



COMMENCEMENT

MAY 16, 2026

HOOD COLLEGE
Commencement
2026

ORDER OF PROCESSION

ASSISTANT MARSHALS

Professors Beth Kiester and Erik Messinger

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

THE COLLEGE FACULTY

SENIOR MARSHALS

Professors Susan Ensel and Eric Kindahl

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

Kate Morgan Weir '26

REMARKS FROM THE ALUMNI EXECUTIVE BOARD

Joy Miller Beveridge '82

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE

President Ricker

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

President Ricker

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Nilah R. Magruder '05

PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

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

CONFERRING OF BACHELOR'S DEGREES

President Ricker

SINGING OF THE ALMA MATER

Alyssa Byers '26
Millaray Antonia Fredes '26
Reganne Haley '26
Olivia Noelle Phillips '26
(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, 2026.

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

Yasmin Abdu
Psychology

Ryleigh Adams
Elementary/Special Education

Betel Adimasu
Sociology

Wilner Sileidy Aguilar
Spanish: Iberian & Latin
American Cultural Studies

Leila Rose Ali
English

Michaela Madora Athey
Elementary/Special Education

Riley Kay Ault
Elementary/Special Education

Brady Austin
Biology

Oritseweyinmi Benedicta Bafor
Art & Archaeology

Sabella Caroline Barron
Art & Archaeology

Isabella Marie Bauerlein
Psychology

Charles Baynum
Communication Arts

Francisco Becerra
Economics

Isabella Josephine Bellucci
Psychology

Mercedes Elizabeth Benitez
Elementary/Special Education

Emma Mackenzie Bentley
Psychology

Jaivean Blair ‡
Business Administration

Kalilah Blake
English

Abigail Zella Bolingbroke
Business Administration

Susan Mariel Boroskin
Psychology

Christopher Bower ‡
Integrated Marketing
Communication

Dillan Michael Brenize-Ott ≡
Business Administration

Danielle Bridges
Psychology

Sidney Quinn Brinkman
Environmental Science &
Policy

Isiah T. Brittingham
Integrated Marketing
Communication

Gunnar Andrew Brock
Economics

Ty Broughton
Business Administration

Amrit Batada Brown
Communication Arts

Jillian Bulger
Business Administration

Elizabeth Rose Buohl
Business Administration

Jackson Xander Burchick ‡
History

William Burchick ‡
Business Administration

Rylee Burd
Accounting

Madison Louise Bush
Early Childhood Education

Alyssa Byers
Art & Archaeology

Petros Demetrios Calomeris ≡
Business Administration

Margaret Campbell
Psychology

Sean Joseph Carnell
Communication Arts

Gabrielle Carton
Art & Archaeology

Lucas Castelhano
Global Studies

Emily Janeth Castro
Psychology

Abigail Lynn Chiavetta
Business Administration

Catherine Daniela Contreras Lemus

Elementary/Special Education

Cecelia Rose Cooper
Biology

Erica Peizhong Correll ■
Biology

Nicholas Covert
Psychology

Garrett Cox
Business Administration

Zachary Aaron Cox
English, Psychology

Colton J. Crabb
Business Administration

Caitlin Creager
Psychology

Spencer Manuel Criscuoli
English, Psychology

Josephine Croker
Psychology

Anna Daley
Environmental Science &
Policy

Kindal Davis
Environmental Science &
Policy

Sadie DeGrange
Elementary/Special Education

Elena Della Mea
Public Health

Alioune Diop
Business Administration

Maimouna Diouf ■
Biology

Timothy Glenn Dormer ‡
Art & Archaeology

Jordan Rose Marie Dowling
Art & Archaeology

Robin Charles Icarus Draetta
Art & Archaeology

Logan Elias
Communication Arts

Bitssie Meghanne Etienne ‡
Public Health

Adriana Hope Eusini
Art & Archaeology

Ethan Fireside
Psychology, Social Work

Colin Patrick Flanagan
Chemistry, Mathematics

Ben Foster
Finance

Millaray Antonia Fredes
Business Administration

Gabriel Fuentes-Reyes
Public Health

Terrell Funchess
Business Administration

Ambrea Gaither
Biology

Howard Joseph Gannon IV
Law & Criminal Justice

