



COMMENCEMENT

School of Professional and Continuing Studies

May 6, 2023



Dear Graduates:

Congratulations on earning your degree from the University of Richmond! This is a remarkable accomplishment. You have succeeded, and you have done so during an unprecedented time. Amid a global pandemic that inhibited our normal ways of interacting, learning, and socializing, you persevered with your studies, working hard and demonstrating an eagerness to learn, excel, and contribute. For that, as well as your academic accomplishments, you have my deep admiration.

While you celebrate, I encourage you to take time to reflect on the help you received along the way from staff, faculty, family members, and friends. Reach out to thank them. It's so important to foster those relationships and offer your support to others.

I hope your time at Richmond has challenged you intellectually, broadened your perspective, and nurtured your desire for lifelong learning. Many of you have balanced the demands of academic work with those of jobs, families, and other important responsibilities. I admire your pursuit of education and hope you've also made lasting friendships and developed skills to cultivate your health and well-being.

On behalf of the entire University of Richmond community — congratulations again, and best wishes for the years ahead. We look forward to following your accomplishments as leaders in your careers and communities.

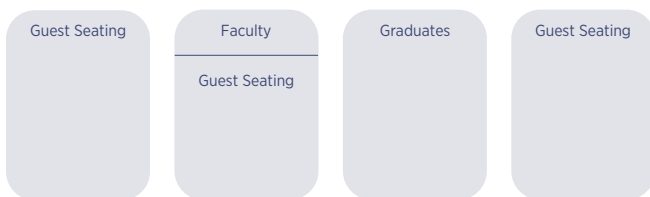
Please keep in touch, return often, and continue to take care of yourself and look out for others.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin F. Hallock".

Kevin F. Hallock
President

Stage



Seating Areas

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

Order of Recognition

Students are recognized in the order shown in this program.

Photography and Videography

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.

Videos and photographs taken during Commencement will be used in University publications and on the website. If you do not wish to be included in videos or photographs, please alert the photographer and/or videographer.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

PRESIDING

Dr. Kevin F. Hallock
President, University of Richmond

Prelude, 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 Hallock
Introductory Remarks	Dr. Janelle S. Wilson <i>Dean, School of Professional and Continuing Studies</i>
Student Commencement Speaker	Davis Winston Mugford, GC'22
Presentation of Awards.....	Dr. Jeffrey W. Legro <i>Executive Vice President & Provost</i> Annette Ardler, C'01 <i>President, SPCS Alumni Association</i>
2023 Itzkowitz Family Distinguished Adjunct Faculty Award.....	Abbi Leinwand Haggerty, Ph.D. <i>Adjunct Assistant Professor, Nonprofit Studies</i>
2023 Gibb Family Distinguished Alumni Award.....	Deon Price, C'14
Presentation of Diplomas	Dean Wilson
Conferring of Degrees	President Hallock
Benediction	Dr. Kocher



Other Participants on the Dais

Dr. Thomas J. Shields, <i>Associate Professor of Education, Chair of Graduate Education, Associate Dean of Academic & Student Affairs</i>	University Marshal
Elisa de la Vega Ricardo, C'23.....	Mace Bearer
Richard D. Bottone, GC'23.....	United States Flag Bearer
Jose Patricio Hermosilla, GC'23.....	University of Richmond Flag Bearer
Ana Elizabeth Reilly, C'22.....	SPCS Banner Bearer
Dr. Daniel L. Hocutt, R'92, G'98, <i>SPCS Web Manager, Adjunct Professor, Liberal Arts</i>	Reader
Kristen A. Ball, G'94, P'25, <i>University Registrar</i>	Assisting with Diplomas
Gretchen Flynn Morris, <i>Director, Strategic Management for Academic & Student Affairs</i>	SPCS Marshal

Please join us following commencement for a reception on the Robins Center Concourse
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 17, 2022, and December 28, 2022

Lacey Neale Nance	Callao, Va.
Lindsay Alma Paiz.....	Venice, Fla.
Chyna Ronaé Parham-Bland	Petersburg, Va.
Barbara Ann Rinker.....	Petersburg, Va.
Whitley Leonarda Whittaker.....	Henrico, Va.
Sherri Lynn Woolf.....	Winchester, Va.
+Kaiera Hanifah Yancey	Fredericksburg, Va.

