

53rd Annual
Commencement

May 14, 2021
Herkimer County Community College
Herkimer, NY



A Message from the SUNY Chancellor

May 14, 2021

To the Herkimer County Community College Graduating Class of 2021:

Living through a pandemic is likely not how you expected to finish your last semesters at Herkimer County Community College, nor how you expected to start your life after college. Major milestone celebrations over the 13 months have been postponed, cancelled, or modified, including commencements. I know this is not the ideal outcome after years of hard work and studying, but this does not diminish your tremendous accomplishment. Despite all the challenges thrown at you and having your senior year of college unceremoniously turned upside-down, you persevered to earn your degree.

Although we were not able to celebrate your graduation with all the normal pomp and circumstance it so rightfully deserves, let it be known that we are all so proud of the Class of 2021—the persistence, determination, and grit you have shown to complete your studies amidst a number of obstacles is exemplary.

As you look toward the future, know your SUNY education has prepared you to succeed in whatever you put your mind to—whether it be furthering your education or joining the workforce. The 2021 Generals will continue the SUNY legacy of changing the world no matter where you go, and I look forward to seeing all that you accomplish.

On behalf of everyone at SUNY, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to you and your fellow 2021 graduates. You make us proud.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Malatras', written in a cursive style.

Jim Malatras
Chancellor

Program

Presiding

Isabella S. Crandall, Chairwoman, College Board of Trustees

Academic Procession..... April Harris, Academic Senate President, Assistant Professor-Cybersecurity, Macebearer

National Anthem Isabella M. Adamo '21, Liberal Arts and Social Sciences: General Studies A.A.

Invocation..... Pastor George H. Smith Jr., New Life Church, Herkimer, NY

Greetings..... April Harris, President, Academic Senate

Taylor Renee Listovitch '21, Student Government President, Legal Studies A.A.S.

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Student Address..... Aidan Kevin McFerran '21, Physical Therapist Assistant A.A.S.

"Who Are Your Mentors?"

Presentation of Awards..... Cathleen C. McColgin, Ph.D., President

SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service

Nicole McDaniels, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Biology

SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service

Robin Riecker, Ed.D., Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Humanities and Social Science

SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service

Robert Paul, Groundskeeper

SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

Carynn Marie Bohley '21, Liberal Arts and Sciences: General Studies A.A.

Taylor Renee Listovitch '21, Legal Studies A.A.S.

Kaitlyn Nicole Jenks '21, Communication and Media A.S.

Phi Theta Kappa All-New York Academic Team

Kaitlyn Nicole Jenks '21, Communication and Media A.S.

Alexander Robert Fowler '21, Liberal Arts and Social Sciences: General Studies A.A.

Conferring of Degrees and Certificates..... Cathleen C. McColgin, Ph.D., President

Michael Oriolo, Provost

Donald Dutcher '90, Dean of Students and Director of Athletics

Benediction Pastor Smith

Recessional.....

Candidates for Degrees and Certificates

Students who have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.25-3.79 as of the completion of the fall 2018 semester are awarded the associate degree cum laude; 3.80-3.99 are awarded the associate degree magna cum laude; 4.0 are awarded the associate degree summa cum laude.

Business: Accounting A.A.S.

Jenifer Lee Fisher, Cum Laude
Mario A. Gazzilli
Stacey M. Pankiewicz, Summa Cum Laude
Alyssa Plummer
Sanela Ruznic

Business: Accounting A.S.

Kirsten T. Barrett, Cum Laude
Haley Lynn Byron, Cum Laude
Cayla Nadine Carrillo
Anthony Carmen Ciaccia
Jacob James Goodwin, Cum Laude
Michael Joseph Johannssen
Victor Lam, Magna Cum Laude
Caitlyn Marie Loucks, Magna Cum Laude
Annie Moo Nar, Cum Laude
Alexander D. Phalen
Paw Blu Taw, Cum Laude
Susan Amelia Valentine, Summa Cum Laude
Jaylen Lashae Warmack
Calli Lynne Wiggins, Cum Laude

Business: Business Administration A.A.S.

