

Commencement

Class of 2024



COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES



NINE O'CLOCK
WildCat Stadium

Ann Fabirkiewicz, *College Marshal & Charles A. Dana Professor of Chemistry
& Natural Sciences and Mathematics Division Head*

Christopher Lemasters, *Dean of Students & Graduate Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL*

BLUE RIDGE BRASS

<i>Rigaudon</i>	Andre Campra
<i>Grand March from "Aida"</i>	G. Verdi
<i>Prayer and March from "Renzi"</i>	Richard Wagner

WELCOME

Sue Ott Rowlands, *President of the College*

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Jadin Wilkening '24

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Nikki Giovanni, *Poet and University Distinguished Professor, Virginia Tech*

CONFERRING OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Sue Ott Rowlands, *President of the College*
Kathleen Seifert Graves '80, *Chair of the Board of Trustees*
Meghan Halbrook, *Director of Graduate Studies*
Kaija Mortensen, *Associate Professor of Philosophy*
Stephanie Earl, *Associate Professor of Theatre*
Christopher Lemasters, *Dean of Students*

PRESENTATION OF THE MAUDE HUFF FIFE AWARD

Tim Smith, *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

*Please stand if you are able.

MESSAGE FROM THE CLASS OF 2024

Isaac Carney '24, *Student Government President*

MESSAGE TO THE GRADUATES

Sue Ott Rowlands, *President of the College*

THE COLLEGE SONG*

Text: Carol Johnson Hallstrom '43

Music: Henry Hallstrom, *Professor Emeritus*

Chorale Led by Randall Speer, *Professor of Music*

*Where the river winds through
blue mountains,
Where purple vines entwine
stately halls,
And roses tumble along
sunny walls,
Where voices serenading in
the night sing of loyalty
and love.
There let wisdom rise!
O, there let wisdom rise!*

*Randolph College in fair Virginia,
Home of true learning, beauty,
and art,
We sing thy praises, O Alma
Mater,
Our voices serenading
in the night
Pledge thee loyalty and love.
Here let wisdom rise!
O, here let wisdom rise!*

RECESSIONAL*

BLUE RIDGE BRASS

Triumphal March.....Hector Berlioz

*Please stand if you are able.

2023-2024

Student Government Officers

Isaac Carney '24

President

Izzy Collins '26

Vice President & Secretary

Marcela Izquierdo Poza '24

Judicial Chair

Noura Elkhansa '26

Treasurer & Judicial Vice Chair

Stephanie Swithers '25

Publicity Officer

COMMENCEMENT

MAY 5, 2024

CANDIDATES *for the MASTER'S DEGREE*

Daniel J. Allee, <i>Coaching and Sport Leadership</i> , MA.....	Sheridan, WV
Dejsani Amari Kedar Beamon, <i>Coaching and Sport Leadership</i> , MA.....	Rowlett, TX
Daniel D. Bickey, <i>Coaching and Sport Leadership</i> , MA.....	Goode, VA
Catherine Nicole Brown, <i>Coaching and Sport Leadership</i> , MA.....	Franklin, VA
Yanessa Marie Cabrera*, <i>Coaching and Sport Leadership</i> , MA.....	Manassas, VA
Natalie Lanya Clark, <i>Coaching and Sport Leadership</i> , M.A.....	Chesapeake, VA
Ty Murphy Clingerman, <i>Coaching and Sport Leadership</i> , MA.....	Front Royal, VA
Brenden D. Hill*, <i>Coaching and Sport Leadership</i> , MA.....	Glen Allen, VA
Destiny S. Johnson**, <i>Coaching and Sport Leadership</i> , MA.....	Baltimore, MD
Krystal Kemp, <i>Coaching and Sport Leadership</i> , MA.....	Buena Vista, VA
Shaela M. Kraye*, <i>Coaching and Sport Leadership</i> , MA.....	Fairfax, VA
Ryan Hamilton Marable*, <i>Coaching and Sport Leadership</i> , MA.....	Chesterfield, VA
Cameron Nicole O'Neil, <i>Coaching and Sport Leadership</i> , MA.....	Gloucester, VA
Cole Bradford Perry, <i>Coaching and Sport Leadership</i> , MA.....	Salisbury, NC
Faith M. Ringressy**, <i>Coaching and Sport Leadership</i> , M.A.....	Roanoke, VA
Andile-Amajaha Tshuma**, <i>Coaching and Sport Leadership</i> , MA.....	Alexandria, VA
Amanda Jane Weishaar*, <i>Coaching and Sport Leadership</i> , MA.....	Chatham, VA

