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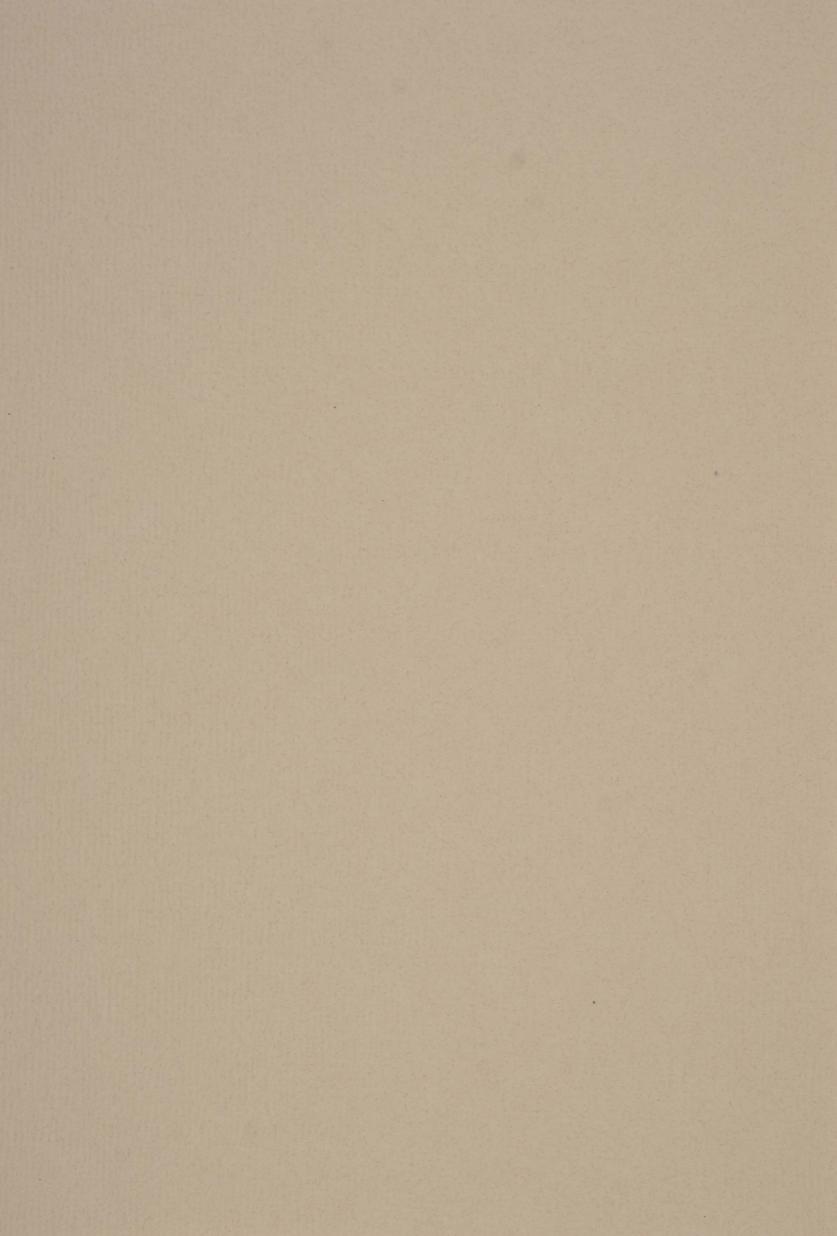
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## CAP AND GOWN CONVOCATION

**SPRING** 1992





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Wednesday, the sixth of May Nineteen hundred ninety-two 12:30 p.m. Dennis J. Roberts Auditorium Rhode Island College

#### CAP AND GOWN CONVOCATION

#### **Processional**

Flourish for Wind Band...Ralph Vaughan Williams

#### The National Anthem

#### Greetings

John Nazarian

President of the College

John K. Campbell

Class of 1992

## Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Gary M. Penfield

Vice President for Student Affairs

#### **Departmental Awards**

John J. Salesses

Vice President for Academic Affairs

assisted by Chairs of Presenting Departments

#### Cap and Gown Investiture

John Nazarian

#### Address

James J. Betres

Professor of Elementary Education
introduced by
Melissa A. Brule
Secretary, Class of 1992

#### Senior Class Gift

Allan W. Fung Treasurer, Class of 1992

#### Alma Mater

(audience will please stand)

