



MUSKEGON **COMMUNITY** COLLEGE

2026
Commencement Ceremony

Wednesday, May 13, 2026
7:00 p.m.
Trinity Health Arena



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PLATFORM PARTY

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Robert Dubault, *Class of 1983, 2026 Distinguished Alumnus*

Sue Samaniego, M.A., *Chief Advancement Officer*

Lisbeth Velasquez, *Student Speaker*

Elijah Parmley, *Student Speaker*

Pastor Dwayne Riley, *Crestwood United Methodist Church*

Dan Rinsema-Sybenga, M.P.A., *Dean of Academic Affairs*

Edward C. Breitenbach, Ph.D., *Dean of Instruction and Assessment*

Lisa Gatti-Arnold, M.S.N., R.N., *Dean of Nursing and Health Programs*

Don E. Bogema, B.F.A., *Master of Ceremonies*

ASL Interpretation provided by Justine Bryant

Marshals:

Racheal Carballido, Brooklyn Foondle, Jack Sanocki, Ella Shields

In honor of our graduates, please silence all electronic devices.

MUSKEGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE ORDER OF CEREMONY

Processional

(Please stand, if able)

Pomp and Circumstance

Music by Sir Edward Elgar

MCC Wind Ensemble and Conductor, Cheri Eberly

Star-Spangled Banner

(Please remain standing and join in singing - words are on the last page)

Words by Francis Scott Key

Music by John Stafford Smith

MCC Wind Ensemble

MCC College Singers and Conductor, Nicholas Palmer

Reflection

(Please remain standing)

Pastor Dwayne Riley

Welcome

John Selmon, Ed.D.

President, Muskegon Community College

Introduction of Platform Party

John Selmon, Ed.D.

President, Muskegon Community College

On behalf of the Class of 2026

Lisbeth Velasquez

Elijah Parmley

Introduced by Tucker Brown, Ph.D., Provost & Chief Student Services Officer

Distinguished Alumni Award

Robert Dubault, Class of 1983

Introduced by Sue Samaniego, M.A., Chief Advancement Officer

Presentation of Class of 2026
John Selmon, Ed.D., President, Muskegon Community College

Conferring of Degrees
Diana R. Osborn, M.S.A., Chair, Board of Trustees

Awarding of Degrees
Board of Trustees
Names read by *Edward C. Breitenbach, Ph.D., Dean of Instruction and Assessment*
Lisa Gatti-Arnold, M.S.N., R.N., Dean of Nursing and Health Programs
Dan Rinsema-Sybenga, M.P.A., Dean of Academic Affairs

Closing Remarks
John Selmon, Ed.D., President, Muskegon Community College

Muskegon Community College Alma Mater
(Please stand, if able, and join in singing - words on the last page)
Words and Music by *Margaret Erickson*
Singing of the Alma Mater with MCC College Singers and MCC Wind Ensemble

Recessional
(Remain standing, if able)

As a courtesy to our honored graduates, please remain at your seat until all graduates and ceremony participants have exited.

Please join us for refreshments.

This summer, the MCC Faculty Association will award up to \$2500 in Scholarships. Applications are still open. Apply soon!

The Recognition Scholarship honors retiring instructors Aldolfo Barreto, Ismael Enriquez and Debra Grube. This scholarship will be awarded to exemplary students who have demonstrated financial need in order to complete their program or degree at MCC and will return in the fall.

The Memorial Scholarship will be given in memory of our friends and colleagues Donald Goodman, Hugh Hornstein, Daniel Meyers, and Carol Thompson. This scholarship will be awarded to exemplary students who have completed two years of study at MCC and will be transferring to four-year institutions to continue their education.

2026 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient

Robert Dubault, Class of 1983

The Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor that Muskegon Community College bestows upon an outstanding graduate. The award salutes the achievements of exceptional alumni whose personal lives, professional achievements, and community service exemplify the goals of their alma mater.

Learn more and see past recipients at www.muskegoncc.edu/about/alumni/



Dubault serves as executive partner of the Muskegon office of Warner Norcross + Judd LLP, where he leads operations for one of the firm's nine offices across Michigan. A labor and employment attorney with nearly 30 years of experience, he counsels public- and private-sector employers across a broad range of industries, including automotive, health care, higher education, manufacturing, and financial services.

"Knowing personally, or by reputation, several of the individuals who have previously been recognized with this honor, it is truly humbling," Dubault said.

Known as a trusted advisor, Dubault represents clients in complex matters involving employment discrimination, workplace harassment, ADA and FMLA compliance, collective bargaining, and labor arbitration, consistently earning a reputation for professionalism, integrity, and practical problem-solving.

In 2023, Dubault was named among Michigan Lawyers Weekly's "Leaders in the Law," an honor recognizing attorneys who demonstrate excellence and leadership in Michigan's legal community. He has also been recognized by Best Lawyers in America as Lawyer of the Year in labor law and has been listed by the publication since 2010. Beyond his practice, Dubault is deeply engaged in community and professional service, serving on the boards of the Employers Association of West Michigan and the Muskegon Museum of Art, where he chairs both the Collections and Personnel committees. Through his career and community leadership, Dubault exemplifies the distinction and service celebrated by MCC's Distinguished Alumni Award.

