

2026



College of Staten Island

**Commencement
Exercises**

May 2026



SEVENTY-SEVENTH COMMENCEMENT

Alumni of the College of Staten Island are rooted in the first commencements of Staten Island Community College in 1958 and Richmond College in 1969, our two predecessor institutions, which merged in 1976 and were renamed the College of Staten Island. Today, we honor the legacy of all our alumni and celebrate the proud history of our College as the only public institution of higher education in the borough.

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026 at 9:30AM

GREAT LAWN

2800 VICTORY BOULEVARD

STATEN ISLAND, NY 10314

PROCESSIONAL

PRESENTATION

Grand Marshal
Jonathan Peters
Professor of Finance

PRESIDING OFFICER

Nathalia Holtzman
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Serafina Matarazzo '29

Signing by Students in the College of Staten Island American Sign Language Class
Alexandria Wailes's Signed Version of the National Anthem
Sophia Artz, Jillian Handley '26, Ariana Usubov '26,
Ethan Valentin '26, Rosemary Wiedemann, Kaitlyn Wood

INVOCATION

*Rev. Dr. Demetrius Carolina
Pastor, First Central Baptist Church*

WELCOME

Timothy G. Lynch
President

CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS

Félix V. Matos Rodríguez
Chancellor, The City University of New York (CUNY)

GREETINGS

Michael Arvanites
Trustee, The City University of New York (CUNY)
On behalf of the Board of Trustees

RECOGNITION OF PRESIDENTIAL MEDALS

Timothy G. Lynch
Donna Gerstle, Carl V. Bini Memorial Fund, Geraldo Rivera

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Laura Kennedy
Distinguished Disability-Rights Advocate, Leader, and Educator

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

Jessica Scarcella-Spanton '11
New York State Senator

INTRODUCTION OF SALUTATORIAN

Nathalia Holtzman

SALUTATORIAN ADDRESS

Ashley Villalva '26
*Macaulay Honors College
Political Science, BA*

INTRODUCTION OF VALEDICTORIAN

Nathalia Holtzman

VALEDICTORIAN ADDRESS

Michelle Danglade '26
History, BA

INDUCTION OF ALUMNI

Elizabeth Nieto '19, '21
President, College of Staten Island Alumni Association

Ashley Villalva '26
President, Student Government

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

Nathalia Holtzman
Susan Holak, Dean
Lucille and Jay Chazanoff School of Business
Burnett Joiner, Interim Dean
School of Education and Social Work
Sarolta A. Takács, Dean
Division of Humanities and Social Sciences
Ralf Peetz, Dean
Division of Science and Technology

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Timothy G. Lynch

RECESSIONAL

Special thanks to Student Government for funding in support of
CSI's 2026 Commencement.

COLLEGE HONORS

VALEDICTORIAN Michelle Danglade

SALUTATORIAN Ashley Villalva

COLLEGE AWARDS *Phi Beta Kappa Associates Award*
Malak Amer Alkiswani
Abrar Alzandani
Raneem Mohammad Baalbaki
Leah Nicole Beltran
Sean Bresler
Michelle Danglade
Emma Grace Demuro
Emily Eisler-Grynsztajn
Kareem Elnahal
Lauren Ferguson
Gkloria Fero
Adam Gutman
Judie Hamdan
Julia Kalinowski
Aigiul Mirzakhanova
Sabrina Musovic
Luciano Spagnuolo
Ashley Villalva
Xinyi Weng
Jacob Yuzovitskiy

LUCILLE AND JAY CHAZANOFF SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Chazanoff School of Business Founding Dean's Leadership Award
Joseph Sollitto

Chazanoff School of Business Faculty Award for Excellence
Motasem Kassem

Andrew Esterly Award for Academic Excellence
Huli Yu

Laurie A. O'Byrne, CPA, Memorial Award
Adrianna Catanzaro

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE *The Staten Island Chapter of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants Award*
Fatima Perera

Burton S. Player Award for Academic Excellence
Cynthia Chen

Beverly Curry Memorial Award
Jocelyn Salazar

Charles Pinzolo Award
Ilir Popovic

CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
Oscar Lesniak

ECONOMICS *Professor Chu-Ping Vijverberg Award for Excellence in Economics*
Jennifer Tuzzo

