



COMMENCEMENT

MAY 17, 2025

HOOD COLLEGE
Commencement
2025

ORDER OF PROCESSION

ASSISTANT MARSHALS

Professors Susan Ensel and Eric Kindahl

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

THE COLLEGE FACULTY

SENIOR MARSHALS

Professors Kimberly Morse Jones and Erik Messinger

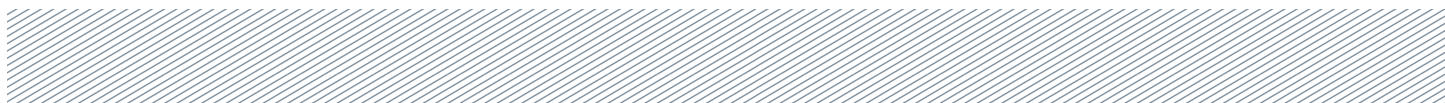
THE COLLEGE TRUSTEES

SPECIAL GUESTS

MACE BEARER

Professor Drew Ferrier

THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY



Commencement

PROGRAM

PRELUDE

CHIMES OF THE CARILLON

The McCullagh Memorial Carillon

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance by Elgar

INVOCATION

The Rev. Beth O'Malley
McHenry Dean of the Chapel

WELCOME

Tonya Thomas Finton '78
Chair of the Hood College Board of Trustees

OPENING REMARKS AND RECOGNITION OF RETIRING FACULTY

Deborah D. Ricker, Ph.D.
President of Hood College

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKERS

President Ricker

SENIOR CLASS REMARKS

Isabella Marie DiPietrantonio '25
Katherine Lynn Stang '25

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE

President Ricker

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

President Ricker

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Tamelyn Tucker-Worgs, Ph.D.
Virginia E. Lewis Professor of Political Science

PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Paige Eager, Ph.D.
*Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs
and Provost*

CONFERRING OF BACHELOR'S DEGREES

President Ricker

REMARKS FROM THE ALUMNI EXECUTIVE BOARD

Derrick D. Harrigan '07, MBA'14

SINGING OF THE ALMA MATER

Dominic Michael Bechtel '25
Rebecca Marie Roberts Carroll '25
Sophia DeGennaro '25
Isabella Marie DiPietrantonio '25
Johnes Alexander Lehmer '25
Kayla Meistrell '25
Maura O'Malley-Young '25
(*lyrics on page 16*)

BENEDICTION

Rev. O'Malley

RECESSIONAL

*To respect all graduates, please remain seated as able for the entire Commencement ceremony,
and until the platform party, faculty and graduates have recessed.*



BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE RECIPIENTS

The names of these recipients reflect Hood College records as of May 1, 2025.

Students who have successfully completed all degree requirements in the spring term will have their degrees officially awarded on June 5.

Lily Charls Adams
History

Salomon Aguilar
Sociology

Ibtisam A. A. Alafghani
Political Science, Economics

Samir Alam
Finance

Soren Almquist
Business Administration

Keren Melisa Alvarenga
Biology

Olivia Kate Antonelli
Business Administration

Ariana Armstrong
Art Therapy

Dora Kathrine Ashby
Accounting

Gabrielle Averill
Elementary/Special Education

Shelby Bandelow
Communication Arts

Dominic Michael Bechtel
Music, Psychology

Kaitlin Lorraine Beckford
Biology

Harryson Bellevue
Psychology

Addison Leigh Benton ■
*Integrated Marketing
Communication*

Katharine Bentz
Psychology

Angel Boardley
Biology

Leah Anne Bolger
Business Administration

Keegan J Brennan
Finance

Brandon Michael Brooks
Finance

Jaylen Alliah Brooks
Psychology

Tynaea Brown
Psychology

Richana Brown
Biology

Quinton Brown
Business Administration

Alexis Maxine Bruchey
Interdepartmental

Abigail Lynne Burnette
Early Childhood Education

Abigail Burns
Biology

Nathan Byrnes
History

Riana Caldwell
Biology

Darlie Williana Calixte
Sociology

Olivia Shawn Campbell
Biology

Zoe Louise Carnegis
Early Childhood Education

Caulder Carl Carr
*Environmental Science
& Policy*

**Rebecca Marie Roberts
Carroll**
Biology, English

Gloria Castillo Bonilla ‡
*Business Administration,
Spanish: Iberian & Latin
American Cultural Studies*

