TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-THIRD COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, THE FOURTEENTH OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN
HANOVER THEATRE ~ WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

~ CLASS OF 2011 ~

HONORS CONVOCATION
FRIDAY, THE THIRTEENTH OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN
BECKER COLLEGE ~ LEICESTER CAMPUS
The Path of the Global Citizen

As students, you came to Becker College with a dream. You were not certain how you would accomplish it, but you knew this was the place to start.

You found a family here. You found faculty who not only taught, but listened, and whom you will remember and reach out to every time you achieve a new success.

You found peers who worked with you, challenged you, perhaps even inspired you. You have achieved the dream of earning a degree, and now you are ready to embark on a new path of uncertainty, with a new dream. Your life has been transformed.

Your academic experience, your creative spark and capacity to make a difference, to others and your community, and to the world, are what will carry you from this day forward.

As a global citizen, do not forget to always be a learner; learn more and share that knowledge. Imagine now, where you want to be, and what you want to achieve. As a global citizen you are now charged to go out and transform the world.

Now go out and make those dreams a reality.

~ Robert E. Johnson, Ph.D., President ~
HONORS CONVOCATION

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TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN
THREE O’CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

GREETINGS
Elizabeth V. Fuller, Ed.D.
Vice President of Academic Affairs

WELCOME
Robert E. Johnson, Ph.D.
President

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER
Frederick H. Eppinger
President & CEO – The Hanover Insurance Group
2011 Honorary Degree Recipient

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HONORS
Elizabeth V. Fuller, Ed.D.
Vice President of Academic Affairs

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING
Elizabeth V. Fuller, Ed.D.
Vice President of Academic Affairs
• Traditional Faculty
• Adjunct Faculty
• Accelerated and Professional Studies Faculty

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
Elizabeth V. Fuller, Ed.D.
Vice President of Academic Affairs
• Samuel May Prize
• President’s Award

CLOSING REMARKS
Robert E. Johnson, Ph.D.
President
HONORS CONVOCATION

BACHELOR’S DEGREES

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Carrie Anne Bruss
Danielle Jeanne Clark
Jamie Ann Clark
Jessica S. Grupposo
Laurie Alexandra Kalil
Adrienne Constance Maillet
Christine M. Marley
Linda Marie McKenzie
Carla Nancy Morano
Dawn Maria Murphy
Iliana Ortiz
William T. Porter
Melissa Ann Smith
Patricia Elaine Trippi
Elizabeth Jean Wimberly

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Michael R. Bazinet
Stephanie R. Beauregard
Arielle L. Burdulis*
Cheryl Letourneau Burgoyne
Jean Marie Chianese
Lisa Irene Corbett
Janice Marie Crestuk
Alexandra Erin Crowley
JoAnn Cuddleback
Lynn T. Cutress
Adam Lucas DeZago*
Donna Elaine Donovan*
Carol Harris
Lee-Ann Johnson
Astrid Kristiansson*
Taylor Lynn LaFountain*
Brian Paul Major
Jonathan James McInerney
Nicholas Medeiros*
Doreen E. Montalvo
Adam John Nussdorf
Jessica R. Provencher*
Katelyn A. Putelis*
Nichole Robillard
Greg Robillard
Yvonne L. Rosario
Hollyjean Rozzen
Avraham Y. Shalom
Katelyn E. Shaw*
Timothy Joseph Staley*
Shannon S. Stevens*
Chad Matthew Straw
Sasha Joy Strong*
Kenzi A. Suarez
Letitia A. Swanson
Pamela Tavares
David M. Totman*
Joseph V. Wackell*
Bryan Richard White

CUM LAUDE

Stefanie J. Aiken
Jessica Andreas
Curtis Brothers
Susan Elizabeth Davis
Jessica Ann Dowd
Amy Rebecca Gale*
Carly Ann Gould
Carrie Ann Hart*
Andrew R. Hyland*
Derek M. King*
Charles Henry Labonte
Justin Chad Laprise
Jennifer C. MacLean
Melinda Kay Marcello
Suellen Marques
Jared Melnick
Brenna O’Brien*
Jamie Paul Orciuch
Kyle M. Reis
Augustus Carson Rideout
Carol T. Rodriguez
Danielle Rousseau*
Andrew M. Schroll
Meghan Smith
Patricia R. Vedana
Rachel L. Weidele