Alexa Danielle
Biology

Nina Zahera Goddyn
Economics, Law & Criminal
Justice

Eliza Goldsberry
Environmental Science &
Policy

Shirley Gonzalez
English, Secondary Education

Alisa Raisa Gorham
Biochemistry

Katie Gough
Elementary/Special Education

Summer Grove ‡
Psychology

Morgan Hackett
Early Childhood Education

Allen Lee Haines Jr
Accounting

Reganne Haley
Psychology

Anna Isabella Hamilton
Chemistry, Mathematics

Destiny Harlow-Eastep
Political Science

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Katelyn Rosemarie Haufe
Law & Criminal Justice

Aaron David Heller
Communication Arts

Serene Elyse Henry
Psychology

Alayna Hernandez
Biology, Global Studies

Christiana Hester
Psychology

Shay Patrick Hille ‡
Global Studies, Political Science

Katie Raeann Hilton
Biology

Lily Holden
Political Science

Ethan Hubble
Accounting

Kyle Hudson
Accounting

Trevor Douglas Huff Jr ≡
History

Samantha Huffer ‡
Integrated Marketing Communication

Miranda Hummer ‡
Art & Archaeology

Jeffrey "Thudd" Hunt
Art & Archaeology

Atahji Monet Jackson
Social Work

Noelly Jerez
Psychology

Kourtney Johnson
Law & Criminal Justice

Curtis Kalombo
English, History

Austin Kaplan
Biology

Zoe Faye Kean
Biology

Ryan Thomas Kirkpatrick
Biology

Madison Knight
English, Secondary Education

Alex Kowalski
Political Science

Sydney Michelle Barnes Kubic ■
Biology

Julia Leclair
English, Secondary Education

Charles Alexander Lehman ‡
Environmental Science & Policy

Marjorie Lemus
Business Administration, Spanish: Iberian & Latin American Cultural Studies

Trent Leuba
Business Administration

Jevaun-Dean C. Linton
Business Administration

Mayla Locklear ‡
Biology

Emma Elise Lonergan
Biology

Kimberly Arleht Lopez Alonzo
Law & Criminal Justice, Psychology

Rachael Low
Psychology

Ben Lucarello
Art & Archaeology, Spanish: Iberian & Latin American Cultural Studies

Lydia Lynch
Social Work

Natalie Mackie
Psychology

Sydney Main
Art & Archaeology

Isabel M Malaga Mateo
Psychology

Laney Immajin Marshall
Law & Criminal Justice

Da'Rell Massey
Business Administration

Darrell Hawkins Massey
Business Administration

Dodge May
Psychology

Carson Mazaleski ≡ ‡
Law & Criminal Justice

Catherine Joy McCambley
English

Killeen McCarthy
Business Administration

Samantha Marie McIntosh
Psychology

Robert McNamara
Psychology

Faith Meadows ■
Biology

Abril A Mejia Alfaro
Psychology

Victor Mejia
History, Secondary Education

Melanie Yanira Melara-Iraheta ■
Sociology

Amra Memic
Business Administration

Derek Andrew Miller ≡
Psychology

Margaret Miller ‡
Early Childhood Education

Maria Mehvish Mir
Biology

Michael Miranda-Bolaines
Accounting, Finance

Kaela Elizabeth Mitchell
Psychology

Kylie Mohr
Elementary/Special Education

Sofia Scarlett Montoya-Deck ‡ ■
Communication Arts

Merari Clara Morales ‡
Law & Criminal Justice

Dominick S. Morgante
Business Administration

Calvin Robert Morris
Biology

Isabella A. Mowell
Psychology

Isiac Nafziger
Business Administration

Carter Naiman ≡
Business Administration

Madison Emma Nalborczyk
Business Administration

Emma Olivia Nancarvis
Early Childhood Education

Ugo M. Nascimbeni
Business Administration

Alyssa Kathleen Neal
Chemistry

Hannah O'Guin
English

Oluwabukola Christianah Oke ≡
Business Administration

Caleb J. Olver ≡
Arabic & Middle Eastern Studies

Sierra Julianna Ortega ‡
History, Secondary Education

Matthew Oudkerk
Communication Arts

Lexi Shanell Page
Sociology

Jennifer Alejandra Palacios ■
Business Administration

Owen Parsons
History

Toren Lee Patterson
Business Administration

Jasmine Paulino
Social Work

Eisella Na'Zyia Pearson
Biology

Lizbeth Perez
Psychology

Melanie Nicole Perry ≡
Art & Archaeology

Alyssa Ann Peters
Psychology

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE RECIPIENTS

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Morrigan Petherick
Psychology

