



ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FOURTH
Commencement





GREETINGS / FROM PRESIDENT MALONEY



On behalf of the trustees, faculty, and staff of Worcester State University, I would like to congratulate you on your outstanding accomplishment. This virtual commencement is not how we planned to celebrate with you today. However, the coronavirus pandemic has strengthened your resolve to persevere in the face of uncertainty. You are here today as a result of hard work and commitment to your studies, but also, for many of you, because of the support of your family, friends, and our dedicated educators. We are confident that you will use your remarkable talents wherever your path may take you.

We are also proud to recognize you as alumni of Worcester State University, a distinction that dates back to 1874 with our first incarnation as the Worcester Normal School for teachers. Though we have made significant and historical changes to our institution since the late 1800s, we anticipate that you, like the first graduating class, will maintain our time-honored traditions of rigorous academics and giving back to your community and the world.

As president of Worcester State University, I am honored to celebrate this milestone with you, and I sincerely hope that you will stay connected with us. We look forward to becoming a partner in your continuing professional and personal development, and we will always be here if you need us.

With warmest best wishes for your future,

Barry M. Maloney
President

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WELCOME / FROM THE CLASS COMMITTEE

Welcome Class of 2020 graduates, family, and friends,

Today is the day we all have been working toward, and we can finally say that time has arrived! Through our dedication and honest hard work during our years here at Worcester State University, we can finally call ourselves graduates. Congratulations, and we welcome you all to the 2020 Undergraduate Commencement.

Celebrating this academic achievement could not have been possible without the encouragement from our family, friends, faculty, and staff. We thank you for always being there for us during our journey. This support was influential during all the countless hours of studying, papers we typed, stress we endured, and all the coffees we drank to keep us going!

Even though we all come from different backgrounds, cultures, and lifestyles, we all arrived at Worcester State University to complete our higher education and leave our campus ready to take on the challenges we will face in the world. Today, our mission is accomplished, and we can say it proudly. Lancer Nation will always be a part of us, and we hope you carry it with you on the road ahead.

Congratulations from the 2020 Class Committee! We wish you all the best of luck in what your future may hold!

Camille G. Bourbeau
Co-Chairperson

Maribel Eva Mateo
Co-Chairperson

Trisha Cheever

Madelyn Delgado Duran

Emma Frances Gosselin

Manuel Octavio Reyes-Ponce



Order of Commencement

WELCOME REMARKS

Lois A. Wims, Ph.D.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

REMARKS

Barry M. Maloney

President

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REMARKS

Class Committee Co-Chairs

Maribel Mateo '20

Camille Bourbeau '20

GREETINGS AND HONORARY DEGREE CONFERRAL

Stephen Madaus

Chair, Board of Trustees

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Dr. Lisa Colombo '87

CLOSING REMARKS

Lois A. Wims, Ph.D.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

WELL WISHES

Brought by alumni, trustees, elected officials, faculty, staff, and friends of the University

TURNING OF THE TASSELS

Class Marshals

Jacob Lawrence '20

DeJour Hollins '20

INTRODUCTION OF WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Learn

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So many things we're still learning.

It's so exciting.

Every day is a new experience.

—*Elaine Pusateri Cowan '91*



**LISA M. COLOMBO, D.N.P., M.H.A., R.N.
EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR**

Lisa Colombo assumed the senior-most executive role at Commonwealth Medicine in October 2018, overseeing the health care consulting and operations division of the University of Massachusetts Medical School. She was previously the senior vice president and chief nursing officer at UMass Memorial Medical Center. Colombo held additional roles within the UMass Memorial Health Care system, including president of UMass Memorial Clinton Hospital, and both corporate vice president for clinical operations and chief nursing officer at UMass HealthAlliance Hospital in Leominster, Mass.

Earlier in her career, Colombo was a founding partner and principal consultant at Healthcare Management Partners, LLC in Milford, a private consulting firm with its core business in physician practice management.

Her extensive academic health care management experience includes roles as senior vice president and chief nursing officer at Lahey Hospital and Medical Center, vice president of patient care and chief nurse at the former Milton Hospital, executive director of ambulatory operations at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, director of inpatient nursing at New England Baptist Hospital, vice president of clinical services at Evocare/American HomePatient, and vice president of patient services at the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Massachusetts.