ASSOCIATE’S DEGREES

HIGHEST HONORS

Gina M. Kaszanek
Erin Lee Perry*

HIGH HONORS

Sarah Jeanne Davis
Rebecca Weinstein

HONORS

Katrina Anne Brown
Victoria Jane Connolly
Laura Lynne Cowdell
Jodi L. Croce
Carrie Ann Hart
Keshia Lee McCarthy
Jennifer McKenzie
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Christine D. Shortreed
Julie Teck
Sabrina Elizabeth Wagner

*Alpha Chi  *Alpha Sigma Lambda
HONORS CONVOCATION

AWARDING EXCELLENCE

SAMPSON MAY AWARD
Melissa A. Smith

PRESIDENT’S AWARD
Thomas E. Pearson

PROGRAM AWARDS

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DEAN’S AWARD

The Dean’s Award is the highest honor bestowed upon a student by Becker College. In keeping with the prestige of the award, the names of the recipients are not revealed until the announcement at the commencement ceremony.

The Dean’s Award is given to the student with the highest cumulative grade point average who completed the majority of his or her coursework leading to a degree at Becker College.
HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

THE HONORABLE DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Deval Patrick was reelected to a second term as Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in November 2010, renewing his commitment to expanding opportunity and prosperity in Massachusetts. Governor Patrick's life has charted a path from the South Side of Chicago to the U.S. Justice Department, Fortune 500 boardrooms, and now the Massachusetts State House. In each of these capacities, he has been guided by the advice of his grandmother: hope for the best and work for it.

Deval Patrick came to Massachusetts in 1970 at the age of 14. A motivated student despite the difficult circumstances of poor and sometimes violent Chicago schools, he was awarded a scholarship to Milton Academy through A Better Chance, a Boston-based organization. From that time forward, it has been Massachusetts people, schools and institutions that have given Governor Patrick the opportunity to excel. He sees his service as governor as payback for the opportunities the Commonwealth has given him.

First elected in 2006 on a platform of hope and change, Governor Patrick entered office propelled by an unprecedented grassroots campaign. Over the course of his first term, Governor Patrick faced down strong economic headwinds to make Massachusetts a national leader in clean energy, affordable health care, public education, veterans services and job growth.

By choosing to invest in education, infrastructure and innovative industries, Governor Patrick positioned Massachusetts to rebound quickly from the global recession and continue its growth trajectory. His budgets have funded public education at the highest levels in the state's history and under his leadership Massachusetts won the national Race to the Top education reform competition. The Governor pushed for and signed an education reform bill giving schools the tools they need to close a persistent student achievement gap and support classroom innovation. Massachusetts' public school students have consistently ranked at the top of the nation on achievement tests.

Governor Patrick is a graduate of Harvard College. Like many Becker College graduates, he was the first in his family to attend college. Following Harvard Law School, he served as a law clerk to a federal appellate judge before joining the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund as a staff attorney. In 1986, he joined the Boston law firm of Hill & Barlow and was named partner in 1990, at the age of 34. In 1994, President Clinton appointed Patrick Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, the nation's top civil rights post. Patrick's experience also includes executive roles in the corporate world, at Texaco and Coca-Cola.

Becker College is pleased and honored to recognize Governor Deval Patrick for his unflagging commitment to the values that have guided his accomplishments. He serves as an inspiring example to our graduates and the young people of Massachusetts, and as a staunch advocate for the interests of the entire Commonwealth.
HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

FREDERICK H. EPPINGER
PRESIDENT & CEO ~ THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP

Frederick H. Eppinger is president, chief executive officer and a director of The Hanover Insurance Group—the holding company for a group of insurers that includes The Hanover Insurance Company and Citizens Insurance Company of America.

Mr. Eppinger has developed a unique perspective on the insurance industry over the past 20 years, through his experiences as the chief executive officer of The Hanover and, previously, as senior executive with The Hartford, and as a senior partner with McKinsey & Company where, during his 15-year tenure, he led the firm’s insurance practice and worked closely with the chief executive officers of many leading insurers.