Candidates — May 6, 2023

• Tatyana Jolie Broaddus	Richmond, Va.
Kasey Bond Caras	Phoenixville, Pa.
• Isabella Rose Ciambotti.....	Charlottesville, Va.
Sarah Elizabeth Cover	Richmond, Va.
Elizabeth Cary Dickinson	Richmond, Va.
Gunes Eren.....	Bitlis, Turkey
Kaylin C. Evans.....	Williamsburg, Va.
• Destiny I. Goodwyn.....	Richmond, Va.
John Peter Hipsman	Chester, N.Y.
Jaquelyn Renee Levesque	Richmond, Va.
• Kathryn Suzanne Lyon	Midlothian, Va.
• Andrew Erle Ross.....	Powhatan, Va.
Atasha O. Smith.....	Chester, Va.
Brandon M. Smith.....	Richmond, Va.
• Harmandeep K. Tur	Glen Allen, Va.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND POLICY

Graduates — December 28, 2022

+Gina More Davis	Stafford, Va.
+Jennifer M. Jensen	Raleigh, N.C.
+Patricia L. Jessee	Suffolk, Va.
+Jacqueline L. O'Toole	Midlothian, Va.
+Michelle Chastain Ryan.....	Richmond, Va.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE
HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

Candidates — May 6, 2023

Ebony Di-Anne Alexander Richmond, Va.
Connor Anthony Crabtree..... Hillsborough, N.C.
Kyle Subers Somerset, N.J.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE — NONPROFIT STUDIES

Candidates — May 6, 2023

Brenden Jake Argomaniz Claremont, Calif.
Brock A. Weirather Polk City, Fla.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE
TEACHER LICENSURE PREPARATION**

Graduate — August 17, 2022

Veronique Zara Richmond, Va.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS

Graduates — August 17, 2022, and December 28, 2022

+Kimberly N. Bryan, *magna cum laude* Nassawodox, Va.
+Jordan McAdam, *summa cum laude*..... Midlothian, Va.
Paige Salone Smith Belleville, Ill.

Candidates — May 6, 2023

• Mary Butler Eggleston Glen Allen, Va.
• Andrew Ian Gottlieb Richmond, Va.
Emily Nicole Hobbs, *magna cum laude* Richmond, Va.
• Jessica Lynn Oliver Richmond, Va.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Graduates — August 17, 2022, and December 28, 2022

Ariyan Bakhti-Suroosh, *summa cum laude* Denver, Colo.
+Stephany N. Becton, *summa cum laude* Richmond, Va.
Shawn H. Davis Richmond, Va.
Tiffany Serenity Haynes, *magna cum laude* Kingston, Jamaica
+Kaelyn Michelle Kessler, *summa cum laude* Appomattox, Va.
Annie Maude Koroma, *cum laude* Columbus, Ohio
+Ron G. Meise, *magna cum laude* Middle River, Md.
Angela Faye Thomas Minor, *magna cum laude*..... Richmond, Va.

Amanda Raye Napoli, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Goochland, Va.
+ Ana Elizabeth Reilly, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Glen Allen, Va.
Kylee C. Shreve, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Seattle, Wash.
Jeffrey P. Smith Jr.	Mechanicsville, Va.

Candidates — May 6, 2023

• Elisa de la Vega Ricardo	Richmond, Va.
Timothy Dolan	Richmond, Va.
Katlyn A. Ducca, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
• Karen Leigh Hileman	Aylett, Va.
• Mustafa Ali Idris	Khartoum, Sudan
• Itzel Ismeray Jimenez Martinez	Richmond, Va.
Madison E. Johnson	Richmond, Va.
• Toyia Thanielle Johnson	Kents Store, Va.
• Amber Lee Kennedy	Midlothian, Va.
Hiniye Madelaine, <i>cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
Jennifer Denise Peterbark, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Henrico, Va.
Betty Teresa Price	Glen Allen, Va.
Lisa M. Roland, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Glen Allen, Va.
• DeAnna N. Roney	Richmond, Va.
Ryan Robert Sims, <i>magna cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.
Leslee R. Stone, <i>cum laude</i>	Ashland, Va.
Randy Martin Treat, <i>summa cum laude</i>	Richmond, Va.

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Graduates — August 17, 2022, and December 28, 2022

Tierra LaShae Humphries	Richmond, Va.
Gabriella Kaszala	Glen Allen, Va.
Charlotte S. Martin	Midlothian, Va.
+ Anna Lanier Nott	Richmond, Va.
Caroline Paige Schoeneweis	Midlothian, Va.
Jeffrey Lane Varljen	Richmond, Va.