Oded Remba Memorial Award for Excellence in Economics
Brendan Costello

CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
Francesca Rodriguez-Fernandez

MANAGEMENT *Gordon DiPaolo Memorial Award*
Lisa Trupiano

Lorraine and Gordon DiPaolo Management Award
Adelina Huseinovic

CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
Rohan Wadiwala

MARKETING *Dr. Libero Giovanni Moretti Award*
Cristina Bercov

Department of Marketing Leadership Award
Kaitlyn Cunningham

Lorraine and Gordon DiPaolo Marketing Award
Megan Cunningham

*Professor Soon Ae Chun Memorial Award for Excellence in
Information Systems and Informatics*
Leah Browne

CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
Monera Youssef

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WORK

Judith Summerville Memorial Award
Brianna Subasic

Harris Goldberg Memorial Award
Lili Jimenez Ponce

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Academic Excellence
in Curriculum and Instruction*
Rosa Lazzarra

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in Education*
Christina Colucci

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in Social Work*
Cameron Basora
Justin Patala

DIVISION OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEAN OF HUMANITIES *Arleigh B. Williamson Liberal Arts Award*
Lillian Mathies

**MASTER OF ARTS AND
LIBERAL STUDIES (MALS)** *David Jordon Memorial Award*
Lucia Zafiu

Frederick M. Binder MALS Award
Margaret Rowan

ENGLISH *Clara and Arleigh B. Williamson Award*
Deanna Mujaj

Creative Writing Award
Eric Benedetto
Alexandra Spina

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in English*
Alyssa Bischoff

Earl Jacobs Memorial Award
Sarafina Pontecorvo

Ely Stock Memorial Award
Bushra Alrawhani

Grace S. and Thomas Feola Commencement Award in English
Joseph Lonardo

Graduate Award in English
Amina Selimaj

John Conway Memorial Award
Patricia Materman

English Department Linguistics Award
Iva Ivasiuk

English Department Literature Award
Tiffany Campoverde
Ulises Fernandez

Rehberg Memorial Award for Academic Excellence in Poetry
Lauren Ferguson

Speech Science Research Award
Hebah Sayedahmed

HISTORY *CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in History*
Michelle Danglade

Francois Ngolet Memorial Award
Natalie Perci

History Department Faculty Award
Ulises Fernandez

History Faculty Award for Graduate Studies
Faruh Davletov

Stephen J. Stearns/Sandi Cooper Award
Anthony Di Marco
Giuseppe Settineri

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES *International Studies Award*
Ademide Apuabi

MEDIA CULTURE *Steve Hager Memorial Award*
Jay Lin

Department of Media Culture Award
Erin Cunningham
Karen Dalton
Corinne De Martini
Carmine Mazza

Leonard Quart Memorial Award
Leah Beltran
Neha Lohia

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in Media Culture*
Oluwatosin Johnson Osinuga

Elliot Rubenstein Memorial Award
Ariana Gayton
Ennalina Wilson

Leonard Quart Memorial Award
Leah Beltran
Neha Lohia

**PERFORMING AND
CREATIVE ARTS** *Andrea Batista Award*
Austin Maida

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Academic Excellence
in Performing and Creative Arts*
Persephone Crespo
Francesca Mingozi

Margaret Riccardi Commencement Award for Studio Art
Madison Malerba

Performing and Creative Arts Department Award in Music
Gerardo Mencia

Performing and Creative Arts Department Award in Photography
Norman King

Ted McIrvine Memorial Award
Persephone Crespo

PHILOSOPHY *CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in Philosophy*
Taylor Miller

Donna Mayer Memorial Award
Jack West

Excellence in Philosophy Scholarship
Angelina Guerriero
Taylor Miller
Jack West

**POLITICAL SCIENCE AND
GLOBAL AFFAIRS** *CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Academic Excellence
in Political Science & Global Affairs*
Ashley Villalva

