



# 2020 Annual Commencement

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*Delaware Technical Community College*

*Monday, May 11, 2020*

*6 p.m.*

*Charles L. Terry Jr. Campus*



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# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Cornelia Johnson, *Vice President and Campus Director, Presiding*

## **Processional**

### **Presentation of the Mace/Welcome**

Justina M. Sapna  
*Vice President for Academic Affairs*

### **National Anthem**

Dalton Watts  
*Instructor, Math Department*

### **Invocation**

Chaplain Andrew Werner  
*Delaware National Guard*

### **President's Message**

Dr. Mark T. Brainard  
*College President*

### **Introduction of Commencement Speaker**

James Elliott  
*2020 Graduate*

### **Commencement Address**

Lisa Blunt Rochester  
*U.S. Representative*

### **Campus Director's Message**

Cornelia Johnson

### **Presentation of Candidates**

John M. Buckley  
*Dean of Instruction*

### **Conferral of Degrees and Diplomas**

Nancy J. Shevock  
*Chair, Board of Trustees*

### **Closing Remarks**

Justina M. Sapna

### **Benediction**

Chaplain Andrew Werner

### **Recessional**

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

### **Lisa Blunt Rochester**

*U.S. Representative*

Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester represents Delaware in the U.S. House of Representatives and serves as an assistant whip for House leadership. She also sits on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. As the committee's only former statewide health official, she understands health care from a number of different perspectives – as an implementer at the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, negotiator while serving as state personnel director, and advocate as CEO of the Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League. Rep. Blunt Rochester is focused on reducing the cost of health care and prescription drugs for middle-class families, addressing the disparity in outcomes for communities of color, and tackling our nation's opioid and addiction epidemic. She serves as a member of the Bipartisan Heroin Task Force, comprised of more than 100 members united with the common goal of tackling opioid addiction.



Rep. Blunt Rochester is a leading voice in Congress on economic and future of work-related issues. As a former secretary of labor and state personnel director, she leverages her professional experience to advocate for legislation that boosts start-up business growth, removes barriers for citizens re-entering society, and addresses college affordability and ballooning student debt.

As a member of the Congressional Progressive Caucus and a strong proponent of reforming our criminal justice system, she introduced first-in-the-nation legislation, the Clean Slate Act, sealing the federal records of former nonviolent offenders who remain crime-free and have earned a second chance. This bill would provide new opportunities for Americans to earn a good-paying job, pursue education and training, and rent or own a home.

With deep roots in the First State, Rep. Blunt Rochester grew up in Wilmington, graduated from Padua Academy, and worked her first job at the McDonald's on Market Street. She graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University with a degree in International Relations and put herself through graduate school as a working mom, earning a master's degree in Urban Affairs and Public Policy from the University of Delaware.

She began her distinguished career in public service as an intern, and later a caseworker, in a congressional office where she helped Delawareans with their Social Security benefits, disability insurance claims, IRS disputes, and housing needs. Rep. Blunt Rochester would go on to serve in the cabinets of two Delaware governors and as CEO of the Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League.

She currently resides in Wilmington near her adult-aged children, Alex and Alyssa, and her daughter-in-law, Ebony.

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## CHARLES L. TERRY JR. CAMPUS ADMINISTRATION

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Bill J. Morrow, *Assistant Dean of Instruction*

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Ray B. Parsons, *Director of Campus Facilities*

Marybeth Roach, *Director of Human Resources*

John Slank, *Chief of Public Safety*

Dr. Lisa J. Strusowski, *Director of Communication and Planning*

Noelle M. Sugalski, *Director of Business Services*

Kristen Yencer, *Director of Workforce Development and Community Education*

### FACULTY SENATE

Joshua Barnes, *President*

### STAFF SENATE

Cindy Larson, *President*

### MARSHAL

Justina M. Sapna, *Grand Marshal*

*It is traditional for a marshal to carry the ceremonial mace as a symbol of the authority of the College to grant degrees.*

