### ROBERT MORRIS UNIVERSITY



Ninety-Seventh Commencement

CLASS OF 2022

### Traditions



Founded in 1921 as the Pittsburgh

School of Accountancy, Robert Morris University was renamed in 1935 after the Philadelphia merchant, patriot, and first senator from Pennsylvania, who is known as the "Financier of the American Revolution."

The university pays tribute to its namesake in the seal, with symbolism recognizing Robert Morris and his service to his country.

- The fleur-de-lis represents France, from which Morris, as superintendent of finance, borrowed large sums of money to keep the American army in the field.
- The lion represents England, because Robert Morris was born in Liverpool.
- The feathered quill represents Morris's signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution. He was one of only two men to sign each of America's founding documents.
- The three keys represent how education empowers students by increasing their understanding, wisdom, and authority to act.
- The crown with flowing tasseled ribbons represents the crowning glory of education.
- The scallops along the edge represent the original 13 colonies.

#### AN END AND A BEGINNING

Although it occurs at the end of several years of study, the ceremony for awarding academic degrees is known as "commencement" because it marks the beginning of life in the professional world. The event is steeped in traditions going back many centuries to the medieval origins of higher education.

#### **ACADEMIC REGALIA**

The earliest universities in Europe were founded in the 11th century. The institutions were closely linked to the church, and academic garments evolved from the robes worn by clergy members. Scholars often had their heads shaved in the fashion of priests and monks, so they wore caps or hoods to protect their heads.

#### CAP

Master's and bachelor's candidates wear the square mortarboard with tassel. Candidates wear the tassel over the right eye, and move the tassel to the left side after receiving their degree. Doctoral candidates wear a six-sided tam with a gold tassel. Faculty may wear tams or other headwear from the institution that granted their degree.

#### GOWN

The bachelor's and master's gowns are navy blue.

The blue doctoral gown has velvet facing with gold trim on the front and velvet bars on the sleeves.

#### HOOD

The hood is ceremoniously placed on a graduate student who has earned a master's or doctoral degree. It is black, marked with a chevron in the university's colors of blue and white, and trimmed with a velvet band representing the degree being awarded.

Gold - Science (M.S., D.Sc.) Drab - Business (M.B.A.) Dark Blue - Philosophy (Ph.D.) Apricot - Nursing (M.S.N., D.N.P.) Light Blue - Education (M.Ed.)

#### THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The gold presidential medallion is a symbol of the leadership responsibilities vested in the president. It features the university seal, and the chain includes a plate for each of the eight presidents in the university's history.

#### THE MACE

The mace is the ceremonial staff of the university and is carried by the grand marshal. It is made of brass in a tulip shape, encasing a carousel of four silver medallions of the emblems that comprise the university seal – the fleur-de-lis, lion, quill pen, and three keys.

## H Century of Growth and Change



#### **RMU 100**

Robert Morris University traces its history to 1921, when it opened its doors as the Pittsburgh School of Accountancy. Since last fall, the university community has been celebrating its centenary year with a series of events culminating in this year's commencement ceremony.

#### 1921

The first class of 26 students enrolls in the new Pittsburgh School of Accountancy. Founder Andrew Blass models the school on the Pace Institute in Washington, D.C., where he had been dean.

#### 1935

The school changes its name to the Robert Morris School of Business in honor of the Founding Father from Pennsylvania, and adds an applied business and secretarial studies division.

#### 1942

The Robert Morris School moves to the William Penn Hotel to make room for its growing enrollment.

#### 1959

The school purchases its own Downtown building at the intersection of Fifth and Sixth avenues.

#### 1961

Robert Morris students form the NFL's first cheerleading squad, the "Steelerettes." They cheer the Black and Gold throughout the '60s.

#### 1962

The school becomes Robert Morris Junior College, changing from a for-profit business school to a nonprofit educational institution.

#### 1963

First classes begin at a new residential campus in Moon Township after the college purchases Pine Hill Manor, a 230-acre summer estate, from Oliver Kaufmann, a philanthropist and executive.

#### 1969

Now Robert Morris College, the school begins offering four-year bachelor's degrees in business administration.

#### 1976

The Colonials men's basketball team moves up to NCAA Division I after a string of winning seasons versus two-year colleges.

#### 1978

First graduate students are admitted for master's degree programs in business administration, taxation, and business teacher education.

#### 1983

A year after its first trip to March Madness, "Bobby Mo" returns and beats Georgia Southern 64-54 in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

#### 1986

Fire destroys the Barn, the longtime home of Colonial Theatre. An Alumni Commons is built in its place, while Colonial Theatre moves to Massey Hall.

#### 1996

President Bill Clinton makes a September stop on his reelection campaign to tout his economic record to a crowd of about 5,000 in a packed Sewall Center.

#### 1999

First doctoral program is offered with the D.Sc. in Information Systems and Communications.

