseph Courtney, Sociology, Summa Cum Laude
Allison Mary Couits, History
Michelle E. Couture, Social and Rehabilitation Services
Abigail Andre Curto, English, Secondary Education
Eileen Marie Cusack, English/Communications, Magna Cum Laude
Melissa Ann Cusack, Accounting
Heather Michelle Daley, Spanish, Elementary Education, Cum Laude
Shawna Lynn D'Amour, English/Communications, Elementary Education, Cum Laude
Julie Lucia D'Angelo, Economics with Business Concentration
Jurai Danko, International Business/German
Elizabeth Annette DeBari, Social and Rehabilitation Services
Craig Steven DeCosta, Philosophy
Michael Demetri, Management
Gregg Matthew Dennis, Management
Allison Therese Desmarais, Marketing
Ryan J. DesRoches, Computer Science
Christine Nicole Destrado, Communications, Magna Cum Laude
F. Lynn Desto, Psychology, Cum Laude
Stacy Ann Devaney, English/Communications
Abbey Lee Dick, English, Summa Cum Laude
Brian Patrick Diercks, Communications
Joshua Basque Diggins, History/Psychology, Magna Cum Laude
Michael P. Dillon, Theology
Michael James DiMarzio, History, Magna Cum Laude
Lauren Marie DiPace, Marketing
Jodi Dawn DiProftio, Anthropology
Lisa Ann Donofrio, Psychology
Colleen Marie Doyle, Psychology
Sheila M. Driscoll, English
Heather Lynn Duclos, English
Amanda Louise Helen Duszka, Spanish, Secondary Education

(f) Jamie Carole Eaton, English/Communications, Cum Laude
Natali Gabriella Elia, Psychology, Secondary Education, Magna Cum Laude
Sean Richard Ellbeg, Biology
Richard Francis Erliek, Communications
Valentina Maria Errico, English/Economic Theory
Kristen Ann Espie, International Business, Magna Cum Laude
Kristen Ann Exter, Social and Rehabilitation Services
Suzanne Marie Farrell, Psychology, Magna Cum Laude
Marisa Federico, Sociology
Kathleen Elizabeth Feehily, Psychology
Kevin Joseph Fenlon, Psychology, Cum Laude
David Keith Ferrari, Accounting, Magna Cum Laude
* Christine Lynn Fitzgerald, Communications
Melissa Marie Fleming, Spanish, Summa Cum Laude
Christine Leigh Frank, Communications
Erinn Marie Gallagher, Social and Rehabilitation Services
Stacy Leah Gallagher, Psychology, Cum Laude
Kathryn Gabrielle Gariboldi, Communications
Steven Matthew Gaudet, Mathematics, Secondary Education
Christie Lynn Gaulin, Mathematics, Secondary Education
Renee E. Geneau, Psychology, Cum Laude
* Jennifer Lynn Gibson, Communications
Andrew Edward Giess, Chemistry/Biology with Concentration in Biotechnology, Cum Laude
Jessica Lynn Giuliano, English
Doreen Elizabeth Godle, Social and Rehabilitation Services
Lisa Marie Gomes, Marketing, Magna Cum Laude
Jennifer Lynn Gorman, Psychology
Kathryn Mary Gorman, Chemistry, Cum Laude
Jason Norman Graf, Communications
Anthony F. Gribbons, Political Science
Jennifer Lee Griffin, Biology, Cum Laude
Mariana N. Grillo, Psychology, Magna Cum Laude
James Joseph Grocki, Jr., Management
Matthew J. Grybowski, Mathematics
Adria Jayne Guimond, Biology with Concentration in Biotechnology
Jacqueline Paulette Hafner, Social and Rehabilitation Services
Joshua Patrick Hammer, Biology
Jennifer Ann Hanley, English
Meghan Lynn Hansbury, Accounting, Cum Laude
Neil Daniel Haskell, Sociology
Sean Michael Hayes, Management/Economic Issues and Policy
Jessica Leigh Hebert, Social and Rehabilitation Services
Rachele Laura Henriquez, Communications
Michael Joseph Herard, Communications
Sonia J. Hickey, Management
Paula Jane Higgins, Sociology, Magna Cum Laude
(c), (e), (f) Geoffrey Alexander Homolinski, Economics with Business Concentration, Summa Cum Laude
Daniel Patrick Huben, Psychology

