



2021 Annual Commencement

*Delaware Technical Community College
Saturday, June 5, 2021*

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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Presentation of the Mace

Justina M. Sapna

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National Anthem

Hannah Cassidy

Alumnae

Invocation

Susannah M. Tulloch

Major USAF ANG 166 AW/HC

President's Message

Dr. Mark T. Brainard

College President

Campus Director's Message and Presentation of Candidates

Cornelia Johnson

Vice President and Campus Director

Conferral of Degrees and Diplomas

Nancy J. Shevock

Chairman, Board of Trustees

Closing

Thank you to our students who participated in the commencement ceremony:

Charles Huizinga, Jerome Phillips, and Roberto Tejada

DELAWARE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CHARLES L. TERRY JR. CAMPUS ADMINISTRATION

Cornelia Johnson, *Vice President and Campus Director*

John M. Buckley, *Dean of Instruction*

Dr. Kerri L. Harmon, *Dean of Student Affairs*

Christina Hudson, *Director of Business Services*

Bill J. Morrow, *Assistant Dean of Instruction*

Allan Nelson, *Assistant Director of Campus Facilities*

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*

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

FACULTY SENATE

Joshua Barnes, *President*

STAFF SENATE

Erin Schutt, *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

Δ Student Government Association λ Lambda Epsilon Chi Legal Honor Society

CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

BUSINESS

Accounting

Erin Lea Charles
Lucas David Φ
Ashton Victoria-Rose Driver
Kelly Fletcher
Brandon Gilbert
David Huff
Haimere R. Murray
Lee Thomas Naylor τ
Julie A. O'Flynn Φ
Alison Dianne Pedigo
Erica Sarai Portillo
Jake Thomas Purcell
Georkida Warren

Business Administration Transfer

Nghi Thi Vinh Bui Φ
Alyssa Domanski
Jordan Harrison
Kyle Johnson-Williams
Kyliene Jones
Justin Kaczalek
William A. Kidwell τ
Kahan Maniar
Saki Manuel
Nicholas Minard
Jerome Najee Phillips Φ τ Δ
Prince T. Walker
Ryan Walters
Shania Wells Δ

Entrepreneurship

Nicholas Auen
Aundraea Bledsoe
Reno Hart
Roberto Tejada

General Business

De'Vaughn Collick
Efrain Delvalle
Jacob Gomez
Zachary Halteman Φ τ
Zachary Steven Harrington
Donna Michelle Heimall
Anthony Intermoia
Evelyn Jester
Shanko Saylee Kargbeh Jr.
Riley Lent
Anthony Maxey
Kristi O'Neal Φ
Alison Dianne Pedigo
William Peterson
Kimberly Pulliam
Jake Thomas Purcell
Christopher Richoux
Ashley N. Runyan
Lauren Scott
Alexis Theodorakos
Georkida Warren
Kristin M. Wilson

Hospitality Management

Leslie Michelle Bird Φ
Macie Brooke Evans
Kiersten Haas
Juliana Roberts τ
Zariyah Street
Ashley A. Walton

Legal Studies

Heather J. Amos Φ λ
Jessica Argoe λ
William A. Bailey III Φ τ λ
Rahimlen Dean Δ
Dal'Asha A. Drummond Φ τ Δ

CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Legal Studies *(cont.)*

Jordan M. Gardner
Nathan Olinger
Kennedy Ruffin
Sam Schoenbeck
Donald A. Taylor Jr. ¶

Management

Jaiquis Cherry
Daniel Goeke
Baneighja T. Handy
Tayler Alexis John
Noah William Rau Φ ¶
Luke A. Rees
Michelle Seabrooks
Crystal Nicole Stewart
Nadia Y. Williams

Marketing

Hermane Francois
Jai'Rae Hammond
Carol-Ann Harding Φ ¶
Payton Mullen Φ ¶
Carrie Warren Eichler Φ Δ
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CULINARY ARTS

