COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND
THIRTY-FIFTH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2011 at 10:00AM

GREAT LAWN

2800 VICTORY BOULEVARD
STATEN ISLAND, NY 10314
PROGRAM

PROCессIонаI

PresentaTиоN

Grand Marshal
John Verzani

Professor and Chair, College Council

PRESIDING OFFICER

William J. Fritz
Provost/Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Marissa Pontecorvo ’11
Signing by CSI ASL Students

INVOCATION

Reverend Dr. Tony Baker
St. Phillip’s Baptist Church

WELCOME

Tomás D. Morales
President, College of Staten Island

GREETINGS

Kathleen M. Pesile ’73
Trustee, The City University of New York
On behalf of the Board of Trustees

Vice Chancellor Pamela Silverblatt
The City University of New York
On behalf of Chancellor Matthew Goldstein

Michal Kruk
Professor, College of Staten Island
On behalf of the CSI Faculty

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES

Tomás D. Morales

Denis M. Hughes
President, NYS AFL-CIO
Doctor of Letters, honoris causa

Diane Kelder
Professor Emerita, The Graduate Center, CUNY
Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa

John Noble Wilford
Author and Journalist
Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa

RECOGNITION OF PRESIDENTIAL MEDALS

Tomás D. Morales
Salvatore J. Cassano
Dolores N. Morris ’78
Dr. Fred Naider

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

William J. Fritz

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Thomas P. DiNapoli
New York State Comptroller
INTRODUCTION OF VALEDICTORIAN
  William J. Fritz

VALEDICTORIAN ADDRESS
  Melissa Horne ’11

INDUCTION OF ALUMNI
  Vullnet Kolari ’98
  President, CSI Alumni Association

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES
  William J. Fritz

CONFERRING OF DEGREES
  President Tomás D. Morales

RECESSIONAL

Immediately following the ceremony: Departmental Exercises
Reception for graduates and guests: Campus Center at 12:30pm.

Interpreters: Anna Carter and Elizabeth McNelis
COLLEGE HONORS

CSI Valedictorian  Melissa Horne ’11
CSI Salutatorian   Brian Kateman ’11

COLLEGE AWARDS

Arleigh B. Williamson Liberal Arts Award  Christina Terracino
Clara and Arleigh B. Williamson Award  Ilyssa Silfen

Phi Beta Kappa Associates Awards
Eileen Brown, Jenna Calderon, Angelica Farin, Paul Friedman, Natalie Gratkowski, Melissa Horne, Brian Kateman, Eugene Lempert, Regina Miller, Jessica Ng, Michele Olinsky, Denise Sforza, Ilyssa Silfen, Anna Theodoropoulos, Georges Bouobda Tsemou, and Gail Wodkiewicz

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

DIVISION OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

BUSINESS

Business Department Faculty Award for Excellence
Praveen Lal
Rhoda and Bernard Blau Award
Jacquelyn Cannizzo
Beverly Curry Memorial Award
Nayanjala Fernando
Lorraine and Gordon Di Paolo Management Awards
Walter Strick
Gabriella Totino
Jason Wise
Lorraine and Gordon Di Paolo Marketing Awards
Kyriaki Kosmidou
Michael Levine
Jonathan Moll
Andrew Esterly Award for Academic Excellence
Chunnu Huang
Dr. Libero Giovanni Moretti Award
Christie Yates
Charles Pinzolo Award
Fatmira Elezovski
Burton S. Player Award for Academic Excellence
David Gonzalez
New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants Award (Bachelor's Degree)
Weida Lam

Wall Street Journal Achievement Award
Svetlana Skobeleva

CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Academic Excellence in Business
Elena Donchenko

EDUCATION
Kopple C. Friedman Commencement Award
Jenna Howard

Harris Goldberg Memorial Award
Felice Muller

Judith Summerville Memorial Award
Joanne Brennan

CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Academic Excellence in Business
Kristina Schipani