Laura Schwartz Award
Alesio Bejleri

Dan Kramer Memorial Award
Gkloria Fero

Deborah Popper Award for Excellence in Geography
Malak Ibrahim

Robert J. Schwenk Political Science Commencement Award
Vincent Mirabella

DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

PSYCHOLOGY *Academic Excellence in Undergraduate Research*

Nicolas Moncada

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Academic Excellence
in Psychology*

Amanda Williams

*Outstanding Graduating Psychology Major
for Excellence in Field Work*

Michelle Zak

*Outstanding Student in Honor of the Memory of
Anya Gabriela Kuppersmith*

Jacky Zhao

BIOLOGY *Melvin Baumel Memorial Scholarship and Award*

Briana Soto

Sandra Frankel Memorial Award

Malak Alkiswani

Lauren Ferguson

Adam Gutman

Elena C. McCoy Memorial Award

Ying Chen

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in Biology*

Julia Kalinowski

**SCIENCE, LETTERS,
AND SOCIETY** *Science, Letters, and Society Award*

Miranda Bouwmans

**SOCIOLOGY
ANTHROPOLOGY** *CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Academic Excellence
in Sociology/Anthropology*

Elizabeth Rodriguez

Emil Oestereicher Memorial Award

Sydney Bajramovic

Judith Balfe Memorial Award

Louis Cuomo

Sociology and Anthropology Department Faculty Award

Zaina Talukdar

WOMEN'S STUDIES *Bertha Harris Feminist Advocacy Award*

Emma Sheehan

**WORLD LANGUAGES AND
LITERATURES** *World Languages and Literatures Department Award
for Excellence in Spanish*

Lezly Cruz Beristain

Excellence in LACLS

Adamaria Robles

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for Academic Excellence in
World Languages and Literatures*

Giovannia Intravaia

*World Languages and Literatures Department Award for
Excellence in Italian*

Gabriella Lucido

CHEMISTRY *Patricia A. Nolan Award*

Fan Lin

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in Chemistry*

Danny Berberi

COMPUTER SCIENCE *Warren G. Simmons Memorial Award*

Alan Mackiewicz

*CSI Auxiliary Service Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in Computer Science*

Isabel Loci

Computer Science Department Award

Ahmad Alrafati

Kerolos Assad

Brendan Coughlan

Mykola Demianiuk

Kevin Dong

Dorel Kalev

Fatima Mansha

Jeremy Mendez

James Perez

Jawad Rada

Mohammad Slim

Amna Zafarullah

Graduate Award in Computer Science

Benjamin Hermus

Justin Huang

Shaker Krit

Fabio Pecora

Abayomi Shosilva

Matt Walls

**ENGINEERING,
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE** *John Mulligan Memorial Commencement Award*
Sulejman Doda

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award for
Academic Excellence in Engineering Science*
Omar Hassan

Giovanni S. Impeduglia Memorial Commencement Award
Cedrick Augustin
Ahmad Basyouni
Shengjia Han
Ahmed Khodair
Dylan Lee
Philip Nicotra
Hamza Saad
Muhammad Talha

Morris E. Levine Memorial Commencement Award
Abdalla Ahmed

MATHEMATICS *Benedict Carlat Memorial Award
for Outstanding Work in Mathematics*
Michael Loforte

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in Mathematics*
Jacob Yuzovitskiy

*Ercument Ozizmir Memorial Award
for Excellence in Mathematics*
Raheel Ahshan
Michael Loforte
Amy Ramirez
Jacob Yuzovitskiy

NURSING *Academic Excellence in Nursing (AAS)*
Xuanfei (Jay) Li

Academic Excellence in Nursing (BS)
Michelle Senerchia

*CSI Auxiliary Services Commencement Award for
Academic Excellence in Nursing*
Matthew Buscini

Saundra Frankel Memorial Award
Diane Gracia

Academic Excellence in Nursing (MS)
Mikhail Iliatov

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY *CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in and Physics and Astronomy*
Jacob Yuzovitskiy

PHYSICAL THERAPY *Physical Therapy Department Award for
Outstanding Service*
Anna Baylosis
Areej Hassan
Ka-Wah Ng
Christopher Spurrell