Culinary Arts

Dina Aliullova Φ
Raqeeb Causey
Katelyn Haas
James Brosnon Harrison
Elijah Hummel Δ
Sean P. Mccracken Jr. ¶
Christopher Musotto
Natasia Taniyah Nealous Δ
Kara Lane Pinkerton

Rhoda Swartzentruber
Louis Whitaker
Brandyn Jeffrey Wood

EDUCATION

Early Care and Education (Birth - Second Grade)

Agnes Sasu Appiah
Abigail J. Brown Φ
Jodie Harris
Scarlett Hart
Shannon Lee Hart
Nicole Heinold
Chloe Marie Mabus Φ
Lindsey Paxson
Hope Brielle Wright

Elementary Education Option

Nicolette Taylor Anton
Madison Taylor Baird
Shaqtia Bass
Eric Berardicelli
Alyssa Boney
Taylor Brittingham
Sarah Grace Cacoilo Φ
Samantha Michelle Cahall
Joshua Caserta
Alexa Marie Curto
Brianna Curto Δ
Ian Day
Victoria Dunbar
Jennifer Lynn Foulk
Tiffany L. Jordan Φ
Katlyn Kerwin
Morgan Lucas
Victoria Lynn Martin
Renea Gail Moll

CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Elementary Education Option

(cont.)

Laura Nguyen

Laysha Orozco

Kayla Rau

Shayla Rivera

Nikola Sijan

Josie Taraskus

Haley Renee Tostado

Riley Touchstone

Ashlyn Tressler

Dajah Wilson

Kailyn Wilson

Paraeducator

Adina Palmonka

ENERGY AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES

Architectural Engineering Technology

Colby Klecan

Nicholas Paxton Δ

Yasmine Richardson

Building Automation Systems Option

Armando Ziso

Construction Management Technology

Daud John

Darius Adrian London

Electrical and Computer Engineering Transfer

Jacob Harrison

Yuxin He

Aaron Rash

Gerald C. Stanford

Christopher T. Yonek

Building Automation Systems

Armando Ziso

Electronics Engineering Technology Transfer

Jacob Harrison

Renewable Energy Solar

Terrell Cato

Andrew Dale Haas

Luana Grace Spalluto Φ Δ

GENERAL STUDIES

General Studies

Zachary Charles Altschul

Lakeisha Ashford

Breanna Banks

Cierra Barreca

DeCember Noel Bodine

Cassidy Burris

Yennifer Campos Mora

Alonde Choice

Paige Coburn

Sonya Yvonne Coleman

Mason Conley

Charla Cooper

Hannah Covel

Jersey De Mesa

Eric John-Bryant Ebaugh Φ

Dominique Ennis

Licensia Saramendie Exantus

Ashlin Fox Φ

Kassandra Glenn

Makenna Goodnight

Ashley Hedden

Amanda Hunter

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CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

General Studies *(cont.)*

Koffvi Ladeh-Ahlidza
Dallas Leigh Marcum
Kasandra L. Martin
Kimberly Martin Φ
Jessica Marie Meekins
Tanisha Miller
Clarissa Ortiz
Tatiana I. Page
Talisha S. Palmer
Lauren Penn
Bari Phillips
Tahirah M. Redding
Erin Elaine Smallwood
Christina Jean Szymanski
Amelia Thompson
Kaitlyn Townsend
Jordyn Velez
Kianna Walker
Jelissa Warren
Sierra Washington
Christopher Zelaya

HEALTH AND SCIENCE

Associate Degree Nursing

Eric Abessoh
Kayla Anderson
Ryan Anderson
Tiffany Anderson
Joel Barandino
Joanne Sharie Belle
Brianna Marie Berger
Catherine Blunt
Ashley V. Boney
Stephanie Guadalupe Boney
Eilisha Bovell
Cherie Boyer

