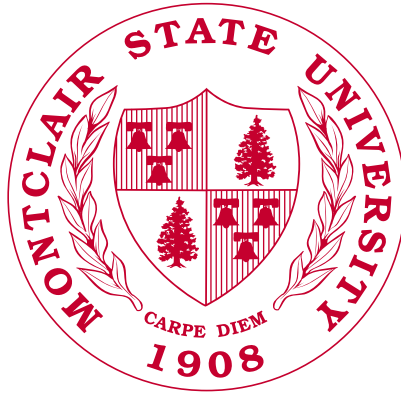


*Two Thousand Twenty*  
COMMENCEMENT  
CEREMONY

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Celebrating the Resilience and Perseverance of  
Montclair State University's Class of 2020.

September 24, 2020



## WELCOME

We are delighted to have you join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates. Commencement is a special occasion, both solemn and joyous.

It is a time when we respect the traditions of higher education and recognize the hard work and sacrifices that brought each graduate to this point of personal growth.

Thank you for sharing in this important celebration.



## CONGRATULATIONS AND “CARPE FUTURUM”

As you seize your futures, we congratulate your accomplishments, graduating at an extraordinary time in our nation’s history. You join a large and welcoming group of 130,000 Montclair State University alumni, who like you, are prepared to lead and serve, innovate, create and change the world.

Your individual dreams and the accomplishments of this diverse class are leading us all on a path to achieve a greater good and the necessary transformation of our society and nation. We look forward to watching your careers and lives flourish as responsive and engaged citizens of the world.

We also hope you look back fondly on your time at Montclair State University, to the days when we could gather together, whether late nights at our New Jersey diner, the iconic view of the Manhattan skyline, cheering on our Red Hawk athletes, and applauding dramatic and musical artists.



Montclair State has grown in ways that would have been hard to imagine 112 years ago when we opened to educate teachers. Even in the short time you have spent on our campus, you have witnessed significant changes. We’re bigger, stronger and more complex, offering a portfolio of 300 majors and minors, concentrations and certificates. The entire campus has access to facilities conducive to 21st-century teaching and learning in areas as diverse as communications, science, business, nursing and dance.

### **1908 NEW JERSEY STATE NORMAL SCHOOL AT MONTCLAIR OPENS**

Established by the state as a response to a growing demand for academically trained teachers.

We are designated by the Carnegie Classification as a doctoral university with high research activity and recognized by New Jersey as one of the state’s four public research

universities. Those recognitions, along with national rankings from *U.S. News & World Report*, *Forbes* and *The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education*, will enhance the value of your degree wherever your future leads.

Alumni, foundations, corporations and friends care deeply about our University. Their gifts help us enhance our ability to provide a vibrant educational environment where students, regardless of their financial means, are challenged and empowered to succeed. Our faculty scientists and scholars also benefit, allowing for research taking place around the globe – from conserving biodiversity in the wilderness of Papua New Guinea to investigating Antarctic climate change – and helping solve the mysteries of space. They are advancing autism research and treatment, using drones to assess floodplains, examining racial bias and charting paths in STEM.

Many of you are the first in your families to attend – and now to graduate – college. We are proud of our legacy as a Hispanic-Serving Institution and the scholars who benefit from our supportive Educational Opportunity Fund. The vast majority of



this graduating class has benefitted from internships, cooperative education and volunteer experiences. You've studied abroad. You've grown in ways you never expected.

In the coming years, we ask that you not forget Montclair State, your professors, and fellow and future Red Hawks. We look forward to seeing you on campus for college activities and programs and invite you to keep us updated on the many achievements you will attain in your

careers and personal lives. We will always take great pride in your accomplishments.

All of us at Montclair State University have shared a passionate dedication to supporting your educational goals. We are honored to have helped prepare you for meeting the exciting challenges and opportunities that lie on the road ahead. We can't wait to see what you will accomplish. Congratulations!