#### Recessional

March from "Folk Song Suite"...Ralph Vaughan Williams

#### Bearer of the Del Sesto Mace

John J. Gleason Chair, Council of Rhode Island College

#### **Musical Selections**

Rhode Island College Wind Ensemble Francis M. Marciniak, *Conductor* 

#### Reception

Hosted by John Nazarian immediately following the Convocation Southeast lawn, Roberts Hall

#### Student Marshals and Ushers

The Gold Key Society

CLASS OF 1992

Lisa A. Parent, President Glenn E. Halvarson, Vice President Melissa A. Brule, Secretary Allan W. Fung, Treasurer

#### 1992 CAP AND GOWN DAY AWARDS

Studio Art Award

Art

Matthew J. Bodziony

W. Christina Carlson Award

Biology

Collette A. Cote

Theodore Lemeshka Award

Biology

Josephine E. Maynard

Eleanor M. McMahon Award

College Honors Program

To be announced during ceremony

Peter Jeffrey Archambault Memorial Award

Communications and Theatre

Heather R. Chapman

Rhode Island College Theatre Award

Communications and Theatre

Terrence B. Shea

John Silva Memorial Scholastic Award

Economics and Management

Sanford E. Cook III

Wall Street Journal Award

Economics and Management

Joan A. Pirraglia

**Elementary Education Faculty Award** 

Elementary Education

Martha P. Johnston

Jean Garrigue Award

English

Laura Moran

Film Studies Program Faculty Award

Film Studies

Jeffrey S. Major

Bertha Christina Andrews Emin Award

(Scholastic Excellence)

Rhode Island College Foundation

Cheril M. Tessier

Bertha Christina Andrews Emin Award

(Outstanding Achievement)

Rhode Island College Foundation

Tracy J. Kraus

Leonelli Family Memorial Award

Rhode Island College Foundation

Elena M. Pagliarini

Health and Physical Education Faculty Senior Award

Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance

Anne C. Kotch

Claiborne deB. Pell Award

History

Anthony DeStefanis

Evelyn Walsh Prize

History

Patricia T. Faucher

Epsilon Pi Tau, Beta Sigma Chapter Award

Industrial Technology

Carl A. Peterson

John E. Hetherman Award

Intercollegiate Athletics

To be announced during ceremony

## 1992 CAP AND GOWN DAY AWARDS

(continued)

Helen M. Murphy Award

Intercollegiate Athletics
To be announced during ceremony

Richard A. Howland Computer Science Award

Mathematics and Computer Science Robert D. Silvia, Jr.

Christopher R. Mitchell Award

Mathematics and Computer Science

Maria A. Gomez

Nelson A. Guertin Memorial Award-French

Modern Languages

Paula Frank

Tegu Polyglot Award

Modern Languages
Sandra P. Costa

Cantor Jacob Hohenemser Award

Music
Suzette N. Lambert

Nursing Faculty Award—Undergraduate

Nursing
Dina L. Bredeau

Nursing Faculty Award— Undergraduate Registered Nurse

Nursing

Jacquelyn A. Potter

American Institute of Chemists Award

Physical Sciences
Christopher M. Reddy

Ronald J. Boruch Award

Physical Sciences
Maria A. Gomez

Departmental Physics Award

Physical Sciences
Maria A. Gomez

John H. Chafee Award

Political Science Kimberly K. Donahue Nancy J. O'Rourke

Psychology Faculty Senior Award

Psychology
Diane M. Turner

Anthony E. Ricci Social Work Practice Award

Bachelor of Social Work Department Robin-Anne Pomposelli

Bachelor of Social Work Community Service Award

Bachelor of Social Work Department

Christine A. Faria

Mary Ann Hawkes Award in Justice Studies

Sociology Kevin J. Burke

Lauris B. Whitman Award in Sociology

Sociology Rachel M. Lennon

Josephine A. Stillings Award

Special Education

Beth Puniello

## JAMES HOUSTON AWARD IN ANTHROPOLOGY/GEOGRAPHY

Department of Anthropology and Geography Katherine Murray, Chair

This award is presented annually to a graduating senior majoring in either anthropology or geography who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and who has had significant involvement in the department and the concerns of the discipline. This award is made possible by contributions from the faculty of the Department of

Anthropology and Geography and by a generous gift from Alice and James Houston, whose interests in researching, recording, and teaching about the cultures and habitats of native America have been a constant inspiration.

#### STUDIO ART AWARD

Department of Art Ronald M. Steinberg, Chair

This award for excellence in studio is made annually to a senior student. It is a competitive award for which eligible graduating seniors present their work to a faculty jury appointed by the Department of Art chair.