Christina J. Boyer Φ Δ
Kathleen Boyle
Tawanna Bradley Φ
Donna Brennan
Lisa Diane Brittingham
Lindsey Buckson
Carrie Bullen
Sophia Campbell
Nathalia Charlemagne
Javanna Chantel Clark
Cara Anne Cramer Φ
Denise Helen Crimmins Φ Δ
A'Isha Dashiell
Ebony Davis
Rebecca Davis Φ
Kalea Deslauriers
Raineir Doctore
Ashley Marie Duffy Φ Δ
Joseph Egerton
Doris Chinyere Ekwem Φ
Saida Elidrissi Φ
Alyssa Evans
Olivia Faragher
Marisol Florez
Hayley Friess
Therese Fuh Φ
Audrey Gaillard
Tishunda R. Gardner
Sarah Garrity
Anna Maria Girtain
Alyssa Godwin Φ
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Jailynn Hernandez
Vernell Hooper

CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Associate Degree Nursing *(cont.)*

Ashley M. Hungerford Φ
Tozama Kandovazu
Ashley Kavaky
Julia Konrad
Anne W. Kuria
Samantha Land
Regina Kathleen LeCompte
Enoch Lee
Ivy Legar
Sasha Litostansky
Zoey Dawn Logan Φ
Morgan Nicole Logue
James Lombardo
Namiria Luna-Rivera
Chelsea O. Macuch
Ruth Maguta
Krisilyn McCauley
Kelsey McMahan
Jordan McManus
Brooke Miller
Brittany Nechelle Moore Φ
Lauren W. Moses
Charity Muiruri Φ
Delani Narvaez
Sheila Mbu Ngwi Epse Feugueng Φ
Maria Ocampo-Vivero
Catrina Ortiz
Faith Marie Owens
Audrey Parker-Linton
Kasey Petyo
Taylor Quick-Smith
Kaitlynn Raymond
Morgan Reynolds
Tiffany Richardson
Monet Nicole Ridgeway Φ Δ

Alexis Rigbsby
Tristan Rivera
Diana Rodriguez Φ
Lakeisha Warren Rush
Elise Salas
Jessica Shetzler Ridgeway
Hayley Singleton
Ashley Smith Φ
Kayla Jeanette Smith
Mirica Smith
Nicole A.M. Smith
Emily Story
Elizabeth M. Talyai
Precious Massah Taylor
Wayne Trader
Angela Tyson Φ
Unyime Ukit
Theresa Vaneman
Amarilis Velez Δ
Amanda Walls Φ
Kiarra West
Katherine White Φ
Doria Wiercyski
Danielle Winans
Jennifer Zane

Associate of Science General Emergency Medical

Zachery Ryan Bonniwell
Hailey Nicole Boots Δ
Kelli Brothers
Mason Conley
Gyle D'Antonio
Mohson Din Δ
Collin Donaway
Sarah Drummond
Sammi An Johnson Δ

CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Emergency Medical *(cont.)*

Jennifer Lawrence
Brittney McIntire
Stephen T. Metler Δ
Zachary Phillips
Jeremy Polish

Surgical Technology

Kirstyn Chavis
Lauren Cooling
Courtney Rebecca Howe
Lindsey Locke
Karen Elizabeth Napoli
Raquel V. Silva

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES

Information Technology & Networking

Richard Roy Dye, Jr. Φ
Darrin Jarrod Joyner Jr.
Matthew Wickham

Information Security Concentration

William Henry Bradford
Matthew Cole Φ τ
Rozina Hess
Avery Mayan
Corey Pardee
Emily Rogers
Masayoshi Stewart
Charles P. Taggart Φ

