



MARY BALDWIN
UNIVERSITY

183RD COMMENCEMENT

MAY 17TH AND 18TH, 2025

THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-THIRD COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

*Honoring the Graduates of the Gold College of Arts and Sciences;
Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences;
and Palmer College of Professional Studies*

MAY 17, 2025
BARBARA KARES PAGE TERRACE
9 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

DR. JEFFREY P. STEIN
University President

ELOISE CHANDLER '77
Mary Baldwin University Board of Trustees Chair

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance, No. 1

By Sir Edward Elgar

Faculty, Administration

2025 Graduates

PRESENTING THE COLORS Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership Cadets

Ashley Bennett '28, Delaney Bolbach '27, Mia Clarke '27,

Kage LaBarbera '28, and Maia Ott '26

The Star-Spangled Banner

Ethan Goodmansen MLitt '24, MFA '25

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Dr. Katherine Low

University Chaplain

HONORS AND AWARDS

Dr. Paul Menzer

Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences

Provost

Nancy Morse Evans Leadership Award

Linda Seestedt-Stanford Leadership Award

MHA Graduate of the Year Award

MSPA Student of the Year Award

Shakespeare and Performance

Ariel Award for Outstanding Program Service and Leadership

Andrew Gurr Award for Outstanding Thesis

Ampersand Award

The School of Education Outstanding Graduate Student Award

SR+ Graduate Award in Applied Behavior Analysis

The Susan Nolan Palmer Outstanding MBA Apex Project Award

President Stein

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Non-Student Award and

Awarding of Posthumous Degree

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Ari Hahn, Heifetz International Music Institute

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Giavonna Wilson DPT '25,

Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

HOODING, PINNING, AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES IN COURSE

President Stein

Dr. Todd Telemeco, Vice President and Dean,

Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences

Dr. Allison Ellington, Director, Occupational Therapy Program

Dr. Catherine Turner, Director, Physical Therapy Program

Doctor of Occupational Therapy

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Dr. Emily Greene, Interim Director, Physician Assistant Program

Dr. Kim Nine, Director, Healthcare Administration Program

Master of Science in Physician Assistant

Master of Healthcare Administration

Dr. Pamela Dressler, Director, RN to BSN Program

Dr. Jennifer McPherson, Director, Nurse Anesthesiology Program

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Dr. Amy Diduch, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, Joint Dean,
Gold College of Arts and Sciences

Doreen Bechtol, Co-Director, Shakespeare and Performance

Dr. Matthew Davies, Co-Director, Shakespeare and Performance

Master of Fine Arts in Shakespeare and Performance

Master of Letters in Shakespeare and Performance

Charles W. "Will" Webb, Chief Growth Officer, Sr. Vice President and Dean,
Palmer College of Professional Studies

Dr. Pamela Bailey, Associate Dean and Director, School of Education

Catherine Ferris "Cat" McPherson, Associate Dean and Director,

School of Business

Master of Science — Applied Behavior Analysis

Master of Science — Higher Education

Master of Education

Master of Arts in Teaching

Master of Business Administration

A HYMN FOR MARY BALDWIN

Melody: Scandinavian Folk Song

Lyrics by Professor Emeritus of Music Gordon C. Page

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Where its tumult never quells.</i></p> | <p>3. <i>Friendship, honor, sorrow, laughter
Are the ways by which we learn,
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Love that seeks not for return.</i></p> |
| <p>2. <i>Here we bring our childhood visions
Stirring in the quest for Truth;
Here we forge the mind's decisions
Tempered by the faith of youth.</i></p> | <p>4. <i>When we reach the last tomorrow
Of our days in class, on field,
We will know how we must borrow,
Mary Baldwin, from thy yield.</i></p> |

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES

President Stein

ACADEMIC RECESSIONAL

Crown Imperial March

By William Walton

MARY BALDWIN UNIVERSITY

Class of 2025

DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Amy Nicole Foss
Carter Steen Gillaspie
Rachael King
Jonathan Lachowicz
Madeline James Malnight

Emily Claire Mast
Keli Amanda Veronica
Mohica
Haley Jordan Moomau
Caroline Quigley

Bethany Lane Scribner
Allison Louise Sweeney
Abigayle Yvonne Tomchik
Sierra Ashley Wharam

