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 28, 2015 at 9:30AM

GREAT LAWN

2800 VICTORY BOULEVARD
STATEN ISLAND, NY 10314
PROGRAM
Interpreters: Doreen Capofari, Anna Carter, Elizabeth McNelis

PROCESSIONAL

PRESENTATION
Grand Marshal
George Emilio Sanchez
Professor and Vice Chair of College Council

PRESIDING OFFICER
Fred Naider
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Damian LaRocca ’15
BA, Music
(Signing by Students in the College of Staten Island American Sign Language Class)

INVOCATION
Reverend Nicholas P. Petropoulakos
Pastor, Holy Trinity-St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

WELCOME
William J. Fritz
President

GREETINGS
Rita DiMartino ’76
Trustee, The City University of New York
On behalf of the Board of Trustees

Matthew Sapienza
Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance
On behalf of The City University of New York

Deborah Popper
Professor of Political Science and Global Affairs
On behalf of the College of Staten Island Faculty

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE
William J. Fritz
Sally W. Williams
Doctor of Humane Letters

RECOGNITION OF PRESIDENTIAL MEDALS
William J. Fritz
Linda M. Baran
James McBratney ’05
Irving K. Robbins
Jean G. Roland

INTRODUCTION OF VALEDIRTORIAN
Fred Naider

VALEDIRTORIAN ADDRESS
Kaw sar Ibrahim ’15
BS, Psychology

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 will immediately follow the Ceremony.
A reception for graduates and guests will be held in the Campus Center at noon.
COLLEGE HONORS

CSI Valedictorian  Kawsar Ibrahim ‘15
CSI Salutatorian  Lucinda Zawadzki ‘15

COLLEGE AWARDS

Arleigh B. Williamson Liberal Arts Award  Jessica Wolchak
Clara and Arleigh B. Williamson Award  Sophia Jordan
Phi Beta Kappa Associates Awards
Jurandir Chan, Juan Clarin, Rossana Cruciatita, Marian Cunsolo, Abeer Husein, Kawsar Ibrahim, Sophia Jordan, Olivia Klahr, Kristina Wing Yee Lam, Stephanie Layburn, Elena Markov, Adriane Musacchio, Kelly Reebe, Nicole Rivardo, Benyomin Schofield, Abdo Semaan, Ilona Stoyko, Oksana Tsekot, Lucinda Zawadzki, and Rosalie Zawadzki

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

BUSINESS
School of Business Faculty Award for Excellence  Jozef Zapotoka
Andrew Esterly Award for Excellence  Tatsiana Milashevi
Burton S. Player Award for Academic Excellence  Salvatore Giannone
Wall Street Journal Achievement Award  Priscilla Torres
CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Academic Excellence in Business  Mei Pui Chan

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE
Beverly Curry Memorial Award  Kristina Belotskaya
Professor Laura S. Nowak Award for Academic Excellence in Finance  Chandramauli Adikari, Michael Siozios
Charles Pinzolo Award  Ksenia Kiseleva
New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants Award (Bachelor’s Degree)  Jie Fei

ECONOMICS
Oded Remba Memorial Award for Excellence in Economics  Alonzo Smith
CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Academic Excellence in Economics  Shenuque Tissera
MANAGEMENT
Lorraine and Gordon DiPaolo Management Awards
Mark Brogna
James Kollie
Adam Moy

MARKETING
Lorraine and Gordon DiPaolo Marketing Awards
Anthony DiAngelo
Joseph Guzzo
International Business Alumni Award
Megan Kohlsaat
Dr. Libero Giovanni Moretti Award
Steven Woolverton
Thomas Tellefsen Marketing Award
Mohammad Chuughtai

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
EDUCATION
Kopple C. Friedman Commencement Award
Liyang Chang
Harris Goldberg Memorial Award
Thomas Vuolo
Judith Summerville Memorial Award
Natalie Tamarez
CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in Education
Kristin Russo Colasanto

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES
NURSING
AAS Award in Nursing
Shani Jankelovits
BSN Award in Nursing
Rosalind Weiss
CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in Nursing
Ingrid Prince

