



COMMENCEMENT

School of Professional and Continuing Studies

May 11, 2019



Dear Graduates:

It is a pleasure to gather with you today to celebrate your remarkable accomplishments at the University of Richmond. This program notes many of those achievements, yet such lists can only hint at the range of successes and opportunities that you have collectively realized.

This ceremony marks an important milestone; it also celebrates a beginning — indeed, a commencement — of the lives of purpose for which your education has prepared you. Our hope is that your time at Richmond has challenged you intellectually, animated a lifelong curiosity, and introduced you to new perspectives and experiences. We have also sought to give you the opportunity to build lasting friendships with faculty, staff, and fellow students from whom you will continue to draw knowledge and inspiration.

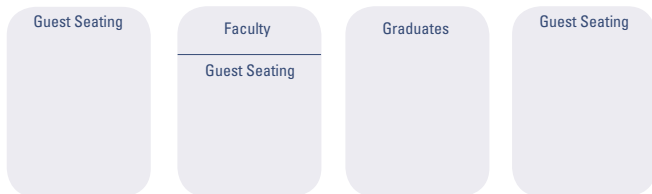
Many of you have embraced this work while pursuing careers and raising families, and we share great pride in your accomplishments. It has been a privilege to have you in our community of scholars, and we look forward with anticipation to the difference you will make as leaders in your professions and communities. As you extend your appreciation to family and friends who have supported you on this path, know that when the last strains of *Pomp and Circumstance March No. 4* have played and you have departed the Robins Center with your classmates, you will always have a home here at Richmond.

My best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald A. Crutcher".

Ronald A. Crutcher
President

Stage



Seating Areas

Degree recipients of the prior December are placed within their respective degree groups.

Order of Recognition

Students are recognized in the order shown in this program.

Photographs

For safety precautions, family members and guests will not be permitted to approach the graduate-seating and stage areas during the ceremony to take pictures. GradImages, a University vendor, will take a photo of each graduate receiving his or her diploma and again once off stage.

Note: Only authorized press and University photographers are permitted on the arena floor during the ceremony. When the ceremony has concluded and the platform party has recessed, graduates and their families are invited to take photographs in front of the stage.

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 the Kids' Korner.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

PRESIDING

Dr. Ronald A. Crutcher

President, University of Richmond

Academic Processional March and National Anthem	James River Brass
Invocation.....	The Reverend Dr. Craig Kocher <i>University Chaplain and Jessie Ball duPont Chair of the Chaplaincy</i>
Welcome	President Crutcher
Introductory Remarks	Dr. Jamelle S. Wilson <i>Dean, School of Professional and Continuing Studies</i>
Student Commencement Speaker.....	Griffin Hammond Trau, '17, GC'18
Presentation of Awards.....	Dr. Sandra F. Joireman <i>Associate Provost for Faculty</i> Robert Reed, C'13, CHA <i>President, SPCS Alumni Association</i>
2019 Itzkowitz Family Distinguished Adjunct Faculty Award.....	Dr. April N. Greenan <i>Adjunct Assistant Professor, Liberal Arts</i>
2019 Gibb Family Distinguished Alumni Award.....	Greg Mays, C'14, GC'16
Presentation of Diplomas.....	Dean Wilson
Conferring of Degrees	President Crutcher
Benediction	Dr. Kocher



Other Participants on the Dais

Dr. Patricia Stohr-Hunt, <i>Assistant Professor of Education</i>	University Marshal
Travis Michael Sparrow, C'19	Mace Bearer
Suzanne Margaret Herbst, GC'18.....	United States Flag Bearer
Valerie West Mooney, GC'18	University of Richmond Flag Bearer
Thomas Aquinas Dever, C'19.....	SPCS Banner Bearer
Daniel L. Hocutt, R'92, G'98, <i>SPCS Web Manager, Adjunct Professor, Liberal Arts</i>	Reader
Susan D. Breeden, <i>University Registrar</i>	Assisting with Diplomas
Dr. Thomas J. Shields, <i>Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs</i>	SPCS Marshal

