



# COMMENCEMENT

*School of Professional and Continuing Studies*

*May 6, 2017*



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 success 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 differences 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

# COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

PRESIDING

**Dr. Ronald A. Crutcher**

*President, University of Richmond*

Academic Processional March and National Anthem.....The Virginia Quintet

Invocation ..... Ms. Bryn Bagby Taylor, '00  
*Interim University Chaplain*

Welcome .....President Crutcher

Introductory Remarks.....Dr. Jamelle S. Wilson  
*Dean, School of Professional and Continuing Studies*

Student Commencement Speaker.....Lisa B. Cheney, C'17

Presentation of Awards.....Dr. Sandra J. Peart  
*Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*  
Eric J. Beatty, '01 and GC'12  
*President, SPCS Alumni Association*

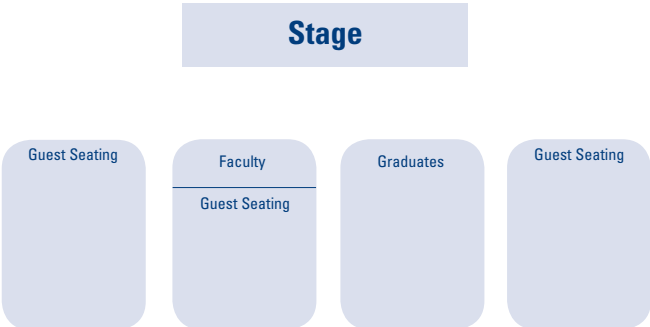
2017 Itzkowitz Family Distinguished Adjunct Faculty Award.....Daniel L. Hocutt, R'92 and G'98  
*Adjunct Professor, Liberal Arts*

2017 Gibb Family Distinguished Alumni Award.....Catherine W. Eagles, C'00

Presentation of Diplomas.....Dean Wilson

Conferring of Degrees.....President Crutcher

Benediction.....Ms. Taylor



**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.



*Other Participants on the Dais*

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

Samantha Elizabeth Eastlack, C'17 ..... Mace Bearer

James Goodwyn Beck III, C'17 ..... United States Flag Bearer

Robert Early Phillips, C'17 ..... University of Richmond Flag Bearer

Jennifer Lynne Osterman, C'17 ..... SPCS Banner Bearer

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

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

John A. Zinn III.....SPCS Marshal

*Director of Enrollment Management and Student Services, School of Professional and Continuing Studies*

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 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**

**GRADUATES — AUGUST 17 AND DECEMBER 28, 2016**

Austin Emory Beck .....	Henrico, Va.
+Lora Dionne Brown .....	Chesterfield, Va.
Adam Troy Caudle .....	Richmond, Va.
+Stephen Christopher Headley .....	Henrico, Va.
Mei Kiu Lo .....	Hong Kong, Hong Kong
Jaryd Kendal Moye .....	Richmond, Va.
+Nicholas Matthew Myers .....	Midlothian, Va.
+Michael Alexander Phillips .....	Richmond, Va.
+Kyoni Moni Thomas .....	Mineral, Va.
DelRio Henry Walkey .....	Richmond, Va.
+Sarah Robinson White .....	Lexington, Ky.
+Carletta Pittman Wilson .....	Richmond, Va.
Sarah Marie Wilson .....	Gloucester, Va.
+Karthika Yaratha .....	Glen Allen, Va.

**CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED STUDIES CANDIDATES — MAY 6, 2017**

Janagan M. Bharathan .....	Roanoke, Va.
William Andrew Brummette .....	Chester, Va.
•Mary G. Flynn .....	Richmond, Va.
•JaQuanna Hoggard .....	Mechanicsville, Va.
•Bryan D. Hudnall .....	Midlothian, Va.
Tiyana M. Johnson .....	Bronx, N.Y.
•Daniel James Rusch .....	Richmond, Va.
•Gabriela Dee Valerio .....	Midlothian, Va.
Ameera S. Vines .....	Richmond, Va.
Hunter R. Waddell .....	Midlothian, Va.
Tiffani Nicole Willis .....	Richmond, Va.
Anita M. Wilson .....	Chesterfield, Va.
Walter Francis Witt III .....	Richmond, Va.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP  
AND POLICY STUDIES GRADUATES —  
AUGUST 17 AND DECEMBER 28, 2016**