*This program reflects potential graduates at the time of printing.*

⌈ Alpha Beta Gamma Business Honor Society      Φ Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

\* Who's Who Among Students In American Junior/Community College

‡ Tau Upsilon Alpha      Δ Sigma Kappa Delta      Θ Mu Alpha Theta

λ Lambda Epsilon Chi

# CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

## **BUSINESS**

### **Accounting**

Taylor Renee Alexander  
William Kenneth Bethard τ  
Kayla Rachel Butler  
Laura Renee Campbell  
Cairns Christian  
Janelle E. Johnson  
Taylor Marvin  
Heidi Ordway McClure Φ τ  
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Luz Damaris Rodriguez Santiago

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### **Business Administration Transfer**

Ian Bernat

Derek Maxwell Brenton

Peter Colman Deely τ

Janila Sherae Johnson

Jerome Najee Phillips Φ τ

Kourtney Taylor Reynoso

Kristin Middleton Szczuka

Shania Carlisa Wells

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Collin James DeLuca

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Cynthia Lynn Larson

Vicki Lynn Macklin τ

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### **Hospitality Management**

Martha M Belush Φ τ

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Colin Glenn Maguire

### **Legal Studies**

Kyna Elizabeth Baker

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Terah Jocelyn D'Agostino τ

### **Management**

Fahed Waleed Alkaye

Crystal L. Minor

Drew Vaughn

Royland J. Wright

Jared Adam Gene Wyatt

### **Marketing**

Nicholas Joseph Susi

## **CULINARY ARTS**

### **Culinary Arts**

Kira Marie Bradley

Anthony Corrozi

Donald S. Fooks III

DeA'ja Gardner

Stanley Gill

Gabriella Ann Gruhler Φ τ

Anjunette Marie A. Krause τ

Riley Ashton Maldonado

Alyse Dominique Paul

Angie Yesenia Polanco

Katrina Lynn Pounds τ

# CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

## **Culinary Arts** *(cont.)*

Melena Elizabeth Quetel Φ  
Francisco Pascual Mireles-Solis  
James G. Tuck  
Samantha A. Wierney

## **EDUCATION**

### **Early Care and Education (Birth - Second Grade)**

Shatema Danielle Adams  
Anna Gabriella Aguayo  
Kayleigh Nicole Bozman  
Amber Brock  
Hannah Alexis Jiminez Φ  
Katlyn Raydene LaBonte Φ  
Alysia Morris  
Kyler Kenneth Sartin  
Kaitlyn Seal Φ  
Mikalyn Elizabeth Stanley

### **Early Childhood Development**

April Renee' Bradford  
Holly Lynne Comegys  
Zareah Denise Giddens  
Naik Chilion Nokes

### **Elementary Education Option**

Alyssia Lois Jewel Bates  
Chloe Michelle Borst  
Mackenzie Michelle Breen  
Cameron Audrey Catalino Φ  
Taylor Leigh Childers  
Kylie Nicole Chillas  
Gillian Elise Coursey  
Brianna Rose Curto  
Brenna Nicole Fallon  
Mackenzie Leigh Farrell  
Julianna Arlette Farro  
Leah Nicole Farro

Caitlyn Rebecca Finfinger  
Samantha Renee George  
Julianna Violet Hitchens  
Brittany Horton Φ  
Paige Katherine Jamison  
Allison Nicole Klemchusky  
Amberly Rae Martin  
Richard M. McBride Φ  
Kayley Pierce  
Tyana Pierce-Mallory Φ  
Eric Andrew Pointer  
Dawn Marie Reed  
Caitlin Marie Richard  
Paige Elizabeth Sharp  
Jessica Lee Shuba  
Kaitlyn Emily Smith  
Robert Bradley Stevenson  
Amanda Joy Stratton  
Angelica Thompson  
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Michelle A. VanNote  
Hannah Elizabeth Walker  
Grace Marie Wieczorek  
Karley Michelle Womax

