



COMMENCEMENT

School of Professional and Continuing Studies

May 12, 2018



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



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. Janelle S. Wilson <i>Dean, School of Professional and Continuing Studies</i>
Student Commencement Speaker	Kendyl Crawley Crawford, GC'18
Presentation of Awards.....	Dr. Jeffrey W. Legro <i>Executive Vice President and Provost</i> Eric J. Beatty, '01 and GC'12 <i>President, SPCS Alumni Association</i>
2018 Itzkowitz Family Distinguished Adjunct Faculty Award.....	Wendell C. Roberts <i>Adjunct Associate Professor, Education</i>
2018 Gibb Family Distinguished Alumni Award.....	Robert C. Reed, C'13, CHA
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
Rebecca Reed Hubbard, C'18	Mace Bearer
Elizabeth L. Stagg, GC'17	United States Flag Bearer
Sunni Blevins Brown, GC'18.....	University of Richmond Flag Bearer
Sara H. Worley, C'17	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
John A. Zinn III	SPCS Marshal
<i>Director of Enrollment Management and Student Services, School of Professional and Continuing Studies</i>	

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 16, 2017, AND JANUARY 3, 2018

Gennifer Lynne Barker	Richmond, Va.
+Allen Maurice Black.....	Providence Forge, Va.
+Diandra Ann DeBorous	Richmond, Va.
Mary G. Flynn.....	Richmond, Va.
+Yvette D. Gohlke.....	Midlothian, Va.
Alexander Paul Herzog.....	Richmond, Va.
JaQuanna Hoggard	Mechanicsville, Va.
Bryan D. Hudnall	Midlothian, Va.
+Derek Mladenoff Hunt	Richmond, Va.
+Mei Kiu Lo.....	Hong Kong, Hong Kong
+Ciaran Robert Rea.....	Roanoke, Va.
Julia Marston Thomas.....	Staunton, Va.
+Lok-man Tsui.....	Henrico, Va.
Gabriela Dee Valerio.....	Midlothian, Va.
+Stephen Michael West.....	Chesterfield, Va.

CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED STUDIES CANDIDATES — MAY 12, 2018

• Emmett Teah Blapooch	Monrovia, Liberia
Robin Angelic Eure	Newport News, Va.
Lesley N. Greene.....	Richmond, Va.
• Coumba Kayre	Dakar, Senegal
Charles S. Kinley	Little Rock, Ark.
Tavorise K. Marks.....	Brunswick County, Va.
Kylie Anne Martin.....	Dinwiddie, Va.
Mary Catherine Raymond	Richmond, Va.
Ashley Marie Shuty	Cleveland, Ohio
Kelly Turner Vidunas.....	Richmond, Va.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE — EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND POLICY GRADUATES — AUGUST 16, 2017, AND JANUARY 3, 2018

+Maria Elizabeth Bartz	Richmond, Va.
+Charlee Anne Breeden.....	Culpeper, Va.
Teresa Ann Cole	Richmond, Va.
+Benjamin Evans Collins	Mechanicsville, Va.
+George Christopher Fohl Jr.....	Richmond, Va.
+Angela Marie Foss	Richmond, Va.
+Kadie Lynn Parsley.....	Richmond, Va.
+Arline Frances Robinson	Middlesex County, Va.
+Amanda Morgan Sprinkle Hendrick.....	Mechanicsville, Va.

+Sara Elizabeth Vogt Richmond, Va.
 +Sarah Katherine Warnick Glen Allen, Va.
 +Lisa Steel Williams Richmond, Va.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE — EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
 AND POLICY CANDIDATES — MAY 12, 2018**

Sara Frances Blackburn Richmond, Va.
 Toni Vonché Kilpatrick..... Prince George, Va.
 Christopher Frank Mazella Depew, N.Y.
 Jamie B. Mullenau Mechanicsville, Va.
 Erica Nicole Regensburg Richmond, Va.
 Tiffany Herndon Satter Montpelier, Va.
 Karen M. Young Richmond, Va.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE — HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
 CANDIDATES — MAY 12, 2018**

