LE MOYNE
Greatness meets Goodness®

Seventieth Commencement
Saturday, the twenty-second of May
Two thousand twenty-one

Le Moyne College Campus
at ten in the morning and two in the afternoon

LE MOYNE COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

Le Moyne College is a diverse learning community that strives for academic excellence in the Catholic and Jesuit tradition through its comprehensive programs rooted in the liberal arts and sciences. Its emphasis is on education of the whole person and on the search for meaning and value as integral parts of the intellectual life. Le Moyne College seeks to prepare its members for leadership and service in their personal and professional lives to promote a more just society.
Academic Regalia

The origin of academic caps, gowns and hoods dates to the 12th century and the rise of the universities, which were originally under the auspices of the church, and whose faculties were comprised of churchmen. These scholars wore clerical robes, hoods and capes as much for warmth during the long, cold European winters as for distinction.

Today the standard academic regalia worn in the United States are of three types. The bachelor's gown is characterized by its simplicity of line and long, pointed sleeves, distinguishing it from the master's gown, best recognized by its rectangular, "wing-like" sleeves. The doctor's gown, with full, bell-shaped sleeves, is faced in front and back with velvet and has three velvet bars across the sleeves. In addition, the tassel on the doctor's cap may be gold.

The hood is the most symbolic part of the academic regalia. Its size and shape indicate the level of the degree held, its lining shows the colors of the institution granting it, and the color of its velvet border corresponds to the general academic program of the degree. Thus, all Le Moyne hoods are lined with green and gold, the College colors. Among the hoods worn by Le Moyne graduates and faculty, most have borders of one of the following colors: white (arts and letters) for those with the degree of Bachelor of Arts or Master of Arts; golden yellow (science), corresponding to the degree of Bachelor of Science or Master of Science; and dark blue (philosophy), worn by faculty holding the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in various academic disciplines. Other colors worn by Le Moyne faculty and administrative personnel, indicating the master's or doctor's degree they hold, include crimson (theology), purple (law), drab (business administration) and light blue (education).

All student regalia is made in the USA from 100 percent post-consumer plastic bottles.

Stoles, cords and pins signify academic honors, membership in an academic honor society, or significant engagement in co-curricular activities, exemplifying Le Moyne's mission to educate the hearts and minds of students in inspiring them to become persons for others.

Alma Mater

Against the sky you stand, Le Moyne
A beacon to us all,
And on the Heights our forces join,
We rally to your call.

From loyal hearts our challenge roars
That here we stand allied,
You’re ours, Le Moyne, and we are yours
While Heights and Hearts abide.

May your ideal be our command
Your praises ever sung;
So long as on the Heights you stand
Your name be on our tongue.

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That here we stand allied,
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The Academic Procession

The Grand Marshal
Michael P. Masingale, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Chemistry

Candidates for Degrees in Course
Integral Honors
College of Arts and Sciences
Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Science
Madden School of Business
Bachelor of Science
Purcell School of Professional Studies
Bachelor of Science

The Faculty of Instruction

Administrators

The President of the College and the President’s Party
Representative of the Senior Class
Director of the Integral Honors Program
Officers of Administration
Commencement Speaker
President
Seventieth Commencement

Presiding
Linda M. LeMura, Ph.D.
President

Master of Ceremonies
James P. Hannan, Ph.D.
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Academic Procession
Le Moyne College Commencement Ensemble
Directed by Travis M. Newton
Associate Professor and Director of Arts Administration

The National Anthem
Julia Ebner & Le Moyne College Commencement Ensemble
Adjunct Instructor, voice

Invocation
Rev. Charles O. Oduke, Ph.D.
Interim Director of Inclusive Excellence and Global Education

Address of the Representative of the Senior Class
Rachel Fish
Bachelor of Science

Commencement Address
Executive Director for Discerning Leadership Program

Conferring of Undergraduate Degrees in Course
Integral Honors
College of Arts and Sciences
Madden School of Business
Purcell School of Professional Studies

Benediction
Rev. Donald J. Kirby, S.J.
Rector of the Le Moyne College Jesuit Community

Le Moyne Alma Mater
Julia Ebner and Le Moyne College Commencement Ensemble

Recessional
Le Moyne College Commencement Ensemble
The President of the College and President’s Party
Officers of Administration
The Faculty of Instruction
Graduates in Course
Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Science
Edward Clarence Deaver IV

The Medal for Excellence in Criminology: Awarded to the senior with the highest achievement in criminology and who shows promise of success in the field of criminology and/or criminal justice.
Nicole Ann Lattimore

The Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J. (1881-1955) Award in Anthropology: Awarded to the senior who has a Minor or Concentration in Anthropology and who has demonstrated academic excellence and shows promise in the field of Anthropology.
Emily S. El Younisi

The Marie Arnold Chapin Medal in Biological Sciences: Awarded to seniors with the highest achievement in the study of Biological Sciences.
Mohammed Ashkar
Daniel Joseph Denoble
Madeline T. Gallagher
Melissa Charlotte Hasse
Marissa Ann Lombardi
Connor B. Price
Lisa Marie Smith
Brandy M. Walters
Alex James Zwierzynski

The Department of Psychology Medal: Awarded to senior Psychology majors for general excellence in Psychology.
Rachel K. Ablan
Katherine Anna Krause
Julia Marguerite Mayott
Colleen M. Murphy
Alexis A. Nicolosi
Michelle Laine Ort
Amanda G. Petrowski
Sarah Margaret Van De Valk
Mya R. Walters

The Thomas R. Hogan Award: Awarded to a graduating seniors who have been outstanding in Communication courses and related endeavors.
Alana Michelle Gonzales
Meghan Erin Lavery
Molly Mabel Murphy

The Lee-Anne Scaccia Cruz Award for Excellence in Gender and Women's Studies: Awarded to the senior who has a record of academic excellence and who have demonstrated a commitment to the practice of the ideals of Gender and Women's Studies through co-curricular activities, community service, and/or research projects.
Connor J.B. Feliu

The Suzanne V. McClusky Medal: Awarded annually to the seniors who write the best essay or scholarly paper in the field of History.
Joshua J. Hayden
Maria A. Lore

The Bishop Foery Medal: Awarded to the senior who does the most outstanding work in Religious Studies.
Connor J.B. Feliu
The Brine Medal in Chemistry or Biochemistry: Awarded to a senior for general excellence in Chemistry or Biochemistry.

Daniel Egan Kelly

The American Institute of Chemists Student Medal Award: Awarded to the seniors with the highest achievement in all Chemistry courses and who give promise of success in the field of Chemistry.

Amber L. Ford
Julia Rose Reilly

The Physics Department Medal for Outstanding Performance in Physics: Awarded to a senior in Physics who has exhibited exceptional performance.

Nicholas Scott Barney

The Rachel L. Carson Medal for the Environment: In memory of the pioneering scientist who helped launch the modern environmental movement with the publication of Silent Spring. Awarded to the graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the environmental area.

Alena Rose Kimble

The David L. Smith Award for Excellence in Field Studies: In memory of this faculty member and field ecologist who was passionate about teaching students by challenging them to explore ecological systems in situ (in their original place). Given to a senior majoring in Biology or Environmental Science Systems who has demonstrated enthusiasm and outstanding achievement in field studies.