Colombo has taught doctoral level courses in the UMass Medical School Graduate School of Nursing (GSN) for more than a decade and has offered advice to GSN leadership as associate dean for clinical practice since 2017. She is also a graduate of Worcester State University and has retained her connections with the institution, currently serving as an alumni representative to the Board of Trustees.

A published author of both book chapters and journal articles, Colombo is a prolific writer on health care and nursing. She has been a published peer reviewer for the *Journal for Healthcare Quality* and the *Journal of Advanced Nursing*. Colombo has also served as a member of the executive board of the Organization of Nurse Leaders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and is also a member of the American Organization of Nurse Executives, the American College of Healthcare Executives, and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

Colombo earned her bachelor of science in nursing at Worcester State University and is the gubernatorial alumni appointee to the University's Board of Trustees. She received a master of health administration at Clark University and a doctor of nursing practice at the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions.



ACADEMIC TRADITIONS

The official seal is present on the center stage podium and on the face of the Mace. It is representative of the following:

- The Palladian window links the past and the future. A distinguishing feature of the Helen G. Shaughnessy Administration Building, the oldest building on campus, the window symbolizes the educational ideals on which the University was founded.
- The globe represents the wide world beyond the campus, as well as the global impact of a Worcester State education.
- The rays of sunlight shining over the world reflect knowledge, enlightenment, hope, and the promise of new horizons.

The Presidential Medallion, worn by the President, was designed by Mr. Dominic DiPasquale and symbolizes the union between the President and the University. This hand-tooled medallion of the original seal is passed on to succeeding presidents.

Dream

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Whatever dream it is that you have,
someone is going to live it.

Why not you?

—*Kara Emily Krantz '05*

Alumna Kara Emily Krantz '05, reflecting on her challenges and accomplishments at Worcester State University.



ACADEMIC ATTIRE

Ceremonial garments worn at academic functions take their meaning from the Church of the Middle Ages, the original center of Western learning. Distinctive markings on the gown and hood indicate the level and subject area of the degree earned as well as the institution granting the degree.

The hood offers the most information about its owner. The inner lining identifies the institution at which the degree was earned; the velvet trim indicates the major field of study. A final feature concerns the length and width of the hood. The length of the hood for the bachelor's degree is three feet and the velvet border is two inches; the master's is three and one-half feet in length with a three-inch-wide border; the certificate of advanced graduate study shield is three feet with a graduated border from three inches wide to six and one-half inches wide; and the doctoral level hood is four feet in length with a five-inch border.

The gown's cut signifies the level of degree attained, ranging from the relative simplicity of the bachelor's gown to the velvet panels and bell-shaped sleeves of the doctorate gown.

The cap or mortarboard has been adopted by institutions throughout the United States. It is black with black tassels for

holders of bachelor's and master's degrees. Gold tassels are reserved for those with doctorate degrees and for governing officers of educational institutions.

At this ceremony, the colors of many universities and colleges may be seen. The designated colors for academic disciplines are as follows:

Agriculture	Maize
Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Business, Commerce, Accountancy	Drab
Criminal Justice.....	Midnight Blue
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Engineering	Orange
Fine Arts, Architecture.....	Brown
Forestry	Russet
Journalism.....	Crimson
Law	Purple
Library Science	Lemon
Medicine.....	Green
Music	Pink
Nursing.....	Apricot
Philosophy.....	Dark Blue
Physical Education.....	Sage Green
Public Administration.....	Peacock
Public Health	Salmon Pink
Science.....	Golden Yellow
Social Science.....	Cream
Social Work.....	Citron
Veterinary Science	Gray

Doctor of Science in Nursing, honoris causa

LISA M. COLOMBO, CLASS OF 1987

Lisa M. Colombo '87, D.N.P., M.H.A., R.N., is the executive vice chancellor at Commonwealth Medicine, the health care consultancy and operations division for the University of Massachusetts Medical School, a position she has held since October 2018. Her servant leadership has directly impacted patient care, health care outcomes, and the quality of life for thousands of patients that rely on services of the UMass Medical School each year.

Dr. Colombo's other leadership roles include senior vice president and chief nursing officer at UMass Memorial Medical Center, president of UMass Memorial Clinton Hospital, and both corporate vice president for clinical operations and chief nursing officer at UMass Health Alliance Hospital in Leominster, Mass. Her vast leadership experience was called into action when, on March 30, 2020, she was named the incident commander at the Holyoke Soldiers Home, where she led a team of medical professionals to successfully contain the COVID-19 outbreak that killed 76 veterans of the state-run facility.

