Mitchell College

Sixty-Ninth Commencement Ceremony
Saturday, May 18, 2013
10 a.m.
A Message from the President:

Congratulations to the Class of 2013! This 69th Mitchell College Commencement marks the culmination of another successful academic year for the College. Your graduation from Mitchell College is indeed a special milestone to celebrate. On this day the entire Mitchell community celebrates and smiles upon you.

Faculty and staff: Smile warmly upon these faces before you—you offered them knowledge and wisdom, and they will carry forth into the world to make it a better place, to forge new pathways to futures they will create, and to express their individuality in ways that we can only imagine!

Families and friends: Smile lovingly upon these faces before you—during their time at Mitchell, they have worked hard and with determination to get to this day. I extend a cordial welcome and hearty thank you for letting your students become members of the Mitchell family during their enrollment at the College. Each one is uniquely gifted.

And to the graduates: Smile for the joy of your accomplishments, the promise of your future, the certainty that you have reached high and attained your goal. I am proud of your dedication, persistence and your numerous achievements. Some are private and live in your hearts; many have inspired your fellow students, your faculty members, and your families as you pursued your education and your dreams.

On behalf of the entire Mitchell College community, I am extremely proud of each of our graduates. We all smile upon you today! I hope you will take time to stay connected to the College, come to campus and visit, and update us on your successes as you continue to mature as young adults and experienced professionals. I charge each of you to become an active member of the Mitchell College alumni community, YOUR Mitchell network, so you can help shape the future success and growth of your College.

May the days and years ahead be filled with many professional successes and personal joys.

Cordially,

Mary Ellen Jukoski, Ed.D.
ORDER OF EXERCISES

ACADEMIC PROCESSION
Bagpipes Traditional
*Pomp and Circumstance, E. Elgar

FACULTY MARSHALS
Victoria E. Brennan, Ph.D.  Jennifer M. O’Donnell, M.A.
Professor - STEM  Associate Professor - Communication Arts & Humanities

U.S. FLAG BEARER
Chelsea L. Arpin ’14
2012–2014 Student Government President

FACULTY MACE BEARER
Marc H. Goldsmith, M.A.
Associate Professor - Communication Arts & Humanities

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
Laurence M. Conner, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM *
Pauline Batista ’14
Lyrics printed on page 20

INVOCATION *
Chief Mutáwi Mutáhash (Many Hearts) Marilynn “Lynn” Malerba,
Chief, Mohegan Tribe

PRESIDENTIAL WELCOME
SPEAKER INTRODUCTION
Mary Ellen Jukoski, Ed.D.
President of the College

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
Chief Mutáwi Mutáhash (Many Hearts) Marilynn “Lynn” Malerba,
Chief, Mohegan Tribe

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PRESENTING OF AWARDS
Mary Ellen Jukoski, Ed.D. Laurence M. Conner, Ph.D.
President of the College Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College

Board of Trustees Awards for Academic Achievement
Faculty Awards for Academic Achievement
Distinguished Alumni Award
Distinguished Service Award

PRESENTING OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES
Laurence M. Conner, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College
Jason R. Ebbeling, J.D.
Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

CONFERRING OF ASSOCIATE DEGREES
Mary Ellen Jukoski, Ed.D.
President of the College

CONFERRING OF BACHELOR DEGREES
Mary Ellen Jukoski, Ed.D.
President of the College

STUDENT ADDRESS
Todd Esperance ’13

ALUMNI CHARGE
Jeffrey Scott Turner, A.S. ’67, Ph.D., Professor - Behavioral Sciences
Distinguished Alumni

AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL *
Jared Konsker ’14
Lyrics printed on page 20

BENEDICTION *
Chief Mutáwi Mutáhash (Many Hearts) Marilynn “Lynn” Malerba,
Chief, Mohegan Tribe

RECESSIONAL
Rondeau, J. Mouret

Music by the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Brass Quintet
Douglas Clough, Bag Pipes
Nicholas Church-Reed ’13, Bag Pipes

PLEASE REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL THE PLATFORM MEMBERS, FACULTY AND GRADUATES LEAVE THE SEATING AREA.