### **Math Secondary Education**

Adam Allen Sniffen

## **ENERGY AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES**

### **Architectural Engineering Technology**

Brandon Antonius Bazemore  
Gary Peter Cimaglia Jr.  
Lucas Pagan  
Danielle Mae Pajula



# CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

## **Biomedical Option**

Jared Michael Cherriman

## **Building Automation Systems Option**

Kevin James Abbazia

Bobak Ghassempour

Omid Ghassempour

John Stanley

## **Construction Management Technology**

Hunter Chad Marvel

Jason McNatt

Lucas Pagan

Joel Solomon Reynolds

## **Electrical and Computer Engineering Transfer**

Ryan Bischof

Justin Clavette

Sebastian Cortes Zambrano

David Kimaro Matimu

## **Electromechanical Engineering Technology**

Daniel Elmer Beyer II

Lewis Moise

Kristian L. Rogers Φ

## **Energy Management**

Keri Knorr †

## **Renewable Energy Solar**

Raymond Irese Aigbogun

Nicholas Matthew Amato

Andrew Carrow

Andrew Cooper

Andrew Dale Haas

Hunter Tatterson

## **HEALTH AND SCIENCE**

### **Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

Simon Nyandemo Akama

Dana Brooke Amos

Kelly Ann Bliem

Tracy Christian

Stacy Irene Cole

Charlene Michelle Dover

Samantha Mauree Gawronski Φ

Janna Rebecca Harrison

Evans R. Kamwani Φ

Lauren Ashley Lynch Φ

Jessie S. Mbah Φ \*

Shanica Kelly McIntosh

Chiquita M. Mesilus

Thuy-Duong Thi Nguyen

Genaro Elias Pantoja

Veronica Ann Payne

Timara Moni Perry \*

Margaret Alice Proietto

Diana M. Reyes-Moran

Brean Brittany Simms Φ

Jalisa Marie Simpson

Lauren Nicole Smith

Melissa Haley Towe

Charles Donald Werner III

### **Associate Degree Nursing**

Kelley Marie Baker

Sheryl Donita Baynard

Olawale Bello

Alexis Renee Betz Φ

Caitlin Black

Breana Unique Bland

Benjamin William Britton

Demetria Ebron Brown

Whitney Mari Brown

## CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

### Associate Degree Nursing *(cont.)*

Sydney Rebecca Burgess

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Aisha Ikram Chaudry

Frankie Edward Childress Jr.

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Rona S. Clark

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Dennis Patrick Craig

Gillian Marie Darwicki Φ

Amber Kaye Davis

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Kelsey Ann Dempsey Φ \*

Saida Elidrissi

Riley Anne Evans

William Douglas Farmer

Chelsea Elyse Flores

Rachel Taylor Fox

Chelsea Marie Fuhr

Jeremy Aaron Gardner

Corissa Marie Garza

Suzette Lynn Gayder

Ashley Renae George

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Michael Narasaki

Bilham Bosibori Nyakundi

Maya Patterson

Brittany Dayne Pfitzenmeyer

Alyssa Lauren Pierce

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Alana Nicole Stewart

Jeremiah John Stone

Andelasha Strand

Michael Taylor

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Meganne Kimberly Townsend

# CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

## **Associate Degree Nursing** *(cont.)*

Wayne V. Trader  
Adrian Juane Trammell  
Rebecca Michelle Triola Φ  
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Jasmine L'naie Watson  
Thomas Dessel Wearden  
Ameshica Louise Whiteside  
Brooklyn Nicole Wilkerson  
Shannon Janet Winer

## **Associate of Science General**

Eric Abessoh  
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Ashlee Emerson Archer  
Evangeline O. Battle  
Lisa D. Brittingham  
Cassidy A. Burris  
Breanna Lee Colon  
Doris Chinyere Ekwem Φ  
Tammy Ellis Φ  
LeeAnn Freuler  
Roy Anthony Koali'i Gadaingan  
Jennifer Beth Gondolfo  
Jalyn Renee Haith Φ  
Markia Crystal Iplenski  
Susan M. Maxwell  
Ijeoma Eudia Mbonu  
Viola Vaughan  
Pamela Christine Washington  
Stephan Zelaya

