



Dear Graduates:

It is a pleasure to celebrate your considerable achievements during your years at the University of Richmond. Today, we also look forward to your still greater achievements in the years to come.

Our shared aim here has been ambitious—our work together characterized by intellectual challenge, expanded knowledge, and fueled imagination. Many of you embraced this work while pursuing careers and raising families—a clear sign of your dedication to learning, which I very much admire.

All of us here share great pride in your accomplishments. It has been a privilege to have you in our community, and I hope you will continue to think of the University as your home throughout your lives.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ed Ayers".

Edward L. Ayers  
President

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

PRESIDING  
**Dr. Edward L. Ayers**  
*President, University of Richmond*

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

Invocation .....Kate O’Dwyer Randall  
*Acting Chaplain to the University*

Welcome.....President Ayers

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

Student Speaker.....Carolyn S. Kaufman, ’08

Introduction of Commencement Speaker.....Dora R. Newman, ’08

Commencement Address.....Dr. Mary G.F. Bitterman  
*President, The Bernard Osher Foundation*

Conferring of Honorary Degree .....President Ayers

Presentation of Awards .....Dean Narduzzi

    2008 Itzkowitz Family Distinguished Faculty Award ..... Dr. Maria Poindexter  
*Adjunct Assistant Professor*

    2008 Gibb Family Distinguished Alumni Award.....Fred E. Itzkowitz, UC’75, M’76

Conferring of Degrees .....President Ayers

Benediction.....Chaplain O’Dwyer Randall



### *Other Participants on the Dais*

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

Laura Boutroy Morris, ’08 .....Mace Bearer

Rosemary Rawlins, ’08 .....United States Flag Bearer

Kimberlee Kay Randolph, ’08 .....University of Richmond Flag Bearer

Leila Marie Youmans, ’08.....SCS Banner Bearer

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

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

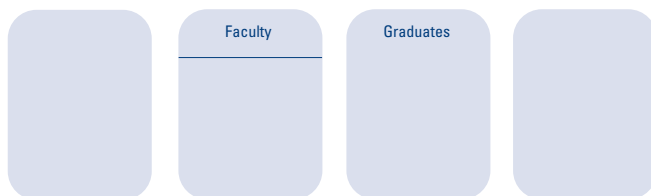
Sandra S. Kirkland, *Director of Student Services, School of Continuing Studies*.....SCS Marshal

Alice K. Campbell, ’01, *Vice President, 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.*

### 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. Candid Color, 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 Kids’ Korner.

## *Students in Completion of Award Requirements*

### CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED STUDIES CANDIDATES — MAY 10, 2008

+Daniel Reed DeForest.....	Richmond, Va.
+Ethan N. Greenberg.....	Canton, Ohio
Cynthia Ann Harris .....	Richmond, Va.
+Shontay Renee Harris .....	Richmond, Va.
Melissa Abigail McCabe.....	Midlothian, Va.
•Lauren Nicole Mostrom .....	Richmond, Va.
+Kelly Jo Nilsson .....	Ballston Lake, N.Y.
+Cressida Osgood Norman.....	King William, Va.
+Jerry Lawrence Overby.....	Charles City, Va.
Reneé B. Owens.....	Howertons, Va.
+Gregory Alan Phillips.....	Mechanicsville, Va.
+Tracy Mayfield Richardson .....	Chesterfield, Va.
•Crystal MacArthur Rose .....	Richmond, Va.
•Tatsiana Sergeevna Sauneva.....	Vitebsk, Belarus
+Douglas Alan Sullivan.....	Richmond, Va.
Susan C. Sweet.....	Glen Allen, Va.
Valencia Patrina Townsend .....	Richmond, Va.
+Aaron Cisero Turner.....	Brooklyn, N.Y.
Dana Andrea Vaughan .....	Richmond, Va.