**Katy Marisela
Castillo-Marquez**
Sociology

Casey Chamberlin
Psychology

Jalen Matthew Chance
Business Administration

Keene Chau ‡
Biology

Nicholas Citro
*Integrated Marketing
Communication*

Jarrold A Connell
Business Administration

Matthew David Cooper
History

Ellie Cooper ‡
Communication Arts

Jack Crehan
Psychology

Patrick Crockett
Psychology

Sophia D'Agostino
*Integrated Marketing
Communication*

James Darling ■
Business Administration

Claire Maria Cristina Daum
English

Levi Davis
Sociology

Cameron Thomas Day
Communication Arts

Sophia DeGennaro
Communication Arts

Marisa Del Borrello
Law & Criminal Justice

Khaliah Adhiambo Deya
Art & Archaeology

Madison Dillon
Psychology

**Isabella Marie
DiPietrantonio** ■
Sustainability Studies

Katherine Driscoll ‡
Business Administration

Nicolette Leigh DuBose
*Integrated Marketing
Communication*

Holly Duerling
Law & Criminal Justice

Brenna Ellenberger
*Integrated Marketing
Communication*

Owen Michael Ellington ‡
Biology

James Endicott
Business Administration

Marlyn Fernanda Espana
Psychology

Nora Farahat
Early Childhood Education

Amari Shari Faust
Communication Arts

James Patrick Fay Jr
Communication Arts

Natalie Feit
Social Work

Melissa Alexandra Fowler
Mathematics

Phebe Frost
*Integrated Marketing
Communication, English*

Troy David Fulton
*Integrated Marketing
Communication*

Leslie Funes
*Integrated Marketing
Communication*

Elizabeth Ann Garner
Business Administration

Lily C. Gesiskie
*Environmental Science
& Policy*

Meray Ghobrial
*Integrated Marketing
Communication*

**Maria Fernanda Giron
Gonzalez**
*Spanish: Iberian & Latin
American Cultural Studies*

Ellie Marie Glawe
Social Work

Avianna Gordon
Global Studies

Rebecca Lynn Gottlieb
Accounting

Hanna Green
Elementary/Special Education

Sarah Denise Gribble
Business Administration

James Christian Gruenfelder
Communication Arts

**Joshua Andrew
Grzymkowski** ■
Business Administration

**Nick Severiano
Guarneschelli**
Business Administration

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE RECIPIENTS

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Xavier Alvin Haley
Business Administration

Ghazal Hami
Mathematics

Cayla Marie Haney
Early Childhood Education

Gavin Hayes
Biology

Allyson Renée Heier
Communication Arts

Shelby Ann Hendrickson
Mathematics

Terrence Hensley
*Environmental Science
& Policy*

Natalia Susana Herboso
Business Administration

Kameryn Herpich-Harshaw
Law & Criminal Justice

Jacob Hill
Chemistry

Jonathan Thomas Hille ■
Art & Archaeology

Anne Hudson
Art & Archaeology

Nicholas B Humphries
Business Administration

Kira Hutchins
Social Work

Gabriel J. Hutchinson
Business Administration

Anh D. Huynh
Business Administration

Alex Ingram
Mathematics

Imaan Mohammedrafiq Jaffer
Global Studies

Andre Johnson
Economics

Jaden M Johnson
Law & Criminal Justice

Branden David Jones ■
History

Asiayonna Chevonne Jones
Social Work

Genesis Kapp
History, Psychology

Thomas Kasanicky
Public Health

Andrea Kassa
Biology

John Knight ■
Business Administration

Grace Koehler
Mathematics

Alex Paul Kowalski
Political Science

Leo Alexander Krach
History

Connie Gabrielle Kramer
Sociology

Maya Grace Krishnan ‡
English

Rachel Catherine Kucharski
Communication Arts

Lillian Rose-Marie Larsen
Psychology

Samuel James Lawrence ‡
Mathematics

Johnes Alexander Lehmer
Biology

Karen Lemus Molina Siqueira
Finance

Garrison Raine Linton
*Integrated Marketing
Communication*

Ridley C. Little
Biology

Gabrielle Nicole Llewellyn
English

Markya Lovett ‡
Public Health

Jacqueline Malitzki
Biology

Kingsly Mante Angua
Public Health

Shane Marks
*Integrated Marketing
Communication*

Liam James McGlinchey
*Environmental Science
& Policy*

Molly Elizabeth McGraw
Biology

Christopher Sean McKiniry
*Environmental Science
& Policy*

Shayna Miller
Sociology

Jamel Mins
*Integrated Marketing
Communication*

Samantha Keren Miranda ■
*Global Studies, Spanish:
Iberian & Latin American
Cultural Studies*

Simone Wanjiru Mitchem
*Integrated Marketing
Communication*

Meghan Moeller
Law & Criminal Justice

Anne Marie Moore
Art & Archaeology

Joseline L. Moran
Psychology

Jasmin Moran
Business Administration

Riordan Muldoon
*Business Administration,
Law & Criminal Justice*

August Moon Mullican ‡
Biology

Alyssa Murtaugh
Psychology

Amutul Mwanje
*Integrated Marketing
Communication*

Priya Nair
*Integrated Marketing
Communication*

Don Ngo
Mathematics

Khatija Nishat ‡
Biology

Gabriella Ntali
*Integrated Marketing
Communication*

Melissa Isabel Núñez
Chemistry

Shirley Ama Okaibea Okai
Business Administration

Maura O'Malley-Young ‡
*Integrated Marketing
Communication*

Olivia Grace O'Malley-Young ‡
Social Work

Melody TuChin Par
Public Health

Amanda Pastora
Psychology

Jack Patterson
Biology

Luke William Paugh ‡
History

Naya Nicole Perez ■
Biology

Augusta Mary Pinson
Elementary/Special Education

Luis Arvin Pioquinto Agustin
Finance

Miranda Katherine Pires
Elementary/Special Education

Hannah G Poole
Early Childhood Education

Elizabeth Anne Porter
Mathematics

Nadia Rahman
Biology

Maxamillian Zakary Rajaobelina-Phipps
*Global Studies,
Political Science*

Kimberly Katalina Reyes
English

Alba Sarai Reyes Montiel
Business Administration

Kylee Lorene Roberts
Elementary/Special Education

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE RECIPIENTS

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Casey A. Rohwein
Political Science