## **Emergency Medical**

Alexandra Irene Atsidis Φ  
Jessica Marie Baker  
Saranna LaJean Baum  
Miguel Emmanuel Berrios

## **Emergency Medical** *(cont.)*

Nicole Capello Φ  
Tyler Hosler  
Kristin Ruth Warrington  
**Surgical Technology**  
Sarah Elizabeth Alsop Φ  
Denisha Anderson  
Alexis Berezansky  
Amy Lynn Camburn Φ  
Natalie Hampton  
Tammy Ann Perlot Φ

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES**

### **Computer Information Systems**

Robert E. Lough  
Gabrielle E. Romero  
Brady J. Tielleman Φ

### **Computer Network Engineering Technology**

Thomas Sovogui

### **Information Security**

Darrin Keith Mills

### **Information Technology and Networking**

Richard Deleon-Romero Φ ¶  
Ducla Estime  
Elijah B. Kennedy  
Lindsey Macintire  
Matthew Pabon  
Matthew Charles Perrine Φ  
Mollie Ann-Elizabeth Reed Φ ¶  
Jeremiah Christopher Roy  
Arthur Sefil

# CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

## PUBLIC SERVICE

### Criminal Justice

Giana Lee Garronbone Φ τ  
Deborah Lynn Holden  
Ashley Paige Logullo  
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Cordelia Elizabeth Messick  
Coleman Robert Morris IV  
Jeff W. Oreliein  
Alexis Aaliyah-Lee Pruitt  
Jesse Aaron Reynolds  
Joshua M. Rose Φ  
Renee Auburnelynn Sparks  
Mark H. Wagenaar  
Cassie Weathers

### Drug and Alcohol Counseling

Kasie Lynn Bell Φ  
Anthony David Bozzi  
Gloria Jean Brewer  
Sydney Reneé Brooks  
Michael Minoru Connor Φ τ  
Michael Rocco Costello  
Carolyn L. H. Crossman  
Tamika Ann Drew Φ  
Richard E. Gallaher Jr. Φ  
Desiree Elaine Graham Φ  
Melinda Y. Green  
Faith Margaret Hahn Φ  
Daneisha Nicole Hazzard  
Brian Herron Φ  
Shaneeeka Cecila Jones  
Chrysti Shannon Maculley Φ  
Rubia Janneth McBride Φ  
Amy S. Melendrez  
Stacy Lynn Mitchell Φ  
Estefania N. Myers

Chuks Christian Nwaogbo  
Paige Delaney Raichle  
Karen Rowland τ  
Rochelle Lee Sheldon

### Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Joseph Hubbard  
Andrew Vincent McManaman  
Jason Andrew Osika τ  
Jesse Aaron Reynolds  
Jennifer Lee Rouwhorst Φ  
Francis M. Schoeffler Jr.  
Shelly S. Stevens  
Dora Kae Uplinger Φ  
Brandon Vincent Vega  
Andrew Wilgus

### Human Services

Hannah Katherine Andrews Φ  
Latasha Applewhite  
Alicia Nicole Balcerak  
Kasie Lynn Bell Φ  
Alisha Bessix  
Gloria Jean Brewer  
Sydney Reneé Brooks  
Eva Samantha Cabrera Ruiz  
Carletta Marie Cannon Φ τ  
Monica Cao  
Haroldo M. Casas  
Valerie H. Certain  
LeDaya Monique Chapman  
Collin Michael Chase  
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Edna Cohee Φ  
Michael Minoru Connor Φ τ  
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## **Human Services** *(cont.)*