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Abigail Marie Barlow
Lisa Michelle Benavides
Nochez
Angelica Mae Bicomong
Chandler Scott Boyd
Jordan A Carmichael
Sydney Nicole Crosser
Anastasia Demco
Miranda Dith
Jordan Nicole Ellett
Matthew Scott Flatford

Wintana Ghebrehiwet
Christal A Godfrey
Ryan Bernard Hayden
Tyler Christian Hinkle
Emma Grace Podosek Igrison
Ahrea Amari Jones
Zau Lahtaw
Alexis Lee McCargo
Haleigh Elizabeth McGuin
☆ Louis Floyd Peifer
Sally Placido

Catherine Julia Pyatnychuk
Micaela Sophia Serafin
Morgan Smith
Rose M Soliman
Kasey Marie Truslow
Kaitlyn N Viaene
Paula Tai May White
Taylor LaShae Williams
Giavonna Wilson

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

Katherine Marie Allen	Taylor Jan Geddes	AnnaMichelle Kay Pack
Landon Alston	Serena Goode	Brianne Elizabeth Parker
Megan Claire Aylor	Kelsey Leigh Hajec	Dhara Patel
Madison Becker	McKenna Emily Heusser	Aarthi Saraswathi Ram
Jared Michael Bethel	Jisoo Jang	Anna Elizabeth Satterfield
Kaitlyn Marie Boccella	Courtney Ann Key	Lauren N Smith
Kathryn Elisabeth Bridgers	Hannah Kukla	Kristen Anne Snow
Heather Lynn Burris	Olivia Grace Martin	Casey Ryan Tran
☆ Alicia Renee Campbell	Emma Carol McClelland	☆ Kathy H Tran
Grace C Carlo	Kieran Shae McClure	Caroline Anne Vukicevich
☆ Danielle Joy Chapdelaine	Elizabeth Reagan Michaels	Molly Annabelle Wiener
Jacqueline Conlan	Olivia Rachel Morrow	
Brenna Mary Gannon	Trevor Murray	

MASTER OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

Joshua Easter	Jessica Gale	Destiny Kathleen Levister
Donna Maria Eppard	Maikah Victoria Hutton	Maria Elizabeth Sibrian
Kai-Shawna Rose Freeman	Kennedy Ann Keith	Pleitez

MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN SHAKESPEARE AND PERFORMANCE

Abigail Bell	Kathleen Mestres	Jessica Leemae Snellings
Anna Bigham	Molly Georgia Minter	Julia Sommer
Matthias Knox Bolon	Godfred Nana Kruentsi	Anna Eleanor Taylor
James Samuel Drake	Ogoe	Sara Renee Topham
Cory Drozdowski	Abigail Leigh Olshin	John Edward Stanley
Ethan David Goodmansen	Cecelia Catherine	Williams
Rosemary Grace Herold	Richardson	Ashley Wright
Jovita Roselene Jacob Selwyn	Vasiliki Ekaterina Shinas	
Margaret Marian Levin	Kyle J Showalter	

MASTER OF LETTERS IN SHAKESPEARE AND PERFORMANCE

Louis Michael Altman	Dakotah Scarlet Frishman	Elizabeth Joanna Pellegrino
Emily Bassett	Grayson Whitaker Fulp	Jacob Woodrow Raiter
Kelsie Blocker	Dennis Colin Graham	Joan P Raube-Wilson
Grayson Joseph Casterline	☆ Aubree JoLynn Gray	Rebecca Westbrook
Sydney Brooke Crittenden	Megan Parlett	

MASTER OF SCIENCE — APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

Katherine Ann Acker	Ashley Carrington	Sheniqua Myra Legare-Butler
Angeline Faith Adams	Frieda Carter	Morgan Lewellen
Eric Leshon Adderley	Jessica Simmons Carver	Jennifer Marie Maddox
Zainab Alramadhan	Jamie Brianna Castro	Toni Jacqueline Mauck
Asyeona Azaria Alyss	Morgan S. Chance	Sydni J Middleton
Anderson	Kaylee Cockrell	Ericka Moore
Latasha Monique Austin	Ashton Daniel	Tara Alexandra Morton
Katharine Kihm Barksdale	Josie Leigh Dishon	Gillian Elizabeth Mundt
Xavia Arlene Barnett	Hakira Drew	Denise Pagliaccetti
Paulo Martin Amoroso	Hollie Lee Etheridge	Jenna Perez
Baylon	Sara Mosatafa Fahmy	Emma Peterson
Madelyn Blair Bickford	Rebecca Lee Gagne	Allison June Ramsey
Chelsey Nicole Blizzard	Gregory “La Fiera” Herrera	Zahra Rikan
Samantha LeAnne Donals	Madison Brooke Hood	Iris Elizabeth Roberts
Boewing	Manar Walid Jaber	Allison McKenna Schaper
Ketlucia Boursiquot	Amal Hassan Khadhr	Tyler Rose Theriault
Shannon Burley	Kari Hyler Land	Madison Renee Wright
Stephanie Carlin	Makenzie Lay	

