

COMMENCEMENT
EXERCISES
2014



THE CITY UNIVERSITY
OF NEW YORK

College of
Staten Island

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COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND

SIXTY-FIFTH COMMENCEMENT

Alumni of the College of Staten Island are rooted in the first commencements of Staten Island Community College in 1958 and Richmond College in 1969, our two predecessor institutions, which merged in 1976 and were renamed the College of Staten Island. Today, we honor the legacy of all our alumni and celebrate the proud history of our College as the only public institution of higher education in the borough.

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2014 at 10:00AM

GREAT LAWN

2800 VICTORY BOULEVARD
STATEN ISLAND, NY 10314

PROGRAM

Interpreters: Stacey Bostwick, Kim Mecane, Joyce Coletti

PROCESSIONAL

PRESENTATION

Grand Marshal

John Verzani

Professor of Mathematics and Chair of College Council

PRESIDING OFFICER

Fred Naider

Interim Provost/Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Damian LaRocca '15

Music Major

Signing by College of Staten Island American Sign Language Students

INVOCATION

Reverend Maggie M. Howard '87

Stapleton Union American Methodist Episcopal Church

WELCOME

William J. Fritz

President

GREETINGS

Rita DiMartino '76

Trustee, The City University of New York (CUNY)

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

Jay Hershenson

Sr. Vice Chancellor for University Relations

and Secretary, Board of Trustees

On behalf of The City University of New York

Soon Ae Chun

Associate Professor of Information Management

Department of Marketing, School of Business

On behalf of the College of Staten Island Faculty

RECOGNITION OF PRESIDENTIAL MEDALS

William J. Fritz

Sylvia Kahan

Thomas Tellefsen '77

INTRODUCTION OF VALEDICTORIAN

Fred Naider

VALEDICTORIAN ADDRESS

Blaze Fraser '14

BS, Biology

INDUCTION OF ALUMNI

Arthur Merola '84, '85

President, College of Staten Island Alumni Association

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

Fred Naider

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

William J. Fritz

RECESSIONAL

Departmental Exercises will immediately follow the Ceremony.

Reception for graduates and guests will be held in the

Campus Center at 12:30pm.

COLLEGE HONORS

CSI Valedictorian Blaze Fraser '14
CSI Salutatorian Elizabeth Krawczun '14

COLLEGE AWARDS

Arleigh B. Williamson Liberal Arts Award
Bryan Nebel

Clara and Arleigh B. Williamson Award
Brittany Sinodinos

Phi Beta Kappa Associates Awards
Bridget Alvarez, Fatima Azhar,
Victoria Castagna, Georgios Chrysiliou,
Alexander Deutsch, Nicholas Easton,
Blaze Fraser, Michael Gigante,
Patrick Granata, Meghan Higgins,
Susan Massara, Maksim Myaskovskiy,
Danielle Riili, Loye Tucker, Jordan Weiner,
Tzivya Weiss, Lillian Werner, Kimmy Yu,
Ying Yu, Usman Zahi

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

*School of Business Faculty Award
for Excellence*
Daniel Ursomanno

Rhoda and Bernard Blau Award
Amilia Merhi

Andrew Esterly Award
David Grysmann

Wall Street Journal Achievement Award
Zachary Crespi

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in Business*
Brian Hill

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Beverly Curry Memorial Award
Christopher Bailey

Charles Pinzolo Award
Nataliia Motorina

*Burton S. Player Award
for Academic Excellence*
Robert Marotti

*New York State Society of
Certified Public Accountants Award*
Elena Ghelan

ECONOMICS

*Oded Remba Memorial Award
for Excellence in Economics*
Don Rufo Cendana

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
or Academic Excellence in Economics*
Kevin Mullucks

MANAGEMENT

*Lorraine and Gordon DiPaolo
Management Awards*
Diana Duran
Alexander Hernandez
Vincent Smaldone

