

Dear University of Richmond School of Continuing Studies graduates,

Today marks an exciting rite of passage. For our School of Continuing Studies students, Commencement is the culmination of a demanding and enriching learning experience.

Papers have been written, final exams have been taken, and projects have been completed. The last meetings and events of the semester have drawn to a close. And today, we stand with you at the gates to your lives beyond the University.

You can look to the future with confidence. You have received an outstanding education and are well prepared for the challenges and opportunities that await you.

Throughout your academic journey, faculty members, administrators, and peers have played significant roles, inside and outside the classroom. Beyond the perimeter of campus, your family, loved ones, and friends have provided steadfast support. We all share in the joy of this day and in your accomplishments.

Please accept our best wishes for success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,



William E. Cooper
President



COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

PRESIDING

Dr. William E. Cooper

President, University of Richmond

Academic Processional March and National Anthem.....James River Brass

InvocationKate O’Dwyer Randall
Acting Chaplain, University of Richmond

Welcome and RecognitionPresident Cooper

Introductory Remarks .Dr. James L. Narduzzi, *Dean, School of Continuing Studies*

Student SpeakerDianne Foster St. John, ’07

Introduction of Commencement Speaker.....Julie Grizzard Hill, ’07

Commencement SpeakerDr. June R. Aprille
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

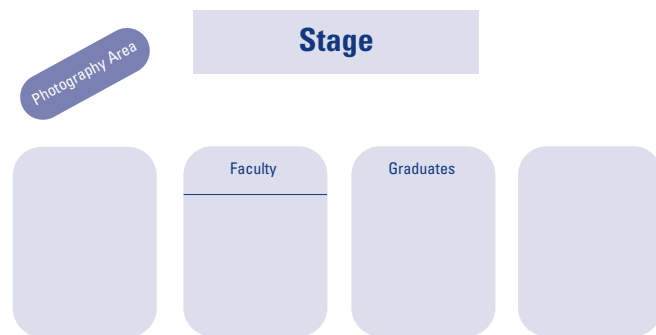
Presentation of Awards and HonorsDean Narduzzi

 2007 Itzkowitz Family Distinguished Faculty Award Jada P. Banks, M.Ed.
Adjunct Professor of Continuing Studies

 2007 Gibb Family Distinguished Alumni Award.....Connie E. Harvey, UC’95

Conferring of DegreesPresident Cooper

BenedictionKate O’Dwyer Randall



Seating Areas

Degree recipients of the prior August or January are placed at the beginning of their respective degree groups.

Order of Recognition

Students are recognized in the order shown in this program.

Photographs

Photographs of students at time of recognition may be taken from the Photography Area. The general location is indicated on the diagram above. On the arena floor, the Photography Area is defined by a rope boundary to the left of the stage. To avoid crowding, please occupy the Photography Area briefly only at the time your student is being recognized. A University marshal will be nearby to assist.

Kids’ Korner–Robins Center Room 242

To ensure the comfort of parents and small children, as well as that of our other guests, room 242 has been designated as a family-friendly area. There will be a live video “feed” of the Commencement program in the room so parents will still be able to view the program in its entirety. Ushers will be happy to direct you to Kids’ Korner.



Other Participants on the Dais

Dr. Patricia Stohr-Hunt, *Assistant Professor of Education*University Marshal

Amy C. HessMace Bearer

Mutahara MobasharUnited States Flag Bearer

Christine Judy Miller.....University of Richmond Flag Bearer

Kelly M. BoutonSCS Banner Bearer

Dr. Patricia J. Brown, *Associate Dean, School of Continuing Studies*Reader

Susan D. Breeden, *Registrar, University of Richmond*.....Assisting with Diplomas

Sandra S. Kirkland, *Director of Student Services, School of Continuing Studies*.....SCS Marshal

Mary Ramsey Evans, ’02, G’06, *President-Elect, UC-SCS Alumni Association*Presenter

Please join us following commencement for a reception in the Robins Center Ambulatory and Patio Level hosted by the School of Continuing Studies.