*Physical Therapy Department Faculty Award for
Excellence in Physical Therapy*
Mina Ghattas
Gordon Lam
Eric Lam
Rebecca Macdonald
Olivia Norato
Christopher Spurrell
Sarah Velez

*Physical Therapy Department Award for
Excellence in the Research Capstone Project*
Edwin Cung
Mina Ghattas
Areej Hassan
Eric Lam
Olivia Norato

Physical Therapy Department Award for Clinical Excellence
Gordon Lam

*CSI Auxiliary Services Corporation Award
for Academic Excellence in Physical Therapy*
Olivia Norato

*Community Service Award presented by
The Brooklyn-Staten Island District of
The New York Chapter of The American Physical Therapy Association*
Ka-Wah Ng

*Saundra Frankel Memorial Award for
Academic Excellence in Physical Therapy*
Sarah Velez

HONORS SOCIETY AWARD *Phi Beta Delta Honors Society for
International Scholars*
Jong Gyu Park
Christian Perticone
Melany Acatitla
Gewil Daniella Allas
Evelyn Bazan
John Corrado
Milton Crespo
Zachary Lababneh
Wing Lam Ng
Anayeli Lopez Jr.
Aicha Mazhoud Richardson
Isabella Ndokaj
Miguel Padilla
Erina Qyrku
Samah Shalein

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Billy Fraser Achievement Award
Bryan Li

James Ortiz, Jr. Memorial Award
Kenny Velez

DOLPHIN AWARDS

*Outstanding Scholarly Achievement
by a Member of the Full-Time Faculty*
Sos Agaian

*Outstanding Teaching
by a Member of the Full-Time Faculty*
Sean Thatcher

*Outstanding Teaching
by a Member of the Adjunct Faculty*
Thomas Attino

*Outstanding Service and Contribution to the College
by a Member of the Non-Teaching Instructional Staff in the HEO Title*
Tara Mastroilli-Geosits

*Outstanding Service and Contribution to the College
by a Member of the Non-Teaching Instructional Staff in a Specialist Title*
Dmitriy Verkhovskiy

*Outstanding Service and Contribution to the College
by a Member of a Full-Time Non-Instructional Staff in Clerical Functions*
Mona Rosenstock

*Outstanding Service and Contribution to the College
by a Member of the Non-Instructional Staff in Maintenance,
Operations, Security*
Halil Nikezi

*Outstanding Service and Contribution to the College
by a Currently Enrolled Student*
Ashley Villalva

*Jodi Meredino CSI Spirit Award for Outstanding Dedication and
Commitment to the College Community*
Anna Lambert

*Agent of Change toward Diversity, Equity, Inclusivity, and
Social Justice by a Member of the College Community*
Robert King Kee

Degree Candidates 2026

The listing of names, degrees, and honors to be conferred, appearing herein, is subject to such changes, deletions, and additions as may be necessary to conform to the final and official records of the College of Staten Island. This listing includes potential candidates for graduation and is not an official list of graduates. Awarding of degrees and honors is contingent upon certification by the Registrar pending receipt of final grades.

Latin Honors are granted pending determination by the Registrar's Office that candidates have satisfied the requirements.

***summa cum laude (GPA of at least 3.90)

**magna cum laude (GPA of at least 3.75)

*cum laude (GPA of at least 3.50)

