

# FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE

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The seal of Farmingdale State College is a circular emblem. It features a central shield with a sun rising over a building. The shield is surrounded by a ring containing the text "UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK" at the top and "FARMINGDALE" at the bottom. The year "1912" is positioned below the shield. The motto "ALL ONE IS" is written in a semi-circle above the shield. The entire seal is rendered in a light gray, semi-transparent style.

## **FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT**

Dedicated to student success, Farmingdale State College delivers exceptional academic and applied learning outcomes through scholarship, research, and student engagement for Long Island and beyond. FSC's commitment to student-centered learning and inclusiveness prepares graduates to be exemplary citizens equipped to excel in a competitive, diverse, and technologically dynamic society.

# PROGRAM

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**PRESIDING:** Patricia Hill Williams, EdD, *College Council Chair*

**GRAND MARSHAL:** Henry Bojack, MS, *Professor, Computer Systems*

**ESCORT:** Lloyd Makarowitz, PhD, *Presiding Officer, Chair and Professor, Physics*

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** Martin Lewison, PhD, *Associate Professor, Business Management*

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## PROCESSIONAL

*Pomp and Circumstance* by Edward Elgar

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Lewison

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

Deborah Hecht, *Orientation Coordinator, Dean of Students Office*

## GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Michelle Johnson, *Director of Alumni Engagement and Stewardship*

## WELCOME

Dr. Williams

## REMARKS

John S. Nader, PhD

*President, Farmingdale State College*

## SPECIAL HONORS & AWARDS

Laura Joseph, EdD

*Senior Vice President and Provost*

## HILDA WARD VALEDICTORIAN AWARD

President Nader

## VALEDICTORIAN

Kyle Young

*Business Management*

## PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

Provost Joseph

Marya Howell-Carter, PhD, *Associate Professor, Psychology*

Jason Lotz, PhD, *Assistant Professor, English and Humanities*

## CONFERRING OF DEGREES

President Nader

## RECESSIONAL

*The Grand March from Aida* by Giuseppe Fortunio Francesco Verdi

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Guests are asked to remain seated until the entire academic procession leaves the arena.

# **Farmingdale State College**

**State University of New York**

December 19, 2023

Dear Class of 2023 Graduate,

Congratulations!

Graduation is a time for celebration. On behalf of the faculty and staff of Farmingdale State College and the members of the College Council, I congratulate you. We are proud of your accomplishments and join your family and friends in celebrating your success.

You are graduating from an institution with a rich history. Farmingdale is Long Island's oldest public college. For over a century, the College has successfully adapted to the changing social and economic climate of Long Island. Today FSC is reimagining what is possible with a well-deserved reputation for academic excellence and student success. Many of our graduates have excelled in business, health care, technology, and civic life.

Our faculty and staff build on the talents and motivation of an outstanding student body and strive to provide a strong educational foundation that will equip you to succeed in your professional and personal lives. The diploma you earn today is a milestone in your life. In the years to come, I hope you will count it among your most significant achievements.

Once again, congratulations on your graduation from Farmingdale State College. Be proud of your alma mater and please keep in touch through membership in your Alumni Association.

Sincerely,



John S. Nader, PhD  
*President*

A Campus of The State University of New York



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# FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE

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## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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December 19, 2023

Dear Graduate of Farmingdale State College,

Congratulations on your graduation! You are now officially a member of the Farmingdale State College Alumni Association. Welcome to this distinguished group of more than 100,000 alumni. We celebrate your accomplishments and wish you good fortune in your life and career.

The Alumni Association is dedicated to supporting the mission of the College and promoting alumni pride through events and communications for our members. We are privileged to have you join our ranks and we encourage your future participation and support.

The Alumni Association is always available to you as a resource and we hope you will take advantage of all we offer. Be sure to stay connected by updating your contact information whenever necessary.

