Delaware Technical Community College

Thursday, May 14, 2020
7 p.m.

Orlando J. George Jr. Campus
DELAWARE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Nancy J. Shevock, Chair
Patti A. Grimes, Vice Chair
Robert E. Hagerty IV, Esq., Secretary
Lolita A. Lopez, Treasurer
Diane F. Glenn
Michael J. Hare
Brigadier General Ernest G. Talbert Jr.
John M. Maiorano, Trustee Emeritus

~

Dr. Mark T. Brainard, College President
Dr. Orlando J. George Jr., President Emeritus

PRESIDENT’S COUNCIL
Dr. Bobbi J. Barends
Vice President and Campus Director, Owens Campus

Dr. Valencia “Lynn” Beaty
Vice President for Human Resources

Dr. Christine B. Gillan
Vice President for Strategic Communication and Marketing

Dr. Kathy A. Janvier
Vice President and Campus Director, Stanton Campus

Cornelia Johnson
Vice President and Campus Director, Terry Campus

Dr. Lora A. Johnson
Vice President and Campus Director, George Campus

Kelly McVeigh
Vice President for Information and Instructional Technology

Paul T. Morris Jr.
Associate Vice President for Workforce Development and Community Education

Dr. Melissa L. Rakes
Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

Carol Rhodes
Vice President for Finance

Justina M. Sapna
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Judith A. Sciple
Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Development

Brian D. Shirey, Esq.
General Counsel

Timothy E. Winstead
Collegewide Director of Public Safety
COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM
Dr. Lora A. Johnson, Vice President and Campus Director, Presiding

Procesional

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
Dr. Lora A. Johnson

Presentation of Candidates
Dr. June Roux
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
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.
DELAWARE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ORLANDO J. GEORGE JR CAMPUS ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Lora A. Johnson, Vice President and Campus Director

Rachel L. Anderson, Director of Workforce Development and Community Education

Tamesha Broughton, Director of Human Resources

Dr. Kimberly Gregor, Assistant Dean of Instruction

Larry Mitchell, Chief of Public Safety

Dr. Jeffrey R. Rose, Dean of Student Affairs

Dr. June Roux, Dean of Instruction

Steven Selk, Director of Business Services

William Smallwood, Director of Campus Facilities

Darlene Winnington, Director of Communication and Planning

FACULTY SENATE
Stephen Taylor, Chair

STAFF SENATE
Andrea Sisson, Chair

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    ∆ Sigma Kappa Delta    Θ Mu Alpha Theta
λ Lambda Epsilon Chi
CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

BUSINESS

Accounting
Emiliano Amigon
Sekou Mohamed Bangoura
Rokeya Begum
Robert James Bishop
Cairo David Chambers
James W. Gaw
Audry Hughes Φ
Don W. Hullander
Raihan G.M. Khondaker
Kyle Robert Kinsler
Brianna Elizabeth Morris Φ
Donna Louise Nicholson
Daxkumar Manharlal Patel Φ
Juan Quiroz
Sebastian Restrepo
Alexis Nicole Rogers
Jacob Andrew Sayers Φ
Nuria Solano Barahona
Minh Quang Tran Φ
Yahaira Vazquez Φ
Austin Walls
Kossi Boutsomekpo Woluko

Business Administration Transfer
Jeremy Michael Boody
Eric Andrew Carson
Hanbi Cho Φ
David A. Cianfaro
Sarah Ellen Diffley Φ
Raeanna Kathleen Eisenhauer Φ
Jason Ryan Golt
Joseph Anthony Lopes
Jada Erica McKenzie
Jacob Russell Meissner
Eric Amara Moore
Davis Laszlo Peffley
Michael Rutz
Vitalina Soroka Φ
Samantha Stoick Φ
Quach Nhu Quynh Tran Φ
Elena Vdovina Φ
Noe Velazquez-Segura
Alex Michael Young

Entrepreneurship
Denise Avila
Esther Brandt-Torres
Shakeila Nishiya Brown
Jennifer M. Johnston Φ Φ
Jessica E. Kille
Donavon J. Lloyd
Tamera Corrin Mack
Emmanuel Ortiz-Guzman
Darriel Rochelle Robinson
Jakosha S Robinson-Brothers
Matthew Zachary Zimmerman