Candidates — May 6, 2023

• Rosio G. Esparza-Hoppe	North Chesterfield, Va.
• Erin Rose Hernandez	Fanwood, N.J.
• Ashley Brooke Meyer	Glen Allen, Va.
Molly Morgan	Upper Arlington, Ohio
• Julia Johnston Oliver	Richmond, Va.
• Daniel Harris Payne	Richmond, Va.
Lyons Sanchezconcha	Lima, Peru
Parish T. Talley	Richmond, Va.
• Karle Renae Wells	Richmond, Va.

MASTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Graduates — August 17, 2022, and December 28, 2022

Raymond John Baran II.....	Berwyn, Pa.
+ Barbara J. Benson	Pittsburgh, Pa.
+ Janee LaShawn Bolling	Chesterfield, Va.
Cassandra Monique Byrd.....	Reston, Va.
+ Victoria Anne Dean	Chesterfield, Va.
+ Briana Ellingson Gann	Austin, Texas
+ Roy W. Gann	Austin, Texas
Grace de la Cruz Ipsan	Annandale, Va.
+ Nicole Gilliam Leggett.....	Chester, Va.
Nicholas Loffredo	Seneca, S.C.
Robert Stanley Mason.....	Chesterfield, Va.
Jenna Adams Smith.....	Charleston, W. Va.
Lindsey Jane Stagner.....	Midlothian, Va.
Caleb Ugworji.....	Chester, Va.
+ Jessica E. Voyack.....	Richmond, Va.
Brock Austin Weirather.....	Polk City, Fla.
Tonya Ellis Woodson	Baltimore, Md.

Candidates — May 6, 2023

Richard D. Bottone.....	Williamsburg, Va.
• Daisy Georgia Ann Wolford Duitsman.....	Columbus, Ga.
Shane Gipson	Stickney, Ill.
Dalton Grace Gormus	Richmond, Va.
• Jocelyn Nicole Hermosilla.....	Midlothian, Va.
• Derrek A. Madonna	East Syracuse, N.Y.
Marcus Damone McGee.....	North Chicago, Ill.
Constantine Andrew Papantonis	Lebanon Township, N.J.
• Krystle O. Pollard	Fredericksburg, Va.
• Rachel Marie Ristow	Newport News, Va.
Brandis A. W. Ruffin	Midlothian, Va.
• Jacob Ross Wilson Saunders.....	Oakville, Ontario
James A. Stenhouse	Philadelphia, Pa.
• Richard Allan Thomas	Richmond, Va.
Amber Dominique Valentine	Richmond, Va.
Anna Kathleen Whalen	Midlothian, Va.

MASTER OF LIBERAL ARTS

Graduates — August 17, 2022, and December 28, 2022

+ Haylynn Noel Copper.....	Woolrich, Pa.
Brooke Alexander Fazio	Basking Ridge, N.J.
Eli Zachary Kimbell	New York, N.Y.
+ André LáMont May.....	Richmond, Va.
Madison Paige Ostrick.....	Medford, N.Y.
+ Reece B. Udinski.....	North Wales, Pa.

Candidate — May 6, 2023

• Emilija Krista Grava.....	Ligatne, Latvia
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MASTER OF NONPROFIT STUDIES

Graduates — August 17, 2022, and December 28, 2022

Laura Elizabeth Bacigalupo	Tampa, Fla.
+ Tichana Moné Bailey	Matoaca, Va.
Matthew John Dewald	Lahr/Schwarzwald, Germany
+ Bradley Kaplan	Richmond, Va.
+ Kristen A. King.....	Richmond, Va.
Nathaniel Louis Mulberg.....	Cherry Hill, N.J.
+ Keith C. Reibsome.....	Richmond, Va.
Olivia Kate Stickley	Leesburg, Va.
+ Kaitlyn N. Tritt.....	Fredericksburg, Va.

Candidates — May 6, 2023

Rebecca Suzanne Byrd Musser	London, United Kingdom
Jose Patricio Hermosilla	Santiago, Chile
Sarah Sewell Sinsabaugh	Richmond, Va.