Alena Marie Roskowinski
*Environmental Science
& Policy*

Ian Kondwani Salaka
Economics, Finance

Josephine Sasse ‡
Sustainability Studies

Remi Schaber
Mathematics

Hannah Rose Schwartz
Psychology

Heather Seelye
Psychology

Min Shain
Public Health

Samuel Joseph Shea
Political Science

**Caylee Anna Briggs
Sheaffer ‡**
*Global Studies,
Political Science*

Madison Sheffield
Early Childhood Education

Lauren Sheffler
Elementary/Special Education

Brendan Smith
Biology

Shadeya Dashauna Smith
Psychology

Hellen Soares Campos
Accounting

Hannah Isabelle Sobchak ‡
*Integrated Marketing
Communication*

Olivia Brooke Sobchak ‡
*Integrated Marketing
Communication*

Yordanos Solomon
Sociology

William Spencer
Business Administration

Madysen Grace Staley ‡
Business Administration

Tamara Stanford
Biology

Katherine Lynn Stang
Biology

Matthew Connor Stout
Business Administration

Liam Strickland ‡
Business Administration

Brendan Stutz
Business Administration

Katy Svitak
Psychology

Gavin Swaney
Elementary/Special Education

Ava Swartz
Psychology

Ksenya Elisabeth Swinton
Psychology

Roselyn Taylor
Elementary/Special Education

Stefanie Temple
History

Nicholas Lawrence Titus
Chemistry

Olivia Todd
*Political Science,
Communication Arts*

Zulma Alexandra Trejo
Social Work

David Turner
History

Ashley Visscher
Art & Archaeology

Emilie Marie Vitalo
Business Administration

Luke Walker
Biochemistry

Cayla Raquel Watson
Public Health

Taj Weems
Sociology

Thomas Michael Wheeler ■
Law & Criminal Justice

**Damani Monae Elizabeth
White**
Biology

Sara Whitehead
Early Childhood Education

Robert Wiley
Business Administration

Ace Daniel Frank Williams ‡
*Spanish: Iberian & Latin
American Cultural Studies,
Global Studies*

Savannah Winpigler
History

Ryan Michael Wolfe
Law & Criminal Justice

Na'leigha Natori Wright
Chemistry

HOOD COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT 2025

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

The names of these recipients reflect Hood College records as of May 1, 2025.

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Jeremias Argueta
Computer Science

Kelin Yolanda Argueta
Computer Science

Jiovani Bah
Computer Science

Corey Andres Cevallos
Computer Science

Sophia Isabel Perez Ferrer
Computer Science

Montserrat Flores Castillo
Computer Science

Melissa Alexandra Fowler
Computer Science

Emanuel A. Granados 
Computer Science

Ghazal Hami
Computer Science

Easton Scott Kite
Computer Science

Samuel James Lawrence ‡
Computer Science

Kayla Meistrell
Computer Science

Don Ngo
Computer Science

Christina Pappelis
Computer Science

Sarah Surati Setiawan
Computer Science

Matthew Philip Smith ‡
Computer Science

Elijah Watson
Computer Science

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

The names of these recipients reflect Hood College records as of May 1, 2025.

Students who have successfully completed all degree requirements in the spring term will have their degrees officially awarded on June 5.

Amélie Achée
Nursing

Paola Nicole Adames
Nursing

Ainslee Marie Barger
Nursing

Jada Mone'e Blair
Nursing

Rashida Whade Faith Blamo
Nursing

Kaelyn M. Blocher
Nursing

Katelyn Nadine Calvo
Nursing

Chloe Alexis Demoine
Nursing

Emily Marie Dewees
Nursing

Christyn Joselyn Diaz
Nursing

Layla Nikole Diggs
Nursing

Nwamaka Ezinwanneakolam
Ejiogu
Nursing

Jenelle Fields
Nursing

Shannon Elizabeth Foster
Nursing

Zariah George
Nursing

Alanis Gonzalez Quiles
Nursing

Jennifer Guillen Recinos
Nursing

Emily Lourdes Guzman
Nursing

Adalie Heller
Nursing

Sean Christian Henline ‡
Nursing

Ana Alicia Hernandez Cruz
Nursing

Mallorie Hetzel
Nursing

Allison Rose House
Nursing

Ni'ema Dajiah'nay Houston
Nursing

Kayla Jackson
Nursing

Riley Nicole Johnston-
Napora
Nursing

Djeza Stephanie M. Kore
Nursing

Grace LaScola
Nursing

Sel Lyons
Nursing

Morgan Paige McKnew
Nursing

Anieska Lizbeth Perez Ruiz
Nursing

Jocelyn Marie Pfeiger
Nursing

Rashayia Nyshez Pitts
Nursing

Emily Rachelle Preza
Nursing

Emma Ranneberger
Nursing

Kiersten Marie Ropp ‡
Nursing

Elayna Joy Saliba
Nursing

Mateo Silva Ortiz
Nursing

McKayla Nichole Staley
Nursing

Avery Hue Stanley
Nursing

Mahima Thapa
Nursing

Luke Clemons Thompson
Nursing

Blanca Noemi Ventura
Nursing

Elizabeth Marie Wallace
Nursing

Alyssa Katelyn Walters
Nursing

Karla Ixchel Zarate
Nursing

HOOD COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT 2025

CHAIR OF THE BOARD SCHOLARS

*This highly prestigious scholarship provides full-tuition awards to academically superior students in each entering class.
This award is renewable annually, up to four years.*

Rebecca Marie Roberts Carroll

Alba Sarai Reyes Montiel

Katherine Lynn Stang

THE CHRISTINE P. TISCHER SCHOLARS

Students who at the end of their junior year have earned an overall grade point average of 3.0 and a 3.5 in their major are invited to participate in Departmental Honors work during their senior year. The prestigious and highly selective yearlong program is designed for students who wish to pursue intensive research or a special project.