MASTER OF SCIENCE — HIGHER EDUCATION

Evette Carto Barton	Meghan Sorrels Ferguson	Makela Danielle McRae
McKayla Samaar Cotton	Laura Delaney Fly	Hailey Samuels Morris

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Christine Marie Baker	Angela Lafon	Michael A Powell
Kaylee Dinkel	Lane Jeremiah Lough	Christi Wilson Scholl
Rachel Marie Drumheller	Brooke Mahala Pangle	Sarah Elizabeth Terry
Heather Durham	Jennifer Patanio	Amanda Dawn Willoughby
Barbara Ann French	Tyler Scott Person	
Ahna Johnston	LaSonya Poindexter	

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Samantha A. Breeden	Rebekah Jo McMasters	Julia Grace Slack
Mary Julia Cooper	Brittney Analynn Murray	Ellen Ann Trost
Megan Cullen Fretwell	Abigail Carter Newton	Nisa Michelle Warda
Megan Danielle Fretwell	Virginia Pearl Nordeng	
Minuette Helena Goin	Tiffani Reynolds	

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Stephanie Adkins Funtila
Elaine May Attridge
Triara Italia Chavis
Kendra L. Corpening
Alexis Nicole Dearmon
Joshua Easter
Kai-Shawna Rose Freeman

Barrett Andrew Goode
Kaitlyn Marie Hayes
Nicole Jack
☆ Danielle Keaton
Noah Michael Kessler
Ethan S Mills
Nicole Insetta Olsen

Suzanne Alanna Prince
Donovan Mekhi Richardson
Tamika Clements Royal
Gavin Carter Rush
Taleisha Seward
Holly Skelton
Melissa Wills

BACHELOR OF ARTS, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING, AND BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

* Nana Araba Ahema Agyekum	Maria Calletano
Deborah Ene Alapa	<i>cum laude</i>
Hannah Erin Allebaugh	☆ Miranda Gayle Campbell
Chasity Dawn Allen	† ≈ Jordan Carroll
<i>cum laude</i>	<i>magna cum laude</i>
☆ Justin Taylor Almond	‡ ◇ Amber Carter
† Kelly Marie Almond	◇ Gabrielle H Cash
<i>summa cum laude</i>	<i>summa cum laude</i>
* Kenisha Precious Armstrong	◇ Aleigha Jade Chandler
Amber-Rose Mary Asamoah	<i>cum laude</i>
◇ Lindsey Ann Asbury	Laura Chavez
<i>summa cum laude</i>	† Lucas Shane Chinault
Brett Asbury	Rianna Marie Chupeyda
<i>cum laude</i>	‡ Janet Marie Clifton
Cecilia R Augustine	* Autumn Clyburn
* Whitney Ashley Bailey	Chaya M. Cobb
<i>cum laude</i>	≈ ◇ Ashantay Kyna Coleman
Kelsey Grace Bantel	<i>cum laude</i>
Ayanna D Bartuano	◇ Marilyn Irene Colin
≈ ◇ Zayin Sharai Battle	<i>magna cum laude</i>
<i>cum laude</i>	Hannah S Collier
† Chloe Elizabeth Beasley	<i>magna cum laude</i>
<i>magna cum laude</i>	James Maxwell Comer
Alex L. Belako	<i>cum laude</i>
☆ Darian Troy Belisle	☆ Na'Kiyah U Cooper
* Mariane Laverne Benjamin	☆ Gabriela X Correa
* ◇ Abigail Ortiz Blake	* ◇ Abigail Logan Coscia
<i>cum laude</i>	<i>cum laude</i>
Roman O'Neill Borders	Noah Jameson Cotton
<i>cum laude</i>	Austin D Cox
† ☆ Kaitlin Amy Bower	Esther Margaret-Leora Cranfill
Mia Love Bowman-Linehan	◇ Peyton Gayle Craven
† ≈ ◇ Ada Bozikov	Ciniya A Crawford
<i>summa cum laude</i>	Angel Crowder
Danielle Rose Brown	* Denae Elizabeth Crull
◇ Jocelyn Zenobia Alise Brown	<i>cum laude</i>
Shantell A Brown	Allison Elizabeth Crum
Makayla Burch	<i>cum laude</i>
Trevan Deonte Bynum	Kelly Giovanna Cruz
Mary Hannah Byram	* Sterling Elizabeth Dean
<i>cum laude</i>	Shania Danielle Dean
† ◇ Lauren Elyse Byrnes	◇ Angela Dickens DeBeer
<i>magna cum laude</i>	<i>cum laude</i>
	☆ Mama Maria Diallo