**Mace, Flag, Banner bearers, and other students participating in the program are graduating seniors with the highest grade point averages. In the event of a tie, selection is made by committee.*

Students in Completion of Award Requirements

**CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED STUDIES
CANDIDATES — MAY 12, 2007**

Shannon Renee Adee.....	Chesterfield, Va.
Christine R. Stevens.....	Richmond, Va.
Linda B. Swaim.....	Richmond, Va.
Lois W. Wyatt.....	Richmond, Va.

**POST BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED STUDIES
GRADUATES — AUGUST 23, 2006**

•Lori Brantley Grammer.....	Chester, Va.
Ann Charron Harbour.....	Dinwiddie, Va.
•Tracy Justice Valentine.....	King William County, Va.

**POST BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED STUDIES
CANDIDATES — MAY 12, 2007**

•Chrystal L. Abbott.....	Mechanicsville, Va.
•Katie Pickett Ameigh.....	Richmond, Va.
•Elisabeth Chesterman Anderson.....	Midlothian, Va.
•Thomas William Applegate.....	Richmond, Va.
Sarah Olivia Ball.....	Chesterfield, Va.
•Kristen Michele Bare.....	Richmond, Va.
•Annette Proto Bates.....	Richmond, Va.
•Amy Christine Baxter.....	Louisa, Va.
•Anne Carter Bell.....	Richmond, Va.
•Carolyn Dye Brougham.....	Richmond, Va.
•April Maureen Brown.....	Richmond, Va.
•Julia R. Butler.....	Richmond, Va.
*•Amanda Marie Carretto.....	Richmond, Va.
•Julie Chappell.....	Glen Allen, Va.
•Kristen Courtney Charnock.....	Richmond, Va.
•Laura Anita Clark.....	Midlothian, Va.
•Sarah Lantz Collier.....	Richmond, Va.
•Alice Nunnally Collins.....	Richmond, Va.
•Tammy Gwen Collins.....	Richmond, Va.
•Jennifer Lynne Cousins.....	Chesterfield, Va.
Christopher J. Diskin.....	Acton, Mass.
•Alison Mae Dolan.....	Richmond, Va.
•Marie Claire Douglas.....	Richmond, Va.
•Kevin Ryan Eddins.....	Richmond, Va.
•Elizabeth Anne Elza.....	Mechanicsville, Va.
•Kathryn Burgess Fletcher.....	Richmond, Va.
•Anita Kathleen Fluker.....	Richmond, Va.
•Stephen G. Friske.....	Woodford, Va.

•Alex A. Fruth.....	LaPorte, Ind.
•Kelli F. Gerrard.....	Richmond, Va.
•Mali L. Hart.....	Stafford, Va.
•Gemayel L. Hazard.....	Hampton, Va.
*•Cassie Ruth Horne.....	Hopewell, Va.
•Tamara L. Hubbard.....	Richmond, Va.
•Julie Carter Irvin-Rooney.....	Richmond, Va.
•Kimberley Ratcliffe Jessee.....	Richmond, Va.
*Selinda Danielle Johnson.....	Richmond, Va.
•Jessica Layne Kennedy.....	Richmond, Va.
•Mary Conner Kuzemchak.....	Richmond, Va.
•Robin Lee LaCasse.....	Midlothian, Va.
•Elizabeth Denise Layne.....	Glen Allen, Va.
•Kimberly Ann Leedom.....	Midlothian, Va.
•Krystal Loving.....	Mechanicsville, Va.
•Andrea M. Melton.....	Richmond, Va.
•Jeannie Mills.....	Yorktown, Va.
•Mary M. Neale.....	Richmond, Va.
•Matthew Hamilton Parks.....	Richmond, Va.
Sweta Kantilal Patel.....	Richmond, Va.
•Cynthia Nolan Patey.....	Midlothian, Va.
•Ryan Wicker Peede.....	Midlothian, Va.
•Daniel Porzio.....	Richmond, Va.
Stefanie Elizabeth Price.....	Richmond, Va.
•Kimberly O’Hara Rademacher.....	Richmond, Va.
•Brendan Walter Rossner.....	Richmond, Va.
•Glenn Seiler.....	Midlothian, Va.
•Suzanne Melson Sherman.....	Aylett, Va.
*Kimberly Ann Sultzer.....	Midlothian, Va.
•Carolyn G. Valentine.....	Richmond, Va.
•Devon Jean Walterscheid.....	Richmond, Va.
•Christine Boyle Watson.....	Richmond, Va.
Jerry A. Watson.....	Richmond, Va.
Sarah Mason Wells.....	Chesterfield, Va.
*Tanisha Monique Westmoreland.....	Lynchburg, Va.
•Helena Heidi Wilkins.....	Midlothian, Va.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN DISASTER SCIENCE
CANDIDATES — MAY 12, 2007**