PHYSICAL THERAPY
Physical Therapy Department Faculty Awards
for Service in Physical Therapy
Rebecca Bullen
Ann Mackey
Maureen McDonough
Nicole Savarese
Brian Sherman
Denise Uttaro
New York Physical Therapy Association
Brooklyn-Staten Island District Meritorious
Student Achievement Award
Brian Sherman
Physical Therapy Faculty Award for
Excellence in Physical Therapy
Ann Mackey
DIVISION OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

ENGLISH

Grace S. and Thomas Feola Award
Lyndell Matteo

Earl Jacobs Memorial Award
Alixandra Petersen

Creative Writing Award
Michael Santiago

English Department Linguistic Awards
Medine Kovacevic
Melynda Kuppler

English Department Literature Award
Stephanie Layburn

Ely Stock Memorial Award
Marie Amato

Rehberg Memorial Award for Academic Excellence in Poetry
Danielle Fletcher

Speech Science Research Award
Jessica Spensieri

CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Academic Excellence in English
Anthony Bongiorno

HISTORY

Professor Herbert Foster-James
Sturm-Don Hausdorff Memorial Award
Gregory Giordano

Francois Ngolet Memorial Awards
Abeer Husein
Adriane Musacchio

Stanley Plastrik Memorial Commencement Award
Brian Murphy

CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Academic Excellence in History
Samantha Coppola

MEDIA CULTURE

Media Culture Department Award: Cinema Studies
Alonzo Smith

Media Culture Department Awards: Communications
Raechel Eliasen
Samantha Endrom
Stacey Gitto
Laura Lagoudis
Steven Martinez
John McCarthy
Theresa Pessolano
Yasmine Rimawi

Elliot Rubenstein Memorial Award
Christi Boland
CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in
Media Culture
Jenna Rubertone

**PERFORMING AND CREATIVE ARTS**

Performing and Creative Arts
Department Award: Art
Victoria Hertel

Performing and Creative Arts
Department Awards: Dramatic Arts
Mellonnie Davis
Ayasha Sampson

Performing and Creative Arts
Department Awards: Music
Sara Dupre
Jose Mendez
Jane Saunders
Benyomin Schofield

Andrea Batista Award
Daniela Favaloro

Ted McIrvine Memorial Award
Patrick Nowak

Margaret Ricciardi Commencement Award
for Studio Art
Brian Ortiz

CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in
Performing and Creative Arts
Jane Saunders

**PHILOSOPHY**

Donna Mayer Award
for Academic Excellence
James Fahey

Excellence in Philosophy Awards
Christopher Damitz
Mohammed Naser
Charles Prestigiacomo
Nyah Smith

**POLITICAL SCIENCE AND GLOBAL AFFAIRS**

Laura Schwartz Memorial Award
for Excellence in Political Science
Ahmed Ahmed

Robert J. Schwenk Political Science Awards
Michael Nappi
Alyssa Olivo

**PSYCHOLOGY**

Psychology Departmental Awards
Hana Moustapha
Vincent Wong

Mark Guterman Memorial Award
Lisa Gniewkowski

Anya Gabriela Kuppersmith Memorial Award
Divina Wiley
Deitch Psychological Studies Awards for Evening Students
Keegan Fernandes
Genevieve Montecchi

CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Academic Excellence in Psychology
Kawzar Ibrahim

SOCIAL WORK
CSI Auxiliary Service Award for Academic Excellence in Social Work
Nicole Locricchio

SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY
Sociology and Anthropology Department Faculty Award
Anita Duka
Judith Balfé Memorial Award
Alexis Viruet
Angela Peña-Ayala Memorial Award
Tanya Desmond
Emil Oesterreicher Memorial Award
Tanya Faye
CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Academic Excellence in Sociology and Anthropology
Nicole Rivardo

WORLD LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES
World Languages and Literatures Department Award for Excellence in Italian
Jurandir Chan

World Languages and Literatures Department Award for Excellence in Spanish
Sandra Flores Hernandez