Kristen Marie Hurley, English
Gina Marie Iannarilli, English
Jacqueline Ingerski, English
Barbara Mildred Jacobs, Social and Rehabilitation Services
Brian Richard Jacobs, Marketing
Lauren Elizabeth Kane, History, Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude
Joseph Michael Keen, English/Communications
Kristen Alyssse Kelley, Spanish
Jonathan Michael Kelly, History, Secondary Education
John Francis Kennedy, Communications, Cum Laude
Melissa Ann Kenny, English, Elementary Education
Kathryn Marie Kerr, Psychology, Cum Laude
Stephanie Jean Kewley, Social and Rehabilitation Services, Cum Laude
Alicia Ann Kilcourse, Communications
Brandon Scott Killion, Management
Holly Beth Kirsch, Social and Rehabilitation Services
Brendan Michael Klaes, Management
Jennifer Dawn Koback, Psychology, Cum Laude
(f) Cory Ann Koehler, Economic Theory, Magna Cum Laude
Amy Jean Korczynski, Marketing/Communications
Jason Arthur LaCroix, Communications
Kristen Ann Ladebauche, Political Science
Tho Ngoan Lam, Economics with Business Concentration
Carrie Ann Landry, Social and Rehabilitation Services, Magna Cum Laude
Julie Katherine Lane, Management
Keith Michael Laprade, Marketing, Cum Laude
Federico Lascano, International Economics
Jennifer Arline Laurin, English, Secondary Education, Cum Laude
Bryan Richard Laut, History/Management
Sandra Marie Lecardi, Social and Rehabilitation Services/English
Mark Christopher LeBlanc, Marketing
Melissa Lee, Communications
Nancy Patricia Lee, Psychology
Maria Elizabeth LePain, English, Elementary Education
Patricia Ann LePain, English, Magna Cum Laude
Jeffrey Michael Levis, Management, Magna Cum Laude
Nathan Michael Lucier, Management
Kevin Michael Lupercio, English, Magna Cum Laude
Jenny Rebecca Lynch, English/Political Science
Christopher David Madsen, Political Science
Matthew Manuel Marques, Biology
Michael John Marshall, Marketing
Michelle Susan Martin, Psychology
Stephanie Jane Martin, Management
(f) Stacy Ann Mattioli, Psychology, Summa Cum Laude
Bethany Lynn Mawdsley, History, Elementary Education, Cum Laude
Adam Peter Mazzadra, Social and Rehabilitation Services
Erin Louise McDonough, Psychology
Dawn Ann McGillivray, Communications
Daniel Thomas McGowan, History, Secondary Education, Cum Laude
Jennifer Michelle McNulty, Economic Theory
Brian James Meade, Marketing
David Albert Mercier, Accounting, Cum Laude
Ronelle Josephine Meunier, Art History, 
Summa Cum Laude
Heather Lynn Michel, Psychology
Kerri Ann Miller, Social and Rehabilitation Services
Jeffrey Milligan, Economics with Business Concentration
Anne Kathryn Mingolelli, Social and Rehabilitation Services
Heather Leah Mish, Biology
Jennifer Lynn Monahan, Classics
Megan Ellen Monahan, English, Secondary Education, 
Cum Laude
Megan-Sioux Diane Moody, Management
Bryan Christopher Moore, International Business/ 
International Economics
Andrea Leigh Morgan, Sociology
Christopher Robert Morris, Management
Lisa Marie Morrison, Social and Rehabilitation Services
Jennifer Elizabeth Morrissey, Spanish, Cum Laude
Suzanne Mumford, Communications
Kevin Patrick Murphy, History
Meghan Eileen Murphy, Sociology, Cum Laude
Meghann Leah Murphy, Accounting
Melissa Jean Murphy, Biology
Emily Proctor Murray, English, Cum Laude
James Michael Murray, History, Cum Laude
Christopher John Nicoletti, English
Andrew Wieslaw Niedzwiecki, Mathematics, Secondary 
Education
Michael David O'Coin, Biology with Concentration in 
Biotechnology/History, Magna Cum Laude