Douglas Lane Goad.....	Glen Allen, Va.
Lori Elizabeth Kabel.....	Newport News, Va.
Susan B. Keophila.....	Chester, Va.
William A. Lowe.....	Fayetteville, Ga.
Paul Monae Scott.....	Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HUMAN RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT GRADUATE — AUGUST 23, 2006**

Theresa A. Jones.....Colonial Heights, Va.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HUMAN RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT CANDIDATES — MAY 12, 2007**

Marguerite Dewey DanielsRichmond, Va.
Jennifer Holowka NourseRochester, Mich.
Matthew Fitzgerald RileyRichmond, Va.
Jennifer B. Snead-Smith.....Chesterfield, Va.
Angelia M. SposaPowhatan, Va.

**ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED STUDIES
GRADUATES — AUGUST 23, 2006**

Shameka Vonshay DyerRuther Glen, Va.
Michelle Louise Gibson, *summa cum laude*.....Powhatan, Va.

**ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED STUDIES
CANDIDATES — MAY 12, 2007**

Pamela Denise BaileyPetersburg, Va.
Marcia Friedlein Chalfant, *magna cum laude*Richmond, Va.
Jeffrey Scott Morris, *summa cum laude*.....Glen Allen, Va.
Kimberly De'trease TinsleyAshland, Va.

ASSOCIATE IN LIBERAL ARTS CANDIDATES — MAY 12, 2007

Kimberly Belle Dodson, *magna cum laude*.....Richmond, Va.
Jennifer Zeigler Etters, *magna cum laude*Richmond, Va.
John Gerald Etters, *cum laude*Richmond, Va.

**BACHELOR OF APPLIED STUDIES
GRADUATES — AUGUST 23, 2006**

Nicole Veronica Bock, *magna cum laude*Richmond, Va.
Karen C. Carr, *summa cum laude*Chesterfield, Va.
Pamela Stacy Deininger, *magna cum laude*Richmond, Va.
John W. Leach, *magna cum laude*Chester, Va.
Michael D. Marrion, *cum laude*Chesterfield, Va.
Richard Warren Outridge Jr., *summa cum laude*Dunkirk, Md.
Lona Bowen PughRichmond, Va.
Debray P. Sparkman, *magna cum laude*Chester, Va.
David Thomas Towberman, *magna cum laude*.....Richmond, Va.
William Christopher Zelms, *summa cum laude*Virginia Beach, Va.