Megan Mitchell Vandewarker

The Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award: Awarded to the senior who is most outstanding during his or her college career by reason of achievement and interest in the study of Economics.

Laura J. Zaverger

The Department of Foreign Language Medal: Awarded to the senior majoring in a foreign language with the highest achievement in the study of Languages.

Jordan M. Daley

The Pi Gamma Mu Scholarship Award: Awarded to the senior member of the Le Moyne Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, the National Honor Society of the Social Sciences, with the highest achievement in the curriculum of the Social Sciences.

Daniel Joseph Denoble

The Edward Eagan Medal in the Arts: Awarded to the students with the highest achievement in the curriculum of the Arts.

Michelle Laine Ort
Emily Nessel

The H. Paul Nelligan Medal in Pure Science: Awarded to students with the highest achievement in the curriculum of Pure Science.

Mohammed Ashkar
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Michelle Laine Ort
Emily Nessel

The H. Paul Nelligan Medal in Pure Science: Awarded to students with the highest achievement in the curriculum of Pure Science.

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Daniel Joseph Denoble
Melissa Charlotte Hasse
Connor R. Price
Lisa Marie Smith
Brandy M. Walters
Alex James Zwiertynski

Madden School of Business Senior Awards

The Frank and Margaret Ahrens Memorial Medal in General Business: Awarded to the seniors majoring in General Business who achieve the highest average in that curriculum.

Thomas Charles Brown
Juliana Marie Burns
Seth Thomas Hoover

Ryan Thomas Massett
Daniel M. McGarvey
Julia Sardella

The Francis and Martha McElroy Medal in Business: Awarded to the students who achieve the highest average in the Business curriculum during senior year.

Michael Ryan Dierolf
Matthew Charles Jordan
Michael Thomas Lazzaro

Ryan Thomas Massett
Karen Suzanna Stilaka
Rhys E. Ten Eyck

The Maurice W. Powers Medal in Accounting: Awarded to the senior majoring in Accounting who achieves the highest average in the Business curriculum.

Michael J. Assaf

The New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants Award: Awarded to the senior who achieves the highest average in the Accounting Curriculum.

Michael J. Assaf

The Syracuse Chapter of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants Joseph J. Eron Certificate of Merit: Awarded to the senior majoring in Accounting who ranks among the top students in the class and who, on the basis of past performance and all-around ability, gives promise of success in public accounting.

Michelle K. Huffaker

The Syracuse Chapter of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants Joseph J. Eron Career Preparation Award: Awarded to the senior who ranks among the top students in the class and who, on the basis of past performance and all-around ability, gives promise of success in public accounting.

Matthew J. Truman

The John D. ’60 and Barbara G. Collins Accounting Scholarship Fund at Le Moyne College: Awarded to seniors who are accounting majors and intend to enroll in the fifth-year master’s degree program at Le Moyne and have demonstrated leadership and high academic achievement.

Kirsten E. Franzese

The Michael D. Madden Award in Management: Awarded on the basis of academic achievement, leadership, and involvement in campus/community activities.

Ryan P. Gabriel
The Salwa Ammar Award in Leadership: Awarded to a Madden School of Business senior, with a high level of academic achievement in Business Analytics, who has demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities.

Ryan Thomas Massett

The John K. ’65 and Katherine M. ’66 Purcell Scholars Award: Awarded to the seniors who represent the highest-performing business students at Le Moyne and are selected not only on the basis of exceptional academic performance, but also to the degree as to which they can demonstrate ethical leadership qualities, personal integrity, community service and other desirable attributes of responsible citizenship. Through their community engagement and personal character, they serve as role models for others and as outstanding ambassadors for Le Moyne.

Thomas Charles Brown
Michaela A. Capone
Seth Thomas Hoover
Matthew Charles Jordan
Julia Sardella

College-Wide Senior Award


Emily S. El Yousri

Service Members and Veterans

Le Moyne College is proud to have veterans and service members of the United States Armed Forces among the members of the Class of 2020. These individuals are wearing red, white and blue cords.

We congratulate them on their achievements and offer our thanks for their service to our country.

UNDERGRADUATE
Timothy W. Gilliam
Alexa Marie Lounsbury (ROTC)
Christopher Carl Mt.Pleasant
Carlos Alberto Prillwitz
Brigid Elizabeth Purcell
Joshua M. Rudd
Shahin Shahmir

GRADUATE
Kari Blair
Jonathan J. Burkett
Eric M. Horn

PURCELL SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Senior Awards

The M. Janice Nelson Award in Nursing: Given in honor of Dr. M.Janice Nelson, a devoted nurse educator who has been highly supportive of the nursing education programs at Le Moyne. Awarded to an undergraduate senior who best exemplifies professionalism, passion and a commitment to service in nursing practice.

Christie L. Kerr

The Robert and Doris Bacorn Award for Service and Leadership in Nursing: Awarded to a senior for going above and beyond the call of duty in giving time and energy to the Department of Nursing and Central New York community by demonstrating a professional commitment to service and leadership through a willingness to engage in initiatives that benefit the health and welfare of the public.

Holly Fay Adams

The Catherine and William Lynn Education Medal: Awarded to the graduating seniors who have demonstrated outstanding potential to be exemplary elementary, secondary and special education school teachers.

Gabriella R. Rufo
Katrina L. Sharkey
Molly Mae Vadala

Academic Excellence Undergraduate Nursing Student Award: Awarded to the undergraduate students in nursing who exemplify an adherence to the principles and standards of professional nursing and demonstrate academic excellence.

Kelsey N. Desso
Edward R. Halpin
GRADUATE AWARDS

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

The Arts Administration Community Impact Award: Awarded to a student in the Master of Science in Arts Administration Program who has demonstrated excellence in translating theoretical knowledge into professional practice through the Consulting Practicum capstone project.

Crystal R. Simmons

MADDEN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

The New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants Graduate Academic Achievement Award: Awarded to the graduate student with the highest achievement in the 150-Hour Accounting Program.

Aaron M. Comeskey

The Syracuse Chapter of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants Joseph J. Eron Graduate Career Preparation Award: Awarded to the graduate student in the 150-Hour Accounting Program who ranks among the top students in the class and who, on the basis of past performance and all-around ability, gives promise of success in public accounting.

Chitunga M. Crandall

PURCELL SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

The Cecilia F. Mulvey Award: Presented in honor of Dr. Cecilia Mulvey, a devoted nurse leader who has been highly supportive of nursing education at Le Moyne, to a graduating master's student who demonstrates exceptional organizational abilities and leadership skills as a professional nurse.

Nicole M. LaValle

The Patricia L. Donnelly Leadership Award: Given in honor of Patricia L. Donnelly MS, RN, FNP-BC, a pioneering leader and staunch advocate for Nurse Practitioners in New York state, this award is presented to the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) student who exemplifies Pat's energy, motivation and integrity in demonstrating outstanding leadership and service to the profession.

Michele Lee Doolittle

Academic Excellence Master's Nursing Student Award: Awarded to the graduate students in nursing who achieved the highest overall grade-point average and demonstrated clinical mastery.