"What I have come to learn in my 30-plus-year legal career working with MCC and with West Michigan employers generally is how broad and how deep MCC's impact is," Dubault said. "It is clear how much they care about their students, how much they respect and support one another, and how they strive to ensure that MCC is a vital part of the overall Muskegon and West Michigan communities."

2026 Commencement Speakers

Lisbeth Velasquez



*Associate in Science and Arts, Muskegon Community College
Incoming Social Work, Grand Valley State University*

Lisbeth began studying at MCC in 2021, later taking two gap years before returning in the fall of 2024. She has been a full-time student since the fall of 2025. For the past two years, she has been actively involved in both the Geography Club and the Hispanic Student Organization, where she was elected president of HSO during the previous fall semester.

She is currently pursuing the social work pathway and plans to work as a substitute teacher after graduation, along with securing an entry-level social work position to gain experience before continuing on to earn a master's degree.

Elijah Parmley



*Associate in Science and Arts, Muskegon Community College
Incoming Biopsychology, Cognition and Neuroscience, University of Michigan*


Elijah Parmley is graduating in the Winter 2026 semester from Muskegon Community College with plans to continue his education in neuroscience and pre-medical studies. During his time at MCC, he has come to value not only academic growth, but also the role that community plays in shaping who we become - through challenges, encouragement, and shared experience. Elijah hopes to pursue a future in medicine grounded in both scientific understanding and compassion for others. As one of this year's student commencement

speakers, he is honored to reflect on the people, struggles, and moments of connection that help define a journey. He is deeply grateful to the mentors, peers, family, and faculty who have supported him along the way.

SUMMER 2025

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THE PROCESSIONAL AND RECESSIONAL

The processional is led by the Mace Bearer Debra Grube, respiratory therapy faculty member and department chair. The recession is led by Jonathan Truax, astronomy faculty member and director of Carr-Fles Planetarium.

THE MACE

The mace is a ceremonial insignia of the College in a tradition that dates back to medieval times. Handcrafted by MCC's retired stage and set designer Brian Goodman, the MCC mace contains much symbolism, denoting the College's history and legacy of providing excellent higher education to West Michigan.

Three varieties of wood are contained in the construction of the mace, each selected because they represent species of trees indigenous to West Michigan: white pine, red oak, and sassafras. Represented in the hand-carved upper part are sections depicting the open "doors of education," the "tree of knowledge," and the significant presence of the "water" that graces much of our landscape.

THE MEDALLION OF OFFICE

The medallion of office is worn by the President of the College on occasions when the mace is carried. The ceremonial medallion bears the official seal of Muskegon Community College, and indicates that the President is the embodiment of the authority vested in the institution.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The caps and gowns worn in formal academic affairs in American colleges today are the direct descendants of the everyday costumes worn in the universities of Medieval England. Each school has its peculiar dress, so that an Oxford student could be distinguished from a Cambridge student, or a divinity student from a layperson.

Because of the large number of American colleges and the attendant confusion which would result if each were to adopt a distinctive costume, the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume was organized. The bureau has established a uniform code which over 700 institutions have adopted.

The distinctions of the code are simple: there being three types of gowns and three types of hoods for bachelor's, master's and doctor's degrees, respectively. The bachelor's gown has a pointed sleeve, whereas the master's gown has a long closed sleeve, square at the end, with a circle just before the bottom. The sleeve extends well below the knee, the arm coming through a slit near the elbows. The doctor's gown is characterized by a voluminous bell-shaped sleeve on which appear three velvet bars. The colors of the bars are usually distinctive of the disciplines to which the degree pertains, but may be black.

The hood is the most important and distinctive feature of the code. The hoods for all degrees are lined with silk in the official academic color or colors of the institution conferring the degree and have an edging or trim of velvet, the color of which indicates the disciplines to which the degree pertains. The lining is exposed when the hood is worn. The bachelor's hood is rather short with narrow velvet edging. It is not worn by candidates for the baccalaureate degree but only by those upon whom this degree has been previously conferred. The master's hood is considerably longer, has a wider velvet edging, and exposes more of the lining. The doctor's hood has wide panels at the side and is easily recognized since, of the three types of hoods, it has the widest velvet edging, greatest length, and fullest exposure of the lining.

The black mortar board cap with tassel is worn with each type of gown. Those holding a doctor's degree are privileged to wear a gold tassel. The Master's or bachelor's tassel is either black or the color appropriate to the graduate's discipline.

PHI THETA KAPPA

Founded in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa is the world's oldest, largest and most prestigious international honor society for two-year colleges and recognizes and promotes academic excellence at over 1,200 community colleges around the world.

Members of Beta Xi Xi, Muskegon Community College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, qualified for membership by achieving a 3.5 or above grade point average for 12 or more credits. Graduates who have been inducted into the society can be readily identified by the wearing of the gold stole. Their degrees also bear the Gold Seal of Phi Theta Kappa.

Muskegon Community College
Mission Statement

*Muskegon Community College, dedicated to excellence, prepares students,
builds communities and improves lives.*

The Star-Spangled Banner

Words by Francis Scott Key

Music by John Stafford Smith

*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 through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets 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?*

Muskegon Community College
Alma Mater

Words and Music by Margaret Erickson

Revised by Daniel M. Meyers

*Join in our song of praise,
Stalwart ones and true.
Praise to the Blue and Gold,
Hail our Alma Mater
First college friendships
We will remember
Our MCC
To thee all honor due!
Go, JAYHAWKS!*

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