Jamie Marie Berger, Cum Laude
Sharon Ann Darling, Magna Cum Laude
Taylor E. Day
Ryan Scott Fischer
Matthew P. Foote, Cum Laude
Kristopher Elwood Gardner
Hannah Sarah Parisi
Vani Karen Patel, Cum Laude
Drew L. Randall, Cum Laude
Ronald Scott Van Duren, Cum Laude
Stacey Jo White, Cum Laude

Business: Business Administration A.S.

Ashley Robyn Cervini, Cum Laude
Isabella Marie Coriale, Summa Cum Laude
Kolby R. Fical, Cum Laude
Adel Issa Ghweinem, Cum Laude
Daniel R. Hargrove
Jake Vincent Hernandez
David Emery Hight, Summa Cum Laude
Nathaniel A. James
Jonathan Keita
Hunter M. Logan, Cum Laude
Elian Pimentel
Lindsay Noemi Gloria Pregnon

Trey Joseph Princiotto
Abby Elizabeth Slabe, Magna Cum Laude
James Michael Thorn Jr.
Frank Eugene Wayman III
Jack Williams Wyatt

Business: Fashion Buying & Merchandising A.A.S.

Amanda Sue Baxter
Abreana Sapphire Burtts, Cum Laude
Jennifer Marie Dowd
Camille E. Gossin, Cum Laude
Lauren Haley Myer, Cum Laude
Taye Claude Pitt
Elizabeth Catherine Spring, Magna Cum Laude

Business: Health Services Management Technology A.A.S.

Kali Sage Brown, Cum Laude
Neishka Marie Ingram-Griffith
Natalie Antonette Marrayshow, Cum Laude
Tracy K. Matt, Magna Cum Laude
Alexa Espinal Priego
Christine Ann Tenney
Lynn Anne Vaccaro, Magna Cum Laude

Business: Human Resource Management A.A.S.

Mariah C. Angerosa, Cum Laude
Michelle Irene Damboise, Magna Cum Laude
Lucy Gathoni Kamau, Cum Laude
Valencia Petion
Marlin V. Rodriguez Romero
Giovanna Marie Sementilli, Cum Laude
Margaret Louise Skourlis, Cum Laude
Robert M. Vance

Business: Marketing A.A.S.

Jose Aaron Camacho, Cum Laude
Courtney Rachell Coates
Karissa Belle Dealing, Cum Laude
Feven Girma Endale, Cum Laude
Kayla Marie Gerstner
Hanna Elizabeth Jones

Business: Small Business Management A.A.S.

Jada V. DeJesus
Nicole Marie Pritchard
Nicolas Sean Williams, Cum Laude

Business: Sports & Recreation Management A.A.S.

Gary E. Bandel Jr.
Zachary Allen Carpenter
Alex Adolphus Charles, Cum Laude
Joshua Harvey, Magna Cum Laude
Jerome Richard Jaquish IV, Cum Laude
Courtney Marie Madia, Magna Cum Laude
Jordan Naeem Thomas
Johnathan R. Wilkes

Communication & Media A.S.

Nicholas Joseph Grant, Cum Laude
Youssooupha Ahmed Gueye
Kaitlyn Nicole Jenks, Magna Cum Laude
Anthony Stephen Leone, Cum Laude
James Fredrick Piper, Magna Cum Laude

Communication Arts: Music Industry A.S.

Joan Noel Attanasio, Cum Laude
Natsumi Oda, Cum Laude
Shane Mack Perkins
Kay-Leigh Rachel Stiles

Computer Network Technician A.A.S.

Aaron Abing Ballard, Cum Laude
Salim Essaadi, Cum Laude
John Philip Parry Jr., Cum Laude
Russell Andrew Rankins
Mason Leonard Trumbull, Cum Laude

Criminal Justice A.A.S.

Nicole Ann Barretta, Magna Cum Laude
Ymajinae N. Woods

Criminal Justice A.S.

Chloe Danielle Bryant*
Wyatt Morgan Ditton, Cum Laude
Julie Gross, Cum Laude
Nathan R. Jenkins, Magna Cum Laude
Ryan Kerley, Cum Laude
Nichole Ann Klaver
Aleksandra Anna Korol, Cum Laude
Sarah Grace Lawrence
Nadeen Martinez
Jon Miner, Cum Laude
Amina Jeylani Mohamed
Thalia Angelica Pantoja
Ricky D. Patterson

* participating as a potential August 2021 graduate

Cha law Eh Paw
Ashon Zaki Rahming, Jr.
Samantha Nicole Shawl, Cum Laude

Criminal Justice: Cybersecurity A.S.