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

** Mace, Flag, Banner bearers, and other students participating in the program are graduating students 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

Graduates — August 22, 2018, and December 26, 2018

+David Robert Anderl	Richmond, Va.
+Bishnu Baral.....	Midlothian, Va.
Emmett Teah Blapooch	Monrovia, Liberia
+Katherine Melissa Johnson	Midlothian, Va.
Coumba Kayre.....	Dakar, Senegal
+Allison Luscombe.....	Richmond, Va.
+Meredith Lynn Wilkerson.....	Williamsburg, Va.

Candidates — May 11, 2019

Rebecca L. Bales-Ward	Richmond, Va.
Matthew Lee Brock.....	Richmond, Va.
Kaitlyn M. Colon.....	Richmond, Va.
Breanna Nicole Cross	Richmond, Va.
•Kimberly Dawn Davis-Evans.....	Madison Heights, Va.
Galen Shamante Jackson	Buckingham, Va.
•Allison Olivia Johnson.....	Richmond, Va.
•Jasmine René Knight.....	Burlington, N.J.
Derek Alan Moyer.....	Monpelier, Va.
Monica Jean Rivara.....	Aylett, Va.
Carrie Pulley Rott.....	Chester, Va.
Bradford Alan Shave Jr	Virginia Beach, Va.
Owen Michael Togna.....	Chester, Va.
Gabriela Torres Arroyo.....	Richmond, Va.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND POLICY

Graduates — December 26, 2018

+Nicole Michelle Arnold	Fulton, N.Y.
+Richard S. Burfoot.....	Midlothian, Va.
+Colleen Ball Cassada.....	Chester, Va.
+Heather Rae Causey.....	Powhatan, Va.
+Amy Lynn Crum	Midlothian, Va.
+Catherine A.M. Dillingham.....	Midlothian, Va.
+Emmett L. Hickam.....	Prince George, Va.
+Adria L. Mayo	Richmond, Va.
+Valerie West Mooney.....	Mechanicsville, Va.
+Amy Roussy Pickral	Richmond, Va.
+Ashley R. Pride	Richmond, Va.

+Gilma Beverley Steele Glen Allen, Va.
 +Rachel Elizabeth Tew Richmond, Va.
 +Jonathan Travis Walker Richmond, Va.

Candidates — May 11, 2019

LaShel Alise Bradley Amelia, Va.
 • Alyson Lee Costner-Holt..... Richmond, Va.
 • Natasha Monique Thomas Richmond, Va.
 Gail Lee Warren.....Hanover, Va.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE
 HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

Graduates — August 22, 2018, and December 26, 2018

Francesca D. Jones..... Richmond, Va.
 +Emily E. Ripper..... Charlottesville, Va.

Candidates — May 11, 2019

Grant Daniel Gluhaich Morgan Hill, Calif.
 Derek Jacob Lee Frankfort, Ill.
 Brendan James McGuigan.....Austin, Texas

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE — PUBLIC HISTORY

Graduate — December 26, 2018

+Suzanne Hines Slye Richmond, Va.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE
 TEACHER LICENSURE PREPARATION**

Graduates — December 26, 2018

+Meredith Leigh Prin Blomquist.....Bel Air, Md.
 +Rebecca Charles Bowman Powhatan, Va.
 +Kiana Sheree Bradford..... Richmond, Va.
 +Alysha W. DeShazo Richmond, Va.
 +Edward T. Dorman..... Richmond, Va.
 +Meredith Jay Driggs Mechanicsville, Va.
 +Yael D. Fletcher Richmond, Va.
 +Leigh Danya Glatt Manakin-Sabot, Va.
 +Cynthia D. Hetzel Henrico, Va.
 +Dustin J. Horan..... Richmond, Va.
 +Kathryn Frances Hubley..... Henrico, Va.
 +Megan Lee McMillan Richmond, Va.
 +Emily Allyn Thompson Richmond, Va.
 +Jennifer Nicole VanSteenburgh Mechanicsville, Va.
 +Adam F. White North Chesterfield, Va.