Justin Randall Patrick Pettiford
Music

Megan Pezenosky
*Law & Criminal Justice,
Sociology*

Hadiya Kissa Phillips ■
Business Administration

Olivia Noelle Phillips
English

Aaliyah Pinkney
Communication Arts

Alfred Pong ‡
Mathematics

Danielle Allison Pong ‡
Business Administration

Emma Prince
*Environmental Science &
Policy*

Jackson Quenzer
Business Administration

Margaret Olivia Ralston
Political Science

Shiloh Ramos
Public Health

Emma Ray
*Integrated Marketing
Communication*

Emily Reightler
Law & Criminal Justice

Morgan Ridenour
Business Administration

Nino Soccorso Rizzolino
Law & Criminal Justice

Catherine Roberts ‡
Biology

Samuel Merritt Roberts
*Integrated Marketing
Communication*

Kylie Ann Roessler
Law & Criminal Justice

Frances Abigail Roman
Global Studies

Madelyn Elizabeth Rose
Business Administration

Ella Jane Rosenberg
Art & Archaeology

Sophia Michele Routzahn
Business Administration

Elyssa Rowell
English

Jasmine Sadler
Psychology

Menna Salem ‡
Public Health

Mason Sean Salisbury
Business Administration

Christopher Sappe
Business Administration

Russell Mason Sawyers
Biology

Hannah Scheibach
Art Therapy

Finnian Edward Scott-Daniels
Biology

Gloria Siam Semedo Lopes
Global Studies

Alexander Michael Seskar
Law & Criminal Justice

Hailey Shaffer
Psychology

Emily Grace Shreiner
*Mathematics, Secondary
Education*

Blaine Smith
Accounting

Julian M. Smith
Social Work

Virginia Fulwiler Smyers ■ ‡
English

Jill Snyder
Psychology

Logan Xavier Stacy
English

Ryan John Stewart
Mathematics

Lauren Alexandra Stinebaugh
Business Administration

Nicole Faith Stukes
Psychology

Kate Janelle Stultz ■
Biology

Ryleigh Alexis Stumpf ‡
*Accounting, Law & Criminal
Justice*

Declan Sullivan
*Integrated Marketing
Communication*

Charles Talbott
*Integrated Marketing
Communication*

Cole Tate
*Spanish: Iberian & Latin
American Cultural Studies*

Laura Ellen Tatman
*Integrated Marketing
Communication*

Jordan Taylor
Early Childhood Education

Tina Taylor
*Integrated Marketing
Communication*

Aaron Gillead Charles Tenga
Political Science

Breann Thomas
Sustainability Studies

Anayika Thompson
Public Health

Karina Turner
Biology

Gracy Van Bommel
Communication Arts, French

Daniela Varela Herra
Business Administration

Patrick Edward Vassallo
Economics, Mathematics

Ronny Alexander Ventura-Meraz
Political Science

Isabella Anna Villavicencio
Global Studies

Abigail Viveros Botello
Business Administration

Gabrielle Olivia Waddell
Biology

Joshua Wagner
Communication Arts

Allison Watt
Biology

Brooke Madison Weadon
*Environmental Science &
Policy*

Kate Morgan Weir ■
Law & Criminal Justice

Meghan Olyvia Welker
Business Administration

Cameron Wells ‡
Social Work

Alixandria Mae Werlang
*Environmental Science &
Policy*

Analyn Nicole Weyant
Psychology

Kelcey Allynn Whipp ‡
Psychology

Sidney Mae Winpiger ‡
English

Abdou-Latif Yacoubou Adam
*Law & Criminal Justice,
Political Science*

Leule Yohannes
Psychology

Sofia Younus
Biology

Katie Amanda Zavala Aguilar
Law & Criminal Justice

Lea Ritchelda Zilneus
Social Work

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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**Ayoade Oluwadamilaju
Abraham**