### POST BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED STUDIES GRADUATES — AUGUST 22, 2007

* Amanda Marie Carretto .....	Richmond, Va.
Jamie Lynn Cook .....	Richmond, Va.
Jason L. Hamilton .....	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Selinda Danielle Johnson .....	Richmond, Va.
Kimberly Ann Sultzer .....	Midlothian, Va.
Tanesha Monique Westmoreland .....	Lynchburg, Va.
* Jessica Laura Wikstrom .....	Richmond, Va.

### POST BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED STUDIES CANDIDATES — MAY 10, 2008

*Hugh Thomas Adair Jr. ....	Richmond, Va.
*Joseph Brian Allred.....	Richmond, Va.
•Kimberly Sarah Bailey .....	Richmond, Va.
Andrew Daniel Baker.....	Richmond, Va.
*+Aimee Lea Ball.....	Richmond, Va.
*+Lisa Ann Bardascino .....	Glen Allen, Va.
Daniel Eric Batten .....	Anoka, Minn.
*+Jennifer Berg.....	Mechanicsville, Va.

+Janine C. Bloomer .....	Richmond, Va.
*•Megan Anne Bradley .....	Chaska, Minn.
*+Amy Dameron Brooks .....	Midlothian, Va.
*•Christopher T. Brooks .....	Richmond, Va.
*+Patricia Febish Bryant .....	Bon Air, Va.
Rachel Stevens Cannon.....	Richmond, Va.
*•Lucy Britt Carrig .....	Richmond, Va.
*•Erin E.M. Chalifoux .....	Richmond, Va.
Carrie E. Childs .....	Richmond, Va.
Holly Liles Chitty .....	Goochland, Va.
*+Denise M. Cioffi .....	Philadelphia, Pa.
*•Melissa Wilson Cloney .....	Richmond, Va.
*+Andrew Elias Cossaboon .....	Virginia Beach, Va.
Anne Burgeson Coward.....	Richmond, Va.
Jane Bunting Coye .....	Mamaroneck, N.Y.
Carlye Ames Dixon.....	Richmond, Va.
*+James King Doswell .....	Richmond, Va.
*+Michael Sean Farrell.....	Richmond, Va.
*+Ashley B. Fisher .....	Richmond, Va.
Janice Helman Fisher.....	Midlothian, Va.
*+Jason Fleming.....	Clintwood, Va.
*+Danette Chamberlin Fulk.....	Mechanicsville, Va.
Ashley Austin George .....	Richmond, Va.
*•Kristin Glotzl.....	Mechanicsville, Va.
*+M. Nicole Godfrey .....	Boulder, Colo.
*•Jill Lauren Good .....	Concord, N.H.
Jessica Marie Goodall.....	Richmond, Va.
*•Thomas Reid Gordon.....	Colonial Heights, Va.
Lindsay Wray Goyne .....	Chester, Va.
*+George C. Graham.....	Richmond, Va.
Ashley Engel Griffin .....	Richmond, Va.
*•Kathryn Bailey Griffin.....	Williamsburg, Va.
*•Jessica Grubb Harrington .....	Richmond, Va.
*•Jessica B. Grubbs .....	Richmond, Va.
Shelia Reed Haas.....	Glen Allen, Va.
Lindsey Gayle Halbert .....	Richmond, Va.
Dara Janine Dugger Harris .....	Richmond, Va.
Kimberly Denise Hensley.....	Richmond, Va.
*+Cassie R. Horne .....	Hopewell, Va.
Nyeleti S. Hudson .....	Richmond, Va.
*+Meghan Leigh Irby.....	Chesterfield, Va.
Lynne M. Jessen.....	Glen Allen, Va.
*+Michael Coleman Jones .....	Richmond, Va.
*•Kelly Ryan Kameros.....	Richmond, Va.
Sarabeth Kestin Kawugulé.....	Richmond, Va.
Courtney Powell Kendrick.....	Richmond, Va.
*+Margaret Verdier Kielty .....	Richmond, Va.