#### 2002

Robert Morris University takes its current name, recognizing its status as an institution of higher learning with multiple schools and degree offerings.

#### 2005

The Colonials football program, holders of two national mid-major titles, moves from Moon Area High School field to the new Joe Walton Stadium.

#### 2010

RMU sells its Downtown building and moves all academic programs to the Moon Township campus.

#### 2016

The opening of Scaife Hall for the School of Nursing and Health Sciences marks the third new academic building constructed on campus in five years.

#### 2019

The university opens the UPMC Events Center and Peoples Court for Colonials basketball and volleyball, plus space for conventions, concerts, and other events.

#### 2021

John Jay Center opens the first phase of its expansion and renovation, and the RMU 100: Ready to Rise campaign succeeds in raising more than \$113 million.

## Faculty and Staff Emeriti

#### **SCOTT BRANVOLD**

Professor Emeritus of Sport Management

#### **MICHELE COLE**

University Professor Emerita of Management

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Professor Emerita of Nursing

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Professor Emeritus of Management

#### **DEAN MANNA**

University Professor Emeritus of Marketing

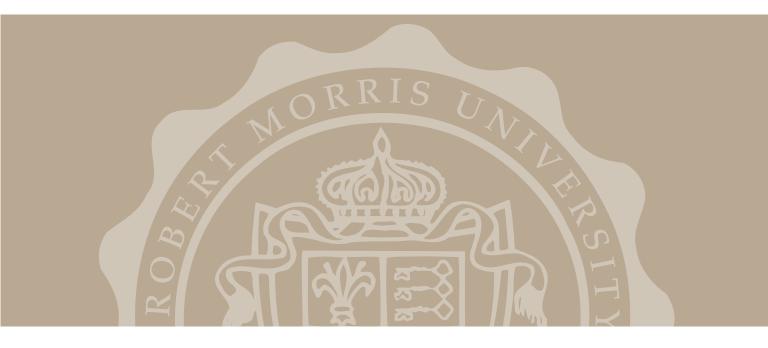
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Professor Emeritus of Computer and Information Systems

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James Rebele
Daniel Rota
Norman Schnurr
James Seguin
George Semich
Jon Shank
Dan Shelley
Darcy Tannehill
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Michael Yahr
Alan Zeman

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# Graduate Commencement

Friday, May 6, 2022 4:00 p.m.

## Graduate Commencement Exercises

**PRESIDING** 

Michelle L. Patrick, Ph.D.

*Interim President, Robert Morris University* 

**PRELUDE** 

Robert Morris University Wind Ensemble

**PROCESSIONAL** 

Degree Candidates, Faculty, Trustees

**OPENING PRONOUNCEMENT** 

David P. Synowka, Ph.D.

Grand Marshal

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Associate Provost for Academic Alliances

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREE

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Amjad Ali, D.Sc

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and Social Sciences

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Dean of the School of Engineering, Mathematics

and Science

Mark M. Meyers, Ph.D.

Dean of the School of Nursing, Education

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Prasad Vemala, Ph.D.

Acting Dean of the School of Business

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DEGREE CANDIDATES

Jon Radermacher, M.F.A.

Amjad Ali, D.Sc.

Mark M. Meyers, Ph.D.

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL CLASS GIFTS

D.Sc. in Information Systems and Communications

Larraine Eva Brandt D'22

John A. Kent III D'22

Ph.D. in Instructional Management and Leadership

Donna Lynn Ervin D'22

Jennifer L. Potts D'22

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Sabrina K. Platt D'22

**CLOSING REMARKS** 

Michelle L. Patrick, Ph.D.

**ALMA MATER** 

Robert Morris University Wind Ensemble

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**RECESSIONAL** 

Trustees, Faculty, Graduates

"Individuals matter" is a core value and guiding principle at Robert Morris University. Please help to demonstrate that each individual graduate matters by remaining in your seat until the entire recessional has left the arena.

## Graduate Commencement Speaker

#### **KEVIN COLBERT '79**

General Manager, Pittsburgh Steelers



In 22 seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers, Kevin Colbert has helped to assemble teams that won Super Bowl XL and Super Bowl XLIII, three AFC Championships, and 10 division titles. Since his arrival in 2000, the Steelers have earned 14 playoff berths and have recorded at least eight wins in all but one season of his tenure.

Colbert oversees the personnel area of the team and supervises the scouting staff. Among his duties, he is in charge of administering player acquisitions and transactions including the NFL Draft, free agent signings and trades, and evaluating pro and college personnel. He also serves as the Steelers' liaison with the NFL office and the other NFL teams on football matters.

Before coming to the Steelers, Colbert was the pro scouting director for the Detroit Lions from 1990-99. There he was responsible for scouting NFL players, NFL Europe and the Canadian Football

League. He also assisted in the evaluation of college talent. He spent five seasons as a college scout for the Miami Dolphins from 1985-89 and one season with the BLESTO Scouting Service in 1984.