Computer Science

Brennan Atkinson

Computer Science

Itunuoluwa Ayo-Durojaiye

Computer Science

Alexander Chang

Computer Science

Daniel Thomas Coblentz

Computer Science

Bryce Daw

Computer Science

Connor Flok ‡ ■

Computer Science

Nathan Leppo

Computer Science

Salum Matope

Computer Science

Jessica Paige Matthews ‡

Computer Science

Megan Mulholland

Computer Science

Aylene Noy

Computer Science

Alfred Pong ‡

Computer Science

Francisco A. Sanchez

Computer Science

Alexis Simmerman

Computer Science

Stone Hayden Wolford

Computer Science

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

The names of these recipients reflect Hood College records as of May 1, 2026.

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

Olufunke Zoë Ajah

Nursing

Lillie Lyn Anders

Nursing

Sandy-Sheryl Angeh

Nursing

Madelyn Noelle Arbaugh

Nursing

Danielle Baker

Nursing

Kayla Marie Boney

Nursing

Janelle Brown

Nursing

Luz Fiorella Guadalupe

Davila Gonzalez

Nursing

Ian McDonough Edler

Nursing

Marisa Fisher

Nursing

Stephanie Doriane Gokou

Nursing

Julia Brielle Gregory

Nursing

Kathryn Elizabeth Grow

Nursing

Grace Madison Guy

Nursing

Drew Elizabeth Keiser

Nursing

Amaris Carmen Morales ‡

Nursing

Ann Chiato Ofoegbu

Nursing

Lilian Orcutt ‡

Nursing

Ella Kay Partlow

Nursing

Elisana Soraia Rosa

Nursing

Chloe Saunders

Nursing

Lydia Seifu

Nursing

Isabella Sophie Shortall

Nursing

Cameron William Simpler

Nursing

HOOD COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT 2026

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.

Sidney Quinn Brinkman

Ryan Thomas Kirkpatrick

Ann Chiato Ofegbu

Gracyn Van Bemmell

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.

Leila Rose Ali

Zachary Aaron Cox

Katie Raeann Hilton

Eisella Na'Zyia Pearson

Itunuoluwa Ayo-Durojaiye

Maimouna Diouf

Miranda Hummer

Ella Jane Rosenberg

Francisco Becerra

Robin Charles Icarus Draetta

Madison Knight

Kate Janelle Stultz

Kalilah Blake

Nina Zahera Goddyn

Julia Leclair

Gracyn Van Bemmell

Amrit Batada Brown

Anna Isabella Hamilton

Faith Meadows

Patrick Edward Vassallo

Daniel Thomas Coblentz

ACADEMIC HONOR SOCIETIES

IONIC SOCIETY

(Service to Hood)
 Itunuoluwa Ayo-Durojaiye
 Isabella Marie Bauerlein
 Isabella Josephine Bellucci
 Sidney Quinn Brinkman
 Elizabeth Rose Buohl
 Ethan Fireside
 Colin Patrick Flanagan
 Alisa Raisa Gorham
 Julia Brielle Gregory
 Alayna Hernandez
 Shay Patrick Hille
 Miranda Hummer
 Ryan Thomas Kirkpatrick
 Madison Knight
 Sofia Scarlett Montoya-Deck
 Eisella Na'Zyia Pearson
 Olivia Noelle Phillips
 Catherine Roberts
 Kate Janelle Stultz
 Jordan Taylor
 Gracyn Van Bommel
 Gabrielle Olivia Waddell
 Sidney Mae Winpigler
 Sofia Younus

**MORTAR BOARD
 (All Majors)**

Emma Boelke
 Nicholas Covert
 Colin Patrick Flanagan
 Morgan Hackett
 Alayna Hernandez
 Katie Raeann Hilton
 Miranda Hummer
 Madison Knight
 Sofia Scarlett Montoya-Deck
 Megan Mulholland
 Madison Emma Nalborczyk