Since joining The Hanover in 2003, Mr. Eppinger has focused the energy and resources of the organization on becoming a world class property and casualty insurance company. Under his direction, The Hanover has implemented a successful and broad restructuring effort, strengthening the company’s financial and operational foundation, enhancing its product and service capabilities, expanding its geographic presence, and assembling one of the best teams in the industry.

The Hanover is ranked among the top 25 property and casualty insurers in the United States and, in 2010, was named a “Best Place to Work” by Business Insurance magazine and The Boston Globe.

Under Mr. Eppinger’s leadership, the company has established a distinctive and strong competitive position. At the same time, the company, together with its dedicated employee volunteers, has made an important difference in the communities it calls home, in particular, helping to build strong public schools and helping local youth to achieve their full potential.

Mr. Eppinger earned an undergraduate degree from the College of the Holy Cross and an MBA from Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth.

Becker College is pleased to recognize Frederick H. Eppinger, who we honor for his commitment to improve the quality of life in Greater Worcester, through his leadership of The Hanover Insurance Group, one of the region’s largest employers, and by encouraging the company and its employees to make a meaningful difference in our community through their shared support for educational initiatives such as AVID in the Worcester Public Schools, and the renovation of the EcoTarium, and for key projects that drive the economic revitalization of our city, such as the restoration of The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts, and CitySquare.

DOCTORATE OF HUMANE LETTERS – HONORIS CAUSA
The conferral of honorary doctoral degrees provides a special opportunity for Becker College to recognize persons of outstanding accomplishment and to honor exceptional achievement and dedication as an educator, community leader or business innovator. By formally recognizing exemplary achievement, the honorary degree serves also to inspire members of the graduating class and others to set high standards for their personal and professional lives.
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

SATURDAY, THE FOURTEENTH OF MAY
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FOUR O’CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

PRELUDE
The Symphonic Brass Quartet

POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE
The Symphonic Brass Quartet

PROCESSIONAL
(PLEASE STAND)
Faculty Marshal, Candidates for Degrees, Faculty and Administrators, Cabinet, Dignitaries, Board of Trustees and President

INVOCATION
(REMAIN STANDING)
Reverend Dr. Deborah Pallatto-Fontaine
Professor of Elementary Education

NATIONAL ANTHEM
(REMAIN STANDING)
Norma Santiago
Associate of Science, Nursing, Class of 2011

GREETINGS
Robert E. Johnson, Ph.D.
President

REMARKS
The Honorable James P. McGovern
U.S. House of Representatives, Massachusetts – Third Congressional District

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER
Robert E. Johnson, Ph.D.
President

THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
The Honorable Deval L. Patrick
Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREES
Robert E. Johnson, Ph.D.
President
Chair, Board of Trustees
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES (continued)

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS
The Honorable Deval L. Patrick
Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Presented by: Paul Cotnoir, Ph.D.
Director, Bachelor of Arts in Design Program

Frederick H. Eppinger
President & CEO – The Hanover Insurance Group
Presented by: Stella Richard, Ph.D.
Professor of Veterinary Science

PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 2011
Elizabeth V. Fuller, Ed.D.
Vice President of Academic Affairs

INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATES
Elizabeth V. Fuller, Ed.D.
Vice President of Academic Affairs

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
Robert E. Johnson, Ph.D.
President

PRESENTATION OF DEAN’S AWARDS
Elizabeth V. Fuller, Ed.D.
Vice President of Academic Affairs

CLOSING REMARKS
Robert E. Johnson, Ph.D.
President

RECESSONAL
(PLEASE REMAIN SEATED UNTIL LAST GRADUATE HAS LEFT THE THEATRE)

FACULTY MARSHAL
John Deitrick
Department of Humanities and Languages, Professor of English

STUDENT MARSHALS
Francis Torres, Julie Merry and Kelsea Laubenstein

USHERS
Erika Azuma, Julianna Cannata, Brooke Cote, Devon Dubuque, Sarah Fernandez, Brittany Hillier, Kayla Kershaw, Kenneth Kwon, Patricia Lawler, Hayley O’Connell, Kaitlin Pearson, Matthew Pierangeli, Luis Sanchez, Raymond Sgambati, Joanna Słomiak, Whitney Smith, Jasmine Sumrall, Jessica Szorentini, Jennifer Wallace and Benjamin Wojnarowicz

