



# 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

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### CHIMES OF THE CARILLON

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The McCullagh Memorial Carillon

### PROCESSIONAL

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*Pomp and Circumstance* by Elgar

### INVOCATION

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

### WELCOME

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

### INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER

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

### GRADUATE SCHOOL SPEAKER

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Garrett Foster Hitchens '23, M.S.'25

### CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE

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President Ricker

### INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

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President Ricker

### COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

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Cheryl L. Dyson, DOL'21

### PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DEGREE CANDIDATES

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April Boulton, Ph.D.  
*Dean of the Graduate School and Associate Provost*

### HOODING OF DOCTORAL DEGREE CANDIDATES

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Jennifer Cuddapah, Ed.D.  
*Professor of Education*

Anita Jose, Ph.D.  
*Professor of Management*

Nisha Manikoth, Ed.D.  
*Director of Doctoral Program*

### PRESENTATION OF MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

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Dean Boulton

### CONFERRING OF MASTER'S DEGREES

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President Ricker

### REMARKS FROM THE ALUMNI EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Derrick D. Harrigan '07, MBA'14

### BENEDICTION

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Rev. O'Malley

### RECESSIONAL

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



## GRADUATE SCHOOL DEGREE RECIPIENTS

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

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### DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

#### **Meagan Lorraine Prophet ★**

*Organizational Leadership*

A Mediated Regression Analysis Examining the Relationship Between Sexual Orientation, Sense of Belonging, Organizational Justice, and Employee Engagement

### DOCTOR OF ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

#### **Youssef Hassan Aboul-Enein ‡**

*Organizational Leadership*

Applying Social Community Identity and Spatial Theory to Extend Our Understanding of Ala al-Din Khammas: The Warrior-Scholar Who Trained Saddam Hussein's Military Leaders

#### **Erica Y. Bailey**

*Organizational Leadership*

Black Women in Leadership at American Community Colleges: Exploring Systemic Barriers and Racial Microaggressions

#### **La'Tonya T. Bryant**

*Organizational Leadership*

Public Value of e-Government: Lived Experiences and Perceptions of Baltimore City Residents Seeking Public Benefit Entitlements

#### **Dana Ernestine Edwards**

*Organizational Leadership*

Navigating Misperceptions: How Intersectionality Shapes the Experiences of Black Women Executive Leaders in K-12 Education.

#### **Mary Y. Hawkins Jones**

*Organizational Leadership*

An Analysis of the Roles and Relationships of Staff Development Teachers and their Influence on Teacher Self-Efficacy

#### **Kisha Shanay McCray**

*Organizational Leadership*

Determinants of Self-Care Practices among Black Women in Helping Professions: An Empirical Study

#### **Tracy Pettis-Jones**

*Organizational Leadership*

The Impact of Organizational Trauma on School Leaders: An Exploratory Quantitative Study

#### **Ann Althea Pierre ♣**

*Organizational Leadership*

Employee Engagement Among Government Employees: A Quantitative Study Exploring the Impact of Organizational and Job Factors

#### **Gloria Lynn Reeder-Bamforth**

*Organizational Leadership*

Thriving at Work Among Healthcare Administrators: Does Organizational Politics Matter?

#### **Alicia Denise Richmond**

*Organizational Leadership*

A Multiple-Case Study Examining Public Health Leadership and Innovation to Address the COVID-19 Pandemic

#### **Tia Ross**

*Organizational Leadership*

Academic Success of High School Youth in the Juvenile Legal System: Examining the Impact of School Transitions

#### **Kristen Gobin Sutherin ★**

*Organizational Leadership*

Communities of Practice: How Teachers' Relationships Underscore Suburban Middle School Culture and Organizational Commitment