Dominic Michael Bechtel

Madison Dillon

Melissa Isabel Núñez

Katherine Lynn Stang

Riana Caldwell

Sophia Isabel Perez Ferrer

Elizabeth Anne Porter

Katy Svitak

Rebecca Marie Roberts Carroll

Phebe Frost

Maxamillian Zakary

Olivia Todd

Casey Chamberlin

Meray Ghobrial

Rajaobelina-Phipps

Sophia DeGennaro

Anne Hudson

Remi Schaber

ACADEMIC HONOR SOCIETIES

IONIC SOCIETY (Service to Hood)

Lily Charls Adams
Dominic Michael Bechtel
Kaelyn M. Blocher
Angel Boardley
Riana Caldwell
Olivia Shawn Campbell
Zoe Louise Carnegis
Casey Chamberlin
Ellie Cooper
Isabella Marie DiPietrantonio
Phebe Frost
Cayla Marie Haney
Anne Hudson
Andrea Kassa
Alex Paul Kowalski
Molly Elizabeth McGraw
Maura O'Malley-Young
Caylee Anna Briggs Sheaffer
Madison Sheffield
Katherine Lynn Stang

MORTAR BOARD (All Majors)

Kaitlin Lorraine Beckford
Abigail Lynne Burnette
Rebecca Marie Roberts Carroll
Isabella Marie DiPietrantonio
Emanuel A. Granados
Andrea Kassa
Molly Elizabeth McGraw
Alba Sarai Reyes Montiel
Augusta Mary Pinson
Maxamillian Zakary
Rajaobelina-Phipps
Madison Sheffield
Nicholas Lawrence Titus

PHI KAPPA PHI (All Majors)

Zoe Louise Carnegis
Matthew David Cooper
Phebe Frost
Khatija Nishat
Melissa Isabel Núñez
Katherine Lynn Stang
ALPHA KAPPA DELTA
(Sociology)
Connie Gabrielle Kramer
ALPHA MU ALPHA
(Marketing)
Phebe Frost
Troy David Fulton
Meray Ghobrial
Gabriella Ntali
Maura O'Malley-Young
Hannah Isabelle Sobchak
Olivia Brooke Sobchak
BETA BETA BETA
(Biology)
Kaitlin Lorraine Beckford
Riana Caldwell
Rebecca Marie Roberts Carroll
Owen Michael Ellington
Johnes Alexander Lehmer
Molly Elizabeth McGraw
Khatija Nishat
Naya Nicole Perez
Katherine Lynn Stang
CHI ALPHA SIGMA
(Student-Athlete)
Kaelyn M. Blocher
Keegan J Brennan
Abigail Lynne Burnette
Gloria Castillo Bonilla

Casey Chamberlin
Amari Shari Faust
Shannon Elizabeth Foster
Phebe Frost
Troy David Fulton
Rebecca Lynn Gottleib
Cayla Marie Haney
Andrea Kassa
Molly Elizabeth McGraw
Remi Schaber
Madison Sheffield
Avery Hue Stanley
Matthew Connor Stout
Brendan Stutz
Olivia Todd
Emilie Marie Vitalo
Robert Wiley
DELTA MU DELTA
(Business)
Leah Anne Bolger
Keegan J Brennan
Brandon Michael Brooks
Katherine Driscoll
Rebecca Lynn Gottleib
Shirley Ama Okaibea Okai
Alba Sarai Reyes Montiel
GAMMA SIGMA EPSILON
(Chemistry)
Riana Caldwell
Johnes Alexander Lehmer
Molly Elizabeth McGraw
Khatija Nishat
Melissa Isabel Núñez
Katherine Lynn Stang
Nicholas Lawrence Titus

KAPPA DELTA PI (Education)

Abigail Lynne Burnette
Zoe Louise Carnegis
Cayla Marie Haney
Alex Ingram
Gabrielle Nicole Llewellyn
Augusta Mary Pinson
Hannah G Poole
Madison Sheffield
Sara Whitehead
LAMBDA PI ETA
(Communication Arts)
Sophia DeGennaro
James Patrick Fay Jr
Olivia Todd

OMICRON DELTA EPSILON (Economics)

Alba Sarai Reyes Montiel
Ian Kondwani Salaka

PHI ALPHA (Social Work)

Natalie Feit
Kira Hutchins
Asiayonna Chevonne Jones
Zulma Alexandra Trejo

PHI ALPHA THETA (History)

Lily Charls Adams
Matthew David Cooper
Luke William Paugh
Madison Sheffield
Stefanie Temple
Savannah Winpigler

ACADEMIC HONOR SOCIETIES

PHI DELTA PHI (Law)

Lily Charls Adams

Holly Duerling

Casey A. Rohwein

PI DELTA PHI (French)

Lily Charls Adams

Anne Hudson

Stefanie Temple

PI MU EPSILON (Mathematics)

Matthew David Cooper

Melissa Alexandra Fowler

Rebecca Lynn Gottlieb

Alex Ingram

Grace Koehler

Samuel James Lawrence

Don Ngo

Elizabeth Anne Porter

Remi Schaber

Sarah Surati Setiawan

Matthew Philip Smith

PI SIGMA ALPHA (Political Science)

Marisa Del Borrello

Kameryn Herpich-Harshaw

Imaan Mohammedrafiq Jaffer

Casey A. Rohwein

Caylee Anna Briggs Sheaffer

Olivia Todd

PSI CHI (Psychology)

Casey Chamberlin

Patrick Crockett

Madison Dillon

Marlyn Fernanda Espana

Alyssa Murtaugh

Heather Seelye

Shadeya Dashauna Smith

Katy Svitak

Ksenya Elizabeth Swinton

SIGMA DELTA PI (Spanish)