- \*Sarah Elizabeth Killion.....Richmond, Va.
- \*•John Frederick Kirn Jr. ....Midlothian, Va.
- \*+Darci Lee Balland Knowles .....Richmond, Va.
- \*+Jessica Ryan Koch .....Midlothian, Va.
- \*•Stacia M. Kowalczyk .....Colts Neck, N.J.
- \*Augusta D. Kuchinski .....Fredericksburg, Va.
- \*•Linda Laino .....Richmond, Va.
- \*+Kenneth Gray Lambiotte.....Richmond, Va.
- Kasey A. Landrum .....Richmond, Va.
- \*Kelleigh L. Ledgerwood.....Chesterfield, Va.
- \*Allison Frances Lewis.....Long Grove, Ill.
- \*Ernst Farley Macdonald .....Richmond, Va.
- \*+Allegra Wren Mather .....Richmond, Va.
- \*•Sarah Lynn McCormack.....Glen Allen, Va.
- \*•Robert Matthew McGee .....Richmond, Va.
- \*Tasha Cheyenne McKelvey.....Richmond, Va.
- \*•Helen E. McLendon .....Richmond, Va.
- \*+Allison Miserendino.....Richmond, Va.
- \*Ranae Marie Montecalvo .....Richmond, Va.
- \*•Carrie A. Morris .....Glen Allen, Va.
- \*+Alice-Cole Brannan Moss .....Richmond, Va.
- \*Molly Langwith Mullin.....Des Moines, Iowa
- \*Kimberly Zachary Norman .....Richmond, Va.
- Barbara B. Owens.....Chesterfield, Va.
- \*+Lisa Golem Owens .....Richmond, Va.
- Jennifer Palazzolo .....Richmond, Va.
- \*Heidi Joanne Parker .....Richmond, Va.
- \*Kristin Margaret Polich.....Richmond, Va.
- \*+Katherine Ann Powers.....Richmond, Va.
- \*+Erin Nicole Quackenbush.....Santa Maria, Calif.
- \*•Abbie Crouch Radcliffe .....Richmond, Va.
- \*+Melissa Marie Rama .....Ashland, Va.
- \*+Crystal Dunkum Regnery .....Richmond, Va.
- David Bruce Richardson.....Galax, Va.
- \*+Kelly Rotondi .....Buffalo, N.Y.
- \*Lacey Meredith Saunders .....Midlothian, Va.
- \*+Alice Lonsdale Scheele.....Mechanicsville, Va.
- \*+Gregory Edward Schmidt .....Mechanicsville, Va.
- \*Patricia Sadako Shreve .....Richmond, Va.
- \*Mary Ellis Simpson .....Richmond, Va.
- Ho-Yu Sin.....Hong Kong, China
- \*John Bradley Smith.....Midlothian, Va.
- \*•Chad Scott Southward .....Sandston, Va.
- \*Kristen D. Spruill.....Hanover, Va.
- +Eleanor Cary Albright Stack .....Richmond, Va.

- +Sheryl Linette Taylor .....Richmond, Va.
- Suzanne Donelan Taylor .....Richmond, Va.
- \*+Brent Lawson Tharp .....Richmond, Va.
- \*Amy Kay Thomas .....Glen Allen, Va.
- \*+Joshua Hamlin Thomas.....Richmond, Va.
- \*+Sarah Kimberly Townsend.....Richmond, Va.
- \*Jared E. Traylor .....Richmond, Va.
- \*Kimberly Eileen Tucker .....Coto De Caza, Calif.
- \*Kimberly Lorish Turner .....Richmond, Va.
- \*+Erin F. Verhelst-Wagner.....Chesterfield, Va.
- Gwendolyn Denise Waddy .....Richmond, Va.
- \*Jill Lester Ward.....Midlothian, Va.
- \*+William Howard Weldon .....Glen Allen, Va.
- \*Preston Marshall White.....Richmond, Va.
- Shakira Janelle Alexander Williams.....Chesterfield, Va.
- \*•Christina Reneé Williamson .....Richmond, Va.
- \*Robert Lee Winecoff .....Richmond, Va.
- \*•Justine G. Winn .....Richmond, Va.
- \*+Debra June Woodcock .....Midlothian, Va.
- \*Kenneth Richard Zorn.....Mechanicsville, Va.