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In Mohegan Chief Lynn Malerba, our community is blessed with a ground-breaking local leader who also commands a place on a national stage. She demonstrates for Mitchell students the power of preparation in accomplishing great things in our corner of the world and beyond.

Chief Mutáwi Mutáhash (Many Hearts) Marilynn “Lynn” Malerba became the 18th Chief of the Mohegan Tribe on August 15, 2010, and is the first female Chief in the tribe’s modern history. The position is a lifetime appointment made by the Tribe’s Council of Elders.

Chief Malerba follows in the footsteps of many strong female role models in the Mohegan Tribe, including her mother, Loretta Roberge, who holds the position of Tribal Nonner (elder female of respect) as well as her great-grandfather Chief Matagha (Burrill Fielding). Prior to becoming Chief, she served as Chairwoman of the Tribal Council, and also worked in Tribal Government as Executive Director of Health and Human Services.

Prior to working for the Mohegan Tribe, Lynn had a lengthy career as a registered nurse, culminating as the Director of Cardiology and Pulmonary Services at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital. She holds a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from the University of Connecticut and an honorary doctorate from the University of St. Joseph in Hartford.

US Attorney General Eric Holder named Chief Malerba as one of fourteen tribal leaders in the Justice Department’s Tribal Nations Leadership Council (TNLC), and she also is Chairwoman of the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee of the federal Indian Health Service (IHS).

Locally, Chief Malerba serves as Secretary and Director for Lawrence & Memorial Corporation and the Board of Trustees for the University of St. Joseph.

She currently lives in Uncasville with her husband, Paul. They are the parents of two adult daughters, Elizabeth and Angela.

The Mitchell College trustees, staff, faculty and student body honor and admire the example that Chief Malerba sets for our community. Mitchell College is proud to have Chief Malerba deliver the 2013 Commencement Address.
The Mitchell College Distinguished Service Award honors 2013 recipient Marilyn Percy, former Secretary of the Mitchell College Board of Trustees, for her commitment and dedication to Mitchell College.

Marilyn has been a supporter of the college for over twenty-five years along with her husband, Steve as friends of Mitchell. Her official service to the College started in 1995 when she was appointed to the Board of Trustees. She served as a member of the steering committee for the College’s first comprehensive campaign, Transforming Lives, that was conducted from 2000–2008. This campaign was the first conducted by the College and raised over $5 million dollars for scholarships and new buildings including the Duques Center and Mariner Hall, along with the newly renovated Milner Dining Hall.

During Marilyn’s tenure on the Board, she chaired the Advancement Committee for several years and was a strong advocate for creating an advancement office along with increasing the College’s fundraising efforts. She also served as Secretary of the Board for six years.

In addition to her involvement at Mitchell College, Marilyn has been an engaged member of her community serving on the Boards of the Florence Griswold Museum, Martin Luther King Scholarship and Pequot Chapel. She serves as the President of the New London Garden Club and she was one of the founding members of the McCourt Memorial Garden at the Lyman Allyn Museum.

In her professional life, she served as the executive assistant to the president at Sikorsky Aircraft for a number of years. She has one daughter, four step-children and fourteen grandchildren.

In tribute to her and in recognition of her devoted and attentive service to the College, we present to Marilyn with appreciation the Mitchell College Distinguished Service Award.
This year Mitchell College is especially proud to honor an alumnus whose work has had a direct and profound impact on Mitchell College itself. Dr. Jeffrey S. Turner ’67 is the 2013 recipient of the Mitchell College Distinguished Alumni Award, honoring his outstanding, transformative accomplishments on the Mitchell campus and far beyond. He will be retiring at the conclusion of the current semester.

