

# 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. Below the shield, the year "1912" is inscribed. The motto "ALL ONE IS" is written in a smaller font 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:** Louise Napolitano-Carman, PhD, *Professor, English and Humanities*

**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

David M. Curry, Esq., *College Council*

## 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

Alexander V. Kowalski  
*Computer Programming & Information Systems*

## PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

Provost Joseph  
Mary Caulfield, PhD, *Assistant Professor, English and Humanities*  
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 20, 2022

Dear Class of 2022 Graduate,

Congratulations!

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 a college 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. In the few short years since you arrived at FSC, the College has improved its facilities, added new programs and earned a well-deserved reputation as a leader in applied learning. Today FSC is selective, inclusive, and thriving with a well-deserved reputation for excellence. Many of our nearly 100,000 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 remarkable 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 20, 2022

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 over 100,000 alumni. We celebrate your accomplishments and wish you good fortune in your life and career. You are now part of the long and distinguished history of the College. As we move into our next 100 years, your contributions to that legacy will be honored by the Alumni Association.

The Association is dedicated to supporting the mission of the College and promoting alumni pride through events and communication for our members. We are privileged to have you as our newest members and look forward to your 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. You can easily do this by logging on to our alumni web site. We plan to keep you updated on all alumni happenings and hope that as you move on in your life, you will tell us about your successes.

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

Sincerely,

John Guido '86, '00  
*President*  
Farmingdale State College Alumni Association

Michelle M. Johnson  
*Director, Alumni Engagement and Stewardship*  
Farmingdale State College

# STUDENT AWARDS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

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## SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

### **Applied Mathematics**

Hannah Teli

### **Applied Psychology**

Kiana Renee Rodriguez

### **Bioscience**

Yailin Paulino Perez

### **Criminal Justice:**

### **Law Enforcement**

Ryan John Cajowski

### **Criminal Justice -**

### **Law Enforcement Technology**

Areli Lisbeth Bonilla

### **Criminal Justice - Police,**

### **Courts and Corrections**

Nicola Annmarie Miller

### **Geographic Information Systems**

Dylan Milano

### **Liberal Arts and Sciences**

Anthony Angelo Zizzo

### **Professional Communications**

Dina Canovic

Jocelyn Nicole Farabaugh

Jennifer D. Membreno

### **Science, Technology, & Society**

Matthew Emilio Nill

### **Sciences for the Health**

### **Professions - Certificate**

Jerry Samedì

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

### **Business Analytics**

Matthew Frank Gaynor

Nicholas Jerome D'Angelo

### **Business Management**

Lydia C. Torrance

Indhira Ynoa

### **Computer Programming & Information Systems**

Sidra Kulsoom Naru

### **Computer Science**

Jesus F. Alvarado

### **General Horticulture**

Zain Gherardi

### **Global Business Management**

Gabriella Rodrigues

Jesika Swidzinski

### **Horticultural Technology**

### **Management**

Brendan H. Krumbiegel

### **Interaction Design**

Julia Catherine Lyons

### **Sport Management**

John Tuthill

### **Visual Communications:**

### **Art & Graphic Design, BS**

Keriann Leigh Steingruebner

### **Visual Communications:**

### **Art & Graphic Design, BTECH**

Luis Galvez

## SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

### **Aeronautical Science -**

### **Professional Pilot**

Daniel Perrone

### **Aviation Administration**

Sabrina Y. Noomen

### **Civil Engineering Technology**

Patrick Joseph Kearns

### **Computer Engineering Technology**

Dylan Jonathon Mulholland

### **Computer Security Technology**

Christopher D. Kosel

### **Construction Management**

### **Engineering Technology**

Awad N. Kaled

### **Electrical Engineering Technology**

Xiao Liu

### **Industrial Technology -**

### **Automotive Management**

### **Technology**

Brandon Valenti

### **Manufacturing Engineering**

### **Technology**

Geiser G. Matthew

### **Mechanical Engineering**

### **Technology**

Nicholas Daniel Adragna

### **Security Systems**

Melissa Jade Fisk

## SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

### **Health Promotion and Wellness**

Priya Sooklall

### **Medical Laboratory Science**

Caitlin D. Shannon

### **Nursing**

Danielle Lynn Bremer

### **Nutrition Science**

Giuliana Vanessa Polatian



# FARMINGDALE COLLEGE FOUNDATION & ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

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**Simon & Irene Cohen  
Nursing Scholarship**