Colbert began his career as a coach and has experience in three sports — football, basketball and baseball. From 1979-81, Colbert was a graduate assistant basketball coach at Robert Morris University. He also served as the school's head baseball coach in 1981. He then took a job as backfield coach and recruiting coordinator at Ohio Wesleyan University for three years, and in 1984 he also served as the school's head baseball coach.

Born and raised in Pittsburgh on the North Side not far from Heinz Field, Colbert graduated from North Catholic High School and received his bachelor's degree in sport management from RMU in 1979. He formerly served from 2010 to 2021 as a member of the RMU Board of Trustees.

Colbert and his wife, Janis, have three children, Kacie, Jennifer and Daniel, and five grandchildren, Avery, Colby, Brock, Emma and Harley.



#### SCHOOL OF INFORMATICS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Amjad Ali, D.Sc., Dean

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Nicole Rae Devault



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Marie K. Daniels D'Andre Tyrece Hicks Brian Patrick Rodgers
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Jocelyn Suzanne Guy Elizabeth Pontis Garrett D. Wiseley

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Kayla M. Legato Megan Christine McBrearty Kathryn Elizabeth Starko

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Gavin M. Gallaher

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Luis Christophe Tsuji
Organizational Knowledge Creation
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Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade Teachers' Perceptions, Knowledge, and Attitudes About Teaching Early Literacy Skills Incorporating the Science of Reading

### Donna Lynn Ervin Black Males: Choosing The Path

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### Mary Gaspar-Hillenbrand

Mentorship and Career Outcomes for Women in Information Technology

#### Michael J. Harper

Post-9/11 Veteran Soft Skill Adaptability: A Cross-Sectional Study of Self-Directed Motivation to Acquire Critical Skills in Deployed Settings

#### Heather Renee Herstine

Instructional Designers as Catalysts for Change in Post-Pandemic Western PA PK-12 Public Schools: An Exploratory Multiple Case Study

#### Melissa Beth Holler

Special Education Teacher Retention and Attrition in Public Schools and Private Schools in Western Pennsylvania

#### Erica Y. Howick

Trauma-Informed Practices in Pennsylvania's Teacher Preparation Programs: A Case Study of Perceived Need and Implementation in Post-Secondary Curriculum

#### Jennifer L. Potts

An Analysis of Elementary Educators' Use of Student Data in Making Instructional Decisions

#### Sherry E. Rocchio

Faculty Perceptions of the Implementation and Effectiveness of Co-requisite Remediation in West Virginia at Four-Year Institutions

#### Jonathan E. Rohlf

"Empty Chairs at Empty Tables": How COVID-19 Has Changed the Role of the Artistic Director: Envisioning the Future

#### Joseph Jude Saverimuttu

Upskilling Employees in Remote Work Environments During COVID-19

#### Christine M. Shaffer

A Qualitative Exploratory Study of Effective Strategies to Maintain Student Enrollments in Small Private Colleges and Universities

#### Lesli Somerset Talley

Intersectionality and Career Development: Exploring the Experiences of Recent College Graduates

#### Robert L. Thistlethwaite

A Mixed Methods Approach on Student Military Veterans in Higher Education, Academic and Support Services Preferences

#### Denise D. Whitacre

A Program Evaluation of the New Choices Workforce Development Program, and Its Impact on Women's Ability to Obtain Employment and Overcome Personal Challenges



#### **DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE**

#### Faith Noel Berrier

Exploring Nurse Practitioner Student Satisfaction and Learning with a Telehealth Education Module and Simulation Experience

#### Elena D. Bond

Adolescent Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) Quality Improvement (QI) Project

#### **Emily Burns**

Assessment of Pressure Injuries Acquired by Manual and Mechanical Pronation in ARDS Patients

#### Christopher Michael Clark

The Effect of an Online Education Module on Patient Knowledge and Adherence to Statins

#### Jennifer Marie Curran

Staff Perceptions of a Site-Based Housing First, Harm Reduction Housing Program for the Chronically Homeless

#### Nadine Davis

Effects of an Educational Intervention on Attitude and Knowledge of Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT) in Nurses and Nursing Students

#### Gina R. Demaiolo

The Impact of Exercise on Levels of Anxiety and Depression During the Covid-19 Pandemic

Alena Dvoryanchikova Nurses' Perceived Mental Health During COVID-19 Pandemic: A Phenomenological Study

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#### Kathryn J. Hudzema

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Relationship of Obtaining a Medical Marijuana Card to Levels of Anxiety and Depression for Persons Living with HIV

#### Alexis Cubelic Kejas

The Impact of Decreased Weight on Blood Pressure of Overweight Children and Adolescents