Jennifer Anne Anderson
Morrisa Hava Golden-Sieradski
Katherine Rose Halleck
Kaitlyn M. Hazelmeyer
Megan M. Hollister
Chelsea Kaye-Bidinger
Casey Lynn Kilborne
Nicole M. LaValle
Naomi Laureen Mehmedovic

The Department of Occupational Therapy Exceptional Student Award: Awarded to the graduating student in the Occupational Therapy Program who has demonstrated a commitment to the core values and mission of the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy Program as well as the profession of Occupational Therapy. The recipient of this award will have demonstrated an exceptional devotion to service consistent with Ignatian values, engaged in scholarship focused on the promotion of occupational justice for all individuals, and shown a desire to broaden the view of the profession of Occupational Therapy through creative and innovative thought.

Sarah R. Steurer

The Rev. John P. Bucki, S.J. Award in Physician Assistant Medical Humanities: Awarded to graduating Physician Assistant Studies students in excellent academic standing who exemplify the spirit of magis, cura personalis, altruism, duty, collegiality, communication skills, and an open heart to all in need.

Justine L. Seliger
Cassilyn Wolff
National Honor Societies

Alpha Kappa Delta:
National Honor Society in Sociology
Nicole Ann Lattimore
Bailie Flanagan Murty
Micala Marie Zelinsky

Alpha Phi Sigma:
National Honor Society in Criminal Justice
Shannon Marie Linehan
Steven James Bergin
Nicole Ann Lattimore
Arlana Leah Henneberry

Alpha Sigma Lambda:
Honor Society for Adult Non-traditional Students
Timothy W. Gilliam

Alpha Sigma Nu:
National Jesuit Honor Society
Alexander S. Betz
Michael John Cimino
Robert Christopher Corona
Jordan M. Daley
Daniel Joseph Denoble
Alana Michelle Gonzales
Katherine Anna Krause
Amy Lynn Lathrop
Maria A. Lore
Jamie Lynn McLennan
Isabella Maria Naylor
Michelle Laine Ort
Allison Margaret Robinson
Alex James Zwiersynski

Beta Beta Beta:
National Honor Society in Biological Sciences
Mariana Evelyn Acquaviva
Jordan J. Bourgeois
Kristen T. DeCicco
Haley Patricia Decker
Daniel Joseph Denoble
Nathan Edward Fillingham
Selena Sabine Haykal
Jane E. Howes
Alena Rose Kimble
Stephen Alexander Beck Janack
Paige M. Kieper
Amy Lynn Lathrop
Marissa Anne Lombardi
Boniface Felix Makuja
Isabella Maria Naylor
Rachel C. Olin
Hunter D. Powell
Michael Colin Riley
Lisa Marie Smith
Nicholas Jordan Taylor
Megan Mitchell Vandewarker
GRADUATE STUDENT
Madeline Therese Gallagher

Beta Gamma Sigma:
International Honor Society in Business
Michael J. Assaf
Thomas Charles Brown
Juliana Marie Burns
Michaela A. Capone
Ryan P. Gabriel
Tyler Lee Hartzog
Seth Thomas Hoover
Matthew Charles Jordan
Jakub Wiktor Kulakowski
Michael Thomas Lazzaro
Nicholas James Marchese
Ryan Thomas Massett
Heith Daniel McConnell II
Daniel Michael McGarvey
Julia Sardella
Rhys E. Ten Eyck
GRADUATE STUDENT
Nicholas A. Keller

Kappa Delta Pi:
International Honor Society in Education
Emily K. Baker
Clare E. Donovan
Leah M. Egan
Sydney Rae Himes
Marie K. Knittel
Katherine Anna Krause
MaKayla LaRae Leviker
Hayley Renée Oliver
Gabriella R. Rufo
Michael J. Songer
GRADUATE STUDENTS
Katherine Grace B. Driscoll
Caitlin Patricia McHugh
Jenna L. O’Neil
Phi Alpha Theta:
National Honor Society in History
Joshua Joseph Hayden
Christina M. Maher
Emily L. Nessel
Dayna Marie Pilger
Nicholas Sinnenberg
Michael J. Songer
Julia C. Walsh

Phi Sigma Tau:
National Honor Society in Philosophy
Madelyn Margaret Cittadino
Robert Christopher Corona

Pi Alpha:
National Honor Society in Physician Assistant Studies
Tyler John Dix
Briana R. Hansen
Christina Gabriele Humbert
Jessica Marie Hyde
Bridget Maureen McKeever
Emily M. Morrison
Austin Alan Perry
Diana Marie Rubel
Justine L. Seliger
Jon Mark Sleeper
Cassilin Wolff

Pi Epsilon:
Honor Society in Environmental Science
Alena Rose Kimble
Megan Mitchell Vandewarker

Pi Gamma Mu:
National Honor Society in Social Sciences
Rachel E. Arnold
Jordan J. Bourgeois
Madelyn Margaret Cittadino
Briana N. Cool
Emily S. El Younis
Emily C. Fernandez
Stephen Alexander Beck Janack
Michael D. Jandrisevits
Katherine Anna Krause
Michael J. Songer
Nicholas Visco

Pi Mu Epsilon:
National Honor Society in Political Science
Alexander S. Betz
Emily N. Nages
Claire L. Hiwiler
Alison Margaret Robinson

Psi Chi:
National Honor Society in Psychology
Rachel E. Arnold
Jordan J. Bourgeois
Mia Sara Franko
Arlana Leah Henneberry
Jane E. Howes
Stephen Alexander Beck Janack
Katherine Anna Krause
Grace Anne Lowry
Colleen M. Murphy
Emma Minnie Murphy
Alexis A. Nicolosi
Rachel C. Olin
Michelle Laine Ort
Emily Lauren Park
Amanda G. Perkowski
Mary Kate Rogan
Gabriella R. Rufo
Jordan Elizabeth Sloan
Sarah Margaret Van De Valk
Samantha L. Wendell
Micala Marie Zelinsky

SALUTE:
Veterans National Honor Society
Christopher Carl Mt. Pleasant
Carlos Alberto Prillwitz
Joshua M. Rudd
Shahin Shahmir

Graduate Students
Kari Blair
Eric M. Horn

Sigma Tau Delta:
National Honor Society in English
Clare E. Donovan
Alana Michelle Gonzales
Brian Kade Hourihan
Tyler Colman Jean
Meghan Erin Lavery
MaKayla LaRue Leviker
Molly Mabel Murphy
Emily Nessel
Hayley Renee Oliver
Samantha Elida Overton
Rebecca Danielle Peters
AnnMarie Elizabeth Wood
Sigma Theta Tau:
International Honor Society of Nursing

Holly Fay Adams
Kelsey N. Deso
Katherine Rose Eberhard
Devyn Leigh Freeman
Gabrielle Leah Gasowski
Dori S. Klein
Alexa Marie Lounsbery
Christiana C. Marotti
Gabrielle Faith McLain
Erynn Frances McNerney
Rebecca L. Murphy
Marissa Kathryn Pancarella
Jennifer Anne Powell
Elizabeth Victoria Roberts
Hailey Suzanne Ryan
Karina P. Silvyuk
Courtney Carin Thomas

Graduate Students
Jennifer Anne Anderson
Hannah Jean Brannigan
Ashley Diane Calabrese
Katherine Rose Hallbeck
Kathryn Bailey Halstead
Kaitlyn M. Hazelsmyer
Megan M. Hollister
Patricia E. Hubbell
Chelsea Kaye-Bidinger
Casey Lynn Kilborne
Nicole M. LaValle
Naomi Laureen Mehndedovic
Stacey L. Monnat
Kara E. Pafumi
Rachel A. Strong
Maya M. Werksman