ENGLISH
Carson and Ruth Alexander Award
Anthony Di Pietro

Grace S. and Thomas Feola Award
Gregory Gibilaro

Earl Jacobs Memorial Award
Carissa Lobianco

Creative Writing Award
Melissa Horne

English Department Linguistic Award
Monica Lucarini

English Department Literature Award
Janine Harouni

Ely Stock Memorial Awards
Michelle Nastacio
Salvatore Tarantola

MA Awards in English
Warrick Bell
Laura Loiacono
Lori Petrarca

CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Academic Excellence in English
Natalie Gratkowski

HISTORY
Professor Herbert Foster-James Sturm-Don Hausdorff Memorial Award
Marissa Misiti

Stanley Plastrik Memorial Commencement Award
Christina Landolfi

CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Academic Excellence in History
Charles Kosa
MEDIA CULTURE

Media Culture Department Award: Cinema Studies
Seth Harris

Media Culture Department Awards: Communications
Megan Barclay
Marie Mignone
Natasha Toal

George Custen Memorial Awards
Kristie Falco
Ellen Grasso
Moshe Shushan

Elliot Rubenstein Memorial Award
Michael Maslankowski

CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Academic Excellence in Cinema/Communications
Qimei Luo

MODERN LANGUAGES

Modern Language Department Award for Excellence in Spanish
Jorge Soto

Modern Language Department Award for Excellence in Italian
Alessia Savoia

Claudi Corradini Award
Jennifer Zuccaro

CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Academic Excellence in Modern Languages
Rodolfo Rivera

PERFORMING AND CREATIVE ARTS

Andrea Batista Award
Thomas Reilly

Performing and Creative Arts Department Awards: Art
Ewelina Berc
Christina Carannante
Iman-Ayeesha Platt

Performing and Creative Arts Department Awards: Music
Jenna Calderon
David Glorioso

Ted McIrvine Memorial Award
Gregory Quagliano

CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Academic Excellence in Performing and Creative Arts
Jenna Calderon

POLITICAL SCIENCE, ECONOMICS, AND PHILOSOPHY

Donna Mayer Awards for Academic Excellence
Olalekan Afolabi
Paul Friedman
Oded Remba Memorial Awards
for Excellence in Economics
Elena Donchenko
Laura Medina
Yuliya Repita
Svetlana Skobeleva
Nicholas Song

Laura Schwartz Memorial Awards
for Excellence in Political Science
Ana Peradze
Jonathan Rossi

Robert J. Schwenk Political Science Award
Michele Olinsky

Excellence in Philosophy Awards
Clare Baran
Julia Hayes
Brian Kateman
Gary Raia
Diane Verbovetskaya

CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in Political Science,
Economics, and Philosophy
David Gonzalez

PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology Departmental Award
Gail Wodkiewicz

Anita Conte Memorial Award
Alyssa Ann Bono
Ruth Lieberman

Mark Guterman Memorial Award
Benjamin Silfen

Anya Gabriela Kuppersmith Memorial Award
Jessica Ng

CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in Psychology
Alexa Scharf

SOCIOLOGY,
ANTHROPOLOGY,
AND SOCIAL WORK

Judith Balfe Memorial Award
Lovicia Newsome

Emil Oesterreicher Awards in Sociology
Eileen Brown
Marybeth Melendez

CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in Sociology,
Anthropology, and Social Work
Eneida Patricolo
DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

BIOLOGY

Biology Department Faculty Awards
Paul Handdog
Brian Kateman

Biology Department Faculty Award and the Joseph and Eileen Carlton Memorial Fund for Service to the Biology Department
Regina Miller

Melvin Baumel Memorial Award in Medical Technology
Hayat Elatioui

Paris Garcia Memorial Award
Christine Beshara

CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Excellence in Biology
Eugene Lempert

Joseph Vagvolgyi Memorial Award
Anna Theodoropoulos

CHEMISTRY

Chemistry Department Award
Lukasz Krawiec

CRC Press Chemistry Achievement Award
Georges Bouobda Tsemou

Patricia A. Nolan Award
Jose Saltos

CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Academic Excellence in Chemistry/Biochemistry
Tony Jin