**BACHELOR OF APPLIED STUDIES
CANDIDATES — MAY 12, 2007**

*Carol Denise Adams.....Richmond, Va.
*Jenny Bergey AmburgeyWilliamsburg, Va.
Judy Banner Archambault, *summa cum laude*Midlothian, Va.
Marcella Virginia Armstrong, *magna cum laude*Richmond, Va.
Michael David Austin, *cum laude*Fairfax, Va.
Sabrina Lynn Barber, *magna cum laude*.....Richmond, Va.
Shawn Patrick Bennett, *magna cum laude*Alexandria, Va.
Christopher Brand Bergeron, *cum laude*Richmond, Va.
*Barbara Bolton-SlaterChesterfield, Va.
David Arnold Brown, *magna cum laude*.....Roanoke, Va.
*Craig Michael BuckleyMilton, Del.
Beverly Mae Butler, *cum laude*Chester, Va.
*Catherine Rives Cammack.....Richmond, Va.
Richard Jefferson Clark, *magna cum laude*.....Henrico County, Va.
Jeffrey Scott Coleman, *cum laude*Midlothian, Va.
*Kirsten Nikai ContaxisRichmond, Va.
Adrienne Nokomis Coxe, *magna cum laude*Richmond, Va.
James F. Crowder, *magna cum laude*Prince George, Va.
Evelyn Annette Dale, *cum laude*Richmond, Va.
*Kathleen Marshall Doswell.....Norfolk, Va.
Lauren Nicole Fallen, *cum laude*.....Lorton, Va.
*Jeremy A. Falls.....Culpeper, Va.
Stephen Wayne FordAshland, Va.
*Sommer W. GrastyAlexandria, Va.
*Larry Donnell HarrisNorfolk, Va.
DeVona' Lynn HillRichmond, Va.
*Joseph R. HillCincinnati, Ohio
Julie Grizzard Hill, *summa cum laude*.....Richmond, Va.
Jeffrey Paul HitchensRichmond, Va.
Bryan William Holland, *cum laude*Manassas, Va.
*Anthony L. HoodChesapeake, Va.
Evan Palmer Jayson, *summa cum laude*.....Chester Gap, Va.
Tyrees Paul Jones, *magna cum laude*Chesapeake, Va.
William Randall Journigan Sr., *summa cum laude*Virginia Beach, Va.
*Michelle Simone LarkinRichmond, Va.
Robert Lewis Lawrence Jr., *magna cum laude*.....Chesapeake, Va.
*Howard Clore Lee IIIIndianapolis, Ind.
*Juanita LaJune LeeRichmond, Va.
*Robert Martin Matthews JrChesapeake, Va.
Jean Ann May, *magna cum laude*.....Garland, Texas
Kimberly Lynn McFee, *magna cum laude*.....Mechanicsville, Va.
*Kathleen MorrisonRichmond, Va.
JoAnne Cherie Murphy-Moore, *summa cum laude*.....Portland, Ore.
Gregory Charles Noel, *magna cum laude*.....Smithfield, Va.

Jodi Lynn Perrigo-Marza	Richmond, Va.
*Gene R. Phelps Jr.	Virginia Beach, Va.
Albert Edward Pickering IV, <i>cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
Tamela D. Powell, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Goochland, Va.
Hope Elizabeth Reisenwitz, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
Roberto Ricardo Marinho Riitano, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Pamela Yvonne Roberson, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
Renee Elizabeth Royle, <i>cum laude</i>	Oakton, Va.
*Kavita Sadarangani	Richmond, Va.
Rachael M. Shaw, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Colonial Heights, Va.
Edwin W. Smith, <i>cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
Emmett H. Smith Jr., <i>cum laude</i>	Powhatan, Va.
*Laura Faith Stevens	Richmond, Va.
Bryan Robert Swanson, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Midlothian, Va.
*Cassandra Dee Taylor-Anderson	Richmond, Va.
Richard Steven Valack II, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Chicago, Ill.
*John A. Wallace	Silver Spring, Md.
*Brian Scott Ward	Chester, Va.

**BACHELOR OF LIBERAL ARTS
GRADUATES — AUGUST 23, 2006**

Andrew Benucci, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Newark, N.J.
Kenneth Andre Davis	Richmond, Va.
Richard Mark Gajarsky, <i>summa cum laude</i>	South Plainfield, N.J.
Joyce Archer Hill	Chesterfield, Va.
Derek Jason Koenig, <i>cum laude</i>	Glen Allen, Va.
Richard Ruge Perez, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Glen Allen, Va.
Reeshida De'ete Roberson, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
Antionette Thompson Taylor, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
Valerie Vandergrift-Rogers, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
Heather Davison Werkmeister, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
Mary Hanniford Wooding, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.