Olivia Noelle Phillips
 Margaret Olivia Ralston
 Frances Abigail Roman
 Kate Janelle Stultz
 Jordan Taylor
 Sidney Mae Winpigler

**PHI KAPPA PHI
 (All Majors)**

Ryleigh Adams
 Susan Mariel Boroskin
 Trevor Douglas Huff Jr
 Marjorie Lemus
 Frances Abigail Roman

**ALPHA EPSILON DELTA
 (Pre-Health)**

Sandy-Sheryl Angeh
 Maimouna Diouf
 Ambrea Gaither
 Faith Meadows
 Catherine Roberts
 Kate Janelle Stultz

**ALPHA KAPPA DELTA
 (Sociology)**

Megan Pezenosky

**ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA
 (All Majors)**

Isabella Marie Bauerlein
 Isabella Josephine Bellucci
 Ty Broughton
 Amrit Batada Brown
 Gabrielle Carton
 Alexander Chang
 Erica Peizhong Correll
 Alexa Danielle
 Grace Madison Guy
 Katelyn Rosemarie Haufe
 Morgan Hackett
 Shay Patrick Hille
 Aaron David Heller

Austin Kaplan
 Ryan Thomas Kirkpatrick
 Madison Knight
 Marjorie Lemus
 Kimberly Arleht Lopez Alonzo
 Faith Meadows
 Michael Miranda-Bolaines
 Sofia Scarlett Montoya-Deck
 Madison Emma Nalborczyk
 Gloria Siam Semedo Lopes
 Alexis Simmerman
 Kate Janelle Stultz
 Gracyn Van Bommel
 Kate Morgan Weir
 Sidney Mae Winpigler
 Sofia Younus

**ALPHA MU ALPHA
 (Marketing)**

Christopher Bower
 Samantha Huffer
 Declan Sullivan
 Tina Taylor

**BETA BETA BETA
 (Biology)**

Alexa Danielle
 Maimouna Diouf
 Ambrea Gaither
 Ryan Thomas Kirkpatrick
 Sydney Michelle Barnes Kubic
 Faith Meadows
 Calvin Robert Morris
 Eisella Na'Zyia Pearson
 Catherine Roberts
 Kate Janelle Stultz
 Allison Watt
 Sofia Younus

**CHI ALPHA SIGMA
 (Student-Athlete)**

Abigail Zella Bolingbroke
 Sidney Quinn Brinkman
 Ty Broughton
 Amrit Batada Brown
 ELizabeth Rose Buohl
 Kathryn Elizabeth Grow
 Grace Madison Guy
 Morgan Hackett
 Katelyn Rosemarie Haufe
 Aaron David Heller
 Alayna Hernandez
 Nathan Leppo
 Trent Leuba
 Megan Mulholland
 Madison Emma Nalborczyk
 Megan Pezenosky
 Jackson Quenzer
 Christopher Sappe
 Cameron William Simpler
 Jordan Taylor

**DELTA MU DELTA
 (Business)**

Abigail Zella Bolingbroke
 Rylee Burd
 Marjorie Lemus
 Christopher Sappe

**GAMMA SIGMA EPSILON
 (Chemistry)**

Sydney Michelle Barnes Kubic
 Faith Meadows
 Kate Janelle Stultz

HOOD COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT 2026

ACADEMIC HONOR SOCIETIES

KAPPA DELTA PI (Education)

Ryleigh Adams
Michaela Madora Athey
Madison Louise Bush
Sadie DeGrange
Morgan Hackett
Madison Knight
Julia Leclair
Margaret Miller
Kylie Mohr
Emma Olivia Nancarvis
Sierra Juliana Ortega
Emily Grace Shreiner
Jordan Taylor

LAMBDA PI ETA (Communication Arts)

Amrit Batada Brown
Aaron David Heller
Sofia Scarlett Montoya-Deck
Aaliyah Pinkney
Gracy Van Bommel

OMICRON DELTA EPSILON (Economics)

Francisco Becerra
Nina Zahera Goddyn
Patrick Edward Vassallo

PHI ALPHA (Social Work)

Ethan Fireside
Atahji Monet Jackson

PHI ALPHA THETA (History)