Robert Andrew Baker Atlanta, Ga.
 John Michael Cherson Erie, Pa.
 Owen Simuel Lucas III Durham, N.C.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE — PUBLIC HISTORY GRADUATE —
 AUGUST 16, 2017**

Ethan B. Howes Richmond, Va.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE — PUBLIC HISTORY
 CANDIDATES — MAY 12, 2018**

Cynthia E. Gaines North Chesterfield, Va.
 Sharon L. Pajka Ashland, Va.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE — TEACHER LICENSURE PREPARATION
 GRADUATES — JANUARY 3, 2018**

+Justin X. Bartlett Richmond, Va.
 +Christopher Hayward Birkland Houston, Texas
 +Jessica L. Bray Richmond, Va.
 +Danielle Rae Buck Henrico, Va.
 +Lindsey A. Castle Endicott, N.Y.
 +Claire Anderson Cerri Williamsburg, Va.
 +Stephen Clarke Chisum Glen Allen, Va.
 +Aline S. C. Dolan Richmond, Va.
 +Celicia Janay Hartridge South Boston, Va.
 +Daniel J. Lewis Richmond, Va.
 +J. Reagan McKenna Richmond, Va.
 +Stephanie Lynn Mercado Wooster, Ohio
 +Shannon Aliza Shapiro Roberson Valparaiso, Ind.

+Henry J. Schofield.....	Richmond, Va.
+Kate Marie Stephens	Anchorage, Alaska
+Rachel E. Stoller.....	Richmond, Va.
+Tammy Lynn Tripp	Salem, Va.
+Jeanne Marie Walker.....	Baltimore, Md.
+Samantha Israel Wetzel.....	New York, N.Y.
+Brittany N. Williams	Canton, N.Y.
+Rachel E. Youmans.....	Chester, Va.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE — TEACHER LICENSURE PREPARATION
CANDIDATES — MAY 12, 2018**

Sarah Byrn Bennett.....	Richmond, Va.
Erin Bonilla.....	Richmond, Va.
Rebecca Elizabeth Borzelleca.....	Richmond, Va.
Timothy Baxter Gruber.....	Richmond, Va.
Cyrenne Heyden Hubbard.....	Midlothian, Va.
Molly Regina Hulihan.....	Glen Allen, Va.
Jesse Michael Lucabaugh.....	Hanover, Pa.
David M. Mistler.....	Glen Allen, Va.
Samantha Alexis Muse.....	Henrico, Va.
Taylor Megan Nedwick.....	Midlothian, Va.
Anne Taylor Robertson Rawls.....	Richmond, Va.
Mary Page Shinholser.....	Mechanicsville, Va.
Meghan Sisk Thompson.....	Richmond, Va.

**ASSOCIATE IN LIBERAL ARTS GRADUATE —
AUGUST 16, 2017**

Adraine Suezette Gibson.....	Richmond, Va.
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**BACHELOR OF APPLIED STUDIES GRADUATE —
AUGUST 16, 2017**

Nicole Annmarie Donaldson.....	Norwalk, Conn.
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**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS GRADUATES —
AUGUST 16, 2017, AND JANUARY 3, 2018**

Debbie L. Everhart, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Fredericksburg, Va.
Jennifer Ferlmann, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Fredericksburg, Va.
Sheryl Lynn Gaber, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Fredericksburg, Va.
Tamara B. Gressly, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Stafford, Va.
Shayla S. Herbert, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
+Cara A. Kennedy, <i>cum laude</i>	Chesterfield, Va.
James H. Kochany, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Midlothian, Va.
Matthew Bryan Lemon, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Midlothian, Va.
+Holly Ann Matz, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Henrico, Va.