BACHELOR OF LIBERAL ARTS CANDIDATES — MAY 12, 2007

William Derik Aultman, <i>cum laude</i>	Prince George, Va.
*Michael J. Azzurrini	Spotsylvania, Va.
*Barbara Jean Barlow	King George, Va.
*Kathleen Riley Beckwith	Arlington, Va.
• Kelly M. Bouton, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
*Vickie Lynn Bowles	Manquin, Va.
Yolanda Branch	Richmond, Va.
Jervetta Seannice Burns	Richmond, Va.
*Anthony L. Burton	Prince George, Va.
*Kathleen Carter	Glen Allen, Va.

Joy Davis Edwards, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Sandston, Va.
*Tracee Fields-Minor	Spotsylvania, Va.
William Gregory Floyd, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Fredericksburg, Va.
Thomas Berkeley Goodloe, <i>cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
Pamela Andrella Gresham, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Woodford, Va.
Christina L. Griczin, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Fredericksburg, Va.
Amy C. Hess, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
*James Leroy Hicks	Spotsylvania, Va.
Kenneth W. Hines, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Hopewell, Va.
Adrienne Lorraine Hunter, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Hopewell, Va.
*Patricia A. Johnson	Ruther Glen, Va.
Katherine Ann Kennedy, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
*Diana Larkin	Fredericksburg, Va.
*Megan Nicole Lee	Midlothian, Va.
Margaret Hofheimer Lewis	Bon Air, Va.
Melissa Abigail McCabe, <i>cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
Clifford Middlebrook Jr., <i>summa cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
Christine Judy Miller, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
• Melissa Risley Mitchem, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
Mutahara Mobashar, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Fredericksburg, Va.
Debra Scott Morris, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
Mary Ann Powell, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Amelia, Va.
Suzette L. Reynolds, <i>cum laude</i>	Chester, Va.
*Taliaferro Brooke Saunders	Lynchburg, Va.
*Aaron Douglas Schepker	Richmond, Va.
Tristian Summetra Brittany Scott	Richmond, Va.
Linda Tingle Searles, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Mechanicsville, Va.
Cassandra Smith Shelton, <i>cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
Debra Lynne Siderio, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
Charles Edwin Snipes Jr., <i>summa cum laude</i>	Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Dianne Foster St. John, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
Tony Sylvester Tate, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Oldhams, Va.
S. Lesley Taylor, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
*Mirna Evelyn Torres	King George, Va.
*Donna Marie Woodard Wallace	Fredericksburg, Va.
*Suzanne Renee Watkins	Chester, Va.
• David W. Weaver, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
*Terri T. Weaver	Richmond, Va.
Linda Reid Whitaker, <i>cum laude</i>	Roanoke, Va.
*Mary M. Wolf	Richmond, Va.
April Hevelow Young, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Westmoreland County, Va.

**MASTER OF DISASTER SCIENCE
GRADUATE — AUGUST 23, 2006**

Charles Everette Vaughan Jr.....Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

MASTER OF DISASTER SCIENCE CANDIDATES — MAY 12, 2007

John Daniel Eggleston.....Charlottesville, Va.
Brian James EvansRichmond, Va.
*Thomas L. Harper.....Bedford, Va.
Rhonda Keyes Pleasants.....Richmond, Va.
*Rebecca L. Sicheloff.....Richmond, Va.
*Linda M. Taylor.....Wilmington, N.C.

**MASTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
CANDIDATES — MAY 12, 2007**

Mark Anthony BanksWilliamsburg, Va.
George Michael BestChesapeake, Va.
Beth L. BrunerNorfolk, Va.
Brent R. Burnette.....Virginia Beach, Va.
Cheryl Ann Burns.....Richmond, Va.
Dale William Carter Jr.Powhatan, Va.
*Britta Ann ConnollyFairfax, Va.
*Purvis L. Dawson Jr.....Fairfax, Va.
Gary Scott EdwardsMidlothian, Va.
Russell M. Granderson.....Richmond, Va.
Geoffrey C. Greene.....Henrico County, Va.
Sean Michael GreenwayRichmond, Va.
Carolyn Morgan Henderson.....Virginia Beach, Va.
*Nicole D. Hill.....Woodbridge, Va.
Douglas Alan Jessup.....Chesterfield, Va.
Scott Alan KearnsAlexandria, Va.
William Peter MacKayWoodbridge, Va.
Ronald A. Mann Jr.....Chesapeake, Va.
*Gregory R. MartinGlen Allen, Va.
Paul Gerald Mitchell Jr.....Bristow, Va.
Ryan W. MorganFairfax, Va.
Douglas Woodfin Murphey II.....Richmond, Va.
Paul Edmund NagoskyErie, Pa.
Nicholas Edward Nelson.....Norfolk, Va.
Lauren Carol Nobles.....Richmond, Va.
Nicole Marie Otero.....Clarendon, Pa.
Lessie Smith Jr.Chesapeake, Va.
Michael Benjamin Young.....Chesterfield, Va.

