

*Manor College  
Annual  
Commencement  
Exercises*



May 15, 2008

**Manor College**  
Mother of Perpetual Help Hall  
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania



## Commencement Program

4:45 pm	Formal Bestowal of Academic Hoods to Graduates, Hooding by: .....Nancy Ceranic, B.S.; Frank Farrell, M.A.; Diana Loreman, M.S., LIS; Diane Pevar, J.D.
5:00 pm	Commencement Liturgy/Celebrant..... Rev. Ivan Kaszczak, Ph.D. Assisted by: Monsignor George Appleyard and Rev. George Worschak
6:45 pm	Academic Procession* ..... Saint Basil Academy Concert Band Medley of Music Selections ..... Conducted by James Madden, Ed.D., Director <i>Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1, by Sir Edward Elgar (1901)</i>
	Sister Marie Francis Walchonsky, OSBM, Dean of Students Marshals: Diana Loreman, M.S., LIS; Daniel Moser, Ph.D.; Mary Jean Stark, R.D.H., B.S. Manor College Faculty/Staff
The National Anthem*	.....Alexandra M. Penkalskyj, M.M., Pianist
Master of Ceremonies	..... Brother Joseph F. Burke, F.S.C., Ph.D. Member, Manor College Board of Trustees
Invocation*	..... Rev. Ivan Kaszczak, Ph.D.
Commencement Oration.	..... Randy Phillips, Class of 2008
Musical Presentation.	.....Saint Basil Academy Madrigal Singers <i>I Am a Small Part of the World</i> , by Sally K. Albrecht & Jay Althouse..Sister Germaine Senita, OSBM, Director <i>You Raise Me Up</i> , arranged by Roger Emerson ..... Alexandra M. Penkalskyj, Accompanist
Introduction of Speaker.	.....Steven Huynh Member, Manor College Board of Trustees
Commencement Address.	..... Robert S. Nix President, Phoenix Strategies, LLC
Conferring of Degrees	..... Sister Mary Cecilia Jurasinski, OSBM, President Candidates presented by Sally Mydlowec Executive Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs
Alumni Pledge.	..... Sister M. Theodosia Lukiw, OSBM Member, Manor College Board of Trustees
Recognition of Honor Graduates & Award Presentations.	..... Sally Mydlowec Executive Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs
Conferring of Awards.	.....Steven Huynh Member, Manor College Board of Trustees
Closing Prayer.	..... George H. Rendell Member, Manor College Board of Trustees
Academic Recessional*	..... Alexandra Penkalskyj, Pianist

\*Audience, please stand.

## About our Oration Speaker Randy Phillips



Valedictorian Randy Phillips, who is delivering the Commencement Oration this evening, is a model example of how Manor's Dual Enrollment Program can benefit a student.

The Dual Enrollment agreements, which Manor has with select high schools in the Philadelphia, Cheltenham and Jenkintown School Districts, allow high school students to receive college credits by taking courses at Manor that also satisfy their high school graduation requirements.

Phillips, a native of Northeast Philadelphia and Fox Chase resident since he was five-years-old, is graduating Manor with a grade point average of

4.14, the highest in his class. He has only been an "official" college student at Manor for one year.

He started taking classes at Manor in the fall of 2006, when he was a senior at Northeast High School. He earned 21 college credits last year and eight more last summer. By the time he enrolled at Manor last fall, he had 29 credits.

"My mom couldn't believe I already had a year of college completed," Phillips said. "Obviously, she knew I was in the Dual Enrollment Program, but she didn't really realize I had so many college credits already."

One year later, the Biology major is the valedictorian and considering whether he is going to transfer to Arcadia University to major in Molecular Biology or Drexel University to major in Biological Sciences. According to Phillips, either road will eventually lead him to medical school.

Phillips credits the Dual Enrollment Program, and Manor, for his success.

"The Dual Enrollment Program changed my entire academic career," he said. "It changed the type of student I am. It made me a better student and helped me stand out."

"Coming to Manor was a huge benefit," Phillips continued. "The teachers were so easy to talk to. It's small, and nice, and quiet here. There are so many people available to talk to if you need someone."