**POST BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN  
LIBERAL ARTS CANDIDATE — MAY 10, 2008**

- Pamela Kirk Bomboy .....Richmond, Va.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN DISASTER SCIENCE  
CANDIDATE — MAY 10, 2008**

- +Patrick Brian Quealey.....Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HUMAN RESOURCE  
MANAGEMENT CANDIDATES — MAY 10, 2008**

- +Stephanie Holt Arner .....Richmond, Va.
- James Stuart Smith .....Richmond, Va.

**ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED STUDIES  
CANDIDATES — MAY 10, 2008**

- Maya Colette Eakins .....Richmond, Va.
- +Grace Marie Floyd, *cum laude*.....Midlothian, Va.
- Ashley Ruth Mihalcoe .....Richmond, Va.
- Karol Hobson Norman .....Mechanicsville, Va.
- Thomas Douglas Penny .....Richmond, Va.
- Michele A. Stanley.....Chesterfield, Va.

**ASSOCIATE IN LIBERAL ARTS  
CANDIDATES — MAY 10, 2008**

- Brett Watson Haddon .....Richmond, Va.  
Michael Edward Kennedy, *magna cum laude* .....Powhatan, Va.
- Trishawna Ryeneshia Murray .....Richmond, Va.  
Jeanne Marie Walls .....Richmond, Va.

**BACHELOR OF APPLIED STUDIES  
GRADUATES — AUGUST 22, 2007**

- Jenny Bergey Amburgey, *summa cum laude* .....Williamsburg, Va.
- Barbara Bolton-Slater, *summa cum laude* .....Chesterfield, Va.
- Catherine Rives Cammack, *magna cum laude* .....Richmond, Va.
- Kathleen Marshall Doswell, *magna cum laude* .....Norfolk, Va.
- Jeremy A. Falls, *cum laude* .....Culpeper, Va.
- Sommer W. Grasty, *cum laude* .....Alexandria, Va.
- Howard Clore Lee III, *magna cum laude* .....Indianapolis, Ind.
- Kathleen Morrison .....Richmond, Va.
- Gene R. Phelps Jr., *magna cum laude* .....Virginia Beach, Va.
- Kavita Sadarangani, *magna cum laude* .....Richmond, Va.
- Laura Faith Stevens, *summa cum laude* .....Richmond, Va.
- Cassandra Dee Taylor-Anderson, *summa cum laude* .....Richmond, Va.
- Brian Scott Ward .....Chester, Va.

**BACHELOR OF APPLIED STUDIES  
CANDIDATES — MAY 10, 2008**

- Shannon Renée Adee, *summa cum laude* .....Chesterfield, Va.
- +Cheri Dawn Alexander, *magna cum laude* .....Richmond, Va.
- Ronnie L. Armstead .....Richmond, Va.  
Peggy M. Arthur-Christmas, *summa cum laude* .....Bedford, Va.
- Pamela Denise Bailey .....Wakefield, Va.
- Scott Christopher Booth .....Richmond, Va.
- +W. Edward Buchanan Jr., *summa cum laude* .....Hanover, Va.
- +Craig Michael Buckley .....Milton, Del.
- +Edward A. Caine, *magna cum laude* .....Warrenton, Va.
- Tracy Marie Cauthorn .....Chesterfield, Va.  
H. Tyler Cheseldine, *cum laude* .....Richmond, Va.  
Mary Ellen Cleveland, *magna cum laude* .....Chester, Va.
- +Matthew Alexander Coffin, *magna cum laude* .....Chesterfield, Va.  
John K. Connors, *cum laude* .....Bethlehem, Pa.
- Gayle R. Crump .....Richmond, Va.
- +Arthur Maxwell Culbertson, *magna cum laude* .....Warrenton, Va.  
Vontrisca Ronique Davis, *cum laude* .....Chester, Va.
- Karen M. Furgurson .....Bumpass, Va.  
Rhonda Denise Gary .....Fairfax, Va.