*Prospective August candidate
•Teacher Licensure Program Candidate

Awards and Honors

JEAN H. PROFFITT STUDENT SERVICE AWARD

Established in 1996 by the School of Continuing Studies and the SCS Student Government Association, this award is presented to a graduating senior recognized by his/her peers for outstanding service to the University community and/or the community at large. The recipient of this award for 2007 is:

Dianne Foster St. John

DEBORAH L. PETERS MEMORIAL THESIS AWARD

Established in 2006 by the School of Continuing Studies faculty program directors, this award is named in honor of their colleague who tragically passed away. Deb Peters was faculty program director of the Human Resources Management program and Public Safety University programs. This award is presented to the graduate student who has written the best thesis as judged by a committee composed of SCS faculty and staff. The recipients of this award for 2007 are:

Gary Scott Edwards and Brian James Evans

ELIZABETH SPINDLER SCOTT BOOK COLLECTION AWARD

Given by her children, her friends, and her students, this award is presented to honor long-time adjunct professor Betty Scott and promotes a scholarly interest in books, the development of personal libraries, and encourages undergraduate students to accumulate collections pertaining to some particular area of interest. Student collections are eligible for the award during a student's last year of study leading to a bachelor's degree. The recipient of this award for 2007 is:

Margaret Hofheimer Lewis

**COLONEL (USA, RET.) PORCHER L. TAYLOR JR., PH.D.
BOOK AWARD IN LEADERSHIP**

Established in 2006, this award honors Dr. Porcher L. Taylor Jr. and the servant leadership he has exemplified his entire life. Dr. Taylor, a Tuskegee Airman, served in World War II, Vietnam, and the Korean Wars. Dr. Taylor also served as Vice President for Student Affairs at Virginia State University and has spent his entire life involving himself in civic, charitable, educational, and religious activities and causes, and serving as a role model for youth. This award recognizes a graduating student who has demonstrated natural leadership qualities inside and outside the classroom and exemplifies Dr. Taylor's role model standard in leadership. The recipient of this award for 2007 is:

Clifford Middlebrook Jr.

**JOANITA BBAALE SENOGA BOOK AWARD IN RECOGNITION
OF EXCELLENCE BY A STUDENT WHOSE NATIVE LANGUAGE
IS NOT ENGLISH**

Established in 2006, this award is given to the student with the highest undergraduate grade point average whose native language is not English. This award is named in honor of its first recipient, Joanita Bbaale Senoga. Ms. Senoga, a refugee from Uganda, overcame many hardships to earn her degree, including escaping persecution in her native land and then struggling to bring her family to the United States. Ms. Senoga worked three simultaneous part-time jobs and raised a family all while attending classes full time. The recipient of this award for 2007 is:

Roberto Ricardo Marinho Riitano

**TAYLOR KIE COUSINS MEMORIAL BOOK AWARD
IN RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP
TO THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING STUDIES
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

Established this year, this award is given to a graduating senior and Student Government member who exemplifies outstanding service and leadership to SGA. This award is in memory of Taylor Cousins' service and commitment to the School of Continuing Studies as a teacher and in recognition of his involvement in service to the community. The recipient of this award for 2007 is:

Joy D. Edwards

ACADEMIC HONORS

General academic honors of three ranks are awarded to members of the graduating class on the basis of their cumulative grade point average on work completed in the School of Continuing Studies.

