

COMMENCEMENT
EXERCISES
2013

THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND
THIRTY-SEVENTH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2013 at 10:00AM

GREAT LAWN

2800 VICTORY BOULEVARD
STATEN ISLAND, NY 10314

PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL

PRESENTATION

Grand Marshal
George Emilio Sanchez
*Professor of Performing and Creative Arts
and Vice Chair, College Council*

PRESIDING OFFICER

Fred Naider
Interim Provost/Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Ashley Gill '13
Signing by College of Staten Island American Sign Language Students

INVOCATION

Reverend Lewis Marshall
All Saints Episcopal Church

WELCOME

William J. Fritz
Interim President

GREETINGS

Rita DiMartino '76
Trustee, The City University of New York (CUNY)
On behalf of the Board of Trustees

Iris Weinshall
Vice Chancellor, The City University of New York (CUNY)
On behalf of Chancellor Matthew Goldstein

Probal Banerjee
Professor of Chemistry
On behalf of the College of Staten Island Faculty

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES

William J. Fritz

Elizabeth A. Dubovsky
Executive Director, Staten Island Foundation
Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa

Toyin Falola
Distinguished Professor of History
Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa

RECOGNITION OF PRESIDENTIAL MEDALS

William J. Fritz

Robert Cutrona, Sr.
Norma D'Arrigo
Dr. Alfred Levine

INTRODUCTION OF VALEDICTORIAN

Fred Naider

VALEDICTORIANS' ADDRESS

Christopher Bitetto '13
Evelyn I. Okeke '13

INDUCTION OF ALUMNI

Arthur Merola '85

President, College of Staten Island Alumni Association

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

Fred Naider

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

William J. Fritz

RECESSIONAL

Departmental Exercises: Immediately following the ceremony.

Reception for graduates and guests: Campus Center at 12:30pm.

Interpreters: Kimberly Mecane, Christine Quinton, Christina Trunzo-Mosleh

COLLEGE HONORS

CSI Valedictorian Christopher Bitetto '13

CSI Salutatorian Christina Terracino '13

COLLEGE AWARDS

Arleigh B. Williamson Liberal Arts Award

Elayne Mei

Clara and Arleigh B. Williamson Award

Christine Terracino

Phi Beta Kappa Associates Awards

Samantha Agnese, Chaim Averick,
Christopher Bitetto, Nicole Boffa, Alessandro
Carpin, Andrea Cella, Vanessa De Luca,
Darya Epel, Marwa Janini, Kaitlin Kelly,
Emine Martini, Naftuli Moster, Franklin Nanes,
Evelyn Okeke, Jennica Perez, Robert Spampinato,
Christina Terracino, Olivia Tierno,
Christina Vicidomini, Nicole Wallace

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

DIVISION OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

EDUCATION

Kopple C. Friedman Commencement Award
Edward Abdenour

Harris Goldberg Memorial Award
Jenny Deighan

Judith Summerville Memorial Award
Melissa Blanco Gonzalez

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in Education*
Rochelle Capila

ENGLISH

Grace S. and Thomas Feola Award
Christopher Cuccia

Earl Jacobs Memorial Award
Charissa Che

Creative Writing Awards
Corey Lewis
Marilyn Williams

English Department Linguistic Award
Santina Naolo

English Department Literature Award
Alicia Jimenez

MA Awards in English
Christine Sanders
Denise Sforza

*Rebberg Memorial Award for
Academic Excellence in Poetry*
Elmira Elvazova

Ely Stock Memorial Award
Melissa Birchfield

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in English*
Bianca Cardacci

HISTORY

*Professor Herbert Foster-James
Sturm-Don Hausdorff Memorial Award*
Gabriella Leone

*Stanley Plastrik Memorial
Commencement Awards*
Michele Crivellone
Marwa Janini

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in History*
Vanessa De Luca

MEDIA CULTURE

*Media Culture Department Award:
Cinema Studies*
Yolanda Rhooms

*Media Culture Department Award:
Communications*
Nicole Boffa

George Custen Memorial Awards
Martha Diaz
Kathryn Hennessy

Elliot Rubenstein Memorial Award
Matthew Lee

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in
Cinema/Communications*
Christopher Bitetto

