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Annual Commencement*

**SCHOOL OF
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MAY 2026**

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School of Graduate Studies Commencement Program

THURSDAY, MAY 14 3:00 p.m.

- PRESIDING** BRIAN MCCLOSKEY, D.M., MBA
College President
- ACADEMIC PROCESSION**..... CHERYLL ROTHERY, PSY.D., ABPP
Grand Marshal
Professor of Psychology
- PROCESSIONAL**..... SCOTLAND THE BRAVE
Washington Memorial Pipe Band
- INVOCATION**..... SUSAN MICHAELA MCANALLY '26
School of Graduate Studies
- NATIONAL ANTHEM**..... AUTUMN SAIGE CHANDLER, '26
School of Undergraduate Studies
- GREETINGS**..... CAROL STEINOUR-YOUNG '82, J.D.
Chair, Board of Directors
- WELCOME**..... HERMON GEBRIEL, '26
School of Graduate Studies
- INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER** RITA BORZILLO, J.D.
Chair, Center for Business/Assistant Professor of Business
- COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**.....MARCUS ALLEN
- PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR MISSION
AND VALUE** BRIAN MCCLOSKEY, D.M., MBA
College President
..... ANNA RYAN-BENDER, M.DIV.
Executive Director of Mission & Ministry
- PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES
SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES** ANDRA BASU, PH.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty
- CLOSING REMARKS**..... BRIAN MCCLOSKEY, D.M., MBA
College President

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INDUCTION..... DANIELLE MASON '23
Alumni Association Representative

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School of Graduate Studies

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The 2026 Commencement program does not constitute an official list of confirmed graduates for the May 14, 2026 graduation ceremonies at Chestnut Hill College. Any errors or omissions are inadvertent. The transcript is the official record.



Commencement Speaker: MARCUS ALLEN, MBA

Marcus Allen is a board-level operator, platform architect, and executive advisor with more than two decades of experience leading complex organizations across nonprofit, for-profit, and entrepreneurial environments. He is best known for aligning strategy, governance, and execution to drive measurable growth, resilience, and long-term value.

Marcus Allen earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology at Temple University after starting his academic journey studying Computer Science Pre-Engineering at Paine College. He later completed his MBA in Technology Management and Business Administration at University of Phoenix, combining expertise in human behavior, technology, and business leadership to support his professional and speaking endeavors.

As a former long-tenured CEO, Marcus led large, multi-stakeholder enterprises with full P&L responsibility, overseeing capital strategy, risk management, talent systems, and enterprise transformation. His work has spanned revenue diversification, board effectiveness, leadership continuity, and scaling impact without sacrificing culture or mission.

Today, Marcus advises CEOs, boards, and founders navigating inflection points—growth, transition, restructuring, or reinvention. His approach blends disciplined governance, clear decision rights, and human-centered leadership, grounded in a simple belief: awareness creates clarity, and clarity unlocks purpose. Marcus is also the co-host of The JAM, a leadership media platform focused on authenticity, performance, and real-world execution.

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M.S., Widener University

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M.S., Neumann University

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Samantha Lee Toro §
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Doctoral Dissertation Topics

Zoey Alison Abrams

Letting the Cat out of the Bag: An Exploration of the Lived Experiences of Postsecondary Autistic Students' Ventures of Disclosure and Perceptions of Camouflaging

Dissertation Chair: Julia Guerin, Ph.D.

Julia Gray Carlson

Contributing Factors of Concussion Reporting in Professional Jockeys: A Qualitative Study

Dissertation Chair: Kevin McCarthy, Ph.D.

Kali Carrara

Psychological Intervention in Traumatic Brain Injury Patients: Evaluating Therapists' Knowledge and Needs

Dissertation Chair: Amy Brosos, Ph.D.

La'Tasha Sharon Davis

A Snapshot into One's Unconscious: Does an Individual's Social Media Align with Their Core Conflictual Relationship Theme

Dissertation Chair: Kevin McCarthy, Ph.D.

Taylor Dunn

The Impact of Gendered Microaggressions on a Female Athlete's Quality of Life

Dissertation Chair: Bindu Methikalam, Ph.D.

Elizabeth L. Gonzalez

Examining Postsecondary Education (PSE) Transition Programs: In Search of Self-Determination, Autonomy, and Inclusion for Autistic Young Adults

Dissertation Chair: Jade Logan, Ph.D., ABPP

Karlie Marie Kube

Mental Health Needs of Students and School-based Mental Health Care

Dissertation Chair: Lindsay Phillips, Psy.D., ABPP



Brian William Matlaga

How Gottman Therapists Modify Their Approach with Same-Gender Couples

Dissertation Chair: Kevin McCarthy, Ph.D.

Sara Elizabeth McConnell

Life Interrupted: Exploring the Impact of an MS Diagnosis through the Eyes of Clients

Dissertation Chair: Kevin McCarthy, Ph.D.

Patricia Ugochi Obilo-Azandegbe

Coping with Traumatic Grief: An Exploration of Naturalistic Strategies Used by West African Women Living in the United States

Dissertation Chair: Bindu Methikalam, Ph.D.

Aura D. Quezada-West

Individual and Within-Group Experiences of Hispanic/Latinx English-Only Speakers

Dissertation Chair: Bindu Methikalam, Ph.D.

Evelyn Grace Sidelinker

Clinical Psychology Graduate Program Self-Care and Student Stress

Dissertation Chair: Amy Brosos, Ph.D.

Jalen Denelle Smith

Clinicians' Perspectives on MMPI Revisions Throughout Time

Dissertation Chair: Devin Hussong, Psy.D.

Madeline Harenza Sousa

Examination of the Initial Clinical Presentation of Cases Referred for Assessment that Result in a Personality Disorder Diagnosis

Dissertation Chair: Amy Brosos, Ph.D.

Krizia Alexandra Wearing

The Legacy of Medical Racism: An Exploration of Primary Care Providers' Perceptions of Health Disparities among Black Women Patients

Dissertation Chair: Jade Logan, Ph.D., ABPP

Natalie Maria Weaver

Childhood Trauma and Criminal Offenses

Dissertation Chair: Devin Hussong, Psy.D.

Sarah Mae Williams

The Things Left Out: An Exploration of Disenfranchised Grief and Minority Stress in LGBT Individuals

Dissertation Chair: Kevin McCarthy, Ph.D.

HONOR SOCIETIES

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Mohannad Rami Alhusaini	Arianna Maria Basile	Tiffany Nguyen
Imran Abubaker Ayele	Hermon Tesfai Gebriel	Soumiya Samake

Alma Mater

We love thee in the sunset.
We love thee in the dawn,
Thy walls to us are hallowed
With mem'ry of days agone.

CHORUS

O, College and Teachers and we,
A loyal Trinity,
Our hearts' deep fealty,
Is pledged unto thee,
Is pledged unto thee,
Our loved Chestnut Hill.

Oh, through life's hurt or heal
In the going of the years,
Thy Wisdom shine aloft
To banish doubts and fears.

Lyrics: Helen R. Rowland '29

Music: Regina Dolores, SSJ



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