JANUARY 2026

Associate in Applied Science

Omran Abuhamdah	Jeferson Miranda Gutierrez *
David Appiah	Brien Mosley
Nasim Bakir	Asadullah Mushtaq
Omar Basouny	Nicholas Najarro
Daniel Bodin *	Jennifer Ngo
Erica Breen	Christina Noma
Bridget Bye	Mary Okedoyin
Tammy Carillo	Ernesto Ortiz Gonzalez
Orted Cene	Triston Packette *
Katrina Chen *	Brianna Palermo
Rahim Clay	Gentiana Perasevic
Lisa Daccache	Vincent Peruffo
Isabel Dela Cruz	Dominick Peterson
Aliyah Deonarayan	Valeria Protopopova
Salvatore D'Orio	Sruthi Raju
Isabella Espada	Alyssa Rapp ***
Katie Esposito *	Karolina Raszkievicz
Priscillia-Wofai Etah *	Isabelle Rella
Francis Foti *	Emma Rice
Arielle Gallagher	Marlin Rofael
Jonathan Girgis **	Aidan Sawczyk *
Frank Gitto *	Maleen Senevirathne *
Joseph Habib	Judy Shahout
Amneh Hamdan	Ivanna Shcheglyuk *
Sejvalda Hasani	Nadira Shehadeh
Sheyla Hernandez	Cade Elrian Sixon
Samuel Hernandez Balderas *	Brianna Smith
Manuel Herrera *	Dylan Soto
Sindy Hour *	Michael Svetnikov
Ivan Huang **	Armend Tagani
Fjorela Hysaj *	Jackeline Vega Hernandez
Raphael Iyoha	Clara Vilorio *
Bartlomiej Jankowski	Clifford Weimer
Micaela Jose **	Emily Wong
Madeeha Kanwal	Coey Wu
Rebecca Kearns *	Shu Ting Wu
Adnane Khairy	Siteng Yang
Jonathan Khavasova *	Annie Ye
Arjona Kulla	Andy Zhang
Jacquelyn Lasalla	Dongmei Zheng
Lilina Lee Feng	Sharon Zou *
Jacqueline Levit	
Abahoor Lion	<i>Associate in Arts</i>
Nicholas Lobritto	Mayowa Omolara Adeleke
Jeremiah Lugo	Alba Agalliu *
Pasquale Maiorano	Sophia Agandouch
Jason McGee *	Kelly Aguilar
Hulya Mersim	Aisha Aly *
Nicholas Minardi	Josiah Arellano **
	Joseph Asch

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Alexandra Balsamo **
 Elez Beharovic *
 Larissa Beniquez
 Tanzy Bennett
 Rayane Boulekouane
 Alexander Buck
 Liliana Cajo *
 Tania Castillo Vazque
 Lisa Coladonato
 Brianna Courtien
 Gianna Cucchiara *
 Michael D'Arrigo
 Sebastian De Francesco
 Alyssa De Noble
 Hunter De Oliveira **
 Joseph Dezagó
 Chelsea Dhanraj
 Senaya Dias *
 Kareem Elnahal **
 Youssef Elzokom
 Vincent Eugenio
 Gianna Fazio
 Ashlee Ferreira **
 Alexis Glickman
 Abraham Gonzalez
 Elijah Gradilone
 Janney Harvell
 Melissa Jones **
 Saqer Kassem
 Maheen Khurshid *
 Nicholas Korahaes
 Daniela Krasner **
 Lisa Lobianco
 Melissa Martinez
 Emily Matias
 Joseph McHugh *
 Edward Medina
 Mya Mejia
 Leandra Minguela **
 Wendy Morgado
 Sarah Naboulsi
 Samson Oke
 Daniel O'Leary
 Moshood Oniga
 Melanie Ortiz
 Theodore Osborne
 Alexandra Paredes
 Wesley Perez
 Ismeldy Pichardo *
 Etisyai Pollard

Sofia Raia
 Nicole Revithas
 Belinda Reyesreyes
 Milany Roman
 Miel Ruben
 Naomi Santacruz
 Maya Sarsour *
 Gianna Schinina **
 Robert Schnepf
 Majd Serhan
 Ruth Silva
 Michelle Sztropkalyi
 Jessica Tague
 Roberto Vargas
 Anthony Vasile Jr
 Christopher Vitaliano
 Nancy Xochicale **
 Sonia Yallo
 Ava Zuniga Zapata

Associate in Science
 Hagar Abdellatif
 Asal Amrieva
 Makaruos Ayoub *
 Maxim Beletskiy *
 Avi Cagan
 Medelin Camacho *
 Diana Chaparro *
 Isabella Cucchiara ***
 Thalia Desir
 Khalid Dixon *
 Asilbek Djumakulov **
 Mina Estfanous
 Christian Farrah ***
 Chandana Galoluge Don
 Katherine Gatto
 Noor Ghannoum
 Ragheb Gheith **
 Jermaine Hicks *
 Irakli Kurashvili
 Thomas Lee
 Matthew Malliae
 Mohammed Mansour ***
 Emmanuel Mike
 Branden Nehme
 Karina Neri *
 Jeffrey Ng Wu
 Judith Nunez
 Favour Olugbodi
 Yasmine Rimawi