#### Saudat Iyabode Lawal

Effect of Music as an Adjunct Therapy to Pharmacotherapy for Patients with Mental Illness (Ages 18 And Older) In Long Term Care Facility

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An Analysis of Post-Stroke Survivors and Their Experience with Fatigue

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Naloxone Distribution on an Inpatient Unit

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Treatment Knowledge and Comprehension in the Adolescent Psychiatric Population

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The Prevalence of Postpartum Depression in Pittsburgh, PA: Before & During COVID-19

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"Partially Satisfied": Sexual Quality of Life in an Online Community for Menopause Support

#### Melissa A. Meola

Confidence in Identifying and Assisting Victims of Human Trafficking Among Trauma Nurses

#### Sara Rachel Nichols

Nurse Practitioner Students' Comfort and Knowledge Level of Primary Palliative Care Communication: The Effects of Module-Based Education

#### Nicole E. Pacella

Exploring Experiences of Mental Health Providers on Practice in Correctional Psychiatry

#### Sabrina K. Platt

Primary Care Provider Perceptions of Telemedicine Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic

#### Bethany Noelle Porter

The Effectiveness of a Mindfulness Application on Perception and Scores of Nursing Burnout in Doctorate Nurse Practitioner Students and Nurse Practitioners

#### Sindu Ramesh-Keefer

Provider Perceptions: Barriers to Depression Screening in Primary Care

#### Madeline R. Rodecker

Compliance Initiatives of Hourly Rounding and Fall Outcomes

#### Emily Carolyn Rohrer

Caring for Mom During Well-Child Visits: Application of an Interconception Screening Tool into Pediatric Primary Care

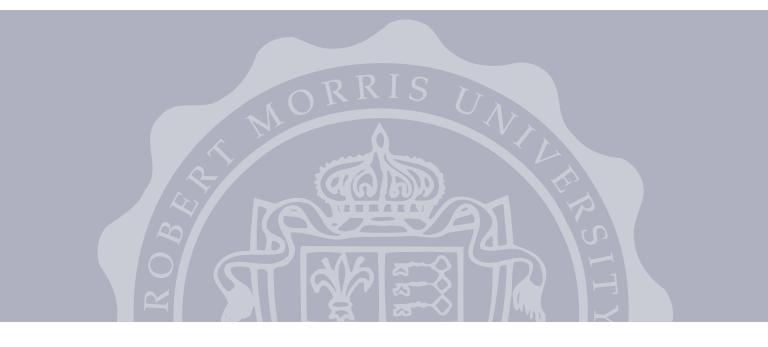
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REMARKS OF SENIOR CLASS OFFICER

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#### **RICHARD J. HARSHMAN '78**

Director, PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. and Ameren Corporation Chair, Pittsburgh Cultural Trust Retired Chairman, President and CEO of Allegheny Technologies Incorporated



Rich Harshman '78 is one of the region's most influential and engaged executives, with an impressive record of leadership in the corporate and nonprofit sectors. The former chairman, president, and CEO of Allegheny Technologies Incorporated (ATI), Harshman retired in 2019 after 41 years with the company. He now serves on the boards of PNC Financial Services Group and Ameren, a public utility holding company headquartered in St. Louis. He also chairs the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust and is immediate past chair and a current member of the executive committee for the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Other boards the Pittsburgh native has chaired include the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, the Laurel Highlands Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and Robert Morris University, which Harshman served as a

Trustee from 2000 until his retirement in March 2021. He has also served on the board of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and as past president of the Duquesne Club. He is the first RMU alumnus to personally donate \$1 million to his alma mater, and upon Harshman's retirement, ATI made a \$1 million contribution to RMU to create the university's first endowed professorship, the Richard J. Harshman Professorship in Accounting. He and his wife, Scheryl, also established the William P. & Marjorie L. Harshman Endowed Scholarship in honor of his parents and in recognition of financial assistance he once received as a student.

After earning his degree in accounting at RMU, Harshman began his career as an internal auditor at Teledyne, Inc., a manufacturing and industrial products conglomerate based in Los Angeles. He soon moved to the West Coast and began rising through the company's ranks. Soon after Teledyne merged with Pittsburgh-based Allegheny Ludlum in 1996 to form ATI, Harshman returned to Pittsburgh. He was named ATI's CFO in 2001, president and chief operating officer in 2010, and chairman, president and CEO the following year.

Harshman has achieved many accolades, including being recognized as Fox Rothschild Career Achievement Outstanding CEO in 2019. He has also been honored with the American Red Cross Distinguished Leadership Award, Pittsburgh Business Times CFO of the Year, Institutional Investors Best CFO Award, and the RMU Alumni Heritage Award.

He and Scheryl, his wife of 37 years, live in Upper Saint Clair. Together they raised three children, Dirk, Jeff, and Jamie, and have two granddaughters, Lisa and Hailey Ann.



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