Abigail Baucom**, <i>Curriculum & Instruction</i> , MED.....	Lynchburg, VA
Kelli Ann Gajewski, <i>Special Education</i> , MAT.....	Forest, VA
Michelline Natasha Hall**, <i>Curriculum & Instruction</i> , MED.....	Lynchburg, VA
Caleb Aaron Hendrix, <i>Curriculum & Instruction</i> , MAT.....	Gladys, VA
Allison Jarrett, <i>Curriculum & Instruction</i> , MED.....	Virginia Beach, VA

Honored in a separate ceremony in January

Anna Badkhen*, <i>Creative Writing</i> , MFA.....	St. Petersburg, Russia & Philadelphia, PA
Isha Camara*, <i>Creative Writing</i> , MFA.....	Minneapolis, MN
Hannah Grieco*, <i>Creative Writing</i> , MFA.....	Arlington, VA
Brandon Alexander Howard*, <i>Creative Writing</i> , MFA.....	Plantation, FL
Meridith De Avila Khan*, <i>Creative Writing</i> , MFA.....	Lynchburg, VA
Margaret Elizabeth Malone*, <i>Creative Writing</i> , MFA.....	Portland, OR
Rodrick T. Minor*, <i>Creative Writing</i> , MFA.....	Woodville, MS
Maria Provenzano*, <i>Creative Writing</i> , MFA.....	Egg Harbor Township, NJ
Laura Chow Reeve*, <i>Creative Writing</i> , MFA.....	Richmond, VA
Severin Wiggenhorn*, <i>Creative Writing</i> , MFA.....	Seattle, WA

To be honored in a separate ceremony in June

Dominic Blanco**, <i>Creative Writing</i> , MFA.....	Chicago, IL
Melissa Ferrer Civil**, <i>Creative Writing</i> , MFA.....	Kansas City, MO
Cameron Edward Cueva Clarke**, <i>Creative Writing</i> , MFA.....	Round Hill, VA
Meghan Elizabeth Kelley**, <i>Creative Writing</i> , MFA.....	Jenkintown, PA
Onyew Kim**, <i>Creative Writing</i> , MFA.....	Atlanta, GA
Nicholas Leonetti**, <i>Creative Writing</i> , MFA.....	Egg Harbor Township, NJ

heather liz**, <i>Creative Writing</i> , MFA.....	Greensboro, NC
Vanessa Micale**, <i>Creative Writing</i> , MFA	Portland, OR
Jeni Nicole Prater**, <i>Creative Writing</i> , MFA.....	Northampton, MA
Kacie Jill Roesler**, <i>Creative Writing</i> , MFA	McKinney, TX
Shana Scudder**, <i>Creative Writing</i> , MFA.....	Durham, NC
Tovah Marin Strong**, <i>Creative Writing</i> , MFA.....	Lamy, NM