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### MASTER OF ARTS

**Paula Anselmo Ballester**  
*Humanities*

**Emily Norma Branchaw**  
*Interdisciplinary Studies in  
Human Behavior*

**Rebecca Lyn Casanova**  
*Interdisciplinary Studies in  
Human Behavior*

**Heather Elizabeth Corridon**  
*Humanities*

**Eli Sylvester Dawes ★**  
*Humanities*

**Wendy Freeman**  
*Ceramic Arts*

**Peter Robert Gordon  
Gunkelman**  
*Ceramic Arts*

**Kaitlyn Rose McCoy** ☼  
*Humanities*

**Helena Ocharan Centeno**  
*Humanities*

**Cameron Neil Rogers** ☼ ★  
*Humanities*

**Laura J. Stang ★**  
*Humanities*

**Chelsea Story**  
*Humanities*

### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

**Lexi M Cioffi ★**  
*Business Administration*

**Michael P Colella** ☼  
*Business Administration*

**Katie Michelle Cook** ☼  
*Business Administration*

**Ndèye Matou  
Diakhoumpa** ☼ ★  
*Business Administration*

**Zander O. Fourie**  
*Business Administration*

**Eliza Jane Funk** ☼ ★ ‡  
*Business Administration*

**Patrick F. Gogarty** ☼  
*Business Administration*

**Ryan Christopher  
Hollwedel** ☼ ★  
*Business Administration*

**Sean T. Kelly**  
*Business Administration*

**Sabrina Kelsey** ☼  
*Business Administration*

**Alexander Knott** ☼  
*Business Administration*

**William Kujawa** ☼  
*Business Administration*

**George Russell Odor** ☼  
*Business Administration*

**Jacob Shayne Russell** ☼  
*Business Administration*

**Alyssa Snowden ‡**  
*Business Administration*

**Hazen Stowell** ☼  
*Business Administration*

**Suadu Sumah**  
*Business Administration*

**Alyssa Taylor** ☼  
*Business Administration*

**Adam Davis Weintraub** ☼  
*Business Administration*

### MASTER OF FINE ARTS

**Eden Jaye Anthony** ☼  
*Ceramic Arts*

**Christina Lyn Nations**  
*Ceramic Arts*

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

**Mohammed Abubakari**  
*Management Information  
Systems*

**Sri Teja V S R Nagendra  
Swamy Addepalli**  
*Cybersecurity*

**Tomilola Idayat Aderupoko**  
*Bioinformatics*

**Kiran Adhikari ★**  
*Bioinformatics*

**Nithin Reddy Aenugu**  
*Computer Science*

**Olarewaju Mariana Akinochi**  
*Nutrition*

**Prashanthi Akuthota**  
*Information Technology*

**Basheer Al Ghazwi** ☼  
*Computer Science*

**Lenah Abdullah Albalwi**  
*Biomedical Science*

**Patrick Jackson  
Alexander** ☼ ★ ‡  
*Educational Leadership*

**Turki Ammar Alharbi**  
*Computer Science*

**Mona Mohammed A.  
Alothman**  
*Cybersecurity*

**Abdulrahman Abdullah H  
Alshehri**  
*Cybersecurity*

**Zeynep Altug**  
*Information Technology*

**Emmanuel K. Amoah**  
*Cybersecurity*

**Anjal Angrevar**  
*Management Information  
Systems*

**Varalaxmi Annamaneni**  
*Computer Science*

**Victoria J Arnold** ☼ ≡  
*Biomedical Science*

**Manila Aryal**  
*Computer Science*

**Seliat Simisola Asunmo**  
*Management Information  
Systems*

**Manoj Atmakuri**  
*Information Technology*

**Teresa Colella Ausherman**  
*Educational Leadership*

**Bridget Nyanson Ayeh** ☼  
*Management Information  
Systems*

**Paige Man- Wei Baierl**  
*Reading Specialization*

**Megan Baker**  
*Educational Leadership*

**Kassandra L. Ball** ☼ ‡  
*Biomedical Science*

**Robert Logan Barnes**  
*Nutrition*

**Sage Barnhart** ☼  
*Biomedical Science*

**Leonardo Pedro de  
Alcantara Barreto**  
*Bioinformatics*

**Vivek Bashaboina**  
*Information Technology*

**Dennis A. Batiste II** ≡  
*Information Technology*

**Baylor Baxley** ☼  
*Multidisciplinary Studies*

**Dianisha J. Baxter Carter**  
*Counseling*

**Ana-Sophia Benson** ☼  
*Counseling*

**Katelyn Anne Bishop**  
*Multidisciplinary Studies*