	Bryan Alberto Diaz-Hernandez		Emma Camden Piller Hoover
◇	Johannah C Dillaway <i>cum laude</i>		Isis Nubia Hurdle <i>cum laude</i>
† ◇	Kessla Donald <i>cum laude</i>		Allie Hurt
	Jazmyn Harvey DuVal	‡	Wendy Ibarra
	Alexis Shantelle Edmonds	†	AJ Jackrel <i>magna cum laude</i>
	Serenity Edwards		JaNique Sherese Jackson
☆	Lantaizia L. Elliott	◇	Cattrell T Jackson <i>cum laude</i>
	Miranda Paige Ellis <i>summa cum laude</i>		Isaiah Jackson <i>cum laude</i>
	Jeremiah D'Yon Emmons-Mayo	†	Marie Nicole Jasiurkowski
	Racheal Feggans		Jada L Johnson
	Savannah Marie Figueroa		Shanya A Jones
	Jasmine Leigh Fleming	*	Jozlyn A Jones
◇	Kelsey Sara Foley		William Patrick Jones
◇	Brittany Alese Hypes Fox	◇	Anthony Dawson Jones
*	Jessica Cynthia Francisco		Juanickwa Jones
	Rebecca Frasher <i>summa cum laude</i>	* ◇	Lyric Kayli Judy <i>cum laude</i>
†	Lenyasia I Freeman	☆	Davis Kausland
	Jessica Friedman <i>cum laude</i>	†	Brenna A Kehoe <i>cum laude</i>
	Savannah Francesca Gibbs		Badr Mehdi Kessouh
	Nicolai Erik Gravina-Kursell <i>cum laude</i>	†	Imari Nevaeh Knight
☆	Grace Claudia Grindstaff		Ozwald Dean Kolinsky
☆	Sara Mckenzie Gruntowicz	†	Kenneth J Kuilan-Guzman
	Kelly B Hackley Jr.	☆	Hana Mae Lagana
† ◇	Emily Grace Hall <i>summa cum laude</i>	☆	Gillian Lamontagne
* ◇	Deborah Hamilton <i>summa cum laude</i>	◇	Charletta Law
		◇	Diego Andre Lemus Mackay
‡	Ciara Brooke Hampton	†	Ailana L Lensegrav
	Elijah Hardin		Brianna Royena Lewis
	Helen Harris		Elijah Daijahn Lewis
	Krystalyn Geneva Hassett <i>summa cum laude</i>		Shaniya Shanice Lewis <i>cum laude</i>
	Timothy Graham Henneghan <i>cum laude</i>		Eric A Leyton <i>cum laude</i>
≈	Travis Giovanne Henneghan <i>summa cum laude</i>	†	Erica Jav'E Logan
*	Esmeralda R Hernandez		Rebekah Rae Lopez
	Ruthann Elizabeth Hogan		Remi Yvette Losh
◇	Brooke A Holloman <i>cum laude</i>		Alexandria Lynn Losh
	Cyres Holmes <i>magna cum laude</i>	† ≈ ◇	Sylvia Marie Lucero-Dyson
			Gretchen Brooke Lutz <i>summa cum laude</i>
			Wanneh Marilyn Major
			Logan Shawn Mamola