<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	3.80–4.00
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	3.50–3.79
<i>Cum Laude</i>	3.20–3.49

2007 BOOK AWARD RECIPIENTS

Book Awards recognize academic success and dedication to the School of Continuing Studies and the University. They are presented to a student in each program, as chosen by the faculty.

Disaster Science
Master of Disaster Science Book AwardJohn Daniel Eggleston

Emergency Services Management
Louis J. Narduzzi Memorial Book AwardJean Ann May

Human Resource Management
*Richard W. Leatherman Sr. and
Ida May Leatherman Book Award*Julie G. Hill and Hope E. Reisenwitz

*Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management
Book Award*Jennifer H. Nourse

*Steve Neal Book Award for the Outstanding Undergraduate Students
in Public Safety University*Evan Palmer Jayson and William R. Journigan

*Steve Neal Book Award for the Outstanding Graduate Student
in Public Safety University*.....Scott Alan Kearns

Information Systems
*George E. Christopher and
George W. Swartz Memorial Book Award*Judy B. Archambault

Liberal Arts
*Investment Consultants and Management Company
of Virginia Book Award*.....S. Lesley Taylor

Paralegal Studies
William R. Marshall Jr. Memorial Book Award.....Rachael M. Shaw

Teacher Licensure Program
*Samuel E. Perry Jr. and
Nancy B. Perry Book Award (Grades K–6)*Kimberley R. Jesse

Ann C. Taylor Book Award (Grades 7–12).....Matthew H. Parks

GOLDEN KEY INTERNATIONAL HONOUR SOCIETY

Golden Key International Honour Society is a non-profit academic honor organization founded for the purpose of recognizing and encouraging scholastic achievement among students from all academic fields. Junior/Senior status and a GPA of 3.3 or higher are the criteria for membership. At graduation, all senior members are recognized by a stripe on their mortarboards. Additionally, the member with the top academic average in each college is awarded a medallion to be worn at graduation. There currently are over 300 chapters around the world, and the University of Richmond chapter has the top membership acceptance rate in the society.

Biographies

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

June R. Aprille, Ph.D., is the University of Richmond's provost and vice president for academic affairs.

As Richmond's provost, Aprille has spearheaded several major initiatives outlined in the University's ten-year strategic plan. Her efforts have helped create forty-six new tenure-track faculty lines in a variety of key disciplines while also attracting outstanding faculty to shape them. She has helped enhance the resource pool that supports scholarly work and enriches teaching and advising. In addition, Aprille has helped build the quality, depth, and visibility of student-faculty collaborative scholarship at Richmond. She has also helped secure the necessary momentum, funding, and staffing for several critical interdisciplinary initiatives on campus such as the Corella & Bertram F. Bonner Center for Civic Engagement, the Office of Institutional Research, the Richmond Research Institute, and Common Ground.

Impressive increases to merit- and need-based aid also have been implemented during Aprille's tenure, and the University's number of undergraduate applications soared to an all-time high, inclusive of increases in representation of socioeconomic, minority, and international diversity.

Before coming to Richmond in 2001, Aprille spent twenty-four years at Tufts University, beginning as assistant professor and moving through the professorial ranks to become full professor and the Pearson Professor of Natural Sciences. She concluded her service at Tufts as its vice provost.

Aprille earned a bachelor's degree in zoology from Washington State University, and a master's degree and Ph.D. in physiology from the University of Illinois (Champaign-Urbana). She earned fellowships from the American Association of University Women for postdoctoral study at the University of Illinois and from the National Institutes of Health for advanced work in developmental medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School.

As a cell biologist, Aprille has been involved with research on metabolic disorders in newborns and children. More recently, she was part of a team that discovered how fireflies use mitochondria to precisely control their flashing signals. In 2004, she was honored as a Distinguished Alumna by the University of Illinois for her scientific and professional achievements.

Her professional service has included memberships on review panels for several entities, including National Institutes of Health, Ford Foundation Minority Fellowships, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Bunting Institute, Reyes Syndrome Foundation, and the American Association of University Women.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Connie E. Harvey graduated from the School of Continuing Studies in 1995 with a Bachelor of Applied Studies degree in human resource management. She later returned to the school, earning a Graduate Certificate in human resource management in 2004.