**Steven Kyle Black**  
*Biomedical Science*

**Sumanth Boinapelly**  
*Information Technology*

**Isabelle Bortner** ☼  
*Counseling*

**Donald Eugene Brown III**  
*Educational Leadership*

**Michael A. Brown ★**  
*Educational Leadership*

**Ashley V. Bryan** ≡  
*Biomedical Science*

**Salisa Bunwattanakol**  
*Management Information  
Systems*

**Laura Juliana Cano  
Ligarreto** ☼  
*Management Information  
Systems*

**Devon Kobie Carter** ☼ ‡  
*Counseling*

**Nadya Lynn Chacón ★**  
*Educational Leadership*

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Counseling

**Chennupati Chandu**  
Computer Science

**Akhilesh Chetla Ravi**  
Management Information  
Systems

**Emmanuel Tapiwanashe  
Chingore**  
Bioinformatics

**Jaylen Clark**  
Counseling

**Adna Hellen da Silva**  
Management Information  
Systems

**Ashley Ann Day ★**  
Nutrition

**LaTayvia ShaVawn DeMar ☞**  
Curriculum and Instruction

**James Oliver Dempsey ☞**  
Management Information  
Systems

**Christina Do**  
Educational Leadership

**Caroline Doughty**  
Counseling

**Beauty Osewe Enobun ★**  
Information Technology

**Benerjee Evana**  
Information Technology

**Luis Anthony Faisca  
Gonzalez ≡**  
Biomedical Science

**Riley Larkin Fitz ☞**  
Environmental Biology

**Larissa Kathleen  
Fitzgibbons**  
Counseling

**Catherine Hadden From**  
Counseling

**Lidia Yasmira Fuentes ☞**  
Cybersecurity

**Hannah Elizabeth Furlow ★**  
Counseling

**Shashikumar Gaddam**  
Management Information  
Systems

**Gregory Steeves  
Gaydosh ★ ☞**  
Counseling

**Emily Frances Ger**  
Educational Leadership

**Justin Gielen ★**  
Information Technology

**Julianna Gill ‡**  
Counseling

**Katherine A. Gochenour**  
Mathematics Instructional  
Leadership

**VidyaSagar Godavarthi**  
Management Information  
Systems

**Zoe Joy Rosenthal  
Hamberger**  
Counseling

**Mikayla Latrelle Hanna ≡**  
Cybersecurity

**Lauren Avery Hayze**  
Counseling

**Marguerite Heebner ★**  
Mathematics Instructional  
Leadership

**Sarah L. Hill ★**  
Curriculum and Instruction

**Garrett Foster Hitchens ☞**  
Biomedical Science

**Ashley Renee Hoffman**  
Counseling

**Allison Hough ★**  
Curriculum and Instruction

**Aiden Hudon ☞**  
Mathematics Education

**Chelsea Dee Humphries**  
Educational Leadership

**Pranathi Reddy Jaggari**  
Computer Science

**Pranay Bhaskar Janagam**  
Management Information  
Systems

**Vinay Bhaskar Janagam**  
Computer Science

**Abbie-Jo Johnson**  
Management Information  
Systems

**Cristal Melanie Johnson ≡**  
Biomedical Science

**Meghan Junis**  
Environmental Biology

**Grant Edward Kane ☞ ★**  
Educational Leadership

**Audra Karabinos**  
Nutrition

**Shea Michelle Kenealy ★**  
Educational Leadership

**Jason Daniel Kenosky**  
Environmental Biology

**Sai Ram Kodali**  
Computer Science

**Anoushka Kondo**  
Computer Science

**Sai Niharika Kukatla**  
Computer Science

**Jeet Harish Kumar**  
Cybersecurity

**Paula Ladd-Kushner**  
Bioinformatics

**Christian Lehman**  
Biomedical Science

**Ariana Lulli-Gaegler ★**  
Educational Leadership

**Surya Prakash Madichetti**  
Computer Science

**Christine Mahoney**  
Counseling

**Toma Taylor Makoundou ★**  
Management Information  
Systems

**Hari Krishna Maladi**  
Computer Science

**Kendall Marie McBean**  
Biomedical Science

**Taylor McGaughey-Nardi ☞**  
Curriculum and Instruction

**Alison McGuire**  
Curriculum and Instruction

**Elizabeth Baylor McLaren**  
Counseling

**Violette M'cormack**  
Biomedical Science

**Jasmine Mehra**  
Biomedical Science

**Ryan Thomas Elia Merow ☞**  
Computer Science