+Jennifer L. Andrews .....	Midlothian, Va.
+Alison Ballard Beatty .....	Richmond, Va.
+Lauren Miller Bischoff .....	Henrico, Va.
+Alison L. Francis .....	Glen Allen, Va.
+Charlie Monroe Goad Jr. ....	Blackstone, Va.
+Antonio Glenn Guilford .....	Chester, Pa.
+Lesley Reshonne Harris .....	Petersburg, Va.
+Kimberly J. Lincoln .....	Midlothian, Va.
+Sharon Middleton .....	Glen Allen, Va.

+Satonya T. Perry .....	Chesterfield, Va.
+Danielle M. Sims .....	Newport News, Va.
+Frenishee Brown Smith .....	Richmond, Va.
+Demetrice S. Turnage .....	Richmond, Va.
+Dayna Lachelle Walger .....	Midlothian, Va.
Kenneth Donnell White .....	Surry, Va.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND  
POLICY STUDIES CANDIDATES — MAY 6, 2017**

Clary Washington Carleton .....	Norfolk, Va.
Eric James Hallal .....	Henrico, Va.
Jennifer Marks O’Ferrall .....	Richmond, Va.
Cynthia Nolan Patey .....	Midlothian, Va.
Robert Lewis Stevens II .....	Roanoke, Va.
Gregory Owen Wrenn .....	Yorktown, Va.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
GRADUATES — AUGUST 17 AND DECEMBER 28, 2016**

+Stephanie Newton Nix .....	Glen Allen, Va.
Dawnita N. Taylor-Biggers .....	Ruther Glen, Va.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HUMAN RESOURCE  
MANAGEMENT CANDIDATES — MAY 6, 2017**

Steffon Kwesi Abakah .....	Suwanee, Ga.
Joseph Matthew Nelson .....	Hampton, Va.
Niketa Jewel Nicholas .....	Petersburg, Va.
Tiffany D. Smith .....	Powhatan, Va.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN NONPROFIT STUDIES  
GRADUATES — AUGUST 17, 2016**

Grace Marie Leonard .....	Richmond, Va.
Heljye Isnarde Mounkala .....	Brazzaville, Republic of Congo

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN TEACHER LICENSURE  
PREPARATION GRADUATES —  
AUGUST 17 AND DECEMBER 28, 2016**

+Leslie Briana Bacile .....	Richmond, Va.
+Caroline H. Beazley .....	Richmond, Va.
+Ian G. Candelaria .....	Baltimore, Md.
+John R. Charlet .....	Richmond, Va.
+Julia Ellis Chase .....	Richmond, Va.
+Colleen Quinne Elizabeth Connolly .....	Jacksonville, Fla.
+Marissa Marie Downs .....	Orange County, Va.

+Candice Renee Epps .....	Laurel, Md.
+Emmett Leslie Harper Jr.....	Chester, Va.
+Amanda Marie Haskins .....	Dale City, Va.
+Anna Elizabeth Hawkins.....	Franklin, Va.
+Courtney Marie King.....	Richmond, Va.
+Nicollo S. Madden.....	Dumfries, Va.
+Ashley Louise Marling .....	Richmond, Va.
Emily Louise Ramirez.....	Surf City, N.J.
+Brett Walter Ramsey .....	Richmond, Va.
+Suzanne Elizabeth Spicer .....	Richmond, Va.
Darrell Lawrence Turner .....	Glen Allen, Va.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN TEACHER LICENSURE  
PREPARATION CANDIDATES — MAY 6, 2017**

Meredith Russell Bailey .....	Midlothian, Va.
Catherine Matheny Bell.....	Glen Allen, Va.
Michelle Elizabeth Blessing .....	Fairfax, Va.
Margaret Burke .....	Richmond, Va.
Kathleen Kiedrow Castanien.....	Henrico, Va.
Timothy Young Corallo .....	Rocky Mount, Va.
Diana Chadwick Futrell.....	Ashland, Va.
Kathryn Herndon.....	Midlothian, Va.
Kristen Danielle Joswick.....	Prince George, Va.
Phillip B. Lee .....	Fredericksburg, Va.
Rachel Joy Martin .....	Ashland, Va.
Mary Rebecca Rose.....	Richmond, Va.
Barbara Irene Tait .....	Richmond, Va.
Caroline Mellon Tarin .....	Richmond, Va.
Mason Edward Wash.....	Glen Allen, Va.