JANUARY 2026

Hamza Saad *
 Sohaib Saleem
 Veronica Samaan ***
 Fadia Shaban
 Nada Suddah *
 Ryker Tamayo
 Jeta Ukmata
 Sabrina Velez **
 Areefa Yasin

Bachelor of Arts
 Gabrielle Addo
 Soniya Ahuja
 Claudia Aiello
 Bushra Alrawhani *
 Malak Alzandani
 Noor Alzandani **
 Carol Ascencio
 Ma Christine Baja
 Jack Barron
 Bianca Bastien *
 Kejsi Bazaj
 Zaida Bonifacio
 Tatiana Boyd
 Valeria Brigido
 Agostino Calcagno
 Mar Calimag
 Tiffany Campoverde *
 Chaney Cangemi **
 Anthony Castellano
 Amy Chen
 Vladimir Cheng
 Jaclyn Cina
 Catherine Cincotta
 Grace Cunningham
 Louis Cuomo ***
 Genesis Delgado *
 Theresa Devico *
 Nicole Di Trapani
 Tanasha Dickens
 Gianna Didio
 Layal Elcharfa
 Laura Fabrizio
 Madeline Fago
 Kimberly Fiore *
 Cynthia Fragosa *
 Shernice Gabriel
 Jillian Gardner
 Anthony Gavin
 Victoria Genao

Michael Giudice
 Helen Gonzalez
 Brendan Hall
 Matthew Hesterhagen *
 Giovanna Intravaia **
 Shavon Jeffrey
 Elizabeth Karnbach
 Anastasia Kuznetsova ***
 Erika Latour
 Kimberly Leal
 Betty Lin **
 Angelina Lippolis
 Alexa Litman ***
 Jesus Lopez
 Eden Martinez
 Isabella Mayronne
 Brianna McBratney **
 Ashley McCarthy
 Ikima McDuffie
 Emma McMillen **
 Nourhan Megali **
 Taylor Miller
 Laila Muhammad **
 Deanna Mujaj ***
 Luis Neri
 Lourine Nfonoyim
 Safar-Ali Niyazov *
 Mia Norato **
 Dalia Omar
 Ciarra Orellano
 Emma O'Shea
 Brenda Palomares
 Simeon Parchment
 Rejhan Pelinkovic
 Bianca Perez
 John Pessolano **
 Travon Peters
 Patrick Reilly
 Katherine Reina
 Ashantii Ricks
 Tiffany Rodriguez
 Rahma Said
 Alexa Sanchez
 Rachel Sarlo
 Dvant Savary
 Alexa Seggio
 Brandon Sheran
 Dara Sparacino **
 Alexandra Spina
 Marian Tadros **

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Robert Theurer *
 Damilola Tijani
 Steven Tindall
 Evan Torres
 Madison Tricardo **
 Onyea Troxler
 Magdalena Vaccarino **
 Jacub Velija
 Alexis Vincent
 Arianna Wiener
 Arianna Williams
 Tiffany Wright
 Kelly Wu ***

Bachelor of Fine Arts
 Madison Malerba ***

Bachelor of Science
 Danee Abdeljawad *
 Patrick Abdelshahid
 Kareem Abdou
 Abdelrahman Abdullah
 Hader Abouaziz
 Menatalla Aboukhalia *
 Jeanette Abreu
 Janelle Addo **
 Arbish Afsar
 Mohamed Ahmad
 Abdalla Ahmed ***
 Daniyal Ahmed
 Mohamed Ahmed
 Amro Ahmed-Mahmoud
 Bekim Alaj
 Assel Ali
 Ahmed Almaz
 Amber Almazo
 Ahmad Alrafati ***
 Iman Alsaman
 Alexander Alvarez
 Michael Alvira
 Abrar Alzandani **
 Michael Arena **
 Jason Armanious
 Rose Asiedu
 Mummin Atmae
 Seifeldin Awad
 Alyssa Aya
 Shadi Barakat
 Sofia Barbato
 Ines Bardhoshi **