CANDIDATES for the BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

Layla June Abbassi, <i>Psychology</i> , BA.....	Lynchburg, VA
Beverly Graham Alcock, <i>Sport and Exer Health and Fitness Concen</i> , BA	Philomont, VA
Nicolás René Alvarado Núñez*, <i>Business</i> , BA.....	Santiago, Chile
Jake H. Arnold, <i>History</i> , BA	Collinsville, VA
Jessica Kylee Bennett**, <i>Engineering Physics</i> , BS	Fayetteville, GA
Zachary Thomas Bishop, <i>Comparative Philosophy & English (Creative Writing)</i> , BA	Roanoke, VA.
Alexis Nicole Bossi**, <i>Biology</i> , BS.....	Falls Church, VA
Lamontria Aubreyiah Louise Brown, <i>Integrative Studies</i> , BA.....	Richmond, VA
Izaiah Manuel Burgos, <i>Biology</i> , BS	Orlando, FL
Isaac Taylor Carney, <i>Physics</i> , BS.....	Charleston, WV
Shannon Michelle Castillo, <i>Biology</i> , BS.....	Havre de Grace, MD
Ramiro Chavez-Montoya, <i>Business</i> , BA.....	Roseland, VA
Hannah Taylor Cloven, <i>Environmental Science</i> , BS.....	Fredericksburg, VA
Tanner Cole Cochran, <i>Theatre</i> , BFA	Cumberland, VA
Heidi Corbett**, <i>Studio Art</i> , BA.....	Chesapeake, VA
Madison Paige Daniels, <i>English (Creative Writing) & Psychology</i> , BA.....	Warrenton, VA
Kathryn Davis, <i>Environmental Studies</i> , BA.....	Lynchburg, VA
Christopher E. Dempsey, <i>English (Creative Writing)</i> , BA	Lynchburg, VA,
Carrington E. Diehl*, <i>History</i> , BA	Portsmouth, VA
Alexis S. Dove, <i>Biology</i> , BA	Stone Mountain, GA
Brylee Greer Elliott, <i>Psychology</i> , BA.....	Lynchburg, VA
Isabelle Fenton, <i>English (Literature)</i> , BA	Green River, WY
Sofi L. Forshey, <i>English (Literature)</i> , BA.....	Lynchburg, VA
Beverly Elizabeth Foster, <i>English (Creative Writing)</i> , BA.....	Mathews County, VA
Sara Alyssa Fuentes, <i>Biology</i> , BA.....	Arlington, VA
River M. Gay, <i>English (Literature)</i> , BA	Chesapeake, VA
Alula Yohannes Gidey*, <i>Biology</i> , BS	Chantilly, VA
Clair Luna Golden, <i>Integrative Studies</i> , BA.....	Madison Heights, VA
Lynley T. Golden*, <i>Sport and Exer Health and Fitness Concen</i> , BA.....	Madison Heights, VA
Sarah Elizabeth Greene*, <i>Political Science</i> , BA.....	Amherst County, VA
Alexis Cara Hawkins, <i>Elementary Education</i> , BS.....	Lynchburg, VA
Samuel Evans Hey, <i>Biology</i> , BS.....	Lynchburg, VA
Daniel Robert Hilty, <i>Physics</i> , BS	Amherst, VA
Elizabeth Quinn Hooper, <i>Sport and Exer Health and Fitness Concen</i> , BA	Smithfield, VA
John David Hull, <i>Studio Art</i> , BFA.....	Lynchburg, VA
Dominique Irving, <i>History & Sport and Ex Sport Perform Concen</i> , BA	Amherst, VA