We look forward to hearing from you over the years and remember, you are always part of the Farmingdale family!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michelle M. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Michelle M. Johnson

*Director, Alumni Engagement and Stewardship*

# STUDENT AWARDS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

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## SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

### **Applied Mathematics\***

Oscar Bonilla

### **Applied Psychology**

Emely P. Arizaga-Molina

Elena D. Ortiz Dilone

### **Bioscience**

Emily Espinoza

Brianna Rivera

### **Communication\***

Jordan Jenkins

### **Criminal Justice: Law Enforcement**

Isabella S. Zastenik

### **Criminal Justice: Law Enforcement Technology**

Thomas Bernardez

Thomas L. Dinkel

### **Criminal Justice: Police, Courts, and Corrections**

Eric Daliendo

Isabella Staehlin

### **English Literature\***

Amanda C. Cosola

### **Geographic Information Systems**

Gregory Ryan Hornung

Link A. Rossano

### **History\***

Francis Sliwinski

### **Liberal Arts and Sciences**

Michael P. Barrett

Michael Golebiewski

### **Professional Communications**

Amanda Marina Rebelo

William F. Suraci

### **Science, Technology, and Society**

Navairah S. Farooqi

Patrick T. Farrell

### **Sociology\***

Katherine M. Monge

Tiffany O. Osita

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

### **Applied Economics**

Jordyn Chrystina Williams

### **Business Analytics**

Daniel Lippmann

### **Business Management**

Veera Naatsaari

Kyle Young

### **Economics\***

Kyle Young

### **General Horticulture**

Marion Sossi

### **Global Business Management**

Rahma Nadeem

### **Landscape Development**

Jennifer Biancardo

### **Legal Studies\***

Branden Anil Lall

Sophia Olazabal

### **Sport Management**

James S. Bruszewski

Kevin A. Garcia-Canales

### **Visual Communications: Art and Graphic Design**

Emily Anne Nienburg

## SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

### **Aeronautical Science:**

#### **Professional Pilot**

Adam I. Abdelrazik

John Finelli

### **Architectural Engineering Technology**

Neyda Jacquelin Diaz-Vilorio

Robert Matthew Perez Klein

### **Aviation Administration**

Samantha L. Alvarado

Kevon Gilbert

### **Civil Engineering Technology**

Olivia R. Biggs

Kevin L. Zelaya Fuentes

### **Computer Engineering Technology**

Francis Gonzalez

### **Computer Forensics\***

Faaiza Naeem

### **Computer Programming and Information Systems**

Laura Buibas

### **Computer Science**

James M. Kostrewski

### **Computer Security Technology**

Usama Asim

Faaiza Naeem

### **Construction Management Engineering Technology**

Jennifer S. Schulman

Jeremiah Paul Sorrentino

### **Cybersecurity\***

Haroon Ahmed

### **Electrical Engineering Technology**

Oscar Bonilla

Paul Michael Borkowski

### **Industrial Technology – Automotive Management**

Dylan Devanand Ganga

Aaron Hosein

### **Manufacturing Engineering Technology**

Derek Michael Giuliano

### **Mechanical Engineering Technology**

Samantha Louise Stepkowski

Litzzy Umanzor

### **Security Systems**

Michael T. Golebiewski

Precious Dominique Mann

### **Sport Management\***

Gianna M. Campagna

### **Technology Management**

Edward William Morrissey

Catherine Alfieri

\* Minor



# STUDENT AWARDS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

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## SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

### **Applied Gerontology**

Michael Joseph Reby

### **Health Promotion and Wellness**

Emily J. Russell

Michaela Jean Rapisarda

### **Medical Laboratory Science**

Pedro Leonel Cordero

### **Nursing**

Sara M. Beutnagel

Pamela Lillian Dubreuil

### **Nutrition Science**

Claudia Rebecca Dibb

### **Sciences for the Health Professions**

Jonathan Joseph Sauer

# FARMINGDALE COLLEGE FOUNDATION & ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

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### **110 Sand Company Scholarship**