Alyssa Byers
Frances Abigail Roman

PHI DELTA PHI (Law)

Nina Zahera Goddyn
Katelyn Rosemarie Haufe
Kimberly Arleht Lopez Alonzo
Merari Clara Morales
Megan Pezenosky
Margaret Olivia Ralston
Abdou-Latif Yacoubou Adam
Katie Amanda Zavala Aguilar

PI DELTA PHI (French)

Robin Charles Icarus Draetta
Curtis Kalombo
Madison Knight
Gloria Siam Semedo Lopes

PI MU EPSILON (Mathematics)

Francisco Becerra
Alexander Chang
Daniel Thomas Coblentz
Colin Patrick Flanagan
Anna Isabella Hamilton
Nathan Leppo
Jessica Paige Matthews
Megan Mulholland
Aylene Noy
Christopher Sappe
Emily Grace Shreiner
Patrick Edward Vassallo

PI SIGMA ALPHA (Political Science)

Amrit Batada Brown
Nina Zahera Goddyn
Katelyn Rosemarie Haufe
Shay Patrick Hille
Lily Holden
Kimberly Arleht Lopez Alonzo
Merari Clara Morales
Margaret Olivia Ralston
Hailey Shaffer
Abdou-Latif Yacoubou Adam

PSI CHI (Psychology)

Isabella Marie Bauerlein
Isabella Josephine Bellucci
Susan Mariel Boroskin
Nicholas Covert
Caitlin Creager
Ethan Fireside
Dodge May
Alyssa Ann Peters
Hailey Shaffer
Kelcey Allynn Whipp

SIGMA DELTA PI (Spanish)

Wilner Sileidy Aguilar

SIGMA TAU DELTA (English)

Leila Rose Ali
Kalilah Blake
Zachary Aaron Cox
Spencer Manuel Criscuoli
Shirley Gonzalez
Madison Knight
Julia Leclair
Olivia Noelle Phillips
Aaliyah Pinkney
Elyssa Rowell
Virginia Fulwiler Smyers
Sidney Mae Winpiger

SIGMA IOTA RHO (International Studies)

Shay Patrick Hille
Frances Abigail Roman
Isabella Villavincencio

SIGMA THETA TAU (Nursing)

Danielle Baker
Janelle Brown
Ian McDonough Edler
Marisa Fisher
Drew Elizabeth Keiser
Amaris Carmen Morales
Cameron William Simpler

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.

Yasmin Abdu	Francisco Becerra	Janelle Brown	Madison Knight
Betel Adimasu	Isabella Josephine Bellucci	Gabrielle Carton	Valerie Lucarello
Sandy-Sheryl Angeh	Emma Mackenzie Bentley	Alexander Chang	Faith Meadows
Itunuoluwa Ayo-Durojaiye	Jaivean Blair	Zachary Aaron Cox	Sofia Scarlett Montoya-Deck
Oritseweyinmi Benedicta Bafor	Abigail Zella Bolingbroke	Spencer Manuel Criscuoli	Eisella Na'Zyia Pearson
Danielle Baker	Kayla Marie Boney	Robin Charles Icarus Draetta	Christopher Sappe
Isabella Marie Bauerlein	Amrit Batada Brown	Alayna Hernandez	Cole Tate

HOOD COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT 2026

UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT HONORS

The names of these recipients reflect Hood College records as of May 1, 2026.

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

Ryleigh Adams	Alexa Danielle	Madison Knight	Emily Grace Shreiner
Sabella Caroline Barron	Robin Charles Icarus Draetta	Ben Lucarello	Cole Tate
Susan Mariel Boroskin	Ethan Fireside	Margaret Miller	Gracyn Van Bommel
Sidney Quinn Brinkman	Nina Zahera Goddyn	Sofia Scarlett Montoya-Deck	Sidney Mae Winpigler
Amrit Batada Brown	Trevor Douglas Huff Jr	Olivia Noelle Phillips	
Margaret Campbell	Austin Kaplan	Christopher Sappe	