MARKETING

Lorraine and Gordon DiPaolo Marketing Awards
Amira Kalil
Adam Moy
Vincent Vitadamo
Joseph Westgate

Dr. Libero Giovanni Moretti Award
Catherine Jeanbart

Thomas Tellefsen Marketing Award
Mabel Lam

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**EDUCATION**

Kopple C. Friedman Commencement Award
Devorah Helfrich

Harris Goldberg Memorial Award
Deame Hua

Judith Summerville Memorial Award
Dana Vitolo

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in Education*
Rena Berkovits

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES**NURSING**

AAS Award in Nursing
Francesca Messina

BSN Award in Nursing
Grace Ileri

MS Award in Nursing
James Cohen

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in Nursing*
Maria Defiore

PHYSICAL THERAPY

*Physical Therapy Department Faculty Awards
for Service in Physical Therapy*
Amanda Asmar
Stephen Ingrassia
Lindita Ismaili
Danielle Jordan
Leandra Manfredini
Andy Zhu

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

*Physical Therapy Faculty Awards for
Excellence in Physical Therapy*
Amanda Asmar
Joseph Capogrosso
Natalia Gozias
Kerri McLean
Christina Scannapieco
Kristin Thomas

DIVISION OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

ENGLISH

Grace S. and Thomas Feola Award
Joseph Seegitz

Earl Jacobs Memorial Award
Lillian Werner

Creative Writing Award
Patrick Granata

English Department Linguistic Award
Christine Vecchio

English Department Literature Awards
Susan Massara
Elizabeth Murphy

MA Award in English
Donna Brogna

*Rebberg Memorial Award for
Academic Excellence in Poetry*
Taylor Ropas

Ely Stock Memorial Award
Allison Cespedes

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in English*
Beth Scannapieco

HISTORY

*Professor Herbert Foster-James
Sturm-Don Hausdorff Memorial Award*
Charles Arcuri
Maksim Myaskovskiy

Francois Ngolet Memorial Awards
Michael Gigante
Thomas Spellacy

*Stanley Plastrik Memorial
Commencement Awards*
John Falcone
Ross Terelle

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in History*
Nicole Balestrieri

MEDIA CULTURE

*Media Culture Department Award:
Cinema Studies*
Mitchell Lovell

Media Culture Department Awards:

Communications

Elayne Mei
Alyssa Olivo
Cristina Pesce
Christopher Toscano

George Custen Memorial Awards

Michael Fischetti
Joseph Luciano

Elliot Rubenstein Memorial Award

Melissa Pellicano

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in*

Cinema/Communications

Georgios Chrysillou

**PERFORMING AND
CREATIVE ARTS**

*Performing and Creative Arts
Department Awards: Art*

Samantha Garbarino
Jiangxing Huang

*Performing and Creative Arts
Department Award: Dramatic Arts*

Nicholas Easton

*Performing and Creative Arts
Department Award: Music*

Stephen Flannery

Andrea Batista Award

Nicholas Easton

Ted McIrvine Memorial Award

Stephen Flannery

*Margaret Ricciardi Commencement Award
for Studio Art*

Samantha Garbarino

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in*

Performing and Creative Arts

Jingxing Huang

PHILOSOPHY

*Donna Mayer Award
for Academic Excellence*

Robert Reider

Robert J. Schwenk Political Science Awards

William Alesi
Nathan Conway
Alexander Deutsch

**POLITICAL SCIENCE
AND GLOBAL AFFAIRS**

*Laura Schwartz Memorial Awards
for Excellence in Political Science*

Elizabeth Che
Brandon Illas

Excellence in Philosophy Awards

Nicole Francis
Jordan Weiner

PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology Departmental Award

Ying Chen

Judith Balfe Memorial Award

Victoria Castagna

Anita Conte Memorial Award

Lauren Overeem

*Deitch Psychological Studies Awards
for Evening Students*

Danielle Imbesi

Loye Tucker

Mark Guterman Memorial Awards

Priscila Alvarez

Stephanie Velonis

Anya Gabriela Kuppersmith Memorial Award

Amanda Washington

*Richmond County Psychological
Association Awards*

Cassandra Emery

Kelly Reebe

Joseph Rivera

Victoria Scotto

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

Arianna Check

**SOCIOLOGY,
ANTHROPOLOGY,
AND SOCIAL WORK**

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

Danielle Datre

Emil Oestereicher Memorial Award

Maryann Bouwmans

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

Nicole Taubman

**WORLD LANGUAGES
AND LITERATURES**

World Languages and Literatures

Department Award for Excellence in Spanish

Hoidaliz Brito Gonzalez

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

Ana Alvizurez

DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**BIOLOGY**

*Biology Department Faculty Awards
for Excellence*

Anthony Borruso

Usman Zahid

*Biology Department Faculty Awards
for Research*

Mercy Andrews

Blaze Fraser

Justin Gorges

Vasiliki Stergioula

Ola Tantawy

*Biology Department Faculty Awards
for Service*

Gabriella De Marinis
Elaina Lei

*Biology Department Faculty Award
and the Joseph and Eileen Carlton Memorial
Fund for Service to the Biology Department*
Danielle Riili

*Melvin Baumel Memorial Award
in Medical Technology*
Nishanthi Palachandran

Paris Garcia Memorial Award
Kristi Russo

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Excellence in Biology*
Blaze Fraser

Joseph Vagvolgyi Memorial Award
Mino Abdelmessih

CHEMISTRY

Chemistry Department Awards
Hamid Ardolic
Ryan Schroder

Patricia A. Nolan Award
Kimmy Yu

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for
Academic Excellence in Chemistry/Biochemistry*
Fatima Azhar

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Maung Aung Memorial Award
Scott Edkins

Warren G. Simmons Memorial Award
Brian Wong

Augustin Tuzhilin Memorial Award
Saba Abbasi

Computer Science Department Awards
Maaz Mulla
Robert Regina
Liridon Sela
Dimple Shah

MS in Computer Science Awards
Atreyee Das
Junaid Inam
Boris Reznichenko

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Outstanding Service in Computer Science*
Timothy Eng

**ENGINEERING SCIENCE
AND PHYSICS**

*Giovanni S. Impeduglia Memorial
Commencement Awards*
Matthew Miller
Jenna Theuret

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in
Engineering Science and Physics*
Antonio Grasso

**ENGINEERING
TECHNOLOGIES**

Henry Huang Memorial Award
Thomas Rodberg

Morris E. Levine Memorial Award
Dawid Dziuba

John Mulligan Memorial Award
Peter Mohlenhoff

MATHEMATICS

Sherry Blackman Memorial Award
Suzanne Frank

Louis Blake Memorial Award
Ying Yu

*Benedict Carlat Memorial Award
for Outstanding Work in Mathematics*
Scott Edkins

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in Mathematics*
Jenna Theuret

INTERDISCIPLINARY AWARDS

CORE 100 Award
Nancy Che

*Federick M. Binder MALS Award for
Outstanding Scholarly Achievement*
Lenny Kaufman

*The Richard Gid Powers Award in
American Studies*
Gregory Lella

*Michael Greenberg, Sadrul A. Khan, and
Stephen J. Stearns Memorial Award*
Leonor Mendez

Environmental Science Award
James Marinello

Honors in Science, Letters, and Society
Lydia Chille

International Studies
Melinda Swaine

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

*Percy Ellis Sutton SEEK Program Awards for
Academic Achievement and Service
to the Program*

Holdaliz Brito-Gonzalez
Joanna Irizarry-Zaraza
Ashley Journey

John Conway Memorial Award
Kristen Adamo

Billy Fraser Achievement Award
Brian Wong

James Ortiz, Jr. Memorial Award
Steven Gazinski

Melvin Baumel Memorial Basketball Award

Kevin King

Female Athlete of the Year Award

Ilona Stoyko

Male Athlete of the Year Award

Daniel Ursomanno

WSIA-FM Student Service Award

Christopher Soriano

*Student Government Student Service
Awards/Students*

Andrea Curry

Halim Daoud

Amanda Rae Davis

Kelyn Potes

Brittany Sinodinos

SAUNDRA FRANKEL MEMORIAL AWARDS

Medical Technology (Bachelor's Degree)