**PERFORMING AND
CREATIVE ARTS**

*Performing and Creative Arts
Department Award: Art*
Nicole Castaldo

*Performing and Creative Arts
Department Award: Dramatic Arts*
Megan Jardine

*Performing and Creative Arts
Department Award: Music*
Ashley Gill

Ted McIrvine Memorial Award
Ashley Gill

*Margaret Ricciardi Commencement Award
for Studio Art*
Dania Churovich

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in
Performing and Creative Arts*
Ashley Gill

**POLITICAL SCIENCE,
ECONOMICS, AND
PHILOSOPHY**

*Donna Mayer Awards
for Academic Excellence*
Tilanga Fernandez
Nicole Wallace

*Oded Remba Memorial Awards
for Excellence in Economics*
Abdullah Alabdali
George Tsetsakos

*Laura Schwartz Memorial Awards
for Excellence in Political Science*
Tristen Blake
Kanika Khanna

Robert J. Schwenk Political Science Awards
Jennifer Wilson
Gabriella Zambrana

Excellence in Philosophy Awards
Carlos Angarita
Mitchell Nagib
Robert Reider
Aleksi Smelianski

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in Political Science,
Economics, and Philosophy*
Meagan Derbyshire

PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology Departmental Award
Ala Jaarah

Judith Balfe Memorial Awards
Joseph Canoro
Maureen Pritchard

Anita Conte Memorial Award
Chaim Averick

*Deitch Psychological Studies Awards
for Evening Students*
Tatyana Gilgurd
Christina Vicidomini

Mark Guterman Memorial Awards
Christina Gioeli
Leah Magoli

Anya Gabriela Koppersmith Memorial Award
Laura Bocanegra Coreea

*Richmond County Psychological
Association Awards*
Ala Jaarah
Amy Lee
Cynthia McCloskey

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in Psychology*
Naftuli Moster

**SOCIOLOGY,
ANTHROPOLOGY,
AND SOCIAL WORK**

*Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work
Department Faculty Award*
Carl Jackman

Emil Oestereicher Memorial Award
Aleksandr Groys

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in Sociology,
Anthropology, and Social Work*
Carlene Vesprey

**WORLD LANGUAGES
AND LITERATURES**

*World Languages and Literatures
Department Award for Excellence in Spanish*
Jennica Perez

*World Languages and Literatures
Department Award for Excellence in Italian*
Alyssa Castagliola

*CSI Auxiliary Service Award for Academic
Excellence in World Languages and Literatures*
Alessandro Carpin

DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

BIOLOGY

Biology Department Faculty Awards
Kaitlin Kelly
Alina Kogan

*Biology Department Faculty Award
and the Joseph and Eileen Carlton Memorial
Fund for Service to the Biology Department*
Yuliya Vasilyeva

*Melvin Baumel Memorial Award
in Medical Technology*
Lisa Huynh

Paris Garcia Memorial Award
Kathleen Casey

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Excellence in Biology*
Phillip Ma

Joseph Vagvolgyi Memorial Award
Isma Butt

CHEMISTRY

Chemistry Department Award
Nisthani Fuard

CRC Press Chemistry Achievement Award
Syeda Hussaini

Patricia A. Nolan Award
Amram Averick

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for
Academic Excellence in Chemistry/Biochemistry*
Mahvish Karim

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Maung Aung Memorial Award
Nuwan Panditaratne

Warren G. Simmons Memorial Award
Martin Hanna

Augustin Tuzbilin Memorial Award
Ayhan Aksoy

Computer Science Department Awards
Ayhan Aksoy

Bartłomiej Bartosik
Yohan Bonilla
Michael Costantino
Martin Hanna
Isaac Osores
Nuwan Panditaratne
Jose Pena
Stephen Salvo
Deepa Sivaprakash
Anthony Tilelli
Darwin Tixi

MS in Computer Science
Smital Chopade
Xun Jiang
Suntharalingam Kohulan

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Outstanding Service in Computer Science*
Michael Costantino