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Maung Aung Memorial Award
Charles Graffeo

Warren G. Simmons Memorial Award
Dean Kunjravia

Augustin Tuzhilin Memorial Award
Dan Hoizner

Computer Science Department Awards
Nazmul Ahsan
Matthew Eisenberg
Dan Hoizner
Dean Kunjravia
Hyuk Ho Song
Jae Yeum

MS in Computer Science
Joseph Caputo
Snehal Mehta
Krushbhu Rupani

CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Outstanding Service in Computer Science
Jae Yeum
ENGINEERING SCIENCE
AND PHYSICS
Giovanni S. Impeduglia Memorial Commencement Award
Nicholas Rollizo
CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Academic Excellence in Engineering Science and Physics
Valerie DeAngelo

ENGINEERING
TECHNOLOGIES
Henry Huang Memorial Award
Mohit Choudhary
Morris E. Levine Memorial Award
Anthony Bartolotta

MATHEMATICS
Sberry Blackman Memorial Award
Raechel Strobel
Louis Blake Memorial Award
Ensela Mema
Benedict Carlat Memorial Award for Outstanding Work in Mathematics
Anna Theodoropoulos
CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Academic Excellence in Mathematics
Ilirjana Duka

NURSING
AAS Award in Nursing
Angela Ortiz
BSN Award in Nursing
Hajung Lee
Maria Pagani
MS Award in Nursing
Cherrisse Bunch
CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Academic Excellence in Nursing
Cora-Ann O’Regan

PHYSICAL THERAPY
Physical Therapy Department Faculty Award for Service in Physical Therapy
Peter Bonadonna
New York Physical Therapy Association
Brooklyn-Staten Island District Meritorious Student Achievement Award
Peter Bonadonna
Physical Therapy Faculty Awards for Excellence in Physical Therapy
Robert Barberesi
Peter Bonadonna
Maksim Iolin
Vadim Plaxine
Suk Song
Alesia Tanios
INTERDISCIPLINARY AWARDS

CORE 100 Award
Christopher Bailey

Federick M. Binder MALS Award for Outstanding Scholarly Achievement
Eddie DeLeon

The Richard Gid Powers Award in American Studies
Jonathan Rossi

Stephen J. Stearns and Sadrul A. Khan Memorial Award
Dorey Houle

Environmental Science Award
Daniel Spadaro

Honors in Science, Letters, and Society
Kristina Schipani
Jamie Tornatore

Information Systems
Martin Kollik
Gayathri Sudarsanan

International Studies
Isabella Cardona

Women’s Gender and Sexuality Award
Angelica Popolano

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Award for Outstanding Service to the SEEK Program
Lesly Carazas

John Conway Memorial Award
Denise Sforza

Billy Fraser Achievement Award
Jennifer Guinta

James Ortiz, Jr. Memorial Award
Brian Melnick

Rehberg Memorial Award for Academic Excellence in Poetry
Jeanette Lane

Female Athlete of the Year Award
Raechel Strobel

Male Athlete of the Year Award
Nikolay Shevchenko

WSIA-FM Student Service Award
Andrew Fine
Steven Hager

Student Government Student Service Awards – Faculty/Staff
Winnie Brophy
Tracey Jones
Michael Mandiberg
Student Government Student Service Awards – Students
Christina Carannante
Meagan Derbyshire
Dan Hoizner
Katrell Lewis
Michael Maslankowski
Andrew Oppenheimer
Lovicia Newsome
Jessica Ng
Washeika Torres

CSI

FOUNDATION PRIZES

Christina Carannante
Jerry Chen

Creative Writing
Jennifer Fitzgerald

Dramatic Arts
Thomas Reilly

Music
Jenna Calderon
David Glorioso
Gregory Quagliano

SAUNDRA FRANKEL MEMORIAL AWARDS

Medical Technology (Bachelor’s Degree)
Yelena Chekoff

Nursing (Associate’s Degree)
Laila Mohamed

Nursing (Bachelor’s Degree)
Maria Pagani

Physical Therapy
(Bachelor’s/Master’s Degree)
Suk Song

OTHER AWARDS

CSI Alumni Association Outstanding Student Leadership Awards
Isabella Cardone
Dan Hoizner
Raechel Strobel