Kyle Andrew Bixler, Magna Cum Laude
Jonathan David Flander, Magna Cum Laude
Anthony Michael Giuliani
Nathaniel Robert Stapf

Criminal Justice: Forensic Investigations A.A.S.

Victoria Rose Borowski, Cum Laude
Allyson Elizabeth Brandow, Magna Cum Laude
Gabriella Antoinette Ellixson
Jensen Ashley Ford, Cum Laude
Reilly Connor Francisco, Cum Laude
Leah Marion Livingston
Emilie Rose Monahan, Magna Cum Laude
Zachary T. Niles
Kirsten Marie Paciello, Cum Laude
Gina Marie Rodriguez
Nicholas Daniel Sustic

Cybersecurity & Digital Forensics A.S.

Anna Catherine Luongo, Magna Cum Laude

Early Childhood A.A.S.

Angelina Mary Aceto
Kirstin Ashley Bates

Ecotourism & Adventure Travel A.A.S.

Bethany Jean Cortes, Summa Cum Laude

Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic A.A.S.

Brittany A. Linen
Amanda Irene Tripple, Cum Laude

Fine Arts A.A.

Julie Adel Benhoff, Magna Cum Laude
Amy Marie Kosina, Summa Cum Laude

Health Professions A.S.

Chantel Marie Carter, Cum Laude
Emma Linn Hart, Cum Laude
Antonio Moo
Mu Lah Paw
Catherineya Mercy Thin, Cum Laude
Hser Blu Wah, Cum Laude

Human Services A.A.S.

Vincenza Mary Aiello, Magna Cum Laude
Ericka M. Arancio*
Simone Jean Arquiett, Cum Laude
Myasia C. Bass
Jamie L. Bliss, Cum Laude
Krystashaleen Caban
Scott W. Christman II
Hailey Elizabeth Diani
Moriah A. Giles*
Justin Kenneth Grant, Magna Cum Laude
Kelsea Erin Holdridge
Kler Moo K'tray Paw, Cum Laude
Tabatha Joy Ray, Cum Laude
Shawna Joy Simon, Magna Cum Laude
Brian Lionel Taylor
Nora Rose Waterbury, Cum Laude

Legal Studies A.A.S.

Kayla Nikole Alsheimer
Jessica Lynne Carson, Cum Laude
Samantha Jean Cunningham, Cum Laude
Nancy Ann Earhart, Magna Cum Laude
Skyler Ann Graham
Zhiyi Jiang, Magna Cum Laude
Taylor Renee Listovitch, Cum Laude
Amy L. Morley
Sarah Elizabeth Niebuhr
Laura Suzanne Phillips
Crystal L. Salerno, Summa Cum Laude
Ann Page Sconiers
Char'itee Jai-Neva Wright
Thomas Robert Yendell, Magna Cum Laude

Liberal Arts & Sciences: Childhood Education A.S.

Christina M. Basler, Magna Cum Laude
Flynn Ray Bliss, Cum Laude
Gianna Marie Durso
Edebrany Gonzalez
Madison Jean Huggins
EmilieMarie D. Perez
Lissette Stefanec, Cum Laude

Liberal Arts & Sciences: General Studies A.A.

Georgina Mae Abrams, Cum Laude
Isabella M. Adamo, Magna Cum Laude
Catherine Eileen Armstrong
Ryan-James M. Bailey
Hadja Barry
Jacob Ronald Beach, Cum Laude
Amber Been
Keara Marie Blumenstock, Magna Cum Laude
Carynn Marie Bohley, Magna Cum Laude
Kristin Eve Brennan
Dale Jay Brewer
Dyana Amalia Budakowski, Cum Laude
Alexander Steven Butler, Cum Laude
Jaime Lee Catlin
Jinfeng Chen