## Associate in Science *(continued)*

Ronald A. Prawiro (1)  
Janice T. Reiff (3,6)  
Michael Respass  
Marie Salemno (3,4,5,6)  
Louis J. Salvino (3,4,5,6)  
Joann E. Schafer  
Teresa Schubert (3)  
Alexa Schweikart (5)  
Alex Shapo  
Leslie K. Sheppard  
Amrita Singh (1,4,6)  
Kirsten Marie Stajkowski (2,4)

Anuck Suanlarm (4,5,6)  
Eloisa Suarez-Argudin (4,5)  
Nazariy Telyuk  
Karyn Tucker  
Lisa Ann Visco  
Marisa Lea Warner (1,6)  
Regina A. Weston  
John Willemin (2,6)  
Jennifer K. Williams  
Courtney S. Williams  
Tynehl Wilson (2,4,5)  
Doris G. Wood (2,6)  
Marie Young

## Certificates

Alexandra Bida  
Amanda Broderick  
Patricia Burnside (4,5)  
Jillian Ashley Geld (4,5)  
Danielle B. Green (4,5)

Christie M. Letnaunchyn  
Diana P. Sabater  
Jillmarie B. Staudt  
Connie Watko  
Christina Yizzi

## Faculty & Staff Award Winners

The Trustee Awards annually recognize one full-time faculty and one full-time staff member who best exemplify the spirit and values of Manor College.

**The Trustee Awards are presented to:**

**Elaine Ratner, B.S. Ed, M.A. Ed., Program Director, Early Childhood Education and Psychology, Senior Associate Professor, Psychology – faculty**  
**Barbara Vivona, Bursar/Payroll Administrator – staff**

The Trustee Award has been initiated and funded by Young Chin, former Chairman of Manor College's Board of Trustees.

**The 2007 Faculty Teaching Excellence Award is presented to:**  
**Dr. Virginia Saunders, R.D.H, B.S., M.Ed., A.B.D.,**  
**Program Director & Professor, Dental Hygiene**

## About our Commencement Speaker Robert S. Nix

We are very pleased to welcome Robert S. Nix as our Commencement Speaker this evening.

A Northeast Philadelphia resident, Mr. Nix is the founder and president of Phoenix Strategies, LLC, a lobbying and consulting firm. He is also an adjunct instructor at Philadelphia University and here at Manor College.

He earned a B. S. in environmental science from Texas Christian University in 1986 and a B.S. in behavioral science from the University of Maryland University College in 1994. Mr. Nix received his J.D., cum laude, from Temple University School of Law, where he was an editor of the *Temple Law Review* and co-chair of the Latin American Law Students Association.



Prior to attending law school, he was an environmental scientist in Princeton, New Jersey and Washington, D.C., in the areas of wetlands, hazardous waste and cultural and archeological resources.

Mr. Nix is passionately active and gives generously of his time in civic and community engagement. Appointed to the Philadelphia Police and Advisory Commission by Mayor Rendell in 1999, and re-appointed by Mayor Street in 2005, Mr. Nix was elected Chairperson of the Commission in 2003. He also serves on the Philadelphia Bar Association's Committee to Promote Fairness in the Philadelphia Legal System.

Mr. Nix recently completed a three-year appointment as a board member of the Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, where he was chair of the Youth Services Committee. In 2005, he was listed in *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers, Annual Rising Stars Edition* and in 2006, he was named one of the Delaware Valley's Most Influential Latino Leaders.

A past-president of the Philadelphia Kiwanis Club, Mr. Nix has served on the District Attorney's Office Youth Aid Panels in the 25th District, mentored inner-city high school kids for Philadelphia Futures and provided pro bono legal services for the Support Center for Child Advocates and Philadelphia Community Legal Services.

Married, with three daughters, Mr. Nix currently lives in Fox Chase and he and his family are members of St. Hilary's parish, where his children also attend school.