General Business
Brittany Christine Barton
Sebastian Betancurt-Barnes
Kristen Wagner Cerase
Andrew David Chin-A-Loy
Isaiah William Ellington Clark
Kylee Nicole Curlett
Bryce S. DiPatre
Toni E. Fuller Θ
James Gaw
Jacqueline Louise Hepner
Phillip E. Hudson
Garry Jarrett
Jake Tyler Kielczewski
Danay Brittney-Elaine McGee Φ
August J. Mench
CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

General Business (cont.)
James L. Merritt
Robert Anthony Novotny
Eric Michael Osman
Maria A. Pennachi
Ashley Helene Pennypacker
Samuel Vandi Pieh
Monica Lynn Robinson Φ
Matthew Edward Schubert
Susan A. Smith Φ
Alexis Decino Stubbolo
Gevin Patrick Sweeney
Sharon L. Toohey
Tyler John Westerberg
Samantha Renee Wolfe
Karlie A. Wright

Marketing
Pelin Candir
Kyah Camille Hall Φ
Kelvin Saul Maldonado
Kyle Jimmy McLaughlin
Alejandro Pedraza
Carl Jesse Petrick
Sandra J. Walker

EDUCATION

Early Care and Education (Birth - Second Grade)
Kelley Bowers
Zhana Caldwell
Gabrielle Elyse Clark
Roxanne Latoya Coleman
Taylor Ann Lennon
Mariela Lomeli
Snow Zyaira Miller
Sharon Louise Pretzler
Rudolph Ruffin III
Samantha Lynn Singleton Φ
Christine Lynn Smiddy Φ
Jasmine Strickland
Dajae B. Todd
Kyara Denise Turner
Julisa M. Young
Yan Zheng Φ

Early Childhood Development
Janelle Leigh Davis
CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Elementary Education Option
Wendy M. Alatriste
Brooke R. Anderson
Briseida Arreola
Sawsen Ben Romdhane
Brynn Kayla Campbell
Melissa Erin Carlson Φ
Julie Dominique Dault
Michael Donato
Isabel Chloe Funk
Kristen Rebecca Janney
Amanda M. Merrill
Kristen Patricia Miranda
Brooke Renee Mitchell
Jocelyn Ann Mohler
Elizabet Molina
Stacie Noel-Elizabeth Morrow
Marissa Nicole Ruffin
Yuri X. Santizo-Carrizosa Φ
Andrea Jean Schwandt
Felicia Anne Shahan
Keondra Mone’ Temple
Victoria Diane Tolson
Maliyah Tyrei Wilson
Cassidy Burris
Jennifer Chavez Φ
Amber Lynn Conway
Shauna Taree Crenshaw
Tammy Ellis Φ
Sumontha Evans Φ
Adriana Esperanza Hobbs
A’Lexus Irons
Amanda J. Jackowski
Anthony Jennings
Bryson G. Jones
Samantha Kane
Sandra Lopez Φ
Emily Jean Martin
Tiffany L. McCoy
Samantha Mcgovern Φ
Amoi Miller
Vaishali D. Patel
Adé E. Polack
Megan L. Riccio
Amanda Roberts
Jade Christine Ruff Φ
Maranda Dair Sheffer
Brittany Megan Stapleford Φ
Ryan H. Teloh
Erin M. Wix
Victoria C. Woodland

Middle-Level Mathematics Education
Polina Tsapenko Φ
Middle-Level Mathematics Education: Social Science Minor
Khaleel D. Jackson

HEALTH AND SCIENCE
Associate of Science General
Kevin Lee Allen
Maria Araceli Armbruster
Ashley Lynn Bach
Naa Thecla Bandolo-Hall

Cardiovascular Sonography
Annalis J. Lopez Φ
Samantha Schoch Φ

Dental Hygiene
Renee S. Arnold Φ
Kayla Emily Atkinson
Khaleem Amiere Bourne-Bey
Yulianna V. Briceno Φ
Nakia Scherrie Chapman Φ
CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

**Dental Hygiene (cont.)**
- Breanna Summer Dean
- Nicole Drill Φ
- Katrina Nicole Furber
- Mary Cathleen Galasso Φ
- Ashley Nicole Giannattasio Φ
- Melanie Taylor Glace Φ
- Emily Brooke Groton
- Erin Brooke Hastings
- Kendra Regina Jones
- Jessica Leigh LaPalombara Φ
- Sarah Lynn Lucykanish Φ
- Arianna Pagogna
- Kajal A. Patel Φ
- Kelly Alexis Rader
- Noemi A. Rodriguez
- Regan Chandler Shinn Φ
- Julia Thompson
- Noor Anwar Ulhaq Φ