◇	Sydney Marks <i>magna cum laude</i> Tonya Nicole Martin <i>cum laude</i>		Bella M Perez-Smeed Kaila Rae Phillips <i>cum laude</i> Karla Patricia Pina-Ortiz Ominique Larosa Pinder
‡	Erica Nicole Martin	◇	Wayne Platt <i>summa cum laude</i>
† ☆	Lamiyah Victoria Martinez	☆	Brenden Matthew Plogger
† ◇	Katlyn Paige Massie <i>summa cum laude</i>	◇	Patricia S Cathell Preuss Livi Brooke Quick
† ☆	Hadley May	◇	Nicole Yuka Quinn <i>magna cum laude</i>
* ◇	Aaron Kristopher May-Crowder <i>summa cum laude</i>	* ◇	Natalie Brianne Rader <i>magna cum laude</i> Devyn Alison Ramsey <i>cum laude</i>
◇	Cloey Anasi Mazingo <i>summa cum laude</i> Jaci Nichole McAlwee <i>cum laude</i>	☆	Leanna Elizabeth Rankin Leontina Rexha
† ≈ ◇	Amiyah Nicole McCoy <i>summa cum laude</i> Emily Ann McCreery Kyndal Meadows <i>magna cum laude</i> Felix Mejia <i>cum laude</i> Allie Kate Melady	☆	Adrian Valle Reyes Kayla Monique Richardson Shea Nicole Rider
*	Aurianna Katia Mervin Sage Elizabeth Mocko	◇	Jaime Marris Rishi <i>magna cum laude</i> Brianna S Rivers Mandy Marie Roberts Jillianne Emma Robeson Alayia Imoni Robinson
≈	Skylar Moore <i>cum laude</i>	†	Melody D Robinson
*	Analia Vanesa Moreira <i>summa cum laude</i> E-Rika Morris <i>cum laude</i>	☆	Chkyia M Roulhac Adrian Jose Santiago Rivera
†	Dwayne Michael Morris Jr. Kyrstin A Morris	*	Jessica A Satterfield
†	Andrea Jache' Morris	* ◇	Sandy Marie Saul <i>magna cum laude</i>
◇	Caroline Motley <i>summa cum laude</i>	†	Carter Graham Schulz <i>magna cum laude</i> Cory Wayne See <i>summa cum laude</i> Meghan Destiny Settle
≈ ◇	Delaney Cheyenne Winterdove Narron <i>magna cum laude</i>	◇	KeiAjha Shelton Joseph Peyton Sheridan
‡ ◇	Jordan Nealis Evelyn A Negaard Isabel Nkuka Brannoc Peirce Odlum Julie Page Oliver <i>cum laude</i> Haven Overstreet Oyefunke Oworu	◇	Heather Jo Shields Emma Grace Shifflett
† ☆	Thalia Jade Paiz Kathleen J Parsons	*	Makenzie Ann Shirey
		‡	Samantha B Simmons Daliah Latifah Smallwood Tyler Logan Smith
		† ◇	Eshe Halima Smith <i>magna cum laude</i>

‡ Sophia Singh Smith
 ‡ Stephanie Tomlinson Smith
 Oluwateleola Mojirade Sofolahan
 Zoë Dean Sprouse
 * Adjoa Mariama Stewart
 Sophia Marie Stobie
 * Morgan Elizabeth Strait
 Caitlin Sarah Strait
 Rachel Maria Gabrielle Strawn
 Taylor Brooke Strickler
 Emmersen Grace Sullivan
 Christina Tarson
cum laude
 ‡ ◇ Tiffany Tate
 * ◇ Jessica Tawney
summa cum laude
 Breann Nicole Taylor
 Sasha Thomas
 Lisa Johnson Thomas
 Ethan Harris Thompson
 Molly Elizabeth Thompson
magna cum laude
 Anabel Torrealba
 Ven LJ Underwood
 Clementine Uwihirwe
 Aurora D Valencia-Aldana
 Peyton Symone Varner
 ≈ ◇ Madelynn LeeAnn Vinson
summa cum laude
 ≈ ◇ Briana Elizabeth Wallace
magna cum laude
 † John Brady Ward
 Bradley Joseph Warren

* Lauren Faye Weber
 Kathy L. Welsh
cum laude
 ☆ Hailea White
 ◇ Rachel Marie White
 Arianna R Whited
 Cari Shaunna Wiley
 Sophie Adele Wilkins
 Aleya E. Williamson
 * Ashley Wilson
summa cum laude
 Elizabeth Kay Wine
 * ◇ Kelsey Mae Wiseman
summa cum laude
 ◇ Shane Austin Woods
summa cum laude
 ◇ Katie Lynn Wright
summa cum laude
 † ≈ Amelie Mariel Yanes Urrutia
summa cum laude
 Hunter Zaun
 Dagmawit Hailu Zeleke
 Yuejia Zhu
summa cum laude
 † ≈ Antonella Ninna Zullo

≈ Honors Degree
 ◇ Distinction in Major
 † Bachelor of Science
 ‡ Bachelor of Science in Nursing
 * Bachelor of Social Work
 ☆ Walking Only

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Written by Dr. Low

Caroline Motley '25, Senior Class President

Thalia Paiz '25, Senior Class Vice President

Reader: From a multitude all over the world we are gathered. Like a mosaic of many pieces best admired as a whole, we stand together united for the greater good.