Due to space constraints, it is respectfully requested that graduates meet their families and friends after exiting the theatre.
### Candidates for Graduation 2011

#### Bachelor’s Degrees

**Bachelor of Arts ~ Design: Graphic Design**
- Amanda Francina Altena*  
- Maximilian Kyle Denning  
- Andrew R. Hyland**  
- Eby Martineau  
- Katelyn A. Putelis***  
- Brittany Sanderson

**Bachelor of Arts ~ Design: Interior Design**
- Christina Bayle  
- Ashleigh Nicole Crivello  
- Alexandra Erin Crowley  
- Amy Rebecca Gale*  
- Sean Michael Harris  
- Astrid Kristiansson**  
- Brenna O’Brien*  
- Karyn Parenteau  
- Jessica R. Provencher  
- Brianna Leigh Redcay

**Bachelor of Arts ~ Interior Design Leading to Initial Teacher Licensure**
- Yvonne L. Rosario***  
- Sasha Joy Strong***  
- Elizabeth Jean Wimberly****

**Bachelor of Arts ~ Psychology**
- Stefanie J. Aiken*  
- Stephanie R. Beauregard**  
- Kim Marie Ceccarini  
- JoAnn Cuddeback**  
- Lynn T. Curress**  
- Donna Elaine Donovan**  
- Danielle R. Enderle  
- Moisema Emmanuel Flumo  
- Annette Rose Johnston  
- Justin Chad Laprise*  
- Melanie N. L’Etoile  
- Adrienne Constance Mailler***  
- Melinda Kay Marcello*  
- Jared Melnick*  
- Carla Nancy Morano***  
- Dawn Maria Murphy***  
- Adairr Nater  
- Alba N. Santana  
- Patricia Elaine Trippi***  
- Simone Bilodeau  
- Tessa Lee Bolten  
- Kayla Danielle Christenson  
- Jessica Ann Daniels  
- Lauren A. Frederick  
- Anna-Lynn Landisio  
- Julie Kristen Likas  
- Matthew J. Monroe  
- Tiffany Janae Pulley  
- Samantha Funt  
- Lindsey Wolterseder-Cormier

**Bachelor of Arts ~ Interactive Entertainment: Game Design**
- Flemmings Beaubrun  
- Sean Comer  
- Wayne Alden Douglas  
- Samuel Fausel  
- Michael Feinsmith  
- Benjamin Keating  
- Brandon D. Langley  
- Heather D. Nicoll  
- Jared N. Pressman  
- Melissa Ann Smith****  
- David M. Totman****

**Bachelor of Arts ~ Interactive Entertainment: Game Development & Programming**
- Adam Lucas DeZago***  
- Shaun M. Dutton  
- Andrew John Geldart  
- Torrey R. Kimball  
- Eric R. Mills  
- Michael Pinheiro

**Bachelor of Arts ~ Liberal Arts Leading to Initial Teacher Licensure**
- Jean Marie Chianese**  
- Danielle Jeanne Clark***  
- Jamie Ann Clark**  
- Janice Marie Crestuk**  
- Alan B. Daley  
- Susan Elizabeth Davis*  
- Matthew Decker  
- Jessica Ann Dowd*  
- Carly Gould*  
- Jessica S. Grupposo***  
- Carol Harris*  
- Cassius Renard Holt  
- Lee-Ann Johnson**  
- Laurie Alexandra Kalil****  
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- Suellen Marques*  
- Jonathan James McInerny**  
- Linda Marie McKenzie**  
- Andrea Marie McNulty  
- Doreen E. Montalvo**  
- Monica Melo Moura  
- Adam John Nussdorf**  
- Jamie Paul Orciuch*  
- Iliana Ortiz***  
- William T. Porter***  
- Doreen Quansah  
- Kyle M. Reis*  
- Greg Robillard**  
- Nichole Robillard**  
- Carol T. Rodriguez**  
- Hollyleean Rozen***  
- Evelyn Alexandra Santana  
- Avraham Y. Shalom**  
- Meghan Smith*  
- Tara Angela Stoddard  
- Chad Matthew Straw*  
- Kenyi A. Suarez*  
- Letitia A. Swanson**  
- Pamela Tavares**  
- Patricia R. Vedana*  
- Joseph V. Wackell***  
- Bryan Richard White**