Christopher Prior

**Empire State Diversity  
Honors Scholarship**

Jesus Flamenco  
Rasikh A. Khan  
Kieran Sylvestre  
Mehak Verma

**Candace K. Ferin Memorial  
Scholarship**

Christina Rose Wolfe

**John Gargano Memorial  
Scholarship**

Christopher John Carpenter

**IEEE Scholarship**

Xiao Liu  
Noah M. Merone  
Angela P. Todaro

**Lillian Keily Nursing  
Scholarship**

Danielle Lynn Bremer  
Catherine Cahyadi

**New York 811 Scholarship**

Patrick Joseph Kearns

**Theresa Patnode**

**Santmann Scholarship**

Pascale Barreau  
Ryan Patrick Hall  
Abdul W. Khan

**Giovanni & Filomena  
Santostefano Family &  
Rosario Corrado Family  
Memorial Scholarship**

Rachel Leigh Johnston

**Sillcox Scholarship**

Lesly Iveth Diaz Flores  
Jennifer E. Flores  
Wilmer Isaac Gomez Matamoros  
Mildrenli V. Leiva  
Fatima R. Lopez  
Gilberto J. Montes Silva  
Brian A. Sandoval Guerra  
Lisbeth A. Sosa Rodriguez  
Kieran Sylvestre  
Tania M. Umana

**Student Government  
Association Scholarship**

Thawanhathai Kiatsutthakorn

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Aviation Scholarship**

Sabrina Y. Noomen

**Stephanie Belli Memorial  
Scholarship**

Rasikh A. Khan

**Albert Kleinman  
Memorial Scholarship**

Matthew Frank Gaynor

# DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS & EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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## AERONAUTICAL SCIENCE

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

Alaa Abouelker

## APPLIED MATHEMATICS

### **Nancy C. Thomson Award for Excellence in Mathematics**

Hamnah Teli  
Michael Storm

## APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY

### **Eleanor Fapohunda Service Award**

Kiana Renee Rodriguez

### **Excellence in Clinical Psychology**

Brendan Isa Jaghab  
Megan Alessandra Shannon

### **Excellence in Cognitive Psychology**

Jada J. Gonzalez

### **Excellence in Developmental Psychology**

Lily Mae Galinski  
Ashley S. Ronquillo

### **Excellence in Forensic Psychology**

Nicole Florence Bennett

### **Excellence in Industrial/Organizational Psychology**

Kiernan Garcia  
Timothy Le Nguyen

### **Excellence in Research**

Brendan Isa Jaghab  
Donny LaRosa

## AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

### **Aviation Department General Excellence Award**

Sabrina Y. Noomen

### **CSTEP Book Scholarship 2022**

Jeremy Pena

## BIOSCIENCE

### **Bioscience Award for Outstanding Perseverance**

Johalmo Aldair Lemus

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

Victoria Masotti

### **Excellence in Research and Applied Learning**

Jesus Flamenco  
Rachel Johnston

## GENERAL HORTICULTURE

### **Long Island Nursery & Landscape Association Scholarship**

Marina Millan

## HORTICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

### **Federated Garden Clubs of NYS, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Scholarship**

Brendan H. Krumbiegel

## MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

### **Superior Achievement**

Athena Colacito  
Christopher La Bella  
Caitlin Shannon

### **Academic Merit**

Justin Bugtai

## NURSING

### **Peer Mentor Award**

Deanna Leigh Jelardi  
Anne-Sophie Lalanne  
Victoria A. Saladino

### **SNA Future Leader Award**

Sarah Jean DeBetta  
Deanna Leigh Jelardi

### **SNA Recognition Award**

Davon McLennon

## DEGREE CANDIDATES

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

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### **Technology Management**

Samantha Josephine Asselta  
Veronica J. Cichaczewski  
Ali Ishaq

Stanley E. Kaczmarczyk  
Byungju Kim  
Ian McPhillips  
Matthew Messina

Jawad Muhammad Naem  
Jessica Ellen Skolnick  
Joseph Anthony Valenti

## DEGREE CANDIDATES

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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### **Aeronautical Science:**

#### **Professional Pilot**

Brian Chang  
Stefano James Clerge  
Sean P. Fromann  
John Takumi McNeur  
Daniel Perrone  
John T. Schneider  
Brandon Tyler Silverman