#### W. CHRISTINA CARLSON AWARD

Department of Biology Robert M. Young, Chair

The W. Christina Carlson Fund was established by friends and colleagues in memory of Chris Carlson, who taught biology at Rhode Island College from 1925 (prior to her graduation) until 1954 when she became the institution's registrar. Her principal interest was botany, but she was knowledgeable and taught successfully in all areas of biology.

The recipient of this award must be a biology major who has demonstrated exceptional potential for research in biological sciences.

#### THEODORE LEMESHKA AWARD

Department of Biology Robert M. Young, Chair

As a faculty member, Theodore Lemeshka won high esteem and admiration from faculty, staff, and especially students during his 20 years of service to Rhode Island College. Ted came to the College in 1956 to teach biology and he initiated courses in microbiology in 1960.

The Theodore Lemeshka Award is given annually in his memory to a graduating senior biology major. The recipient must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in all courses taken at the College and a minimum of 3.5 in the following Rhode Island College courses: Chemistry 103-104 (General Chemistry), Biology 331 (Human Anatomy), Biology 335 (Human Physiology), and Biology 348 (Microbiology).

#### ELEANOR M. MCMAHON AWARD

College Honors Program
Spencer Hall, Director

Eleanor M. McMahon enjoyed a long and distinguished career at Rhode Island College, which encompassed many roles, including Professor, Dean of Educational Studies, and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Eleanor M. McMahon Special Fund was established in 1982 to honor Dr. McMahon upon her departure from Rhode Island College to become the first state Commissioner of Higher Education.

The Eleanor M. McMahon Award, financed by the McMahon Special Fund, is presented annually to a student in the College Honors Program who displays outstanding scholastic achievement.

## PETER JEFFREY ARCHAMBAULT MEMORIAL AWARD

Department of Communications and Theatre

Lawrence E. Budner, Chair

This award is given in memory of Peter Jeffrey Archambault, who was a Rhode Island College student majoring in communications, but who had a keen interest in theatre.

The award is given annually to a graduating senior who has demonstrated scholarly achievement as well as creative ability in theatre. The recipient of this award shall also have displayed humanistic concerns.

## RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE THEATRE AWARD

Department of Communications and Theatre Lawrence E. Budner, Chair

This award is presented to a graduating senior chosen by the theatre faculty as having displayed overall achievement in and contribution to the theatre program.

## JOHN SILVA MEMORIAL SCHOLASTIC AWARD

Department of Economics and Management Halil M. Copur, Chair

In 1980 the Department of Economics and Management renamed its faculty scholastic achievement award in memory of John Silva, a bright and talented management student and athlete in the class of 1980 who tragically died shortly before his graduation. The award is presented annually to a senior who achieves the highest weighted grade point average within the department. In appreciation of the overall contribution of John Silva to Rhode Island College, John's family and friends raised sufficient funds to establish an endowment within the Rhode Island College Foundation to honor his memory. The fund provides for this award and another to be presented to a sophomore who has attained an overall grade point average of 3.25 and who has demonstrated leadership, dedication, and commitment to the College and community through service and participation in social, extracurricular, or professional organizations.

#### WALL STREET JOURNAL AWARD

(For Student Achievement)

Department of Economics and Management

Halil M. Copur, Chair

This award is provided annually to a graduating senior by the faculty of the Department of Economics and Management. The award is granted on the basis of the student's overall scholastic achievements and service to the department, the College, and the community. The award consists of a paperweight inscribed with the name of the recipient and a one-year complimentary subscription to the *Wall Street Journal*. The name of the recipient is also engraved on a brass plate in the Department of Economics and Management.

#### ELEMENTARY EDUCATION FACULTY AWARD

Department of Elementary Education William J. Oehlkers, Chair

This award is given to a graduating senior who exemplifies enthusiasm for learning and dedication to teaching and who has demonstrated leadership. The recipient of the award shall also be articulate and have a strong academic record in all courses taken at the College.

The award is funded by members of the Department of Elementary Education and includes a gift in memory of Doris Hackett Lusardi.

#### JEAN GARRIGUE AWARD

Department of English Joan C. Dagle, Chair

The Jean Garrigue Award is presented each year by the Department of English to a graduating senior who is majoring in English and who has excelled in the area of creative writing. The award is named in honor of Jean Garrigue, the distinguished American poet, who was a visiting professor of English at Rhode Island College in 1972, the year of her death. The award consists of \$100.