Harvey has spent twenty-nine years with MeadWestvaco, a leading global producer of packaging and specialty papers. She currently serves as manager of the office of chairman and CEO John A. Luke Jr. She started with the company as a billing clerk in 1978 and worked her way through the ranks, assuming the role of human resource information systems operations manager in 1996. There she oversaw day-to-day operations of the company's human resource management systems until assuming her current position earlier this year.

She is a member of the International Association for Human Resource Information Management and the Society for Human Resource Management.

DISTINGUISHED FACULTY

Jada P. Banks joined the faculty of the School of Continuing Studies in 1993. Since that time, she has taught classes in leadership, human resource management, adult education, and humanities.

Banks serves as advisor for the school's portfolio program, in which students can earn credit by demonstrating knowledge gained through previous learning and experience. She also has served as the faculty representative on the board of the School of Continuing Studies' Student Government Association.

Also an alumna of the University of Richmond, Banks earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and journalism in 1980. She spent a year as news editor of *The Collegian*, the student newspaper. After several years of work in public relations, she went on to earn a Master of Education degree in adult education from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1990.

STUDENT SPEAKER

Dianne Foster St. John earned a Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree from the School of Continuing Studies. She also earned an Associate of Liberal Arts degree in 2003.

A native of Richmond, St. John has worked at the University of Richmond since 1988. She began as an accounts payable clerk in Dining Services and later became a student accounts representative. In her current role as operations coordinator for One Card Services, she oversees the production of identification cards for all faculty, staff, and students.

St. John spent four years serving the School of Continuing Studies' Student Government Association, rising from board member to vice president and then president. She also served two years with the University Staff Advisory Council. She is an active member of River Road United Methodist Church and has worked as a professional clown with Virginia Clown Alley. She is a member of Golden Key International Honour Society.

Academic Regalia

The commencement ceremony is the means by which an institution publicly acknowledges and honors the accomplishments of those who have satisfactorily completed one or more programs of study. Although usually a solemn occasion, it is not without color and pageantry. The academic attire is of special significance to the participants as each part of the costume represents academic accomplishments and traditions.

Commencement attire has its origin in the universities of twelfth-century Western Europe. Gowns and hoods were probably designed for warmth in the damp, unheated lecture halls. The first American institution to use this garb was King's College, now Columbia University, copying the British academic dress in the eighteenth century. Other colleges adopted the attire shortly thereafter, modifying and personalizing it. As the number of colleges and universities increased during the post-Civil War years, so did the styles of the academic attire. A need for uniformity was recognized, and in 1895, the Academic Costume Code was established. Academic regalia basically remained unchanged until 1960, when a committee of the American Council of Education issued revised guidelines.

At the present time, there are three articles of approved academic attire: cap, gown, and hood. The Oxford cap, or mortarboard, is nine inches square on a soft pointed cap. It matches the gown in color and material with a similar color tassel. The doctoral cap is velvet with a gold tassel. The gown for the baccalaureate degree, and all higher degrees, is usually black. The designs of the gowns are basically the same with varying degrees of fullness, sleeve length, and trim as determined by the academic level, the doctoral gown having velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on the sleeves.

The most recognizable symbol of degree is the hood. Hoods vary in length from the three-foot bachelor's (not worn at Richmond) to the four-foot doctoral hood. The hood is lined with the colors of the institution that conferred the degree and is trimmed in the color representing the academic field of study as designated by the Academic Costume Code. During the ceremonies today, Master of Disaster Science and, Master of Human Resource Management candidates will be wearing hoods trimmed in peacock blue and drab, respectively.

In addition to the approved academic attire, faculty members who have rendered a quarter century or more of service to the University will be wearing the 25-Years of Service Medallion inscribed with the official University seal.

The University of Richmond hopes you enjoy the color and pageantry of these Commencement Exercises.

University Motto

“Verbum Vitae et Lumen Scientiae” means “word of life and the light of knowledge.”