#### **Applied Economics**

Dean Anthony Rotella

#### **Applied Mathematics**

Michael Campbell  
Gabrielle Rose Cardillo  
Carmeline Jean-Francois  
Michael Teddy Sagos  
Michael Storm  
Brendan Raymond Stryaska  
Hamnah Teli

#### **Applied Psychology**

Matthew E. Balkissoon  
Nicole Florence Bennett  
Julie Anna Colon  
Sarah R. Eppich  
Lily Mae Galinski  
Kiernan Garcia  
Jada J. Gonzalez  
Evelyn H. Green  
Ilyssa B. Inigo-Tolentino  
Brendan Isa Jaghab  
Donny LaRosa  
Emily Marchetti  
Gabriel B. Moses  
Timothy Le Nguyen  
Laura Plasencia Caraballo  
Gabriela Nicole Prisco  
Kiana Renee Rodriguez  
Ashley S. Ronquillo  
Brianna A. Savarese  
Megan Alessandra Shannon

### **Architectural**

#### **Engineering Technology**

Christopher John Carpenter  
Douglas S. Hoffmann  
Awad N. Kaled  
Darwin Yariel Funez Lopez  
Samantha Marie Mannino  
Brandon T. Tammone

#### **Aviation Administration**

Alaa Adel Abouelker  
Cameron A. Angelo  
Muhammad Abdullah Asif  
Itzhak Azerrad  
Isabella R. Da Costa  
Courtney Brooke Hollingsworth  
Richard Iannarelli  
Jakub Lengowicz  
James Michael Muratore  
Dynavia A. Nimmons  
Sabrina Y. Noomen  
Jeremy Pena  
Jaime Isai Navarrete  
Brandon Tyler Silverman  
Madison Michelle VanGalder  
Alan Wilk  
Timothy Adam Wittenstein  
Daniel Wolf

#### **Bioscience**

Zulma Marie Baez  
Dominick Baranello  
Jason Brown  
Michael Campbell  
Aylin N. Ciftcikal  
Heather Nicole Courts  
David Euceda  
Jesus Flamenco  
Naiyah R. C. Fuentes-Mickens  
Christa M. Gervasi  
Alexander Greger  
Ashley Hagan  
Johana S. Hernandez

Tia Iashvili  
Rachel Leigh Johnston  
Nicole Tess Kaczmarek  
Thawanhathai Kiatsutthakorn  
Johalmo Aldair Lemus  
Gary Loiacano  
Aleeza Marghub  
Victoria Masotti  
Wajiha A. Nawaz  
Yailin Paulino Perez  
Rachell Rivera  
Kenneth Sarpong Mensah  
Sabeel Sheikh  
Lisbeth A. Sosa Rodriguez  
Jacqueline Rose Spina  
Tania M. Umana  
Darielys D. Veras Collado

#### **Business Analytics**

Ann Devorah Cohen  
Nicholas Jerome D'Angelo  
Kevin A. Escobar  
Melanie A. Feltman  
Anthony Figliuolo  
Daniel W. Flanagan  
Matthew Frank Gaynor  
Preetika Kaur Singh

#### **Business Management**

Crystal E. Albrecht  
Sehar Ali  
Syed Atif Ali  
Kevell Allie  
Daniel T. Anest  
John H. Angeles  
Gianna Ardizzone  
John Fernando Arias  
Aymaan Ilham Aziz  
Pascale Barreau  
Domenic J. Bassani  
Aaron J. Bayat  
Joseph Bazan  
Egzon Bekteshi  
Timothy James Bell