- ^George A. Hansen, *summa cum laude* .....Ashland, Va.
- +Joseph Russell Hill, *cum laude* .....Manassas, Va.
- Martin Carter Kehoe .....Warrenton, Va.
- +Darby R. LaJoye, *summa cum laude* .....Caroline County, Va.
- Michelle Simone Larkin .....Fredericksburg, Va.
- +Juanita LaJune Lee .....Richmond, Va.
- Elizabeth Little-Cherry .....Hampton, Va.  
Kate Elizabeth Litton, *magna cum laude* .....Bristow, Va.
- Eldred John Samuel MacMillian .....Richmond, Va.
- Russell Benjamin Milam Jr. ....Alexandria, Va.  
Kathy Hawthorne Morton, *magna cum laude* .....Mechanicsville, Va.
- Adrienne Meador Murray .....Chesterfield, Va.
- David H. Naoroz .....Richmond, Va.  
Dora Roland Newman, *summa cum laude* .....Richmond, Va.  
Nick Nicholas, *summa cum laude* .....Mechanicsville, Va.  
Corina Diane Nuckols .....Beaverdam, Va.
- Oyintari Oborokumo .....Lagos, Nigeria
- +Donna Mercier Oliver, *summa cum laude* .....Glen Allen, Va.
- +Randal James Perdue, *magna cum laude* .....Montpelier, Va.
- James Joseph Profita .....Chester, Va.
- +Kimberlee Kay Randolph, *summa cum laude* .....Spokane, Wash.  
Rosemary Rawlins, *summa cum laude* .....Glen Allen, Va.
- Denise M. Robertson .....Richmond, Va.  
Alisa Anderson Saunders .....Richmond, Va.  
Tara McNeal Savedge, *magna cum laude* .....Richmond, Va.
- Donita Simien .....Chesapeake, Va.  
Joseph Francis Stambaugh, *summa cum laude* .....Fredericksburg, Va.
- +Kris M. Stull, *summa cum laude* .....Manassas, Va.
- Gene M. Taitano .....Stafford, Va.  
Paul A. Terhune, *magna cum laude* .....San Diego, Calif.
- +Lincoln William Thomas, *summa cum laude* .....Virginia Beach, Va.  
R.J. Tominich, *summa cum laude* .....Smithfield, Va.

**BACHELOR OF LIBERAL ARTS  
GRADUATES — AUGUST 22, 2007**

- Barbara Jean Barlow, *summa cum laude* .....King George, Va.
- Kathleen Riley Beckwith, *magna cum laude* .....Arlington, Va.
- Vickie Lynn Bowles .....Manquin, Va.
- Anthony L. Burton, *magna cum laude* .....Prince George, Va.
- Kathleen Carter, *summa cum laude* .....Glen Allen, Va.
- Tracee Fields-Minor, *summa cum laude* .....Spotsylvania, Va.
- James Leroy Hicks, *cum laude* .....Spotsylvania, Va.
- Patricia A. Johnson, *magna cum laude* .....Ruther Glen, Va.
- Diana Larkin, *magna cum laude* .....Fredericksburg, Va.

Mirna Evelyn Torres, *magna cum laude* .....King George, Va.  
 Donna Marie Woodard Wallace, *summa cum laude*.....Fredericksburg, Va.  
 Terri T. Weaver, *summa cum laude*.....Richmond, Va.  
 Mary M. Wolf, *summa cum laude* .....Richmond, Va.