**ASSOCIATE IN LIBERAL ARTS CANDIDATES — MAY 6, 2017**

•Adraine Suezette Gibson .....	Richmond, Va.
Mindy Sue Massie, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Philadelphia, Pa.

**BACHELOR OF APPLIED STUDIES GRADUATES —  
AUGUST 17 AND DECEMBER 28, 2016**

James Patrick Bandy, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Michael Wayne Carter, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Midlothian, Va.
+Tracy Lee Ellerman, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Mechanicsville, Va.
+Dean Wade Liverman, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Waldorf, Md.
+Matthew Benjamin Rice Sr.....	Aylett, Va.

**BACHELOR OF APPLIED STUDIES CANDIDATES — MAY 6, 2017**

Dianne Moore Alexander, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Kimberly Marion Brown.....	Mechanicsville, Va.
•Nicole Annmarie Donaldson.....	Norwalk, Conn.
Jennifer Lynne Osterman, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Midlothian, Va.
Erika Vines Powell.....	Glen Allen, Va.

**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS  
GRADUATES — AUGUST 17 AND DECEMBER 28, 2016**

Robert Avramescu .....	Richmond, Va.
+Jessica Michelle Booker, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Pleshette Bowens.....	Danville, Va.
+Corey Marie Carbonneau.....	Richmond, Va.
Eliot Lander Cleveland, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Mineral, Va.
Olivia Eve Cleveland, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Maribelle Pascual Colassaco, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Midlothian, Va.
Jeremy L. Da Costa Sr., <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Hopewell, Va.
Monica Octavia Davis, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Danville, Va.
Daniel W. Faries, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Machias, N.Y.
Fred F. Gatty, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Matthew Edgar Hibbs, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Locust Grove, Va.
Rebecca Lynn Holland .....	Stafford, Va.
+Lilly Huskett, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Pounding Mill, Va.
+Sarah Ann Jennings, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Glen Allen, Va.
Karen Elizabeth Kelly, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Tony A. Moore.....	Los Angeles, Calif.
Edwinette Gray Moses, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Glen Allen, Va.
Emily Barnes Nicholson, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Waterville, Maine
+Chauntè Christine Pitts, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Crowley, Texas
Sarah Elizabeth Porter, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
LaTonya Monique Richardson.....	Henrico, Va.
Gloria Christine Sadoski, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Alton, Va.
Zail Gordon Nathaniel Singh.....	Virginia Beach, Va.
Tracey N. Taylor, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Chester, Va.
Wesley Davis Van Gelder, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Powhatan, Va.

**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS CANDIDATES — MAY 6, 2017**

Samantha Elizabeth Eastlack, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Aylett, Va.
•Debbie L. Everhart.....	Fredericksburg, Va.
•Jennifer Ferlmann .....	Fredericksburg, Va.
Lindsay Ann Fuller, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Boydton, Va.
•Sheryl Lynn Gaber .....	Fredericksburg, Va.
•Tamara B. Gressly .....	Stafford, Va.
•Shayla S. Herbert.....	Richmond, Va.
•James H. Kochany .....	Midlothian, Va.
•Matthew Bryan Lemon.....	Midlothian, Va.

- Sabrina Grace Mayo.....Mechanicsville, Va.
- Yolanda Quevedo Mordue ..... Fredericksburg, Va.
- Erik Clay Roth..... Richmond, Va.
- Jonathan Oliver Rupert..... Richmond, Va.
- Sherry Lynn Skinner..... Milford, Va.
- Kelly Ewell Stokes ..... Powhatan, Va.
- Tiffany Lynnell Stuart..... Partlow, Va.
- Daniel P. Sullivan..... Fredericksburg, Va.
- Darold Vernard Taylor..... Chester, Va.
- Christopher Patrick White..... Richmond, Va.
- Ross McGowan Wright Jr. .... Richmond, Va.