**Business Management *Continued***

Yvanna M. Beltre  
 Amber Bennett  
 Izabella Bragoli  
 Mark Brittain  
 Joseph Michael Callahan  
 Paola A. Campos  
 Christopher Caneda  
 Steven Anthony Carullo  
 Nicole Caruso  
 Jason Catarino  
 Karissa Rose Cerullo  
 Kei Chan  
 Derek Chirco  
 Deanna Marie Cirola  
 Kyle M. Collette  
 Vito Vincenzo Columbo  
 Marissa Lynn Connor  
 Sean Thomas Conway  
 John T. Cook  
 Sean Ryan Coveney  
 Devonee Curry  
 Matthew Dadaille  
 Payson Coby Davenport  
 Kiernan Bartholomew Delaney  
 Thomas F. DeNicola  
 Nicholas Anthony Deninno  
 Cara R. Dolce  
 Donald M. Duncan  
 Julianna Eastwood  
 Fidah Lutfi Elwir  
 Garret English  
 Joncarlo Esquivel  
 Jalil A. Faiz  
 Diego Fernandez  
 Anthony Figliuolo  
 Nicole Fleming  
 Bryan C. Fontin  
 Lisa Marie Fox  
 Julian Francis  
 Edgar S. Galeas  
 Esteban Garcia  
 John M. Gernhardt  
 Maximilian Gerow  
 Skyler Gershon  
 Michael Goldberg  
 Matthew Joseph Goldstein  
 Joseph Gomes  
 Evan Hanson  
 August S. Harris  
 Ryan Thomas Hudson  
 Maisam Hussain

Abdullah Irfaan  
 Dan C. Jean Marie  
 Dionne D. Johnson  
 Brooke Alexandra Kelly  
 Fazil Khan  
 Justin Thomas Koubek  
 Ryan T. Kunzmann  
 Jason Kupfer  
 Gina Kuri  
 Roshin R. Kurian  
 Kevin Jake Lindner  
 Marleny A. Lopez  
 Christopher Madlon  
 Kevin Samuel Maldonado  
 Ethan Michael Marks  
 Andreano Marra  
 Tyler Lynn Martin  
 Jonathan Enriquez Martinez  
 James McCarron  
 Kevin James McDonald  
 Matthew Joseph McGuire  
 Brian Edward Mitchell  
 Luis M. Morales  
 Ronald A. Morales  
 Julia Moreno  
 Bridget Murphy  
 Ayana Z. Myles  
 Nicholas Nalbone  
 Amber Nasir  
 Gamaelle Grace Nassar  
 Christopher T. Nicholas  
 Kyle D. Nigro  
 Johan A. Orellana  
 Michelle Pinero  
 Saleh S. Rabie  
 Kamil Daniel Rakowski  
 Angela Ren  
 Khayla M. Rivera  
 Pedro A. Rodriguez  
 Daniel R. Rollo  
 Andrei Roman  
 Kristen N. Romano  
 Rena M. Rosenwald  
 Christina Ruggiano  
 Sabrina Sacca  
 Austin Sala  
 Wafa Nabil Salameh  
 William E. Salmon  
 Jonathan Taylor Sandler  
 Bridget Martina Saslaw  
 John Daniel Schmidt  
 William L. Schuchman

Anna Skrepek  
 Brianna Paige Spucces  
 Branimir Suljic  
 Zulkifl M. Syed  
 Heidy C. Takach  
 James Michael Tedesco  
 Roel Thomas  
 Lydia C. Torrance  
 Liam Townsend  
 Silvia Umama  
 Caitlyn Elizabeth Urban  
 Attilio J. Valla  
 Leobardo De Jesus Vargas  
 Vishal Verma  
 Braden Michael Weill  
 Joshua Weissman  
 Ryan Wilson  
 Amanda Jacqueline Yasso  
 Indhira Ynoa  
 Anna Zaborowska

**Civil Engineering Technology**

Trevor Fernando D'Andrade  
 Dominic Essue  
 Ahsan Haq  
 Patrick Joseph Kearns  
 Abdullah Tirmizi

**Computer Engineering  
Technology**

Ponelarajan Elavarasan  
 Noah M. Merone  
 Dylan Jonathon Mulholland  
 Patrice Myrthil  
 Miguel Ponte  
 Akshith Ramesh  
 Saurabh Subash Chand  
 Chandra Swaroop Reddy Vuppuluri  
 Ryan J. Walczyk

**Computer Programming  
& Information Systems**

Anis Abid  
 Vincent Joseph Accurso  
 Sergey Ananyev  
 David Ariyaratnam  
 Sohaib Azam  
 Cristian A. Barahona  
 Jared Berkowitz  
 Kevin P. Carpenter  
 Vincent R. Castillo  
 Talha Chaudhry  
 John C. Coloprisco