**BACHELOR OF LIBERAL ARTS  
 CANDIDATES — MAY 10, 2008**

• Kelly Lynn Holyfield Angelo .....Spotsylvania, Va.  
 +Michael J. Azzurrini, *summa cum laude*.....Spotsylvania, Va.  
 • William Charles Breitenbach .....Richmond, Va.  
 • Jason Christopher Brown .....Richmond, Va.  
 • Joy Eileen Brown .....Milford, Va.  
 William Franklin Clark Jr., *summa cum laude*.....Midlothian, Va.  
 • Cheri L. Evans.....New York, N.Y.  
 • James E. Crawford Jr. ....Fredericksburg, Va.  
 • Steven Forrest Curtis .....Ruther Glen, Va.  
 +Kathryn Megan David .....Fredericksburg, Va.  
 Teri M. Dizon .....Richmond, Va.  
 • Ashley Alexandra Finotti Drummond .....Colonial Beach, Va.  
 Sherrie Louise Freeman, *cum laude*.....Richmond, Va.  
 +Jason Andrew Gibson, *cum laude*.....Fredericksburg, Va.  
 Alicia Mulas Harrington, *cum laude*.....Mechanicsville, Va.  
 \*+Sherry Marie Higgins, *magna cum laude*.....Chesterfield, Va.  
 • Abigail Asali Hintzen .....Richmond, Va.  
 • Robert P. Jennell.....Salem, Va.  
 Gwenevere Odette Johnson, *magna cum laude*.....Madison, Va.  
 • Jade D. Johnson .....Buffalo, N.Y.  
 • Shawn Croker Justis .....Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 \*+Carolyn S. Kaufman, *summa cum laude*.....Hopewell, Va.  
 • Melva A.H. Kishpaugh .....Spotsylvania, Va.  
 • Jenny Viola Kurtz .....Fredericksburg, Va.  
 • Kimberley Ann Lacks.....Chesterfield, Va.  
 Elizabeth Harwood Lacy .....Richmond, Va.  
 • Anita Manor Mahaffey .....Manassas, Va.  
 • Johanna Cooper Merritt .....Roanoke, Va.  
 • Leigh Anne Mitchell.....Roanoke, Va.  
 \*+Laura Boutroy Morris, *summa cum laude*.....Saint-Denis, France  
 • Anthony C. Muhammad .....Richmond, Va.  
 Betty Jane Ownsbey, *cum laude* .....Mechanicsville, Va.  
 Karen Mary Pascual, *summa cum laude* .....Chesterfield, Va.  
 • Kay Antoinette Portmess .....Spotsylvania, Va.  
 • Russell Paul Ramsey.....Richmond, Va.  
 Kelly Jones Repko, *summa cum laude*.....Chesterfield, Va.  
 • Francine Almond Reynolds .....Richmond, Va.  
 • Leeanne Higgins Sarkees.....Richmond, Va.  
 Taliaferro Brooke Saunders, *magna cum laude*.....Lynchburg, Va.

+Aaron Douglas Schepker .....Richmond, Va.  
 \*Lauren Nicole Stein, *magna cum laude* .....Glen Allen, Va.  
 • Robin Collins Stewart .....Chester, Va.  
 • Matthew Brandon Stroud .....Richmond, Va.  
 • Christopher L. Taylor.....Spotsylvania, Va.  
 \*+Suzanne Renee Watkins, *summa cum laude* .....Chester, Va.  
 • Hunter Freeman Willis .....Fredericksburg, Va.  
 • Julie Ann Yates .....Roanoke, Va.  
 \*+Leila Marie Youmans, *summa cum laude* .....Prince George, Va.

**MASTER OF DISASTER SCIENCE  
 CANDIDATE — MAY 10, 2008**

Meredith Lynne Moss .....Gainesville, Va.

**MASTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
 CANDIDATES — MAY 10, 2008**

Kim Letitia Baldwin .....Chesapeake, Va.  
 Jackson Powers Fee Baynard .....McLean, Va.  
 Matthew A. Botset .....Chester, Va.  
 Thomas A. Clappi .....South Riding, Va.  
 Britta Ann Connolly .....Fairfax, Va.  
 Shaundra L. Crenshaw .....Richmond, Va.  
 Shawn P. Crispin.....Stafford, Va.  
 Carl Hadden Culp Jr.....Woodbridge, Va.  
 Peppi Schwartz Dayton .....Virginia Beach, Va.  
 Edward Francis Fuzy .....Ashland, Va.  
 John C. Gregory .....Virginia Beach, Va.  
 • Leslie Todd Hanson .....Glen Allen, Va.  
 Robert Lawrence Joyce.....Richmond, Va.  
 Ronald Brian Lecarpentier.....Beaverdam, Va.  
 Jeffrey B. Logan .....Norfolk, Va.  
 Lance E. McClintock.....Fairfax, Va.  
 Nicole M. Newsome .....Alexandria, Va.  
 • Jennifer Holowka Nourse .....Rochester, Mich.  
 William Michael Phibbs .....Midlothian, Va.  
 Gary Wayne Samuels.....Mechanicsville, Va.  
 Joseph Michael Sposa .....Powhatan, Va.  
 Walter B. Stephens.....Richmond, Va.  
 Steven Alan Strawderman.....Manassas, Va.  
 • Ruth Woods Tilley .....Mechanicsville, Va.

## *Awards and Honors*

### 2008 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

*Graduate Programs in Disaster Science Book Award* .....Patrick Quealey

#### Emergency Services Management

*Louis J. Narduzzi Memorial Book Award* .....Joseph E. Stambaugh

#### Human Resource Management

*Richard W. Leatherman Sr. and  
Ida May Leatherman Book Award* .....Dora R. Newman

#### *Graduate Programs in Human Resource Management*

*Book Award* .....Jennifer H. Nourse

#### *Steve Neal Book Award for the Outstanding Undergraduate*

*Student in Public Safety University* .....Lincoln W. Thomas

#### *Steve Neal Book Award for the Outstanding Graduate Student*

*in Public Safety University* .....Carl H. Culp

#### Information Systems

*George E. Christopher and  
George W. Swartz Memorial Book Award* .....Dwight Nicholas

#### Liberal Arts

*Investment Consultants and Management Company  
of Virginia Book Award* .....James E. Crawford

#### Paralegal Studies

*William R. Marshall Jr. Memorial Book Award* .....Shannon R. Adee

#### Teacher Licensure Program

*Samuel E. Perry Jr. and  
Nancy B. Perry Book Award (Grades K-6)* .....Courtney P. Kendrick

*Ann C. Taylor Book Award (Grades 7-12)* .....Jessica M. Goodall

### 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 2008 is:

Francine A. Reynolds

### 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 promote a scholarly interest in books, the development of personal libraries, and encourage 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 recipients of this award for 2008 are:

Betty J. Ownsbey and Johanna C. Merritt

### 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, the Vietnam War, 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 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 recipients of this award for 2008 are:

Joseph R. Hill and Courtney P. Kendrick

### 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 2008 is:

Tatsiana S. Sauneva

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

Established in 2007, 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 2008 is:

Francine A. Reynolds

**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

**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. 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  
Honorary Doctor of Commercial Science**

**Dr. Mary G.F. Bitterman** is president of The Bernard Osher Foundation, headquartered in San Francisco, California, which supports higher education and the arts. The Foundation funds post-secondary scholarships with emphasis on re-entry students as well as a growing national network of lifelong learning institutes for seasoned adults located at 119 colleges and universities from Maine to Hawaii. Integrative medicine centers at several major medical schools benefit from the Foundation's philanthropy, and grants for the arts generally are made to organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area and the State of Maine, where Bernard Osher was born and raised.