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

3.85 to 3.94 Cumulative Grade Point Average

Leila Rose Ali	Millaray Antonia Fredes	Marjorie Lemus	Aaliyah Pinkney
Itunuoluwa Ayo-Durojaiye	Eliza Goldsberry	Trent Leuba	Emma Ray
Abigail Zella Bolingbroke	Alisa Raisa Gorham	Lydia Lynch	Frances Abigail Roman
Gunnar Andrew Brock	Morgan Hackett	Faith Meadows	Patrick Edward Vassallo
Janelle Brown	Serene Elyse Henry	Merari Clara Morales	Isabella Anna Villavicencio
Zachary Aaron Cox	Katie Raeann Hilton	Megan Mulholland	
Sadie DeGrange	Miranda Hummer	Sierra Julianna Ortega	
Colin Patrick Flanagan	Jeffrey "Thudd" Hunt	Alyssa Ann Peters	

GUM LAUDE

3.7 to 3.84 Cumulative Grade Point Average

Sandy-Sheryl Angeh	Elena Della Mea	Atahji Monet Jackson	Jasmine Sadler
Danielle Baker	Maimouna Diouf	Julia Leclair	Virginia Fulwiler Smyers
Francisco Becerra	Bithssie Meghanne Etienne	Nathan Leppo	Kate Janelle Stultz
Ty Broughton	Adriana Hope Eusini	Jevaun-Dean C. Linton	Declan Sullivan
Rylee Burd	Ambrea Gaither	Natalie Mackie	Jordan Taylor
Madison Louise Bush	Shirley Gonzalez	Kylie Mohr	Tina Taylor
Alyssa Byers	Anna Isabella Hamilton	Amaris Carmen Morales	Abigail Viveros Botello
Alexander Chang	Katelyn Rosemarie Haufe	Eisella Na'Zyia Pearson	Alixandria Mae Werlang
Daniel Thomas Coblentz	Aaron David Heller	Margaret Olivia Ralston	Kelcey Allynn Whipp
Caitlin Creager	Shay Patrick Hille	Ella Jane Rosenberg	
Josephine Croker	Samantha Huffer	Elyssa Rowell	

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.

Itunuoluwa Ayo-Durojaiye	Robin Charles Icarus Draetta	Ben Lucarello	Frances Abigail Roman
Susan Mariel Boroskin	Ethan Fireside	Faith Meadows	Elyssa Rowell
Sidney Quinn Brinkman	Millaray Antonia Fredes	Sofia Scarlett Montoya-Deck	Chloe Saunders
Gunnar Andrew Brock	Eliza Goldsberry	Amaris Carmen Morales	Cole Tate
Amrit Batada Brown	Kathryn Elizabeth Grow	Merari Clara Morales	Gracyn Van Bommel
Janelle Brown	Shay Patrick Hille	Aylene Noy	Abigail Viveros Botello
Alexander Chang	Katie Raeann Hilton	Ann Chiato Ofoegbu	Gabrielle Olivia Waddell
Luz Fiorella Guadalupe Davila Gonzalez	Ryan Thomas Kirkpatrick	Eisella Na'Zyia Pearson	Sofia Younus
Maimouna Diouf	Madison Knight	Margaret Olivia Ralston	Katie Amanda Zavala Aguilar
	Marjorie Lemus	Morgan Ridenour	

DAVIS UNITED WORLD COLLEGE SCHOLARS

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HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



NILAH R. MAGRUDER '05

DOCTOR OF ARTS

You are a trailblazer in the art and entertainment world.

You earned your Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts from Hood College in 2005 before earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Computer Animation from Ringling College of Art and Design in 2010. At Hood, you quickly established yourself as a budding artist and writer, winning the Blue and Grey Editorial Award and the Suzanne Gottert '68 Prize in Art.

In your professional life, you have exemplified what it means to be a working artist. As a writer, illustrator, animator and storyboard artist, your career spans comic books and graphic novels, film and television, and children's literature. You have worked for major studios, including Disney and DreamWorks. In 2015, you received the inaugural Dwayne McDuffie Award for Diversity in Comics for your acclaimed web comic M.F.K., and your writing has also been nominated for a Hugo Award.

The late, great Stan Lee's motto was, "Excelsior!" It's an old word that means "onward and upward to greater glory." You embody this spirit through your impact on the world of comics. In 2016, you made history as the first Black woman to write for Marvel Comics. Since then, you have even created a new Spider-Man character as part of the expanded Spider-Verse—a character that allows other young Black women to see themselves reflected in popular media.