**ENGINEERING SCIENCE
AND PHYSICS**

*Giovanni S. Impeduglia Memorial
Commencement Award*
Franklin Nanes

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in
Engineering Science and Physics*
Ziqiang Chen

**ENGINEERING
TECHNOLOGIES**

Henry Huang Memorial Award
Jesus Santiago

Morris E. Levine Memorial Award
Guizhong Lin

John Mulligan Memorial Award
Bryan Furia

MATHEMATICS

Sberry Blackman Memorial Award
Elena Sverdlova

Louis Blake Memorial Award
Andrea Cella

*Benedict Carlat Memorial Award
for Outstanding Work in Mathematics*
Anthony De Luca

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in Mathematics*
Michel Abdo

NURSING

AAS Award in Nursing
Swapna Moses

BSN Award in Nursing
Cora-Ann O'Regan

MS Award in Nursing
Erica Ruppert

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in Nursing*
Vera Dsilva

PHYSICAL THERAPY

*Physical Therapy Department Faculty Awards
for Service in Physical Therapy*

Mark Auerbach
Philip Cagliostro
Karen Cinquemani Costa
Christopher Desiderio
Jonathan Einhorn
Amanda Gaal
Enrique Garcia
Kristin Petosa
Anna Saad
Elizabeth Treadaway

*New York Physical Therapy Association
Brooklyn-Staten Island District Meritorious
Student Achievement Award*

Amanda Gaal

*Physical Therapy Faculty Award for
Excellence in Physical Therapy*

Philip Cagliostro

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

*School of Business Faculty Award
for Excellence*

Abdullah Alabdali

Rhoda and Bernard Blau Award

Oksana Vovk

Beverly Curry Memorial Award

Larisa Barbashova

*Lorraine and Gordon DiPaolo
Management Awards*

Catherine Jeanbart

Mabel Lam

Jessica Ragozzino

*Lorraine and Gordon DiPaolo
Marketing Awards*

Alexandria Borack

Michael Romano

Elena Ruchey

Simone Walcott

Michelle Winters

*Andrew Esterly Award
for Academic Excellence*

Luke Wittich

Dr. Libero Giovanni Moretti Award

Francesco Cirillo

Charles Pinzolo Award

Anetta Marticek

*Burton S. Player Award
for Academic Excellence*

Besfort Kaja

*New York State Society of
Certified Public Accountants Award
(Bachelor's Degree)*
Charlene Chiu

Wall Street Journal Achievement Award
Elizeveta Doumanski

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in Business*
Aida Vata

INTERDISCIPLINARY AWARDS

CORE 100 Award
Andrew Yu

*Federick M. Binder MALS Award for
Outstanding Scholarly Achievement*
Amanda Weber

*The Richard Gid Powers Award in
American Studies*
Malinda Montemarano

*Stephen J. Stearns and Sadrul A. Khan
Memorial Award*
Rosemary Arina

Environmental Science Award
Jose Saltos

Honors in Science, Letters, and Society
Rochelle Capila

International Studies
Latevi Lawson-Chroco

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

*Percy Ellis Sutton SEEK Program Award for
Academic Achievement and Service
to the Program*
Marwa Janini