**BACHELOR OF LIBERAL ARTS GRADUATES —  
AUGUST 17 AND DECEMBER 28, 2016**

- +Ivy Lynn Bullock, *magna cum laude*..... Richmond, Va.
- Ginger Renee Clore, *magna cum laude* .....Mechanicsville, Va.
- Jamey N. Epps, *magna cum laude* .....Powhatan, Va.
- Sheree McShall Garrett..... Prince George, Va.
- +Amy Koci Jaspen, *magna cum laude* ..... Richmond, Va.
- Bonnie Carmel Newkirk-Graves, *cum laude* .....Lexington Park, Md.

**BACHELOR OF LIBERAL ARTS CANDIDATES — MAY 6, 2017**

- Beverly Taylor Bullock..... Richmond, Va.
- Lisa B. Cheney, *summa cum laude*..... Chesterfield, Va.
- Michael Allen Harper..... Richmond, Va.
- Marjorie Jones ..... Richmond, Va.
- Veronica W. Lewter ..... North Chesterfield, Va.
- Paul David Lozo, *magna cum laude* .....Midlothian, Va.

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PROFESSIONAL STUDIES  
GRADUATES — AUGUST 17 AND DECEMBER 28, 2016**

- Robert Benjamin Baldwin, *magna cum laude*..... Roanoke, Va.
- Pakeila Rashawn Bolden..... Richmond, Va.
- +Linda Carter .....Islip Terrace, N.Y.
- Kimberley Coleman ..... Glen Allen, Va.
- +Melissa Anne Hill, *summa cum laude*..... Richmond, Va.
- Bryan Angelo LeVau, *magna cum laude*.....Powhatan, Va.
- +Clara Leslie Simmons, *magna cum laude*.....Chicago, Ill.

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PROFESSIONAL STUDIES  
CANDIDATES — MAY 6, 2017**

- James Goodwyn Beck III ..... Chesterfield, Va.
- Christina L. Boutin..... Chesterfield, Va.
- Rebecca A. Broderick, *summa cum laude*..... Richmond, Va.
- Lori Denise Cates, *magna cum laude*..... Chester, Va.

- Mark Joseph Reyes Gan, *magna cum laude* ..... McLean, Va.
- Jordanka Nikolova Kida..... Richmond, Va.
- Laini K. Marshall ..... Richmond, Va.
- Robert Early Phillips, *summa cum laude* .....Midlothian, Va.
- Angel R. Reed ..... Richmond, Va.
- Christopher Minh Rentschler.....Midlothian, Va.
- Joseph Allen Sattelmaier, *summa cum laude*.....Mechanicsville, Va.
- Andrew David Scalzo.....Rochester, N.Y.
- Robert Brandon Shackelford.....Hanover, Va.
- Patricia Michie Stevick..... Fredericksburg, Va.

**MASTER OF EDUCATION GRADUATES —  
AUGUST 17 AND DECEMBER 28, 2016**

- Kelley Elizabeth Bartlett .....Moorestown, N.J.
- +Emily McLean Bauer ..... Richmond, Va.
- Colleen Ball Cassada..... Chester, Va.
- +Craig Scott Cilley ..... Richmond, Va.
- +Travis Allen Dodds .....Mechanicsville, Va.
- +Rachel Ann Doolen ..... Frankfort, N.Y.
- Tiffany Dawn Furmage..... Norfolk, Va.
- +Taylor BriAnn Ihsane-Thomas ..... Williamsburg, Va.
- +Sarah Kirkwood Linas ..... Richmond, Va.
- Elizabeth Gehr Marchant ..... Richmond, Va.
- Caitlin Taylor Marsh.....Mechanicsville, Va.
- Emily Dade McCurrach..... Ridgewood, N.J.
- Phillip N. Patrick .....Mechanicsville, Va.
- Ashley Reneé Pride..... Richmond, Va.
- Marissa Lauren Steinbeck ..... Richmond, Va.
- Courtney Kendrick Swink..... Richmond, Va.
- Chantel Nicole Turner..... Chesterfield, Va.