For more than 10 years, has been leading Dr. Colombo lends her expertise to the nursing profession as an instructor of doctoral level courses at UMass Medical School's Graduate School of Nursing (GSN). She also advises GSN leadership as associate dean of clinical practice, a position held since 2017. She has published book chapters and journal articles on nursing and health care, and consistently adds to the health care profession in all that she does.

Therefore, in recognition of your outstanding achievements and leadership in health care and your commitment to the nursing profession, Worcester State University confers upon you, Lisa M. Colombo, D.N.P., the degree of doctor of science in nursing, *honoris causa*.

Baccalaureate Degree Recipients

School of Education, Health, and Natural Sciences

Biology

Ama D. Aninakwa†
Danny Asfour††
Luciano F. Barrera
Corrine Bianco
Darrège M.D. Bruny†
Brianna J. Burley††
Fritz Gregory Cadet
Michelle V. Calderon
Michael-Anthony Card†††
Jasmine Celestin
Jordan A. Choquette
Sarah Elizabeth Cross†††
Elizabeth C. Devaney†
Hannah N. Dixon
Erin R. Doherty††
Clothilde M. Donarumo††
Alyssa K. Dumas
Matthew R. Dwyer††
Ivonne A. Flores-Carrasco
Carina J. Frontiero
Brianna C. Gagne
Varsha Gangaraju
Lauren Elizabeth George
Melissa Girouard
Robert E. Graham
Courtney L. Guay†
Jennifer I. Hanson
Tajana N. Howard†
Serena M. Iacovelli††
Julie A. Karlowicz†
Kaylee P. Krajewski
Alberto Laguna††
Sydney J. Leitao-Pina
Rafaela O. Lopes
Tam Thi Minh Luong††
Brianna Ellen Marchetti†††
Heidi A. Marrier
Helvert S. Martinez
Engy Louiz Mena†
Alyssa Rocio Menendez†
Wahina L. Montero
Maria Alejandra Munoz
Morgan Rita Nelson††
Liliannette Y. Ojen†
Christina M. Okuliczki
Ashley N. Ouellette
Nicholas Frank Patullo

Sabrina N. Paulson†
Tiffany J. Perron†††
Emanuelly S. Ribeiro
Ryan D. Rizzuto††
Lorena D. Rocha†
Suellen Rodrigues-Deoliveira
Paige Elizabeth Senatore
Tete B. Thomas
Jonathan To
Jasmine Vardigans†
Victoria E. Weaver
Krystal Alice White†
Sydney Marie Wilson†

Biotechnology

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John Brizuela
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Bright A. Danso
Nathan A. DeMello
Christen E. DiCarlo†
Nicolas D. Esper
Tefta T. Gremaj
Hadeel S. Hamza†††
Kylie J. Levine
Shari A. Martelli
Emily Mattson†
Austin Andrew McCorison
Erisa Mullalli††
Uyen V. Nguyen†††
Tanvi Vinod Pathrikar†
Efsthios G. Psarras
Haroon M. Qureshi
Ibrahim Sesay
Maia Shalev†††
Qi Shen††
Madeleine R. Specht†
Dennis To†
Kaileen Wheeler
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Kaitlin E. Young†

Chemistry

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Ya Awa Jallow†
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Alexandria M. Macaruso
Caresse D. Powell
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Dianne M. Sargent
Samuel P. Shea
Thuy Tram T. Tran
Yesenia Valentin

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Nathea Allonce
Audrey J. Anderson†
Zoe Victoria Bates†††
Emily R. Belliveau†††
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Alena N. Bruso
Brian E. Bureau
Ashley N. Cami
Suhey N. Caro
Monica G. Conroy
Jillian Paige Cooper†
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Erin Brunnett
Daisy Calderon
Shannon M. Cronin†
Kayla R. Dombrowski
Holly Lynn Fevens†††
Ariana Nicole Freeman
Melissa J. Freeman
Gianna Lee Goodrich†††
Melanie P. Hamm†
Allyson Laura Hoffman††
Yvonne M. Hucknall
Kacie A. Huntley†
Hayley Morgan Johnston
Julia B. Malcolmson
AnnMarie Morales
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Alyssa M. Ritacco††
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Kaila J. Minucci†

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Baccalaureate Degree Recipients

