



COMMENCEMENT

School of Professional and Continuing Studies

Class of 2021

May 8, 2021



Dear Graduates:

We find ourselves celebrating graduation in a new and different way this year. While I wish the pandemic were behind us, I am delighted that we are able to gather in-person to celebrate your remarkable accomplishments at the University of Richmond. This program notes many of those achievements, yet such lists can only hint at the range of successes and opportunities that you have collectively realized.

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

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

My best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink 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

Invocation..... The Reverend Dr. Craig Kocher
*University Chaplain and Jessie Ball duPont
Chair of the Chaplaincy*

WelcomePresident Crutcher

Introductory RemarksDr. Jamelle S. Wilson
Dean, School of Professional and Continuing Studies

Student Commencement Speaker Cooper Alexander Sved, GC'21

Presentation of Awards..... Dr. Jeffrey W. Legro
Executive Vice President & Provost
Duan Hobbs, C'13
President, SPCS Alumni Association

2021 Itzkowitz Family Distinguished Adjunct Faculty Award.....Dr. Drew Baker, GC'08
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Education

2021 Gibb Family Distinguished Alumni Award.....Margaret Dalton, C'12

Presentation of DiplomasDean Wilson

Conferring of Degrees President Crutcher

BenedictionDr. Kocher



Other Participants in the Ceremony

Dr. Thomas J. Shield, *Associate Professor of Education and
Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs* University Marshal
Kenneth Ernest Bucholz, C'21 Mace Bearer
April Michelle-Allen Bittner, GC'20 United States Flag Bearer
Anne Nadezhda Trani Chapman, GC'21 University of Richmond Flag Bearer
Jeremy Michael Tozier, C'21 SPCS Banner Bearer
Daniel L. Hocutt, R'92, G'98, *SPCS Web Manager, Adjunct Professor, Liberal Arts* Reader

* 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 19, 2020 • December 30, 2020

John F. Crabtree Richmond, VA
Francine Bernice Critchlow Suffolk, Va.
Danielle Nadine Fontaine Charlottesville, Va.
Anthony Michael Forte Hoffman Estates, Ill.
Charleatta D. Funney Richmond, Va.
Shavon Ernestine Gunnell Richmond, Va.
Tanisha LaShay Oliver Richmond, Va.

Candidates — May 8, 2021

Justin Christopher Cook Virginia Beach, Va.
Elaine Bowen Fowler Chesterfield, Va.
Hwa-Shim Lee Kennon Richmond, Va.
Emma Colleen Knestaut Hanover, Va.
Kasey D. Lind Richmond, Va.
Rosemary Crystal Nicholson Richmond, Va.
Ceyda Pence Glen Allen, Va.
Avery Diane Rogers Richmond, Va.
Rungrat Saetang Richmond, Va.
Erwin K. Sitt Glen Allen, Va.
Nicholas Kevin Thomason Richmond, Va.
Derick Scott Vance Richmond, Va.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND POLICY

Graduates — August 19, 2020 • December 30, 2020

Felicia Antionette Artis Portsmouth, Va.
April Michelle-Allen Bittner Mechanicsville, Va.
Tracy Jewell Graves Mechanicsville, Va.
Janielle Shaunte Lattimore Hampton, Va.
Destiny D. Reaves Richmond, Va.
Katherine D. Rohr Glen Allen, Va.
April Satterwhite Mechanicsville, Va.
Paul Michael Suhr Chesterfield, Va.
Christopher Michael Walker West Point, Va.
Charlene W. Williams Richmond, Va.

Candidates — May 8, 2021

Stacey Hoplin Cavedo Powhatan, Va.
Madeline A. Hargis Richmond, Va.
Jennifer Anne Housden Richmond, Va.
Jessica R. Tran Richmond, Va.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE
HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

Graduate — December 30, 2020

Matthew Olson Smyrna, Ga.

Candidates — May 8, 2021

Kathryn Elizabeth Desmond Richmond, Va.
Crystal S. Frankart Midlothian, Va.
Grant Gary Golden Winchester, Va.
Grace de la Cruz Ipsan Annandale, Va.
Lacey M. McCraw Powhatan, Va.
Sean Christian Menges Richmond, Va.
Tyler Stephen Shoults Syracuse, N.Y.
Kevin Henry Todd Collegeville, Pa.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE — NONPROFIT STUDIES

Candidates — May 8, 2021

Natasha Moná Ampey Richmond, Va.
Breanna Lanae Brown Louisville, Ky.
Anthony Michael Forte Hoffman Estates, Ill.
Tate Nalen Gallagher Ardmore, Pa.
Carmen Joy Holmes Richmond, Va.
Austin James Masel Stoneham, Mass.
Timothy James Miller Wayne, Pa.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE — PUBLIC HISTORY

Graduate — August 19, 2020

Christine Victoria Wuebker Richmond, Va.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE
TEACHER LICENSURE PREPARATION**

Graduates — August 19, 2020 • December 30, 2020

Mary Kate Montgomery Richmond, Va.
Kristen Leigh Schwalm Prince George, Va.