Oluwatobi Elemo

Satori Noel

Nursing (Associate's Degree)

Lucia Edwards

Nursing (Bachelor's Degree)

Renata Zalewski

Physical Therapy

(Bachelor's/Master's Degree)

Amanda Asmar

Kerri McLean

OTHER AWARDS

CSI Alumni Association Outstanding

Student Leadership Awards

Amanda Rae Davis

Candace Gittens

John-Michael Mon

Brittany Sinodinos

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

Justin Atos

Asaf Babaev

Rachel Barracato

Rena Berkovits

Jeannie Boston

Sabrina Bragerton-Nasert

Jurandir Chan

Mei Pui Chan

Albert Chow

Alexander Deutsch

Timothy Eng

Diana France

Blaze Fraser

Erica Golin

Stephen Hongach
Praisey Jacob
Farzeen Kanwal
Adriane Musacchio
Ilona Stoyko
John Troino
Ella Viola
Stacey Weiner

DOLPHIN AWARDS

*Outstanding Scholarly Achievement
by a Member of the Full-Time Faculty*
Soon Ae Chun

*Outstanding Teaching
by a Member of the Full-Time Faculty*
Richard Flanagan

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

*Outstanding Teaching
by a Member of the Adjunct Faculty*
Jennifer Durando

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

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

*Outstanding Service and Contribution
to the College by a Member of the
Non-Instructional Staff in Clerical Function*
Mary Ann Durante

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

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

*Outstanding Service and Contribution
to the College by a Currently Enrolled Student*
Jesse Rodriguez

PRESIDENT'S MEDALS

Dr. Sylvia Kahan

Dr. Sylvia Kahan is Professor of Music at The Graduate Center, CUNY and the College of Staten Island, CUNY. She received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Oberlin Conservatory, a Master of Music degree from Michigan State University, and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from The Graduate Center, CUNY.

Dr. Kahan teaches historical musicology, piano, and a wide variety of theory, literature, and performance-related courses. As a pianist, she has performed throughout North America and Europe as concerto soloist, recitalist, and collaborative musician. She was recently the featured soloist in Mozart's Piano Concerto in F Major, K. 459 with Brooklyn's Metro Chamber Orchestra. As a musicologist, she is the author of numerous articles, chapters, and books, including the critically acclaimed *Music's Modern Muse* and *In Search of New Scales*, both published by University of Rochester Press. In 2010, *Music's Modern Muse* inspired a lecture-concert event produced by the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center; the book will be published in French translation in 2014.

A sought-after speaker, Dr. Kahan has presented her research at scholarly conferences and in pre-concert lectures throughout the world. The former Chair of CSI's Department of Performing and Creative Arts, she has also served as Acting Deputy Executive Officer for the Doctor of Musical Arts program at The Graduate Center, CUNY and as President of the American Musicological Society's Greater New York Chapter.

Dr. Thomas Tellefsen '77

Dr. Thomas Tellefsen '77 has pursued his interest in business for the past 35 years as a manager, researcher, and teacher. After earning his AAS in Business at CSI and his BBA in Accounting at Baruch College, he started his career as an auditor and analyst for the Chase Manhattan Bank. After earning his MBA at Baruch College, he moved into the marketing arm of a division of Dunn and Bradstreet. He worked in a variety of positions, ranging from sales representative to Senior Manager for Strategic Planning.

While in industry, Dr. Tellefsen rediscovered his love of learning and the classroom. He returned to school and earned his PhD in Marketing from The City University of New York. He then began his second career as an academic at the College of Staten Island, where he has been for the last 18 years. Dr. Tellefsen is also a member of the Doctoral Faculty of the The Graduate Center, CUNY, where he has served as a dissertation committee member for PhD candidates in Business.