Gloria Castillo Bonilla

Maria Giron

Samantha Keren Miranda

SIGMA TAU DELTA (English)

Rebecca Marie Roberts Carroll

Phebe Frost

Maya Grace Krishnan

Gabrielle Nicole Llewellyn

SIGMA IOTA RHO (International Studies)

Imaan Mohammedrafiq Jaffer

Samantha Keren Miranda

Maxamillian Zakary

Rajaobelina-Phipps

Caylee Anna Briggs Sheaffer

SIGMA THETA TAU (Nursing)

Ana Alicia Hernandez Cruz

Nwamaka Ezinwanneakolam
Ejiogu

Shannon Elizabeth Foster

Riley Nicole Johnston-Napora

Sel Lyons

Alanis Gonzalez Quiles

Anieska Perez Ruiz

Mahima Thapa

Elizabeth Marie Wallace

UPSILON PI EPSILON (Computer Science)

Sophia Isabel Perez Ferrer

Sarah Surati Setiawan

Elijah Watson

HODSON TRUST SCHOLARSHIP FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

These scholarships are among the most prestigious honor scholarships offered by Hood to incoming full-time, first-year students of outstanding academic ability.

Amélie Achée	Katharine Bentz	Riana Caldwell	Shannon Elizabeth Foster
Paola Nicole Adames	Jada Mone'e Blair	Katelyn Nadine Calvo	Meray Ghobrial
Lily Charls Adams	Rashida Whade Faith Blamo	Olivia Shawn Campbell	Rebecca Lynn Gottlieb
Ariana Armstrong	Kaelyn M. Blocher	Zoe Louise Carnegis	Cayla Marie Haney
Gabrielle Averill	Keegan J Brennan	Gloria Castillo Bonilla	Andrea Kassa
Jiovani Bah	Brandon Michael Brooks	Katy Marisela Castillo-Marquez	Khatija Nishat
Shelby Bandelow	Richana Brown	Keene Chau	Gabriella Ntali
Ainslee Marie Barger	Abigail Lynne Burnette	Matthew David Cooper	Sarah Surati Setiawan
Dominic Michael Bechtel	Abigail Burns	Jenelle Fields	Stefanie Temple

HOOD COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT 2025

UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT HONORS

The names of these recipients reflect Hood College records as of May 1, 2025.

Commencement Honors are awarded to graduating seniors who have achieved the cumulative average as indicated below at the time of graduation.

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

3.95 to 4.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average

Gabrielle Averill	Patrick Crockett	Anne Hudson	Madison Sheffield
Leah Anne Bolger	Holly Duerling	Gabrielle Nicole Llewellyn	Matthew Philip Smith
Riana Caldwell	Sophia Isabel Perez Ferrer	Khatija Nishat	Hannah Isabelle Sobchak
Zoe Louise Carnegis	Melissa Alexandra Fowler	Gabriella Ntali	Katy Svitak
Casey Chamberlin	Phebe Frost	Augusta Mary Pinson	Savannah Winpigler
Matthew David Cooper	Meray Ghobrial	Remi Schaber	

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

3.85 to 3.94 Cumulative Grade Point Average

Ibtisam A. A. Alafghani	Rebecca Lynn Gottlieb	Maxamillian Zakary	Stefanie Temple
Kaelyn M. Blocher	Anh D. Huynh	Rajaobelina-Phipps	Olivia Todd
Ellie Cooper	Ridley C. Little	Heather Seelye	David Turner
James Darling	Alyssa Murtaugh	Lauren Sheffler	Sara Whitehead
Isabella Marie DiPietrantonio	Miranda Katherine Pires	Olivia Brooke Sobchak	Ace Daniel Frank Williams
Katherine Driscoll	Elizabeth Anne Porter	Katherine Lynn Stang	
Shannon Elizabeth Foster		Ksenya Elisabeth Swinton	

CUM LAUDE

3.7 to 3.84 Cumulative Grade Point Average

Lily Charls Adams	Nick Severiano Guarneschelli	Shirley Ama Okaibea Okai	Emilie Marie Vitalo
Brandon Michael Brooks	Cayla Marie Haney	Luke William Paugh	Elijah Watson
Abigail Lynne Burnette	Riley Nicole Johnston-Napora	Hannah G Poole	Damani Monae Elizabeth White
Rebecca Marie Roberts Carroll	Andrea Kassa	Casey A. Rohwein	
Marlyn Fernanda Espana	Grace LaScola	Min Shain	
Maria Fernanda Giron Gonzalez	Molly Elizabeth McGraw	Caylee Anna Briggs Sheaffer	
Emanuel A. Granados	Samantha Keren Miranda	Hellen Soares Campos	
	Melissa Isabel Núñez	Madysen Grace Staley	

HOOD COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT 2025

AWARDS AND PRIZES

THE HOOD COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM

For academically exceptional first-year and transfer students who maintain a cumulative 3.25 or higher grade point average.

Lily Charls Adams	James Darling	Jacqueline Malitzki	Josephine Sasse
Kaitlin Lorraine Beckford	Layla Nikole Diggs	Molly Elizabeth McGraw	Remi Schaber
Riana Caldwell	Katherine Driscoll	Khatija Nishat	Heather Seelye
Zoe Louise Carnegis	Holly Duerling	Gabriella Ntali	Min Shain
Rebecca Marie Roberts Carroll	Phebe Frost	Elizabeth Anne Porter	Katherine Lynn Stang
Casey Chamberlin	Rebecca Lynn Gottleib	Emily Rachelle Preza	Stefanie Temple
Ellie Cooper	Cayla Marie Haney	Maxamillian Zakary	Mahima Thapa
Matthew David Cooper	Anne Hudson	Rajaobelina-Phipps	Olivia Todd
Patrick Crockett	Andrea Kassa	Alba Sarai Reyes Montiel	Elizabeth Marie Wallace

DAVIS UNITED WORLD COLLEGE SCHOLARS

The Davis Scholars Program awards scholarships to students who apply from a United World College school and are accepted and enrolled at one of their partnering institutions.