School of Education, Health, and Natural Sciences

Health Education

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Eleanor M. Blodgett†
Curtis J. Boisvert
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Racieli Estrella†
Adam M. Hamdan††
Michael Hernandez
Michael R. Jenkins
Kelli A. Jones†
Christopher M. Kirwan†
Kaylee A. Kittredge
Joel C. LeBlanc†††
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Zachary B. MacAlister
Grace N. Mensah
Rachel Elizabeth Myra††
Andrea J. Plichta
Marissa B. Proia†
Brendan J. Quinlan
Michael Timothy Quinn
Tyrelle C. Robinson†
Andrew J. Simmons
Charles L. Smith IV
Michaela Rose Smyth
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Jared M. Gould
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Natural Science

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Laura E. Ernst†
James D. Frederick
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Karalyn E. Gallella
Danielle S. Gomes
Grady O. Harris†
Jennifer L. Havens
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Alex J. Hidenfelter
Samantha A. Howe
Thatilla Jacob
Catherine W. Kamwith†
Bridget Leigh Kupfer
Shauna R. Kutzko
Megan Ann LaMonda
Shaye Marie Lane
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Danielle M. Pugsley†
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Olivia R. Saisa
Gabriela DaCosta Saliga†
Benita Sarno
Katherine V. Shreve
Katelyn Elizabeth Stevens
Rachel Olivia Stier††
Keara Ann Sullivan†
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Olivia Isabella Petrucci††
Margaret C. Schmitz†
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Public Health

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Julia Jennison
Jennifer S. Jutras
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Juliana Nda Kouassi
Ezekiel Kyei
Tiffany J. Langevin
Andrew C. Lanni
Elena Jane Lizotte
Juan J. Lopez
Owakina Edzard Louis
Ethan M. Luong
Jessica B. MacDonald†
Noriasha A. Mensah
Carla Mojica-Fructuoso
Lauren Rachael Mowles
Tumila Mwale
Tavia A. O'Keefe

Elisabeth Christine Olson†
Chressentina V. Paul
Gabrielle D. Peloquin
Emily Elizabeth Perry
Cassandra Ramsey
Demi Marie Rodriquez
Lauren E. Sampson
Meghan Lynn Silva†
Ellen Claire Stoddard Walsh
Haley J. Thurber†††
Brittany L. VanKleck†
Austin T. VonRichthofen
Pauline Wanjiku
Lauren Mary Waters
Nicole Yvonne-Marie Willand
Jordan B. Zaret

Baccalaureate Degree Recipients

School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Business Administration

Waldemar Agostini††	Brian D. Dias†	Jenna E. Kovago†
Naema Ahmed††	Drew W. Diggins	Hala Ali Krayem
Zuhair Al Haddad†	Luke Dotto	Wendy M. Kupec
Samuel S. Allen	Henry T. Duong	Kevin S. Larkin
Seth B. Allen	Nguyen T. Duong††	Michelle A. Le
Connor J. Anderson	Nyasia M. Dyson	Codie T. Leighton
Ashton E. Arthur	Khalil Ethan East	Alyssa M. Lentini†
Nathaniel Gazard Augustin	Matthew R. Edwards†	Sean T. Leslie
Sandra Michelle Avalos	Colleen A. Erba	Timothy B. Lessard
Guzman††	Cameron J. Farrell	Nigel L. Lewis
Arian Bacaliu†	Michael C. Ferrara	Cory Alexander Lignelli
Michael F. Baldwin	Magloire L. Feukam-Kodjou	Ashley Lynch
Lauren A. Banfield†††	Shannon Nicole Florio††	Dylan M. Lyons
Melani Bardhi	Kim Nelly Gadie	Michael Hughes Manning†
Catherine Becerra	Cassandra L. Gallagher†	William Stephen
Christopher Paul Belanger	Jesse M. Gangemi	Manolopoulos
Cooper J. Bigelow†	Jessica S. Gasiewski	Danielle L. Marriert†
Matthew J. Black	Amanda L. Gentzler	Ashley M. McCullen††
Mitchell J. Blasko	Nicholas V. George	Mitchel P. McGonagle††
Devine O. Boateng	Saroj Giri††	Kyle C. McGuire
Nicholas J. Boivin	Steven Gjino††	Jensen Mejia†
Emily R. Borda†	Denisa Gjiriti	Brianna Joyce Metcalf
Camille G. Bourbeau	Ian M. Gonyea	Arren M. Mierzejewski
Kayla Ann Branowicki	Daniel M. Goodine	Nicole Mikucka
Julia R. Brien-Berks†	Deanna C. Gould	Angelo G. Moraitis
Marie France Britou†	Austin W. Greene††	James Patrick Moran
Nicholas Vincent Brooks††	Michael J. Guertin	Pierre Fouad Mourad†
David A. Brown	Armen Hagopian	Eric J. Nerkowski
Aaron J. Burke	Benjamin P. Harkins	Alexis Michelle Nevalsky
Troy V. Butler	Daniel J. Herriage	Tereza Ngendahoruri
Christopher P. Cadwallader	Amanda R. Higgins	Tina Thi Ngo
Michael P. Campanale	Lindsey Hoggins††	Brandon M. O'Connor
Meghan Rose Casella	Amanda Hoxha	Madelyn O'Leary
Sean D. Casey	Daniel R. Hudson	Samantha M. Paradis
Gabriel A. Castanon	Phat T. Huynh	Davis M. Parella
Nekeisha H. Champagne	Timmy P. Huynh	Kayla Ann Parker††
Brenda S. Chaves†	Nicholas Randall Iudiciani	Parth S. Patel†
Sophia Chen	Marc S. Jansson	Ashley M. Peck††
Kyle Chick	Bruce E. Johnson III	Evan S. Penney
Leslie M. Cleaves	Spencer W. Johnson	Jameysi Romero Perdomo
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Worcester State University was founded as the Worcester Normal School in 1874, the fifth state-funded normal school in Massachusetts and one of dozens of teacher-training schools established during the 19th century.