Yolanda Quevedo Mordue, *summa cum laude*..... Fredericksburg, Va.
Jonathan Oliver Rupert, *magna cum laude*..... Richmond, Va.
Sherry Lynn Skinner, *summa cum laude*..... Milford, Va.
Tiffany Lynnell Stuart, *cum laude* Partlow, Va.
Daniel Patrick Sullivan, *magna cum laude*..... Fredericksburg, Va.
Darold Vernard Taylor, *magna cum laude* Chester, Va.
Christopher Patrick White..... Richmond, Va.
+Sara H. Worley, *summa cum laude*..... Manakin-Sabot, Va.
Ross McGowan Wright Jr., *summa cum laude* Richmond, Va.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS CANDIDATES — MAY 12, 2018

• Joann Clack..... Richmond, Va.
• Sarah Elizabeth Collins..... Harrisonburg, Va.
• Ryan Scott Gitchell..... Richmond, Va.
• S. Slade Gormus..... Richmond, Va.
• Peyton Michael Lassiter..... Richmond, Va.
Kelly G. Maiden, *summa cum laude* Glen Allen, Va.
Viva N. Moore Richmond, Va.
• Kristina R. Paley..... Midlothian, Va.
• Erik Clay Roth Richmond, Va.
• Virginia Lynn Silber..... Richmond, Va.
Macee Danielle Toler, *magna cum laude* Huntington, W.Va.
• Russell E. Wiles III Midlothian, Va.
• Laura Dawn Woods Richmond, Va.

**BACHELOR OF LIBERAL ARTS GRADUATES —
AUGUST 16, 2017**

Beverly Taylor Bullock, *cum laude*..... Richmond, Va.
Consuelo J. Cotterell Miami, Fla.
Michael Allen Harper, *cum laude*..... Richmond, Va.
Marjorie Jones..... Richmond, Va.
Manyang Reath Kher Richmond, Va.

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PROFESSIONAL STUDIES GRADUATES —
AUGUST 16, 2017, AND JANUARY 3, 2018**

James Goodwyn Beck III, *summa cum laude* Chesterfield, Va.
+Christina L. Boutin Chesterfield County, Va.
+Chad Gregory Harris, *summa cum laude*..... Richmond, Va.
Jordanka Nikolova Kida, *magna cum laude*..... Richmond, Va.
+Kimberley Michelle Payne, *summa cum laude*..... Fredericksburg, Va.
Angel R. Reed, *summa cum laude*..... Richmond, Va.
Andrew David Scalzo, *cum laude*..... Rochester, N.Y.
Robert Brandon Shackelford, *magna cum laude*..... Hanover, Va.
Patricia Michie Stevick, *summa cum laude*..... Fredericksburg, Va.

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
CANDIDATES — MAY 12, 2018**

Deborah Jean Armstrong, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Glen Allen, Va.
Morgan James Brock, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Mechanicsville, Va.
Christopher D. Dilworth	Richmond, Va.
Shirley Maxwell Emeh, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
• Kerry Elizabeth Gee	Richmond, Va.
• Rebecca Reed Hubbard	Richmond, Va.
• Tracy Johnson	Richmond, Va.
John Kearney, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Alexandria, Va.
• Melissa Nicole Mays	Richmond, Va.
E'Tiyah Sharae Needam	Richmond, Va.
Douglas Atwater Renn, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Prince George, Va.
Cella A. Robertson, <i>cum laude</i>	Chesterfield, Va.
• Zachary John Sledd	Mechanicsville, Va.
• Shawnda Vaughan Williams	Dinwiddie, Va.
Ashley Elizabeth Zahirovic	Richmond, Va.

**MASTER OF EDUCATION GRADUATES —
AUGUST 16, 2017, AND JANUARY 3, 2018**

+ Megan Elizabeth Ashby	Richmond, Va.
+ Valerie A. Beausergent	Richmond, Va.
+ Peggy Anne Boon	Midlothian, Va.
Benjamin Dickinson Bushong	Richmond, Va.
Ian Gustavo Candelaria	Baltimore, Md.
John Rother Charlet	Richmond, Va.
Krystle L. Churchill	Spencer, Va.
+ Colleen Quinne Elizabeth Connolly	Jacksonville, Fla.
+ Benjamin M. Court	Richmond, Va.
+ Charles Nicholas Davis	St. Albert, Canada
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.
Sarah Elizabeth Glover	Richmond, Va.
Chelsea Kaitlin Hambright	Midlothian, Va.
Julie A. Harris	Richmond, Va.
Amanda Marie Haskins	Dale City, Va.
Samuel Edmund Hilterbrant	Richmond, Va.
+ Tracey Zaval Horvath	Midlothian, Va.
Rebecca Anne Hughes	Midlothian, Va.
Courtney Marie King	Richmond, Va.
+ Amalia Kim Kobelja	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Ashley Louise Marling	Richmond, Va.
Jennifer Lee Milne	Richmond, Va.
Mary Catherine Nebel	Corning, N.Y.