Tau Sigma:
National Honor Society for Transfer Students

Jessica Mompeller
Amy Lynn Lathrop
Timothy W. Gilliam
Caelan Patricia McCaffery
Mitchel Robert Mecigs
Emily Lauren Park
Rebecca Danielle Peters
Amanda O. Petrovski
Jennifer Anne Powell
Callum Jo Wilson
Elizabeth Catherine Fleming

Joshua J. Hayden
Emily K. Baker
Juliana Burns
Katelyn M. Dattellas
Che Cass
Chitunga M. Crandall
Zachary Michael Hughes
Brian Kade Hourihan
Alena Rose Kimble
Quynd Nhau Le
Anna A. Merulla

 Theta Alpha Kappa:
National Honor Society in Religion

Connor J.B. Feliu
Sarah Margaret Van De Valk
Michael J. Songer

Departmental Honors

Departmental honors are earned through intensive study in the major field.

College of Arts and Sciences

Mathematics and Computer Science
Alexander S. Betz
Claire L. Huwiler
Allison Margaret Robinson

Psychology
Arlana Leah Henneberry

McDevitt Fellows Programs

Information Systems
Ethan Sellevold
Kristi Gloude

Madden School of Business

Information Systems
Kristi L. Gloude
Ethan J. Sellevold
INTEGRAL HONORS DEGREE

The Integral Honors degree, the highest distinction Le Moyne confers upon its undergraduates, is earned through participation in an intensive four-year program of study that culminates in an honors thesis project completed under the guidance of a faculty mentor.


Emily S. El Younisi

Natasha Josephine Beauchesne B.A., English
“The Stories We Hear: Challenging Eating Disorder Misconceptions”
(Mentor: Patrick Lawler, M.A.)

Meghan Lee Burrows B.S., Biochemistry
“Pathophysiology of Chemical Asphyxiants: 21st Century Chemical Weapons and Inadequate Utilitarianism Justification”
(Mentor: Joseph Mullins, Ph.D.)

Madelyn Margaret Cittadino B.A., Political Science
“Mass Incarceration in the United States: The Land of the Incarcerated and the Home of Racial Inequality”
(Mentor: Jonathan Parent, Ph.D.)

Collyn J. Conrad B.A., Political Science and B.S., Finance
“Quo Vadis: Poverty, Voting, and Political Affiliation”
(Mentor: Delia Popescu, Ph.D.)

Emily S. El Younisi B.A., Sociology
“Film as a Critical Mode of Communication: Exploring Psychological Subjectivity Through Genre Aesthetics”
(Mentors: Bryan Cole, M.F.A. and Julie Grossman, Ph.D.)

Connor J.B. Feliu B.A., Philosophy & Religious Studies
“From Fellatio to Foligno: Verbalized Erotic Mysticism in Angela’s Memorial”
(Mentor: Karmen MacKendrick, Ph.D.)

Nathan Edward Fillingham B.A., Biology and B.S. Psychology
“We Need to Make Monsters: Embracing ‘Mad Science’ Without Becoming Frankenstein”
(Mentor: Sherrilyn Smith, Ph.D.)

Marcus A. Grabowski B.S., Accounting
“Incentive for Investment Hurting Growth? An Analysis on Section 179 Expensing and The Impact on Job Growth from Related Capital Investment”
(Mentor: Furkan Oztanriseven, Ph.D.)

Michelle K. Huffaker B.S., Accounting
“The IRS and Churches: Invalid Criteria Used to Determine Tax Exempt Status and Treatment of Charitable Contribution Deductions”
(Mentor: Mitchell Franklin)

Marissa Anne Lombardie B.S., Biology
“Harnessing Placebo Responses During the Medical Encounter: Implications for Patient Care”
(Mentor: Emily Ledgerwood, Ph.D.)

Jamie Lynn McLennan B.A., Political Science
“Understanding Federal Immigrant Legislation in the United States: Why Heightened Nativism May be the Answer”
(Mentor: Delia Popescu)

Molly Mabel Murphy B.A., Communications & English
“Hell is a Teenage Girl—Violation, Monstrous Transformation, and Feminine Power in Greek Mythology and Contemporary Horror Film”
(Mentor: Phillip Novak, Ph.D.)

Katelyn Marie O’Connor B.S., Psychology
“Parental Impact on the Development of Emotional Construct: An Adolescent’s Vulnerability to External Influence”
(Mentor: Shawn Ward, Ph.D.)

Rosie J. Owens B.A., Theatre Arts
“Clothing the Hyperbolic Plane: Sleeved Dresses Created Through Pentagonal Hyperbolic Tilings”
(Mentor: Jonathan Needleman, Ph.D.)

Lee D. Pendexter B.A., Political Science
“Digitization and Dispossession: The Impact of Streaming Services on Music Ownership”
(Mentor: Jonathan Parent, Ph.D.)

Nicholas D. Skakal B.S., Computer Science
“The Power of the Keyboard: Parallels Between the Personal Computer Revolution and the Introduction of Synthesizers to Popular Music”
(Mentor: David Voorhees, Ph.D.)

Mya R. Walters B.A., Political Science & Psychology
“The Opposite of Overt: How Political Fear of Gender is Implicitly Institutionalized”
(Mentor: Shawn Ward, Ph.D.)
Students who have achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 3.85 – 4.00 in all subjects by the end of their study are awarded the bachelor's degree of summa cum laude.

Rachel K. Ablan
Zachary N. Almeter
Natasha Josephine Beauchesne
Alexander S. Betz
Aurum Renee Burgin
Madelyn Margaret Cattadino
Robert Christopher Corona
Emma B. Discenza
Clare E. Donovan
Emily S. El Younssi
Mia Sara Franko
Alana Michelle Gonzales
Melissa Charlotte Hasse
Joshua J. Hayden
Meghan Erin Lavery
Maria A. Lore
Caelan Patricia McCaffery
Jamie Lynn McLennon
Molly Mabel Murphy
Emily N. Nages
Emily Nessel
Emily Lauren Park
Allison Margaret Robinson
Mya R. Walters

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Students who have achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 3.70 – 3.84 in all subjects by the end of their study are awarded the bachelor's degree of magna cum laude.

Mohammed Ashkar
Nicholas Scott Barney
Meaghan Lee Burrows
Michaela A. Capone
Aaron Matthew Comeskey
Daniel Joseph Denoble
Kelsy N. Desso
Katherine Rose Eberhard
Marissa Elizabeth Felasco
Amber M. Ford
Devyn Leigh Freeman
Ryan P. Gabriell
Madeline T. Gallagher
Selena Sabine Haykal
Serh Thomas Hoover
Daniel Egan Kelly
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PURCELL SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
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Each year, the graduating class of Le Moyne College supports a student initiative or cause. The Class of 2020 focused on the Le Moyne College Fund. The Le Moyne College Fund supports the following key priorities that enable students to enjoy a rich, diverse educational experience, regardless of economic background: student scholarships and financial aid, academic support and instructional resources, and student programming. Over 150 seniors supported the Class of 2020 Senior Giving initiative last year.