**Erika Miller**  
Educational Leadership

**Sheldon Mizelle**  
Educational Leadership

**Gabriel Andre Moise ★**  
Nutrition

**Coleen Marie Moreland ★**  
Educational Leadership

**Hemanth Babu Mupparaju**  
Information Technology

**Hanvesh Naine**  
Information Technology

**Joseph Naing**  
Computer Science

**Vasavi Nanam**  
Computer Science

**Brianna Theresa Napoles-  
Jimenez ☞**  
Curriculum and Instruction

**Divya Nathani**  
Information Technology

**Anup Kumar Navuru**  
Information Technology

**Joshua Netterville**  
Counseling

**Ryan Anthony Nevins**  
Biomedical Science

**Fairley Freya Nickerson  
Tyeryar ★**  
Educational Leadership

**Aryana Nikpora**  
Counseling

**Blaise Hala Odhiambo**  
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**Robert Oland**  
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**J. Maegan Olson ‡**  
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**Carolyn Pancurak**  
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*Information Technology*

**Stephanie Helen Park**  
*Educational Leadership*

**Sai Dattu Pateri**  
*Information Technology*

**Daniel Peart**  
*Bioinformatics*

**Maria Pisano ★**  
*Curriculum and Instruction*

**Jaime Noelle Pompe**  
*Curriculum and Instruction*

**Subhash Pulla ☙**  
*Management Information Systems*

**Joseph Ray**  
*Educational Leadership*

**Katie Reeley**  
*Biomedical Science*

**Jessica Reemsnyder**  
*Biomedical Science*

**Katherine Beth Reilly**  
*Counseling*

**Rebecca Jane Reitmeyer ☙**  
*Counseling*

**Adell Kayleen Remsberg ★**  
*Educational Leadership*

**Ryan Daniel Riesmeyer**  
*Educational Leadership*

**Michelle Rogers**  
*Curriculum and Instruction*

**Kayla Russell ★**  
*Biomedical Science*

**Revanth Reddy Salibindla**  
*Information Technology*

**Srikanth Samudrala**  
*Computer Science*

**Steven Thomas Santa Maria**  
*Counseling*

**Lucas Hideo Yamazi Sasaki**  
*Management Information Systems*

**Robert Andrew Scherer**  
*Computer Science*

**Cheyenne Alexandra Scott**  
*Management Information Systems*

**Kylie Nicole Sheapp ★**  
*Educational Leadership*

**Jennifer Cohencious Smith**  
*Educational Leadership*

**Jayson Snyder**  
*Cybersecurity*

**Rebecca T. Soper**  
*Counseling*

**Kendra Lyris Speicher-Eisenstark**  
*Counseling*

**Tejas Manu Srinivasan**  
*Computer Science*

**Pooja Sriram**  
*Counseling*

**Raymond John Stein III ‡**  
*Educational Leadership*

**Moina Bockarie Swaray**  
*Management Information Systems*

**Amanda Erin Tapscott ☙ ★ ‡**  
*Counseling*

**Megan Tatum ★**  
*Counseling*

**Maya Taylor**  
*Counseling*

**Madeleine Thompson**  
*Nutrition*

**Mackenzie L. Tucker ☙**  
*Counseling*

**Ragi Rajeswaran Unnithan**  
*Computer Science*

**Nicha Unnopavong**  
*Computer Science*

**Sesha Lakshmi Pavani Valasapalli**

*Information Technology*

**Sharanya Valusa**  
*Information Technology*

**Bharath Reddy Vangala**  
*Information Technology*

**Isabella Rose Videtti**  
*Environmental Biology*

**Rosie Mae Weaver**  
*Management Information Systems*

**Kaylin White**  
*Counseling*

**Morgan White**  
*Counseling*

**Emily Lauren Williamson**  
*Counseling*

**Stefani Wolf ‡**  
*Information Technology*

**Stephen Wunder**  
*Counseling*

## ACADEMIC HONOR SOCIETIES

### KAPPA DELTA PI (Education)

Patrick Jackson Alexander  
Aiden Hudon  
Grant Edward Kane  
Kisha Shanay McCray  
Robert Oland  
Ann Althea Pierre  
Jaime Noelle Pompe

### CHI SIGMA IOTA (Counseling)

Devon Kobie Carter  
Dianisha J. Baxter Carter  
Larissa Kathleen Fitzgibbons  
Catherine Hadden From  
Hannah Elizabeth Furlow