Timothy Joseph Cloonan, Cum Laude
Kaylyn Alicia Congdon, Cum Laude
David Patrick Cook, Magna Cum Laude
Nathaniel Thomas Cook, Cum Laude
Amanda Christina Costello, Cum Laude
Melissa Jean Daigneault
Ellia Renee Dannible, Cum Laude
Keneeff Bernal Danzy*
Hollie Lynn David, Cum Laude
Nahjae-Nichol Davis
Alexis Marie Delahunt
Devin Thomas Disonell
Alexis Claire Don
Jailynn Renee Evans
Dominick Anthony Fasolo, Cum Laude
Alexander Robert Fowler, Magna Cum Laude
Laeken Elaine Fox
Alexis Davya Garrison, Magna Cum Laude
Theodore James Gottung
Tyler John Hailston
David Semaj Henderson
Jerome Henderson*
Madison Nicole Ihnat, Magna Cum Laude
Go Inui, Cum Laude
Rebecca L. Judd
Alexandrea Marie Kane
Yohan Kim, Cum Laude
Nikki Loralee Kitson
Kiyu Konno
Brieann Kensy Lohmann, Magna Cum Laude
Daniel Matthew Luppino
Sean Lynch, Magna Cum Laude
Isaac Murwanashyaka Makoma
Nathan Connor Massicotte, Magna Cum Laude
Antonio Calvin McKoy, Cum Laude
David Coleman Miller
David Montalvo III
Ai Nishino
Ryley Christopher O'Connell, Cum Laude
Yuzuki Okamura
Donald Alexander Overacker
Natasha M. Randazzo
Edmund P. Rogers, Jr.
Becca Nichole Root, Cum Laude
Neiko Curtiss Scarano
Alexis Leigh Smith, Cum Laude
Breanna Nicole Sponburgh
Jayden M. Stephens, Cum Laude
Hiromasa Tanaka
Jensen Sierra Tanney, Magna Cum Laude
Jordan I. Thomas
Jonathan E. Van Alstyne
Amelia M. Vella
Samantha Marion Weaver*
Tajuana Lashawn Wright
Kayla Noelle Young, Cum Laude
Ethan M. Zacek
Bella Maria Zito, Cum Laude

Liberal Arts & Sciences: Humanities A.A.

Skylynn Alexander-Ciriaco
Sam Austin, Cum Laude
Autumn Fawn Bagley
Shamain Shaka Elrahman
Kathleen Mae Louderback, Cum Laude
Mary C. Sweeney

Liberal Arts & Sciences: Physical Education A.S.

Taylor L. Clark, Cum Laude
Austin Brian Fullington
Anthony Michael Ponticello, Cum Laude
Ronald Reginald Stewart Jr., Cum Laude

Liberal Arts & Sciences: Science A.S.

Meadow Marie Arduini, Cum Laude
Kumiko Cleo Diala
Nicholas J. Kennedy, Cum Laude
Lewis Joseph Lewis
Emily Anne Libertella
Amina Saana Linnen
David Richard Maxson, Cum Laude
Jessie Nicole Rivers
Victoria Lynne Spoon
Annalise Delisha Thomas, Magna Cum Laude

Liberal Arts & Sciences: Social Science A.A.

Tenniya Lyric Anderson
Aaron E. Greene
Dylan M. James*
Amanda Lynn Loomis
Patrick Joseph Luppino, Magna Cum Laude
Joseph Paul Rossi, Cum Laude
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Kyra Nicole Shlotzhauer
Jaida Everlina Louise Thomas

Physical Therapist Assistant A.A.S.

Anna Marie Bell, Cum Laude
Christian Robert Corrado, Cum Laude
Carly Marie Hosler, Magna Cum Laude
Whitney Lauren Hurlburt, Cum Laude
Alyssa Bethany Jones, Cum Laude
Chloe Elizabeth Jones
Deborah E. Kelly, Cum Laude
Jacob Daniel Klock, Cum Laude
Aidan Kevin McFerran, Magna Cum Laude
Courtney Noelle Moody, Cum Laude
Jessica Alexia Murianka, Cum Laude
Sonya L. Murray, Cum Laude
George Harmer Smith III, Cum Laude
Megan Melissa Veschusio, Cum Laude
Margarita Roza Vilovchik, Magna Cum Laude
Allyson Marie Wells, Magna Cum Laude
Zachery L. Wixom, Cum Laude
Haley Marie Yearby, Cum Laude

Quality Assurance - Science A.S.