The following student philanthropists submitted these messages in honor of their time at Le Moyne:

Danyel Akins  I would like to thank my parents, friends, and the HECOP/AHANA program. I couldn't have done it without them!

Miranda Aldrich  To everyone who helped me toward where I am now, thank you so much! A special thank you to my Mom and Dad for helping me out financially and being there for me when things would get rough and always staying by my side. I love you guys.

Marwa Basim AlQuraishi  Dear Mom and Dad, my love for you is immeasurable. I am thankful for the effort and love you have given and continued to give us.

Dominick Anthony Battaglia Jr.  Mom, Dad and Juliana – Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. I could not have done it without you! I love you all!

Tyler Bell  Thank you to all my friends and family for a great 4 years! I can’t thank you enough! Also thank you to all the faculty and staff at Le Moyne.

Peyton Bellrose  Thank you to my friends and family for their endless support throughout this journey. I will always be grateful for the memories that I have made.

Thomas Brown  Shout out to my parents, Scotty P., Kasha G., and Shawn W. for helping me throughout my time at the heights.

Shannon Bunce  Mom & Dad, we did this together just like always and I wouldn’t have it any other way! Thank you!

Meaghan Burrows  Thank you to my family for their unwavering support, my friends for sticking by me, and my professors for inspiring me to always keep learning.

Michael John Cimino  Thank you to my best friend Jackie, wonderful family, and dear friends for being an ever-reliable support staff. I love you all!

Colleen Corcoran  Thank you to my parents, family, and friends who have supported me throughout my amazing journey! A special thank you to Coach Castelli for helping me grow into the person I am today!

David William Dabrowski  Mom, Dad, and Matt – Thank you for all your support, both while at Le Moyne and always! I love you!

Jordan Daley  I am so thankful for my family, our legacy, the friends I made here & all of the memories made at 1474 Nelligan, Harrison, Doll Pkwy, and on campus!

Haley Decker  Mom, Dad, and Caleb – thank you for all your support over the past 4 years, I couldn’t have done it without you! I love you!

Daniel Denoble  Thank you for all that you have done for me. I could not have accomplished this without you! May God bless you for your continued support.

Alexis Marie Dygert  Thank you so much to dad, grandma, Brandy, Sam, and Cooper. I never could have done it without you!

Billy Eccleston  Thanks to all my friends for a lifetime’s worth of memories made in 4 short years!

Emily El Younis  Thanks to all my friends for your constant support! Also, thank you the all my family and friends who have supported me throughout my journey.

Rachel Elise Fish  Mom & Dad, everything I am is thanks to you. Ethan, you push me to be the best role model. Grandma & Grandpa, I couldn’t have done this without you. Alex, you are my light.

Amber Ford  Thank you Mom, Dad, and Mike for your constant support! Also, thank you the all my family and friends who helped me along the way!

Mia Sara Franko  GIANT thank you to Mom, Dad, Gina, and the phamily I’ve gained for growing, laughing, and dealing with me; we did it! (finally) #phiusap and LT4.

Thank you to my best friend
Meaghan Burrows**

Thank you to my family for their endless support throughout this journey. I will always be grateful for the memories that I have made.

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Alex Freeman  I want to thank my parents for being supportive and helping through these four years. I also want to thank my friends for helping me relax.

Emilee Gilbert  I thank all of my family and friends for supporting me through my journey at Le Moyne. I'm grateful for the knowledge I've gained and am excited to start a new journey elsewhere.

Alana Michelle Gonzales  What other class gets a permanent spring break & a one year reunion! A huge thank you to everyone who made my time on the Heights truly the best 4 years.

Rachel Haskell  Mom and Dad, College was always something I wanted to accomplish. I knew I had the ability to do it, but I wasn't sure if I could put my words into actions. Now, we are here. Thank you for supporting me every step of the way.

Selena Haykal  Dad, Mom, and Ant – I couldn’t have done this without you! I love you very much!

Arhana Hennebery  Thank you to my parents, my friends that have stayed, and to the class of 2020. Grandma, I know you are looking down on me as I walk the stage.

Bryanna Keys  Thank you to my family, friends and the Phins who have impacted my journey! This is not the way that we wanted to go out, but 2020 will be remembered forever!

Jacob Kidd  I thank my family and all my friends who have continued to support me throughout my four years at Le Moyne. I couldn’t have done it without you.

Nicole Lattimore  4 years spent at Le Moyne College were the best 4 years of my life. I cannot thank my family and my phamily at Le Moyne enough for their love and support.

Meghan Lavery  I would just like to thank my amazing parents for all their love and support through my college journey. I couldn’t have done it without you guys. I love you both!

Molly Mooney  Thank you mom and dad for all your love, help and support during the past 4 years! Love you both!

Anna Nicole Moschella  I’d like to thank my amazing parents for all their love and support through my college journey. I couldn’t have done it without you guys. I love you both!

Molly Murphy  Thank you to my family, friends, and all who have taught me that I can “do anything, but let it produce joy.” –Walt Whitman

Bailie Murty  Mom, Dad, Kels, & Bren- Thank you for your endless love and support! Love you guys, couldn’t have done it without you!

Alexis Nicolis  To my family, friends, and teammates – I couldn’t have done it without you all!!! Phins’ up!

Samantha Elida Overton  Thank you to God, my wonderful family and my lifelong friends. I am and always will be incredibly thankful that I have you all in my life.

Katherine Pauley  Mom, Dad, and Alden - you made this possible for me and supported me through every step of my journey at Le Moyne. I love you!

Jennifer Anne Powell  Mom and Dad thank you for everything, most importantly for believing in me. I'm so glad for the friends and memories I've made while at Le Moyne.

Maria Malone  Blessed to have spent 4 years at Le Moyne. Gained so much knowledge, friends and lifelong experiences. Thank you to my mom and dad for everything!

Colin James McCormick  Thank you, Mom, Dad, Mariah, Patrick and the LMC Swim and Dive team for all the love, support, and memories the past 4 years!!

Dan McGregor  Put It In The Books! Thanks Mom and Dad. Love you.

Ryan McGrath  Thank you Mom and Dad for giving me the opportunity to attend Le Moyne! Thank you for your support on this 4 year journey, I love you!

Jamie McLennan  Thank you to all my friends and family that supported me along the way, especially my Mom and Dad! Go Phins!

Anna A. Merulla  I would just like to thank my family and friends for supporting me these past 4 years! I wouldn’t have been able to do it without their support.

Hunter Dylan Powell  Thanks to my family for their endless love and support, and thanks to my friends for encouraging my jobless career path. Stay classic everyone!

Michael C. Pullano  To everyone who helped me along this journey - my parents, siblings, mentors, and friends - thank you for all you have given me.

Megan Ranodeh  I would like to thank my family and staff for all the love and unconditional support throughout my time at Le Moyne. All your kindness will never be forgotten.

Julia Rose Reilly  Mom and Dad- thank you for all of your support in getting me here today. I couldn’t have done this without you! Go Phins!

Zachary A. Roberts  Thank you to my parents for pushing me and helping me get to this point in my life. Without them I would not be the young man that I am today.

Allison Robinson  Thank you to my family for their continued support. I couldn’t have done it without you!

Mary Kate Rogan  Thank you to my family, my roomie, Julie, and my forever friends I made at Le Moyne that made my time on the heights so special!