* cum laude  ** magna cum laude  *** summa cum laude  Alpha Chi  Alpha Sigma Lambda
Candidates for Graduation 2011

Bachelor’s Degrees

Bachelor of Science ~ Business Administration: Equine Management
Heather R. Mrzyglod
Lindsey M. Mutell

Bachelor of Science ~ Business Administration: Financial Accounting
Jessica D. Cerasulo
Helena J. Lamprey

Bachelor of Science ~ Business Administration: Hospitality & Tourism Management
Nakita Rae Gosselin
Lindsay Maureen O’Hara
Jennifer J. Ouellette
Jennifer Skiba
Kurt A. Tholen

Bachelor of Science ~ Business Administration: Management
Melissa Banfill
Jake E. Bateman
Jerry Lee Filipinas
Colleen Patricia Murphy
Leonel A. Ortiz-Jimenez
Thomas P. Rezendes Jr.
Jacob Bryon Russo
Andrew M. Schroll
Jarid Roger James Stearns

Bachelor of Science ~ Business Administration: Sports Management
Denielle M. Caron
Mark Paul Grala
Michael F. Herbert
Kayla B. Moskowitz
Peter Richard Rota
Samantha Louise Sousa
Timothy Joseph Staley**

Bachelor of Science ~ Criminal Justice
Jennifer L. Broadard
Amanda Butero
Ricky N. Clark Jr.
Lisa Irene Corbett**
David D. Cucinelli
Robert T. Fanti
Gravin E. Guillen
Brian David Guillot
Jennifer Jacques
Ashley Lombardo
Jonathan R. Malcom
Stephanie Carlson
Thomas E. Pearson Jr.
John Joseph Shruga Jr.

Bachelor of Science ~ Criminal Justice: Forensics/Crime Scene Processing
Arielle L. Burdulis***
Andrea Charette
Khue Nhu Nguyen
Katelyn M. Sawicki
Katelyn E. Shaw***
Kristal Marie Swiderski

Bachelor of Science ~ Criminal Justice: Policing
Peter T. Levesque

Bachelor of Science ~ Equine Studies: Riding Instruction
Tanya Lee Belmore

Bachelor of Science ~ Exercise Science, Health & Fitness
Alyssa Alves
Paul-Rosny Stanley Duplessy
Casimir
Kory Austin Cazeault
Abraham Abubakar Danyaro
Brett Joseph Dowry
Derek M. King*
Christine Marie Losanno
Daniel R. Marrone
Sarah-Jane Loosmore
Nicole A. Taddeo

Bachelor of Science ~ Legal Studies
Sarah Elizabeth Freel
Cathryn Elisabeth Power
Melissa Shannon Rimondi
Esmeralda Taraj

Bachelor of Science ~ Nursing
Lauren Marie Anderson
Nicole Michelle Boucher
Janmarie Drury
Britney Jessica Lewis
Jennifer C. MacLean*
Brian Paul Major**
Karen A. Messier
Augustus Carson Rideout*

Bachelor of Science ~ Veterinary Science: Clinical Medicine
Kelly A. Army
Ashley M. Cauley
Erica Kyle Fontaine
Julie Ann Lantry
Lindsey MacDonald
Rosemary Ann Mariani
Michelle Ashley Martin
Jessica J. Schavone
Danielle M. Stryker
Rachel L. Weidele*

Bachelor of Science ~ Veterinary Science: Lab Animal Management
Jacqueline Wardman Betty
Jamie Lavoie
Katie Schultze

Bachelor of Science ~ Veterinary Science: Pre-Veterinary
Chayrel Lee Ivette Adames
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Alexandra Rosselli
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Danielle Rousseau**
Shannon S. Stevens***
Jennifer Troy

Bachelor of Science ~ Nursing
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Nicole Michelle Boucher
Janmarie Drury
Britney Jessica Lewis
Jennifer C. MacLean*
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CANDIDATES FOR
GRADUATION 2011