Jeffrey S. Turner is a full Professor of Behavioral Sciences at Mitchell College. He has taught full-time at the college level for 42 years and has received numerous awards for distinguished teaching. He is the author or co-author of many college-level textbooks which have sold over 250,000 copies and have been used in over 300 colleges and universities in the United States and abroad, including Japan, Poland, Australia, and the United Kingdom. Besides his books, he has written dozens of research studies and articles.

Over the span of his Mitchell College career, Dr. Turner has been instrumental in bringing innovative and timely programming into our academic landscape. In all, he has either personally written or actively contributed to 14 of the College’s academic majors. He was the primary author or editor of Mitchell’s associate degrees in Early Childhood Education, Special Education, Human Services, Gerontology, and Human Development and Family Relations.

He is also recognized as the principal architect in transforming Mitchell College from a two-year college into a baccalaureate institution, serving as the primary author of such bachelor degree programs as Human Development and Family Studies, Liberal & Professional Studies, Psychology, Hospitality and Tourism, and Communication. He was also a contributing author to such bachelor degree programs as Human Development with Early Childhood Education Certification, Business Administration, and Criminal Justice. His most recent achievement was developing Mitchell’s first masters degree in the field of Counseling, a graduate program currently in the process of acquiring State approval. In developing these majors, Dr. Turner was personally responsible for writing syllabi for over 100 Mitchell College courses for the programs he created.

He has been recognized for his teaching, research, and writing awards over the years. Among other honors, he has been awarded the prestigious Distinctive Faculty of the Year Award five times, and has been honored with four student government yearbook dedications, as well as the College’s Outstanding Alumnus Award and its Recognition Award for Literary Achievement.

As a particularly graceful coda to his service to Mitchell, Dr. Turner magnanimously provided a soul-stirring poignancy to the College’s Thresher Memorial 50th Anniversary this spring. Having received an extremely rare lighter from the ill-fated submarine from his father, Dr. Turner thoughtfully donated the precious artifact to be given back to the sea at the College’s memorial ceremony. Such selflessness and dignified service to a greater cause are emblematic of Dr. Turner’s entire tenure with Mitchell College.

In tribute to his long and distinguished career and in recognition of the honor his accomplishments and service bring to his Alma Mater, we are pleased to present to Dr. Jeffrey Scott Turner, Class of 1967, the Mitchell College Distinguished Alumni Award.
**Associate in Arts**