Carolyn L. H. Crossman  
Rex Michael Terracciano Domingo  
Dawenda Dorcius  
Tamika Ann Drew Φ  
Wendy Ehst Φ  
Gilvane Eloí  
Rachel Engle Φ  
Mary Agnes Epperly  
Destiny Marie Farraday Φ  
Desiree Elaine Graham Φ  
Logan Gravatt  
Ashtyn Pearl Guy  
Faith Margaret Hahn Φ  
Daneisha Nicole Hazzard  
Logan Hall  
Devon Isaiah Hampton  
Jason Andre Harper  
Amanda Leigh Hawk  
Brian Louis Herron Φ  
Jasmine Michelle Hickey  
Shaneeka Cecila Jones  
April Lynn Kennedy  
Veronica Kitching  
Samuel Cooke Kubico  
Kara Leigh Masi Φ †  
Rubia Janneth McBride Φ  
Amy S. Melendrez  
Stacy Lynn Mitchell Φ  
Chuks Christian Nwaogbo  
Sean Clifford Saxton Φ  
Rochelle Lee Sheldon  
Cecil Marie Smith  
Victoria Camille Sorenson Φ  
Nicole Briana Stevenson  
Bryan Austin Joesph Weaver

Alexandra Nicole Wilson  
Isioma Darlyn Yusuf

## **Law Enforcement Option**

Dustin Austin Banning  
Douglas Sam Falasco  
Justin Milford  
Aaron Joseph Sarkissian  
Matthew R. Sarkissian  
Margaret Rose Valencia

## **VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Advertising Design**

Kathleen Elizabeth Boyle  
Ethan Scott Carello  
Chandler Driver  
Breck Alexandra Ellis  
Joshua Ryan Ellis  
Mallery Renee Galaska  
Fallon Hurley  
John Michael Villadiego Layug  
Siara Janet Kaye Lugo  
Andrew T. Magill  
Rebecca Elaine Queen  
Nathan Martin Reeves Smith Φ  
Alexis Ann Webb

### **Multimedia**

Stephanie Diane Bakewell †  
Yomarie Enid Colón  
Brandon Alexander Durham  
Carlens Jean Edouard  
Danielle Nicole Hoffman  
Matthew Koon  
Terri Mone' Parker  
Joseph John Rodman †

## CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

### **Multimedia** *(cont.)*

Janine Salazar

Nathan Martin Reeves Smith Φ

Emily Elizabeth Tackett

Abigail Marie Workman

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Kiley June Chafin Φ τ

Alexa Nicole Coney

Stephanie O. Gilliard Φ

Miranda Joelle Holland

Matthew Robert Koon

Zoe Rynne Mast

Sara Isabella Rivera

Janine Salazar

Margarita Isabel Sosa

Ian James Weston

Morgan Alexa Woerner

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DIPLOMA

### **CULINARY ARTS**

#### **Baking and Pastry Skills Studies**

Kiarra Aviles

DeA'ja Gardner

Stanley Gill

Gabriella Ann Gruhler

Riley Ashton Maldonado

Katrina Lynn Pounds

Melena Elizabeth Quetel

Julia Gurczenski

Lori Haas

Madison Hilary Johnson

Kari-Ann Jones

Ashley N. Kavaky

Tristan Kayla Kelly

Monirh Larkpor

Sasha Marie Litostansky

Alissa M. Messina

Kimberly Joan Mohr

Brittany Nechelle Moore Φ

Taylor Danielle Quick-Smith

Deawna P. Ravenel

Tricia Rennie

Andrea Kathleen Roche

Eduardo Ronaldo Salas

Sarah Elizabeth Shields

Hayley Rose Smith

Mirica Smith

Nicole Angela Smith

Elizabeth Muthoni Talyai

Nancy Rose Temple

Kimberly N. Willette

Malcolm Ellison Young

### **EDUCATION**

#### **Early Childhood Studies**

Linda Leigh Dill

### **HEALTH AND SCIENCE**

#### **Practical Nursing**

Ekovi Amenounve

Cody Richard Birdsall

Danielle Kimberly Boyle

Jenna Erin Branham

Lisa Diane Brittingham

Kenyatta Amari Chandler

Lisa Virginia Chipola

Shannon Kathleen Collins

Eboni Nicole Davis

## STUDENTS GRADUATING WITH HONORS

### Summa Cum Laude

Shatema Danielle Adams  
Hannah Katherine Andrews  
Kasie Lynn Bell  
Martha M. Belush  
William Kenneth Bethard  
Daniel Elmer Beyer II  
Kelly Ann Bliem  
Chloe Michelle Borst  
Kathleen Elizabeth Boyle  
Anthony David Bozzi  
Emily Marie Campbell  
Kylie Chillas  
Tracy Christian  
Brieann Nicole Cocozzoli  
Michael Minoru Connor  
Terah Jocelyn D'Agostino  
Charlene Michelle Dover  
Destiny Marie Farraday  
Caitlyn Rebecca Finfinger  
Richard E. Gallaher Jr.  
Samantha Renee George  
Gabriella Ann Gruhler  
Janna Rebecca Harrison  
Julianna Violet Hitchens  
Tori Danielle James  
Evans R. Kamwani  
Matthew Koon  
Katlyn Raydene LaBonte  
Lauren Ashley Lynch  
Chrysti Shannon Maculley  
Susan M. Maxwell  
Jessie S. Mbah  
Richard M. McBride  
Heidi Ordway McClure  
Shanica Kelly McIntosh

Chiquita M. Mesilus  
Stacy Lynn Mitchell  
Matthew Charles Perrine  
Viktoriiia Pylka  
Diana M. Reyes-Moran  
Kristian L. Rogers  
Joshua M. Rose  
Karen Rowland  
Francis M. Schoeffler Jr.  
Kaitlyn Seal  
Amber Lynn Slagle  
Angel T. Parker Street  
Melissa Haley Towe  
Dora Kae Uplinger  
Hannah Elizabeth Walker  
Charles Donald Werner III  
Esther Woolford

### Magna Cum Laude

Kevin James Abbazia  
Simon Nyandemo Akama  
Dana Brooke Amos  
Alexandra Irene Atsidis  
Jessica Marie Baker  
Sydney Renee Brooks  
Carletta Marie Cannon  
Nicole Capello  
Bryla J Carlisle  
Cameron Audrey Catalino  
Kiley June Chafin  
Collin Michael Chase  
Cairns Christian  
Gary Peter Cimaglia Jr.  
Justin Clavette  
Edna Cohee  
Tamika Ann Drew  
Brandon Alexander Durham

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### **Magna Cum Laude** *(cont.)*

Wendy Ehst  
Brenna Nicole Fallon  
Leah Nicole Farro  
Mallery Renee Galaska  
DeA'ja Gardner  
Giana Lee Garronbone  
Samantha Mauree Gawronski  
Bobak Ghassempour  
Omid Ghassempour  
Faith Margaret Hahn  
Jalyn Renee Haith  
Logan Hall  
Amanda Leigh Hawk  
Tammy Lorraine Heilman  
Brian Louis Herron  
Jasmine Michelle Hickey  
Brittany Horton  
Fallon Hurley  
Hannah Alexis Jiminez  
Vicki Lynn Macklin  
Hunter Chad Marvel  
Kara Leigh Masi  
Rubia Janneth McBride  
Andrew Vincent McManaman  
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Victoria Camille Sorenson  
Erika Ramell Stegall  
Michael Taylor  
Nancy Rose Temple  
Michelle A. VanNote  
Cassie Weathers  
Alexis Ann Webb  
Karley Michelle Womax

### **Cum Laude**

Eric Abessoh  
Anna Gabriella Aguayo  
Nicholas Matthew Amato  
Alicia Nicole Balcerak  
Alyssia Lois Jewel Bates  
Saranna LaJean Baum  
Brandon Antonius Bazemore  
Miguel Emmanuel Berrios  
Ryan Bischof  
Caitlin Black  
Kayleigh Nicole Bozman  
April Renee' Bradford  
Mackenzie Michelle Breen  
Whitney Mari Brown  
Kayla Rachel Butler  
Laura Renee Campbell  
Monica Cao  
Haroldo M. Casas  
Gabriella Harriet-Jane Catalfamo  
Yomarie Enid Colon  
Alyssa M. Cowan  
Peter Colman Deely  
Richard Deleon-Romero  
Kelsey Ann Dempsey  
Rex Michael Terracciano Domingo  
Chandler Driver