Branden Anil Lall

### **Candace K. Ferin**

### **Memorial Scholarship**

Alanis Rosado

### **Charlotte Schwenk Scholarship**

Alvaro F. Contreras

### **D3 LLC Scholarship**

Kyle Young

### **E.W. Howell Scholarship**

Olivia R. Biggs

### **Frank Elkins Memorial Scholarship**

Steven Thomas Bertram

### **James Durant '68 Scholarship in Aviation**

Gerard Sheridan Waterman II

### **Louis J. Riso**

### **Memorial Scholarship**

Zachary Rosenfeld

### **Sillcox Scholarship**

Valerie Casas

Romana Dhanai

Francis Gonzalez

Jayson Otoniel Gonzalez

Elena D. Ortiz Dilone

Charanjit Singh

Nestor Torres

Wilson J. Velasquez

### **Simon & Irene Cohen**

### **Nursing Scholarship**

Jocelyn Salmeron

### **Stay on Long Island Scholarship**

Hameedah Poulos

### **Theresa Patnode Santmann**

### **Nursing Scholarship**

Alyssa Gonzalez

Caitlin Kelly Martin

Samantha Suruj

### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

### **Katherine Anne Lahtonen**

### **Memorial Scholarship**

Nicoletta Michele Lisio

### **Larry McCord Scholarship**

Kery Mechely Caceres

# DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS & EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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## AERONAUTICAL SCIENCE

### **Hawk Award Outstanding Instrument Pilot Student**

Alaa Adel Abouelker

### **Safety Medallion Award**

Tsz Wong

## APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY

### **Eleanor Fapohunda**

### **Service Learning Award**

Emely P. Arizaga-Molina

### **Excellence in Clinical Psychology**

Allison Beth Caldwell

Walter G. Palacios

### **Excellence in**

### **Cognitive Psychology**

Kaitlyn Taylor Caponi

### **Excellence in**

### **Developmental Psychology**

Chyna Rose Frank

Josilyn Alexandra VanWart

### **Excellence in Forensic Psychology**

Kaitlyn Taylor Caponi

Elena D. Ortiz Dilone

### **Excellence in Industrial/**

### **Organizational Psychology**

Emely P. Arizaga-Molina

### **Excellence in Research**

Allison Beth Caldwell

Kaitlyn Taylor Caponi

Martin Joseph Jensen

## AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

### **General Excellence**

Michael Anthony Lanouette

## BIOSCIENCE

### **Excellence in Cell and Molecular Biology**

Romana Dhanai

### **Excellence in Dedication to Academic Success in Bioscience**

Mikaela R. Giacco

### **Excellence in Pre-Health**

Emily Espinoza

### **Award for Academic Success in Bioscience by a**

### **Military Service Member**

Christopher Anthony Bignami

## CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

### **The Moles Scholarship**

Jeremiah Paul Sorrentino

## GENERAL HORTICULTURE

### **Long Island Nursery & Landscape**

### **Association Scholarship**

Marion Sossi

## LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT

### **Farmingdale Horticulture**

### **Committee Scholarship**

Alvaro F. Contreras

### **Locust Valley Garden Club**

### **Scholarship**

Jennifer Biancardo

### **Long Island Nursery & Landscape**

### **Association Scholarship**

Jennifer Biancardo

## MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

### **Academic Merit**

John Peter Lockwood

### **Superior Achievement**

Pedro Leonel Cordero

Afra Seemab

## NURSING

### **Peer Mentor Award**

Christian James Ciccarello

### **SNA Recognition Award**

Christian James Ciccarello

Emily Hope Fischer

Jennifer L. Hagen

Isabella Llano

Margaret A. Rydzewski

Michele Rose Younger

## SPORTS MANAGEMENT

### **Stolzenberg Scholars**

Ashley Taylor Conigliaro

Elias Joseph Jerhada

Asa Elliot Tate Thompson

Robert John Twible

**Technology Management**

Joshua C. Adams

Catherine Alfieri

Roderick James

Akeal X. Lee

Edward William Morrissey

**Aeronautical Science:****Professional Pilot**

Adam I. Abdelrazik  
 Alaa Adel Abouelker  
 Matthew Argento  
 Itzhak Azerrad  
 John Finelli  
 Sean Patrick Fromann  
 Connor John Nevin  
 Gerard Sheridan Waterman II  
 Tsz Ki K. Wong