Dr. Tellefsen's research interests include business-to-business marketing, sales management, and international marketing. His research has appeared in a variety of journals including *Industrial Marketing Management*, the *Journal of Business-to-Business-Marketing*, and others. He has also presented his work at numerous academic conferences and served as a reviewer for several journals. Dr. Tellefsen has served on most major governance committees at the College, as well as a variety of planning committees. For the past four years, he has served as a Department Chair. In 2011, he was honored to receive the CSI Dolphin Award for Outstanding Service by a Member of the Full-time Faculty.

Degree Candidates 2014

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 2014

CUNY Macaulay Honors College University Scholars Program

Elizabeth Che **
Juan Potes-Mafla
Christopher Toscano ***

The Verrazano School

Alexandra Doronina *
Megan Ernst

Associate in Applied Science

Mohmoud Abdallah
Baktygul Abdieva *
Hiran Abeysekera
Taiwo Adenekan **
Daniel Aliotta
Lisette Altreche
Justin Ames
Lenmara Ametova
Diana Arrigo
Tamanna Assih
Liya Bangiyev
Donna Berardi
Angela Bove
Christopher Brennan
Thomas Campisi
Brian Campos
Giuliana Castellano
Nadine Chahine
Derek Chiew
Rundi Constant
Kelly Deangelis
Charisse Dela Cruz
Tara Devlin
Chamara Dehiwalage Don
Amanda Epple
Erika Ferraro
Leya Ganas
Amanda Savo Garzone
Yevgeniy Goldengur
Megan Eisler Grynsztajn *
Roa Harizi **
Nicole Hastaba
Melissa Huang
Varlee Kamara
Carol Kanellopoulos
Kaitlyn Kelly **
Michael Konstantinovsky *
Samantha Kovacs
April Landi
Jessica Larsen
Mohammed Lawal
Bich Hanh Le *
Kevin Lee
Fanghui Li
Giovanna Lombardo
Paola Lopez
Scott Magri

Atixhe Marke *
Michael Mascarinas
Erisa Maska *
Danielle Massimino
Anna Mender
Edward Mendoza
Corinne Messina
Francesca Messina **
Kaitlin Mohin
Elizabeth Monsalve
Breanna Mulraney
Calvin Ngo
Catherine Nolan
Ashley O'Carroll
Francisca Okeke
Christina Olsen **
Parami Perera
Isaac Radzik
Gayann Rhoden
Anthony Rizzuti
Shannon Rodger
Kasandra Rodriguez
Leticia Rodriguez
Mayra Rodriguez
Gabrielle Roman
Yelizaveta Rukhlova
Laura Salazar Seul *
Gina Sardo
Michael Scalera
Kyle Schiff
Lisa Shulman
Christian Spears
Anna Supinska *
Mona Trafalgar
Arijet Veljic
Jennifer Waldt *
Pei Pei Wang
Deloris Williams *
Tina Yu
Viktoriya Zot

Associate in Arts

Noura Abdel
Miranda Alicea
Luis Alvarado
Albulena Ameti
Janyll Arteaga
Nelson Aw
Theresa Bethea *
Eric Brown
Christina Buchholz
Emily Castelli
Genevieve Clark
Nicole Della Croce
Jennifer Cruz
Randy Davila
Philip Diedrich
Dmitriy Doktorovich