**Computer Programming  
& Information Systems*****Continued***

Jonas A. Cooper  
 Christopher DiBenedetto  
 Forhad H. Fahim  
 Luis J. Garcia  
 Richard J. Gilbride  
 Matthew J. Graf  
 Jake Tyler Handschuh  
 Alexander Jeffrey Harmaty  
 Bryan Hennes  
 Phillip Houghton  
 Devon Anthony Hubbard  
 Sade N. Johnson  
 Keith Just  
 Murad A. Khan  
 Rasikh A. Khan  
 Alexander V. Kowalski  
 Nicole Ashley Kramer  
 Ryan J. Krauth  
 Benjamin Liam Kravitz  
 Jake R. Magnan  
 Hadia Majed  
 Miguel Angel Medrano  
 Tyler Messina  
 Omaid Mustafa  
 Sidra Kulsoom Naru  
 James Nicklaus  
 Michael Anthony Nicolich  
 Micah Njibe  
 Christopher Andrew Obando  
 Babatunde Olukogbon  
 Matthew Ortega  
 Mubara Sahar Osmani  
 Kevin F. Palomeque  
 Shiv Patel  
 Theoff Christopher Xavier Pendarvis  
 Connor Perron  
 Gina Perrotta  
 Amelie Renee Pierre-Louis  
 Jude Pierre-Louis  
 Scott S. Pietras  
 Salvatore M. Renda  
 Douglas John Ryder  
 Brian A. Sandoval Guerra  
 Rafael Sandoval Ramirez  
 Christopher Joseph Scheer  
 Ryan Setaruddin  
 Andrew Shaffer  
 Gary Martin Soza  
 Jason Andre Starks

Jake Strahm  
 Saad Mohammad SyedQuadri  
 Kieran Sylvestre  
 Tristan Lajos Szakacs  
 Angela P. Todaro  
 Evan A. Wills  
 Kulsom Kamisa Zaraei

**Computer Science**

Jesus F. Alvarado  
 Simranjit Kaur  
 Omar Fernando Muy Loayza

**Computer Security Technology**

Daniel Bates  
 Casimer Cegelski  
 Eva M. Galli  
 Christopher S. Klarides  
 Christopher D. Kosel  
 Julian Andres Rendon

**Construction Management  
Engineering Technology**

Akif Ahmad  
 John D. Bryzgoria  
 William J. Dixon  
 Demetrios Anthony Giannopoulos  
 Wilmer Isaac Gomez Matamoros  
 Awad N. Kaled  
 Kyle Joseph LoCastro  
 Robert G. Petti  
 Arshad Raffik  
 Ihsanullah Saibay  
 Jonathan David Toneatto  
 Justin William Zapata

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

Victoria Lovena Ashley  
 Mayra Anabella De La O  
 Anthony Difede  
 Juliana A. Dinardo  
 Kaylee Estupinan  
 Julissa Martinez-Hernandez  
 Nicola Annmarie Miller  
 Nia L. Patterson  
 Gabriel Perez  
 Kyara Monee Qualls  
 Devin V. Scali  
 Jovan Sidhu  
 Mac Kenzie Tierney  
 Noemi Vanegas  
 Madelyn Veronica Velasquez Hernandez  
 Yanique R. Wynter

**Criminal Justice: Law  
Enforcement Technology**

Muhammed Akyol  
 Xenia Alverson  
 Olivia Grace Barreto  
 Areli Lisbeth Bonilla  
 Jennifer Bonilla  
 Desa Bowers  
 Ryann Brenner  
 Julia L. Cheney  
 Ingrid Jasmin Corado  
 Ashley Catherine Cordovano  
 Christine Marie Corio  
 Heather Darnaud  
 Noelle Marie Fernandez  
 Marlene France  
 Jack P. Golden  
 Katherine Elizabeth Inglesse  
 Christian F. Kamalic  
 Omaid Khalid  
 Abdul W. Khan  
 John Michael Killoran  
 Arianna L. Kirton  
 Christopher Joseph Kusterbeck  
 Matthew Tyler Lamb  
 Tiwana M. Lewis  
 Nicholas D. Libretto  
 Dajiah E. Martin  
 Kerri J. Murray  
 Kevin M. Neimeth  
 Cody J. Nelson  
 Nicole Elizabeth Pepe  
 Amanda Pizzo  
 Derek Rodriguez  
 Marquise Rodriguez  
 Steven Ricky Rosich  
 Krissia E. Sandoval  
 Melissa Seinberg  
 Harold Angel Serrano  
 Luke J. Sotis  
 Andrew Taffe  
 Dani Torosian  
 Anthony Ramon Valentin  
 Roxana Y. Vasquez  
 Brianna M. Winter