**MASTER OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES — MAY 6, 2017**

- Valerie A. Beausergent ..... Richmond, Va.
- Benjamin Dickinson Bushong..... Richmond, Va.
- Ian Gustavo Candelaria..... Baltimore, Md.
- John Rother Charlet..... Richmond, Va.
- Krystle L. Churchill ..... Spencer, Va.
- Jessica Leigh-Schmidt Davis.....Mechanicsville, Va.
- Octavia Alesia Davis..... Atlanta, Ga.
- Marissa Marie Downs ..... Orange County, Va.
- Candice Renee Epps ..... Laurel, Md.
- Sarah Marbury Fagan ..... Charlottesville, Va.
- Julie A. Harris ..... Richmond, Va.
- Amanda Marie Haskins..... Dale City, Va.
- Anna Elizabeth Hawkins..... Franklin, Va.
- Rebecca Anne Hughes.....Midlothian, Va.

Lindsey Pryor Hurlburt..... Goochland, Va.  
 Mary Elizabeth Sanders Johnson ..... Richmond, Va.  
 Amanda Strickland Kehoe..... North Chesterfield, Va.  
 • Courtney Marie King..... Richmond, Va.  
 Christine Annette Lacy ..... Richmond, Va.  
 Kendal C. Lindsay ..... High Point, N.C.  
 • Ashley Louise Marling ..... Richmond, Va.  
 • Jennifer Lee Milne ..... Richmond, Va.  
 • Sonya Aavik Smith ..... Bon Air, Va.  
 • Suzanne Elizabeth Spicer ..... Richmond, Va.  
 Paul M. Suhr ..... Wilton, Conn.  
 Tatiana Alicia Sumrell ..... Yorktown, Va.  
 • Jessica R. Tran ..... Richmond, Va.  
 • Thomas Joseph Tudor ..... Front Royal, Va.

**MASTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
 GRADUATES — AUGUST 17 AND DECEMBER 28, 2016**

Brittany Noel Burrell ..... West Point, Va.  
 +Janay Adrienne Capers ..... Mansfield, Ohio  
 +Jennifer Elizabeth Chazanow ..... Richmond, Va.  
 Megan Taylor Dickerson ..... Richmond, Va.  
 Leslie Compton Engott ..... Richmond, Va.  
 +Shannon LeElla Epps ..... Ashland, Va.  
 Ashley Virginia Hancher ..... Charlottesville, Va.  
 Shiron LaTisha Haskins ..... Richmond, Va.  
 +Erin Boyce Herndon ..... Midlothian, Va.  
 +Daniel Moore Jones ..... Richmond, Va.  
 +Lindsey N. Mahan ..... Midlothian, Va.  
 Kimberlee Kay Randolph ..... Spokane, Wash.  
 Melissa Carol Smith ..... Richmond, Va.

**MASTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
 CANDIDATES — MAY 6, 2017**

Mustafa Altaf ..... Lahore, Pakistan  
 Santana Avalos ..... Richmond, Va.  
 • Shawna Tameka Britt ..... Richmond, Va.  
 Howard Rodenious Burke ..... Richmond, Va.  
 • Darrow Anne Cameron ..... Richmond, Va.  
 Elizabeth Saunders Chenault ..... Richmond, Va.  
 Laetitia Commeyne ..... Lubbeek, Belgium  
 Jonathan Joseph de Marte ..... Yorktown Heights, N.Y.  
 Jasmine C. Jackson ..... Richmond, Va.  
 Joseph Michael Kirby Jr. .... Richmond, Va.  
 • Joanna Kuczynski ..... Powhatan, Va.  
 • Mary Beth Manning ..... Richmond, Va.  
 Julia Clayton Payne ..... Richmond, Va.  
 Tashia Shannel Scott ..... Chesterfield, Va.

• Kelsey Elizabeth Thayer ..... Richmond, Va.  
 • Ricky Lyn Thompkins Jr. .... Richmond, Va.  
 • Camden Nicole vanBechmann ..... Richmond, Va.