**Diagnostic Medical Sonography**
- Lauren E. Cochran Φ
- Michelle D. Hurst Φ
- Catherine Jane Kilby Φ
- Erika Lomeli
- Rebecca C. Maxwell
- Katelyn Ann Stephenson
- Cheryl Lynn Weyl Φ

**Exercise Science**
- Amanda B. Ammon
- Tierra Cherie Cheatham
- Jocelyn N. Deery
- Jackeline Fuentes
- Maria Gisela Herbas Φ
- Brighton Marie Kerchner
- Daniel J. Smith
- Paul A. Winslow

**Health Information Management**
- A’Kiera Myanna Brown
- Geralda Brown
- Amanda G. Cannon
- Debra A. Cifala
- Hamidah S. Jalloh
- Amsatou Tall
- Durojaiye Toluhi

**Histotechnician**
- Kwame O. Asante
- Elvira Bedolla-Valdez
- Alexandra Kendall Kulko
- Walter Bulkeley Magee
- Anna Elizabeth Ryan
- Dany Tong Φ

**Medical Assistant**
- Salena Akter
- Amy Lynn Andruskiewicz Φ
- Taylor Lynn Conley
- Shenea Annette Fassett
- Adam C. Harris
- Myra Lajoy Harris
- Julia Ann Leisey
- Brittany Lyons
- Jineffer M. McGill
- Cesar Mejia
- Yamilet Marie Rivera
- Haley Christine Waters

**Nuclear Medicine**
- Briana Esrey
- Madison Alyse Lange
- Rakia Taylor Φ
- Johan V. Tijerino
- Victoria Claire Woodland
CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Occupational Therapy Assistant
Martin Amaro
Nathan Babe
Elizabeth Jade Bruce
Amber Lynn Conway
Julie Marie Curatolo
Aliyah Destiny Gwathney
Kelly Renae Lockard
Samantha L. Marshall
Rachel Nicole Mayhorn
Daira K. Moses
Alexander Jose Nieves
Amanda M. Schultz
Rebekah L. Whitehead

Physical Therapist Assistant
Courtney Katherine Brown
Nathaniel Lewis Hague
Marisa Therese Hines
Michele Marie Hunter
Linh Ly
Christopher McCready
Rachel Radulski
Ryanne Carmen Redman
Gabrielle Nicole Sorendino
Emmanuel Virtudazo Trader
Tajrick Allen Tucker
Christopher Vasquez

Radiologic Technology
Jessa Lee Adams
Gabriel Boateng
Michael Conrad
Aubrey L. Ford
Dana Ford
Madelyn Marie Hulsey
Laurance Alban Isaac
Jessica Marie Lepre

Jillian Alexandra MacSween
Brittany Lynn Mariano
Krista Marie McCarten
Blake Annetta McNemar
Laura Kaye Miller
Jordan Parham
Stephanie Lynn Punch
Agnieszka Slusarczyk
Victoria Rose Zarin

Respiratory Care
Soukaina Belhaj
Marina Laquana Gavidia
Drekia Lashea McKoy
Jesse Joseph Milewski III
Yash Nilesh Patel
Ashley C. Yeager

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES

Computer Information Systems
Raul A. Haro
Ezra Makini Nyabuti

Computer Network Engineering Technology
Kevin Michael Navarro
Kiajzei Troy Tyson-Wray

Computing and Information Science
Khalidah Abdul-Muqtadir
Robert J. Ames
Rynnand Arriola
John Bathan
Nicholas R. Benenati
Matthew Vern Chandler
David W. Clendenning
James Cooper
Saransh Edara
CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

**Computing and Information Science (cont.)**
John A. Escobar
Justin Edward Henke Φ
Yaxi Huang Φ
Nicholas R. Mancuso Φ
Shane R. Muller
Zachary Muzzleman
Iyanuoluwa Samuel Osundina
Vraj Pragnesh Patel
Dennis Reyes-Jaico
Adyn Alexander Sullivan
Katina Thongvong
Trevor Arthur Wilkins

**Information Security**
Nauman Khalid Φ
Jacob Andrew Neal
Randolph Edward Stokes

**Information Technology and Networking**
Bethany Cacayorin
Joshua Patrick Gornik Φ
Wuo T. Korto Φ
Jamie Christian Laning
Donovan K. LeVere
Keith A. Marlin Jr.
Francis Henry Mganga
Samuel E. Montgomery
Onesmus N. Nyabuti
Pritesh Kumar Patel
Jesus Angel Vasquez
Brandon Welch
Sara Zepeda