Candidates — May 8, 2021

Cassandra Martin Gwizdala Richmond, Va.
Chloe Nicole Jordan North Chesterfield, Va.
Sarah E. Lowery Richmond, Va.
Sandra Gayle Wade Richmond, Va.
Veronique Zara Richmond, Va.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS

Graduates — August 19, 2020 • December 30, 2020

Emily S. Ball Henrico, Va.
Lendi Leah Bass Midlothian, Va.
Jeremy Chad Caldwell Chesterfield, Va.
Tawana Lucretia Demery Richmond, Va.
Shirley M. Goodman South Hill, Va.
Jerrod David Hawkes Syracuse, N.Y.
Melissa R. Howell Richmond, Va.
Keisha N. Manley Richmond, Va.
Drucilla Adams Marsh Henrico, Va.
Christine M. McCoy Glen Allen, Va.
Renee Nina Saxton Glen Allen, Va.
Adrienne Stewart Ashland, Va.
Joseph Lee Taylor Exmore, Va.
Johnny Lee Woods-Spitzer Midlothian, Va.

Candidates — May 8, 2021

Christy Cook Bruner Glen Allen, Va.
Kenneth Ernest Buchholz Midlothian, Va.
Rebecca Coleman Pikeville, Ky.
Ruthel Lori Jarvis Norfolk, Va.
Amber Ryan Perez Richmond, Va.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Graduates — August 19, 2020 • December 30, 2020

Dale R. Donahoo Chesterfield, Va.
Sarah Katherine Golas Richmond, Va.
Mark Christopher Johnson Richmond, Va.
Jonathan Wesley Jones Richmond, Va.

Laini Katrese Marshall Richmond, Va.
 Leslea Noelle Newlon Midlothian, Va.
 Lisa Hinson Orlosky Henrico, Va.
 Christine Jean Poindexter Chesterfield County, Va.
 John Wade Waldrop Amelia, Va.
 Kevin Kyle Wood Mechanicsville, Va.

Candidates — May 8, 2021

Francisco Arturo Barron Razo Richmond, Va.
 Kenneth Ricardo Bean Jr Tacoma, Wash.
 Emily Brooke Brown Colorado Springs, Colo.
 Kristina Chergarova Richmond, Va.
 Abigail Cathleen Clark Richmond, Va.
 Almedina Delic Sarajevo, Bosnia Herzegovina
 Peggy C. Douglas Midlothian, Va.
 Ani Jemma Gyurjyan Richmond, Va.
 Jessica Anne Page Richmond, Va.
 Brianna J. Reyes Richmond, Va.
 Gilbert Gabriel Reyes Richmond, Va.
 Veronica A. Roman Bronx, N.Y.
 Nakej'a K. Smith Richmond, Va.
 Ashley Elizabeth Pollard Snider Midlothian, Va.
 Jeremy Michael Tozier Geneva, N.Y.
 Mandy Anne Truman Mechanicsville, Va.
 Jennie Araujo Wood Richmond, Va.
 Rachel M. Young Henrico, Va.

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Graduates — August 19, 2020 • December 30, 2020

Diamond Iyabo-Seymone Agbedare Hampton, Va.
 Rachael Eaton Ayers Richmond, Va.
 Laura Elizabeth Beard Arlington, Va.
 Meredith Leigh Prin Blomquist Bel Air, Md.
 Erin Ross Bonilla Austin, Texas
 Rachel Elizabeth Bringewatt Richmond, Va.
 Sally Hinson Clements Warsaw, Va.
 Jason Lee Collins Christiansburg, Va.
 Brian Paul Conlon Midlothian, Va.
 Edward T. Dorman Richmond, Va.
 Chandley Elyse Jones Richmond, Va.
 Robert R. Knaupp Midlothian, Va.
 Stephanie L. Mackey Richmond, Va.
 Jeanine Candace Mowbray Wilmington, Del.
 Casey Marie Parker Mechanicsville, Va.
 Virginia Ann Sadler Richmond, Va.
 Deborah Roberta Wilde Springfield, Va.