**MASTER OF LIBERAL ARTS GRADUATE — DECEMBER 28, 2016**  
 + Laura Elizabeth Fitrer ..... Richmond, Va.

**MASTER OF LIBERAL ARTS CANDIDATES — MAY 6, 2017**

• Nancy Elizabeth Bell ..... Blacksburg, Va.  
 Maelyn Catherine Fowler Cable ..... Richmond, Va.  
 Jeffrey James Caldwell ..... Chester, Va.  
 • Sandra M. Casanova ..... Richmond, Va.  
 James R. Comer ..... Mechanicsville, Va.  
 • Carolyn Conlon ..... Midlothian, Va.  
 Frances A. Dickerson-King ..... Henrico, Va.  
 David Brendan Donaldson ..... Richmond, Va.  
 Zachary Ross Grossfeld ..... Plainview, N.Y.  
 Judith Cary Jamieson ..... Richmond, Va.  
 James Ulysses Kincaid II ..... Richmond, Va.  
 Lindsey Leigh King ..... Richmond, Va.  
 Thomas Jude Parfitt ..... Richmond, Va.  
 Karen Nicole Bridgett Turner ..... Richmond, Va.  
 Emily O'Connor White ..... Hope, Maine

**MASTER OF NONPROFIT STUDIES GRADUATES —  
 AUGUST 17 AND DECEMBER 28, 2016**

+ Barbara Jean Barlow ..... Fredericksburg, Va.  
 Chaz Antoine Barracks ..... Glastonbury, Conn.  
 Amy Ellen Bridge ..... Richmond, Va.  
 + Katherine Joy Putnam Colombo ..... Covington, La.  
 + Caitlin McLaren Figura ..... Richmond, Va.  
 Suzanne B. Hofmann ..... Glen Allen, Va.  
 Kathy Reese Laing ..... Richmond, Va.  
 + Lindsey Carter Leach ..... Richmond, Va.  
 Hannah Ware Pace ..... Crozet, Va.  
 Laura Ann Pilati ..... Hampton, Va.  
 Brittany Taylor Schaal ..... Richmond, Va.

**MASTER OF NONPROFIT STUDIES CANDIDATES — MAY 6, 2017**  
 April Lynn Auger ..... Richmond, Va.  
 • Mollie Angela Brooks ..... Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Erin Kasoff Calloway ..... Midlothian, Va.  
 • Elizabeth Grace Davis ..... Richmond, Va.