#### FILM STUDIES PROGRAM FACULTY AWARD

Film Studies Program Mark W. Estrin, Director

This award is presented annually to a graduating senior majoring in film studies who, in the judgment of the program's faculty, has demonstrated outstanding scholarly achievement and unusual promise in the discipline.

#### BERTHA CHRISTINA ANDREWS EMIN AWARD

(Scholastic Excellence)
Rhode Island College Foundation
Tullio A. DeRobbio, President

This endowed award was established in honor of Bertha Christina Andrews Emin, a 1912 graduate of Rhode Island State Normal School, who has devoted her life to contributing to the schools and community of Smithfield, Rhode Island. The award is presented to a resident of Smithfield who has the highest grade point average at the end of the seventh semester and who is scheduled to graduate in May.

#### BERTHA CHRISTINA ANDREWS EMIN AWARD

(Outstanding Achievement)
Rhode Island College Foundation
Tullio A. DeRobbio, President

This second award in honor of Mrs. Emin is given to a woman member of the May graduating class who has distinguished herself by attaining an honors baccalaureate and by active leadership in student affairs.

#### LEONELLI FAMILY MEMORIAL AWARD

Rhode Island College Foundation Tullio A. DeRobbio, President

This award was established in December 1982 and is administered through an endowment within the Rhode Island College Foundation by the members of the Leonelli family in memory of Filomeno, Lucia, and Ermanno Leonelli. Because of the Leonelli family's great interest in and love of Italian culture and language, the award will be presented to a student who has achieved academic excellence in the study of Italian.

#### HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION FACULTY SENIOR AWARD

Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Kenneth Ainley, Acting Chair

Presented annually by the faculty of the Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, this award recognizes a graduating senior in health and/or physical education who has distinguished him/herself through outstanding academic achievement, professional accomplishments, and service.

#### YETTA RAUCH MELCER DANCE AWARD

Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Kenneth Ainley, Acting Chair

This award is presented to a graduating senior who has made outstanding contributions to the Rhode Island College Dance Company while an undergraduate at the College. The award was established by Dr. Fannie Helen Melcer, professor emerita of health and physical education, in memory of her mother, Yetta Melcer, a first generation American who personified all parents who foster and sponsor their children's aspirations in the arts.

#### CLAIBORNE DEB. PELL AWARD

Department of History George H. Kellner, Chair

This award is made possible through the generosity of Senator Claiborne Pell and recognizes excellence in the study of United States history. The award consists of a gold medal and a certificate attesting to the high achievement of the recipient in United States history.

#### **EVELYN WALSH PRIZE**

Department of History George H. Kellner, Chair

The Evelyn Walsh Prize is given in memory of Evelyn Walsh, who was for many years a faculty member of the Department of History. The prize consists of a certificate and a cash award in recognition of both academic excellence and, particularly, the contribution that the recipient has made to the life and work of the department.

## EPSILON PI TAU, BETA SIGMA CHAPTER AWARD

Department of Industrial Technology

Steven King, Chair

This award honors an outstanding student in the Department of Industrial Technology (1) with a certificate, (2) by inscribing his/her name on a commemorative plaque in the department, and (3) by presenting the student with one share of stock in an industry that represents the student's technical area of interest.

### JOHN E. HETHERMAN AWARD

Department of Intercollegiate Athletics William M. Baird, Director

This endowed award was established as a memorial to the late John E. Hetherman, class of 1940, who was killed in action during World War II. The award is presented to a graduating senior man in recognition of his scholastic success and his achievements as an athlete, gentleman, and participant in campus activities.

#### HELEN M. MURPHY AWARD

Department of Intercollegiate Athletics William M. Baird, Director

This endowed award was established in honor of Helen M. Murphy, class of 1939, who was a distinguished faculty member at the Henry Barnard School. The award is given to a woman member of the May graduating class in recognition of her scholastic success, as well as her achievements as an athlete and a participant in campus and community activities.

## RICHARD A. HOWLAND COMPUTER SCIENCE AWARD

Department of Mathematics and Computer Science

James T. Sedlock, Chair

This award of a significant book, subscription, or professional membership is presented to a graduating senior for outstanding performance in the field of computer science. It is named as a memorial to Richard A. Howland, an inspiring teacher and scholar of both mathematics and computer science.

#### CHRISTOPHER R. MITCHELL AWARD

Department of Mathematics and Computer Science James T. Sedlock, Chair

This award is given each year to the outstanding mathematics major among the graduating class. It is funded by the department faculty and named in honor of Christopher R. Mitchell, who was an esteemed and revered mathematics faculty member known for his excellence in teaching.