John Conway Memorial Award
Mark Kavanaugh

Billy Fraser Achievement Award
Stephanie Pietropaolo

James Ortiz, Jr. Memorial Award
Marilyn Williams

Melvin Baumel Memorial Basketball Award
Herschel Jenkins

Female Athlete of the Year Award
Olivia Tierno

Male Athlete of the Year Award
Nicholas Zikos

WSIA-FM Student Service Awards
Christopher Bitetto
Eric Vega Giordano

*Student Government Student Service
Awards/Students*

Marlon Cadore
Elizabeth Che
Lucila Farfan-Narcisse
Kelyn Potes

**CSI FOUNDATION
PRIZES**

Art
Lucila Farfan-Narcisse
Alexandra Hunt

Creative Writing
Michael Jamaledine

Dramatic Arts
Megan Jardine

Music
Ashley Gill
Adan Paz
Alan Rogozin
Denise Sergi
Linda Soria

**SAUNDRA FRANKEL
MEMORIAL AWARDS**

Medical Technology (Bachelor's Degree)
Magdalena Lubinski

Nursing (Associate's Degree)
Maria Delrosario

Nursing (Bachelor's Degree)
Barnabus Sudre

Physical Therapy
(Bachelor's/Master's Degree)
Karen Cinquemani Costa
Amanda Gaal

OTHER AWARDS

*CSI Alumni Association Outstanding Student
Leadership Awards*

Meagan Derbyshire
Matthew DiRusso
Jose Saltos

*Who's Who Among Students in American
Universities and Colleges*

Samantha Agnese
Justin Atos
Toni Marie Bacala
Christopher Bitetto
Jurandir Chan
Lydia Chille
Teresa Ciaramella
Michael Costantino
Timothy Eng
Jie Fei
Elena Ghelan
Martin Hanna
Janice Kerrigan
Ann Mackey
Oluwatoyin Makinde
Francesca Messina

Naftuli Moster
Adriane Musacchio
Carolina Rose
Jessica Sloven
Christina Terracino
Nicole Wallace
Kimmy Yu
Ying Yu

*Graduates of Macaulay Honors College
University Scholars Program at the College
of Staten Island*

Amram Averick
Rena Berkovits
Nicole Boffa
Katherine Brigandi
Patricia Cannizzaro
Bianca Cardaci
Andrea Cella
Anthony De Luca
Vanessa De Luca
Meagan Derbyshire
Michael Dibenedetto
Michael Evans
Christina Gioeli
Nicholas Gonzalez
Andrew Gursky
Peter Hannon
Robert Hargraves
Amira Hassan
Kaitlin Kelly
Kanika Khanna
Alina Kogan
Kristin Lamonte
Gabriella Leone
Phillip Ma
Cora-Ann O'Regan
William O'Regan
Nuwan Panditaratne
Todd Stein
Christopher Toscano
Stefanie Tozzi
John Troino
Christina Vicidomini

*Graduates of the Teacher Education
Honors Academy*

Brittany Abramo
Christopher Pietrunti
Kristina Sanzone
Elena Sverdlova
Nicole Zefferino

*Graduates of The Verrazano School
Honors Program*

Dalia Abdelsalam
Samantha Agnese
Stephanie Antonaccio
Jessica Arena
Stefano Bartolone
Catherine Basile
Arian Benvenuto

Mina Beshai
Christopher Bitetto
Doriane Bouobda Tchuenkam
Brittany Bugge
Andrew Capizzo
Sandra Chamoun
Teresa Ciaramella
Michael Cicero
Joandeliz Cubero
Angela Grant
Syeda Hussaini
Joseph Inigo
Alicia Jimenez
Katie Kapitan
Mark Kavanaugh
Stephen Klein
Deborah La Boy
Jessica Livan
Raymond Lormel
Noorelhoda Mahmoud
Wehmar Marks
Megan McCarthy
Viviana Milazzo
Jennifer Mistretta
Edward Mone
Evelyn Okeke
Lauren Palmieri
Paloma Palomba
Thomas Paragham
Amanda Percaccio
Nadoa Rahman
Briana Saccomanno
Marie Santora
Frank Semo
Michelle Shed
Kubra Shirazi
Adina Silber
Safina Skaf
Vincent Sottile
Jeffrey Szwaba
Christina Terracino
Olivia Tierno
Tara Tramutola
Michael Trimble
Chancelle Wakazadi
Michael Wallace
Nicole Wallace
Nicholas Zikos

DOLPHIN AWARDS

*Outstanding Scholarly Achievement
by a Member of the Full-Time Faculty*
Christina Tortora

*Outstanding Teaching
by a Member of the Full-Time Faculty*
Probal Banerjee

*Outstanding Service and Contribution to the
College by a Member of the Full-Time Faculty*
Alan Zimmerman

*Outstanding Teaching
by a Member of the Adjunct Faculty*
Edward Hack

*Outstanding Service and Contribution to
the College by a Member of the Non-Teaching
Instructional Staff in HEO Title*
Carol Brower