JANUARY 2014

Tingting Dong
Aleksandra Drozdziel
Alyssa Ehlers
Modesto Encarnacion
Joanne Favalaro
Gary Feltus
Paul Florida
Kaitlin Fogarty
Peter Gatas
Holdaliz Brito Gonzalez
Kayla Hill
Naoko Iida
Francis Italiano
David Jordon
Alexandra Karadzas
Matthew Kennedy
Sara Kominoski
Raquel Loggia
Antonella Maniscalco
Jeffrey Martin
Gabrielle Martucci
Kerry Meredith
Stephanie Merola *
Michelle Minichino
Bryan Nebel ***
Matthew Ortiz
Robert Padovano
Amanda Pepe **
Adriane Reyes
Lucia Rossi **
Elizabeth Scanzani
Eileen Schott
Anthony Sciortino
Uzma Sheikh
Deborah Silvera *
Faynie Joy Small
Emma Starace
Andrew Stile *
Manoella Taunton
Nicholas Vasconi
Oscar Wu
Qasim Zaidi

Associate in Science

Christopher Fonseca
Alan Gokinayev

Bachelor of Arts

Nicole Adams
Tiffany Adrian
Estee Agman
Krystin Aguilera
Scott Alena
Saidah Alhababi
Jeremy Anderson
Shion Ando
Chris Arangio
Daniela Balistreri

Felicia Balzomo
Karen Batalitzky
Anisa Bekteshi
Toni Biondolillo
Maryann Bouwmans **
Brittany Bowler **
Pamela Brown *
Thomas Burke
Alexandra Butera
Ashley Caesar
Samantha Cancilla
Jena Caputo
Chris Carregal
John Caruso **
Debra Cascio
John Cava **
Janine Cavallo
Elizabeth Che **
Dora Ruidan Chen
Laura Ciccarello
Kylee Coleman
Jose Colon
Jessica Conte
Steven Conti *
Suriye Conway
Shawn Corcoran
Alicia Cross *
Claribel Cruz
Jennifer Cruz
Jenna Cunningham
Jezel Cuomo
Sabrina Dalli
Heather Dalton
Judith Damti
Karin DeMaio
Justin DeMarco
Alexander Deutsch ***
Jennifer DiOrio *
Dana Dipalo *
Arina Domantovskaya *
Joseph Dunne-Jaffe
Anthony Duran
Yoselin Duran
Christeen Edward
Dane Elson
Mark Emsak
Ashley Endall
Patricia Ennis
Justine Fernandez *
Jovon Ficalora
John Fisher *
Ashley Fishkis
Courtney Fraumeni
Steven Frazzetto
Yazmin Galindo
Steven Gazinski
Nicole Geroulakis
Lalita Ghale

JANUARY 2014

Leidona Gjonovic *
Lauren Glennon
Sany Gonzalez
Matthew Goodhartz
Kimberly Hansen
Deana Hayes
Alanna Helale
Katelyn Hepworth
Rawan Husein *
Nicole Iacona
Danielle Iacurto
Sara Ibrahim
Brandon Illas *
Zeinab Imam
Christina Jenkins
Stefani Kaufman
Jessica Keller
Hana Kil ***
Kelli Knapp
Stephen Krauska
Felix Laguer
Vincent Lama
Julie Rose Lenza
Tealeda Lewis
Yudy Lopez
Filippo Lopiccolo
Marie Lucchese
Maxwell Lunde
Brittany Maiorana
Samy Malek *
Catherine McGlashin-Hopkins
Caitlin McKeever
Christopher McShea *
Siobhan Mejia
Yolanda Minardi *
Michelle Minichino
Elvira Molic
Ariana Moy *
Jessica Mucciariello
Jacquelyn Muller
Maksim Myaskovskiy ***
Suliaman Nabe
Kouame N'Guessan
Maria Nieto
Vanessa Nieves
Kristina Ognibene *
Remi Okazaki *
Elizabeth Ortiz
Sharifa Othman
Monique Pahuja
Dahlia Panelli *
Alessandra Panepinto
Steven Panyu
Matthew Papagni
Stephanie Parathyras
Victoria Parente
Steven Perez
Jetmira Popovic *
Samantha Portagallo *