Todd George O'Connor, Marketing
Brendan M. O'Donnell, Marketing
Brian O'Donnell, Accounting, Cum Laude
Louis W. Olwana, Psychology/International Business
Erin Marie O'Neil, English, Elementary Education
John Louis Orlandella, Marketing
Lisa Sharon Ostberg, Chemistry, Cum Laude
Elizabeth Marie Palinkas, Management, Magna Cum Laude
Jennifer Marie Palumbo, Biology
Kelly Susan Panos, Computer Science/Spanish, 
Magna Cum Laude
Nicole Paterek, Economic Issues and Policy, Cum Laude
Joanna Therese Patrone, Social and Rehabilitation Services
(f) Lisa Marie Payne, Social and Rehabilitation Services, 
Magna Cum Laude
Robyn Lee Pellerin, Psychology, Magna Cum Laude
Bethany Kate Perry, English, Elementary Education
Amy Elizabeth Peterson, Political Science, 
Magna Cum Laude
Dennis Michael Phillips, Jr., Computer Science
Julie Elizabeth Phipps, English, Magna Cum Laude
Karen Marie Pincence, English, Magna Cum Laude
Nicholas Allen Pirrotta, Accounting
Gina Marie Plourde, English, Elementary Education, 
Cum Laude
Nicholas Paul Police, Communications
David Joseph Pollicelli, Jr., Management
Karen Ann Potty, Social and Rehabilitation Services, 
Cum Laude
Jeffrey Robert Poulin, Political Science
Henry A. Pozzuoli, History
Renee Jan Provencher, Accounting
John Edmund Prybyla, History/Political Science
Lisa Marie Quinn, Marketing
Elizabeth Ann Randazzo, Psychology
Ryan Sean Raposa, Management
(f) Laura Beth Raymond, Accounting, Summa Cum Laude
Laura Sandra Reardon, Marketing/Communications, 
Cum Laude
Julie Lynn Rebelski, Social and Rehabilitation Services, 
Magna Cum Laude
Erin Megan Reczek, Economic Theory/Psychology, 
Cum Laude
Laurie Aline Remillard, Computer Science
Jennifer Lynne Remington, Accounting, 
Summa Cum Laude
Amanda Rhodes, History
Paul Rizkalla, Psychology
Jacalyn Marie Robida, Social and Rehabilitation Services, 
Magna Cum Laude
Vincent Robert Robustelli, Biology
Anthony Carl Rodrigues, Biology, Magna Cum Laude
Angel Luis Rodriguez, Social and Rehabilitation Services
Luis Angel Rodriguez, Social and Rehabilitation Services
(f) Alessandra Roffo, International Business/Foreign Languages, 
Magna Cum Laude
Nicole Marie Rogalski, Biology, Magna Cum Laude
David Allen Rollinson, French
Karly Jean Ronan, Psychology, Cum Laude
Kathleen Frances Roos, Philosophy, Magna Cum Laude
Trevor Aaron Rose, Marketing
Nicole Marie Ruggles, English, Elementary Education
Teresa M. Sabatini, Communications
Brenda Kaye Safford, Social and Rehabilitation Services
Gregory Vincent Samos, Mathematics
Laura Ann Sanderson, Spanish, Elementary Education, 
Magna Cum Laude
Ryan Santimaw, Accounting
Andrea Carol Saudade, Social and Rehabilitation Services, 
Summa Cum Laude
(d) Deirdra Anne Sauter, Spanish, Summa Cum Laude
Brian Kenneth Schlitzer, Psychology
Gregory Thomas Schultz, English
John Louis Scott, Global Studies/Geography
Meghan Lynn Scull, Social and Rehabilitation Services
Michael David Seabury, Communications
Mark Arnold Sgalia, English
Suzanne Louise Shaw, English/Communications
* Stephen J. Siddle, English
Marcel Mumbere Sikalavi, International Economics
Adrienne Burch Silva, Marketing
Michael Anthony Silvia, Biology
Christopher Gerard Sixt, Management
Laura Lorraine Small, Mathematics, Secondary Education 
Summa Cum Laude
Kimberly Anne Smith, Accounting, Secondary Education 
Summa Cum Laude
* Vanessa Jean Smith, Psychology
Sarah Marie Sogigian, English
Beth A. Souchuns, Communications
The Assumption College Mace