You have opened doors for People of Color and women within an industry that has often lacked diversity. You are living proof that the power of storytelling is not defined by what you look like, what you believe or where you come from.

Therefore, be it resolved, for your contributions to the arts, your commitment to championing diverse stories and your ability to inspire new generations of artists, the Board of Trustees of Hood College hereby confers upon Nilah R. Magruder '05 the degree of Doctor of Arts, honoris causa, with all the rights, honors and privileges appertaining thereto. Given under the seal of Hood College, Frederick, Maryland, on this, the sixteenth day of May, two thousand twenty-six.

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

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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 purple = Alpha Epsilon Delta, the national honor society in pre-health

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 silver = Free Radicals Chemistry Club

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
 - Counseling
 - English and Communication Arts
 - Psychology
 - Legacy Photo Station (second floor)
- **Coblentz Dining Hall**
 - Art and Archaeology
 - Education
 - History
 - Humanities
 - Music
 - Sociology and Social Work
- **Blazer Hall (first floor classroom)**
 - Global Languages and Cultures
 - Political Science, Global Studies,
 - Law and Criminal Justice

COMMENCEMENT PHOTOGRAPHY

Following the ceremony, 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.

3. Education

Early Childhood Education, B.A.

Elementary/Special Education, B.A.

4. Nursing

Nursing, BSN

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.

Environmental Science and Policy, B.A.

Sustainability Studies, B.A.

7. Mathematics

Mathematics, B.A.

8. Computer Science and Information Technology

Computer Science, B.A.

9. Psychology

Psychology, B.A.

10. History

History, B.A.

11. English and Communication Arts

Communication Arts, B.A.

English, B.A.

Integrated Marketing Communication, B.A.

12. Global Languages and Cultures

Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies, B.A.

French, B.A.

Spanish: Iberian & Latin American Cultural Studies, B.A.

13. The George B. Delaplaine Jr. School of Business

Accounting, B.A.

Business Administration, B.A.

Economics, B.A.

Finance, B.A.

14. Political Science and Global Studies

Global Studies, B.A.

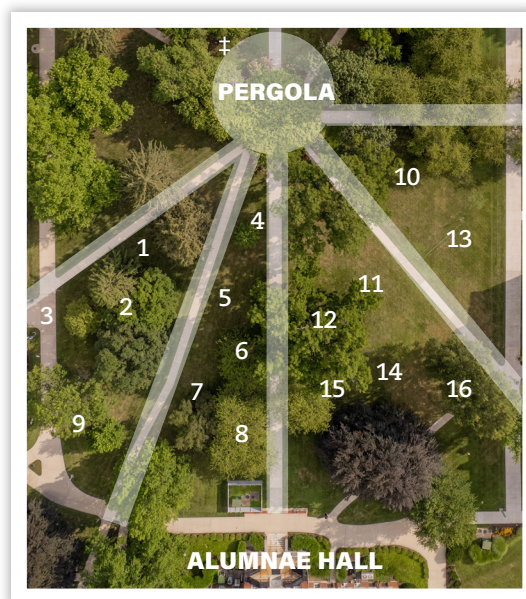
Political Science, B.A.

15. Law and Criminal Justice

Law and Criminal Justice, B.A.

16. Music

Music, 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 process. 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 FROM HOOD COLLEGE AND CRVNKA PHOTOGRAPHY WILL BE CAPTURING THIS YEAR'S COMMENCEMENT, INCLUDING:

- Formal portrait of graduates in regalia prior to walking across the stage.
- Posed portrait of graduates on stage with President Ricker.
- Candid moments before, during and after the ceremony.

All images will be delivered in a single online gallery that will be published via PhotoDay by *Wednesday, May 20, at noon EST.*

Each graduate will receive one free digital download (no purchase necessary). Details on how to claim your photo, along with full FAQ, are available at: **hood.edu/commencement**.

If you have not received notification of your photos being ready, cannot find your photos or if your photos are attributed to the wrong graduate, contact **cavalier@hood.edu**.