Juan Potes-Mafla
Effie Poulos
Teresa Pulcrano
Robert Reider *
Monique Reilly
Christina Reyes
Nicole Reynolds
Mirna Rezk
Amanda Rodriguez
Jesse Mariya Rodriguez
Julia Roytburd *
Maria Russo
Michael Russo
Kaitlyn Ryan
Loreyda Sanchez
Georgia Sanon
Joseph Santaniello
Victoria Scotto *
Christine Seikali
Alyson Sherman
Rostislav Sherman *
Suzan Smadi *
Jennifer Smith ***
Sylvestine Smith
Salvatore Sorrentino
Bianca Soto
Megan Soto
Loriann Spagnola
Alyssa Sparacino
Colleen Stokes
Crystal Talbert
Viola Tawdrous
Allie Tesnakis *
Elisabeth Title
David Trias-Jordan
Allison Tse
Arnold Uliasz *
Yokasta Vargas
Dana Vitolo *
Daniel Volis
Candice Wagner
Patrick Wakie
Christian Walker **
Jacqueline Wang
Spencer Welhous
Lillian Werner ***
Rebecca Wheeler
Jordan Wong
Jenise Wright
Alex Xu

Bachelor of Science

Farah Abdulhaq
Mahmood Abdulrahim
Henry Abramov
Joseph Accurso
Adewumi Adeniyi
Jetmir Aga

JANUARY 2014

Mohamed Ahamed
Luis Alban *
Daniel Aliotta
Erica Altreche
Dogan Altunsoy
Alexa Antonacci
Agyeibea Apau
Thomas Arnone
Ashley Asaro
Valentina Assenova
Fatima Azhar ***
Estera Babayeva
Christine Bahan *
Belma Bakalli
Ramat Bakinson
Abisola Bashorun
Aya Bohsali
Christian Bonoan
Peter Boragi
Benjamin Brody
Melvin Browning
Vladislav Bykov
Lauren Caffrey
Natasha Caicedo
Julia Carlson *
Maria Casaccio *
Katherine Castiglione
Jane Cenatiempo
Jessica Ceserano
Elizabeth Che **
Chao Hui Chen
Hongquan Chen
Pine Cheng
Henry Cheung
Hsiu Shan Chin *
Christian Chino
Mohammad Choudhury
Mislay Christians
Jeffrey Cilento
Michael Citera
Jason Clarke
Eli Cohen
Tamir Cohen
Tara Colon
Christopher Cooper
Debra Crombie
Liliana Cruz Lopez
Timothy Cush
Tom Daigbe
Israel Danso
Elaine De Julio
Jasmine De Stefano **
Kristina Dedovets
Michael Degen
Theodore DeVitto
Alexa Donnelly
Maria Donofrio *
Alexandra Doronina *
Lauren Dorsey
Daniel Dubicki
Reynaldo Duncanson
Andrew Duran *
Daphne Duran *
Karen Eason
Nicholas Easton ***
Rania Elarabi
Oluwatobi Elemo **
Dina Elmardini *
Timothy Eng **
Megan Ernst
Julia Etlina
Jennifer Ezzo
Christopher Familiare
Jessica Fermin *
Frank Forte
Edwin Fu
Risa Fujimori *
Claudia Funez
Joseph Galante *
Christopher Garcia
Armand Gbaguidi
Fred Gegenheimer *
Ashley George
Maksim German
Elena Ghelan ***
Melissa Giaccio
Ambrose Gillon
Ashley Gilman
Anthony Gomez
Kusith Goonawardena
Aline Gosso
Michelle Granville-Garvey
Richard Green
Ivan Grullon
Anthony Guarneri
Marina Guirguis
Nikki Gulizia
Oscar Guzman
Amer Habib **
Robert Hakius
Adella Hamdan
Shaimaa Hegazy
Nilanthi Hemage *
Ashley Herrera
Jodi Wing Yan Ho
Julia Ho
Stella Hsin *
Kent Huang
Ariana Induddi
Sheri Iovine
Usaifir Islam
Samira Izmikna
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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 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
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 gray 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 recessionals.

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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