Melvin Baunel Memorial Basketball Award
Dale Taranto

Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges
Michael Allamby
Deryn Cro
Chaya Englard
Megan Ernst
Melice Golding
David Gonzalez
Katrina Hannan
Melissa Horne
James Larsen
Qing Li
Ann Mackey
DOLPHIN AWARDS

Outstanding Scholarly Achievement by a Member of the Full-Time Faculty
Professor Michal Kruk
Department of Chemistry

Outstanding Teaching by a Member of the Full-Time Faculty
Tracey Jones
Department of Performing and Creative Arts

Outstanding Teaching by a Member of the Adjunct Faculty
Shah Jayman
Department of Political Science, Economics, and Philosophy

Outstanding Service and Contribution to the College by a Member of the Full-Time Faculty
Thomas Tellefsen
Department of Business

Outstanding Service and Contribution to the College by a Member of the Non-Teaching Instructional Staff in HEO Title
Donna Gerstle
Center for Environmental Science
Master's Program Environmental Science

Doriann Pieve-Hyland
Office of Technology Systems

Outstanding Service and Contribution to the College by a Member of the Non-Instructional Staff in CLT and OIT Specialist Title
Joanne Nierkrash-Camhi
Department of Psychology

Outstanding Service and Contribution to the College by a Member of the Non-Instructional Staff in Clerical Function
Jean Coombs
Office of Finance and Administration

Outstanding Service and Contribution to the College by a Member of the Non-Instructional Staff in Maintenance, Operations, and Security
Marilyn Ulrich
Office of Buildings and Grounds

Outstanding Service and Contribution to the College by a Member of the Part-Time, Non-Teaching Staff
Barbara Uszacki
Macaulay Honors College

Outstanding Service and Contribution to the College by a Currently Enrolled Student
Michael Maslankowski
Jolanta Smulski
HONORARY DEGREES

Denis M. Hughes  
Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*  
You are President of the 2.5 million-member New York State AFL-CIO.

You received a BS degree in Labor and Industrial Relations from Empire State College.

In 1985 you joined the New York State AFL-CIO staff as Political Director and Assistant to the President, ascending to the position of President in 1999. You have subsequently been re-elected to four-year terms ever since.

Upon your election as President of the New York State AFL-CIO, you made creating a more mobile, active, and aggressive statewide labor movement a top priority.

Among your accomplishments are the coordination of labor's successful efforts to secure $20 Billion in federal funding to help rebuild New York City and New York State, in the aftermath of 9/11, and passage of legislation that provides necessary funding for treatment and medical care for 9/11's heroes and first-responders.

You are currently on Cornell University’s Board of Trustees, you have served on a number of state commissions, and you were chairperson of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's Board of Directors from 2009 to 2010.

Diane Kelder  
Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*  
You are a prolific and accomplished author, educator, and curator, who was the founding director for the Art Gallery of the CUNY Graduate Center.

You received your BA from Queens College and went on to receive your doctorate at Bryn Mawr College.

With research interests that include the art of the French Revolution, 19th- and 20th-century French painting, the history of graphic art, and early American modernism, you taught at the College of Staten Island from 1971 to 2000, and at the Graduate Center from 1980 to 2000.

You have also served as the long-time editor of *Art Journal*, the journal of the College Art Association, and you chaired the committee that selected the paintings and sculptures at CSI, leaving your mark on the aesthetics of our campus.

In addition, you have presented at numerous professional events and participated in many panels, lectures, and symposia.

John Noble Wilford  
Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*  
You are a veteran journalist, with the reputation of being the preeminent space reporter in the United States.