Gregory Steeves Gaydosh  
Julianna Gill  
Zoe Joy Rosenthal Hamberger  
Lauren Avery Hayze  
Ashley Renee Hoffman  
Aryana Nikpora  
Rebecca T. Soper  
Kendra Lyris Speicher-  
Eisenstark  
Amanda Erin Tapscott  
Maya Taylor  
Mackenzie L. Tucker  
Stephen Wunder

PHI KAPPA PHI  
(All Majors)  
Youssef Hassan Aboul-Enein  
Kiran Adhikari  
La'Tonya T. Bryant  
Dianisha J. Baxter Carter  
Beauty Osewe Enobun  
Katherine A. Gochenour  
Garrett Foster Hitchens  
Mary Y. Hawkins Jones  
Grant Edward Kane  
Sean T. Kelly  
Ryan Anthony Nevins  
Jaime Noelle Pompe  
Gloria Lynn Reeder-Bamforth  
Katherine Beth Reilly

Cameron Neil Rogers  
Tia Ross  
Amanda Erin Tapscott

### DELTA MU DELTA (Business)

Eliza Jane Funk  
Patrick F. Gogarty  
Sean T. Kelly  
Sabrina Kelsey  
Jacob Shayne Russell  
Alyssa Taylor

### UPSILON PI EPSILON (Computer Science)

Manila Aryal  
Seliat Simisola Asunmo  
Blaise Hala Odhiambo

## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



### **CHERYL L. DYSON, DOL'21**

#### **DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS**

You have dedicated your career to fostering student success and equity in education.

After earning a bachelor's degree in communications from Towson University and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Maryland, College Park, you began as an elementary school teacher in 1999 and spent more than two decades working with Montgomery County Public Schools. You served in various administrative and staff development roles, from director of family and community engagement to school principal to area associate superintendent. In 2022, you were appointed as superintendent of Frederick County Public Schools, where you now oversee nearly 48,000 students.

That same year, you earned a Doctor of Organizational Leadership degree from Hood College, and since then, you have been a steadfast ambassador for Hood and the doctoral program. Despite your demanding schedule, you have taken the time to meet with prospective students and current members of the doctoral cohort, selflessly sharing your expertise and wisdom.

Your motto is, "Every child. Every day." You embody this expression by the care and attention with which you treat students. To you, these young learners are more than just a number—they are unique individuals who deserve a personalized rather than standardized approach to their education. You have always prioritized student well-being and mental health, understanding that each is a process, not a destination.

Under your leadership, students in Frederick County are thriving, with academic achievement measures that consistently outpace their state and national peers. High school graduation rates have reached more than 93%, while graduating seniors have received more than \$92 million in scholarship offers. You have played an integral role in setting Frederick County students up for success as they begin their college and career journeys.

Therefore, be it resolved, for your advocacy of Frederick County students and their families, for your commitment to providing education for all and for your readiness to support your alma mater, the Board of Trustees of Hood College hereby confers upon Cheryl Dyson 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

## 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.

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## COMMENCEMENT PHOTOGRAPHY

Flags representing each academic department will be set up on the lawn between the Pergola and Alumnae Hall (map on page 12). 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**

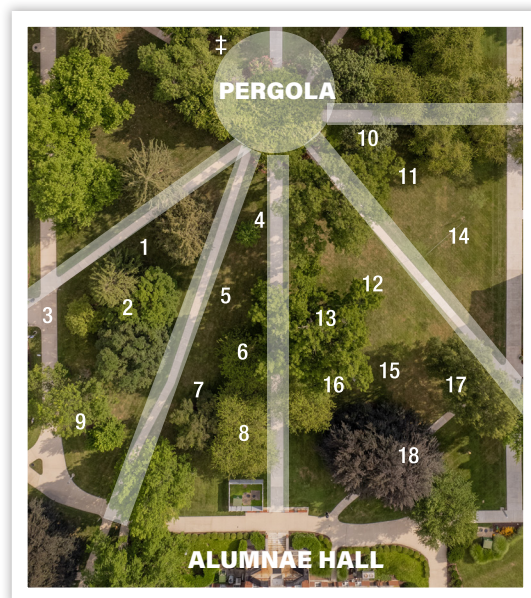
Law and Criminal Justice, B.A.

**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.

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## 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](mailto:service@gradtrak.com).

Order photos online at [gradimages.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:talk@stageclip.com).