**Applied Economics**

Christian D. Bertolino  
 Juan Romero  
 Jordyn Chrystina Williams

**Applied Gerontology**

Michael Joseph Reby

**Applied Mathematics**

Shaheer Qureshi

**Applied Psychology**

Paola R. Almonte  
 Emely P. Arizaga-Molina  
 Julia Aureliano  
 Jessica Manisha Boodhoo  
 Jovanna Marie Bove  
 Allison Beth Caldwell  
 Kaitlyn Taylor Caponi  
 Taylor Colby  
 Kylie M. Espina  
 Chyna Rose Frank  
 Martin Joseph Jensen  
 Birmarly Marte  
 Erika Y. Mineros  
 Jessica Natelson  
 Elena D. Ortiz Dilone  
 Walter G. Palacios  
 Ashley N. Santiago  
 Laura J. Schmidt  
 Hannah Lee Stevens  
 Gianna Voula Tsoikas  
 Charles Francis Tumminello  
 Josilyn Alexandra VanWart

**Architectural****Engineering Technology**

Obasi-Emeka Akamnonu  
 Rudesh G. Basant  
 Kery Mechely Caceres  
 Tara A. Calderon  
 Immer A. Canales  
 Tyrone Clarke  
 William Cortez  
 Neyda Jacquelin Diaz-Vilorio  
 Syed Abrar Hasan  
 Yushan Huang  
 Robert Matthew Perez Klein  
 Chen Hui Lin  
 Patrick Niewiadomski  
 Edwin Nunez  
 Shane Matthew Archua Ramirez  
 Harold I. Reinoso  
 Henry A. Rivera  
 Stephen Edward Sarich  
 Alyssa Nicole Schmidt  
 Isabella R. Takacs  
 Daniela M. Valverde  
 Wilson J. Velasquez

**Aviation Administration**

Adam I. Abdelrazik  
 Samantha L. Alvarado  
 Edouard Djiguimkoudre  
 Douglas Steven Drozd  
 Kevon Gilbert  
 Ryan G. Hill  
 Michael Anthony Lanouette  
 Gayeong Lee  
 Halim Nuraliev  
 Irtaza Raza  
 Gurjeet Singh  
 Brandon A. Tapia  
 Madison Michelle VanGalder  
 Haroon Waheed

**Bioscience**

Lemar Amin  
 Usha A. Begum  
 Christopher Anthony Bignami

Valerie Casas

Amanda C. Cosola

Romena Dhanai

Joshua S. Dozortsev

Arleth Fiorela Durand Mendoza

Emily Espinoza

Janet C. García

Mikaela R. Giacco

Peter John Khazar

Emily B. McMahon

Natalia Iman Victoria Reid

Brianna Rivera

Edries Masi Shokoov

Steven James Teran

**Business Analytics**

Mustafa Abdelaziz  
 Rafael Benitez  
 Christopher J. Buonanno  
 Frank Demayo  
 Daniel Fernandez  
 Nico L. Gatien  
 William T. Lewis-Flood  
 Daniel Lippmann  
 Harvin Singh Samra  
 Eric Tavarez

**Business Management**

Dewan Idris Abran  
 Kyle Abruzzo  
 Brandon Acree  
 Nagina Amarkhail  
 Kevin Amaya  
 John H. Angeles  
 Louis V. Annunziata  
 Nathaly D. Barrios  
 Christopher Daniel Biava  
 Efe Bilgin  
 Luke Blasi  
 Angelica Britez  
 Vincent Buscarino  
 Mawa Camara  
 Austin Alexander Cambria  
 Gianna M. Campagna  
 Cesy D. Canales