**Liberal Studies**

Lori Ann Barberi (IA) **
Quaker Hill, CT

Michelle Terese Bousaada
Middlebury, CT

Angela M. Connaghan (IA)
Kearny, NJ

Michael G. D’Amico
Basking Ridge, NJ

Joshua Adam Dolgin
East Patchogue, NY

Kyle Alexander Faille
Seminole, FL

Tanya Marie Ianniello
Niantic, CT

Trace Logan Lanson (IA) **
Melbourne, FL

Moddie Linen Jr.
North Haven, CT

Laura McCormick
Waterford, CT

Tyler J. McDonald (IA)
Niantic, CT

Christopher L. Moore
Teaneck, NJ

Nicole Renee Terni (IA)
Uncasville, CT

Eoghan Patrick Walsh (IA)
Rye, NY

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**Associate in Science**

**Early Childhood Education**

Melanie Lynn Dwyer (IA) *
Enfield, CT

Susanna B. Petersson **
Herrakra, Sweden

**Graphic Design**

Olivia Mercedes Conde (IA) **
Watertown, MA

William Martinez
Long Beach Township, NJ

Olivia R. Melilli (IA)
Poughkeepsie, NY

Brandon J. Palmer *
Niantic, CT

**Human Development**

Ross Alexander Hahn
New Rochelle, NY

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**Bachelor of Arts**

**Criminal Justice – Justice Studies**

Michelle Alissa Bellemare *
Durham, CT

Joseph P. Charles
Stratford, CT

Nicholas Robert Church-Reed **
Preston, CT

Devon M. Cornelius *
Hyde Park, MA

Michael C. Fracassini (IA)
Southbury, CT

Eric Daniel Goldfader
East Islip, NY

Candace Michelle Horner
North Branford, CT

Katherine Jann Krumm **
Poughkeepsie, NY

John D. Malavasi (IA)
Branford, CT

Jason A. Marcel
Providence, RI
Homeland Security Certificate

Patrick Blaise Martorella **
Mineola, NY

Anthony Louis Merola *
Farmingdale, NY
Homeland Security Certificate

Ryan Jeffrey Mulqueen **
New London, CT

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### Bachelor of Arts

#### Criminal Justice – Justice Studies (continued)

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#### Criminal Justice – Programs & Treatments

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#### Liberal & Professional Studies - Individualized Program

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Bachelor of Science

Business Administration - Accounting

Rocco V. Devona **
Waterford, CT

Allissa M. Hein (IA) *
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Rashad Mikel Hill
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Business Administration - Graphic Design/Marketing

Tanya Leigh De Wolf (IA) *
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Austin C. Hudson Jr.
Groton, CT

Cassandra Marie Merchant **
Groton, CT

Phillipe Joseph Peccerilli
Shelton, CT

Kyle P. Scalley
Freeport, NY

Chen Shen
Shanghai, China

Michelle Skene
Matawan, NJ

Erich Paul Spader **
Mystic, CT

Business Administration - Individualized Program

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Orange, CT

Christopher Matthew Charlton *
Old Lyme, CT

Jamella A. A. Etienne (IA)
Mystic, CT

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Woburn, MA

Michaela Mary Finnell (IA)
Celebration, FL

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Chester, CT

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Business Administration - Small Business Studies

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Michael Eli Cuffy *
New Haven, CT

Devan A. Howard
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Vienna, VA

Venorris Vaughn Martin (IA)
Colchester, CT

Alexander Solomon Mytelka *
Gloversville, NY

Communication - Interpersonal/Organizational

Andrew William Donaldson
New York, NY

Jessica A. Esposito (IA)
Woodbridge, CT

Jonathan Lopez
Stamford, CT

Business Administration - Marketing

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Huntington, NY

Jeremy Weiser-Warschoff *
Silver Spring, MD

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Communication – Production/Performance/Technology

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David B. Elimelech *
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Rock, WV

Jacob R. Katz
Providence, RI

Torrence Stevens Larson
Mahwah, NJ

Kyle Andrew Murray **
Chesterfield, MO

Akash S. Patel *
Oakdale, CT

Kevin Paul
Niantic, CT

Megan Anne Roche *
Long Valley, NJ

Tyrone George Williams
Waterbury, CT
Minor: Graphic Design

Tiana Payne Wineglass **
Waterbury, CT

Rancell Aubyn Wright
Teaneck, NJ

Early Childhood Education with Business Concentration

Katherine Elena Borton *
Forty Fort, PA

Heather Ann Couture *
North Haven, CT

Karol Ann Gejda **
Wallingford, CT

Shannon Elizabeth Grace *
Waterford, CT

Melissa Ashley Green
Hartford, CT

Johnna Rae Moran **
Stonington, CT

Amanda Nicole Zullo *
West Haven, CT

Human Development with Early Childhood Education Certification

Heidi Ann Blanchard ***
Pawcatuck, CT

Lyndsay Lee Charnetski **
North Stonington, CT

Kristina Lynn DalPONT ***
Norwich, CT

Rebecca Jan Tabak **
North Haven, CT

Hospitality & Tourism – Event Management

Samantha Brooke Barbers *
Tenafly, NJ

LaSheena May Gant
Norwich, CT
Minor: Communication

Melissa R. Sullivan (IA) **
Palmer, MA

Hospitality & Tourism – Food Service Management

Kevin Matthew Abend
Sudbury, MA

Melissa Whitney Bourne *
Randolph, MA

Kendra Erskine *
Bronx, NY

Ryan James Thompson
Southborough, MA

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HOSPITALITY & TOURISM
- HOTEL/RESORT MANAGEMENT

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Lawrenceville, NJ

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Islip Terrace, NY

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Groton, CT

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Salem, CT

Samuel Thomas Moore *
Tolland, CT

Samantha Lee Musser *
Corning, NY

Rachel Renee Sievers **
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Kyle Warsaw
Newport Beach, CA