You earned your BS in Journalism from the University of Tennessee in 1955 and your MA in Political Science from Syracuse.
Your distinguished career in journalism began in 1956 with a job as a general assignment writer for The Wall Street Journal, and later as a medical writer. You spent a year at Columbia University under a Ford Foundation Fellowship, subsequently taking a job with Time magazine as a contributing science editor, then onward to The New York Times as a science reporter in 1965. You eventually become The New York Times’s best-known science reporter and were instrumental in creating the “Science News” section that elevated the quality of science coverage in the newspaper.

You have been honored with numerous awards for your writing, including two Pulitzer Prizes, and you have held visiting professorships at several universities including Princeton, Syracuse, Duke, Yale, and the University of Tennessee. You have also been the author, coauthor, or editor of eight books.

**PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL RECIPIENTS**

**Salvatore J. Cassano**
As he has supported the people of the City of New York with his dedication and service, today we recognize with the President’s Medal of the College of Staten Island.

**Dolores N. Morris**
As she has committed her time and energy to the people of Staten Island, today we recognize Dolores N. Morris with the President’s Medal of the College of Staten Island.

**Fred Naider**
As he has worked tirelessly to benefit the College of Staten Island and the scientific community, today we recognize Fred Naider with the President’s Medal of the College of Staten Island.
The listing of names, degrees, and honors to be conferred, appearing herein, is subject to such changes, deletions, and additions as may be necessary to conform to the final and official records of the College of Staten Island. This listing includes potential candidates for graduation and is not an official list of graduates. Awarding of degrees and honors is contingent upon certification by the Registrar pending receipt of final grades.

* Latin Honors are granted pending determination by the Registrar’s Office that candidates have satisfied the requirements.

*** summa cum laude (GPA of at least 3.90)
** magna cum laude (GPA of at least 3.75)
* cum laude (GPA of at least 3.50)
† honors in the major
JANUARY 2011

CUNY Macaulay Honors College University Scholars Program
Reham Elsayed Hassan **

The Verrazano School
Matthew Joseph Beshai *
Brian Shane Brice *
Robert Anthony Crimmins
Charles Andrew Kosa **
Laura L. Medina *
Jessica I. Rothman
Katie A. Ryan
Alexa Nicole Scharf **

Associate in Applied Science
Germeen Abdelmessih
Francine Marie Amico
Nicholas Andreada
Fortino Aparicio-Rodela
Joan A. Artesi
Vitaliy Ayzenberg
Marielle Rose Baker *
Tina Bellino
Caterina Bonomo
Claudiu Cristian Bradeanu
Tatsiana Caches *
Anne Marie Caminiti
Joseph A. Caracciolo
Christine Carrieri *
Tara Castro
Seraldí Chauhan
Shuai Chen
Lee Cheung
Jaclyn M. Chiaccheri
Stella Chiu **
Christina Cianci
Gillian Ariel-Marie Cipriano
Michael Citera
Tara A. Colon ***
Cindy Cosidente
Christopher Costantino
Michelle Cruz
Kayla Rose Davis
Sara R. De La Cruz
Jasmine De Stefano *
Beverly Jean Devonish
Joseph E. Dippolito
Raymund Dominguez
Alexandr Dreyzin
Matthew Eisenberg **
Ivelisse Estevez
Sandrine C. Fami-Ntetmen *
Mariya Feldman ***
Josefina Feliciano
Nick James Feliciano
Harrison G. Ferber
Sandra J. Ferrara *
John Charles Fiore
Alissa Forlenza
Ari Fozailow
Jonathan W. George *
Shady Ghadban
Joshalina M. Gilmore
Brittany Rose Imbasciani
Marykutty Keevathy Itty
Janeth Jimenez
Tiara Nicole Johnson
Zarak Khan
Steven Klein
Monika Klimk
Wan Io Kuong
Yong Li Kwong
Weida Lam **
Paul A. Lantieri
Lisa Moran Magliente
Stephanie M. Martinez
Gabriele Capri McGhee
Rachel Mica-Nicholson
Laila Nadim Mohamed *
Deanna Mojica
Javier J. Monsalve
Catherine A. Montalvo
Carmine Mucciarone, Jr.
Aleena Niebes
Zarina Orozalieva
Anastasija Outkina
Henryka Paczkowski
Michelle M. Paterno
Samire Perasevic
Carissa Pignetti
Erica Plaza-Hernandez
Sharanay Polisetti
Etele Qosja *
Ahmed Radwan
Aaron Andrew Ramirez
Yelena Rasporskaya *
Yuliya Repita **
Stephanie T. Rice
Nikolai Rodney
Kimberly Sage *
Laedi Marie San Luis
Daniel P. Savage
Jihad Shahin
Amanda Renee Shelton
Larisa Shumilova *
Marie Sia *
Pethwahandi L. Silva
Steven B. Silverstein
Adam Spencer
Elena C. Steiman
Barnabas C. Sudre *
Shannon Talvy
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Tatyana Tsvik
Ryan T. Van Pelt
Jessica Rachelle Vazquez
Nicole Vinciguerra
Danielle B. Ward-Torres
Regina Askia Williams
Michael J. Winn
Stacy Winter *
Anna Yakir
Christina Youssef
Ching Tung Yu *
Judy Zeng