Marcela Izquierdo Poza, <i>Mathematics & Physics</i> , BS.....	Leganés, Spain
Amanda Renuka Jagdeo, <i>Biology</i> , BS.....	Queens, NY
Jessica L. Jennings, <i>History</i> , BA.....	Chesapeake, VA
Tierra Abrianna Johnson, <i>Biology</i> , BA.....	Chesapeake, VA
Paola Y. Joseph*, <i>Sport and Ex Sport Perform Concen</i> , BA.....	Miami, FL
Riley C. Keating, <i>Business</i> , BA.....	Bristow, VA
Hannah Elaine Lambach*, <i>English (Literature)</i> , BA.....	Belém, Pará, Brazil
Sean Michael Landis*, <i>Business</i> , BA.....	Williamsburg, VA
Gavin Henry Leverette**, <i>Business</i> , BA.....	Lynchburg, VA
Tucker Gates Leverone, <i>Business</i> , BA.....	Suffolk, VA
Keadre' Lewis, <i>Psychology</i> , BA.....	Lynchburg, VA
Carlos E. Lopez Rosa, <i>Business</i> , BA.....	Alexandria, VA
Andrea Loreda-Moreno, <i>Political Science</i> , BA.....	Atlanta, GA
Molly McNair, <i>Studio Art</i> , BA.....	Cordeaux Heights, New South Wales, Australia
Kumayle Merchant*, <i>Sport and Exer Health and Fitness Concen</i> , BA.....	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
Kai G. Miller, <i>Comparative Philosophy</i> , BA.....	Richmond, VA
Jessica Monasir, <i>Biology</i> , BS.....	Fredericksburg, VA
Anna Grace Mooney, <i>Elementary Education</i> , BS.....	Lynchburg, VA
Emily Elizabeth Morris, <i>Psychology</i> , BA.....	Charlottesville, VA
Jonelle Alissa Morris, <i>Biology</i> , BS.....	Upper Marlboro, MD
Nathaniel Leroy Morrison, <i>Business</i> , BA.....	Portsmouth, VA
Hordy Ndambo Ngwahele*, <i>Psychology</i> , BA.....	Kissimmee, FL
Zachary Stone Nipper, <i>Sport and Ex Sport Perform Concen</i> , BA.....	Chesapeake, VA
William Kestrel Olichney, <i>Economics & History</i> , BA.....	Lynchburg, VA
Jenifer V. Orozco Cardona, <i>Computer Science and Math</i> , BS.....	Annandale, VA
Tristian J. Palmer, <i>Sport and Exer Health and Fitness Concen</i> , BA.....	Waldorf, MD
Cat Pressley, <i>Psychology</i> , BA.....	Roanoke, VA
Alison Reyes Merced*, <i>Biology</i> , BS.....	Gurabo, Puerto Rico
Garrett C. Reynolds, <i>History</i> , BA.....	Rustburg, VA
Aleighson Taylor Robertson, <i>Environmental Science</i> , BS.....	Hurt, VA
Thomas Daniel Rosenberger**, <i>Integrative Studies</i> , BA.....	Stephens City, VA
Laura Rowland*, <i>Biology</i> , BS.....	Bedford, VA
Jenna Nicole Rozenboom, <i>Psychology</i> , BA.....	Vinton, VA
Maria Valentina Santos Agreda, <i>Engineering Physics</i> , BS.....	Richmond, VA
Cooper A. Sayles, <i>Business</i> , BA.....	Hamilton, VA
Aaron T. Scott, <i>English (Creative Writing)</i> , BFA.....	Woodbridge, VA
Ainsley M. Simmons**, <i>Environmental Studies</i> , BA.....	Fincastle, VA
Ava Marie Skinner, <i>Elementary Education</i> , BS.....	Lynchburg, VA
Jenna Nicole St. John*, <i>Biology</i> , BA.....	Concord, VA
Tom M. Stahler, <i>Sport and Ex Sport Perform Concen</i> , BA.....	Cape May Court House, NJ
Kylie Rae Stark, <i>Psychology & Sociology</i> , BA.....	Lynchburg, VA
Cody Thompson, <i>Sport and Ex Sport Perform Concen</i> , BA.....	Dunnellon, FL
Zoe N. Tierney, <i>History</i> , BA.....	Lynchburg, VA
Cole Rudolph Torres, <i>Sport and Exer Health and Fitness Concen</i> , BA.....	Thurmont, MD
Joanne Elizabeth Torres, <i>Biology</i> , BA.....	Richmond, VA
Olivia Renee Traphagen, <i>Psychology</i> , BA.....	Lynchburg, VA
Diego Alejandro Uceda, <i>English (Literature)</i> , BA.....	Washington DC
Landon S. Wagoner, <i>Sport and Exer Health and Fitness Concen</i> , BA.....	Martinsville, VA