**Business Management*****Continued***

Francesco Cangialosi  
 Rafael Castro Garrido  
 Adriana M. Ciminelli  
 John Joseph Citarella  
 Mara Rose Cohn  
 Michael Corrao  
 Joseph Crovella  
 Carlos Gabriel De Los Santos  
 Justin Andrew Della Rocca  
 David DeSantis  
 Alaina Catherine Diaz  
 Cara R. Dolce  
 Tiffany Francheska Dominguez Urquilla  
 Melissa J. Evans  
 Darwin Falcon  
 Christopher D. Feliciano  
 Mathew Felter  
 Daniel Fishman  
 Kate Flamio  
 William Fuentes  
 Jennifer M. Garcia  
 Nicolas R. Giorlando  
 Jake George Greenberg  
 Joshua Handley  
 Kaleigh M. Hannigan  
 Touhidul Haque  
 Annette Maria Hicks  
 Isabella M. Hoy  
 Aaron Orville Hughes Bennire  
 Fasiha Hussain  
 Maisam Hussain  
 Joshua L. Isacksen  
 Ashley N. Jara  
 Christopher Jerome  
 Jason Thomas Kennedy  
 Tyler Kollman  
 Thomas Claudio Kolokathis  
 John Robert Korotki  
 Michael LaFrance  
 Branden Anil Lall  
 Michael J. Lang  
 Miguel B. Lawson  
 Spencer Adam Levine  
 Christopher Alexander Lupenko  
 Lesli Maldonado Velasquez  
 Peter Malin  
 Athanasios P. Mamais  
 Connor T. McKeever  
 Joseph Thomas McKenna

Angelica Morales  
 Michael John Moran  
 Giuliana Cristina Mottola  
 Matthew Thomas Muccio-Schrimpe  
 Mohammad Ismail Mudassar  
 Emily Muir  
 Veera Naatsaari  
 Kristina J. Nahas  
 Tiffany Parviti Nanan  
 Sophia Olazabal  
 Noldyne Ostone  
 Cesar Palencia  
 Alexander Pantea  
 Daniel Parson  
 Bryan Michael Pastore  
 Sean Patwell  
 Connor J. Pavese  
 Ryan J. Pearse  
 Katie L. Persoons  
 Kyle Thomas Pirone  
 Jakub M. Polczynski  
 Dastan Pooladi  
 Muhammad Faiz Rahman  
 Damien M. Rashid  
 Cheelsy Rivas  
 Jaydon Rivera  
 Joseph Patrick Rodriguez Jr.  
 Shawn Marcos Ronen  
 Zachary Rosenfeld  
 Nabeel Sarfraz  
 Tammy Ann Savitsky  
 Francis Sliwinski  
 Brianna Paige Spucces  
 Maria Suleiman  
 John Sutton  
 John Tinnirello  
 Nicholas Tripoli  
 Victoria R. Turturro  
 Justin Vera  
 Gabriela Soraya Villao  
 Kyle Young  
 Luke A. Ziccardi  
 Theresa Anne Zimbelmann

**Civil Engineering Technology**

Olivia R. Biggs  
 Rigoberto Antonio Bonilla Arias  
 Jose Enrique Cordova Diaz  
 Adrian Hernandez  
 Michael Marques Pinheiro  
 Jacob George Smith  
 Kevin L. Zelaya Fuentes

**Computer Engineering Technology**

David A. Acuna  
 Alexander Persaud Autar  
 Kelvin Jhoer De Leon  
 Francis Gonzalez  
 Rachael S. Gorni Richson  
 Abdullah Ehtesham  
 Michael L. Meller  
 Ilakkiya Pooja Seenivasagam

**Computer Programming and Information Systems**

Gregory J. Almonte  
 Julio J. Alvarez  
 Haris Amjad  
 David Lucian Ardeljan  
 Nickosi Shane Arrindell  
 Michael Baranowski  
 Laura Bauer  
 Manpreet Kaur Bhinder  
 Joseph M. Borgella  
 Laura Buibas  
 Nathaniel Orion Burnham  
 Walter Canales  
 Abass M. Chahin  
 Miguel A. Chavez  
 Tsz Yau Cheng  
 Hanbi Hanz Choi  
 Michael J. Colella  
 Malik R. Cone-Holman  
 Carlos Daniel Duque Rivera  
 Thomas J. Efthimiou  
 Hakim Ahmad Elmobasher  
 Mark V. Fishman  
 Jayson Otoniel Gonzalez  
 Kevin Guerra  
 Irem Gungormez  
 Asraful Hoque  
 Raheel Iqbal  
 Saad Iqbal  
 Nafees Ishraq  
 Saira Jahin  
 Jordan Jenkins  
 Alyssa Tyler D. Jimenez  
 Kevin Jin  
 Jonathan Jones  
 Kyle Edward Jones  
 Haris Khan  
 Oscar C. Kowalewski  
 Michael Dennis LaNasa  
 Ethan P. Leicht

