ORDER OF EXERCISES

Academic Procession* ..................................................... Performed by the Mount Mercy University Band
Call to Assembly ................................................................. Dr. Tim Laurent
Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
Invocation* .............................................................................. Fr. Anthony Adawu
Residential Chaplain
National Anthem* ................................................................. Led by the Mount Mercy University Choir & Band
Welcome .............................................................................. Tim Lauren
Opening Remarks ............................................................... Laurie Hamen, JD
President
Student Speaker .................................................................... Ashley Nicole Faye Sally
(see page 5)
Confering of Mary Frances Warde and Mary Catherine McAuley Awards ........................................... Laurie Hamen
Confering of Professor Emeritus Status ................................ Tim Lauren, Laurie Hamen
Master’s Degrees .................................................................... See page 9
Presentation of Candidates .................................................... Tim Lauren
Bachelor’s Degrees .................................................................. See page 10
Presentation of Candidates .................................................... Tim Lauren
Confering of Degrees ........................................................... Laurie Hamen
Alma Mater* ................................................................. Performed by the Mount Mercy University Choir & Band
Alumni Association Welcome .............................................. Peg Bruns Detweiler ’92
Alumni Board President
The audience is invited to join in singing (see page 18)
Closing Remarks ................................................................. Laurie Hamen
Benediction .......................................................................... Fr. Anthony Adawu
Stand for Mercy* ............................................................... Performed by the Mount Mercy University Band
Recessional* ........................................................................... Performed by the Mount Mercy University Band

*It is customary for the audience to stand during the following:
Academic Procession, Invocation, National Anthem, Alma Mater, Stand for Mercy, and Recessional
Please hold your applause until all degrees have been conferred.

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MISSION

Mount Mercy is a Catholic University that provides student-focused education in the spirit of the Sisters of Mercy and welcomes people of all beliefs to join our community in pursuit of baccalaureate and graduate education and compassionate service to those in need.

We strive for excellence in accomplishing our mission through four interdependent goals:

Using reflective judgment
The ability to think clearly and carefully, argue coherently, and evaluate competing truth claims critically are fundamental to a college education. Reflective judgment requires a knowledge of basic fact, examination, and evaluation of assumptions; adequate justification for drawing a conclusion; and understanding implications of drawing that conclusion. With these skills, individuals can solve problems creatively and integrate knowledge across disciplines.

Engaging in strategic communication
Strategic communication requires selecting from a range of options to accomplish a chosen goal in an ethical manner. These options include construction and interpretation of messages in written, oral, and aesthetic forms using appropriate technology.

Serving the common good
The common good is at the heart of Catholic social teaching. Because people are social by nature, every individual's good relates necessarily to the common good, the sum of social conditions that allows all people to reach their human potential more fully. It includes respect for, and ethical interaction with, every person and the natural environment and, in the spirit of the Sisters of Mercy, service for the well-being of all humanity and action in the cause of justice in the world.

Promoting purposeful living
A liberal education enables students to achieve a greater degree of freedom upon which to act purposefully. Since development of purpose entails planning for life based on a set of priorities, Mount Mercy University provides opportunities for spiritual growth, intellectual engagement, vocational clarity, social development, physical well-being, emotional maturity, and responsible community leadership.

VALUES

As members of the Mount Mercy University community, grounded in the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy and our Catholic identity, we are committed to:

Lifelong learning and education of the whole person
We believe that education is a lifelong experience where learning empowers the whole person, intellectually, spiritually, emotionally, and physically.

Pursuit of truth & dignity
We foster free inquiry in a compassionate culture where our dedication to faith, truth, and Mercy supports the dignity of each person within the human community.

Commitment to students
We acknowledge and affirm that our students’ needs are central to decisions that affect community life.

Justice
We advocate for equality by actively creating just and healthy relationships in our learning community and in our global society.

Gratitude
We celebrate with humility all gifts and talents bestowed by God and faithfully share these blessings with the wider community.

Hospitality
We accomplish our work in the spirit of Catherine McAuley's graciousness and inclusion that welcomes all people and perspectives.

Service
We instill a sense of responsibility and caring that calls us to serve the common good.
Ashley Sally is a first-generation college student from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After earning her associate degree from Allen Community College in Iola, Kansas, Ashley continued her success at Mount Mercy through leadership and volunteer roles across campus.

As president of the Black Student Union, Ashley implemented the club's first toy drive and led efforts for the annual Soul Food Dinner. She was also named to the Dean’s List, was a member of the Director of Diversity & International Student Success Hiring Committee, volunteered with the MMU Prison Book Club, and helped with sandbagging during the 2016 Cedar Rapids flood.