Casandra Serafini  Thanks guys!

Nicholas Skakal  Thank you so much to my family, friends, professors, and Le Moyne staff for their support on my journey. Congratulations Class of 2020 on a great four years!

Lisa Smith  Thank you Mom, Dad, Amy and my friends here at Le Moyne for your unconditional support, I love you all!

Michael Songer  Thank you to all the Le Moyne staff and faculty who constantly supported me! True examples of women and men for and with others.

Kerry Sullivan  Thank you to my family and friends for all the love and support throughout the last 4 years of nursing school! I couldn’t have done it without you all!!!

Anna Trichilo  Thank you Mom and Dad for all your support these last four years. I love you!

Justin Thomas Tuey  Thank you to my family, friends, teammates, coaches & the Le Moyne community for an unforgettable experience that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

Gavin Weight  Yessssssssss

Mia Walters  Thank you, Mom and Dad, for supporting me through everything. Love you both!

Kaitlyn E. Wheeler  Thank you to my loving family, great friends, amazing professors, and caring academic advisor for guiding me along during my time at Le Moyne!

Meghan Woodworth  A BIG thank you to my Mom and Dad for supporting me every step of the way & my best friends for the best 4 years! Love you guys!

Charley Elizabeth Zicari  I would like to thank my family for their unconditional love and support. Thank you to my professors and staff for guiding me through.

Hans Zimmer  Thank you to my family and friends that have made my time at Le Moyne so memorable. Le Moyne will always be special to me.

Laura Zwerger  Thanks to Mia Franko for reminding me to fill out the form for this :)
TO THE 2020 AND 2021 STUDENT ALUMNI LEADERSHIP TRAINING COMMITTEE

The College extends its thanks to the members of both the 2020 and 2021 Student Alumni Leadership Training Committee (S.A.L.T.), who contributed to the success of philanthropy on Le Moyne’s campus. Due to their hard work and dedication, over 150 members of the 2020 graduating class made Senior Gifts to the Le Moyne College Fund and over 100 members of the 2021 graduating class made Senior Gifts to the Jesuit Student Relief Fund. Over the course of two years, this committee also organized and encouraged collection of over 200 meal swipes for their peers in need. Your passion for others and paying it forward inspires us. We are forever grateful for the dedication you have shown to your home on the Heights, and we hope you will continue to help us grow the culture of philanthropy at Le Moyne College.

Brooke Merrifield ‘17, M.S. ’19
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Michaela Pullano ’20
Megan Ramdehal ’20
Casandra Serafini ’20
Michael Songer ’20
Luis Suzanna ’20
Daniel Bonsangue ’21
Kennedy Cole ’21
Elizabeth Glynn ’21
Sydney Murray ’21
Kelli Tierney ’21
Bryan Tran ’21
Lauren Wiley ’21
Matthew Wojak ’21

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

JOHN “JACK” BOORMAN ’63, PH.D.

John “Jack” Boorman ’63, Ph.D., was a scholar of macroeconomics and an expert on the intersections of geopolitics and finance. In his work with the International Monetary Fund, Jack cultivated a view that was necessarily transnational, spending much of his life examining shifting resources and changing policies across continents, nation states and decades. Yet, despite this global perspective, he knew that behind these shifting resources and changing economic patterns were individual families and communities yearning to do more than just survive.

For Jack, thinking globally and acting locally was something more than a bumper sticker. In his work with the IMF, Jack developed policies that would help to nurture growth in struggling economies; he pushed the IMF to recognize the needs of developing countries; and, with characteristic charm and grace, he willingly provoked those in power to attend to the needs of those without it. Benjamin Franklin, another student of economies and politics, once wrote, “Without continual growth and progress, such words as ‘improvement,’ ‘achievement,’ and ‘success’ have no meaning.” Jack devoted his professional life to creating a world where growth and progress could be measured not simply in terms of material wealth, but by a peace and prosperity that span the globe. Whether he was guiding the former Soviet Union as it transformed into a market economy or steering Le Moyne College through the Great Recession of 2008, Jack was a steward whose steady leadership, as much as his talent, calmed troubled waters.

While we honor Jack for his many professional accomplishments, we also celebrate the values he lived and modeled each day. He treated everyone - whether that individual was hosting him at the G7 or serving him coffee at the Dolphin Den - with the same unfailing courtesy and kindness. Jack never forgot the Jesuit ideal that all work is honorable and all workers dignified by their efforts. His example inspired generations of younger economists at the IMF, just as he inspired the students who were fortunate enough to hear him lecture. Once described as “the conscience of the IMF,” Jack led by example, with humility, integrity and compassion. A loving husband, devoted friend and dedicated mentor, he was that rarest of all success stories: both a gentleman and a gentle man.

In gratitude for his keen intellect and his outstanding contributions to his profession and his alma mater, Le Moyne College is honored to present to

JOHN “JACK” BOORMAN ’63, PH.D.
the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters – honoris causa.
**Sharon Kinsman Salmon ’78**

Few people are as gracious with their time, talent and expertise as Sharon Kinsman Salmon ’78. Le Moyne has benefited greatly from her largess. A longtime member of the College’s board of trustees who at various points served as that body’s secretary, vice chair and chair, Sharon epitomizes what it means to be an effective leader and dedicated alumna.

It was as board chair in 2014 that she made history by making Linda LeMura, Ph.D., the first lay woman president of a Jesuit college or university in the United States. In addition to her work on the board, she volunteers her time to the College’s Office of Admission and Office of Career Advising and Development. She is, in the words of one fellow alumnus, “a thoughtful listener who is adept at synthesizing different points of view to bring about consensus.” Sharon is also passionate about learning more about others and the world around her. When she had the opportunity to join several other trustees on a pilgrimage to Spain to follow in the footsteps of Saint Ignatius Loyola, she leapt at it. What better way to plan for the future of Jesuit education than by immersing yourself in its roots?

A highly respected professional, Sharon retired from pharmaceutical giant Pfizer in February 2008. She served as its vice president and assistant treasurer, and was responsible for managing $20 billion in global pension fund and savings plan assets for the bulk of her 21-year career at the organization. During her last two years at Pfizer, Sharon was vice president, global compensation and benefits, and was responsible for compensation, benefits, health and wellness plans, programs and policies worldwide. In addition to her professional responsibilities, she devoted herself to numerous civic and charitable causes, including the Bergen Family Center, Keith V. Kiernan Foundation and Leadership Alliance International Inc. Sharon earned a master’s degree in business administration from Fordham University and a bachelor’s degree in political science from Le Moyne.

With deep appreciation for her talent, leadership and guidance, Le Moyne College is pleased to present to

**Cornelius “Neil” Murphy Jr., Ph.D.**

Cornelius “Neil” Murphy Jr., Ph.D., is an innovator, collaborator and visionary. Those closest to Neil are quick to say that his favorite question is: Why not? He seems to specialize in the art of the possible. During his tenure as president of the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, enrollment increased from 1,700 to 2,300 students, sponsored research expenditures grew from $9.8 million to $14.4 million, and an array of dynamic new academic offerings, including bioprocess engineering and sustainable energy management, were introduced. That Neil used quantifiable metrics such as these to assess the school’s progress is not surprising. After all, he is a man of science, committed to logic and reasoning.