*Outstanding Service and Contribution
to the College by a Member of the
Non-Instructional Staff in CLT and OIT
Specialist Title*
Victor Magnani

*Outstanding Service and Contribution
to the College by a Member of the
Non-Instructional Staff in Clerical Function*
Debbie Britton

*Outstanding Service and Contribution
to the College by a Member of the
Non-Instructional Staff in
Maintenance, Operations, and Security*
John Santorelli

*Outstanding Service and Contribution
to the College by a Member of the
Part-Time, Non-Teaching Staff*
Debra Lane

*Outstanding Service and Contribution
to the College by a Currently Enrolled Student*
Elizabeth Che

HONORARY DEGREES

Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*

Ms. Elizabeth A. Dubovsky

You have dedicated your professional life to community service, benefiting the College of Staten Island and residents of Staten Island. You assumed your current role with the Staten Island Foundation in October 1998, managing the operations and the annual allocations of this 15 year-old, \$70-million-dollar foundation. Since its inception and under your leadership, in conjunction with Chairman Allan Weissglass and the board of directors, The Staten Island Foundation has emerged as a significant benefactor and champion of charitable, educational, and arts programs on Staten Island, especially those serving the least advantaged. Foundation giving to more than 700 community organizations now totals almost \$50 million.

Foundation support to the College of Staten Island is now over \$1 million. The Foundation is the initial and lead funder of the Percy Ellis Sutton SEEK Program's Strategies for Success project, a service learning opportunity program designed to join College mentors with low-income elementary and intermediate school-aged children at IS 49, PS 57, and the JCC Cornerstone at Carter Center. The Foundation has also recently provided the College with funding to provide Covey leadership and effectiveness training to members of both the College and Staten Island communities.

Your entire professional life (30+ years since receiving a Master's degree in Social Work from Rutgers University) has been in service to the not-for-profit community. A graduate of the Columbia Business School Institute for Not-for-Profit Management Executive Education, you have worked for a number of organizations, including the American Red Cross in Greater New York, the Community Agency for Senior Citizens, and the Visiting Nurse Association, where you founded its social work service.

Community service through your professional life includes 16 years of volunteering for the Staten Island YMCA, and service to Holy Child Church and a number of community organizations. You have won a number of awards for personal community service in addition to accepting numerous recognitions on behalf of the work of The Staten Island Foundation.

Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*

Toyin Falola

You are a world-renowned scholar of African history. As a profoundly original thinker, intellectual leader, engaging teacher, and institution builder, you have made a global impact in the study of African history, modern Africa, and the African Diaspora. You have authored or edited more than 100 books on a vast array of African subjects from slavery and colonialism in Africa to the consequences of HIV and AIDS on the continent. You serve on the editorial boards of more than 20 journals. In an effort to disseminate newly created knowledge about Africa, you have written textbooks, formulated new courses, and proposed curriculum revisions. You have nurtured generations of graduate students who themselves have gone on to careers of distinction. You have written well-regarded creative works—a memoir and two co-authored collections of poetry.

Recognition of your impact has been worldwide. In your honor, the University of Ibadan, Nigeria created the Toyin Falola International Conference on Africa and the African Diaspora. You have received more than 20 lifetime achievement awards from universities and international organizations. In an unprecedented demonstration of your contributions and the regard with which you are held, colleagues and students have held five *festchriften*, producing four volumes of *Toyin Falola: The Man, The Mask, The Muse*. This is a collection of 52 essays that explore the significance of your contributions to the humanities.

The College of Staten Island has benefited from your concern for young scholars. You have mentored three of our faculty members in their careers, your wise counsel assisting them with publications. You have also nurtured graduate students in the CSI Master's program in History and described the strengths of the CSI graduate program to undergraduates in Nigeria. As CSI continues to develop its curriculum in African American Studies, African Studies, and International Studies, and expands study abroad opportunities, you will be a source of counsel and advice.

PRESIDENT'S MEDALS

Robert S. Cutrona, Sr.