Alma Vanessa Romero.....	Chesterfield, Va.
Sonya Aavik Smith.....	Bon Air, Va.
Suzanne Elizabeth Spicer.....	Richmond, Va.
+Elisa Marie Tedona.....	Long Valley, N.J.
Jessica R. Tran.....	Richmond, Va.
Thomas Joseph Tudor.....	Front Royal, Va.

MASTER OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES — MAY 12, 2018

•Carly Marie Alford.....	North Chesterfield, Va.
Danielle Marie Armstrong.....	Richmond, Va.
Leslie Bacile.....	Richmond, Va.
•Kimberly Michelle Boozer.....	Miami, Fla.
DaMia M. Brown-Kidd.....	Richmond, Va.
Margaret O’Keeffe Burke.....	Richmond, Va.
Shelley C. Burns.....	Midlothian, Va.
Emanuel Isaiah Carter.....	Chesterfield, Va.
•Lindsey Anne Castle.....	Endicott, N.Y.
Julia Ellis Chase.....	Richmond, Va.
•Gregory Michael Goujon.....	Richmond, Va.
Padraic Dustin Hampton.....	Chester, S.C.
•Madeline Anne Hargis.....	Richmond, Va.
•David Edward Kern.....	Richmond, Va.
Kirsten Lynn Logan.....	North Canton, Ohio
M. Rebecca Rose Lueders.....	Richmond, Va.
•SheAnna R. Mccloud.....	Norfolk, Va.
Emily Louise Ramirez.....	Chesterfield, Va.
Amanda Marshall Reid.....	Richmond, Va.
Ashley Elizabeth Reynolds.....	Mechanicsville, Va.
•Charity Monique Smith.....	Glen Allen, Va.
Lara Ellen Stables.....	Midlothian, Va.
•Rachel Eve Stoller.....	Richmond, Va.
•Darrell Lawrence Turner.....	Glen Allen, Va.
Deanna Lynn Varljen.....	Richmond, Va.
•Tara D. Warren.....	Richmond, Va.
•Samantha Israel Wetzel.....	New York, N.Y.

**MASTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT GRADUATES —
AUGUST 16, 2017, AND JANUARY 3, 2018**

Shawna Tameka Britt.....	Richmond, Va.
Darrow Anne Cameron.....	Richmond, Va.
+Andrell T. Dean.....	Nassau, Bahamas
Joanna Kuczynski.....	Powhatan, Va.
Crista Ann Lembeck LaPrade.....	Richmond, Va.
Mary Beth Manning.....	Richmond, Va.
Brittney K. Rusch.....	Ashland, Va.
Travis Scott Smith.....	Chesterfield County, Va.

+ January 2018 graduate
• August 2018 candidate

+Elizabeth L. Stagg	Richmond, Va.
Kelsey Elizabeth Thayer.....	Richmond, Va.
Ricky Lyn Thompkins Jr.	Richmond, Va.
Camden Nicole vonBechmann	Richmond, Va.
+Kenneth Clyde Walker III	Richmond, Va.

**MASTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CANDIDATES —
MAY 12, 2018**

Maria Paula Diaz.....	Richmond, Va.
•Megan Elizabeth Evans.....	Richmond, Va.
•Kathleen Nicole Hoffmeister	Chesterfield, Va.
Mary Kaitlyn Johnson.....	Richmond, Va.
•Nadia Natasha Jones	Mechanicsville, Va.
•Amanda Beth Lane	Newport News, Va.
•Christina Nicole Martinez	Mechanicsville, Va.
Donna Jo McCroskey.....	Henrico, Va.
Kayleigh V. Reed.....	Virginia Beach, Va.
•Lindsay Deirdre Spann.....	Richmond, Va.
Jeffrey Teplis.....	Marietta, Ga.