**Computer Programming  
and Information Systems****Continued**

William Mung  
John-Bryan Nicdao  
Priyal Y. Patel  
Mohammed Raiyan Rahman  
Angel Jesus Ramos  
Ajish C. Sam  
Donovan A. Santiago  
Gili Satenspiel  
Dax Bharat Shethia  
Aaron Tabuteau  
Jason Allen Vasquez  
Jashua Vinny Veerasammy  
Matthew G. Vicari  
Nicole Eliz Viera  
Nicholas A. Zampini  
Leonalyz M. Zavala

**Computer Science**

Suleman M. Ali  
Timothy P. Archbold  
Jonathan Crain  
Nickholas J. Delavallierre  
Luke Green  
Muzamil Khan  
James M. Kostrewski  
Mauricio A. Rincon  
Adeel Shamim Sheikh  
Dominick Sora

**Computer Security Technology**

Aaron Abdullah  
Liam F. Armstrong  
Usama Asim  
Steven Thomas Bertram  
Ca'Marai Clyburn  
Jonathan P. Gamarra  
Michael Gentilella  
Ryan M. Hill  
Navin Johnson  
Paul Krokodilos  
Matthew John LaCascia  
Victoria Rose Lombardi  
Faaiza Naeem  
Gabriel H. Ruiz-Barsalona

**Construction Management  
Engineering Technology**

Hamza Camara  
Daniel Thomas DiMaio  
Mohamed Elzarkawy  
William C. Goetz

Nicoletta Michele Lisio  
Jennifer S. Schulman  
Jeremiah Paul Sorrentino

**Criminal Justice: Police,  
Courts, and Corrections**

Ashley Acevedo  
Isadora Alvarez  
Madison Emma Barroso  
Xavier Bassat  
Maggi A. Bermudez  
Ariana R. Cruz  
Disneiry Cuevas  
Eric Christopher Daliendo  
Bria A. Davis  
Brandon Michael Delesparra  
Daniel DeLorenzo  
Linda M. Diaz  
Kayla E. Donovan  
Peter Eller  
Jennifer Alexandra Estrada  
Austin B. Krasinski  
Brianna Jessica Laguerre  
Angel V. Machin  
Sofia C. Monsurez  
John Angelo Piscioti II  
Vanessa Emelin Polanco  
Isabella Staehlin  
Vincent Michael Valentine  
Jack Ryan Weidtmann  
Nicole Katherine Wilson

**Criminal Justice: Law  
Enforcement Technology**

Andy Aaron Aguilar  
Haroon Ahmed  
Thomas Bernardes  
Deborah G. Campozano  
William Jonathan Cardona  
Paige Collins  
Eric B. Dejesus  
Justin Andrew Diaz  
Thomas L. Dinkel  
Jason A. Dorsey  
Bailey M. Dye  
Christopher W Harding  
Kassandra Luz Hernandez  
Mildre Y. Holguin Reyes  
Michael Scott Johnston  
Jaden A. Keeley  
Madelyn Lamb  
Jessica Marin  
Alexis Moschovitis  
Ryan Naughton

Edwin Munoz Ramos  
Brianna Alyssa Ottofaro  
Niko Anthony Pellechia  
Erik Alfredo Rodriguez  
Branden A. Saint-Louis  
Yahaira Sanabria  
Krissia Emely Sandoval  
Katherine A. Santos  
Ryan Richard Seebeck  
Justin Matthew Silva  
Antonio Silverio  
Kevin Smith  
Luke J. Sotis  
Victoria L. Soto  
Nicholas Daniel Sustic  
Nestor Torres  
Robert Bruce Tianzon  
Janese Lorlene Turner  
Andreas Yioupis  
Noah Cristian Zaharia