Ibtisam A. A. Alafghani	Imaan Mohammedrafiq Jaffer	Ian Kondwani Salaka
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HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



LINDA J. ALLAN '70, M.S.'78

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

You have been a champion of Hood College for more than 50 years.

A prestigious Hodson Scholarship brought you to Hood from Boston, where you quickly established a reputation for academic excellence. You earned a bachelor's degree in biology and later a master's degree in biomedical science from Hood. During a time when women were often ostracized from STEM fields, you became a pioneer.

You spent a decade conducting innovative cancer and DNA research at Fort Detrick here in Frederick before pivoting to a career in information technology based in Washington, D.C., where you oversaw large federal contracts and programs. In 1991, you became executive vice president for NCI Information Systems, a position you held until your retirement in 2008. During this time, you grew NCI into a highly successful company with more than 2,500 employees and \$390 million in revenue. You did not just break the glass ceiling—you completely shattered it.

Despite your work commitments, you have remained an unfailing ally of your alma mater. You first joined the Board of Trustees in 1989 and served until 2002. You returned for a second term with the board in 2014 and served until 2024. Across 23 years of collective board membership, you served on every existing board committee, including chair and vice chair of the trusteeship and governance committee, chair of the finance committee, and vice chair of the academic affairs, investment and student life committees.

In 2020, you received the Distinguished Alumna Award for your professional accomplishments and unmatched enthusiasm for Hood. During all this time, you not only supported the College financially, but also acted as a shining role model for your fellow alumni. Across four Hood presidencies, you have witnessed tremendous change at the College, and yet, you have never shied away from embracing growth, innovation and opportunity. Throughout your storied career, you have used your heart, mind and hands to improve the human condition, advocate for humanitarian causes and ensure that your alma mater continues its mission by transforming the lives of its students.

Therefore, be it resolved, for your trailblazing career as a woman in STEM, for your forward-thinking leadership on the Board of Trustees and beyond, and for your lifetime of dedication to Hood College and its students, the Board of Trustees of Hood College hereby confers upon Linda J. Allan the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, with all the rights, honors and privileges appertaining thereto. Given under the seal of Hood College, Frederick, Maryland, on this, the seventeenth day of May, two thousand twenty-five.

ACADEMIC DRESS

The custom of wearing academic dress has been handed down from the Middle Ages. In the medieval universities of Europe, where many scholars were also clerics, flowing gowns were standard dress. The hood was originally a cowl attached to the gown, which could be slipped over the head for warmth in the poorly heated buildings of that era.

Today, of course, the cap, gown and hood are purely symbolic and are worn only during academic ceremonies. But each piece of this regalia has a special meaning.

THE CAP. The black mortarboard cap with tassel is standard attire for graduates of American colleges and universities. The square cap came into use during the 16th century, and authorities differ on its meaning. One states that it was square to resemble the books that characterize scholars; another suggests that it was derived from the master workman's mortarboard; and a third says that it symbolizes the quadrangular shape of the campus of Oxford, where the cap originated. Those holding the doctorate wear a gold tassel, while all others usually wear a black tassel.

THE GOWN. The cut of the gown distinguishes among holders of the bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. The bachelor's gown is worn closed and has long, pointed sleeves, while holders of the master's degree wear the gown open with the arms worn through slits in the elbows of the sleeves. The doctor's gown, worn open, has full, bell-shaped sleeves with three horizontal bars stitched across the upper arm.

THE HOOD. It is the hood draped from the shoulders that offers the most information about its wearer. By looking at colors and length, one can determine the highest degree held by the wearer, the academic field and the college or university from which the degree was earned.

The inner lining of the hood identifies the institution where the individual earned the degree. Hood College graduates wear a hood lined with blue and grey, the traditional colors of the College.

The bachelor's and master's hoods are of the same design, pointed at the base. The bachelor's hood is three feet long with a three-inch border. The doctor's hood is four feet long, of fuller shape and rounded at the base, and the border is five inches wide.

The color of the velvet trim on the hood indicates the field of study in which the degree was earned. Hood awards degrees in Arts (white), Science (gold) and Science in Nursing (apricot) at the bachelor's level; Arts (white), Business Administration (drab), Fine Arts (brown) and Science (gold) at the master's level; and Business Administration (drab) and Organizational Leadership (citron) at the doctoral level. The academic colors are often repeated on the three horizontal bars stitched across the upper sleeve and the velvet panel draped around the neck of holders of the doctorate.

RIBBONS, CORDS, MEDALLIONS, CLOTH STRIPS.