What may surprise people is how deeply personal Neil’s work in the president’s office was to him. He vastly preferred in-person meetings to emails or phone calls; he relished discussing the faculty research taking place on every continent across the globe; and, as he shared in an interview with Inside ESF, he looked forward to having breakfast or lunch with students, a tradition lovingly dubbed “Meals with Neil.” As one colleague so aptly said of his work, “If there’s a hallmark Neil leaves, it’s that the issues we’re dealing with are so enormous they can only be dealt with through collaboration, and Neil has led the way.”

Neil retired as the president of SUNY ESF in 2013. However, he continues to promote the institution’s mission “to advance knowledge and skills and to promote the leadership necessary for the stewardship of both the natural and the designed environments” as a senior fellow for environmental and sustainable systems. He does so because he believes we all have a responsibility to the world we share.

With deep appreciation for his work as an educator, administrator and environmentalist, Le Moyne College is proud to present to

**Sharon Kinsman Salmon ’78**

the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters – *honoris causa*.  

**Cornelius “Neil” Murphy Jr., Ph.D.**

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**Dan McNeil Jr. ’51**

Dan McNeil Jr. ’51 personifies what it means to be Jesuit educated, “a man or woman for and with others.” Wherever life takes him, Dan has the unique ability to meet everyone he encounters exactly where they are, to ensure that they are seen, heard and understood. And to be clear, life has taken Dan to some pretty interesting places. A veteran of World War II, he entered Le Moyne as a member of its first class, commuting to the College from his home in Cortland and supporting himself in part by working as a musician at local dances a few times per week. He went on to become president of the award-winning McNeil Development Company, which has been widely credited with revitalizing downtown Cortland. He put his expertise in business to work as a member of the city’s Chamber of Commerce. Dan has also given back to his community through his support of a variety of philanthropic and civic organizations, including but not limited to: the Cortland County Family YMCA, the Rotary Club, the Racker Center in its mission to support people with disabilities, the American Legion, and the Rose and Dan McNeil Foundation with a focus on supporting music in the Cortland community. Most important though, he and his wife of 64 years, the late Rose McNeil, raised a beautiful family that includes six children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Dan has done all of these things – and more – with supreme joy – and while modeling humility, honesty and hard work. Those closest to him will tell you that he credits much of his success to his education, and that he believes firmly in the power of education to nurture, transform and inspire. He has shared that belief with succeeding generations of McNeils. Two of his children, Dan III ’77 and Mary, MBA ’08, and two of his grandchildren, Lauren Davis ’08 and Brent ’21, are alumni of the College. Today this family, which is such an important part of the College’s history, is playing an equally important role in its future. Inspired by their patriarch, they recently founded the McNeil Academy at Le Moyne, whose mission is to develop and oversee a world-class program in risk management and insurance that emphasizes ethics and socially responsible leadership. The values that serve as the cornerstone of Dan McNeil’s life also serve as the foundation of the Academy bearing his name.

With deep appreciation for his spirit, intellect and heart, Le Moyne College is pleased to present to

**Dan McNeil Jr. ’51**

the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters – *honoris causa*.

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**Joyce Stokes Jones**

Most people know Harriet Ross Tubman as an abolitionist who dedicated herself to freeing enslaved men, women and children using the conduit now known as the Underground Railroad. She is, for them, someone whose life and work they studied in their high school social studies classes. But for Joyce Stokes Jones, Tubman is much more than a historical figure – she is her great-grand aunt. A native of Auburn, N.Y., Joyce has dedicated much of her adult life to researching and writing about Tubman’s life and times. She crafted thoughtful columns about Black life and heritage for the *Syracuse Herald Journal* and *Readers Press*, and produced segments dealing with issues important to the Black community for WCNY. Beyond that, Joyce has made numerous presentations on Tubman’s life at schools and various community forums.

Joyce’s extensive research of Tubman brought her to places like Annapolis, Cambridge and Bucktown, Md., Cleveland, New York City, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia, as well as St. Catharines, Canada. That work culminated in her book, *Beyond the Underground: Aunt Harriet, Moses of Her People*, which she co-wrote with her daughter, Michelle Jones Galvin. *Aunt Harriet* was published in 2013, 100 years after Tubman’s death. It has been described as “a work reminiscent of family lore, memoir and historical fact.” In its pages, Joyce sought to take a deep dive into her ancestor’s life and story. As she told *Central New York Woman Magazine*,

“I wanted to put our history in the public.”

An alumna of West High School, Joyce was a career secretary and retired in 1989 after 15 years as secretary to the president of the Syracuse Common Council.

With deep appreciation for chronicling her family’s legacy and charting her own course as an author and historian, Le Moyne College is proud to present to

**Joyce Stokes Jones**

the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters – *honoris causa*.
David Dasher ’69, D.D.S.

David Dasher ’69, D.D.S., gives others a reason to smile. As the director of Amaus Dental Services in Syracuse, David provides crucial care, free of charge, to those who find themselves unemployed, homeless or without dental insurance. The tools of his trade include mirrors, X-Ray machines and drills, as well as compassion, empathy and kindness. On an average day, David may help one patient experiencing chronic pain, another in need of a long-overdue checkup, and still another who may feel self-conscious about the appearance of his teeth. Knowing that he is able to assist his patients, and make a positive impact on their overall health, buoys him through even the most delicate, challenging procedures.

Caregiving and service are part of David’s DNA. Prior to founding Amaus Dental Services, he was the dental director for both the Syracuse Community Health Center and the Community Health Care Center in Wichita Falls, Texas. He also served in the United States Air Force (U.S.A.F.) for 25 years, and was a special consultant in both war readiness and enlisted training for the United States Air Force Deputy Surgeon General for Dental Services. David helped to develop the U.S.A.F.’s initial Dental Quality Assurance Guidelines. He was nominated for Texas General Dentist of the Year in 2008 and received the Hallmark of Excellence Award from the New York State Dental Association in 2019. He is a fellow of the International College of Dentists and the Academy of General Dentistry.

A proud Le Moyne alumnus, David is a member of the College’s Physician Assistant Advisory Group and the Purcell School of Graduate and Professional Studies Advisory Council, and is an active member of the Pre-Health Advisement and Career Advisory networks at the College.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in biology from Le Moyne and his Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine.

With deep appreciation for his work on behalf of his patients, his community and his alma mater, Le Moyne College is pleased to present to

David Dasher ’69, D.D.S.

the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters – honoris causa.

Robert Fangio ’78, D.D.S.

Careful. Gentle. Unhurried. Those words are often ascribed to Robert Fangio ’78, D.D.S., by his colleagues and his patients. As a volunteer dentist at Amaus Dental Services in Syracuse, Robert plays a pivotal role in helping Amaus meet its goal of providing free quality dental care to people across Central New York who are unemployed, uninsured or homeless. His patients include refugees, single mothers and individuals living on fixed incomes. He joined the clinic after retiring from more than 30 years in private practice, eager to dedicate himself to aiding others. It seemed only natural to him. After all, as he explained to The Catholic Sun, “I’m still pretty gentle in the chair with people ... I hate hurting people.”