All: Our joy unites us in celebration!

Reader: We represent many cultures, religions, philosophies, and backgrounds. Various and uniquely shaped, we leave our indelible mark on this place, as much as Mary Baldwin has instilled in us the love of learning and the noble pursuit of purpose.

All: Our commitment to community unites us in solidarity!

Reader: The depth of our journeys pieced together reveals shared hardships and joys, with endless support from family, friends, faculty, and staff. With gratitude we hold in our hearts the tears and the laughter of our journey with wise reference for the future.

All: Our love for one another unites us in compassion!

Reader: Our distinctive experiences at Mary Baldwin assembled here today create a beautiful grand pattern for the future. We will turn our tassels with pride, knowing that we have the courage in ourselves to make the world a better place.

All: The hope and promise of today inspire a bright future ahead!

IN APPRECIATION

Brianna Lewis '25

HONORS AND AWARDS

Dr. Paul Menzer, Provost

The Senior Honors and Phi Beta Kappa

The Martha Stackhouse Grafton Award

MBU Online Outstanding Graduate Award

Recognition of Military Officers

President Stein

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Student Award

with the Mary Keith Fitzroy Award

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Non-Student Award

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Gretchen Lutz '25

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HONORS AT MARY BALDWIN UNIVERSITY

LATIN HONORS

Traditionally, the students achieving the very highest grades in a graduating class are awarded their degrees *summa cum laude*, which means in Latin “with highest praise.” The next two designations with which the faculty recognizes exceptionally high grades are *magna cum laude* (“with great praise”) and *cum laude* (“with praise”).

HONORS DEGREE

At Mary Baldwin University, Honor Scholars may elect to pursue an honors degree by taking a number of specially designed advanced courses and writing and defending an honors thesis.

WITH DISTINCTION IN THE MAJOR

Any student may be designated by the faculty in his or her major as having earned the title of “with distinction” in that major, usually for high grades and an unusually fine senior project.

BACCALAUREATE REGALIA

Graduation robes or academic regalia go back to the Middle Ages. The clergy and students in the universities wore black gowns to hide ink stains resulting from daily note-taking and copying texts using a quill pen dipped in horns filled with liquid ink.

A detachable black hood was part of the standard medieval dress as well. It hung over the shoulders and could be pulled up over the head to keep the sun or rain off, or pulled off with a little rear extension called the liriepipe.

By the Renaissance, hats were in and hoods were out. Most hats were soft, flat bags like a tam. The larger ones needed a cardboard stiffener to keep them from falling down over the wearer’s eyes. In the 18th century in Oxford, poor undergraduates asked tailors to use as little fabric as possible, so the cardboard was all that remained. People thought they resembled the boards masons carried on their heads when working so the term “mortarboard” came into use.

Also in the 18th century, hoods became more colorful and were often made in colors that indicated a particular college or degree. Ornamental tassels were added to the mortarboard and were generally worn after graduation, hanging off the left side to keep a clear view of the writing hand. The whole regalia — cap, hood, gown — was worn to lectures and at formal college functions until the 19th century.

At Mary Baldwin, seniors put on their caps and gowns for the first time on Founders Day in October of their senior year. Hoods, lined with Mary Baldwin’s white and yellow colors, are added at Commencement. The white facings represent the liberal arts. Specialized degrees all have their own colors, but the liberal arts, like white light, are composed of all the colors. Bachelor of Science in Nursing hoods are designated with an apricot facing.

MASTER'S REGALIA

Gowns worn by all candidates for master's degrees are longer than those worn by bachelor's degree candidates and have long, bat-wing shaped sleeves. The master's hood is wider and longer than the bachelor's hood, and for all Mary Baldwin University master's degrees it is lined with yellow and white silk to show Mary Baldwin's colors.