Robert S. Cutrona, Sr. is President of Project-One Services, Inc. and a founding Director of Victory State Bank.

Mr. Cutrona has served the College of Staten Island as President of the CSI Foundation, a member of the CSI-SIP President's Roundtable, and a member of the adjunct faculty of the College's Department of Business.

An alumnus of Baruch College's MBA program and a successful businessman, Mr. Cutrona has strived to maintain a healthy and vigorous business climate in the Borough.

Beyond his commitment to Staten Island's economy and education community, Mr. Cutrona works with and supports many of Staten Island's not-for-profits.

Mr. Cutrona has received numerous awards for his advocacy of Staten Island, including the CSI President's Medal and the SI Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award.

Norma D'Arrigo

Norma D'Arrigo is a community leader on Staten Island. For decades, Ms. D'Arrigo has dedicated her life to effecting positive change in this Borough and at the College of Staten Island.

An alumna of Wagner College, Ms. D'Arrigo has been a founding member of a number of organizations, including the Friends of CSI.

Ms. D'Arrigo has also served on the Boards of the CSI Foundation, the Snug Harbor Cultural Foundation, the Staten Island YMCA, and the Alice Austin House Museum. In addition, she is the First President and President Emerita of the National Organization-American Committee on Italian Migration.

She has received numerous awards for her hard work and commitment, including a CSI Dolphin Award, and the 2013 *Staten Island Advance* Woman of the Year award.

Dr. Alfred M. Levine

Dr. Alfred M. Levine is Professor of Engineering Science and Physics and the Director of the Center for Environmental Science at the College of Staten Island.

Dr. Levine has a long and distinguished career, most of which was spent at the College of Staten Island. He has been a Professor of Engineering Science at the College since 1970.

He received his Bachelor's of Electrical Engineering from Cooper Union, and his Master's and PhD in Electrical Engineering from Princeton University.

In addition to his tenure as Professor, Dr. Levine has served the Engineering Science Department as Coordinator of the MS program in Environmental Science and as a member of the CUNY doctoral faculty of Physics and Engineering for more than 40 years. He also served the College as Interim Dean of Research and Graduate Studies, and as a Chair or member of a wide selection of bodies and committees.

Dr. Levine has also made a significant contribution to academia with a long list of refereed publications, and he has received a number of awards, including two CSI Dolphin Awards.

Degree Candidates 2013

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)

JANUARY 2013

CUNY Macaulay Honors College University Scholars Program

Rena Miriam Berkovits ***
Peter M. Hannon *
Cora-Ann O'Regan *

The Verrazano School

Arian Benvenuto *
Sandra Chamoun *
Joannadeliz Cubero
Mark Kavanaugh **
Jessica Livan
Raymond M. Lormel
Jennifer Mistretta *
Edward Walter Mone
Paloma Palomba **
Thomas Paragham *
Tara Tramutola

Associate in Applied Science

Peter Acerios
Rosemary Adesola
Chandramauli Bandara Adikari
Mohamed Osama Ahamed
Luis F. Alban *
Stephanie Denise Amore
Matthew Anselmi
Henrietta Bannerman
Alexandria Borack *
Michael J. Bork
Stacy Anne Brady
Jovelyn Calderon
Stephanie Canelo
Jillian Carbonaro
Erica Cardo
Thomas J. Caruso
Mark Anthony Centeno-White
Jian Chen
Laura Chetirko *
Paul Choi
Stephanie Cobb *
Lisa Compitello
Christopher C. Cooper *
Connie R. Cordero
Michael Anthony Costantino **
Vincent E. Crupi
Amy De Carlo
Jennifer DiLeo *
Victor E. Dolan
Diana Cristina Duran *
Laren Encarnacion
Maria Rose Esposito *
James J. Farinella
Chamirah Farley
Jill Francis
Amanda Friscia
Hang Gao
Suha Mahmoud Gheith

