

Commencement  
*Class of 2023*



# 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

*Rigaudon*.....Andre Campra  
*Grand March from “Aida”*.....G. Verdi  
*Prayer and March from “Renzi”*.....Richard Wagner

## **WELCOME**

Sue Ott Rowlands, *President of the College*

## **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Keesha Burke, *Chief Diversity Officer and Director of the Office of Diversity,  
Identity, Culture and Inclusion*

## **INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**

Sue Ott Rowlands, *President of the College*

## **COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

Amy Carrier, *President and CEO, Centra Health*

## **CONFERRING OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES**

Sue Ott Rowlands, *President of the College*  
Hylan Thomas “Hank” Hubbard, III, *Chair of the Board of Trustees*  
Gary Dop, *Dean of Graduate Studies and Innovation*  
Sarah Sojka, *Associate Professor of Environmental Studies and Physics*  
Stephanie Earl, *Associate Professor of Theatre*  
Christopher Lemasters, *Dean of Students*

\*Please stand if you are able.

**PRESENTATION OF THE MAUDE HUFF FIFE AWARD**

Sue Ott Rowlands, *President of the College*

**MESSAGE FROM THE CLASS OF 2023**

Zeinab Elkhansa '23, *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*

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.

2022-2023

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# COMMENCEMENT

MAY 21, 2023

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John Thomas Dolan, *Curriculum & Instruction*, M.A.T. .... Dumfries, VA  
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Bailey Livingston, *Curriculum & Instruction*, M.A.T. .... Evington, VA  
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Rion N. Smith, *Curriculum & Instruction*, M.A.T. .... Lynchburg, VA

*Honored in a separate ceremony*

Corinne Elizabeth Cordasco-Pak, *Creative Writing*, M.F.A. .... Atlanta, GA  
David Michael Gloudemans, *Creative Writing*, M.F.A. .... Moneta, VA  
Michelle Guerrero Henry, *Creative Writing*, M.F.A. .... Mount Kisco, NY  
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Dudley Kyle Lawhorn, *Creative Writing*, M.F.A. .... Concord, VA  
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Jacqueline Yvette Clardy-Josephs, *Psychology*, B.A. .... New Kent, VA  
Natalie Lanya Clark, *Media and Culture*, B.A. .... Chesapeake, VA

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Lea Rebekah Sharpe, <i>English (Literature)</i> , B.A. ....	Lynchburg, VA
Matthew L. Sites, <i>Sport and Exer Health and Fitness Concen</i> , B.A. ....	Lynchburg, VA
Thomas Kent Snoddy, <i>History</i> , B.A. ....	Palmyra, VA
Shamar Stanley**, <i>History</i> , B.A. ....	Arrington, VA
Isabel J. Stephens, <i>History &amp; Theatre</i> , B.F.A. ....	Bristow, VA
Lillian Mary Tacke*, <i>Art History &amp; Theatre</i> , B.F.A. ....	Boise, ID
Sophia Nicole Taylor**, <i>Psychology</i> , B.A. ....	Monroe, VA
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Megan Jo Westerman, <i>Political Science</i> , B.A. ....	Chesapeake, VA
Harper Whetzel**, <i>Theatre</i> , B.F.A. ....	Harrisonburg, VA
Abby G. Whitlock, <i>Biology &amp; Environmental Science</i> , B.S. ....	Cloverdale, VA
Mia Eliana Wright, <i>Biology</i> , B.S. ....	Portsmouth, VA
Mengna Zhao, <i>Media and Culture</i> , B.A. ....	Yokohama, Kanagawa, Japan