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY STUDIES

Monisha S. Atkins *
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Jessica Blair Hicks *
Cromwell, CT

Malorie Lynn Klieber *
Valley Stream, NY
Minor: Early Childhood Education

Elyse Anna Lanteigne
Portland, CT

Haley Nicole Massari **
Waterford, CT

Kristy Marie McKiernan *
Harrison, NY
Minor: Early Childhood Education

Terrance Shammah Waller (IA)
Hartford, CT

LIBERAL & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
- BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

MaryRose L. Avoletta
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Minor: Early Childhood Education

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Minor: Sport Management

Kathryn Ann Poniatowski *
Wallingford, CT

Suzannah Sumi Spinks **
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Minor: Small Business Studies

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**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

**PSYCHOLOGY – COMMUNITY**

Theresa Marie Yuhas **
Quaker Hill, CT

**PSYCHOLOGY – DEVELOPMENTAL**

Victoria Joanne Holland-Recine *
Monroe, CT

**PSYCHOLOGY – INDIVIDUALIZED**

Kayla Marie Allen
New Haven, CT

Jasmyn April Bowens *
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East Lyme, CT

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Meriden, CT

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Brookfield, CT
Minor: Early Childhood Education

Ilana H. Papernik
New York, NY

Eliana Rose Shahmoon-Kleinman *
Bronx, NY

* Jaimee Leigh Topkin *
  New London, CT
  Minor: Human Development & Family Studies

* Francesca Vitale *
  Milford, CT
  Minor: Communication

**SPORT & FITNESS – HEALTH/FITNESS**

Tanesha T. Fowler
Rosedale, NY

Lauren Nicole Fritsch
Cromwell, CT

Jeremy Lansburgh Schwartz
New Canaan, CT

Bianca Nicholle Young (IA)
Bridgeport, CT

**SPORT & FITNESS – PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Meghan Elizabeth Burke
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Torrington, CT

Zachary A. Hoch *
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Mystic, CT

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Jamaica Plain, MA

Jessica Alexander Foltman
Rye, NY

Shawn Michael Thurston
Post Mills, VT

**SPORT & FITNESS – SPORT MANAGEMENT**

Kevin Daniel Carbon *
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Marco A. Frausini (IA)
Waterford, CT

Phillip Michael Garcia Jr. *
Carmel, NY

Robert Chase Goldsmith
Baltimore, MD

Ayal Shachar Gruber *
Rockville Centre, NY

Alexander Norman Henn (IA)
Baltimore, MD
Minor: Graphic Design

Anna A. MacKenzie (IA)
Coram, NY

Michael Cameron Mayes
Marshfield, MA

Susan L. Solecki ***
Waterford, CT

Steven Andrew Spiridigliozzi **
Carmel, NY

Alex William Vess
Middletown, CT

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CLASS OF 2013 HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS

ALPHA CHI
National College Honor Society for All Fields
Heidi A. Blanchard ’13
Lyndsay Charnetski ’13
Erich Spader ’13
Tiana P. Wineglass ’13

ALPHA PHI SIGMA
Criminal Justice National Honor Society (4-year)
Patrick B. Martorella ’13
Sean D. O’Brien ’13
Tiffany R. Person ’13
Tyler Shultis ’13

CHI ALPHA SIGMA
National College Athlete Honor Society (4-year)
Rocco V. Devona ’13
Malorie L. Klieber ’13
Tiffany R. Person ’13
Rebecca J. Tabak ’13
Arianna Thomas ’13