+ December 2018 graduate
 • August 2019 candidate

Candidates — May 11, 2019

Rachael Eaton Ayers.....	Richmond, Va.
Jamie Leigh Baldwin	North East, Md.
Michael Hille Blair	Richmond, Va.
Samuel Lobenhofer Chafin	Midlothian, Va.
• Elizabeth Cole Cram.....	Richmond, Va.
• Amanda Rogers Jordan	Richmond, Va.
Kristen Marie Litchfield	Wake Forest, N.C.
Dawn Marie Maskell.....	Ashland, Va.
Anna E. Perritt.....	Aylett, Va.
April E. Smith	Richmond, Va.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS

Graduates — August 22, 2018, and December 26, 2018

+ Hannah Christine Brackett, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Chesterfield, Va.
Joann Clack, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
Sarah Elizabeth Collins, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Harrisonburg, Va.
Ryan Scott Gitchell.....	Richmond, Va.
S. Slade Gormus, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
+ Theresa Johnson	Long Branch, N.J.
Peyton Michael Lassiter, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
Kristina R. Paley, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Midlothian, Va.
+ Kelly Rae Riggelman, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Prince George, Va.
Virginia Lynn Silber, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
+ Russell E. Wiles III, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Midlothian, Va.
Laura Dawn Woods, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.

Candidates — May 11, 2019

• Mary Elizabeth Archer	Charlottesville, Va.
• Krista Y. Artis.....	Richmond, Va.
Sheri Lynn Blume, <i>cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
• Edwin Rafael Boscana Jr.....	Chesterfield, Va.
• Frederick Gregory Davis	Richmond, Va.
• Kelly Eleasure Davis.....	Richmond, Va.
• Thomas Aquinas Dever	Fredericksburg, Va.
Ebonee Rene Henry, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Woodbridge, Va.
• Paul Daniel Just	Richmond, Va.
William Derek Martin, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
• Hailey J. Paladino	Dallas, Texas
• Kellie M. Rhodes	Richmond, Va.
• Shelli Topaz	Richmond, Va.
Anna Katheryn Penhallow Travis	Richmond, Va.
• Maya Eden Vincelli	Richmond, Va.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Graduates — August 22, 2018, and December 26, 2018

+Matthew William Cotton	Richmond, Va.
Kerry Elizabeth Gee	Richmond, Va.
+Antonio Guerra, <i>magna cum laude</i>	El Paso, Texas
Rebecca Reed Hubbard, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
Tracy Johnson	Richmond, Va.
Melissa Nicole Mays, <i>cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
+Kelly Renard Nesmith	Florence, S.C.
Zachary John Sledd, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Mechanicsville, Va.
Kelly B. Smith, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Chesterfield, Va.
Shawnda Vaughan Williams, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Dinwiddie, Va.