**Electrical Engineering Technology**

Matthew Alexander Fuoco  
 Julian Hunte  
 Jobin Varghese Joseph  
 Nwaoji Christian Joseph  
 Xiao Liu  
 Jalen Taj Logan

**Electrical Engineering Technology*****Continued***

Niveditha Mariam  
Stanley Oommen  
Vikas J. Patel

**Geographic Information Systems**

Dylan Milano

**Global Business Management**

Cristian Canela  
Claudia Charleus  
Caitlyn T. Genovese  
Emily Grace Ginley  
Kelly Tatiana Loaiza  
Onur Yusuf Ocal  
Gabriella Yvette Rodrigues  
Jesika Swidzinski

**Health Promotion and Wellness**

Lesly Iveth Diaz Flores  
Alexa Dowling  
Jennifer E. Flores  
Jorge Luis Garcia  
Abraham Jake Gildin  
Mildrenli V. Leiva  
Brianna M. Link  
Shane A. Louis-Jeune  
Corinne Marx  
Cassidy Molloy  
Daphney Noel  
Moriah A. Ortiz  
Nicole Prieto  
Danial Sheikh  
Priya Sooklall

**Industrial Technology –  
Automotive Management  
Technology**

Harold Elizee  
Olliver Rivera  
Tyler J. Salerno  
Brandon Valenti

**Industrial Technology – Facility  
Management Technology**

Kyle F. Delaney  
Jean-Patrick Elie  
Michael J. Giangregorio

**Interaction Design**

Julia Catherine Lyons

**Manufacturing Engineering  
Technology**

Matthew G. Geiser  
Marek Gut  
Ava Marie Negron  
Cifin Sajan  
Nicholas D. Scalco  
Brendon Shunk

**Mechanical Engineering  
Technology**

Nicholas Daniel Adragna  
Dante Cipriano  
Conor James Delaney  
Allyson Dhennin  
Misael F. Fuentes  
Salvatore J. Fusco  
Mathew Gonzalez  
Jeffrey A. Interiano-Portillo  
Rafeh Irfan  
James Kiernan  
Hans B. Mathurin  
Gilberto J. Montes Silva  
Joshua Morel  
Nicole Murowsky  
Joseph Pollizatto  
Derick Esnaire Rivera  
Chase E. Schaefer  
Dhaval V. Shah  
Joseph R. Suriano  
Ian Harris Tasch  
Carol Visone

**Medical Laboratory Science**

Solomon Alonge  
Justin B. Bugtai  
Tyler Jade Cavanagh  
Athena Maria Colacito  
Christopher La Bella  
Jessica H. Schildkraut  
Caitlin D. Shannon  
Rose Amelia Spanato

**Nursing**

Anna-Marie Abreu  
Kaitlyn R. Baculy  
Gianna Baldino  
James J. Binder  
Kimberly Bishop  
Danielle Lynn Bremer  
Catherine Cahyadi  
Eric Alexander Chason  
HyoJung Choi  
Spiro Daliapes

Sarah Jean DeBetta  
Colleen Louise Dinavitser  
Thomas Estes  
Marius Fawzy  
Alexander R. Gavilanez  
Alexandra Geraci  
Gianna G. Giaquinto  
Sarah Hagedorn  
Luis A. Hernandez  
Sean Maurice Hutchinson  
Krista Lilly Iadevaio  
Adelina Ishkayeva  
Deanna Leigh Jelardi  
Anne-Sophie Lalanne  
Elena Marie Lardizzone  
Emily Lewis  
Hannah Dorothy Lombardi  
Davon McLennon  
Brandon A. Mills  
Maya Xiomara Murdaugh  
Madeline Niemira  
Angela P. Parente  
Ketrina Peterson  
Meredith Suzanne Pezzino  
Christopher Prior  
Justess Rakestraw  
Victoria A. Saladino  
Derek Matthew Shearer  
Cameron Sielinski  
Yvonne Aseye Sogbe  
Emily Rose Spurgeon  
Christina Rose Wolfle  
Danielle Theresa Zmudzinski

**Nursing RN to BS Online**

Faye E. Fraim  
Jessica Nicosia  
MiCole Weathers

**Nutrition Science**

Daniel Alivio  
Danielle B. Aresta  
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# THE COMMENCEMENT TRADITION

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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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