PSI CHI
Psychology National Honor Society
Nicole M. Fulinello ’13
Jessica Hicks ’13
Haley N. Massari ’13
Suzannah S. Spinks ’13
Theresa M. Yuhas ’13

PHI THETA KAPPA
National Honor Society for All Fields (2-Year)
Karol Ann Gejda ’13

PHI EPSILON KAPPA
Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Sport Management
National Honor Society
Phillip M. Garcia ’13
Jeremy Schwartz ’13
Susan L. Solecki ’13
Steven A. Spiridigiozzi ’13
**Sigma Alpha Pi**

*National Society of Leadership and Success (2-year/4-year)*

Sigma Alpha Pi inducted over 50 students this year as full members in The National Society of Leadership and Success. The Society is a worldwide organization dedicated to creating lasting, positive change through achievement and leadership education. Invitation to the Society is based upon achieving a minimum academic GPA or on the recommendation of two Mitchell College faculty.

**Delta Alpha Pi**

*International Honor Society*

Delta Alpha Pi was founded in 2004 at East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania and is open to undergraduate students with disabilities who have completed a minimum of 24 credits and achieved a grade point average of 3.10 (on a 4.00 scale). Because of the negative stereotyping associated with disability, students have been reluctant to identify themselves publicly. Delta Alpha Pi Honor Society presents an opportunity to change that perception by development of skills in leadership, advocacy and education for participating students. The three Greek letters stand for Disability, Achievement and Pride.

**First-Year College Mentors**

The First-year College Mentoring Program connects successful Mitchell College students with first-year students to implement programming designed to help new students access relevant college support services, increase new student engagement and promote academic success.

- Michael Cuffy ’13
- Ayal S. Gruber ’13
- Malorie L. Klieber ’13
- Kristy M. McKiernan ’13
- Vianca M. Morel ’13
- Tiffany R. Person ’13
- Suzannah S. Spinks ’13
- Tiana P. Wineglass ’13
ACADEMIC AWARDS
Conferred April 24, 2013

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
The David W. H. Harvey Scholarship ........................................... Lydia G. Gill ’14
The Donald B. Helms Merit Award in Psychology ...................... Christopher D. Jackson ’13
The Human Development and Family Studies Merit Award ........ Haley N. Massari ’13
The Behavioral Science Service Award ....................................... Alexa M. Slattery ’13

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
The Harvey Mallove Scholarship .............................................. Marshall A. Chiaraluce ’14
The Thomas E. Piacenti ’59 Scholarship .................................... Christopher R. Joy ’14
Carmin Cimino Small Business Studies Scholarship .................. Chelsea L. Arpin ’14
The Business Administration Award ......................................... Arianna Thomas ’13
The Business Administration Award ......................................... Jamella A. Etienne ’13

COMMUNICATION ARTS AND HUMANITIES
The George A. Mugge Scholarship .......................................... Samuel L. Donaldson ’14
The George A. Mugge Award in History & Government .............. Eli B. Smith ’16
The Edna L. Tyler Award ............................................................ Erich Spader ’13
The Merit Award in English ....................................................... Ryan J. Mawson ’16
The Eugene O’Neill Award in Creative Writing ......................... Jessica M. Riffle ’16
The John K. Balentine, Sr. Award for English ......................... Filip Bergabo ’15
The Merit Award for Graphic Design ....................................... Michael F. Dern ’16

EDUCATION
The Early Childhood Education Award ....................................... Heidi A. Blanchard ’13
The Early Childhood Education Perseverance Award ............... Rebecca J. Tabak ’13

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM
The Hospitality and Tourism Award of Excellence ................. Rachel R. Sievers ’13