## *Awards and Honors*

### **2017 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* ..... Sarah Marbury Fagan

#### Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

*Catherine S. Fisher Book Award for Excellence* ..... Jennifer L. Andrews

#### Human Resource Management

*Steve Neal Book Award for Outstanding*

*Undergraduate Achievement* ..... Patricia Michie Stevick

*Steve Neal Book Award for Outstanding*

*Graduate Achievement* ..... Joanna Kuczynski

#### Information Systems

*George E. Christopher and*

*George W. Swartz Memorial Book Award* ..... Stephen Christopher Headley

#### IT Management

*McDonald Davis Jr. Book Award* ..... Angel R. Reed

#### Liberal Arts

*Investment Consultants and Management Company*

*of Virginia Book Award* ..... Yolanda Quevedo Mordue

*Daniel McDonald Roberts and Frances Taylor Roberts*

*Master of Liberal Arts Memorial Book Award* ..... Thomas Jude Parfitt

#### Nonprofit Studies

*Louis J. Narduzzi Memorial Book Award* ..... Caitlin McLaren Figura

#### Paralegal Studies

*William R. Marshall Jr. Memorial Book Award* ..... Melissa Anne Hill

#### Teacher Licensure Program

*Samuel E. Perry Jr. and Nancy B.*

*Perry Book Award (Grades K-6)* ..... Colleen Quinne Elizabeth Connolly

*Ann C. Taylor Book Award (Grades 7-12)* ..... Caroline Mellon Tarin

### **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 2017 is:

Mark Joseph Reyes Gan

### **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 2017 is:

Samantha Elizabeth Eastlack

### **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 2017 is:

Lisa B. Cheney



**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 2017 is:

Jordanka Nikolova Kida

**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 2017 is:

James H. Kochany

**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.

## *Biographies*

### STUDENT SPEAKER

**Lisa B. Cheney** graduates with a Bachelor of Liberal Arts from the School of Professional and Continuing Studies. Cheney began her journey at the School in 2009 after receiving a professional certificate in fundraising and development from SPCS's Institute on Philanthropy. During her time as a student, Cheney has been a very active member of the Student Government Association (SGA). She served as president from 2012–14 and currently serves as a board member. Cheney also served as a student representative on the University's Board Development Committee, President's Council, SPCS Dean's Advisory Council, and the University's Strategic Planning Committee.

Cheney has had a distinguished career as a nonprofit professional with more than 20 years of fundraising experience. She currently works as the director of donor relations at Sheltering Arms Foundation. Previously, Cheney served as director of operations and advancement services for Bon Secours Richmond Foundation and director of research and prospect management at Hampden-Sydney College.

A resident of Richmond, Virginia, Cheney has a large extended family, including six nieces. She also shares her life with her dog, a black Lab-mix named Lakeland. In her free time, Cheney enjoys the beach, listening to music, and scrapbooking. She is also active in raising awareness and support for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

### ITZKOWITZ FAMILY DISTINGUISHED ADJUNCT FACULTY AWARD

**Daniel L. Hocutt**, R'92 and G'98, is a longtime Spider. He arrived on campus in 1988 and earned a Bachelor of Arts in English, then taught secondary English for four years and met his wife, Deborah, in Chesapeake, Virginia. They returned to Richmond in 1996, and Hocutt completed a Master of Arts in English at the University of Richmond.

Even when away from Richmond, Hocutt remained connected to his alma mater, returning every summer as resident advisor (1992–94) and head resident advisor (1995–98) for the Virginia Summer Residential Governor's School for Humanities and Visual & Performing Arts hosted on the Richmond campus. In August 1998, he was named the full-time Governor's School director through the School of Professional and Continuing Studies, where he served for three years. While serving as director, Hocutt started work as the School's unofficial (1999), and later official (2001), web manager. He also started teaching as an adjunct English instructor in spring 2000 and has taught most spring and fall terms since then. His teaching explores several of his passions: research writing, systems of networks, technology integration, and tricksters in mythology and culture.

Hocutt embraces lifelong learning: He is a Ph.D. candidate in English at Old Dominion University, studying the rhetoric of algorithms. He has published in the *Journal of Usability Studies*, *Communication Design Quarterly*, *MediaCommons*, *ACM SIGDOC Proceedings*, and edited collections. He remains devoted to Deborah, and they have two daughters, Sydney and Emily. They live in Hanover County.

### GIBB FAMILY DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

**Catherine W. Eagles**, C'00, ACP, is a veteran paralegal. She worked as a corporate and transactional paralegal for more than 20 years. After eight years of service, Eagles retired in March from the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Eagles earned a Bachelor of Science in paralegal studies and was named the first recipient of the William R. Marshall Jr. Memorial Book Award for excellence in Paralegal Studies in 2000. She joined the SPCS Alumni Association Board of Directors in 2010 and served as president in 2014 and as past-president in 2015. Eagles also served as an ex-officio member of the University of Richmond Alumni Association.

Eagles is an active member of the National Association of Legal Assistants/Paralegals (NALA), representing almost 20,000 paralegals nationwide. In 2007, she was appointed by the president of NALA to a three-year term as a member of its 12-member Continuing Education Council. She was co-chair of NALA's 2008 annual convention in Oklahoma City and was chair of its 2009 annual convention held in San Diego. In 2016, she was selected as a recipient of NALA's "Making a Difference" award. Eagles serves on the Patient and Family Advisory Council for the neuroscience team at Johnston-Willis Hospital. She lives in Midlothian with her husband, Lloyd. They have a daughter, Dena, and two grandchildren, Caitlin and Travis.

## *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 Liberal Arts and Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts candidates' stoles are white, and Bachelor of Applied Studies 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."