ASSOCIATE’S DEGREES

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE ~ NURSING
David Nana Ampong
Cynthia Belanger Rotondi
Rachael Alexandra Berglund
Amie Boudreau
Rosaora Braecki
Danielle M. Brooks
Melissa A. Burgess
Stacey L. Burgess
Alyssa R. Burgoyne
Kristen Marie Cammuso
Laura N. Charron
Jennifer M. Chatten
Luis Anthony Cipriano
Cynthia P. Clark
Stacy Colella
Stacie Anne Comtois
Michael Conde
Victoria Jane Connolly*
Laura Lynne Cowdell*
Taryn Dalterio
Stacy Derosier
LeeAnn Desmarais
Keshia K. Duodu
Laura Susanne Falkoff
Kristen M. Federico
Holly J. Geer
Meghan L. Habershaw
Blair E. Harrington
Patricia A. Hazzard
Danielle Heroux
Kershia A. Hill
Hong N. Ho
Cynthia L. Huscusson
Annemarie G. Kelly
Amanda L. Kowal
Anjellica O. LaMachia
Daniella Lamarre
Lindsay Lamotho
Mandy T. Leo
Rebecca K. Libby
Susanna J. Macdonald
Sandra Jean Martin
Jennifer McKenzie*
Kendra Lee McShera
Anita Mendrek
Jasmattie Mohabir
Jennifer Moreau
Sabrina Suzanne Neves
Marilyn P. Nkumah
Lilian Odu
Danielle M. Pallotra
Brian M. Pullo
Samantha E. Rekowski
Nicole Anne Rondeau
Norma Santiago
Kristen Jane Santucci
Marianne Sarkesian
Patricia Shaw
Jessica Catherine Stoneham
Megan Sullivan
Jonida Taraj
Justine Janelle Turcotte
Jessica Elizabeth Villiard
Rebecca Weinstein**
Brian Sheridan Winn
Barbara A. Yeboah

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE ~ EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
Katie M. Brown

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE ~ VETERINARY SCIENCE: ANIMAL CARE
Joshua Joseph Belli
Ryan Douglas Broad
Katrina Anne Brown*
Rose Maria DiBenedetto
Courtney E. Dupuis
Catherine F. Gage
A. Elise Hart
Gina M. Kastanek***
Kayla E. Messina
Megan Karleen Oliver
Tara E. Robidoux*
Kristen Elise Santospago
Christine D. Shortreed*
Julie Tricka*
Kelsey Victoria VanRossum
Michelle E. Wells

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Kristin Colgan
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Sarah Jeanne Davis**
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Jordan Elizabeth Dyer
Kelly Ann Ford
Cassandra Lynn Green
Kelsey Lee Hanrahan
Carrie Ann Hart*
Celia A. Jarest
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Julie Keating
Kathryn Kirrane
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Ashley L. Nichols
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Erin Lee Perry***
Kelsey Lynne Pickering
Matthew J. Pierangeli
Courtney Marie Polo
Jenna M. Rivais
Annie Rosenstreich
Amanda J. Stanton
Rebecca Sylvestre
James Anelce Teixeira
Sabrina Elizabeth Wagner*
Brittany Lynnae Weinsoff
Krystyn Whenman
Zahara Angelina Yee

* Honors  ** High Honors  *** Highest Honors
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Becker College — Yesterday and Today

Becker College traces its history to 1784...

and has more than 21,000 alumni. With campuses in Worcester and Leicester, Massachusetts, the college serves more than 1,750 students from 18 states and 12 countries and offers more than 25 diverse bachelor degree programs, as well as a variety of adult learning options. The college’s unique class options and hands-on, professional approach to higher education have earned Becker a national reputation, particularly in the fields of computer game development, veterinary sciences, nursing, business and education.

This year, the college has seen a number of successes, including: the arrival of President Robert E. Johnson, Ph.D., and with him, a renewed sense of excitement and enthusiasm for the future; the designation of Becker College as host of the Massachusetts Digital Games Institute, as approved by Governor Deval Patrick and Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray; and the accomplishments of a number of Becker faculty, who have been published in academic journals, and who have presented at conferences in their fields of study.