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**INTRODUCTION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES**

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**CLOSING REMARKS**

**PLATFORM PARTY RECESSIONAL**

**GRADUATE RECESSIONAL**





DEGREE  
RECIPIENTS  
AND  
CANDIDATES

*This program reflects students who have completed their academic degree requirements  
in August 2019, January 2020 or May 2020.*

**Janice Smolowitz, Dean**

*Bachelor of Science in Nursing*

Evonna E. Banko

Ewelina Ciampi

Patricia Zywicki Difilippo

Heather-Elizabeth Hutchison Farrell

Bridget Marie Geib

Dana Marie Haverick

Deborah Sue Kanter

Nicola Ann Kiernan

Chikami Klein

Sheila Jane Magarino

Anastasia Mariah McBurse

Hailey Savannah Renauer

Elizabeth Marie Sobers

Rachel Josephine West

## HONORS

*Montclair State University recognizes superior scholarship  
in work leading to the bachelor's degree.*

*Undergraduate degree recipients named here have achieved a cumulative average for honors and  
have completed a minimum of 51 credits at Montclair State. Actual honors for undergraduate  
candidates will be noted on the diploma and the official transcript upon completion.*

### ***Summa Cum Laude | 3.90-4.0***

Deborah Sue Kanter

Sheila Jane Magarino

Hailey Savannah Renauer

### ***Magna Cum Laude | 3.80-3.899***

Ewelina Ciampi

Heather-Elizabeth Hutchison Farrell

Anastasia Mariah McBurse

### ***Cum Laude | 3.70-3.799***

Nicola Ann Kiernan

Rachel Josephine West

## ACADEMIC REGALIA



The wearing of academic robes is a survival of one aspect of life in the Middle Ages. When American colleges and universities desired to adopt a system of academic apparel, they met at Columbia University and suggested a “By-Law, Regulation, or Statute” for the establishment of a suitable code of dress for the colleges and universities of the United States. In 1932, and again in 1959, the American Council on Education revised the costume code. The following information is condensed from the code published in 1960:

### *Gowns*

**Pattern:** Pointed sleeves for the bachelor’s degree, oblong sleeves open at the wrist for the master’s degree and bell-shaped sleeves for the doctoral degree.

**Trimmings:** None for the bachelor’s or master’s degree. For the doctoral degree the gown is faced down the front with black velvet with three bars of the same across the sleeves, or these bars may be of velvet of the color distinctive of the faculty or subject to which the degree pertains.

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For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor’s gowns, edgings of hoods and tassels of caps, the colors associated with the different subjects are as follows:

**Arts and Letters:** White  
**Business:** Light Brown  
**Education:** Light Blue  
**Engineering:** Orange  
**Fine Arts:** Brown  
**International Affairs:** Peacock Blue  
**Law:** Purple  
**Library Science:** Lemon  
**Medicine:** Green  
**Music:** Pink  
**Nursing:** Apricot  
**Philosophy:** Dark Blue  
**Physical Education:** Sage Green  
**Public Health:** Salmon Pink  
**Science:** Golden Yellow  
**Theology:** Scarlet

The hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university that granted the degree. Montclair State University’s colors are red and white. The colors of the outside trim of the hoods associated with the degrees are as follows:

**Doctor of Audiology (AuD):** Spruce Green  
**Doctor of Education (EdD):** Light Blue  
**Doctor of Science (ScD):** Gold  
**Doctor of Philosophy (PhD):** Dark Blue  
  
**Master of Arts (MA):** White  
**Master of the Arts in Educational Leadership (MA):** Light Blue  
**Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT):** Light Blue  
**Master of Business Administration (MBA):** Light Brown  
**Master of Education (MEd):** Light Blue  
**Master of Fine Arts (MFA):** Brown  
**Master of Music (MM):** Pink  
**Master of Public Health (MPH):** Salmon Pink  
**Master of Science (MS):** Gold  
**Master of Science in Nursing (MSN):** Apricot  
**Master of Social Work (MSW):** Citron