**Dental Hygiene**

Chelsea Kate Perrigo  
Joleene Stampfer

**Electrical Engineering Technology**

David M. Algavi  
Oscar Bonilla  
Paul Michael Borkowski  
Michael Angelo Cerro  
Juan Antonio Delgado  
Carlos Andres Gonzalez Ayala  
Emerson Giovanni Juarez Zabala  
Cody W. Kozak  
Franklin Joaquin Orellana  
Aron Singh  
Roy Torres  
Patrick J. Varley  
Zhipeng Y. Zheng

**Geographic Information Systems**

Joshua A. A. Baxter  
Gregory Ryan Hornung  
Link A. Rossano

**Global Business Management**

Rahma Nadeem  
Destiny B. Rampersad

**Health Promotion and Wellness**

Suyen Oneidy Alas Mendez  
Barakova Dieujuste  
Elizabeth A. Donovan  
Giana R. Galanoudis  
Chris M. Guido

**Health Promotion and Wellness*****Continued***

Jessica Nicole Harris  
 Kayla Marie Mahr  
 Melicie Mentor  
 Bryan Christopher Moody  
 Michaela Jean Rapisarda  
 Emily J. Russell  
 Julia R. Trebing  
 Kaydee Susana Urena

**Industrial Technology –  
Automotive Management**

Jeffrey Andre  
 Christopher J. Dunne  
 Dylan Devanand Ganga  
 Aaron Hosein  
 Jabran Pirzada  
 Jimmy Yeung

**Industrial Technology –  
Facility Management**

Patrick J. Dunne

**Manufacturing Engineering  
Technology**

Derek Michael Giuliano

**Mechanical Engineering  
Technology**

Khondoker Numair Ahsan  
 Jaskaran Banger  
 Vincent A. Belotti  
 Dimitrios Bletsos  
 Christopher Butcher  
 Raymond Coiro  
 Jake R. Deakin  
 Joseph M. Delieto  
 Tatiana Fenwick  
 John Jules Galaor  
 Nicole S. Graham  
 Joseph E. Harris  
 Mark Kheir  
 Jesse Martinez  
 Steven Masiakos  
 Matthew R. Mentzinger  
 Nicholas S. Ragione  
 Nicholas D. Rella  
 Jagdish Singh

Samantha Louise Stepkowski  
 Juliana L. Tirado  
 Litzzy Umanzor  
 Michael M. Vasquez  
 Christopher Wittekind

**Medical Laboratory Science**

Pedro Leonel Cordero  
 John Peter Lockwood  
 Afra Seemab

**Nursing**

Jessica Miranda Abreu  
 Sara M. Beutnagel  
 May Bitton  
 Jessica A. Burawa  
 Matthew Calandrino  
 Kimberly Card  
 Hayley Jean Carney  
 Flora Chan  
 Christian James Ciccarello  
 Dana Drywa  
 Briana F. Dubreuil  
 Jacquelyn Dubreuil  
 Russell Micheal I Esguerra  
 Faria A. Faruqui  
 Emily Hope Fischer  
 Samantha K. Fischer  
 Maryam Gardezy  
 Alyssa Gonzalez  
 Jennifer L. Hagen  
 Todd A. Hamilton  
 Anthony J. Johnson  
 Brittany Kalosza  
 Joan Lauren Kopp  
 Sara Lapine  
 Isabelle Francesca Leroy  
 April Levine  
 Isabella Llano  
 Natalie Lowth  
 Caitlin Kelly Martin  
 Annamaria B. Martinez  
 Nokib Matubber  
 Maya Rose Mordente  
 Michael P. O'Connor  
 Lucas James Parenti  
 Nicole Poulos  
 Gregory Roa  
 Alanis Rosado

Margaret A. Rydzewski  
 Jocelyn Salmeron  
 Arisha Shah  
 Adriana Christina Soto  
 Samantha Suruj  
 Dylan Eamonn Tracy  
 Paul Joseph Yam  
 Michele Rose Younger  
 Diana Gyanmea Atta  
 Pamela Lillian Dubreuil  
 Emma Soare