The velvet outer facing of the hood for the Master of Arts in Teaching and the Master of Letters degrees is white, representing the liberal arts. The facing of the hood for the Master of Science in Higher Education and Master of Education are both light blue, representing education. The Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis facing is golden yellow, representing the applied sciences. The Master of Fine Arts hood's facings are a light brown color (fawn), representing the arts. The Master of Business Administration hood facing is drab, representing business. The Master of Science in Physician Assistant hood's facings are green, representing medicine. The Master of Healthcare Administration hood is trimmed in salmon, the traditional color of public health. Graduates with dual degrees of Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Healthcare Administration will wear hoods with apricot velvet, representing nursing. Graduates with dual degrees of Master of Healthcare Administration and Master of Business Administration will wear hoods with salmon velvet, representing public health.

DOCTORAL REGALIA

Gowns worn by doctoral degree candidates are distinguished by the colored velvet panel on the front and three horizontal bars at the sleeves. The teal velvet trim on the hood is the traditional color of the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree; the Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree is distinguished with Rhodes blue trim; and the Doctor of Nursing Practice by apricot. The colors of the lining, yellow and white, are Mary Baldwin University's colors. A velvet tam and tassel are used instead of the undergraduate cap.

FACULTY REGALIA

Baccalaureate and master's-level gowns are usually black and are untrimmed, with the sleeves of the master's gown generally longer. Velvet panels down the front distinguish doctoral gowns, which may be black or a school color of the university granting the degree. Three horizontal velvet bars on the sleeves, usually of the color representing the wearer's degree, also mark the doctorate. Only doctoral caps may be made of velvet.

The length of a hood indicates the degree, with the bachelor's being three feet long, the master's three and one half, and the doctoral four feet. The color of the lining indicates the university at which the degree was earned and is usually the school color. The border of the hood indicates the academic discipline in which the degree was earned; for most faculty this is the dark blue of philosophy, indicating an earned PhD (doctor of philosophy, typically the highest degree in an academic discipline), or the EdD (light blue for education), or MBA (drab).

*Student marshals, wearing gold sashes,
are chosen from the Honors List in each class.*

PRESIDENTIAL REGALIA, MEDALLION, AND CHAIN OF OFFICE

The presidential regalia is a black gown with the university seal and black velvet details on the front, and four velvet stripes on the sleeves. The seal features the university's Latin motto, *Non Pro Tempore, Sed Aeternitate*, which means "Not for time, but for eternity." The fourth velvet stripe is an honor reserved for university presidents. The velvet is trimmed with gold for Mary Baldwin University. The presidential hood is a doctoral-length hood with yellow and white lining and gray velvet to represent Mary Baldwin's colors.

Given by an anonymous donor, the Chain of Office and Presidential Medallion are worn by the president with academic regalia on ceremonial occasions. The chain and medallion, dating from medieval times, honor the highest official at an educational institution as symbols of the responsibility and leadership vested in that office. The four-inch circular medallion features the seal of Mary Baldwin University, which represents the university's commitment to truth, courage, curiosity, academic excellence, and service. The seal honors the legacy of the Baldwin family and includes an industrious and lively squirrel, strong and enduring oak leaves, and the university's Latin motto. The year 1842 represents the founding date of the university as the Augusta Female Seminary. The wreath of acorns encircling the design symbolizes wisdom, strength, and endurance.

THE UNIVERSITY MARSHALS, MACE, AND BATON

Two faculty members are elected by the faculty to serve as marshals, officials who ensure the orderly conduct of public ceremonies. The university marshal bears the mace, and the associate marshal the baton, both symbols of self-governance and authority of the institution. They resemble those used since colonial times in Virginia by the legislature.

The mace and baton were gifts from the Alumni Association, and their design was taken from the Baldwin family crest and the memorial stained glass window in Grafton Library. On the mace, the squirrel is a symbol of industriousness, curiosity, dignity, grace, and liveliness. On the baton, the acorn symbolizes strength, and the oak leaves stand for durability, courage, and truth. The maces are made of local walnut, a wood that represents longevity and hidden wisdom. Gold represents wisdom and honor, and the green of the oak leaves stands for life.

University Marshal 2025

Dr. Peter Ruiz-Haas
Professor of Chemistry

Associate Marshal 2025

Dr. Chandra Mason
Professor of Psychology

*Congratulations to the graduates of Mary Baldwin University.
Our very best wishes go with you.*