Many Hood graduates are wearing ribbons or emblems of academic achievement, including completion of the Hood College Honors Program, Departmental Honors or membership in an honor society. The colors of the cords, medallion and cloth strip symbolize membership in various organizations:

ACADEMIC HONORS

Cords of black and red = Pi Sigma Alpha, the national honor society in political science

Cords of blue = Alpha Mu Alpha, the national honor society in marketing

Cords of blue and silver = Psi Chi, the international honor society in psychology

Cords of blue, white and red = Pi Delta Phi, the national honor society in French

Cords of navy blue and white = Gamma Sigma Epsilon, the national honor society in chemistry

Cords of royal blue and gold = Omicron Delta Epsilon, the international honor society in economics

Cords of green = Student-athletes

Cords of green and medallion = Chi Alpha Sigma, the national college athlete honor society

Cords of jade green and violet = Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in education

Cords of gold and red = Sigma Delta Pi, the national honor society in Spanish

Cords of gold, white and red = Alpha Lambda Delta, the national honor society for first-year students

Cords of purple and gold = Delta Mu Delta, the international honor society in business

Cords of cardinal red = Tischer Scholars, students who have written and presented Departmental Honors papers

Cords of cardinal red and black = Sigma Tau Delta, the national honor society in English

Cords of Madonna red and light blue = Phi Alpha Theta, the national honor society in history

Cords of red and green = Beta Beta Beta, the national honor society in biology; red is for zoology and leaf green is for botany

Cords of red and white = Lambda Pi Eta, the national honor society for communication arts

Cords of silver and royal blue = Hood College Honors Program

Cords of violet, gold and lavender = Pi Mu Epsilon, the national honor society in mathematics

White ribbon with burgundy meander pattern = Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society

Cords of gold = 4PLUS Program

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Cords of old gold = Ionic Society, the honor society of service to Hood

Cords of gold and silver and medallion = Mortar Board National Senior Honor

Society, which recognizes academics, leadership and service to the College

Kente cloth strip = a symbol of unity and achievement worn by Diversity Council

Athletic stoles = worn by student-athletes

Cords of apricot and navy = Hood Enactus

Cords of citron = Student Social Work Organization

Cords of green and yellow = First-Generation Students

Cords of forest green and kelly green = Hood Environmental Action Team (HEAT)

Cords of kelly green, light blue and red = Global Citizens Club

Cords of old gold and maroon = Hood College Archaeology Club

Cords of old gold, crimson and apricot = Hood College Clay Club

Cords of lilac and light blue = Student-Led Peer Advocacy for Healthy Relationships and Consent (SPARC)

Cords of maroon = Hood College Choir

Cords of maroon, old gold and silver = Hood College Choir Exec

Cords of maroon and Yale blue = History Club

Cords of navy = Blazer Radio

Cords of navy and light blue = Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

Cords of peacock = Campus Activities Board

Cords of peacock and white = Hood College Student Musical Theatre

Cords of pink = Hood Dance Ensemble

Cords of purple = Buddy Club

Cords of purple and white = InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

Cords of purple and white = Wisteria Literary Magazine

Cords of red and green = African and Caribbean Student Union

Cords of red and white = Rotaract

Cords of red, white and gold = Pre-Health Club

Cords of red, white and Yale blue = Hood College Democrats

Cords of red, white and Yale blue = Veterans/Active-Duty Military

Cords of red, white and Yale blue = Veterans Student Organization

Cords of silver = Commuter Council

Cords of white = Urban Outlet

Cords of white and maize = Psychology Club

Cords of Yale blue = Student Government Association

Cords of Yale blue and apricot = Least Squares Math Club

Cords of Yale blue and gold = Student Education Association

Cords of Yale blue, kelly green and white = Sustaining Hood

Cords of Yale blue and yellow = Hood College Circle K

Cords of red, white and silver = All About M.E.

Yale blue and silver = The Blue and Grey newspaper

Cords of navy, Yale blue and light blue = Class Council

Cords of light blue = Hoodlum Steppers

Cords of light blue and silver = Nursing Club

Alma Mater

(THOSE WHO ARE ABLE ARE ASKED TO STAND.)

*High tower above us, thy columns so fair,
Gleaming white in their calm majesty;
Thus long have they battled the wild storms of time
And will stand in the years yet to be.
Though we wander afar from thy sheltering walls,
Borne along on life's rough surging sea,
Yet our hearts, Alma Mater, unchanging and true
Will be loyal and faithful to thee.
Hood College, above thy dear green ivied walls,
How fond memories cluster and twine,
There are friendships so golden that bind us to thee,
Preparation for life, too, was thine.
May we never forget thy lessons so true
But honor and praise thy dear name.
In our joys and our tears, in our triumphs and fears
May our lives e'er be worthy of thee.*

Gertrude B. Hoy, Class of 1912

THE MCCULLAGH MEMORIAL CARILLON

Our digital carillon system, installed in the Coffman Chapel, made its debut for the 2023 Commencement events. The carillon was a gift from R.J. McCullagh III, Ph.D., in memory of his aunts Jessie McCullagh Smith, Class of 1909; Helen McCullagh McCutcheon, Class of 1914, P'40; and Amy McCullagh Davis, Class of 1922.

COMMENCEMENT PHOTOGRAPHY

Flags representing each academic department will be set up on the lawn between the Pergola and Alumnae Hall (map on page 18). Following the ceremony, professors will gather by the flag representing their department for photos.

COMMENCEMENT PHOTOGRAPHY (SEVERE WEATHER PLAN)

If severe weather occurs and faculty and students are not able to use the Quad following the ceremony, faculty will be in the following locations:

- **Hodson Science and Technology Center Atrium**
 - Biology
 - Computer Science and Information Technology
 - Chemistry and Physics
 - Mathematics
 - Nursing
- **Whitaker Campus Center**
 - President
 - Blaze
 - Business
 - English and Communication Arts
 - Psychology and Counseling
 - Legacy Photo Station (second floor)
- **Coblentz Dining Hall**
 - Art and Archaeology
 - Education
 - Sociology and Social Work
- **Coblentz Hall, Dreiling Seminar Room**
 - History
 - Humanities
 - Music
 - Philosophy and Religious Studies
- **Blazer Hall (first floor classroom)**
 - Global Languages and Cultures
 - Law and Criminal Justice
 - Political Science and Global Studies

COMMENCEMENT PHOTOGRAPHY

Following each ceremony, graduate and undergraduate faculty members will be available for pictures by their department flags (locations by number on photo below). President Ricker will be near the Pergola. Legacy photos will be on north side of the Pergola.