#### NELSON A. GUERTIN MEMORIAL AWARDS

Department of Modern Languages

Dix S. Coons, Chair

The Nelson A. Guertin Memorial Awards in French and Spanish were established by the Department of Modern Languages in 1978. Nelson A. Guertin served Rhode Island College as a member of the Department of Modern Languages for 37 years, retiring in 1973. There are two awards, one for French and one for Spanish. The prize recipients have been selected by the faculty of the department on the basis of their academic work and their demonstrated interest in foreign language study.

#### TEGU POLYGLOT AWARD

Department of Modern Languages

Dix S. Coons, Chair

The Tegu Polyglot Award honors and distinguishes a member of the senior class who has demonstrated outstanding interest and achievement in foreign language study with particular emphasis on oral proficiency. This award is the gift of Dr. Steven Tegu, professor emeritus of modern languages, whose life and work have been dedicated to the promotion of human understanding through the mastery of languages.

#### CANTOR JACOB HOHENEMSER AWARD

Department of Music Robert W. Elam, Chair

Jacob Hohenemser came to Rhode Island as a refugee from Nazi Germany, graduated from Rhode Island College in 1948, and later served as cantor at Temple Emanu-El until his death. Through the generosity of Temple Emanu-El in Providence to the Rhode Island College Foundation, the Cantor Jacob Hohenemser Award was established in 1968 and is presented annually to an outstanding graduating student of music.

## NURSING FACULTY AWARDS

Department of Nursing Constance B. Pratt, Chair

The Nursing Faculty Awards are given to two graduating seniors: one generic student nurse and one student registered nurse. The awards are given for excellence in nursing theory and practice, and are made on the basis of scholarship, excellence in clinical practice, leadership within the Department of Nursing, and service to the College and community.

#### PHILOSOPHY FACULTY AWARD

Department of Philosophy Thomas J. Howell, Chair

The Philosophy Faculty Award was established in 1977. Each year the award is presented to a student majoring in philosophy who, in the judgment of department faculty members, has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the pursuit of philosophical study.

#### AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTS AWARD

Department of Physical Sciences James G. Magyar, Chair

The recipient of this award, given by the American Institute of Chemists, Inc., is a senior majoring in chemistry who has demonstrated scholastic achievement, leadership ability, and character.

#### RONALD J. BORUCH AWARD

Department of Physical Sciences James G. Magyar, Chair

This award, given in memory of Ronald J. Boruch, is presented to a graduating senior majoring in chemistry, physics, or general science who, in the judgment of the faculty, demonstrates outstanding scholarly achievement, leadership, and professional promise.

#### DEPARTMENTAL PHYSICS AWARD

Department of Physical Sciences James G. Magyar, Chair

This award is given annually to the graduating physics student who best combines academic ability with commitment to the discipline. The recipient is selected by the physics faculty.

#### JOHN H. CHAFEE AWARD

Department of Political Science Victor L. Profughi, Chair

In addition to serving in a variety of capacities in both state and national government, John H. Chafee was also an adjunct professor with the Department of Political Science in 1974. This award is given annually to a senior political science major who has demonstrated extraordinary ability and involvement in the study of politics as evidenced by grade point average and participation in political affairs.

#### NORTH PROVIDENCE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AWARD

Department of Political Science Victor L. Profughi, Chair

This award was made possible by the North Providence League of Women Voters. After 14 years of existence the organization voted to disband its membership. Efforts were made to identify a worthwhile project in which the remaining funds from the chapter's treasury could be invested. Based on the organization's concern for informed political participation, a prize to be awarded by the Department of Political Science of Rhode Island College presented an opportunity to continue the organization's support in this field and to keep its role and mission in the public awareness.

This award recognizes an outstanding senior who has majored in political science at Rhode Island College and who is a resident of North Providence. He/she must have demonstrated academic excellence and should have a history of leadership in school, community, or state affairs.

#### PSYCHOLOGY FACULTY SENIOR AWARD

Department of Psychology James J. Rubovits, Chair

Presented annually by the faculty of the Department of Psychology, this award recognizes a graduating senior psychology major who has distinguished him/herself through outstanding academic achievement and accomplishments in related activities and services.

## BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Bachelor of Social Work Department

Daniel Weisman, Chair

This award is presented to the graduating B.S.W. student who best combines academic excellence and outstanding community service, with emphasis on vulnerable and oppressed populations.