Candidates — May 11, 2019

Stephanie Maria Aguilar	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Jerry J. Ahiable, <i>cum laude</i>	Green Bay, Va.
Nicholas Andrew Beck	Roanoke, Va.
• Sarah L. Bello	Richmond, Va.
• Ayesha Janae Bookard	Richmond, Va.
• Tyree Brown	Chesterfield, Va.
• Kathryn L. Byrd-Colbert	Charlottesville, Va.
David Lee Cano, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Glen Allen, Va.
Ian Jacob Carbonneau	Henrico, Va.
Sara Joy de Cerff, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Cape Town, South Africa
Hannah Norris Derricott, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Glen Allen, Va.
• Yonathan Eyob	Alexandria, Va.
• David K. Falden Jr.	Richmond, Va.
• Nadezhda V. Fedoruk	Richmond, Va.
• Casey O. Gwinn	Hampton, Va.
Nikki Lynn Lagat	Chesterfield, Va.
• Matthew Henry Lee	Richmond, Va.
• Stephanie N. Lockhart	Virginia Beach, Va.
Heather L. Marshall, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
• Ruth Marie Ryan	Richmond, Va.
Tiffany Ann Smith, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Beaverdam, Va.
• Travis Michael Sparrow	Mechanicsville, Va.
• Richard Allan Thomas	Sandston, Va.
Lakesha M. Turner	Henrico, Va.
Belinda Russelle Emma White, <i>cum laude</i>	Chesterfield, Va.
Ernest Woodard Jr., <i>summa cum laude</i>	Henrico, Va.

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Graduates — August 22, 2018, and December 26, 2018

Carly Marie Alford.....	North Chesterfield, Va.
+Justin Xavier Bartlett.....	Henrico, Va.
+Catherine Matheny Bell.....	Glen Allen, Va.
Christopher Hayward Birkland.....	Richmond, Va.
Kimberly Michelle Boozer.....	Miami, Fla.
Lindsey Anne Castle.....	Endicott, N.Y.
+Timothy Young Corallo.....	Franklin County, Va.
+Sarah Alexandria DeLaney.....	Richmond, Va.
Gregory Michael Goujon.....	Richmond, Va.
Madeline Anne Hargis.....	Richmond, Va.
+Molly Regina Hulihan.....	Richmond, Va.
David Edward Kern.....	Richmond, Va.
+Caroline Grace Kilby.....	Richmond, Va.
SheAnna R. Mccloud.....	Norfolk, Va.
+Samantha Alexis Muse.....	Richmond, Va.
Charity Monique Smith.....	Glen Allen, Va.
Rachel Eve Stoller.....	Richmond, Va.
+Marchia Lynn Swanson.....	Midlothian, Va.
Darrell Lawrence Turner.....	Glen Allen, Va.
+Jeanne Marie Walker.....	Baltimore, Md.
Tara D. Warren.....	Richmond, Va.
Samantha Israel Wetzell.....	New York, N.Y.

Candidates — May 11, 2019

Jean Charlotte Baker.....	Richmond, Va.
•Rebecca Charles Bowman.....	Powhatan, Va.
Micheal Jerome Crane Jr.....	Atlanta, Ga.
•Alysha Walker DeShazo.....	Richmond, Va.
•Emma Kyle Florek.....	Bronxville, N.Y.
Carmen Elizabeth Frayser.....	Mechanicsville, Va.
Celicia Janay Hartridge.....	South Boston, Va.
•Dustin James Horan.....	Richmond, Va.
Melissa Harris Jenkins.....	Glen Allen, Va.
•Mandy Berline Johnson.....	Sandston, Va.
April Michelle Junta.....	Long Valley, N.J.
•Jesse Danielle Kelly.....	Chesterfield, Va.
Jesse Michael Lucabaugh.....	Richmond, Va.
Corrie Mallory-Coble.....	Richmond, Va.
•Jennifer Gilpatric Mayes.....	Winchester, Mass.
•Chandler Elizabeth Moison.....	Richmond, Va.
•Elizabeth Hudson Myers.....	Richmond, Va.
•Lauren Mytsyk.....	Richmond, Va.
•Tiffany Marie Nieves.....	Richmond, Va.

Anne Taylor Robertson Rawls	Richmond, Va.
Barbara Irene Tait.....	Richmond, Va.
Melissa Throckmorton Taylor	Henrico, Va.
• Meghan Sisk Thompson	Richmond, Va.
Casey Marie VanderPool.....	Ocala, Fla.
• LeKiesha Yorel White	Chesterfield, Va.

MASTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Graduates — August 22, 2018, and December 26, 2018

+Nicholas Boag	Richmond, Va.
+Ivan Jose Cruz.....	Henrico, Va.
+Latasha Nicole Easter.....	Roanoke, Va.
+Megan Elizabeth Evans.....	Richmond, Va.
+Morgan N. Gaines	Richmond, Va.
+Amy Kathryn Gallagher	Richmond, Va.
+Kathleen Nicole Hoffmeister	Chesterfield, Va.
+Sarah Elizabeth Holljes.....	Richmond, Va.
+Laura Whitaker Hood	Richmond, Va.
+Nadia Natasha Jones	Mechanicsville, Va.
Amanda Beth Lane	Newport News, Va.
+David M. Leonard	Richmond, Va.
+Christina Nicole Martinez	Mechanicsville, Va.
+Lindsay Deirdre Spann	Richmond, Va.
+Lauren Ashley Tolson	Frederick, Md.
+Hannah Celeste Virga.....	Kernersville, N.C.
+Joshua Alden Wroniewicz.....	Richmond, Va.

Candidates — May 11, 2019

Andrew Breneman	Richmond, Va.
Melinda Sitterson Butler.....	Mechanicsville, Va.
Angela LaTrice Davis	Chidester, Ark.
Ashley Michelle Hedge.....	Richmond, Va.
Margaret M. Hodges.....	Schenectady, N.Y.
• Yulia Kulay	Richmond, Va.
Lovelee Angela Morris-Carter.....	Richmond, Va.
Amy Rice Myers	Richmond, Va.
Deborah Domeyor-Lakoo Narh.....	Accra, West Africa
Joseph Matthew Nelson.....	Hampton, Va.
• Lori A. Perez	Chesterfield, Va.
• Steven J. Pitts.....	Buffalo, N.Y.
Tyler Scott Plantier.....	Poway, Calif.

MASTER OF LIBERAL ARTS

Graduates — August 22, 2018, and December 26, 2018

Courtney Lynne Cooper	Richmond, Va.
+Jonathan Clifford Gunter	Richmond, Va.
+Agnes James Morris	Richmond, Va.
Irene N. Salathe	Manassas, Va.
+Griffin Hammond Trau	Hanover, N.H.

Candidates — May 11, 2019

• Ashley Hollingsworth Bentley	Richmond, Va.
• Sojourna J. Cunningham	Scotch Plains, N.J.
Jane Meriwether Delano Gilmore	Ashland, Va.
• Andrew Joseph Kloehn	Canton, Ohio

MASTER OF NONPROFIT STUDIES

Graduates — August 22, 2018, and December 26, 2018

Kendyl Elizabeth Crawley Crawford	Hampton, Va.
+Suzanne Margaret Herbst	Montpelier, Vt.
Gwenevere Odette Johnson-Milton	Madison, Va.
Andrea McClain	Memphis, Tenn.
Jessie A. Munn	Henrico, Va.
+Christopher W. O'Neil	Providence, R.I.
+Ellen Moore Osborne	Charlottesville, Va.
Arika Bibbs Phillips	Richmond, Va.
Garrett Milford Stern	Roanoke, Va.
+Yasmin Briana Thomas Gregg	Richmond, Va.

Candidates — May 11, 2019

Elizabeth H. Buchholz	Richmond, Va.
Mitchell Covey Goldberg	Damascus, Md.
Elizabeth Lewis Harvard	Richmond, Va.
Taylor Dale Holden	Ferrum, Va.

Awards and Honors

2019 BOOK AWARD RECIPIENTS

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

Curriculum and Instruction

James W. Lanham Book Award for Excellence Carmen Elizabeth Frayser

Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Catherine S. Fisher Book Award for Excellence..... Gilma Beverley Steele

Human Resource Management

Steve Neal Book Award for Outstanding

Undergraduate Achievement..... Tyree Brown

Steve Neal Book Award for Outstanding

Graduate Achievement Ivan Jose Cruz

Information Systems

George E. Christopher and

George W. Swartz Memorial Book Award Kimberly Dawn Davis-Evans

IT Management

McDonald Davis Jr. Book Award..... Ernest Woodard Jr.