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

DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

BIOLOGY
Biology Department Faculty Awards
Lucinda Zawadzki
Rosalie Zawadzki

Biology Department Faculty Awards for Research
Rossana Cruciata
Kristina Wing Yee Lam

Biology Department Faculty Awards and the Joseph and Eileen Carlton Memorial Fund for Service to the Biology Department
Justin Atos
Christian Crespo

Melvin Baumel Memorial Award in Medical Technology
Albert Chow

Paris Garcia Memorial Award
Robert Pashayan
CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Excellence in Biology
Elena Markov

Joseph Vagvolgyi Memorial Award
Irena Jmukhadze

CHEMISTRY
Chemistry Department Awards
Getuarb Duka
Edward He
Kevin Lee

Patricia A. Nolan Award
Abdo Semaan

CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Academic Excellence in Chemistry/Biochemistry
Ilona Stoyko

COMPUTER SCIENCE
Maung Aung Memorial Awards
Ardita Musovic
Justin Van Wygerden

Warren G. Simmons Memorial Award
Mohammad Butt

Computer Science Department Awards
Islam Allan
Fateeha Amjad
Justin Bastawrose
Robert DACunto
Louis Gaeta
Paul Guglielmetti
Sungji Ha
Thomas Kurian
Michael Ruffe
Quang Tran
Jonathan Zimmer

CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Outstanding Service in Computer Science
Amy Luo

ENGINEERING SCIENCE AND PHYSICS
Giovanni S. Impeduglia Memorial Commencement Award
Thomas Vuolo

CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Academic Excellence in Engineering Science and Physics
Evgeniya Koshelyaevskaya

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES
Henry Huang Memorial Award
Tahir Hussain

Morris E. Levine Memorial Award
Kewin Tham

John Mulligan Memorial Awards
Constantin Bercov
Joseph Konczynski

MATHEMATICS
Sherry Blackman Memorial Award
Angelo Rago
Louis Blake Memorial Award
Danielle Auriti

Benedict Carlat Memorial Award
for Outstanding Work in Mathematics
Argeta Benis

Mabel Szeto Memorial Award
Justin Van Wygerden

CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in Mathematics
Lydia Chung

GRADUATE AWARDS

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
Louise Colavito Award in Education
Ian Feldman

MS Award in Education
Nelli Smirnova

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES
MS Award in Nursing
Mary Saputo

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
MA Award in English
Laura D’Anna

Federick M. Binder MALs Award for Outstanding Scholarly Achievement
Rocco Astore

The Richard Gid Powers Award in American Studies
Kevin Gomez

Michael Greenberg, Sadrul A. Khan, and Stephen J. Stearns Memorial Award
Ryan Eisenbraun

George Custen Memorial Awards in Cinema and Media Studies
Ximena Aliaguilla
Laura Christiansen

Clinical Mental Health Counseling Award in Psychology
Jianna Barhoum

MA Award in Social Work
Alexa Donnelly

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
MS Awards in Biology
Alzahraa Amer
Sari Katzen
Kristi Russo
Ella Viola

MS Awards in Computer Science
Srikari Sindhoori Datla
Endrit Kokunja
Roman Lavrov

Environmental Science Award
Padmi Ranasinghe
Neuroscience MS/Doctoral Program Awards
Elsie Arce
Emelyne Bauicaut
Gabriella Colonna
Nicole LaMassa
Cristen Melfi

INTERDISCIPLINARY AWARDS

CORE 100 Award
Carey Leiterman

Honors in Science, Letters, and Society
Jaclyn Miceli

International Studies
Asmaa Elamrousry

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Percy Ellis Sutton SEEK Program Award for Academic Achievement and Service to the Program
Kevin Gomez

John Conway Memorial Award
Jamie Sterner

Billy Fraser Achievement Award
Marc Weitzman

James Ortiz, Jr. Memorial Award
Allen Rivera

Melvin Baumel Memorial Basketball Award
Kevin Swanberg

Female Athlete of the Year Award
Brittany Smith

Male Athlete of the Year Award
Alfonso Castaneda

Student Government Student Service Awards/Students
Sarah Ahmad
Newton Brooks
Jurandir Chan
Katrina Hannan
Mitchell Harris
Rana Mohammad
Ibrahim Sangare