Interested in broadening her professional skill set, Ashley held several on-campus jobs, including Office of Marketing & Communications intern, JumpStart academy head coach, resident assistant, Lundy Fitness Center associate, UC Information Desk associate, and women’s basketball team member, captain, and manager.

Ashley is dedicated to serving those around her. She was promoted to assistant site director at the Milwaukee YMCA Day Camp after serving as day camp counselor and senior day camp counselor. She currently works at Jane Boyd as a youth development associate and at Target as an apparel team member.

Ashley is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in English with a minor in diversity studies. She plans to continue her volunteer work with the Mercy Volunteer Corps, where she was offered a U.S. placement.

Sisters of Mercy Award ................................................................. Ashley Nicole Faye Sally
Sister Immaculata Business Award ...................................... Matheus Muehe De Simone Alonso
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Outstanding Accounting Student Award ............................ Samantha M. Whalen
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Outstanding Marketing Student Award ............................... Andrew Enderle
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Outstanding Political Science Student Award ......................... August G. Stamp

Dale Harrison Outstanding Management Student Award .......... Kathryn Nicole Vander Poel
Anne K. Stenzel Outstanding Social Work Student Award .......... Angela McKinney
Nancy LaMorgese Sociology Student Award .......................... Kaitlin Elizabeth Gregerson
Christine L. Woodruff Outstanding Psychology Student Award ........ Marlan LO Dixon

Accelerated Student of Year Award ........................................... Kelli M. Denes
Co-Curricular Service Award ................................................. Elodie Pannkuk

President’s Award ................................................................. Ashley Nicole Faye Sally
HONOR CORDS

Graduating with Distinction in the Honors Program (Blue & Gold Cords)

Yik Sin Chan
Alexis Brianna Costello
Joseph Adekunle Kehinde

Kappa Gamma Pi, National Catholic College Graduate Honor Society (Brown & Cream Cords)

Yik Sin Chan
Alexis Brianna Costello
Joseph Adekunle Kehinde

Kappa Xi Chapter, Sigma Global Nursing Excellence (Orchid & White Cords)

Lindsey Cach
Marian LO Dixon
Lauren Elise Graziano
Mindy Michelle Lingel
Joshua Gene Long
Miranda Sue Malichi

HONOR STOLES

Latin Honors

Phi Alpha Honor Society (White Stoles)

Megan Marie Andere
Todd Michael Bender
Cristal Boeding
Ketsey Victoria Delperdang
Sean Paul Loika Englert
Helaina F. Graves

Sigma Alpha Pi, National Society of Leadership and Success (Red, Black & Silver Stoles)

Megan Marie Andere
Todd Michael Bender
Cristal Boeding
Ketsey Victoria Delperdang
Sean Paul Loika Englert
Helaina F. Graves

Psi Chi, International Honor Society in Psychology (Gold Cords with Blue & Gold Tassels)

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Kaitlin Elizabeth Gregerson

Lauren Elise Graziano
Mindy Michelle Lingel
Krysten Hope Martinez
Jennifer Ann McDowell
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The distinction Summa Cum Laude is given to students whose cumulative GPA is 3.80 or above.
The distinction Magna Cum Laude is given to students whose cumulative GPA is 3.60 to 3.79.
The distinction Cum Laude is given to students whose cumulative GPA is 3.40 to 3.59.

Latin honors read aloud at Commencement are calculated based on a student’s final cumulative GPA.
For students graduating in June or August 2019, their current cumulative GPA is used at Commencement.
Students earning second bachelor’s degrees and master’s degrees are not eligible for Latin honors.
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Major: Management, Sports Management

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Matthews Ovi Sende De
Simone Alonso

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Degree: Bachelor of Arts
Major: Social Work

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Degree: Bachelor of Science
Major: Business Administration, Major: Human Resource Management

Degree: Bachelor of Science
Major: Management, Human Resource Management

Degree: Bachelor of Science
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Graduation Video

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Mount Mercy
ALMA MATER

All hail our Alma Mater
With spirit strong and true;
All honor to Mount Mercy,
Her banner gold and blue
Though someday we must leave her
And wander far away,
We’ll honor and remember her
Forever.

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Mount Mercy
STAND FOR MERCY

Raise up your proud Mount Mercy voice,
Sing along and make some noise.
Hail to the Mustang, all rejoice
And lead us on to victory!
Let them all see Mount Mercy pride.
We all know who’s on our side.
Never will Mustangs be denied,
So lead us on to victory now!

Music by Dan Terrell; lyrics by Jason Alberty.