Jonathan Barrezueta
 Jade Barros *
 Tatiana Beltran
 Cristina Bercov ***
 Michael Berini
 Milot Berisha
 Nicholas Bialous **
 Mohanad Binafif *
 Shuhd Binafif *
 Adrian Blakaj
 Kyle Boschi
 Yacine Boulekouane
 Victoria Brescia
 Angeleah Brice
 Justin Burks
 Oswaldo Bustamante
 Julia Butenyuk
 Mary Butler ***
 Jill Calendrillo *
 Kayla Camacho
 Morissana Camara
 Gianna Cancelleri
 Micayla Cannatelli
 Nicholas Caprioni
 Jenna Carandola
 Nicolette Caroccia
 Yony Cen Mo
 Dylan Cerisier
 Sara Chaudary *
 Sonya Chekoff
 Daniel Chelala **
 Hua Jun Chen
 Jay Chen
 Qinyi Chen **
 Joyce Cheung
 Eui Cho
 Matthew Clerville
 Linor Cohen *
 Mayatu Cooper
 Kaitlyn Cornacchio
 Brendan Costello **
 Brendan Coughlan **
 Jennifer Crespo
 Maxwell Cruz
 Melvyn Cruz Portillo
 Dilans Damme *
 Nicholas Dellipaoli
 Donald Delprete ***
 Massa Demaidi
 Corinne Demartini *

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Mykola Demianiuk **
 Abeni Diedhiou
 Kevin Dong **
 Stephany Dovhinko *
 Cynthia Duru
 Loay Elasmr *
 Manuel Encarnacion *
 Thomas Eng
 Ahmad Fadhel *
 Rabab Fares *
 Payagala Waduge Anuki
 Vijae Fernando
 Sean Fisherman *
 Brian Flores Garcia *
 Taniyah Fraser
 Lonny Friedland ***
 Marina Fronimakis *
 Rossani Garmendia *
 Linoy Gavish
 Mahmood Gheith
 Janel Gonzalez
 Nicolette Goss
 Gabriella Grabowski
 Igor Grygoriv
 Salvador Guerrero
 Rania Guirguis
 Alexa Gulotta **
 Ruhshona Halimova
 Shengjia Han **
 Gena Hana *
 Alexa Hansen *
 Omar Hassan *
 Ryan Hawkins *
 Joe He
 Ryan Healey
 Denisse Hernandez *
 Kaylie Hernandez
 Jada Honore
 Muhammad Irfani
 Eric Iwulski
 Uran Jakupi
 Mohamed Judeh *
 Merilda Kasneci
 Zineb Khadim ***
 Myron Khalil *
 Sardar Khan
 Ahmed Khodair **
 Victoria Kiell *
 Andrew Killips
 Joseph Kimlovecchio

Oumey Kora
 Matthew Korik
 Ilir Krasniqi
 Zachary Lababneh
 Joseph Labarbera Jr.
 Wilkens Junior Lafortune
 Randy Lan
 Edmond Lee
 Isabella Lento
 Adam Levintov
 Jiahong Li
 Jonathan Li
 Peixin Lin
 Isabel Loci ***
 Thomas Lovascio
 Teddy Lublinsky
 Alan Mackiewicz ***
 Emirjeta Maksudovska ***
 Sinai Malca
 Salvatore Mandola
 Waleed Mansour
 Denise Martinez
 Trent McGovern
 Maria Megalea
 Ashley Mendez
 Jeremy Mendez **
 Jazmine Mercado
 Ala Milad *
 Farzeen Mirza **
 Adel Morad
 Christian Morales
 Tamara Morales
 Adham Morsy **
 Malek Mostafa
 Avdi Murati
 Briana Natale
 Jordan Ng
 Jaden Nieves
 Sophia Odowd
 Michael Odumosu
 Hiqmat Ogunsanya
 Moses Olu-Ojo
 Georgina Orellana *
 Omar Osman
 Seifeldin Osman
 Daniel Ost ***
 Nabil Othman
 Dorentina Perasevic
 Fatima Perera ***
 Jacqueline Petryczenko *