SAUNDRA FRANKEL MEMORIAL AWARDS

Medical Technology (Bachelor’s Degree)
Gracie Cai

Nursing (Associate’s Degree)
Olga Kubash

Nursing (Bachelor’s Degree)
Francesca Messina

Physical Therapy (Bachelor’s/Master’s Degree)
Ann Mackey
OTHER AWARDS

CSI Alumni Association Outstanding Student Leadership Awards
Sarah Ahmed
Kelly Woodford
Vincent Wong

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges
Gino Agneses
Ahmed Ahmed
Salsabeel Allan
Steve Arriaga
Justin Atos
Zana Barrow
Cathy-Ann Borges
Christopher Buonocore
Aissata Camara
Brandon Cardella
Arthur Cardinale
Jurandir Chan
Francis Colonna
Faith D'Alessandra
Christina Daquieno
Lucia Edwards
Kaitlyn Egan
Hassan Fares
Christine Fisher
Diana France
Mirna Germano
Elena Ghelan
John Gioeli
Leidona Gjonovic
Erica Golin
Joelle Grunblatt
Sue Ann Herrera
Laura Hollingsworth
Stephen Hongach
Abeer Husein
Maryann Ibrahim
Alexandra Imbesi
Alexander Improta
Praisey Jacob
Stephanie Jara
Kopro Jo-Joe
Christopher Jones
Kellie Joseph
Farzeen Kanwal
Sari Katzen
Luiza Kayumova
Megan Kohlsaat
Evgeniya Kosheleyaevskaya
Dona Wasana M. Navinna Kottage
Dennis Lam
Kristina Lam
Rin Zhi Larocque
Xue Qing Liang
Laura Lund
Sally Mach
Victoria Manzo
Dorothea Martin
Malcolm McPherson
Renee Merritt
Natallia Murzich
Adriane Musacchio
Bassem Nawar
Anita Ohemenggyan
Christina Olsen
Maria Pagani
Richard Pallarino
Dakota Paxton
Amanda Percaccio
Rachel Postiglione
Anthony Raguso
Merlin Raj
John Rubino
Hana Sajjad
Ibrahim Sangare
Omolola Saula
Danielle Scozzari
Danielle Sicilia
Dajah Smith
Karolina Truchel
Emmanuella Ulası
Erica Villamar
Ella Viola
Robert White
Masha Wickramasinghe
Gail Wodkiewicz
Irma Karina Cruz Velez
Inessa Zahkariashvili
Peipei Zhang
Luyao Zheng
DOLPHIN AWARDS

Outstanding Scholarly Achievement
by a Member of the Full-Time Faculty
Deborah Popper

Outstanding Teaching
by a Member of the Full-Time Faculty
Sondra Brandler

Outstanding Service and Contribution to the College by a Member of the Full-Time Faculty
Gordon DiPaolo

Outstanding Teaching
by a Member of the Adjunct Faculty
Anthony Romano

Outstanding Service and Contribution to the College by a Member of the Non-Instructional Staff in HEO Title
Lillian McGinn

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

Outstanding Service and Contribution to the College by a Member of the Non-Instructional Staff in Clerical Function
Elaine Rocco

Outstanding Service and Contribution to the College by a Member of the Non-Instructional Staff in Maintenance, Operations, Security Services, and Support Functions
Lucy Tirado

Outstanding Service and Contribution to the College by a Member of the Part-Time, Non-Instructional Staff
Donna Sipp

Outstanding Service and Contribution to the College by a Currently Enrolled Student
Erica Golin
HONORARY DEGREE

Sally W. Williams

You are a native Staten Islander and lifelong champion of our community, following in the footsteps of your father, Dr. Arleigh B. Williamson, one of the founders of our predecessor institutions, Staten Island Community College and Richmond College, without which we wouldn’t be here today. Your education spans from Curtis High School to Cornell University, where you received a degree in Government.