Networking Concentration

Dale Pearce
Jeremy Sturges

Programming Concentration

Pinkey Jha Φ

Web Development

Christopher Megahan

PUBLIC SERVICE

Criminal Justice

Gabriella Berrios
Autumn Bryant
DeVaughn Collins Φ
Mya Courtney
Maureen Demby
Ashley Nicole Gratkowski
Marisa T. Handley
Nicole McGinnis
Martha Weigle Miller
Steven Minard
Teshae' Monique Murray
Jasmine Shaneeka Newman
Madison J. Payton
Samantha Popkin
Madison Grace Price
Kevin Rogers
Jashua Salgado
Wantes Sillion
Madeline Van Sciver
Yoselin Ventura Garcia
Gabriel T. Vorous Φ

Drug and Alcohol Counseling

Sharon Sharday Clay
Savannah Conaway
Alyssa Cowan Φ
Carolyn L. H. Crossman
Tamika Ann Drew Φ
Kassey Margaretha Ann Euren

CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Drug and Alcohol Counseling

(cont.)

Glenn H. Featherman Φ
Kylee Madison Howell
Elizabeth Hurd-Nichols Φ
Kaitlyn Hurd-Nichols Φ
Veronica Kitching
Michelle Ann Krzywicki Φ
Theresa Legar
Kymasha Mifflin Δ
Ricki Chanel Keara Minor τ
Molly Quam Φ
Leslie Jessenia Ramirez
Molly Redgate
Frank A. Scott III
Elsa Smith Φ
Jean M. Steiner
Erika L. Taylor Φ
Lisa Renee Tice
Bernard Williams
Terence Wilson Φ

Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Jacques D. Deshommes
Jason David Grabowski
Ashley Hamilton
Michaela Morris
Charlie Stephan

Human Services

Sy-Ajah Tiamani Alston
Amanda Anyanwu Φ
Chidozie Anyanwu
Chakhya Bell
Florena Michelle Berry
Carmen Roselind Black
Lexi Blocksom

Cassidy Booms Φ
Breanna Marie Vega Bowler
Megan Boyer
Eva Cabrera Ruiz
Naquan Carter Φ
Kristopher Castille-Waite
Caroline Collins
Christine Cooper τ
Alyssa Cowan τ
Carolyn L. H. Crossman
Dielle De Noon
Sierra DeBenedictis-Bayne
Evenson Dieudonne
Christine Driscoll Evans
Bianca M. Dwiggin
Gloria Jeanette Suncora Emory Φ
Kayla Esch
Kassey Margaretha Ann Euren
Savannah Farmer
Tara Ford Φ
Lori Givens
Hermaine Greene
Dominique Hall Φ
Jason Andre Harper
Shydasia T. Houston
Kylee Howell
Elizabeth Hurd-Nichols Φ
Kaitlyn Hurd-Nichols Φ
Amanda Ivry
Ernis Joanem
Jean Kidwell
Veronica Kitching
Michelle Ann Krzywicki Φ
Theresa Legar
Abigail McQueen
Hadiyah Mowbray Δ

CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Human Services *(cont.)*

Linda Limbosi Nzams Φ
Kiara Pritchett-Blackwell
Molly Quam Φ
Leslie Jessenia Ramirez
Molly Redgate
Emily Rodriguez
Quervens Saintfleur
Elsa Smith Φ
Jean M. Steiner
Erika L. Taylor Φ
Lisa Renee Tice
Shaniqua Turner
Taylor Vass
Angel Ward
Jessica Wilson
Stacey Marie Wilt
Genie Wooters
Tamara Renee' Worthy

Law Enforcement Option

Zachary Albert Carter
Charles Huizinga

VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS

Advertising Design

Riccy Amaya
Rebecca Carrillo
Diego Corona
Kayla Marie Curto
Ryan Czyzia
Molly Shannon Dalik Armstrong Φ τ
Kassandra Ariana Florez
Natalie Bella Freedman Φ
Crystal Jackson
Samuel Krim