Marietta Elizabeth Altieri, Cum Laude
Charles Benjamin Buckley, Cum Laude
Anthony David Kirby, Cum Laude
Zackery Issac Kleist, Cum Laude
Olivia Ethel-Ann Talarico, Magna Cum Laude

Travel & Events Management A.A.S.

Florence Ansah
Sarah Anne Bowers
Lindsay Marie Donovan, Magna Cum Laude

Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic Certificate

Christopher James Aierle
Ian Anile, Cum Laude
Logan Andrew Corron, Magna Cum Laude
Christine E. David
Nathan James DiLego-Heath, Magna Cum Laude
Vincent Falitico
Barbara Favreau, Summa Cum Laude
Matthew J. Gehm, Summa Cum Laude
Ashley A. Gillis
Aaron D. Lamica
Carly Littlejohn, Summa Cum Laude
Joshua C. MacVean
Joshua Markert
Joseph Loyal Martin, Cum Laude
Zachary Jordan McDonough, Cum Laude
Matthew S. Meidenbauer
Matthew S. Miller
Daniel P. Mooney, Jr.
Brandon D. Moser, Summa Cum Laude
Andrew Murphy, Cum Laude
Lusahidily Nova, Cum Laude
Sydney Pamatier
Brandon M. Roggie, Summa Cum Laude
Andrea D. Roy, Summa Cum Laude
Alexander Richard Ryman, Cum Laude
Austin Scro, Summa Cum Laude
Kyle J. Short
Benjamin S. Smith
Christina M. Smith
Matthew W. Sojda
Christina Watson

Medical Coding/ Transcriptionist Certificate

Laura Arnwine, Cum Laude
Heather J. Flick, Cum Laude
Destinni Lynne Calabrese
Jill Christina Caruso
Ashley M. Conner
Katherine J. De Luca, Summa Cum Laude
Christine Elizabeth Fatta, Summa Cum Laude
Dulce Amor Garcia, Magna Cum Laude
Demi Mia Grant, Magna Cum Laude
Ashley Marie Hyde

Cassandra L. Laird
Madison Brie LaPlatney, Cum Laude
Jessica Ann Link, Cum Laude
Jazmin Francine Martinez, Magna Cum Laude
Andrea Rose Mills, Cum Laude
Jennifer A. Murphy, Cum Laude
Samantha Jean Murphy, Cum Laude
Danika S. Owens
Emily Anne Pietricola
Becca L. Rush
Almania A. Shohatee, Summa Cum Laude
Blair Celine Shutler, Cum Laude
Asia M. Trophia
Matthew Voorhees
Kashyah Ectital Annlyn Williams, Cum Laude
Tammy Wood

Paralegal Studies Certificate

Andrea I. Fisher
Aileen Freier-Graham, Magna Cum Laude
Jean Ann Hawkins
Jayda Ahtape Kauahquo-Polise
Kathryn Elizabeth LaHart, Magna Cum Laude
Nermina Muric, Magna Cum Laude
Marissa Lynn Richute

Pre-Employment Police Basic Training Certificate

Brandi Lynn Bevers, Cum Laude
Jake T. Champaign, Cum Laude
Morgan A. Diani, Cum Laude
Stephen Douglass Dygert, Cum Laude
Conrad Burley Lance Flanders
Matthew James Jodway, Cum Laude
Abby A. Jones
Dakota Wolfe Kent
Kyle E. Lesniak
Miranda Ann Maldonado, Magna Cum Laude
David Matthew Morrissey Jr., Cum Laude
Kathryn R. Mulcare, Magna Cum Laude
William Henry Murnion, Cum Laude
Jason P. Nussbaum, Cum Laude
Christopher Tyler Ortlieb, Cum Laude
Bradley Michael Ross, Cum Laude
Aaron M. Sherwood, Cum Laude

Small Business Management Certificate

Julie Danielle Bosley
Cassandra Rose Dolan
Tanya Lynn Dowd, Magna Cum Laude
Debra A. Ferhatovic



Honors Program Graduates

Vincenza Mary Aiello
Carynn Marie Bohley
Victoria Rose Borowski
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The Presidential Medallion

The medallion worn by the President at commencement and official occasions is an emblem of office and symbol of the authority vested in him/her as the President.