**Nutrition Science**

Madelyn Marie Arnold  
 Rachel Amber Bottarini  
 Claudia Rebecca Hoffmann  
 Terrill S. Lewis  
 Meredith Elissa Saint-Vil  
 Tairus Wilson

**Professional Communications**

Nolan Braun  
 Justin A. Capera  
 Kathleen Lillian Donovan  
 Samuel F. Eisenberg  
 Meghan Friedman  
 Eric William Kurka  
 Liz Paola Marcelino-Sanchez  
 Elizabeth Rose Ocello  
 Nicholas John Pagonis  
 Amanda Marina Rebelo  
 Margaret Santana  
 William F. Suraci  
 Michael E. Tillwitz  
 Jessica L. Zappalla

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A tradition that reaches back nearly a thousand years, commencement symbolizes not so much the culmination of the years of effort on the part of both students and teachers, but rather the beginning—the commencement—of a productive social and professional life, and a life of continued learning. The pageantry and symbolism of commencement are typified by the academic regalia of the participants in the ceremony. Academic regalia is a visible reminder that the process of intellectual pursuits has historic and honorable antecedents. The dignity of scholarship in the past remains vital in the present. Originally academic gowns were priestly robes. In part, they were worn for warmth and protection and their style and colors were rigidly prescribed by the church. Gowns were an adaptation of the priestly toga and were fur-lined. The hood was worn to protect the tonsured head of the priest.

In the early American universities, no gowns were worn. It was not until the late nineteenth century that this medieval tradition was revived to lend color to academic functions. At about the same time, an effort was made to establish a code so that academic regalia would be somewhat standard. All gowns of masters and doctors are generally ankle length and closed in front. The master's gown has pointed sleeves that are slit at the elbows. The doctor's gown has wide lapels of velvet, either black or the color of the scholar's specialization. The sleeves are full and bell-shaped; there are three velvet chevrons, either black or colored like the lapels. In the past, gowns have been black silk, but increasingly, gowns are the color of the school granting the degree.

The master's hood is pointed; the doctor's hood is bell shaped. The border of the hood indicates the scholar's department; the lining emblazons his or her school's colors. The shape and size of the American Hood marks the degree of the wearer. The lining of the hood is indicative of the institution granting the degree and is usually the official color or colors of the school. If two colors are used, one is generally arranged as a chevron upon the other. The velvet trim of the hood indicates the major field of knowledge.

Caps are traditionally black with a long tassel fastened to the mid-point. A doctor's cap may have a tassel of gold thread. The tassel is worn on the right side until the baccalaureate degree has been conferred; it is then worn on the left. Medieval universities were more concerned with rank and privilege; academic robes made visible the social and academic distinctions of the wearers. Certain colors and certain furs were restricted to nobles. In the leveling process that has characterized the American university, these distinctions have largely disappeared. Robes now indicate specialization with colors; arts and letters are white; economics is copper; fine arts is brown; humanities is crimson; law is purple; medicine is green; music is pink; education is light blue; philosophy is dark blue; physical education is sage green; science is golden yellow; theology is scarlet. Academic regalia, then, is a recollection of the continuum of intellectual pursuits and a reminder that the process in which we all are engaged has historic and honorable antecedents connecting us with dignity and traditions of the past which are alive and sacred in the present.

Traditionally, commencement begins and ends with the academic procession, led by the chief marshal carrying the mace, which traces its origins to the Roman fasces. The ceremony officially begins with the placing of the mace before the graduates and ends when the chief marshal retrieves it and leads the recession. The color guard follows the marshal, with the candidates for degrees marching behind in reverse order of seniority—bachelor's first, master's next and doctoral third. The faculty follows, also proceeding in reverse order, from assistant professor to full professor. The final division of the procession is the platform party composed of academic deans, administrative officers, trustees, honorary degree recipients, and the president. Several years ago, the order was reversed so that students enter commencement last. This was done to focus attention on our graduating students and to reflect the College's pride in their achievements.

Throughout their long and proud history, universities have retained and cherished strong ties to their ceremonial roots. Their faculties and graduates have gloried in the rich imagery and colorful panoply associated with commencement, one of the oldest continuing rituals in the Western world.





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