Evangelia Gialouris
Stanley Gizunterman
Caitlin Gorman
Ashley Nicole Granice
Steven A. Hansen
Gina Marie Hassler
Enid Hoxha *
Chih Hsun Hsu
Lijun Hu
Rosa C. Incherchera
Yaoting Jiang
Rashidat A. Jolaoluwa *
Altina Kadriovski
Said Khass
Anna Kolodynski
Simon Krugly
Peter A. Kuzma *
Tamara Lauren LaBella
Alyse LaPiedra
April Lau
Eddie Eduardo Laynez
Jillian M. LoCicero
Jenny Lu *
Laura Ann Lund
Diana O. Macaulay
Carmine P. Malandro
Barbara Maloney
Vickie L. Mariano
Denise M. Martinez
Alexandra Martynchuk
Kreshnik Mela
Stephanie L. Miller
Jessica Morris
Frank Musto
Michelle Nilsen
Irina Nulman *
Idowu Odufunade
Svetlana Oleynik
Donna M. Olsen
John L. Olsen
Kevin O'Neill
Nikki Passarella
Stephanie Lynn Paugh
Leonora Perashi
Prashan S. Perera
Jennifer M. Perry
Sayra Perveen
Halyna Petsukh
Raghavi Poliseti
Mariela Puma
Elise Victoria Raimondi
Mikhail Reshetnikov **
Luis L. Rivera
Valentino E. Rivera
Crystal S. Robinson
Denise M. Rodriguez
Xiaozheng Ruan
Elena Ruchey

JANUARY 2013

Afeeza Santamaria
Philip J. Santarpia **
Rachael Ann Satter
Kelly Savarese
Christina M. Siclari
Natalie A. Sidhom
Roxana Yanet Silva
Mariano L. Siragusa
Patricia Mary Sirsick
Jessica Skirlis
Dina Skobelev
Shanasha Marie Small
Larisa Smirnova **
Sopitu Soth
Joseph A. Spitalieri *
Marcia Tricia Strickland
Winnie Tam
Erika Tobi
Antonina Troszczynski
Natalya Tsibulskaya *
Teresa Unrein
Matthew J. Virga
Mary Walsh
Marchu Veto Weefur
Holly J. Wesner
Jozef Zapotoka ***
Alexa Zuffante

Associate in Arts

Fisnike Abdushi
Rita Agyeman
Victoria Ann Alaimo
Ana Alvarez
William E. Arata
Dana Artesona *
Wakilat Abiola Azeez
Tiffany E. Bari
Eugenia O. Bediako
Christine Francesca Bracco
Tyquan Bracker
Dylan G. Bulger
Lynda Marie Caleca
Annmarie Cantasano
Victoria L. Castagna ***
Katelyn Mary Cermenello
Dora Ruidan Chen
Christopher Cicala
Laura Ciccarello
Thomas A. Cintula
Leonardo Silvano Colon
Steven J. Conti *
Pamela R. Corr
Edward Cosenza
Laura A. Costantino
Kristy Lynn Cranston
Ariella Crisano
Thomas Michael Cucco
Ian James Dahlberg

Marie D'Arrigo
Katerina Maria Di Iorio
Keith G. Dragonetti
Alicia Espinal
John L. Falcone III *
Thomas R. Femia
Kimberly Denise Fernandez
Rachel Marie Ferraro
Adam Ferre
Larita Candice Finisterre
Samantha Lee Font
Deborah Francisco
Andrew Daniel Franco
Christina Ann Friscia
Armand Huenougnon Gbaguidi
Amanda Giambrone
Tatyana Gilgurd **
Jonathan Robert Glazer
Gina M. Gonzalez
Joanna A. Gonzalez
Paige Gonzalez
Michael Gordon
Steven R. Grell
Ivan Gabriel Grullon
Amanda Joy Guida
Jasmine Skye Hanafy
Halil Ibrahim Hancer
Alanna A. Helale
Al-Mahdi Hassan Hosang
Agnes G. Jaiman
Brigitte Alexandra Jara
Mubenga Kanyinda
Jolayemi Labiran
Alexa M. Lamarca
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THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

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 kimona-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
light blue	education
orange	engineering
brown	fine arts
purple	law
lemon	library science
green	medicine
pink	music
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 gray and CSI blue; its master’s hoods have grey as the field color, college 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.



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