

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

DECEMBER
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CEREMONY



Friday, December 19, 2025



Dear Graduate,

Today is a special day for you, and your family members, as you receive your hard-earned diploma from Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit. On behalf of the entire Duquesne University community, I extend my heartfelt congratulations. You worked hard to get to this point, and we're incredibly proud of all that you've accomplished. From this special University with a 147-year tradition of excellence, you can go anywhere and achieve the highest levels of success. We look forward to watching you embark on exciting paths and transform the world in the years to come. And we welcome you to a new status in our University community, as you officially join the ranks of more than 100,000 Duquesne University alumni around the globe.

Congratulations – the entire Duquesne University family salutes your success!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Gormley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Ken Gormley
President, Duquesne University

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December 2025 Commencement

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

PRESIDING

Kenneth G. Gormley, J.D.
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PRELUDE

Fanfare to “La Péri” **Paul Dukas**
arr. Wayne Barrington

OPENING OF CEREMONY **David J. Dausey, Ph.D., Ed.D.**
Executive Vice President and Provost

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance **Edward Elgar**
arr. Michael Green

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER **John Stafford Smith**
arr. Garrett Hoffman
lyrics: Francis Scott Key
led by Madeline Westwood

INVOCATION **Rev. Andrew Phan, C.S.Sp.**
Assistant Director of Spiritan Campus Ministry

WELCOME **David J. Dausey, Ph.D., Ed.D.**

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS **Kenneth G. Gormley, J.D.**

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREES **Kenneth G. Gormley, J.D.**

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

honoris causa

upon

Anne Schleder Bahl

BACHELOR OF ARTS

honoris causa

upon

Robert Francis Bahl

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS **Corey O'Connor**
B.S., '07

PRESENTATION OF SCHOOLSKristine L. Blair, Ph.D.
Dean, McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts

Karen Donovan, Ph.D.
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CONFERRAL OF DEGREESKenneth G. Gormley, J.D.

ALMA MATERRobert Traugh
Words and Music on Page 4 arr. Benjamin Cornelius–Bates
lyrics: Kenneth G. Gormley, J.D.
led by Madeline Westwood

BENEDICTION..... Rev. Andrew Phan, C.S.Sp.

RECESSIONAL
Ode to Joy.....Ludwig van Beethoven
arr. David R. Thomas

(The audience is requested to remain at their seats during the recessional)

MARY PAPPERT SCHOOL OF MUSIC MUSICIANS

Andrew Taylor, *trumpet*
Omar Martinez–Rosete, *trumpet*
Zachary Frank, *horn*
Damon Webb, *trombone*
Nicholas Todorov, *tuba*
Benjamin Cornelius–Bates, *keyboard*
Madeline Westwood, *soloist*

Music by Robert Traugh | Words by Ken Gormley
Inspired by Rev. John F. Malloy, C.S.Sp.

Al - ma Ma - ter, proud Du - quesne, guide, and friend of our youth - ful days.

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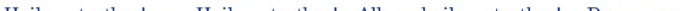


As we face new tests in times a-head, mar-ching al-ways by your light.

17 $\text{♩} = \text{c. } 84$



for - ward e - ver — Al - ma Ma - ter; famed Du - quesne with your

23 *rit.*.....

Hail to thee! Hail to thee! All hail to thee! Du - quesne.

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Commencement Speaker

Corey O'Connor, B.S. '07

Mayor Elect, City of Pittsburgh



A lifelong Pittsburgher, Corey O'Connor grew up in Squirrel Hill, attended East Hills Elementary, and earned his degree in early childhood education from Duquesne University in 2007. He began his career working on community development for Congressman Mike Doyle before entering public service himself.

Elected to Pittsburgh City Council in 2011, Corey represented District 5 for more than a decade, focusing on community revitalization, public health, and equity. His legislative achievements include authoring the City's Paid Sick Days Act, advancing affordable housing, passing common-sense gun reforms, and securing record investments in early childhood education and neighborhood infrastructure.

In 2022, Corey was elected Allegheny County Controller, where he prioritized transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility. He led audits and investigations that exposed inefficiencies, uncovered unused public funds, and strengthened ethics and pension protections.

In 2025, Corey O'Connor was elected the 62nd Mayor of Pittsburgh. As Mayor-Elect, he is preparing to lead a city government focused on service, equity, and results — strengthening neighborhoods, improving delivery of city services, and building a more resilient and inclusive Pittsburgh for all residents.

Corey lives in Point Breeze with his wife, Katie, their two children, Molly and Emmett, and their dogs, Tippy and Nova.

Honorary Degrees

Anne Schleder Bahl and Robert Francis Bahl



Anne Schleder Bahl attended Duquesne University from 1935–36 where she met her husband, Robert Francis Bahl. As valedictorian of her high school, she earned a one-year scholarship. Though the Great Depression prevented her continuation, she never stopped learning. Her passion for botany led her to be a featured wildflower columnist and illustrator for local newspapers and to serve as a docent at Phipps Conservatory.