The face of the medallion bears Herkimer County Community College's corporate seal. In 1967, Herkimer College's first President, Robert McLaughlin, sponsored a contest among Herkimer County high school students to create a college seal. The winning design concept, submitted by Marie Johnson of Frankfort, was completed

and executed by Bronson Quackenbush. His finished design was put on a brass plate by Casimer Rakowski of SUNY Farmingdale, hung from a green and white ribbon, and worn for the first few years until the current medallion was made.

Today's medallion bears the seal with the words "Herkimer County Community College" in green lettering on a gold background in a circular design. The center of the seal reads "State University of New York" around the edges of a triangular shape. Inside the triangle is a

drawing of General Herkimer, representing the College's location. The upper right hand corner bears an open book with a quill, representing learning and knowledge, in front of a world globe. The date on the seal, 1966, is the year Herkimer County Community College was founded. The medallion hangs from a chain of office, with the names of all those who have served as Herkimer County Community College's president engraved on the links. It serves as a tribute to them.

Academic Regalia

AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, Sixteenth Edition.
New York: Walter deGruyter, Inc., 2001.

Gowns recommended for use in the colleges and universities of this country have the following characteristics. The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves. It is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, like the others. The sleeve base hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut and the front part has an arc cut away. The gown is so designed and supplied with fasteners that it may be worn open or closed. The gown for the doctor's degree has bell-shaped sleeves. It is so designed and supplied with fasteners that it may be worn open or closed. As a means of adaptation to climate, the material of the gowns may vary from very light to very heavy provided that the material, color, and pattern follow the prescribed rules. Gowns for the bachelor's or master's

degrees are untrimmed. For the doctor's degree, the gown is faced down the front with black velvet; three bars of velvet are used across the sleeves. These facings and crossbars may be of velvet of the color distinctive of the disciplines to which the degree pertains, thus agreeing in color with the binding or edging of the hood appropriate to the particular doctor's degree in every instance.

The length of the hood worn for the bachelor's degree must be three feet, for the master's degree three and one-half feet, and for the doctor's degree, four feet. The hood worn for the doctor's degree only shall have panels at the sides. The hoods are to be lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree; more than one color is shown by division of the field color in a variety of ways, chevron or chevrons,

equal division, etc. Mortarboards are generally recommended. A long tassel is to be fastened to the middle point of the top of the cap only and to lie as it will thereon. The tassel should be black or the color appropriate to the subject, with the exception of the doctor's cap that may have a tassel of gold.

Only members of the governing body of a college or university, whatever their degrees, are entitled to wear doctor's gowns (with black velvet), but their hoods may be only those of degrees actually held by the wearers or those especially prescribed for them by the institution.

Members of religious orders may suitably wear their customary habits. The same principle applies to persons wearing military uniforms or clad in special attire required by a civil office.

The Ceremonial Mace

One of the oldest symbols of authority, the earliest ceremonial maces were actually practical weapons intended to protect the King's person, borne by a royal bodyguard. Later, cities and parliaments adopted their use. Heads of medieval universities also followed suit, and today, a university's mace is carried before the president or chancellor and platform-party dignitaries during commencement and inaugural and other academic ceremonial processions. The mace serves its vital role as the object vested with the power of the institution.

A gift to the institution from President Cathleen C. McColgin and her husband Robert McColgin, in recognition of Herkimer County Community College's 50th anniversary, the hand-made custom mace honors and represents the authority of the College. The College's 49th Commencement on May 19, 2017 was the first academic ceremony at which the mace was carried. Herkimer College's mace is crafted from American black cherry wood harvested from the campus property near the nature trail. Designed and crafted by George and Theresa Olsen

of Richmondville, NY, the mace features the official college seal, cast in bronze, on each of the four sides. A cage-type finial showcases a beautiful Herkimer Diamond, a double-terminated quartz crystal found in Herkimer, New York and donated by Gems Along the Mohawk.

The macebearer is selected from the faculty by his or her peers to lead the procession and represents the Professional Association on the dais.