Your professional career, all in the federal government, spanned 35 years. You began your tenure with the Civil Service Commission in Washington, DC. Then, you worked for several years for the Department of the Army in Boston before moving to Japan.

Eventually, you returned to Staten Island and resumed your career with the U.S. Civil Service Commission, which later became the Office of Personnel Management, a few years later, serving in the New York Regional office. Subsequently, you moved to Commission offices in Buffalo, where you were the first woman to run the office; San Francisco, where you worked to establish that office; and Newark, before landing in Philadelphia, where you became Chief of the Staffing Services Division, overseeing the agency's field offices throughout the Northeast, and Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. You retired from this position.

You also served as the former President of the New York State Chapter of the International Personnel Management Association and the New York Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration, and National Chair for ASPA’s Section for Personnel and Labor Relations.

In an effort to continue your father’s commitment to the community, you have served in a number of high-profile roles on Staten Island. You are a founding member and past President of the College of Staten Island Foundation, where you continue to serve on the Board of Directors. You are also past President of the Greenbelt Conservancy, where you facilitated the opening of the Greenbelt Nature Center, and a current Board member; former Vice President and Treasurer of the Staten Island Botanical Garden; and former President of the Staten Island Citizens’ Planning Committee of the Freshkills Landfill. You continue your work today as a community activist.

In recognition of your passionate commitment to our College and community, the faculty of the College of Staten Island of The City University of New York awards you the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

In pursuance of the authority vested in me by law and on the recommendation of the faculty, in accordance with the action of the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York, I now confer upon Sally W. Williams the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, with all the rights, privileges, honors, responsibilities, and immunities.
Linda M. Baran

Linda M. Baran is President and CEO of the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce, where she has worked for the past 28 years. In May 2004, Ms. Baran was elected by the Chamber's Board of Directors as the first woman President and CEO of the organization. Prior to that, she served as the Interim President for seven months and held the position of Vice President of Finance and Resources. She has worked in many areas of the Chamber, including Finance and Operations and Membership Development, Community Relations, and Special Events, as well as Government and Legislative Affairs. Ms. Baran also serves on the Board of the Chamber Alliance of New York State (CANYS) and plays an active role in the Five Borough Chamber Coalition. She has served on Governor Cuomo's Community Rising Planning committee, where she has worked tirelessly in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy to provide resources and information to affected Staten Island businesses, and she currently serves as the President of the Staten Island Rotary Club, as a board member of Notre Dame Academy, and as an advisory board member for the Small Business Development Center at the College of Staten Island. Ms. Baran has received a number of awards for her service, including a CSI College Award in 2005. She is a native Staten Islander who grew up in Midland Beach, and currently resides in Great Kills with her family.

James McBratney

James McBratney is the President of the Staten Island Restaurant and Tavern Association, and owner of Jimmy Max Bar and Restaurant. A self-described “passionate Staten Islander,” he was educated in the NYC public school system and briefly attended the University of Miami and Wagner College before enrolling at CSI, where he graduated in 2005 with a BS in Business Management. In 1989, Mr. McBratney and his grandfather John Denino co-founded Jimmy Max, which recently celebrated its 25th anniversary. He is a former CSI Alumni Association Board member, has served as the Chairperson of the CSI Alumni Association’s annual Savor the Flavors event since its inception in 2010, and is also on the Board of Management at the West Brighton YMCA. Today, much of his time is dedicated to coaching baseball at Snug Harbor Little League, soccer for Our Lady of Good Counsel, and football for the 911 flag football Raiders. Mr. McBratney is the proud father of five: James, Jenna, Mark, Kayla, and Liam. He is married to Kathleen McBratney (Driscoll) who received her undergraduate, master’s, and administrative certificate all from CSI. They reside in West Brighton on Staten Island. His four grandparents were all born on the North Shore of the Island.