Liberal Arts

Kuehl Book Award in Recognition of Excellence

in the Bachelor of Liberal Arts Program..... Ebonee Rene Henry

Daniel McDonald Roberts and Frances Taylor Roberts

Master of Liberal Arts Memorial Book Award Jane Meriwether Delano Gilmore

Nonprofit Studies

Louis J. Narduzzi Memorial Book Award..... Elizabeth H. Buchholz

Paralegal Studies

William R. Marshall Jr. Memorial Book Award Hannah Norris Derricott

Teacher Licensure Program

Samuel E. Perry Jr. and Nancy B.

Perry Book Award (Grades K-6) Yael D. Fletcher

Ann C. Taylor Book Award (Grades 7-12) Kiana Sheree Bradford

JEAN H. PROFFITT STUDENT SERVICE AWARD

Established in 1996 by the School of Professional and Continuing Studies and the SPCS Student Government Association, this award is presented to a graduating student recognized by his/her peers for outstanding service to the School. The recipient of this award for 2019 is:

Tyler Scott Plantier

**RICHARD W. LEATHERMAN SR. AND IDA MAY LEATHERMAN
MACE BEARER AWARD**

Established in 2013, this award honors the memory of Richard W. Leatherman Sr. and Ida May Leatherman and is given to a graduating student in recognition of academic excellence. The award recipient is given the honor of carrying the University Mace and leading the graduates in the Commencement procession. Maces, symbols of leadership and ascendancy, have been used since the Middle Ages by governments, institutions, churches, and schools in special rites and ceremonies. Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman, a graduate of the University of Richmond's class of 1904, who served as University rector, donated the University's mace. The recipient of this award for 2019 is:

Travis Michael Sparrow

**COLONEL PORCHER L. TAYLOR JR. PH.D. BOOK AWARD
FOR COMMUNITY 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 member of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., served in World War II, Vietnam, and the Korean War. 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 causes and serving as a role model for youth. This award is given to a graduating student who has provided leadership and involvement to his/her community. The recipient of this award for 2019 is:

Justin Xavier Bartlett

**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 2019 is:

Nadezhda V. Fedoruk

**TAYLOR KIE COUSINS AWARD IN RECOGNITION OF
OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY**

Established in 2010, this award is given to a graduating student who exemplifies outstanding service and leadership to the University community. This award is in memory of Adjunct Professor Emeritus Taylor Cousins' service and commitment to the School of Professional and Continuing Studies as a teacher and in recognition of his involvement in service to the University community. The recipient of this award for 2019 is:

Sheri Lynn Blume

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 Professional and 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

GOLDEN KEY INTERNATIONAL HONOUR SOCIETY

Golden Key International Honour Society is a nonprofit 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 3.5 or higher are the criteria for membership. At graduation, all senior members are recognized by a stripe on their mortarboards. Golden Key Honour Society cords are gold and blue. 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.

SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT STUDENT CHAPTER

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) is the world's largest HR professional society, representing 285,000 members in more than 165 countries. SHRM triple honor cords are five feet in length, navy blue, light blue, and white. The cords are worn and knotted around the neck with tassels at each end, recognizing achievement in the field of human resources.

STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS

Study abroad sashes display the unique qualities and national colors of the study abroad student's host country's flag. An alternative item approved for study abroad students is a small flag (not to exceed the dimensions of three-by-five inches) representing the respective country in which the student studied, which is worn on the left shoulder of the gown.

RICHMOND'S SPIDER FIRSTS

First-generation students' cords are silver and rose, signifying they are among the first in their family to graduate with a bachelor's degree.