## ANTHONY E. RICCI SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE AWARD

Bachelor of Social Work Department

Daniel Weisman, Chair

Anthony E. Ricci taught in the School of Social Work from 1985 until his death in 1989. He came here after a long and accomplished career at the state Department of Human Services and its predecessor, Social and Rehabilitation Services. Mr. Ricci was widely recognized for his sincere commitment to high-quality social work practices. This award is presented to the student who best exemplifies Tony Ricci's dedication to academic excellence and professional social work practice.

## MARY ANN HAWKES AWARD IN JUSTICE STUDIES

Department of Sociology

Pamela Irving Jackson, Chair

This award honors Mary Ann Hawkes, professor emerita of sociology, who directed the minor in criminal justice for many years prior to her retirement and who provided valuable assistance to Rhode Island justice-related agencies. The award is based on academic achievement and involvement in national, regional, or local problems of justice and their solutions.

## LAURIS B. WHITMAN AWARD IN SOCIOLOGY

Department of Sociology Pamela Irving Jackson, Chair

The Lauris B. Whitman Award in Sociology was established in 1979. It honors the person who served as the first chair of the Department of Sociology from 1970 until 1976, the late Lauris B. Whitman. It was he who established the fundamental directions which still guide this department: democratic leadership; a concern for the development of a sound, creative curriculum; and commitment to student participation in departmental affairs.

This award is presented annually to a graduating senior for excellence in academic work, especially in sociology, and service to the department, College, and/or community.

## JOSEPHINE A. STILLINGS AWARD

Department of Special Education John F. DiMeo, Chair

In her more than 15 years of service to Rhode Island College, Josephine Stillings was a model for all teachers. She possessed the qualities of an excellent teacher and was a warm human being. This award is presented to a graduating senior (January or May) who has demonstrated outstanding performance in special education student teaching and who has a high grade point average in special education course work.

## Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Each year at commencement events across the country, a special group of students is honored by its selection for membership in the prestigious *Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges.* Since 1934, *Who's Who* has annually bestowed this honor on outstanding students for their scholastic, extracurricular, and community achievements.

With the support of prominent educational institutions throughout the country, the program recognizes and calls attention to those college students who are the reservoir from which our nation draws it leadership.

Karen A. Adams Nicole A. Alaire Kimberly E. Allen-Tanaka Michelle L. Arnold Eric J. Auger Lisa C. Beaudoin Carla F. Blain Dina L. Bredeau Stephanie A. Brown Dawn A. Capobianco Donna A. Carlson Dawn M. Catalano Anthony Chan Patricia R. Charland Tara D. Colbert Rosemarie Comforti Christine L. Conway Colette A. Cote Gary D. Coutu Katherine L. Creamer Mary J. Croft Belinha S. De Abreu Amy DeFosses Felicia A. Desmarais Anthony R. DeStefanis Elizabeth S. Diener Lynn J. Di Tusa Domenic R. DiVincenzo, Jr. Donald A. Dragon, Jr. Michelle A. Dunn

David B. Efros Eric C. Emerson Victoria J. Evans Martha M. Everett Tracey A. Everett Karen J. Feldman Elisabeth J. Finch Micheline Freij Allan W. Fung John W. Fuzek Arlindo F. Goncalves Linda M. Hagopian Christopher B. Happy Lorianne F. Harrison Suzanne E. Head Jean P. Henkin-Bookman Tracia L. Inglesby Nicole E. Jardin Eglantina Kica Tracy J. Kraus Kyle C. Kurek Richard R. Lalime, Jr. Suzette N. Lambert Matthew T. Lennon Donna M. Marotto Mary-Ellen Matticucci Daniel E. McKenna, Jr. Nancy A. Mendes Robin E. Mercier Denise J. Morell

Pamela A. Morris Jamie P. Murray Robin L. Nadeau Tonianne K. Napolitano Audrey A. Narodowy Tracy A. Normandin Nilza H. Oliveira Richard S. Palian Beth A. Palmer Vincent A. Paolucci Lisa A. Parent Henry J. Perry, Jr. Patricia A. Pratt Peter A. Prendergast Christopher M. Reddy Colette R. Richards Jason E. Rivard Joseph G. Roch Christopher J. Scott Dru Slader Phoebe B. Summersquash Wei Y. Teng Caroline M. Tridento Karen E. Trinque Jean E. Turbitt Patricia Valkoun Renee M. Walker Andrew S. Wallace Pamela G. Wong

#### ALMA MATER

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