

Commencement

CLASS of 2021



COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES



TEN 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

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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Bradley W. Bateman, *President of the College*

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Eugenia Livings Welburn '95, *Board of Trustees Member & Co-owner of
E.C.C. Enterprises Holding Company*

CONFERRING OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Bradley W. Bateman, *President of the College*
Carl A. Girelli, *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*
Bunny Goodjohn, *Associate Provost*
Christopher Lemasters, *Dean of Students*

PRESENTATION OF THE MAUDE HUFF FIFE AWARD

Carl A. Girelli, *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

MESSAGE FROM THE CLASS OF 2021

Ranita Opoku-Sarfo '21, *Student Government President*

MESSAGE TO THE GRADUATES

Bradley W. Bateman, *President of the College*

*Please stand if you are able.

THE COLLEGE SONG*

Text: Carol Johnson Hallstrom '43

Music: Henry Hallstrom, *Professor Emeritus*

Led by Chorale with alumnae and alumni via recording

*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.

2020-2021

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COMMENCEMENT

MAY 23, 2021

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Lindsey Marie Taylor, <i>Psychology & Sport and Exercise Studies</i> , B.A.	Virginia Beach, VA
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*August 2020 or January 2021 Graduate

**Degree to be awarded upon completion of requirements

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ACADEMIC AWARDS

This year's awards were presented during a special ceremony on May 5, 2021.

Rachel Trexler Ellis '44 Art Prize for Excellence in Art

Kora Leigh Brown

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Lindsey Leeann Davis

Marilyn S. Murray Asian Studies Award

Kora Leigh Brown

Grace Taylor Wiltshire HA Award

Amber Nicole Grace Garrett

Chemistry Department Award

Paige Olivia Edwards

James Lewis Howe Award

Agnes Reyes Merced

Genia Melikova Award

Agnes Reyes Merced

Sally Spencer Award

Paige Olivia Edwards

Helen McGehee Award

Samantha Marie Landers

Eleanor Struppa Departmental Award

Emma Carynn Carrico

Kathleen Bowman Education Research Award

Sabrina Raven Johnson

Academy of American Poets 1st Prize (Undergraduate)

Evan Michael Pausic

John P. Kirby Explicator Prize

Michaela Seales

Senior Award in Environmental Studies

Paige Olivia Edwards

Senior Major Award (Physics & Engineering)

Tyler Blake Campbell

Outstanding Student Leader in Global Studies

Rebecca C. Jones

Outstanding Senior in Political Science

Latesha Thornhill

Frank Murray Award

Elijah David Harrison

Frank Murray Award

Madison Noelle Murphy

J. Kenneth Morland Award for Best Senior Paper in Sociology

Luz Eneida Rodriguez Santiago

Outstanding Senior

Alyssa Galbreath

Outstanding Sport and Exercise Achievement

Devin Gray Bagby

Outstanding Contributor in Theatre: Alice in Wonderland

Alexus Rochelle Allen

Outstanding Contributor in Theatre: Academic Year 2020-2021

Kaitlin Weigle

Summer Research Program Best Oral Presentation

Sabrina Raven Johnson

ASC Tutor of the Year

Paige Olivia Edwards

Best Writing in Social & Behavioral Sciences

Nathanael Isaac Peverill

Academic Honors

Jamiko Wilton Allen-Hercules*	Cum laude
Devin Gray Bagby	Magna cum laude
Tyler Blake Campbell	Magna cum laude
Emma Carynn Carrico	Magna cum laude
Lindsey Leeann Davis	Magna cum laude
Paige Olivia Edwards	Magna cum laude
Elizabeth Gray Ellen	Magna cum laude
Alyssa Galbreath	Magna cum laude
Amber Nicole Grace Garrett	Magna cum laude
Victoria Shain Goodman	Cum laude
Jessica Melton Gross	Cum laude
Rebecca Heidenfelder	Cum laude
Rebecca C. Jones	Magna cum laude
Hannah Joseph	Magna cum laude
Emma Koziol*	Magna cum laude
Samantha Marie Landers	Cum laude
Riley Paige Lorson	Magna cum laude
Chanler Lorrin Mitchell-Stadler	Cum laude
Taylor Rae Murphy	Summa cum laude
Daniel James Over*	Summa cum laude
Evan Michael Pausic	Cum laude
Nathanael Isaac Peverill*	Cum laude
Agnes Reyes Merced	Magna cum laude
Kelau Tano Smith*	Magna cum laude
Robert Addison Spinner	Cum laude
Latesha Thornhill	Magna cum laude
Evelyn Victoria Tomaszewski*	Cum laude
Zachary Williby	Magna cum laude

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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.