Associate in Arts
Samson Tolu Abodunrin
Edward Abrams
Victoria F. Aceste **
Kelly Ahearn
Saima Akram ***
Maria Alarcon
Abelardo Aleman
Maryana Andreyko
Michael Anselmi ***
Amanda Janine Antonatelli
Rima M. Attar
Karissa Bayer
Melissa R. Berman
Daniel Bilotti
Amelia Ann Bolognese
Laura Brody
Paige L. Buono
Brendan Vincent Byrnes
Deborah Silva Cannon
Kaitlyn Cantoni *
Jena Caputo
Carmela Cataldi
Amanda E. Chapman
Diana Cianciotta
John P. Clinton
Taise Noel Couto
Jazmen Sade Cramer
Jonathan Lewis Cruz
Paul John Culotta
Matthew N. DeFendis
Jennifer M. Degirolamo
Edith P. del Vecchio
Dana A. Depaola *
Silham H. Doleh
Melissa A. Drake *
Alyssa Marie Drew
Dannis Anthony Dublin
Anthony J. Egan
Michael A. Enahoro
Alexandra A. Espinal
Jacqueline M. Estrema

Angelica Farin ***
Renee Lynnette Ferrara *
Stephanie Ann Figueroa
Jennifer Francois
Brooke Lauren Frankel
Jaclyn Ann French **
Erin K. Fu
Fany Galamb
Alyssa L. Gale
Amanda L. Gallo
Carolyn Giardina *
Jessica J. Gomez
Matthew Goodhartz
Migena Gora *
James Edward Gray, Jr.
George D. Hennig
Christina A. Iacampo
Wannie Estherline Johnson
Elyse Nicole Johnstone
Jeffrey L. Khamis
Patricia Kosa
Ashley Kovoor Kuruvilla *
Rose B. Laguerre
Melissa G. Lalla **
Noelle M. La Piedra
Alyssa Marie LaRocca
Andrew J. Lassen
Jeffrey Lewkowitz
Ze Y. Li
Dabeyva Yamina Lobo
Virgil J. Long
Stephanie Magett
Liliana Maldonado
Valerie Manzello *
Joy Rose Marchica
E. Daniel Martinez
Samantha Matos ***
Peter A. Mauro
LoriAnn Mazzola
Annalisia Meade
Stephanie Amanda Medina
Alyssa Marie Merola *
Shantel S. Modeste
Evalis Maria Molina
Casey A. Mollo
Edward W. Mone
Donna L. Moran
Taulanta Murati
Frank Patrick Napolitano
Ngozi Florence Nnaji
Michael Patrick Olivo
Caitlin A. O’Neill
Danielle Niccole Oszustowicz
Lamecha Othman
Nicholas J. Paccione
Elizabeth Palafox
JANUARY 2011

