



**THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**  
**GRADUATE-LEVEL VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT AND DEGREE CONFERRAL CEREMONY**  
**Wednesday, May 19, 2021 • 6 p.m.**

**OPENING REMARKS** .....Gina Cicco '97NDC, '00GEd, '07Ed.D.  
*Associate Professor, Department of Counselor Education, and Associate Dean, Staten Island Campus*  
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**NATIONAL ANTHEM** ..... Emem Essien  
*Master of Business Administration Candidate*  
The Peter J. Tobin College of Business

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**CEREMONY ADDRESS** ..... Vincenza A. Gallassio '87NDC, '89GEd, '01PD  
*Retired Superintendent*  
District 31, New York City Department of Education

**RECIPIENT OF THE DR. GENE GEISERT  
OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD** ..... Ariel N. Henry '14Ed, '16GEd  
*Doctor of Education in Instructional Leadership Candidate*  
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**RECIPIENT OF THE OUTSTANDING  
DISSERTATION AWARD IN LITERACY** ..... Theresa A. Marsicek  
*Doctor of Philosophy Candidate*  
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**PROVOST'S REMARKS and  
PRESENTATION AND CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES** ..... Simon G. Møller, Ph.D.  
*Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS and  
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES** ..... Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P., S.T.L., Ph.D.  
*President*

**RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES AND READING OF NAMES**

**CLOSING REMARKS** .....Gina Cicco '97NDC, '00GEd, '07Ed.D.  
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**ST. JOHN'S ALMA MATER, "OLD ST. JOHN'S"**

Performed by..... St. John's University Mixed Chorus, Voices of Victory, and Alumni  
Directed by Nigel W. Gretton and Clarke "Kim" Oler