LAW AND JUSTICE POLICY STUDIES
The Criminal Justice Award ..................................................... Katherine J. Krumm ’13
The Homeland Security Award ................................................ Tiffany R. Person ’13
ACADEMIC AWARDS
Conferred April 24, 2013

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND MATHEMATICS
The Solomons Scholarship................................................................. Angel R. Graham ’16
The Science Award ............................................................................ Jonathan A. Wolpert ’13
The Chemistry Achievement Award ................................................. Deborah H. Lee ’15
The Dr. Ephraim P. Rivard Award for Excellence in Mathematics .......... Jonathan A. Wolpert ’13
The Special Distinction Science Award ............................................ Amanda R. Brennick ’13

SPORT AND FITNESS MANAGEMENT
The Sport Management Program Award ............................................ Susan L. Solecki ’13
The Physical Education, Recreation and Fitness Award ......................... Kaylee M. Cerruto ’13

SCHOLAR ATHLETE
Top Freshman Female Scholar Athlete .............................................. Katelyn E. Manning ’16
Top Freshman Male Scholar Athlete ................................................ Zachary D. Rocheleau ’16
Top Female Scholar Athlete ............................................................. Arianna Thomas ’13
Top Male Scholar Athlete ............................................................... Rocco V. Devona ’13
The Michael T. Jenkins, II ’96 MVP Scholarship ................................ William Martinez ’13
Nicole Marie McLeod ’15

OFFICES OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE DEAN OF THE COLLEGE
The Eugene “Jack” Ferryman Award..................................................... John McGowan ’14
The Ted and Barbara Hargrove Service Award ...................................... Todd Esperance ’13
The Nathan Hale Award .................................................................. Andrew J. Medeiros ’14
The Marchelle Hall Owens Award ..................................................... Tanesha T. Fowler ’13
Continuing: George Leiper ’16

The Richard W. Lawrence Memorial Award ...................................... Haley N. Massari ’13
The Darlene A. Mattis Shah ’81 Memorial Scholarship ........................ Daniel J. Rinaldi ’15
**Mission of Mitchell College**

Mitchell College is a national leader in learning engagement within a student-centered community that maximizes each student’s ability to succeed.

*Approved by the Board of Trustees
May 11, 2012*

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**History of Mitchell College**

Mitchell College was established in 1938 as New London Junior College by a group of New London citizens to provide higher education opportunities to local residents, as well as students from neighboring states.

Set on the former estate of New London businessman, Alfred Mitchell, the 68-acre campus largely consists of buildings and land received from an unencumbered gift of the Gregor, Bingham and Jeans families. The campus borders the sandy banks of the Thames River in a quiet, residential neighborhood of historic New London.

In 1950, the name Mitchell College was officially adopted by the trustees to honor the descendants of the Alfred Mitchell family, principal benefactors of the College since its founding.

Mitchell College is a private coeducational independent college offering bachelor and associate degrees in over 20 programs of study, as well as the distinctive Thames Academy post-graduate program. The College is dedicated to providing a challenging education in a caring and cooperative student-centered environment. In addition, Mitchell College competes athletically with 13 varsity intercollegiate teams as a member of NCAA Division III.

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**The Mitchell Seal**

The Mitchell Seal represents the educational mission and vision of the College. The Latin inscription “scientia” and “liberitas” signify the two academic degrees, the sciences and the liberal arts. The lighthouse depicted in the center of the Seal pays tribute to Mitchell’s location on the Thames River at the mouth of Long Island Sound. The lighthouse and its beams of light symbolize both a beacon of guidance for students and their search for knowledge.