**MASTER OF LIBERAL ARTS GRADUATES —
AUGUST 16, 2017**

Nancy Elizabeth Bell.....	Blacksburg, Va.
Carolyn Conlon.....	Midlothian, Va.

MASTER OF LIBERAL ARTS CANDIDATES — MAY 12, 2018

Sunni Blevins Brown.....	Richmond, Va.
Stephanie Renee Burr	Midlothian, Va.
Sandra Maria Casanova.....	Richmond, Va.
•Courtney Lynne Cooper	Richmond, Va.
•Sojourna J. Cunningham.....	Scotch Plains, N.J.
Jessica Pauline Davis.....	Orange, Va.
Jessica L. McKenna.....	Richmond, Va.
•Irene N. Salathe	Manassas, Va.

**MASTER OF NONPROFIT STUDIES GRADUATES —
AUGUST 16, 2017, AND JANUARY 3, 2018**

Mollie Angela Brooks	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Elizabeth Grace Davis.....	Richmond, Va.
+LaChelle Moné Lewis	Richmond, Va.
+Kerrissa Lynne MacPherson	Richmond, Va.
+Mary Evelyn Wood	Hinton, W.Va.

MASTER OF NONPROFIT STUDIES CANDIDATES — MAY 12, 2018

Brittany J. Andrews	Richmond, Va.
Mary Jo Bell.....	Richmond, Va.
•Kendyl Elizabeth Crawley Crawford	Hampton, Va.
Christina L. George.....	Sandston, Va.
Monica LaVerne Jefferson.....	Mechanicsville, Va.
Andrea Elizabeth Makriyianis.....	Henrico, Va.
•Arika Bibbs Phillips	Richmond, Va.
Elizabeth Anne Spacht.....	Blue Bell, Pa.
•Garrett Milford Stern.....	Roanoke, Va.
Jessica Yvonne Washington.....	Richmond, Va.
Robert Jack Watters.....	Gahanna, Ohio

Awards and Honors

2018 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 ExcellenceAmalia Kim Kobelja

Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Catherine S. Fisher Book Award for Excellence.....George Christopher Fohl Jr.

Human Resource Management

Steve Neal Book Award for Outstanding

Undergraduate Achievement.....Shirley Maxwell Emeh

Steve Neal Book Award for Outstanding

Graduate AchievementLindsay Deirdre Spann

Information Systems

George E. Christopher and

George W. Swartz Memorial Book AwardLok-man Tsui

IT Management

McDonald Davis Jr. Book Award.....Chad Gregory Harris

Liberal Arts

Investment Consultants and Management Company

of Virginia Book AwardSara H. Worley

Daniel McDonald Roberts and Frances Taylor Roberts

Master of Liberal Arts Memorial Book AwardSunni Blevins Brown

Nonprofit Studies

Louis J. Narduzzi Memorial Book Award Mary Evelyn Wood

Paralegal Studies

William R. Marshall Jr. Memorial Book Award Rebecca Reed Hubbard

Teacher Licensure Program

Samuel E. Perry Jr. and Nancy B.

Perry Book Award (Grades K-6)Jesse Michael Lucabaugh

Ann C. Taylor Book Award (Grades 7-12)Aline S. C. Dolan

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 2018 is:

Kimberley Michelle Payne

**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 2018 is:

Rebecca Reed Hubbard

**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 2018 is:

David Edward Kern

**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 2018 is:

Maria Paula Diaz

**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 2018 is:

Christopher D. Dilworth

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

Kendyl Crawley Crawford graduates with a Master of Nonprofit Studies from the School of Professional and Continuing Studies. Crawford is the Director of Virginia Interfaith Power & Light, an organization that works with faith communities and people of all faiths to ensure healthy communities and environmental justice through education and advocacy. She has spent time working closely with faith communities in Richmond and around the state. She was previously the Richmond conservation program coordinator for the Virginia Chapter of the Sierra Club working on community organizing around climate change and toxic air pollution.