In 1932, all the normal schools were renamed, and Worcester's became Worcester State Teachers College. That same year, the College moved to its present location on Chandler Street. A large, colonial-style building was constructed on the site of Willow Farm, owned by Worcester inventor and philanthropist George I. Rockwood.

In 1942, Rockwood donated an additional 35 acres, paving the way for campus expansion. The College's fifth president, Dr. Eugene A. Sullivan (1947-1970), oversaw a period of unprecedented growth, as enrollment grew from 150 students to nearly 2,800.

By 1963, the former teachers college had evolved into a liberal arts and sciences college, and thus the Board of Education renamed it Worcester State College. Under the leadership of Dr. Robert E. Leestamper (1970-1975), the College opened its first residence hall, Chandler Village, in 1973. Also during his tenure, bachelor of science degrees in business administration and nursing were added. In 1974, the graduate school was established.

The growth period continued under the administration of President Joseph J. Orze (1975-1982). In 1979, the College added its second residence hall, Dowden Hall, named for Mrs. Vera M. (Dowden) Baldwin '34, M.Ed. '53, the school's first dean of students. Under the leadership of President Philip D. Vairo (1982-1991), the College expanded its programs

to include the area's first master of science in speech-language pathology and the first bachelor's degree in occupational therapy in the state college system.

During the presidency of Dr. Kalyan K. Ghosh (1992-2002), the College incorporated the widespread use of technology, from computer-based learning to a campus-wide network. In 2000, the College opened the 110,000-square-foot Kalyan K. Ghosh Center for Science and Technology, with instructional laboratories for 12 academic programs and a 196-seat multimedia lecture hall.

In 2002, the College welcomed its first female president, Dr. Janelle C. Ashley (2002-2011). Under her leadership, the student population grew as the campus undertook major renovations and building projects, including the construction of the award-winning residence hall named after philanthropist Phillip M. Wasylean II '63, which opened in 2004.

In 2010, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts granted university status to all nine Massachusetts state colleges.

Barry M. Maloney became the 11th president of the University in July 2011. Under his leadership, Worcester State University has increased its full-time faculty, increased fundraising, and improved student measures of success. Student opportunities for civic engagement and service learning and for student exchange and study away have grown substantially. A 400-bed residence hall, named for Lt. Col. James F. Sheehan '55, opened in the fall of 2014, and a 101,000-square-foot Wellness Center, a state-of-the-art athletic and recreation facility, opened in 2016.

Worcester State, our noble college, we take pride in you,
As we gather gaining knowledge, we will e'er be true.
When we came to our dear campus, strangers all were we,
Forming bonds, we did with many, learning set us free.
Years do pass at Worcester State and as we travel on,
We'll recall the joys we had, our hearts will ne'er be gone.

Alma Mater

Chorus:

Worcester State, listen!

Raise each voice, as we now sing your praise!

Memories we all will cherish of our college days!

—*Lyrics by Cynthia Talbert, '57, '76*