Becker graduates continue to achieve notable success. Edward Fendell, who graduated in 1951, was head of the Communications Systems Section, Flight Control Division at NASA’s Johnson Space Center on July 20, 1969 when Apollo 11 landed on the moon. Southwest Airlines president emeritus Colleen Barrett graduated in 1964. After graduating in 1967, Jim Daopoulos went on to referee at Superbowl XXXIII.

The mission of Becker College is to provide a professional education with a strong foundation in the liberal arts to students from diverse backgrounds. Becker is dedicated to the belief that it exists primarily for the student. Therefore, the college concerns itself with the whole person, emphasizing not only classroom education, but also practical experience through liaisons with the business, professional, and service communities. The college is proud to have adhered to this mission, and to the values which support it, for more than 200 years.

The college’s mission has always emphasized relevance—to its students’ lives, to the community, and to the workplace. Becker alumni have the knowledge and skills to succeed in the career of their choice, to practice good citizenship and to value lifelong learning.

Becker College joins our graduates’ families and friends in wishing every happiness to the Class of 2011.
TIMELINE

1784........... Leicester Academy founded.
1788........... Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin, graduated.
1836........... William Morton, the “Father of Modern Anesthesiology,” graduated.
1880........... First perfect game in major league baseball was pitched at the Worcester Agricultural Fairgrounds, which is now Weller Academic Center’s “quad.”
1887........... Becker's Business College is founded at 492 Main St. Worcester, Mass.
1893........... Harry G. Stoddard, Worcester industrialist graduated.
1898........... Robert Goddard, the “Father of Modern Rocketry,” studied at Becker.
1926........... Becker's Business College changed its name to Becker College of Business Administration and Secretarial Science.
1936 ........... Colton House on Cedar St. in Worcester is opened as first dormitory for women.
1937 ........... Becker initiates a major in journalism, the first to be offered in the East.
1943........... Becker School of Business Administration and Secretarial Science changed its name to Becker Junior College of Business Administration and Secretarial Science, and received the authority to grant associate in science degrees.
1950 ........... Becker introduces its Retail Merchandising Program, the first in Massachusetts.
1954........... Leicester Junior College was established.
1958........... Senator John F. Kennedy visits campus to address a Becker assembly.
1963........... Dedication of the Paul R. Swan Library on the Leicester campus.
1968........... Dedication of the Borger Academic Center on the Leicester campus.
1974........... Cooperative Education was first offered.
1977........... Becker Junior College of Business Administration and Secretarial Science and Leicester Junior College merged.
1978........... The Associate of Science in Veterinary Technology, the first in Massachusetts, was accredited.
1980........... Becker College properties in Worcester are added to the National Register of Historic Places.
1982........... The Animal Health Care Center opens on the Leicester campus.
1986........... Dedication of the Gilbert R. Boutin Student Center on the Worcester campus.
1990........... Becker Junior College of Business Administration and Secretarial Science changed its name to Becker College with continued authority to grant associate in science degrees.
1990........... Dedication of the William F. Ruska Library on the Worcester campus.
1991........... Becker College receives authority to grant Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degrees.
1992........... A student center is constructed on the Leicester campus.
1997........... The Lenfest Family Animal Health Clinic is dedicated.
2000........... Dedication of the Arnold C. Weller Academic Center on the Worcester campus.
2006........... Becker College properties in Leicester are added to the National Register of Historic Places.
2008........... Dedication of Barrett Hall, a residence hall on the Leicester campus, in honor of Colleen Barrett '64.
2008........... Becker College marks 20 years of criminal justice education.
2009........... Becker College initiates the Franklin M. Loew Lecture Series in honor of the College’s eighth president.
2009........... The Becker College Nursing Program celebrates “25 Years of Caring.”
2010........... The Princeton Review ranks the Becker College undergraduate Video Game Design program #1 in New England and #4 in the United States and Canada.
2010........... Robert E. Johnson, Ph.D. is named 10th president of Becker College.
2011........... Gov. Deval Patrick and Lt. Gov. Timothy Murray approve the designation of Becker College as host of the Massachusetts Digital Games Institute.
The Academic Procession and Costume

The Commencement Exercises Today at Becker College

The festive pageantry of the academic procession and of the degree granting ceremony, and the dignity and color of the academic gowns, are a reminder of the long tradition of the college. The graduates here today take their places as the latest in a long line of more than 21,000 graduates of Becker College.