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**Presidential Lavalier**

The Mitchell College seal is engraved on each of the six medallions that comprise the presidential lavalier that Dr. Mary Ellen Jukoski wears today as the College’s sixth president. At the center of each seal is a lighthouse. The lighthouse symbolizes education, a beacon of discovery and enlightenment. Each of the five smaller medallions bears the name of a former Mitchell president and their years of service to the College. President Jukoski’s medallion is a larger version of the smaller medallions.
**Academic Regalia**

American academic dress originated at medieval British universities in the ninth century. The gown is normally black, although several colleges and universities have authorized optional gowns in the institution’s colors. The cut of the gown indicates the level of the degree. The bachelor’s gown is simple and recognized by its long, pointed sleeves. The master’s gown is fuller and its sleeves are square at the ends. The gown for the doctor’s degree is more elaborate, cut full with velvet down the front and around the neck of the gown. The sleeves are bell shaped and decorated with three horizontal chevrons.

The hood is the most distinctive feature of academic regalia. It was originally used as a shoulder cape and as a receptacle in which to collect alms. The length of the hood and width of its velvet border indicate the level of the degree. The color of the border indicates the field of study in which the degree was earned, and the inner lining bears the colors of the institution that conferred the degree.

**Colors Indicating Fields of Learning**

- Arts, Letter, Humanities .............................................. White
- Business Administration .............................................. Gold
- Commerce, Economics, Accountancy .......................... Copper
- Education .................................................................. Light Blue
- Engineering ................................................................ Orange
- Fine Arts, Architecture ............................................... Brown
- Journalism ................................................................. Crimson
- Law .......................................................................... Purple
- Library Science .......................................................... Lemon
- Medicine .................................................................. Green
- Music ......................................................................... Pink
- Nursing .................................................................... Apricot
- Philosophy ................................................................. Dark Blue
- Physical Education ...................................................... Sage Green
- Science ...................................................................... Golden Yellow
- Social Science ............................................................ Citron
- Theology or Divinity .................................................... Scarlet

**The Mace**

During the Middle Ages, the wood mace clad in metal was an effective weapon in battle, but as newer and more powerful arms developed, it was transformed into a symbol of dignity and authority.

The earliest ceremonial maces were borne by bodyguards of 12th century English and French kings. By the end of the 16th century they were used widely. The ceremonial mace is found in the British House of Parliament, carried before ecclesiastical dignitaries and in university and college convocations.

The Mitchell College Mace was created by former faculty member Richard Ruth for the inauguration of President Bruce Swinburne in 1987. The mace precedes the president in processions and traditionally is carried by a senior faculty member. It represents the president’s responsibility as the chief academic and administrative officer of the College.

**The Mitchell College Alma Mater**

On the banks of the Thames River, stands our College proud and wise,
Golden years we spend in learning and creating fond ties,
O’er the land and o’er the ocean, singing praises to the sky,
So we toast to thee, Mitchell College, loyalty will be our guide,
O hail to thee Alma Mater, and remember thee with pride.

– Carlo Racamato (c. 1929–2008)
ALUMNI CHARGE

On behalf of the Mitchell College alumni community, I congratulate you on your academic accomplishments and welcome you as members of the alumnae. By virtue of your graduation today, you will join more than 7,000 alumni from across the country and around the world.

Commencement is not an ending, but a beginning. Your relationship with Mitchell will not end today, but rather, evolve into a new form. As you move out with hope and courage into your careers or further education, you will want to maintain close ties with your Alma Mater. We are counting on you to remember your education. This is your college! We ask you to take this ownership seriously by maintaining your connection to Mitchell.

So today, your alumni community extends to you an invitation to begin this lifelong relationship with your Alma Mater. Stay in touch. Let our Alumni Office know where you are and what your latest accomplishments are. Get involved. And, through your individual support and work with other alumni, help keep Mitchell College an outstanding institution for future generations. Your efforts will help ensure that years from now, you will still be able to point with pride to your graduation from Mitchell College. Go out and distinguish yourself and Mitchell by succeeding in your life’s goals.

Once again, congratulations and our warmest welcome to the proud family of Mitchell alumni!

AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for patriots’ dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Oh, say can you see by the dawn’s early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last gleaming?

Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O’er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?

And the rocket’s red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.

Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

–Francis Scott Key

-Katherine Lee Bates