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

**Drug and Alcohol Counseling**
Amy Dickinson Alper
Kerwin Boe Ashe
James Harvey Elliott Φ
Vivian Yvonne Fields Φ
Quadre T. Graham
Elizabeth B. Lucey
Alice Patricia MacLaren
Linette Lynn Marshall Φ
Serena Anjolee Sampson
Cady Sarah Jean Tobin Φ
Marrium Uppal
Julissa Marlene Valerio Padilla
Emily Van Vlack Φ
Myrical Wiggins Φ
Monica Antoinette Williams

**Human Services**
Kerwin Boe Ashe
Lois Banner
Monica Benson Φ
Ignacio Bravo
Jeff’on Samir Brickhouse
Brittany Elizabeth Campbell
Latesha Shaneka Clarke
James Harvey Elliott Φ
Gina Fletcher
Stephanie Ann Flowers
Kale Awuku Gardesey
Richard Don Gilmore
Kayla Ashley Godlewski
Renee Kizze Gordon
Quadre Tymir Graham
Brian Anthony Hall
Stella Harrison Φ
Tierra Herring
CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

**Human Services (cont.)**
Carol Ann Hoosier
Brianna L Johnson Φ
Susana Lemus Φ
Elizabeth B. Lucey
Donna Lupacchino
Alice Patricia MacLaren
Sarah Mae Marks
Linette L. Marshall Φ
Olivia Rose Mergenthaler
Yarely Lizbeth Moreno Duran
Rachel Ann Nixon
Anna Corinne O'Brien
Irish Dumanacal Palmer
Karen Emely Pinales
Angela Joelle Ruggiero Φ
Serena Anjolee Sampson
Prisilla Annetta Sanichar Φ
Ceirra Latash Smith
Courtney Spitelle Φ
Cady Sarah Jean Tobin Φ
Marrium Uppal
Julissa Marlene Valerio Padilla
Emily Van Vlack Φ
Brooke Michele von Brandt
Myrical K. Wiggins Φ
Monica Antoinette Williams
Mary Zawisza Φ
CANDIDATES FOR DIPLOMAS

EDUCATION
Early Childhood Studies
Mimi Ofosua Akuamoa

HEALTH AND SCIENCE
Medical Coding Studies
Jennifer S. Furey
LaKeshia Harris
Hyesun Kwak
Tiffany McCoy
Jessica Johanna Miller
STUDENTS GRADUATING WITH HONORS

Summa Cum Laude
Khalidah Abdul-Muqtadir
Salena Akter
Amy Dickinson Alper
Emiliano Amigon
Denise Avila
Sawsen Ben Romdhane
Monica Benson
Yulianna V. Briceno
Amanda G. Cannon
Gabrielle Elyse Clark
Latesha Shaneka Clarke
David W. Clendenning
Lauren E. Cochran
Taylor Lynn Conley
Raeanne Kathleen Eisenhauer
Jackeline Fuentes
James W. Gaw
Richard Don Gilmore
Nathaniel Lewis Hague
Justin Edward Henke
Marisa Therese Hines
Madelyn Marie Hulsey
Michele Marie Hunter
Brianna L. Johnson
Jennifer M. Johnston
Nauman Khalid
Wuo T. Korto
Hyesun Kwak
Joseph Anthony Lopes
Sandra Lopez
Elizabeth B. Lucey
Linh Ly
Nicholas R. Mancuso
Sarah Mae Marks
Krista Marie McCartney

Christopher McCreary
Amoi Miller
Laura Kaye Miller
Donna Louise Nicholson
Pritesh Kumar Patel
Yamilet Marie Rivera
Noemi A. Rodriguez
Angela Joelle Ruggiero
Serena Anjolee Sampson
Kimberly Satur
Felicia Anne Shahan
Agnieszka Slusarczyk
Christine Lynn Smiddy
Susan A. Smith
Brittany Megan Stapleford
Samantha Stoick
Cady Sarah Jean Tobin
Quach Nhu Quynh Tran
Elena Vdovina
Brandon Welch
Kerri Lee Welcher
Trevor Arthur Wilkins
Samantha Renee Wolfe
Mary Zawisza

Magna Cum Laude
Jessa Lee Adams
Wendy M. Alatriste
Amy Lynn Andruskiewicz
Renee S. Arnold
Briseida Arreola
Kayla Emily Atkinson
Elvira Bedolla-Valdez
Soukaina Bellaj
Melissa Erin Carlson
Cairo David Chambers
Matthew Vern Chandler
STUDENTS GRADUATING WITH HONORS

Magna Cum Laude (cont.)