Anne volunteered with the YWCA, held leadership positions with the Girl Scouts, and led discussion groups for the Great Books Program. She later helped establish a library at a school in Philadelphia, where she volunteered weekly. Anne also supported individuals with hearing loss, which she had experienced most of her life. She served as vice president of her local chapter of Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, and she and Robert funded an assistive hearing system in their church. Anne died in 2016 at the age of 98.



Robert Francis Bahl was valedictorian at Duquesne University Prep School and earned a full scholarship to Duquesne University, where he wrote for the newspaper and yearbook and excelled academically. Unfortunately, he had to end his studies early, to help support his mother and younger brother during the Depression.

Robert began his career as a secretary and his writing skills soon propelled him to composing executive-level correspondence. He went on to work for Keystone Plumbing Sales Co., where he progressed from an advertising position to company president and part owner.

He made meaningful connections with employees, playing ping-pong with them at lunch and establishing a profit-sharing program.

Robert designed puzzles for local newspapers and was an avid photographer. He served as president and secretary of the Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania whose “Wildflowers” bulletin he launched and produced for many years. He and Anne traveled the country identifying and photographing wildflowers which he shared in presentations. His writing and photographs were featured in the Society’s guidebook, “Wildflowers of Western Pennsylvania.” Robert died in 1998 at the age of 80.

Of all their accomplishments, their family was most important to Anne and Robert, and they made it a priority to ensure their children could pursue the higher education they were never able to obtain. Tragically, their son was killed in Vietnam, but their four daughters all went on to earn advanced degrees.

The Academic Procession

The Provost/Academic Vice President serves as the Commencement Marshal, holds the University mace and presides over the Academic Procession while standing directly in front of the platform. The raising of the mace signals that the Commencement ceremony is ready to begin. As the processional music begins, the procession of first the candidates for degrees, then the faculty and finally the platform party will file in. The audience should rise and remain standing until after the invocation.

Candidates for undergraduate degrees may be identified by the color of the tassel on the cap—which signifies the discipline. If they are receiving an advanced degree, the color on the neck band of the hood signifies the field of study.

Colors Distinctive of the Disciplines

White: Arts

Yellow: Sciences

Drab: Business

Sage: Pharmacy

Pink: Music

Light Blue: Education

Apricot: Nursing

Purple: Law

Royal Blue: Philosophy

Orange: Engineering

Academic Vestments

The gown, the cap, and the hood, representing the *major* components of the academic dress, are a ceremonial inheritance from the medieval universities of the eleventh and twelfth centuries, where clothing was an outward sign of social privilege and responsibility. Our usage of academic regalia derives from the early English universities. Academic clothing was first introduced at St. Peter's College, Cambridge University, in about 1284 A.D. Each school or college in Cambridge and in Oxford developed different methods to signal the various levels of degrees and the awarding institution. In America, in 1894 an Inter-Collegiate Commission met to adopt a uniform style for all degrees for all colleges and universities. The resulting code stated that every undergraduate robe would be the same style; likewise, every master's robe and every doctor's robe. Thus the academic dress worn by those participating in today's academic procession symbolizes both the level of their academic attainment and the institution they attended.

Gown

Although the gown is more frequently black, certain universities have authorized the use of colored gowns. The bachelor's and master's gowns were originally fashioned from black serge wool; today they are often of synthetic fabrics. The yoke of the bachelor's gown is designed to be worn closed and features long, flowing and pointed sleeves. The master's gown is designed to be worn open or closed. The sleeves are very long with squared ends, and the front part has an arc cut away. The wearer's arms protrude through slits at the elbows. The gown for the doctor's degree is made of wool, serge, or silk with an open front faced with wide velvet panels running from top to bottom. The sleeves are loose and bell-shaped with three encircling bars of velvet in black or in the color of the discipline in which the doctorate was obtained.

Hood

The most outstanding feature of the academic dress is the hood. It is usually worn only for the master's and doctor's degrees. The doctor's hood is longer than the master's hood (four feet vs. three and one half feet) and has distinguished panels inside. The college or university granting the degree is indicated by the color of the hood lining. Here, the panels are blue and red. The velvet trim on the hood indicates the field in which the degree was granted.

Cap

The standard cap is the mortarboard—or the Oxford-type cap—which appeared at Oxford after 1769 and replaced the round soft beret-like cap still worn at Cambridge. Its shape is variously explained as like the scholars and their books, or as derived from the Master Workman's actual mortarboard, or from the quadrangle shape of the campus. It is usually the color of the gown—black. The tassel is the color of the school for the undergraduate and worn on the right side of the cap until the moment the degree is conferred by the president. Then it is swung to the left side. The tassel for the master's degree is black and worn over the left front quarter of the cap. The tassel for the doctor's degree is also worn over the left front quarter of the cap and is of gold thread.

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