## STUDENTS GRADUATING WITH HONORS

### **Cum Laude** *(cont.)*

Rachel Engle

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Chelsea Elyse Flores

Stanley Gill

Stephanie O. Gilliard

Desiree Elaine Graham

Logan Gravatt

Danielle Nicole Hoffman

Miranda Joelle Holland

Mary L. Lascaro

John Michael Villadiego Layug

Robert E. Lough

Siara Janet Kaye Lugo

Jessica Lynn Luttrell

Taylor Marvin

Zoe Ryanne Mast

Derrick Montel Mccullum

Cordelia Elizabeth Messick

Michael Andrew Messick Jr.

Lewis Moise

Estefania N. Myers

Thuy-Duong Thi Nguyen

Jason Andrew Osika

Genaro Elias Pantoja

Veronica Ann Payne

Tyana Pierce-Mallory

Alexis Aaliyah-Lee Pruitt

Dawn Marie Reed

Kathryn Anne Rinaldi

Joseph John Rodman

Jennifer Lee Rouwhorst

Jeremiah Christopher Roy

Rochelle Lee Sheldon

Mikalyn Elizabeth Stanley

Amanda Joy Stratton

David Raymond Torres

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## THE MACE

Once a familiar weapon in medieval combat, the mace came to represent rulership, associated with the pride of a nation and its origins. Later, universities and colleges adopted the mace as a symbol of the academic quest for truth and wisdom. It is carried in academic processions not only to bring authority to the ceremonial occasion, but to symbolize the unity and aspirations of the college community.

## ACADEMIC REGALIA

The use of the academic regalia costume, which seems to have originated in the English universities of Oxford and Cambridge, has been traditional in university life since the medieval times. In England and other European countries, academic attire generally is distinctive with each university so that very colorful ensembles of diverse styles are commonly used abroad.

Unlike European academic apparel, the academic costume of American universities follows a regular pattern, the styles and colors having been established by an intercollegiate agreement in 1895. Cap, hood, and gown are prescribed in style. Color variations indicate differences in the field of knowledge presented and conferring institutions.

The mortarboard cap is identical for holders of associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees. For holders of the doctorate, the cap may be made of velvet and the tassel may be gold. Candidates for degrees wear the tassel on the right side of the cap, changing it to the left side after the degrees have been conferred.

The hood is the most distinctive feature of academic attire. Used originally as a cowl, as a shoulder cape, and as a container in which to collect alms, it is now worn at the back, suspended near the shoulder. The hood for the master's degree is three and a half feet long with a three-inch border. The doctor's hood is four feet long and the border is five inches wide. The inner lining of the hood is in the official color or colors of the institution conferring the degree, while the color of the border indicates the field of learning in which the degree is earned.

Faculty members who wear a medallion are recipients of the Excellence in Teaching Award in recognition of excellence in instruction and outstanding contributions to the College.

Members of the graduating class are wearing academic regalia made up in colors of the College rather than in traditional black. The hoods worn by graduates receiving bachelor's degrees are black with apricot trim to represent the field of nursing.

Those who are graduating Summa Cum Laude (Highest Honors) wear a gold cord. Those who graduate Magna Cum Laude (High Honors) wear a silver cord, and those who graduate Cum Laude (Honors) wear a white cord. Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society graduates, who wear gold stoles, are recognized for outstanding scholarship, leadership, and service. Veterans and service members wear a red, white, and blue military service cord in recognition for their service to our country. Graduates who participated in a study abroad program wear a stole with a flag of the country in which they studied.



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