Jennifer Chavez
Jasmin M. Chisholm
Hanbi Cho
David A. Cianfaro
Michael Conrad
Nicole Drill
James Harvey Elliott
Sumontha Evans
Vivian Yvonne Fields
Aubrey L. Ford
Dana Ford
Marina Laquana Gavidia
Ashley Nicole Giannattasio
Melanie Taylor Glace
Kayla Ashley Godlewski
Renee Kizzie Gordon
Joshua Patrick Gornik
Caitlyn Virginia Gregg
Emily Brooke Groton
Raul A. Haro
Stella Harrison
Erin Brooke Hastings
Maria Gisela Herbas
Adriana Esperanza Hobbs
Audry Hughes
Michelle D. Hurst
Laurance Alban Isaac
Dwahjiah Rebakka Imani Jabali
Kendra Regina Jones
Catherine Jane Kilby
Jessica Leigh LaPalombara
Susana Lemus
Donovan K. LeVere
Annalis J. Lopez
Sarah Lynn Lucykanish
Jillian Alexandra MacSween

Brittany Lynn Mariano
Linette L. Marshall
Emily Jean Martin
Rebecca C. Maxwell
Danay Brittney-Elaine McGee
Samantha Mcgovern
Jada Erica McKenzie
Blake Annetta McNemar
Jesse Joseph Milewski III
Kevin Michael Navarro
Arianna Pagogna
Yash Nilesh Patel
Carl Jesse Petrick
Adé E. Polack
Rachel Radulski
Ryanne Carmen Redman
Monica Lynn Robinson
Alexis Nicole Rogers
Jade Christine Ruff
Anna Elizabeth Ryan
Yuri X. Santizo-Carrizosa
Jacob Andrew Sayers
Samantha Schoch
Regan Chandler Shinn
Courtney Spitelle
Katelyn Ann Stephenson
Julia Thompson
Katina Thongvong
Dany Tong
Minh Quang Tran
Polina Tsapenko
Julissa Marlene Valerio Padilla
Emily Van Vlack
Christopher Vasquez
Yahaira Vazquez
Cheryl Lynn Weyl
Karlie A. Wright
STUDENTS GRADUATING WITH HONORS

Magna Cum Laude (cont.)
Sara Zepeda
Yan Zheng

Cum Laude
Robert J. Ames
Kerwin Boe Ashe
Lois Banner
John Bathan
Robert James Bishop
Gabriel Boateng
Esther Brandt-Torres
Courtney Katherine Brown
Shakeila Nishiya Brown
Brynn Kayla Campbell
Eric Andrew Carson
Tierra Cherie Cheatham
Debra A. Cifala
James Cooper
Shauna Taree Crenshaw
Breanna Summer Dean
Jocelyn N. Deery
Sarah Ellen Diffley
Saransh Edara
John A. Escobar
Briana Esrey
Mary Cathleen Galasso
Jason Ryan Golt
Betsy Joselin Guadarrama
LaKeshia Harris
Tierra Herring
Carol Ann Hoosier
Don W. Hullander
Hamidah S. Jalloh
Bryson G. Jones
Samantha Kane
Brighton Marie Kerchner
Raihan G.M. Khondaker

Alexandra Kendall Kulko
Erika Lomeli
Alice Patricia MacLaren
Walter Bulkeley Magee
Tiffany L. McCoy
Tiffany McCoy
Jacob Russell Meissner
Cesar Mejia
Olivia Rose Mergenthaler
Jocelyn Ann Mohler
Elizabet Molina
Yarely Lizbeth Moreno Duran
Shane R. Muller
Rachel Ann Nixon
Robert Anthony Novotny
Anna Corinne O'Brien
Kajal A. Patel
Stephanie Lynn Punch
Juan Quiroz
Kelly Alexis Rader
Samantha Lynn Singleton
Ciara Latash Smith
Gabrielle Nicole Sorendino
Ryan H. Teloh
Johan V. Tijerino
Victoria Diane Tolson
Sharon L. Toohey
Emmanuel Virtudazo Trader
Tajrick Allen Tucker
Noor Anwar Ulhaq
Noe Velazquez-Segura
Haley Christine Waters
Myrical Wiggins
Maliyah Tyrei Wilson
Kossi Boutsomékpo Woluko
Ashley C. Yeager
Victoria Rose Zarin
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.