JANUARY 2026

Eva Pikman
Omar Qureshi
Jawad Rada ***
Ikell Randolph
Andrew Reich
Brooke Remache
Omar Rezk
Suleman Riaz *
Emily Ricciutti ***
Jake Rodriguez
Frank Romano
Dominic Rosalia *
Diego Rosario *
Madison Rubin *
Alister Salas Moran
Jocelyn Salazar ***
Mariana Salazar Flores *
Beshar Saleh
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Simon Samy
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Briana Schmidt
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Kainat Shafique
Madina Shamsieva
Dalia Shehata *
Fiona Shehu
David Shepherd
Urata Shillova
Andy Sibri
Bilal Skaf
Hadi Skaf
Mohammad Slim **
Omar Soliman
Asia Soto
Madeliene Soun
Zachary Sticker *
Brandon Sukhu
Aldina Tafa
Hajia Khadija K. Tahir
Muhammad Talha *
Angie Tamer
Hendrik Tang *
Guadalupe Tapia
Fernando Texcomartinez
Joshua Thomas *
Kemina Toplica
Willis Tran
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THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Ceremonies at American colleges and universities go back to ceremonies at the universities of medieval Europe, which were closely linked with religious orders. Most teachers were members of the clergy; many students expected to take holy orders. Academic costumes are derived from clerical dress. They also reflect rank: as ordinary clergymen wear less elaborate costumes than bishops, so undergraduates wear less elaborate costumes than professors. Then, academic costumes, worn every day, were functional: hoods, for example, protected the head from cold and from inclement weather and dropped back onto the shoulders when not needed. Now, hoods are ceremonial. American academic costumes can be “read” for information. Bachelors’ gowns are simple, with modestly gathered sleeves that extend to the wrist. Masters’ gowns have long kimono-like sleeves. Doctors’ gowns have full gathered sleeves with velvet bands. Bachelors’ hoods are small, masters’ hoods are somewhat larger, and doctors’ hoods are knee-length. Today, instead of receiving hoods at commencement, undergraduates shift the tassels on their mortarboards from right to left when their degrees are conferred.

Most hoods have velvet borders whose color designates the academic fields of the wearers, as follows:

white	arts and letters
drab	business administration
copper	economics
light blue	education
orange	engineering
brown	fine arts
purple	law
lemon	library science
green	medicine
pink	music
blue	philosophy (and other liberal arts)
sage green	physical education
gold	science
scarlet	theology

Colored velvet also trims the front edges of doctors’ gowns. Hoods are lined with the colors of the schools that grant the wearers’ degrees, sometimes a single color, sometimes two, one a field color and the other a chevron-shaped stripe. The colors of the College of Staten Island are gray and CSI blue; its masters’ hoods have gray as the field color, College blue as the chevron color.

In recent years, universities have adopted colored doctoral gowns to take the place of black gowns. Ordinarily, these gowns use the field color of the institutions’ doctoral hoods: Columbia and Yale university gowns are a pale blue and a medium blue, for example, Harvard and Rutgers university gowns are crimson, New York University gowns are violet, Princeton University gowns are orange, and The City University of New York gowns are dark blue.

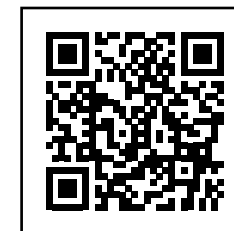
Academic processions, like religious processions, are organized hierarchically. Bachelor’s degree candidates come first, then master’s degree candidates, then faculty, then administrators, trustees, and honorary degree candidates. The president, who comes last, is preceded by a mace bearer. This order is reversed in recessionals.

The College of Staten Island’s mace, dedicated in 1986 to mark the tenth anniversary of the College, was made by a Finnish American silversmith, Veikko Huotari. The College’s seal is at the top above four ornaments: the seals of Staten Island Community College and Richmond College (its predecessor institutions), the symbol of the borough of Staten Island, and dolphins, the College’s mascot. The College’s motto, “Opportunity and Challenge,” encircles the neck of the mace’s shaft.

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