

MANOR COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

2026



THURSDAY
MAY 14, 2026
1:00 PM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Watch the graduation streamed live from our air-conditioned dining hall



Restrooms are located on the first floor of Mother of Perpetual Help Hall, as well as an accessible restroom on the front lawn



20% off today only at Manny's Market - located in the first floor of the Mother of Perpetual Help Hall building



Watch the livestream of the 2026 Commencement here:
youtube.com/manorcollegepa

Photos from today will be available to view and download below.



PROGRAM

ACADEMIC PROCESSION*

Marshal: Dr. Doruntina Ukella-Rukiqi

*Associate Professor and Program Director for Criminal Justice
and Public Policy; Chair, Legal Studies Unit*

WELCOME FROM MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Sandy Girifalco, Esq.

Secretary, Manor College Board of Trustees

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM*

INVOCATION*

Sister Joann Sosler, OSBM

Provincial Superior, Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great

STUDENT SPEAKER

Mirit Aviva Ruskin Falkowski, A.S.

Dental Hygiene

STUDENT SPEAKER

Wandell Scott '24, B.B.A.

Healthcare Management

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Dr. Jonathan Peri, President

Manor College

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Mark Baiada & Ann Claffey Baiada

Executives, BAYADA Home Health Care

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREES TO MARK BAIADA & ANN CLAFFEY BAIADA

Dr. Jonathan Peri, President

Manor College

PROGRAM

CONFERRING OF TRUSTEE AWARDS

Dr. Jonathan Peri, President

Manor College

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Dr. Jonathan Peri, President

Manor College

CANDIDATES PRESENTED BY

Dr. Joseph E. Gillespie, Provost

Manor College

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GREETING

John Dempster '99

Manor College Alumni

ALMA MATER*

CLOSING PRAYER*

Sister Joann Sosler, OSBM

Provincial Superior, Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great

*AUDIENCE PLEASE STAND

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COMMENCEMENT 2026
WEBSITE BELOW



ABOUT OUR COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS & HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

MARK BAIADA & ANN CLAFFEY BAIADA

*Executives, BAYADA Home
Health Care*



Mark and Ann Baiada will be the Commencement Orators. Mark Baiada founded BAYADA Home Health Care in 1975 with the mission to help people have a safe home life with comfort, independence and dignity. Fifty years later, the nonprofit organization has grown into a global leader, serving 40,000 clients weekly across more than 380 offices in 23 U.S. states and international locations.

Ann Claffey Baiada, RN, CRRN is a retired nurse and champion of the nursing profession. She founded BAYADAbility Rehab Solutions, the first and only home health care rehabilitation nursing program in 1998.

Both Mark and Ann have left a legacy of bettering the community around them. They've been recognized with numerous honors, both individually and as a couple. These include the Lawrence S. Smith Distinguished Service award from the YMCA of Greater Philadelphia in 2022 and the Lillian D. Wald Award from the VNS Health of New York City in 2024.

ABOUT OUR ALUMNI SPEAKER

JOHN DEMPSTER '99

John Dempster, Class of 1999, will deliver the Alumni Association Greeting as the representative of Manor College alumni. Dempster grew up in Northeast Philadelphia and is an alumni of Abraham Lincoln H.S. in Philadelphia. He graduated from Manor College with his Associate Degree in Liberal Arts.



Today, he is the Athletic Director at Manor College and head coach of the two-time championship-winning Men's Soccer team.

ABOUT OUR STUDENT SPEAKERS

WANDELL SCOTT '24, '26

Wandell Scott, Class of 2026, will deliver the commencement address as the representative for those graduating with a Bachelor's Degree from Manor College. Scott, of Philadelphia, is graduating with her Bachelor's Degree in Healthcare Management. She is a graduate of Northeast High School in Philadelphia. She earned an Associate Degree in Healthcare Administration from Manor College in 2024.



Scott's advice for students is to follow your dreams and never give up.

"It's never too late to go back and achieve your education," Scott said. "Once you start, don't stop. Keep going."

MIRIT AVIVA RUSKIN FALKOWSKI '26

Mirit Falkowski, Class of 2026, will deliver the commencement address as the representative for those graduating with an Associate Degree from Manor College. Falkowski, of Philadelphia, graduates with her Associate Degree in Dental Hygiene. She previously earned a Bachelor's Degree in Art History from Rutgers University in 2015.



Falkowski's advice to students is to communicate with your professors and to advocate for yourself.

"Don't wait until the last minute to ask for help," Falkowski said. "Stand up for what you think is right. With integrity and advocacy, you never know what can happen."

**CONGRATULATIONS TO WANDELL SCOTT,
MIRIT AVIVA RUSKIN FALKOWSKI AND ALL OF
OUR GRADUATES FROM THE CLASS OF 2026!**

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***ACADEMIC AWARD WINNERS**

The students with an asterisk next to their name were honored at the Academic Convocation Award Ceremony on May 5, 2026.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE AWARDS

2026 BOARD OF TRUSTEE FACULTY AWARD

Dr. Doruntina Ukella-Ruqij

Associate Professor and Program Director for Criminal Justice and Public Policy; Chair, Legal Studies Unit

2026 BOARD OF TRUSTEE STAFF AWARD

Tom Gangi

Facilities Manager

2026 SEMINACK/CWIEK ADJUNCT TEACHING AWARD

Gina Sweet

Adjunct Professor of Business

MISSION

Manor College embraces the Basilian tradition of service, inclusivity, and respect. Our commitment to personalized education nurtures academic excellence, rewarding careers, and lifelong learning. Graduates are prepared to serve others professionally and compassionately.

You Belong Here!

OUR ALMA MATER

*We are Manor College; Proudly do we bear the name.
We accept the challenge; As we strive to reach our aim.
We pledge every honor; our loyalty and faith so true.
We are Manor College; we proclaim our pride in you.*

*Each student heart rejoices and sings a joyful strain.
Our dear Alma Mater steadfast we'll remain.*

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ALUMNI PLEDGE

*We, the Class of 2026,
do swear to uphold
the tradition and good name of Manor College.
To honor Manor by our achievements,
to aid and support her growth and prosperity,
to remember, as part of her past, we ensure
Manor's future.
This, we, the Class of 2026, do pledge.*



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