Biographies

STUDENT SPEAKER

Griffin Hammond Trau was born in Hanover, N.H., and has since resided in Pa., Wis., Ala., Fla., S.C., Ohio, Ind., Va., and Md. He is the eldest son of Debi and Peter Trau, who are career educators and lacrosse coaches. Griffin's younger brother, Duncan Trau, '21, joined Griffin as a member of the Spider football team and studies history in the School of Arts & Sciences. Trau graduated from Western Reserve Academy, in Hudson, Ohio, where he was captain of his football team, competed in hockey and lacrosse, and earned a school record for varsity letters won. He also participated in WRA's exchange program with Caterham School in Surrey, England. In 2014, Trau enrolled at the University of Richmond for his undergraduate studies.

As a walk-on student-athlete in football, Trau went on to become one of the most successful place-kickers in school and conference history. He is the second leading scorer in University of Richmond history. His 81 percent career success rate on field goal attempts is a University and conference record, and one of the highest in NCAA FCS history. In 2016, he was named a consensus FCS All-American and was a 1st team All-Conference selection in multiple years. Trau holds the distinction of never having missed a field goal in overtime or in a game-deciding situation, most memorably hitting the game-winning field goal against the University of North Dakota to send the Spiders to the NCAA FCS Semifinal. Trau was also honored as the Jepson School of Leadership Studies' Student-Athlete of the Year, an Academic All-Star by the FCS Athletic Directors' Association, and is a two-time Division I CoSIDA Academic All-District football winner. He has most recently been honored as the Colonial Athletic Association's Football Student-Athlete of the Year.

Trau is a proud alumnus of Richmond's Jepson School of Leadership Studies, and completed a second major in international studies with a concentration in world politics and diplomacy. He also studied overseas in Wellington, New Zealand, and Prague, Czech Republic, as the recipient of a Weinstein International Summer Fellowship in 2016 and Jepson's Richard S. Reynolds Scholarship in 2017. During his undergraduate years, Trau explored topics in the humanities including national identity and ethics which became the framework for his focus in graduate school. Trau finished a Bachelor of Arts early with cum laude honors and enrolled in SPCS while he competed for the Spiders. As a student in the Master of Liberal Arts program, he wrote about American politics and society, Chinese nationalism, and the formation of Czech national identity.

Earlier this spring, Trau was selected for the U.S. Fulbright Program and has received an English Teaching Assistantship in the Czech Republic. In addition to teaching, he will learn the Czech language, participate in the country's budding lacrosse development, and will continue researching national identity. He is currently a remedial tutor for students in Richmond City Public Schools, and will move overseas in August. Upon completion of his Fulbright Grant, Trau will relocate to Washington, D.C., in late 2020 where he has accepted a position in government and public services with Deloitte Consulting.

ITZKOWITZ FAMILY DISTINGUISHED ADJUNCT FACULTY AWARD

April Greenan holds a Ph.D. in historical musicology from the University of Maryland. She founded McKay Music Library at the University of Utah and was director of the library for 13 years; she also directed the Mariska Aldrich Archive, a collection of over 100,000 recordings and historical documents. As an associate professor at the University of Utah, April taught undergraduate, graduate, and honors courses; directed doctoral dissertations; and was the advisor of the Bachelor of Liberal Arts major. A soprano, she performed intermittently with local professional chamber ensembles, orchestras, and collaborative pianists. More recently, April served on the music faculty of the University of Mary Washington teaching undergraduate courses in music history and special topics. Upon marrying a University of Richmond professor, she relocated to Richmond and began teaching in the SPCS Master of Liberal Arts program at the University of Richmond.

Greenan's publications include entries in the *Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of the American Enlightenment* and *The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians*. She contributed chapters on the multicultural origins of Western music and women as performers and teachers in the undergraduate textbook, *Music as a Multicultural Experience*, edited by Shelley Davis. She edited the music passages of the first English translation of Johann Adam Hiller's 1780 treatise, *Anweisung zum musikalisch-zierlichen Gesange [Treatise on Vocal Performance and Ornamentation]*, published by Cambridge University Press. Several of her papers have been selected for conferences of national and international professional societies, including the American Musicological Society, the Society for Eighteenth-Century Music, and the British Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies.