In medieval times, a mace was a spiked war club, an effective weapon in combat. Later, it became a symbol of authority, and in the context of an academic community, has come to signify teaching authority.

At Assumption College, education promotes self-discovery, but the true discovery of self must first take into account one's nature and purpose. The symbolism of the mace reflects the simple but essential elements that make for a full and responsible consideration of self, within the broader context in which there can be a full blossoming of the individual.

An education at Assumption nurtures the growth of specific habits or, more precisely, virtues. These include the Intellectual Virtues, which guide the student to truth; the Moral Virtues (prudence, justice, fortitude, and moderation), which enable a person to lead a good life; and, most important of all, as Saint Paul and Saint Augustine would say, the Theological Virtues (faith, hope, and charity), which lead the Christian to ultimate happiness. The lettering in Latin on the three bands of the sterling node states simply the thrust of these essential virtues: Intelligentia Adducitur Veritatem; Voluntas Adducitur Bonum; Cor Adducitur Amorem. The staff could be considered a "lignum vitae" (tree of life), from which the virtues spring. The three upper branches of ebony and gold represent the virtues and their impact upon everyone at the College, symbolized by the multifaceted fluorite stone.

At Assumption, it is the community's shared vision that fosters a full flowering of the individual. The three blossoms of gold from the blue fluorite represent the individual coming to full maturity in Christ, in accord with the College's motto: "Until Christ be formed in you."

The Assumption College Mace was conceived, designed, created, and given as a gift to Assumption College by Paul A. Cavanagh of Greenville, Rhode Island.
Medallion of the President of Assumption College

The shield on the seal is divided into four sections by the cross, the symbol of Christ, denoting the College as a Catholic institution. It is a “fleur-de-lisée” cross, a symbol that the College is located in the Diocese of Worcester, which also has this style of cross on its coat of arms. On the cross is an open book, representing the Gospel, which is the foundation of teaching at a Catholic institution, and also representing the Liberal Arts, which seek to lead the student to knowledge and wisdom. On the book are the letters ART (Adveniat Regnum Tuum, or Thy Kingdom Come), a phrase from the Lord’s Prayer, which is the motto of the Assumptionists who founded the College in 1904. In the upper left quarter is the monogram of Mary with a crown above it, a symbol of the Blessed Virgin Mary in her Assumption. In the lower right quarter is the fleur-de-lis, a reminder of the French origins of the founding religious order.

The Medallion is suspended by a chain, the links of which consist of the letter “M” with a crown representing the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Assumption, patroness of the College.

This presidential medallion was designed, created, and given as a gift to Assumption College by John Cavanagh of Greenville, Rhode Island.
The academic regalia is derived from the 12th and 13th centuries, when most students and teachers were clerics and had taken at least minor holy orders. The assignment of colors to certain faculties was a much later development, and was standardized in the United States in the late 19th century. White was assigned to arts and letters; red, a traditional color of the church, was assigned to theology; green, for herbs, went to medicine; purple, the color of emperors, went to law; and golden yellow, standing for wealth and alchemy, went to the sciences. Because philosophy means love and pursuit of wisdom, in the case of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), dark blue represents the mastery of the discipline of learning and scholarship in any field for which the degree is conferred, rather than in the discipline of philosophy alone.

Gowns vary by degree. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves. The master's gown has oblong sleeves, the rear of which is cut square, and the front of which is cut in arcs. Both the bachelor's and master's gowns are untrimmed. The doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves and is faced down the front with black velvet. Three bars of velvet cross each sleeve. Often the bars are black, but they may also be in the color distinctive to the discipline in which the degree has been conferred.

In all cases, the exterior of the academic hood is black, and the interior is lined with the official color or colors of the institution that conferred the degree. The bachelor's hood is three feet in length, the master's is three and one-half feet, and the doctor's is four feet. Only the doctor's hood has panels at the sides. The edges of the hoods are velvet, and are two inches, three inches, and five inches for the bachelor's, master's, and doctor's degrees, respectively. The color of this trim is indicative of the subject to which the degree pertains.

The mortar board cap may be made of soft or hard material and, as its name suggests, symbolizes the role of learning in building an individual and shared future. The tassel is black or the color appropriate to the subject, with the exception of the doctor's tassel, which may be gold.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctors' gowns, edging of hoods, and tassels of caps, the colors associated with different disciplines are as follows:

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Assumption College Alma Mater


1. Pledge we our loyalty to Assumption College-
2. Our hearts will always be with Assumption College-

Whose dedication in pursuit of knowledge-
Her banners waving with outstanding courage-

Withstands the test of time, aids us in our onward climb
Call for fidelity and protect a spirit free-

In search of truth and light.
Long live the blue and white!

Written upon the occasion of the 80th Anniversary
of the founding of Assumption College.