Candidates — May 8, 2021

Kara Hall Bleecher.....	Richmond, Va.
Danielle Amanda Brown.....	Richmond, Va.
Andrew Blake Carrey.....	Richmond, Va.
Aline Salgueiro Castanho Dolan.....	Vila Velha, Brazil
Anne-Margaret Haworth Evers.....	Chesterfield, Va.
Ryan Elizabeth Foulds.....	Sparta, N.J.
Allyson Maree VerLander Goyette.....	Mechanicsville, Va.
Ebonee Rene Henry.....	Woodbridge, Va.
Patricia L. Jessee.....	Suffolk, Va.
Kristen Marie Litchfield.....	Wake Forest, N.C.
Ariel Renea Mitchell.....	Chesterfield County, Va.
Emily Marie O’Laughlin.....	Midlothian, Va.
Helena Catherine Page.....	Richmond, Va.
Holly Lorraine Pardo.....	Richmond, Va.
Regine Christine Pittman.....	Chesterfield, Va.
Michael C. Roper.....	Richmond, Va.
Melissa Amy Thurston.....	Richmond, Va.
Michael Dandridge Wilson.....	Crozier, Va.
Jessica Harley Yankey.....	Midlothian, Va.

MASTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Graduates — August 19, 2020 • December 30, 2020

Stephanie A. Beck.....	Midlothian, Va.
Chelsea Thomas-Sturdivant Bookbinder.....	Richmond, Va.
Alaxandra Nicole Brown.....	Richmond, Va.
Kylie Alexandra Dyer.....	Farmville, Va.
S. Slade Gormus.....	Richmond, Va.
Patrick Kane Hyatt.....	Chesterfield, Va.
Faisal Omar Khan.....	Richmond, Va.
Jae Woo Lee.....	Richmond, Va.
Melisa W. Packett.....	Chesterfield, Va.
Joann Ortega Romero.....	Manakin Sabot, Va.
Ellen Marie De Virgilis St. John.....	Richmond, Va.

Candidates — May 8, 2021

Hayley Erin Baugham.....	Richmond, Va.
Theresa Nakia Brevard.....	Newport News, Va.
Tiffany Bridgewater.....	Richmond, Va.
Morgan James Brock.....	Mechanicsville, Va.
Nolan Michael Collins.....	Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.
Richard Silvio Ciufo.....	Medford, N.Y.
Emma Scott Duncan.....	Radford, Va.
Anjelica N. Esteves.....	Midlothian, Va.
Jeremy B. Grant.....	Moses Lake, Wash.
Laura Ann Hauser.....	King William, Va.

Maya Noël Khoury	Richmond, Va.
Darcil Lee.....	Queens, N.Y.
Taylor Susanne McClain.....	Richmond, Va.
Alexi Marie Nesmith.....	Richmond, Va.
Kathryn Campbell Olney	Richmond, Va.
Matthew Davis Plisko	Alpharetta, Ga.
Tracey S. Polivka.....	Mechanicsville, Va.
Scott Michael Rheinheimer.....	Rochester, N.Y.
Matthew Albert Ritchie	Chesterfield, Va.
Genesis Arismer Rodriguez.....	Richmond, Va.
Jamie Leigh Rucci.....	Powhatan, Va.
John Barber Rusbult.....	Richmond, Va.
Laurie Bost Sanderson	Mechanicsville, Va.
Lisa M. Stoldt	Glen Allen, Va.
Donaven Coleon Tennyson.....	Richmond, Va.
Colby Gordon Wyatt.....	Glendale, Ariz.
Kelsey Yacobi.....	Mechanicsville, Va.
Ashley J. Zapach	Richmond, Va.
Dessislava Jivkova Zlateva	Sofia, Bulgaria

MASTER OF LIBERAL ARTS

Graduates — August 19, 2020 • December 30, 2020

Amber Diane Ange	Chester, Va.
Adam Douglas Otero	Glen Allen, Va.
Amanda Alice O'Neal Powell.....	Richmond, Va.
Jacob Alec White	Richmond, Va.

Candidates — May 8, 2021

María De Los Ángeles Acosta.....	Maywood, N.J.
Anne Nadezhda Trani Chapman.....	Richmond, Va.
Madison Paige Ostrick.....	Medford, N.Y.