\*August 2022 or January 2023

\*\* 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 May 2, 2023*

*Mary Frances Williams Award*

Andi D. Curtis

*Best Senior Paper*

Savannah Grace Duckworth

*Studio Art*

Savannah Grace Duckworth

*Marilyn S. Murray Asian Studies Award*

Keyu Liao

*Chemistry Senior Award*

Jennifer Marie Moore

*James Lewis Howe Award*

Jennifer Marie Moore

*Exemplary Classics Student*

Kylie P. Edington

*James Carey/Marie Nichols Award*

Mengna Zhao

*Carl Stern Award for Excellence in Economics*

Natalia Hernandez Berrios

*Stan Marshall Award for Excellence in Business*

Daniel D. Bickey

*Kathleen Bowman Education Research Award*

Kelli Ann Gajewski

*Senior Award in Environmental Studies*

Gabriel London Quintero

*Senior Award in Environmental Studies*

Abby G. Whitlock

*Laura Lee Cannon Stephens '11 Prize in History*

Kylie P. Edington

*The Louise Jordan Smith Award*

Carmen I. Gruebl

*Senior Physics Major Award*

Cristina Berenguer Llongueras

*Outstanding Leader in Political Science or Global Studies*

Megan Jo Westerman

*Outstanding Senior in Political Science or Global Studies*

Natalia Hernandez Berrios



*Outstanding Academic Achievement Award in Psychology*  
Haley Elizabeth Mundy

*Frank Murray Award*  
Daniel J. Allee

*Frank Murray Award*  
Hanan Davis

*Frank Murray Award*  
Keyu Liao

*Shirley W. Strickland Award*  
Kylie Stark

*Outstanding Senior Award*  
Ty Murphy Clinger

*Outstanding Sport and Exercise Achievement Award*  
Kaila Marie Lietz

*Helen Owen Calvert Writing Award*  
Savannah Grace Duckworth

# THE PHI BETA KAPPA SOCIETY

## CLASS OF 2023

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Cristina Berenguer Llongueras

Joshua George Bowes

Hanan Davis

Dagim Demeke Desta

Kylie Paige Edington

Natalia Hernandez Berrios

Tomi Lauren McGinnis

Talia Santiago

Lillian Mary Tacke

Mengna Zhao

## DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Gunnar Samuel Copeland, *Engineering Physics*, B.S. ....  
..... Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University

Nicholas Alexander Vazquez\*\*, *Engineering Physics & Mathematics* .....  
..... Washington University

## HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Natalia Hernandez Berrios, *Economics & Global Studies*

Gabriel London Quintero, *Environmental Science*

Megan Jo Westerman, *Political Science*

Abby Whitlock, *Environmental Science*

# ACADEMIC HONORS

Daniel J. Allee .....	Summa cum laude
Cassidy Ann Bell.....	Cum laude
Cristina Berenguer Llongueras .....	Summa cum laude
Daniel D. Bickey .....	Summa cum laude
Joshua George Bowes .....	Cum laude
Jacqueline Yvette Clardy-Josephs.....	Magna cum laude
Ty Murphy Clingerman .....	Magna cum laude
Madisyn Elizabeth Cundiff Tyree.....	Magna cum laude
Hanan Davis .....	Summa cum laude
Dagim Demeke Desta .....	Summa cum laude
Aisha Bryanne Downs .....	Cum laude
Savannah Grace Duckworth.....	Summa cum laude
Gabriel L. Dudley .....	Magna cum laude
Kylie P. Edington .....	Summa cum laude
Zeinab Ayah Elkhansa.....	Cum laude
Kelli Ann Gajewski.....	Magna cum laude
Carmen I. Gruebl .....	Magna cum laude
Natalia Hernandez Berrios .....	Summa cum laude
Justin William Jackson.....	Magna cum laude
Jakob Ian Johnson.....	Magna cum laude
Jedi Kaena Kauanui .....	Cum laude
Kaila Marie Lietz .....	Magna cum laude
Tomi Lauren McGinnis .....	Summa cum laude
Stephanie Messi.....	Magna cum laude
Haley Elizabeth Mundy .....	Summa cum laude
Cameron Nicole O'Neil .....	Cum laude
Patrick Sergei Peach.....	Magna cum laude
Eva Pontius.....	Magna cum laude
Gabriel London Quintero.....	Magna cum laude
Olivia Kathryn Richards.....	Cum laude
Talia Santiago.....	Cum laude
Delaney Paige Scott .....	Cum laude
Isabel J. Stephens.....	Summa cum laude
Lillian Mary Tacke .....	Magna cum laude
Maria Nicole Tumminello.....	Summa cum laude
Megan Jo Westerman .....	Summa cum laude
Abby G. Whitlock.....	Magna cum laude
Mengna Zhao .....	Summa 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.