Irving K. Robbins

Irving K. Robbins is an Associate Professor of Engineering and Physics at the College of Staten Island, and Director of CSI’s Astrophysical Observatory. He received a BS in Physics and Mathematics from The City College of New York and an MS in Physics from New York University. Prof. Robbins has been very active in his more than 46 years at CSI. The founder of the College’s Astrophysics program, his research has led to the confirmed discovery of a minor planet, five potential...
discoveries, and the recovery of two lost asteroids. Most recently, he has been involved in the active tracking and discovery of asteroids. Prof. Robbins has also served as a mentor to STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) undergraduate students in research techniques, has organized and hosted numerous day and evening viewing events at the CSI Observatory for our students and the general public, and has given frequent lectures throughout the area on "Asteroid and Comet Impacts with Consequences for Planet Earth" and other space science topics over the years. Prof. Robbins has received extensive recognition for his scholarship and dedication to his field including a CSI Dolphin Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1997, a Chancellor’s Certificate of Recognition in 2002, a Performance Excellence Award from PSC-CUNY and CSI in 1999, and a Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics Fellowship in 1993, as well as grants from the National Science Foundation and NASA.

Jean G. Roland

Jean G. Roland is a native Staten Islander, a published poet, and a fervent supporter of the Staten Island community and the College of Staten Island. She has served in a number of capacities, such as former board member of the Staten Island Museum, the Staten Island Mental Health Society, and Staten Island Historical Society. Beyond her literary pursuits, where she participated in writing workshops at The New School and the Noble Maritime Collection, Ms. Roland has also studied sculpture with Alexander Archipenko, and William King at the Brooklyn Museum, as well as welding at Pratt Institute. She was married to the late Dr. Albert Roland, a graduate of Curtis High School, The City College/CUNY, and New York University Dental School, who eventually served as President of the Richmond County Dental Society. Although Dr. Roland was an alumnus of City College, the Rolands have been supporters and good friends of the College of Staten Island because it was the CUNY institution in their community. Ms. Roland has continued that support and dedication to this day.
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)
Associate in Applied Science
Sarah Abraham
David Acosta
Ruslan Antonich
Iulia Blagodar
Samanta Casco
Joanne Ciccone
Juliana Ciriati
Preston Daniel
Anastasia Deluca
Nicholas Dolcemaschio
Victoria Filippazzo
Daniel Gantman
Melissa Gelardi
Roksolyana Gladoun
Christine Gorman
Anyia Govia
Fitore Hallili *
Kevin Hosmer
Maegan Hotchkiss
Stephanie Hunt
Praisey Jacob *
Shani Jankelovits **
Olga Kubash **
Helen Lashiker
Philip Lee
Danielle Lentini
Jillian Lisi
Georgiy Lzychin *
Saraha Mahomed
Kimete Maskuli
Zakaria Merfouk
Jennifer Merz
Tara Messina *
Thomas Notaro
Amanda Noto **
Okechukwu Okoronkwo
William Olsen
Rosanna O’Mallon *
Lori Pagano
Joyce Pisanti ***
Jasmine Redman
Kaitlyn Rosendorf
Joseph Russo
Lisa Samuel
Omolola Saula *
Anna Soubbotina
Diana Tlatenchi *
Cristal Torres
April Vanwagoner
Xin Wang
Jack Xu
Alesia Zhuk
Tatyana Zinchenko *
Dimitra Zorbas

Associate in Arts
Manar Abdelaziz **
Morire Akindutire
Alexa Anderson
Salmana Bah
Frida Balla
Matthew Basile
Tiffany Beasley
Morgan Benggio
Brianne Benitez
Olivia Bracco
Tilson Brito-arena
Vladyslav Budnik
Nicole Caccavale
Genesis Camacho
Kristina Chechich
Nicole Cillis
Amanda Cipolla
Ramanda Clarke
Ashley Cruz
Susan Delpino
Michelle Depietro
Tatiana Dragnunskiy
Iman Elramsissy
Moses Esuola
Daniel Falero
Christina Fillbrunn
Anthony Fontana
Michael Forquignon
Victor Forte
Joanne German *
Amira Ghanem
Jennifer Gitter
Donna Green
Bianca Hayes
Jose Hernandez
Brian Hozer
Angel Irizarry
Fatumata Jacob *
Tamara Jacobs
Ryan John
Patrick Kilbane
Nicole King **
Isabelle Krysiak
Katherine Lara
Stephanie Leaks
Della Lee
Neal Levy
Nancy Maira *
James Manning
Michael Marchese Jr. *
Jessica Mayes
James McGowan **
Tiffany Medina
Roberto Melendez
Rebecca Mendoza
Milinda Montanez
Lauren Morales
Frantz Muller
Elizabeth Munafu *
JANUARY 2015