MASTER OF NONPROFIT STUDIES

Graduates — August 19, 2020 • December 30, 2020

Julia K. Bowling	Charlotte Hall, Md.
Mohammad Sharif Delsouze	Richmond, Va.
Amber Nicole Garcia	Richmond, Va.

Candidates — May 8, 2021

Drew Blakely	Kalamazoo, Mich.
Edwin Rafael Boscana Jr.	Richmond, Va.
Jessie Haut Buford	North Chesterfield, Va.
Terri Morse Ceaser	Petersburg, Va.
Ebony Sheree Clark	Richmond, Va.

Leah Burkhead Downey	Richmond, Va.
Megan Lily Gianforte	Brielle, N.J.
Taylor Lindsey Gilliam	Richmond, Va.
Susan G. Goodwin.....	Richmond, Va.
Ingrid Katrina Hale	Richmond, Va.
Kendra Dale Hogg.....	Fairport, N.Y.
Brittany Nicole Jezouit	Richmond, Va.
Daniel Stewart Leckie	Suffield, Conn.
Abdul Hakeem Montazir.....	Richmond, Va.
Mica M. Morgan.....	Virginia Beach, Va.
Maura Elizabeth O'Brien.....	Washington, Ill.
Susan Katherine Rhodes.....	Richmond, Va.
Blake Evan Stack.....	Richmond, Va.
Kindall A. Stevenson.....	Richmond, Va.
Wyatt James Ulrich.....	Indus, Minn.

MASTER OF TEACHING

Graduates — August 19, 2020 • December 30, 2020

Alexis Nicole Haycraft	Sterling, Va.
Sarah E. Skeen.....	Richmond, Va.

Candidates — May 8, 2021

Marielle Margaret Jones.....	Richmond, Va.
Mallory Carolyn Shepard	Fairfax, Va.
Cooper Alexander Sved.....	Richmond, Va.
Andrea Joline Vest.....	Henrico, Va.

Biographies

STUDENT SPEAKER

Cooper Alexander Sved is graduating from the University of Richmond with a Master of Teaching degree, including endorsements in Elementary Education and Theatre Education. Sved earned a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2019 and was active in Richmond's theatre community, both as an actor and an educator.

Sved has extensive theatre education, performance, and directing experience. Companies include Centerstage Performing Arts Camp, The School of the Performing Arts in the Richmond Community, and Virginia Repertory Theatre.

After spending the past two years at UR earning a master's degree, Sved looks forward to beginning his teaching career in Northern Virginia in the fall. His career switch to public education includes a focused interest in pedagogy, research, and policy.

ITZKOWITZ FAMILY DISTINGUISHED ADJUNCT FACULTY AWARD

Dr. Drew Baker is a native of Richmond, Virginia, and feels blessed to be able to pursue his passion in education every day. A graduate of the Teacher Licensure Program, Baker has deep ties to the Spiders and loves being able to support the next generation of educators within the School of Professional and Continuing Studies.

Baker began his career in public education at Deep Run High School, where in 2008 he was named First-Year Teacher of the Year. When not teaching at the University, he currently serves Henrico County Schools in the office of Professional Development, focusing his work on teacher-leadership development, action research, and supporting continuing education for teachers. In 2019, Baker received the SPCS Innovations in Teaching award with his teaching partner Ryan Conway, '96.

Baker and his wife, Katie, have two sons, Jimmy and George, who keep them both busy and entertained, and his whole family are active members of Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Richmond.

GIBB FAMILY DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Margaret Dalton earned a Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree in 2012 and credits her coursework with nourishing her lifelong learner commitment that continues to guide her personal and professional growth. Dalton is a true advocate for the School and whenever given the opportunity, evangelizes about the benefits of attending an SPCS class, event, or research overview. Her advocacy extends to service as well. She's been a member of the SPCS Alumni Association Board of Directors since 2014, having served as secretary, vice president, president, and past president. She has been instrumental in the Board's efforts to reshape its mission to focus on student and alumni engagement as well as expanded efforts to formalize project planning and communication efforts.

Dalton considers herself to be an imperfect practitioner of curiosity, critical thinking, community collaboration, and bridge-building, all of which have fostered her career growth. She currently serves as an IT manager and systems engineer for Henrico County Public Schools. She joined Henrico County Public Schools in 2000 as a technical support technician and has held a variety of IT positions including systems administrator and senior systems administrator and supervisor.

Dalton is originally from the Crystal Coast of North Carolina. She and her husband, JW, currently reside in Henrico County and have two adult children, Erin and Zachary.