The academic procession itself is one of the highlights of the day, having all the splendor and majesty that is properly associated with such a happy occasion as this. Each member of the procession is garbed according to his or her educational background.

Displayed on the commencement stage are the flags from 37 countries around the globe, representing the homelands of past and present Becker College graduates.

Each graduate receives his or her diploma individually from the president of the college. The honorary doctoral candidate receives not only a diploma but a hood symbolizing his or her achievement, presented by the faculty member who has sponsored the candidate.

The academic costume—caps, gowns and hoods—worn today is particularly striking, for commencement is one of the few occasions in the United States at which academic dress is worn. By contrast, in English colleges and universities, both students and faculty until recently wore their gowns in class, in university dining halls and at all official occasions.

Academic dress originated in medieval costume. At the time when universities first came into being in the 12th century, everyone wore gowns (long, full-flowing robes) to help keep warm in unheated buildings. There were, of course, considerable differences in elegance and style between the extremes of the social and economic scales, and in many cases the king decreed just who could wear what.

Over the gown would often be worn a cloak (usually with a cowl or hood attached), just as we wear coats today. The origin of the cap is more obscure. The “mortarboard” cap that is usually worn today seems to have been introduced at Oxford University sometime during or prior to the 17th century.

In 1894, the American Intercollegiate Commission decided that all robes would be black—bachelors’ gowns to be made of worsted stuff with pointed sleeves, masters’ gowns of silk with long, closed sleeves and doctors’ gowns of silk with longer sleeves and faced with black velvet from hem to neck and back. They also carried three velvet bands around each sleeve about the elbow. Hoods were made of the same material as the gowns, the length varying with the degree. The lining of the hood indicated the university by its colors. The border of the hood indicated the academic discipline in which the degree was earned.
The Academic Costume

Agriculture ................................................................. Maize  
Arts, Letters, Humanities ................................................ White  
Commerce, Accountancy, Business .................................. Light Brown  
Dentistry ................................................................. Lilac  
Economics ............................................................... Copper  
Education ..................................................................... Light Blue  
Engineering ............................................................... Orange  
Fine Arts, including Architecture .................................. Brown  
Forestry ....................................................................... Russet  
Journalism .................................................................... Crimson  
Law .............................................................................. Purple  
Library Science .......................................................... Lemon  
Medicine ....................................................................... Green  
Music ........................................................................... Pink  
Nursing ......................................................................... Apricot  
Oratory (Speech) ......................................................... Silver Gray  
Pharmacy ....................................................................... Olive Green  
Philosophy ..................................................................... Dark Blue  
Physical Education ....................................................... Sage Green  
Public Administration, including Foreign Service ............... Peacock Blue  
Public Health .............................................................. Salmon Pink  
Science ....................................................................... Golden Yellow  
Social Work .................................................................... Citron  
Theology ......................................................................... Scarlet  
Veterinary Science .......................................................... Gray

The Becker College Mace

The Becker College Ceremonial Mace Made Its Debut

at Commencement 2010. Historically, the use of a mace dates back to the Middle Ages. The mace originated as a formidable weapon used to establish physical strength and authority. Later, in virtually the same form, the mace was widely used to protect royalty and eventually became bejeweled or highly decorated and was used in ceremonial functions as a symbol of sovereignty. Its transformation into a symbol of intellectual authority is both a tribute to, and a reminder of, the civilizing force of higher education.

Fashioned from a century-old cherry tree that once grew on Becker College’s Leicester campus, the fine ceremonial mace you see today was carved and finished by Becker carpenter Craig Moreau. The Becker College seal is affixed at the top of the mace. Elements of the seal include the dates of the founding of the Leicester and Worcester campuses; the lamp of knowledge; and the weathervane, found on buildings on both campuses, which serves here as a symbol of unity.

The mace is carried by the faculty marshal, the senior-most member of the Becker College faculty, who precedes the platform party in processions and recessions.