## Associate in Arts

Mia Chanikki Alston  
 Johanne M. Amaro  
 Samantha M. Angelone (3,4)  
 Monty Trayvon Best  
 Alesha Renee Butler  
 Michael J. Byrne  
 Mary Byrne  
 John Dieckman  
 Khristina Katherine Dukh  
 Yanni Grigorakakis  
 Britni Gershom House  
 Ilvia Karemani  
 Morgan Erin Kippley  
 Veronica L. Lawson  
 Stephanie L. Maddy

Patrick McCue  
 Marie T. Michel  
 Kristen Moore  
 Bridget Moran (2)  
 Shana Nixon  
 Yolene L. Polydor  
 Christine Salas  
 Anand Vinodkumar Shah  
 Daniela C. Siravo  
 Karen Underwood  
 Anjanette G. Velazco  
 Sister Markella Olha Venher, OSBM (4,6)  
 Janessa W. Waiters (2)  
 Jessica L. Westfield

Susan Marie Donnelly (1)  
 Derrick P. Duggan (4,6)  
 Sarah Cathleen Dusavage (2,4)  
 Francis W. Eagin IV (5)  
 Sarah K. Ennis  
 Lauren Elise Evans  
 Debra A. Fanelli (6)  
 Crystal Finney (3)  
 Cheryl Flynn (2)  
 Kelly Freer  
 Jasmine Andrea Garner (1)  
 Ashley E. Geisinger (2,4)  
 Dorothy M. Getz (2)  
 Mehrnoosh Ghaffari (3,4,5)  
 Bernadette Marie Gibson (2)  
 Christina Jeanne Girard  
 Caitlin Glenn  
 Ryann Gombeda (4)  
 Milaya-Shardaé Gregory  
 Michele Guzik-Mosher  
 Helen Handayani (1,4,6)  
 Nicole Hare (1,6)  
 Lee Harmon (1)  
 Jeremy Harrington  
 Enjolí Annette Harris  
 Jennifer Harrison  
 Pauline Hoag (3,4,5,6)  
 Kelly Lynn Holton  
 Maude Howell  
 Ketana Zipporah Hurdle  
 Lina F. Jaramillo Cardona  
 Victoria Kalayda (2,4,5)  
 Kathi S. Kauffman (3)  
 Megan A. Keller

Roksana Klyuchnik (2)  
 Jaime Kniezewski  
 Yee Tik Ko  
 Panjola Koco  
 Nadezhda Kovalchuk  
 Ilona Kredens (2)  
 Mary Therese Kury  
 Brenda A. Labbe  
 Fjorentina Elizabeth Lakuriqi (2,4)  
 Christine V. Ledwith  
 Donna M. Leo  
 Svetlana Lovka  
 Rosanna Lubarsky  
 Andre Luzetski  
 Shanila Masih  
 Joanna McGough (2,4,6)  
 Kimberly H. McLaughlin  
 Brianna L. McNally  
 Marie Theresa Meehan  
 Shea D. Merlini  
 Mildren Lucille Mildor-Charles  
 Adria Williams Moore  
 Sarah B. Moyer (2)  
 Halyna Mykhailovych  
 Deanna Marie Naylis  
 Cristina M. Nicoara (3,4)  
 Stephen Notarfrancesco (4)  
 Mildred Oquendo (4,5)  
 Evgeniy Parubets  
 Ryan David Patterson  
 Megan Dori Peterman  
 Annease Khristyne Phillips  
 Randy Phillips, Jr. (6)  
 Sylwia Gertruda Prawdzyk-Sorour (1)

## Associate in Science

Denise N. Alves  
 Neva D. Armstrong (4)  
 Michelle Renéé Arrighy  
 Donell Brooke Ashlock  
 Bridget Ashmore  
 Shelly Atkinson  
 Genti Ballaj  
 Iryna Barabash (3,5,6)  
 Melissa D. Becker (2)  
 Krystle Constance Benetz  
 Patricia Benz (3)  
 Shavashia Bosworth  
 Heather Lisa Brennan

Mary Campagna  
 Stephanie M. Carbone  
 Claudley Charles  
 Tracey Ann Christy  
 Oksana Chupryna  
 Victoria Cioppi  
 Debra M. Cirlincione (1,6)  
 Lara Elsner Clouse (1,4)  
 James F. Conlin IV  
 Regina R. Connelly  
 Megan Copestick  
 Tiffany A. Cruz  
 Colleen P. Depagnier (2,4,6)

4. Member of Phi Theta Kappa, National Junior College Honor Society
5. Member of Alpha Beta Gamma, National Business Honor Society for Two-Year Colleges
6. Listed in Who's Who Among Students In American Junior Colleges



1. Four or More Semesters on Full-Time Dean's List
2. Three or More Semesters on Full-Time Dean's List
3. Five or More Semesters on Part-Time Dean's List