Logan Marie Warren, <i>Sport and Ex Sport Perform Concen</i> , BA	Chesterfield, VA
Andrew Devon Washburn, <i>Computer Science and Math</i> , BS.....	Forest, VA
Melody M. Washington, <i>Computer Science and Math</i> , BS	Fredericksburg, VA
Andre Ke’ Von Weatherspoon, <i>Integrative Studies</i> , BA	Newport News, VA
Elana LeChay West-Smith, <i>Media and Culture</i> , BA.....	Charlottesville,VA
Jadin Marie Wilkening, <i>Computer Science and Math</i> , BS.....	Colorado Springs, CO
Jasmin Monique Williams, <i>Elementary Education</i> , BS.....	Fredericksburg, VA
Madison Isabella Witt, <i>Elementary Education</i> , BS.....	Bedford, VA
Kameryn O. Woolridge, <i>Business</i> , BA.....	Madison Heights, VA
Brittney Samoya Wright, <i>Global Studies</i> , BA	Clarendon, Jamaica
Carlynnne M Wright*, <i>Sport and Exer Health and Fitness Concen</i> , BA.....	Lynchburg, VA

*August 2023 or January 2024
 ** Degree to be awarded upon completion of requirements.

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To ensure the highest quality and accuracy, official diplomas will be mailed at a later date.
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ACADEMIC AWARDS

Awards were presented during a special ceremony on April 24, 2024

Marilyn Sue Murray Award in Asian Studies

William Kestrel Olichney

Grace Taylor Wiltshire HA Award

Samuel Evans Hey

Carl Stern Award for Excellence in Economics

William Kestrel Olichney

Halley Brooke Smith Excellence in Student Teaching Elementary Education Award

Madison Isabella Witt

Kathleen Bowman Education Research Award

Jasmin Monique Williams

Margaret I. Raynal Prize for Creative Prose

Zachary Thomas Bishop

Aaron T. Scott

Sarah I. Davis Award in American Literature & American Studies

Diego Alejandro Uceda

Sofi L. Forshey

Senior Award in Environmental Studies

Aleighson Taylor Robertson

Lura Lee Cannon Stephens '11 Prize in History

William Kestrel Olichney

Outstanding Student Award in Music

Samuel Evans Hey

Outstanding Senior Physics Major

Marcela Izquierdo Poza

Outstanding Senior in Global Studies

Brittney Samoya Wright

Outstanding Senior in Political Science (Graduated in December 2023)

Sarah Elizabeth Greene

Frank Murray Award

Cat Pressley

Layla June Abbassi

Jenna Nicole Rozenboom

Edwin A. Penick Award for Excellence in Religion

Kai G. Miller

Zachary Thomas Bishop

Outstanding Senior in Sociology

Kylie Rae Stark

Outstanding Sport and Exercise Achievement

Elizabeth Quinn Hooper

Distinguished MACSL Student Award

Daniel D. Bickey

ASC Tutor of the Year

Marcela Izquierdo Poza

THE PHI BETA KAPPA SOCIETY

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Sarah Elizabeth Greene*

Samuel Evans Hey

Marcela Izquierdo Poza

William Kestrel Olichney

Alison Reyes Merced*

Diego Alejandro Uceda

Brittney Samoya Wright

*Graduates since May 2023

DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Jessica Kylee Bennett**, Engineering Physics, BS..... Washington University

Maria Valentina Santos Agreda, Engineering Physics, BS
.....Virginia Commonwealth University

HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Isabelle Fenton, *English*

Sofi L. Forshey, *English*

Sarah Elizabeth Greene*, *Political Science*

Marcela Izquierdo Poza, *Physics*

Alison Reyes Merced*, *Biology*

Diego Alejandro Uceda, *English*

*Graduates since May 2023

ACADEMIC HONORS

Layla June Abbassi.....	Magna cum laude
Jake H. Arnold.....	Magna cum laude
Zachary Thomas Bishop	Summa cum laude
Isaac Taylor Carney.....	Magna cum laude
Shannon Michelle Castillo	Magna cum laude
Tanner Cole Cochran	Magna cum laude
Madison Paige Daniels	Summa cum laude
Brylee Greer Elliott	Magna cum laude
Isabelle Fenton.....	Summa cum laude
Sofi L. Forshey.....	Magna cum laude
Alula Yohannes Gidey*	Magna cum laude
Sarah Elizabeth Greene*	Summa cum laude
Alexis Cara Hawkins.....	Magna cum laude
Samuel Evans Hey.....	Summa cum laude
Elizabeth Quinn Hooper.....	Magna cum laude
John David Hull.....	Summa cum laude
Dominique Irving.....	Magna cum laude
Marcela Izquierdo Poza	Summa cum laude
Amanda Renuka Jagdeo	Magna cum laude
Hannah Elaine Lambach*.....	Summa cum laude
Kumayle Merchant*	Magna cum laude
Kai G. Miller	Cum laude
Jessica Monasir.....	Cum laude
William Kestrel Olichney	Magna cum laude
Jenifer V. Orozco Cardona.....	Cum laude
Cat Pressley.....	Magna cum laude
Alison Reyes Merced*.....	Summa cum laude
Aleighson Taylor Robertson.....	Magna cum laude
Cooper A. Sayles	Cum laude
Aaron T. Scott	Summa cum laude
Ava Marie Skinner.....	Cum laude
Kylie Rae Stark.....	Cum laude
Cole Rudolph Torres	Cum laude
Joanne Elizabeth Torres.....	Cum laude
Diego Alejandro Uceda.....	Summa cum laude
Andrew Devon Washburn.....	Summa cum laude
Melody M. Washington	Summa cum laude
Jasmin Monique Williams.....	Cum laude
Madison Isabella Witt.....	Summa cum laude
Brittney Samoya Wright.....	Magna cum laude
Carlynnne M Wright*.....	Cum laude

DESCRIPTION *of* THE COLLEGE MACE

Symbolic of authority, the College mace is carried by a senior faculty member serving as the College marshal on ceremonial occasions during the academic procession. The mace bears the College seal on top of a flame. The flame sits upon a three-sided pedestal upon which the Three Keys of Knowledge, representing the humanities, the arts, and the sciences, are carved. Its design is derived from a well-known speech, "My Grandmother's Basket of Keys," given by Theodore H. Jack, the fourth president of then Randolph-Macon Woman's College. The design is based upon the Randolph-Macon Woman's College mace, only modified to reflect the College's new seal after its name change in 2007. When not in use, the mace resides in the Lipscomb Library, along with the mace developed for Randolph-Macon Woman's College in 1955.

THE WEARING *of* ACADEMIC APPAREL

The wearing of academic apparel has been the traditional way of symbolizing the value of learning. Probably the monasteries and cathedral schools in the seventh century were the precursors of our modern institutions of higher education. The robed and cowed monks were the first students. The wearing of gowns can be traced back to the great universities of Oxford and Cambridge where the wearing of the gown and cowl of the earlier cathedral school clerics was preserved as academic dress.

Though caps and gowns have been worn for commencement ceremonies in this country since colonial times, in 1895, a commission of American educators met to formulate a uniform intercollegiate code for American institutions of higher learning. The code, as finally established, follows in general the English system and provides for three types of gowns: those worn by bachelors or undergraduates are made of black material and have long pointed sleeves; masters wear either black silk or black wool made with a long, closed sleeve with an arc of a circle cut out near the bottom and slit for the arm; and the doctor's gown is black silk with a full, round open sleeve. The gown is faced with velvet and has three bars of velvet on each sleeve. The black oxford or mortarboard cap is worn for all degrees.

The hood, which signifies the degree conferred, has also been made uniform. The bachelor's hood is three feet long; the master's is three and one-half feet long; and the doctor's is four feet long with a wider panel. The code prescribes a lining of different color silk in the official academic color or colors of the institution conferring the degree. The binding or trim of the hoods is velvet, two inches wide for bachelors, three inches wide for masters, and five inches wide for doctors. The color here indicates the department or faculty in which the degree is granted.

Following is a list of the colors established by the intercollegiate code to represent the different departments of learning:

Arts and Letters.....	White	Music.....	Pink
Business Administration.....	Gold	Philosophy.....	Blue
Economics.....	Copper	Physical Education.....	Sage Green
Education.....	Light Blue	Science.....	Yellow
Fine Arts.....	Brown	Social Science.....	Citron
Law.....	Purple	Theology/Divinity.....	Scarlet
Library Science.....	Lemon		

While some students choose not to do so, our seniors have the privilege of asking someone, for whom it would be an honor, to hood them.