Siara Janet Kaye Lugo
Hannah Ramirez
Karissa Scott
Hannah Sturtz

Multimedia

Zachary Clendaniel
Eric Collison
Kara Zosha Czajczynski
Christopher Foster
Jordan Mitchell Gerdes Φ
Matthew Kalafut
Bethany Satterfield
Mathew Styles
Sarah B. Taylor
Jeffrey Ryan Toliver

Photo Imaging

Kailey Danielle Jacklynn Breakron Blevins
Kara Zosha Czajczynski
Christopher Foster
TeeJay Henry
Patrick Edward O'Brien
Brianna Claire Riconda
Rosario Velazquez

CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR DEGREE

HEALTH AND SCIENCE

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Lilian Adera
Marianne E. Amaro
Abigail Andrews Φ
Sheryl Colgan
Brittany Davis
Howard D. Derby
Keisha Dollard Φ
Jessica Kaitlyn Elliott Φ
Erica Everett
Jessica Guido
Megan Hainsworth Φ
Arleatta Hawkins
Allen C. Huang
Anamaria Impastato
Angel Marie Johnson
Patrice Johnson
Kaasya Jennae Joyner
Harmony Katona
Janie Renee Lerch
Natashia Littleton
Morgan Lynch
Jennifer Mast
Andrea Mercier
Beatrice J. Ngetich
Nicole Norsworthy
Christa Rodriguez
Maria Rosas
Marielle Ann Royle
Alexis Sample Φ
Virginia Marie Serrano
Dara Z. Smithers
Kelly Anne Souder
Jennifer Spencer Φ
Madalyn Marie Steiner

Shannon Corey Terrell

Mary K. Troyer

Kristin M. Widmer

CANDIDATES FOR THE DIPLOMA

CULINARY ARTS

Baking and Pastry Skills Studies

Ileana Maria Delvalle

Ryan Swift

Christina Thomas

Neftali Torres-Tolentino

Justin Underwood

Doria Wiercyski

Erica Wood

HEALTH AND SCIENCE

Practical Nursing

Fortuna Ambrosino

Cassandra Argoe

Lauren Benedetto

Kathleen Boyle

Logan Bradford

Amanda Carroll

Alonde Choice

Kassandra Cline

Ammar Corbin

Shamariah Doakes

Amanda Durante

Sarah Fender

Tiffanie Fetzer Φ

Shawana Green

Tanisha Harris

Jeweliana Hendrickson

Lauren Ide

David R. Kabina Φ

Rebecca Kelly

Famatta Kiawu

Thuyvi Le Φ

Naomi L. Leach

Lisa Marie Leon

Namiria Luna-Rivera

Kimberly A. Martin Φ

Khaydera Mobley

Jericca Orellana

Alexis Rigsby

Anastasia Rebecca Marie de Courcelle Sandles

Angela Seeley

Monica Sermenio

STUDENTS GRADUATING WITH HONORS

Summa Cum Laude

Lilian Adera
Dina Aliullova
Marianne E. Amaro
Heather Amos
Abigail Andrews
Jessica Argoe
William A. Bailey III
DeCember Noel Bodine
Abigail J. Brown
Nghi Thi Vinh Bui
Cassidy Burris
Yennifer Campos Mora
Rebecca Carrillo
Lauren Cooling
Hannah Covell
Molly Shannon Dalik Armstrong
Lucas David
Brittany Davis
Keisha Dollard
Ashton Victoria-Rose Driver
Eric John-Bryant Ebaugh
Jessica Kaitlyn Elliott
Kayla Esch
Kassey Margaretha Ann Euren
Glenn H. Featherman
Kelly Fletcher
Kassandra Ariana Florez
Natalie Bella Freedman
Jason David Grabowski
Megan Hainsworth
Courtney Rebecca Howe
Allen C. Huang
Elijah Hummel
Kaitlyn Hurd-Nichols
Pinkey Jha