Paloma M. Palomba **
Andrew Panayiotou
Helen Pao
Fred P. Parasandolo
Joseph Robert Parisi
Sharon Parmesh
Candice R. Pawloski
Adan Paz **
Delilah Pedroza *
Michael Picone
Jillian M. Popper *
Marquis E. Powell
Imani Randall
Jaimie Nicole Reitano
Joseph A. Riccobono
Christopher Lee Rodriguez
Henry Roman
Kirk J. Roses
Pamela Jane Salerno *
Genesis Uriel Santiago
Jovan J. Santopietro
Anthony Sarni, Jr.
Anna M. Savona
Rachel Ann Scalici
Jenna M. Schulman
Laura Schwartz
Briana Shuki
Tatiana Maribel Silva
Keith R. Siragusa
Jorge N. Soto
Christina Terracino ***
Kelly Timari
Jennifer Lynn Torres
Samantha J. Tortorello
Shatae Frances Trotman-Williams
Amanda Marie Turner
Vito Urli, Jr.
Luz Maria Valdez
Janine Vecchio
Daniel Enrique Villalba
Alexandra L. Violetta
Kayla Virga
Indira Vukic Jasarevic
Kimberly Ann Wojcik
Niroshini Yoga
Mark Ruviuim Zaslavsky
Nestor Javier Zelarayan

Bachelor of Arts
Jacqueline Marie Abrams
Adesibi Opeyemi Adebiran
Maryanne Agro *
Rohma Ahmed
Mallory Katherine Ameneiros
David W. Anderson
Christine Arce
Rachel C. Ashur *
Rafael Asusta
Ashley Elizabeth Ayoub
Samantha Baker
Igor Balanovski
Maria Balsamo
Osman Sahid Bangura
Lisa M. Banks
Kenneth M. Barry
Sarah E. Bashinelli
Kevin Bastawrose
Damaris Bianchi *
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Robert Louis Biondo *
Sean Sebastian Bogil
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Radica Boordram *
Jose Borrero
Philip Brennan
Brian Shane Brice *
Noreen Kelly Brigante
Eileen M. Brown ***
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Jaime Cannata
Linda Ann Cappiello
Julie Diana Carro *
Courtney Cartagena
Thiago Completo Carvalho
Daniel Vincent Castellano
Erika Leigh Cella
Shirma Charles-Fortune
Shuang Chen *
Dana Lee Christensen **
Tatiana Ciccarelli
Jessica Ciccotto
Mary Elizabeth Conroy
Nicole Ashley Cooper
Judith A. Couto
Amy Cynthia Crespo
Suzanne Reale Criscione
Stephanie Crowe
Christine Marie Crowley
Daniel T. Cruz
Nicole M. Cruz
Karen Cullen
Mary Fabyan Cummings

Associate in Science
Lauren C. Cybulski
John DeVito
Lisa Marie LaManna **
Yanique Jodieann Lingo
Hina Naveed
Monana Shimova
JANUARY 2011

Diana Di Noto
Martin Anthony Diaz
Heather S. Dmiszewicki
Tanya Leigh Dolcimascolo
Robert James Drennan *
Dannis Anthony Dublin
Majlinda Duka *
Nicole Marie Dzedovich
Meryem Elghazi
Jean Elizabeth Farinella
Tiffany April Farriella *
Giovanna Figueroa
Stephanie Ann Figueroa
Kristen Fitzpatrick
Shannon Lee Foreshew **
Edwin Joseph Geandomenico, Jr.
Antonina Geca
Fiona Germain
Gregory Angelo Gibilaro **
Jessica J. Gomez
Kristen Granata
Aferdita Halli *
Shawn Michael Hamm
Heather Hamrah
Michael E Hanna
Janine M. Harouni *
Seth Harris
Reham Elsayed Hassan **
William Heines
Christopher Hermus
Erika Lynn Hershey
Andrea Jane Hoffman
Cahshiria Donette Hoilette
Melissa Ippolito
Justine Jacobs
Jessica Jorge-Duran
Rebecca Joseph **
Danielle Jurkiewicz
Spiridoula Karagiannis
Kristina Katasros
Devorah Rebecca Katz **
Michael W. Keenan
Jeffrey L. Khamis
Charles Andrew Kosa **
Monica Lalwani
Ashley Lauren Leithauser
Gregory Scott Lewis
Ji Yi Liang
Mia Gabrielle Lindauer
Alfred Peter Lobaito
Carissa Ann LoBianco *
Dabeeya Yamina Lobo
Dorothy Ray Lundgren
Jolene Natalia Maggio
Janine Maniscalco
Lisa Michele March
Michael Marchia