Bitterman's career has been spent largely in the non-profit sector, with assignments in higher education, international relations, communications, and economic development. Before joining the Osher Foundation, Bitterman served as president and chief executive officer of The James Irvine Foundation, which focuses its grantmaking on California, and before that as president and chief executive officer of KQED, one of the major public broadcasting centers in the United States. She has served also as executive director of the Hawaii Public Broadcasting Authority, director of the Voice of America, director of the Hawaii State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and director of the East-West Center's Institute of Culture and Communication.

Bitterman currently is a director (and former board chair) of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), Bank of Hawaii (where she serves as lead independent director), Barclays Global Investors, The Bernard Osher Foundation, and the Commonwealth Club of California. She also is an advisory council member of the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research as well as a steering committee member for Project Dana, an interfaith volunteer caregiving project organized by the Buddhist temples of Hawaii to serve the frail, elderly, and disabled persons. She has produced several documentaries for public television and has written on public-service broadcasting, telecommunications development, and the role of media in developing societies. From her leadership position on the boards of both for-profit and non-profit organizations, Bitterman speaks frequently on the importance of "best practices" and diversity in corporate governance. She is an honorary member of the National Presswomen's Federation and a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. A fourth-generation Californian, Bitterman received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Santa Clara University and earned a Master of Arts degree and a doctoral degree in history from Bryn Mawr College.



### GIBB FAMILY DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

**Fred Itzkowitz** graduated from the School of Continuing Studies with a Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1975 and a Master of Commerce degree in 1976. He is president of Straus, Itzkowitz & LeCompte Insurance Agency in Richmond.

A professional insurance agent, Itzkowitz is licensed in property casualty insurance as well as life and health insurance. He has served as an underwriter with Aetna and Travelers insurance companies. Itzkowitz is active in the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization.

A longtime supporter of the School of Continuing Studies, Itzkowitz endowed the Itzkowitz Family Distinguished Faculty Award in 2005. He and his wife, Claudia, have two sons, Michael and Phillip.

### ITZKOWITZ FAMILY DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

**Maria T. Poindexter** joined the School of Continuing Studies in 2004. She is an adjunct faculty member in the Human Resources Management program. Her professional interests include assessing, designing, developing, implementing, and evaluating key human resource development initiatives.

Poindexter earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1987. She later earned a Master of Education degree and a doctoral degree in instructional systems from Pennsylvania State University in University Park, Pennsylvania.

Poindexter serves as director of training and development at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond, where she manages the human resource function of college-wide training and development. She is a member of the Society for Human Resource Management, the American Society for Training and Development, the Association of Educational Communication and Technology, and the American Educational Research Association.

### STUDENT SPEAKER

**Carolyn S. Kaufman** earned a Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree from the School of Continuing Studies and completed the school's Teacher Licensure Program.

A native of Hopewell, Virginia, Kaufman spent twenty years as an instructional assistant with Hopewell Public Schools. From 1983 to 1988, she served as a secretary with Thalhimer's Department Stores in Richmond.

While a student at Richard Bland College in Petersburg, Kaufman was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. In her time at the School of Continuing Studies, she was a member of the Kappa Delta Pi honorary education society.

After completing her degree in December, Kaufman accepted a position in the technology lab at Hopewell Public Schools, where she presents technology lessons for students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

## *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 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, Master of Disaster Science and Master of Human Resource Management candidates will be wearing hoods trimmed in peacock blue and drab, respectively.

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 Continuing Studies Bachelor of Liberal Arts candidates' stoles are white, and Bachelor of Applied Studies candidates' stoles are peacock for Emergency Management Systems and 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.

## *Alma Mater*

### **1st Verse**

'Mid the pines and rolling hills  
Stand the halls we cheer,  
Hallowed place our memory fills,  
Alma Mater, dear.

### **2nd Verse**

Alma Mater, gracious name  
We thy children praise  
Home of Honor, Worth and Fame  
Love we all our days.

### ***Refrain***

Hail to thee, hail to thee,  
Hail to Red and Blue!  
To thy hallowed memory  
May we e'er be true!

## *University Motto*

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