Kaasya Jennae Joyner
Harmony Katona
William A. Kidwell
Michelle Ann Krzywicki
Lindsey Locke
Morgan Lynch
Kymasha Mifflin
Nicole Norsworthy
Julie A. O'Flynn
Jerome Najee Phillips
Erica Sarai Portillo
Molly Quam
Noah William Rau
Juliana Roberts
Christa Rodriguez
Maria Rosas
Marielle Ann Royle
Alexis Sample
Dara Z. Smithers
Donald A. Taylor, Jr.
Gabriel T. Vorous
Carrie Ann Warren

Magna Cum Laude

Leslie Michelle Bird
Cassidy Booms
William Henry Bradford
Sarah Grace Cacoilo
Naquan Carter
Kirstyn Chavis
Sheryl Colgan
Diego Corona
Mya Courtney
Howard D. Derby
Tamika Ann Drew
Victoria Dunbar
Richard Roy Dye Jr.

STUDENTS GRADUATING WITH HONORS

Magna Cum Laude *(cont.)*

Erica Everett
Olivia Faragher
Ashlin Fox
Jordan Mitchell Gerdes
Jessica Guido
Carol-Ann Harding
Arleatta Hawkins
Yuxin He
Nicole Heinold
Elizabeth Hurd-Nichols
Anamaria Impastato
Angel Marie Johnson
Patrice Johnson
Kyle Johnson-Williams
Justin Kaczalek
Colby Klecan
Anne W. Kuria
Janie Renee Lerch
Natashia Littleton
Saki Manuel
Brooke Miller
Tanisha Miller
Ricki Chanel Keara Minor
Charity Muiruri
Karen Elizabeth Napoli
Beatrice J. Ngetich
Laura Nguyen
Kristi O'Neal
Samantha Popkin
Christopher Richoux
Brianna Claire Riconda
Emily Rodriguez
Frank A. Scott III
Raquel V. Silva
Erin Elaine Smallwood

Elsa Smith
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Christina Jean Szymanski
Charles P. Taggart
Sarah B. Taylor
Riley Touchstone
Mary K. Troyer
Prince T. Walker
Sierra Washington
Kristin M. Widmer
Jessica Wilson
Kailyn Wilson
Terence Wilson
Genie Wooters
Armando Ziso

Cum Laude

Eric Abessoh
Zachary Charles Altschul
Kayla Anderson
Agnes Sasu Appiah
Nicholas Auen
Breanna Banks
Cierra Barreca
Florena Michelle Berry
Carmen Roselind Black
Lexi Blocksom
Stephanie Guadalupe Boney
Logan Bradford
Donna Brennan
Taylor Brittingham
Zachary Albert Carter
Raqeeb Causey
Matthew Cole
De'Vaughn Collick
Eric Collison
Charla Cooper

STUDENTS GRADUATING WITH HONORS

Cum Laude *(cont.)*

Christine Cooper

Alyssa Cowan

Alexa Marie Curto

Kara Zosha Czajczynski

Rebecca Davis

Jacques D. Deshommes

Evenson Dieudonne

Saida Elidrissi

Savannah Farmer

Christopher Foster

Hayley Friess

Makenna Goodnight

Marisa T. Handley

Kylee Howell

Kylee Madison Howell

Charles Huizinga

Ernis Joanem

Kyliene Jones

Tiffany L. Jordan

Ivy Legar

Theresa Legar

Riley Lent

James Lombardo

Siara Janet Kaye Lugo

Chloe Marie Mabus

Dallas Leigh Marcum

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Amelia Thompson

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Neftali Torres-Tolentino

Haley Renee Tostado

Kaitlyn Townsend

Angela Tyson

Kianna Walker

Ryan Walters

Louis Whitaker

Dajah Wilson

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. Graduates who participated in a study abroad program wear a stole with a flag of the country in which they studied. Officers of the Student Government Association and student clubs and organizations wear green and white cords. Alpha Beta Gamma business honor society members wear blue cords and Lambda Epsilon Chi legal studies honor society members wear purple cords. 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.

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