Meaghan Murphy
Iritifa Najneen
Brandon Nicolas
Valentin Nisevich
Amane Othman
Andrea Perez
Kristen Perri *
Shona-K Phillip
Amanda Pollari
Jessica Pollicino
Victoria Priola
Deborah Quaglino *
Dominic Quattrocchi
Nicholas Radenberg
Cynthia Reyes
Sandra Dee Richardson
Salvatore Rizzo
Nico Rojas
Destini Rosario
Jonathan Rouach
Erica Salguera *
Mirka Sanchez
Samantha Scalici
Keith Schettino
Joseph Senise
Ali Shah
Mohammad Shahout
Assata Soumahoro
Alex Sparago
Nicole Spinella
Sherine Sumoul
John Tadras
Amanda Taliercio
Anna Tam *
Crystal Tirado
Jeremy Trigo
Philip Tronolone
Christopher Williams
Michael Williams
Matthew Wojcik
Jessica Wolchak ***
Briana Wood
Hayward Yatco
Salvatore Zambito

Associate in Science
Kofoworola Badero
Alexandra Maida
Pauline Pazdry
Anaida Simonyants

Bachelor of Arts
Marwa Ahmar
Russell Aiello
Marie Amato *
Denise Andes
Afua Ansah
William Arata
Danielle Auriti **
Candice Ayala
Carlos Banegas
Josiah Beck
Theresa Bethea *
Amanda Boglio *
Gene Bonsanti
Christina Bracco
Noelle Brennan **
Daniel Brown
Naomi Bunick
Bianca Burrafato
Ashley Caruso
Omar Casiano
Elio Chedrawi
Lina Chica
Gabrielle Christopher
Benjamin Chu
Matthew Chung
Kristen Russo Colasanto **
Samantha Coppola **
Kasey Cowan
Vanessa Cucuzza
Tricia Cuomo
Shawn Cybulaska
Alex Dale
Christopher Damitz *
Steven Daniels
Justin De Crescenzo *
Edward Decamillis
Leonard Donegan
Anita Duka *
Souha Elsaadi
Jessica Emery
Nicole Ercole
Igor Eydmann
Victor Fernandez
Cristina Figueroa
Suzanne Fiorillo
Kenneth Fowler
Diana France *
Anne Fredrickson
Artem Golub
Ethan Greenspan
Michelle Guarino
Sharzina Halim
Kristina Ivanova
Lee-Anne Jaccarino *
Sean Kelly
Olivia Klahr ***
Aida Kovacevic
Tamara Laird
Nico Lalla
Nicolette Lambert
Stephanie Layburn **
Stephanie Lee
Antonella Marino
Aprile Martin
JANUARY 2015

Denise Martinez
Nicholas Massa
Christopher Mione
Julianne Neely **
Sally Niles
Kenyetta Oliver
Alyssa Olivo **
Jakub Orlando
Anthony Padavano
Corinne Paris
Amanda Pepe **
Mareddy Perez
Joseph Perillo
Katie Perkins *
Cody Pregent
Danielle Rainone *
Kelly Reebe ***
Itana Rekhelis
Vjolca Resuljani
Marline Rezk
Joseph Riccobono
Kim Rittenhouse
Lisa Rittenhouse
Nicole Rivardo ***
Lisa Roberts
James Robinson
Lorraine Rocco
Britany Rogan
Sean Ryan
David Salieb
Samia Sanchez
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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. Bachelors’ gowns are simple, with modestly gathered sleeves that extend to the wrist. Masters’ gowns have long kimono-like sleeves. Doctors’ hoods have full gathered sleeves with velvet bands. Bachelors’ hoods are small, masters’ 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 masters’ 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 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.