Jamie Leigh Marrariello
Michelle Marie Martinesi
Agnieszka Mazurek
Simone Sue McDonald
John McKenna
Josephine Mellone
Brian Melnick
Robert Miller
George F. Mina
Diana Molic
Evalis Maria Molina
Taylor Ann Moran
Edin Mualovic
Ronald Muwonge Mulindwa
Cynthia Munoz
Elliot David Neiman **
Katherine Nicole Norton
Devon Nicole O'Leary
Adedolapo Oyefeso
Daniel Patrick Palmieri *
Jessica Parco
Encida M. Patricolo **
Samantha Marie Paugh
Laura Pellecchia
Michelle Renee Perlongo
Jennifer Lynn Petrizzo
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Ceremonies at American colleges and universities go back to ceremonies at the universities of medieval Europe, which were closely linked with religious orders. Most teachers were members of the clergy; many students expected to take holy orders.

Academic costumes are derived from clerical dress. They also reflect rank: as ordinary clergymen wear less elaborate costumes than bishops, so undergraduates wear less elaborate costumes than professors. Then academic costumes, worn every day, were functional: hoods, for example, protected the head from cold and from inclement weather and dropped back onto the shoulders when not needed. Now hoods are ceremonial.

American academic costumes can be “read” for information. Bachelor’s gowns are simple, with modestly gathered sleeves that extend to the wrist. Master’s gowns have long kimono-like sleeves. Doctors’ gowns have full gathered sleeves with velvet bands. Bachelor’s hoods are small, master’s hoods are somewhat larger, and doctors’ hoods are knee-length. Today, instead of receiving hoods at commencement, undergraduates shift the tassels on their mortarboards from right to left when their degrees are conferred.

Most hoods have velvet borders whose color designates the academic fields of the wearers, as follows:

- white: arts and letters
- drab: business administration
- copper: economics
- orange: engineering
- brown: fine arts
- purple: law
- lemon: library science
- green: medicine
- pink: music
- light blue: pedagogy
- blue: philosophy (and other liberal arts)
- sage green: physical education
- gold: science
- scarlet: theology

Colored velvet also trims the front edges of doctors’ gowns.

Hoods are lined with the colors of the schools that grant the wearers’ degrees, sometimes a single color, sometimes two, one a field color and the other a chevron-shaped stripe. The colors of the College of Staten Island are maroon and royal blue; its master’s hoods have maroon as the field color, royal blue as the chevron color.

In recent years universities have adopted colored doctoral gowns to take the place of black gowns. Ordinarily these gowns use the field color of the institutions’ doctoral hoods: Columbia and Yale University gowns are a pale blue and a medium blue, for example, Harvard and Rutgers University gowns are crimson, New York University gowns are violet, Princeton University gowns are orange, and The City University of New York gowns are dark blue.
Academic processions, like religious processions, are organized hierarchically. Bachelor’s degree candidates come first, then master’s degree candidates, then faculty, then administrators, trustees, and honorary degree candidates. The president, who comes last, is preceded by a mace bearer. This order is reversed in recessions.

The College of Staten Island’s mace, dedicated in 1986 to mark the tenth anniversary of the College, was made by a Finnish-American silversmith, Veikko Huotari. The College’s seal is at the top above four ornaments: the seals of Staten Island Community College and Richmond College (its predecessor institutions), the symbol of the borough of Staten Island, and dolphins, the College’s mascot. The College’s motto, “Opportunity and Challenge,” encircles the neck of the mace’s shaft.