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Bloomfield College Celebrates 149th Commencement

It was a perfect day for Bloomfield College's 149th commencement ceremony held outside on the College Quadrangle on Friday, May 20, 2022. Nearly 300 students, with family and friends in attendance under a comfortable expansive tent, heard inspiring remarks as they received their college degrees. The Class of 2022 represented students who originated from or held citizenship in more than 15 countries. And more than half became first-generation college graduates. Honorary degree recipients shared motivational remarks encouraging the students to not accept the word "impossible" and to work hard to continue to make their dreams come true.

'Expect the Unexpected'; Caldwell University President Whelan Commends the Class of 2022

Caldwell University celebrated the achievements of its Class of 2022 at its 80th commencement on Sunday, May 15.

President Matthew Whelan, Ed.D, commended the graduates for being "the best example of perseverance and resilience." He reminded them that "no one does it alone" and asked them to show appreciation by standing up and giving a round of applause to those who helped them earn their degrees. Noting that the last few years have been very challenging, Dr. Whelan said, "Somewhere along the way you made the decision to keep on going and not give up." He charged the graduates to "expect the unexpected and deal with it" and never to give up in the face of conflict or difficulties.

465 Graduates Earn Degrees at Centenary University's 147th Commencement

Centenary University awarded degrees to 465 graduates at its 147th commencement, which was held as three separate in-person ceremonies on campus. Bachelor's and associate degree candidates received their degrees during two ceremonies, while master's and doctoral degree recipients were celebrated in a third ceremony. Centenary University President Bruce Murphy, Ed.D., told the graduates, "The Class of 2022 has made its mark on Centenary, and I know that Centenary has made its mark on you—as one committed to achievement and to service. You have assumed your place in a remarkable company of the distinguished graduates of this University."

Drew University Celebrates Classes of 2022 Across All Three Schools

<u>Drew University Commencement 2022</u> celebrated graduating students across all three of its schools over the weekend.

The festivities began on Mead Hall lawn Friday, May 13, with individual ceremonies for the Drew Theological School and Caspersen School of Graduate Studies. The College of Liberal Arts held their ceremony the following morning on Saturday, May 14. In all, more than 470 students processed down Graduation Path, heard from a variety of inspiring speakers, and crossed the Commencement stage, diplomas in hand.

A Salute to Fairleigh Dickinson University's Class of 2022

Graduates, students, parents, family, friends, faculty, staff and alumni came out in droves for graduation, as Fairleigh Dickinson University celebrated the Class of 2022. The <u>University's 79th Commencement ceremony</u> — broadcast live on the web so loved ones around the world could join in the celebration with their graduates — was held at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., on May 18. University President Christopher Capuano began the ceremony by saluting the graduates for their accomplishments, particularly for persevering through the COVID-19 pandemic. "What all of you had to overcome over the last two-and-a-half year period, what you have endured to get here today, is nothing short of remarkable," he said.

Felician University Celebrates 2022 Commencement

On Saturday, May 21st, Felician University celebrated the <u>2022 Commencement</u> in a very big way, with over 3,000 attendees at The Rink at American Dream – a first for the University. The commencement exercises conferred degrees for over 600 graduates from the School of Arts and Sciences, Business and Information Sciences, Education, and Nursing. The degrees included Doctorates in Business Administration, Counseling Psychology and Nursing Practice, as well as Bachelors and Masters reflecting over 60 majors and graduate programs across the University.

Pomp, Circumstance, and Promise: Commencement 2022 at Georgian Court

May 18 was a joy-filled day at Georgian Court University that celebrated goals accomplished and new journeys begun for nearly 450 undergraduates and more than 180 graduate students during the <u>Commencement 2022 Ceremonies</u>. In his remarks, GCU President Joseph R. Marbach observed that the new graduates were joining the ranks of alumni known for scholarship, advocacy and innovation, and expressed confidence that they, too, would be "changemakers, truth seekers, and challengers of the status quo." He remarked on the Class of 2022's diversity in academic discipline, age, and background, noting that together, "You are Georgian Court."

Monmouth University Celebrates the Class of 2022

Commencement exercises made a formal return to campus at Monmouth University this year. More than 1,000 graduates participated in ceremonies on May 11 and 12. Emmy and Peabody Award-winning journalist, educator, documentary producer, prominent trial attorney and author Jack Ford delivered the keynote address at the Monmouth University graduate and doctoral commencement exercises, as well as the University's first-ever all-undergraduate class gathering on May 11, where he received an honorary degree, Doctor of Humanities.

'The value of persistence': Princeton Class of 2022 celebrates Commencement

The power of persistence was celebrated as a hallmark of the Class of 2022 on Tuesday, May 24, at <u>Princeton's 275th Commencement</u>. The University awarded 1,234 undergraduate degrees and 655 graduate degrees during the ceremony on a cool spring morning in Princeton Stadium.

Class of 2022 honored during annual Rider Commencement Ceremonies

Rider University held its <u>graduate Commencement ceremony</u> on May 12, where more than 400 students were recognized for earning their master's degrees and doctorates. and on May 14, Rider University's annual <u>undergraduate Commencement ceremony</u> returned to Cure Insurance Arena in Trenton as 775 students were honored for earning their bachelor's degrees. In her introductory remarks, Provost and VP of Academic Affairs DonnaJean A. Fredeen said that what graduates have earned at Rider — knowledge, skills, experiences and relationships — are lifetime assets.

Saint Elizabeth University hosts first fully in-person Commencement in 2022

Saint Elizabeth University (SEU) conferred more than 350 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in the first fully in-person ceremony since 2019. Members of the SEU Class of 2022 returned to Mennen Arena after a three-year absence that included a virtual ceremony in 2020 and a hybrid ceremony in 2021. The institution's 120th Commencement also represents the first for Gary B. Crosby, Ph.D., president of Saint Elizabeth University who assumed the position July 1, 2021.

Saint Peter's University Celebrates the Class of 2022

Saint Peter's University celebrated the Class of 2020 Commencement Ceremony on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel, New Jersey. Rev. DeForest B. Soaries, Jr., D. Min., pastor Emeritus at First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens and former secretary of State of New Jersey, addressed the Class of 2022 at the commencement exercises.

Seton Hall Graduates 2,324, UN Secretary-General Gives Commencement Address

Seton Hall University celebrated its 166th baccalaureate commencement on Tuesday, May 24 at the Prudential Center in Newark, NJ. The University graduated 1334 students with baccalaureate degrees, 774 graduating with honors. In addition, 990 graduate students will receive master's and doctorate degrees, making the total number of graduates this year 2324 students. Delivering the commencement address was the Secretary-General of the United Nations, His Excellency António Guterres.

Celebrating Steves Class of 2022

As Stevens Institute of Technology celebrated the Class of 2022 at its 150th Commencement ceremonies, President Nariman Farvardin acknowledged that while the world is shrouded in uncertainty, the graduates' futures are strong. The feelings of optimism and warmth permeated the four ceremonies — two for undergraduates on May 25, and two for graduate students on May 26 — held at the Meadowlands Exposition Center in Secaucus, New Jersey. More than 850 candidates received their undergraduate degrees, while nearly 1,000 students received graduate degrees and certificates.



