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**Monroe College Confers Degrees on 2,357 Students Representing  
75 Countries at 89th Annual Commencement**

*New York City Council Member Pierina Sanchez and New York State Education Department's Dr. Anael Alston Deliver Commencement Addresses at Radio City Music Hall Ceremonies*

**BRONX, NY, June 15, 2022** -- [Monroe College](#), a national leader in educating urban and international students, held its 89th Annual Commencement today at Radio City Music Hall in midtown Manhattan. Degrees were conferred on 2,357 students from around the world at its first in-person graduation ceremony since 2019.

Two separate ceremonies were held to accommodate the families and friends of the students earning Associate, Bachelor's, or Master's degrees or professional certificates.

In addition to celebrating the academic achievements of the Class of 2022, the College invited alumni from the Class of 2020 and Class of 2021 to participate. As those graduating classes did not have an in-person ceremony during the pandemic, the College invited them to a "Commencement Do-Over" so that they would have their well-deserved moment of hearing their name called as they crossed the iconic Radio City Music Hall stage.

The 1,115 graduates participating in the morning ceremony completed programs of study in the School of Business and Accounting, School of Criminal and Social Justice, and School of Information Technology. Kathy Murphy, a valued member of staff in the President's Office for more than 30 years, led the processional as Grand Marshal. New York City Council Member Pierina Sanchez gave the keynote address. She represents the 14th Council District in the Bronx.

The afternoon ceremony conferred degrees on 1,242 graduates from Monroe's King Graduate School, School of Allied Health Professions, School of Education, School of Hospitality Management (and Culinary Institute of New York), and School of Nursing. Kathy Murphy led the processional as Grand Marshal once again. Dr. Anael Alston, Assistant Commissioner in the New York State Education Department's Office of Access, Equity, and Community Engagement, gave the keynote address.

The College's three-semester academic calendar enables Monroe students to earn 45 or more college credits per year (compared to the 30 credits college students typically earn per year at other institutions). That means that many of the graduates today earned their Bachelor's degree in three years or their Associate degree in less than two years.

Graduates in the Class of 2022 represented 75 countries. In addition to students from the U.S. and its territories participating in today's ceremonies, the next largest contingents were from, in order: Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Saint Lucia, India, China, Ghana, St. Kitts and Nevis, Dominica, Haiti,

Nigeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Nepal, Bahamas, Guyana, Ecuador, Albania, Mexico, and Sint Maarten.

The College conferred 325 Master's degrees; 1,021 Bachelor's degrees; and 922 Associate degrees this year, as well as awarded 89 professional certificates.

### **ABOUT MONROE COLLEGE**

Founded in 1933, Monroe College is a recognized leader in urban and international education. The College is proud of its innovative programs to increase college access, affordability, and completion outcomes, especially among first-generation students, and for the national recognition it receives for its strong impact on graduates' social mobility.

Monroe educates 8,000 students each year, offering Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's, and Master's degree programs from New York campuses in the Bronx and New Rochelle, as well as in the Caribbean nation of St. Lucia. Students may also pursue degree programs through Monroe Online.

Programs are offered through Schools of Allied Health Professions, Business and Accounting, Criminal and Social Justice, Education, Hospitality Management, Information Technology, and Nursing, as well as through its King Graduate School. Liberal arts and continuing education programs are also available. For more information and admissions criteria, please visit <http://www.monroecollege.edu>.

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