Robert is guided in his work by his faith, which gives him courage, strength and a sense of purpose. He has said that he lives by 1 Corinthians, 12:7: “To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” In 2014, Robert was ordained a deacon in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse. Last year, he was named the director of deacon personnel for the Office of the Permanent Diaconate after previously working as the assistant director of the office. It is safe to say that Catholic education played a pivotal role in Robert’s life. He graduated from Bishop Ludden High School and Le Moyne, where he earned a degree in biology, before going on to the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine.

It is with good reason that Robert has been called “a model deacon – and a very steady dentist.”

With deep appreciation for his commitment to his patients, his faith and his community, Le Moyne College is proud to present to

Robert Fangio ’78, D.D.S.

the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters – honoris causa.
Davide McCa’llum ’90, S.J.

If you were to ask David McCallum ’90, S.J., to measure the impact Le Moyne has had on him, he would likely tell you it is immeasurable. It was on the Heights that David developed the intellectual foundation that has served him well over the course of his professional life, first felt called to serve God as a member of the Society of Jesus, and forged friendships that buoy him to this day. Nearly 20 years after his graduation, this English major and member of the Integral Honors Program returned to his alma mater as an educator, teaching courses in management and leadership, before taking on a variety of administrative responsibilities, including that of vice president for mission integration and development. He led the development of several key initiatives, including the Inside the L Program for student-athletes and the Manresa Program for students to explore self and vocation. He played a pivotal role in establishing a formal partnership between the College and the Ignatian Volunteer Corps, and in launching Ignatian formation programs for Le Moyne faculty and staff.

Now David has assumed new responsibilities that have taken him 4,300-miles away from the Heights to the General Curia in Rome. Superior General of the Society of Jesus Arturo Sosa, S.J., has given him a new mission as executive director of the Discerning Leadership Program (DLP), which seeks to form senior Church leaders in the practice of discernment, both individually and collectively. Participants include Vatican officials, major superiors of religious orders and their teams, and senior lay administrators working in the Roman Curia. Through his work with the DLP, David is using his skills, vision and leadership to support Pope Francis’ vision for the reform and renewal of the Church. As he does this critical work, he continues to serve the College as special assistant to the president for international projects related to restorative justice between the Church and indigenous peoples, and is happy to call the College his “home away from Rome.”

With deep appreciation for his contributions to the College and his fellow man as a priest, educator and administrator, Le Moyne College is proud to present to

Davide McCa’llum ’90, S.J.

the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters – honoris causa.

A LOOK BACK:
RECENT LE MOYNE COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

Among the prestigious graduate schools recent graduates have been admitted to are Georgetown University, Vanderbilt University, Carnegie Mellon University, Cornell University, Tufts University, New York University, Boston College, Washington University in St. Louis, and SUNY Upstate Medical University. In addition, alumni have accepted jobs with a number of highly respected organizations, including Goldman Sachs, Google, Jesuit Volunteer Corps, BNY Mellon, IBM, Merrill Lynch, National Grid, Lockheed Martin, Arch Insurance Group, KPMG, EY, PwC, Anheuser Inc., M&T Bank, Epic, Mower, Atlantic Testing Laboratories and Elmerest Children’s Center.

Recent graduates are also volunteering their time with the Center for Working Families, Peace Corps, Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Jesuit Alumni Volunteer Program and AmeriCorps.

The Princeton Review ranked Le Moyne among the top 15 percent of Colleges in the nation for the eighth consecutive year and included the College in its guide, The Best 386 Colleges: 2021 Edition. In addition, for the 29th consecutive year, U.S. News and World Report included Le Moyne in its popular guidebook. It ranked the College number seven in its “Strong Commitment to Undergraduate Teaching” listing and number seven in its “Best Colleges for Veterans” listing. Le Moyne was also nationally ranked for three specific disciplines – management information systems (#27), finance (#30) and accounting (#52).

In addition, several graduate programs at Le Moyne have been recognized in recently released rankings from U.S. News and World Report. The MBA Analytics program was ranked as #33 nationally, while three programs in the Purcell School of Professional Studies were also ranked: physician assistant studies at #64; occupational therapy at #141; and Best Nursing Schools (Masters) at #167. A total of 96 percent of Le Moyne graduates from the class of 2020 reported employment in a sector related to their major field of study or admittance to graduate school within a year of Commencement.

During the College’s Giving Day, 3,195 donors completed gifts totaling $789,617 in just 24 hours. More than 25 students representing over 18 academic disciplines shared the findings of the original research they conducted during Scholars Day.

For 35 consecutive semesters, 17 years, Le Moyne student-athletes have maintained an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
Le Moyne has received three awards from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation totaling nearly $600,000. These grants will each support a distinct aspect of the healthcare community in Central New York. The Purcell School of Professional Studies will work closely with other areas of the College to implement these programs, which will all take place during the 2021 calendar year. The grants will support: nursing recruitment for low-income and diverse populations, the Center for Aging Resources and Enrichment Webinar Series, and the Welcome Back Center, which integrates internationally trained healthcare workers into the field in Central New York.

In a unique collaboration, Le Moyne College, the City of Syracuse and the Town of DeWitt have launched a survey to gather feedback on issues related to transportation, housing, infrastructure, municipal services, economic development and overall quality of life from residents living in the neighborhoods around the College’s campus. The survey is part of a comprehensive, long-term initiative called the Le Moyne Area Neighborhood Development Strategy, or LANDS.

Le Moyne launched the ERIE21 (Educating for Our Rising Innovation Economy in the 21st Century) initiative, which will provide infrastructure to support individuals preparing for jobs in the innovation economy. ERIE21 will develop a homegrown talent pool to help alleviate the critical shortage of software developers, analysts, engineers and cybersecurity experts in the area and attract new businesses to Central New York. It will also begin to address the plague of poverty - particularly the inordinately high incidence among Blacks and Latinos in the City of Syracuse - by introducing coding and computer skills to students at a young age at a time when it will engage them and spark an interest in possible careers.

President Linda LeMura, Ph.D., served as a Chancellor’s Distinguished Visiting Fellow at Syracuse University. During her 10-week appointment, Dr. LeMura studied how institutions of higher education in the region can adapt and collaborate to enhance academic excellence, improve educational outcomes for underserved communities in Syracuse and Central New York, and strengthen research opportunities and economic development.

The College received a $485,000 grant from the New York State Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) to assist with the creation of a $2.45 million “entrepreneurial plaza” at Le Moyne. The current Le Moyne College Plaza will be reconfigured and will act as an incubator, accelerator and shared workspace for entrepreneurs across all industries. It will be a collaborative workspace open to people of all ages in the community, and will include a mechanical room, virtual lab, woodshop, 3D printing lab and shared workspaces. The entrepreneurial plaza will be under the auspices of the College’s Keenan Center for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity.

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**2020/2021 LE MOYNE COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES**

All ceremonies and events that are part of the 2020/2021 Commencement activities will be livestreamed on the College’s YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/lemoynecollege).

**Class of 2020 undergraduate** – Saturday, May 22, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
**Honors Convocation** – Sunday, May 23 at 10 a.m.
**Baccalaureate Mass** – Sunday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m.
**Classes of 2020 and 2021 graduate programs commencement** – Thursday, May 27 at 7 p.m.
**Class of 2021 undergraduate 2021** – Friday, May 28 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Soon after the ceremonies have ended, a replay will be available to watch on Le Moyne’s YouTube channel.