1. **Sociology and Social Work**

Social Work, B.A.
Sociology, B.A.

2. **Art and Archaeology**

Art and Archaeology, B.A.
Art Therapy, B.A.
Ceramic Arts, M.A., MFA

3. **Education**

Curriculum and Instruction, M.S.
Early Childhood Education, B.A.
Elementary/Special Education, B.A.
Educational Leadership, M.S.
Education, Multidisciplinary Studies, M.S.
Reading Specialization, M.S.

4. **Nursing**

Nursing, BSN
Nutrition, M.S.
Public Health, B.A.

5. **Chemistry and Physics**

Biochemistry, B.A.
Chemistry, B.A.
Environmental Science and Policy, B.A.

6. **Biology**

Biology, B.A.
Biomedical Science, M.S.
Environmental Biology, M.S.
Environmental Science and Policy, B.A.
Sustainability Studies, B.A.

7. **Mathematics**

Mathematics, B.A.
Mathematics Education, M.S.
Mathematics Instructional Leadership, M.S.

8. **Computer Science and Information Technology**

Bioinformatics, M.S.
Computer Science, B.A., M.S.
Cybersecurity, M.S.
Information Technology, M.S.
Management Information Systems, M.S.

9. **Psychology and Counseling**

Counseling, M.S.
Interdisciplinary Studies in Human Behavior, M.A.
Psychology, B.A.

10. **Humanities**

Humanities, M.A.

11. **History**

History, B.A.

12. **English and Communication Arts**

Communication Arts, B.A.
English, B.A.
Integrated Marketing Communication, B.A.

13. **Global Languages and Cultures**

Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies, B.A.
French, B.A.
Spanish: Iberian & Latin American Cultural Studies, B.A.

14. **The George B. Delaplaine Jr. School of Business**

Accounting, B.A.
Business Administration, B.A., MBA, DBA
Economics, B.A.
Finance, B.A.
Integrated Marketing Communication, B.A.
Organizational Leadership, DOL

15. **Political Science and Global Studies**

Global Studies, B.A.
Political Science, B.A.

16. **Law and Criminal Justice**

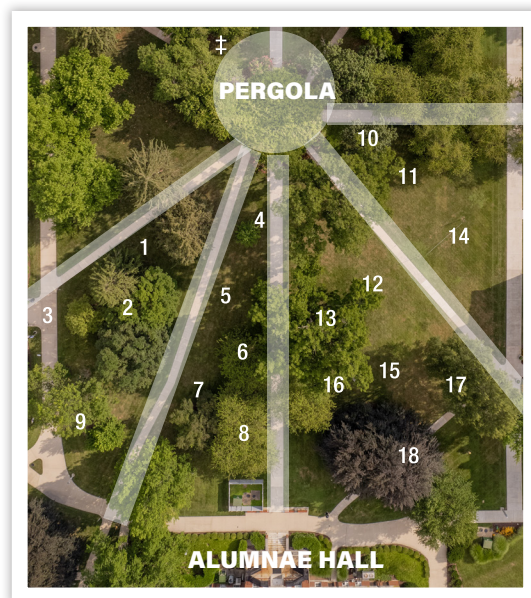
Law and Criminal Justice, B.A.

17. **Music**

Music, B.A.

18. **Philosophy and Religious Studies**

Philosophy, B.A.



‡ Legacy Photo Station

CEREMONY ETIQUETTE

Tickets are required for entry, including young children and babies, to comply with fire code regulations and capacity. Live streaming is available on the College's YouTube channel.

Seating on the floor of the arena is reserved for graduates, faculty and accessibility needs. We ask all guests to remain in their seats during the ceremony to ensure a safe and smooth ceremony. We have several professional photographers positioned to capture each graduate's special moment as they cross the stage.

Following the ceremony, please remain in your seats under the platform party and graduates have recessed. Graduates can meet their faculty on the Quad.

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY

Professional photographers are here to capture graduates, their families and friends on this important and special day!

PHOTOGRAPHERS FROM GRADIMAGES WILL BE TAKING THE FORMAL PHOTOGRAPHS DURING THE CEREMONY:

- As graduates receive their diplomas from President Ricker; and
- In front of a backdrop to the right of the stage with their diploma.

Five to seven days after the ceremony, GradImages will send an email notification and a digital proof mailing to graduates that will include a customer number and a link to their photos. If you don't receive this, contact a GradImages customer service representative at service@gradtrak.com.

Order photos online at gradimages.com, or call 800-261-2576 if you need additional assistance.

Professional photographers will also be in and around the residential quadrangle and Commencement seating area before, during and after the ceremony taking candid shots of the day's events. Links to those downloadable photos will be posted by May 26 at hood.edu/commencement.

WE'VE ALSO PARTNERED WITH STAGECLIP!

StageClip personalized grad video clips capture the moment each graduate crosses the stage. It's a digital keepsake featuring your family's favorite part of the ceremony—you!

Two to three days after Commencement, check your Hood email for your information from StageClip. If you need assistance, contact talk@stageclip.com.