Crawford graduated *summa cum laude* from Hampton University in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science in marine and environmental science. On a Marshall Scholarship, Crawford earned a Master of Science in environment, science and society from University College London where she conducted research on social movement organizations mobilizing around air pollution in London. In 2015, she successfully completed the Midwest Academy Organizing for Social Change course.

Crawford is also a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and has volunteered for several organizations including the Chesapeake Climate Action Network and the City of Hampton Clean City Commission. She has received a National Hampton Alumni Association Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, a Proclamation from the City of Hampton, and was also declared a Young Futurist by *The Root*. She is excited to be at the forefront of organizing efforts taking place in Virginia around the issue of climate change, which has far-reaching justice and moral implications.

ITZKOWITZ FAMILY DISTINGUISHED ADJUNCT FACULTY AWARD

Wendell C. Roberts, adjunct associate professor of education, is an avid lifelong learner, having earned a master's degree and law degree as a nontraditional student.

Roberts was born into a family of educators and was raised in Silver Spring, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, D.C., and is a graduate of Montgomery County Public Schools. Roberts attended Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he received a Bachelor of Science in the commerce and engineering sciences. After graduating from Drexel, Roberts began his career serving in a series of manufacturing management roles with Procter & Gamble. Roberts returned to Drexel and earned an M.B.A. in marketing management attending part-time while continuing to work at Procter & Gamble.

After eight years at Procter & Gamble, Roberts changed directions in his career and enrolled in the Northeastern University School of Law in Boston, Massachusetts, fulfilling his lifelong goal of practicing law. After graduating from law school, Roberts began his legal career working for a large civil litigation firm in Boston. After three years, Roberts relocated to Richmond, Virginia, where he began working in the Chesterfield County Attorney's Office.

Since moving to Richmond, Roberts has served in numerous educational law positions representing the Henrico County School Board, the Virginia Department of Education, the State Board of Nursing, the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind, and the State Board of Education. Roberts currently serves as the school board attorney for Chesterfield County Public Schools.

Roberts is married to Cheryl Roberts, also an attorney, who is the deputy director of operations for the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services. Their children, Matthew and Christine, attend John Tyler Community College.

In addition to teaching, Roberts serves as vice chair of the SPCS Adjunct Faculty Advisory Committee. Roberts is also on the Board of Management for the Midlothian YMCA, and a member of St. Paul's Baptist Church, Creighton Campus, in Henrico, Virginia.

GIBB FAMILY DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Robert C. Reed, C'13, CHA, is a 33-year veteran of the hospitality industry. Reed began his career as a part-time front desk agent at a local Richmond hotel in 1985 and has ascended to take key leadership roles at multiple organizations. He currently serves as vice president at SMI Hotel Group, overseeing sales and operations of the company's six hotels which are located in Virginia and Texas.

Reed attended the School of Professional and Continuing Studies Weekend College program, and in 2013 was a *summa cum laude* graduate of SPCS, earning a bachelor's degree in liberal arts with a minor in leadership studies. While attending University of Richmond, he was involved in the SPCS Student Government Association and was inducted into the Golden Key International Honour Society. After graduation, Reed joined the SPCS Alumni Association Board of Directors. In 2016, he was elected vice president of the Alumni Association and will serve as president during the 2018–19 academic year.

Reed has been a board member of the Virginia Restaurant, Lodging, and Travel Association since 2015, and was voted treasurer of the association this year. He is the immediate past president of the Virginia Hotel and Lodging Association and is one of twelve owner representatives from across the world selected to serve on the IHG Owners Association Global Task Force for the company's new Guest Reservation System. During his tenure with InterContinental Hotels Group, he was honored with the company's "Aim Higher" award, presented to the person who most exemplifies this IHG Winning Way.

Reed recently served on one of the five working groups that advised SPCS during the 2017–22 strategic planning process. He is an active member of Shady Grove United Methodist Church, where he has chaired the Adult Connections Team and currently serves as a worship leader. He lives in the west end of Richmond with his wife, Pam, and daughter, Sophie.

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."