For the last seven years of his life, Greenan worked very closely with Kim Peek, on whom the 1988 movie *Rain Man* was based. In 2002, Greenan met Peek, who, although disabled, was the world's only known megasavant. Greenan discovered that Peek possessed extraordinary musical skills and an interest in music that previously had gone unnoticed. She found that, not only could Peek recall every detail (pitches, rhythms, and individual instruments' parts) of compositions he had heard once — and often more than forty years previously — but also comprehended music at a very sophisticated level and could discuss motives and tonal and formal components of a given piece, which he relished doing. Although he couldn't button a shirt or brush his teeth, by the time of his death in 2009, Greenan had helped Peek learn to play the piano with both hands. She has lectured on her work with Peek at the University of Utah Neuropsychiatric Institute and the University of Mary Washington, and her work and discoveries have been described in *Scientific American*, *The Sunday Telegraph* (London), and in authoritative books on savant syndrome. Greenan appeared with Peek in several internationally broadcast documentaries.

Greenan's work with Peek led to an interest in music and health care and ways in which twenty-first-century physicians can apply music to comprehensive patient care. She has lectured on this topic at the University of Virginia School of Nursing and gave the John F. Anderson Memorial Lecture in Medicine & Society at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. She is thrilled to teach a course on music and medicine in SPCS. She also teaches courses on the arts during the Great Depression, the history of the liberal arts education, and other topics.

GIBB FAMILY DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Greg Mays, C'14, GC'16, is a 34-year veteran of the real estate industry. Mays has served as a licensed realtor and certified residential real estate appraiser since 1985. Currently, Mays and his wife Lynn own and operate Greg B. Mays & Associates, LC, a local appraisal firm he founded in 1995, and are active in the appraisal business working with several banks in the Richmond market. He also holds the title of property manager at EXIT Realty Parade of Homes.

Mays has had the opportunity to delve into all aspects of the real estate business. He has been involved in sales, mortgage lending, appraising, and property management. He also provides real estate appraisal services to mortgage lenders, homeowners, and attorneys. He's been declared an expert witness in several courts and has provided expert testimony at trial.

Mays holds a private pilot's license and has extensive experience in the operations of unmanned aerial vehicles, commonly known as drones. He is a licensed drone pilot and the owner and pilot of Flying Fish Aerial Photography, LLC, which offers commercial drone photography and videography including video clips and virtual tours. He has also developed and taught several noncredit courses in drone operations and applications at the University of Richmond and the College of William & Mary.

In 2011, Mays returned to school at the University of Richmond School of Professional and Continuing Studies to earn a bachelor's degree in paralegal studies after earning an associate's degree in business administration from Reynolds Community College. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in 2014, Mays continued his studies at the School of Professional and Continuing Studies and enrolled in the Master of Liberal Arts program, which he completed in 2016.

This year, Mays is completing his second term on the SPCS Alumni Association Board, where he has served as the chair for the events committee, spearheading several key fundraising events.

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 regalia 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.

There are four articles of approved academic attire: cap, gown, hood, and stole. 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, degree candidates will be wearing hoods trimmed in the following colors:

- Light Blue Master of Education
- Drab Master of Human Resource Management
- White Master of Liberal Arts
- Peacock Blue Master of Nonprofit Studies

The stole, worn only by undergraduates, is made of satin and embroidered with the University of Richmond shield. The color of the stole indicates the school, degree, and program associated with each candidate. The School of Professional and Continuing Studies Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts candidates' stoles are white, and Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies candidates' stoles are peacock for Human Resource Management, gold for Information Systems, and purple for Paralegal/Legal Assistant.

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."