MASTER OF TEACHING

Graduates — August 17, 2022, and December 28, 2022

+ William Charles Ahrens	New Canaan, Conn.
+ Sonya Ranelle Branch	Sutherland, Va.
Jamie B. Brown	Midlothian, Va.
+ Weston Paige Stevens Buchbinder	Richmond, Va.
+ Owen S. Hughes	Lynchburg, Va.
+ Taylor Hodgson Miller	Richmond, Va.
+ Davis Winston Mugford.....	Richmond, Va.
+ Hoa Hien Pham.....	Chesterfield, Va.
+ Sarah White Pruden.....	Richmond, Va.
+ William Allen Rotherth	Richmond, Va.
+ Nicolas Emmanuel Sherod.....	Richmond, Va.

- + Alyssa Christine Sicard.....Deerfield Beach, Fla.
- + Alberta Lynn SnappMidlothian, Va.
- + Paula Devon ThomassonNorth Chesterfield, Va.
- + Sean Marie Wollenberg Glen Allen, Va.

Candidates — May 6, 2023

- Aurora Elizabeth Breeden Richmond, Va.
- Matthew E. Domer..... Sterling, Va.
- Clark H. Lewis Jr..... Richmond, Va.
- Ciara Elaine Sanchez..... Killeen, Texas
- Cassandra E. Tagert..... Richmond, Va.
- Chiyo TokizawaTokyo, Japan
- Lee McKinley Tyler Charlottesville, Va.
- Noel Philip Varghese..... Richmond, Va.
- Chaniece Aquela Williams..... Chester, Va.

Awards and Honors

2023 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 top students in each program, as chosen by the faculty.

Curriculum and Instruction

James W. Lanham Book Award for Excellence Molly Morgan

Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Catherine S. Fisher Book Award for Excellence Parish T. Talley

Human Resource Management

Steve Neal Book Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Achievement Stephany N. Becton

Steve Neal Book Award for Outstanding Graduate Achievement Daisy Georgia Ann Wolford Duitsman

Information Systems

Christopher and Swartz Memorial Book Award Kasey Bond Caras

IT Management

McDonald Davis Jr. Book Award Brian William Yauss

Liberal Arts

Kuehl Book Award in Recognition of Excellence in the Bachelor of Liberal Arts Program Jordan McAdam

Daniel McDonald Roberts and Frances Taylor Roberts Master of Liberal Arts Memorial Book Award Haylynn Noel Copper

Nonprofit Studies

Louis J. Narduzzi Memorial Book Award Kristen A. King

Paralegal Studies

William R. Marshall Jr. Memorial Book Award Kaelyn Michelle Kessler

Teacher Licensure Preparation and Teaching

Samuel E. Perry Jr. and Nancy B. Perry Book Award (Grades K–6) Chaniece Aquela Williams

Ann C. Taylor Book Award (Grades 7–12) Alyssa Christine Sicard

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 2023 is:

Ebony Di-Anne Alexander

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. The recipient of this award for 2023 is:

Elisa de la Vega Ricardo

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 Wars. 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 their community. The recipient of this award for 2023 is:

Elizabeth Cary Dickinson

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 2023 is:

Rosio G. Esparza-Hoppe
Chiyo Tokizawa

**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 community. The recipient of this award for 2023 is:

Hiniye Madelaine

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

**SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
STUDENT CHAPTER**

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

STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS

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

RICHMOND'S SPIDER FIRSTS

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

Biographies

STUDENT SPEAKER

Davis Winston Mugford is a Social Studies Teacher in Henrico County at John Randolph Tucker High School, where he also coaches the Mock Trial team. He entered the Master of Teaching program at the University of Richmond School of Professional and Continuing Studies after being inspired by the example of his wife, Shelby Mugford, who is also an SPCS alumna and currently teaches Theatre Arts at Glen Allen High School.

Mugford is a Richmond native, and he graduated from Christopher Newport University in 2014 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. It was there that he met Shelby while performing in university theatre productions. After college, the pair briefly lived in New York City, but they returned home to Richmond in 2018 to be closer to family.

After working in sales for years, and after the pandemic in 2020 turned life upside down, Mugford reflected on his goals in life — like so many Americans at the time — and decided to pursue a service-oriented career where he could directly help others. Following his wife's example, he enrolled in the University of Richmond to begin his Master of Teaching program. He hopes to inspire citizenship and civic engagement in his students with the skills he has acquired at SPCS.

The Mugfords currently live in Mechanicsville, which his wife has always called home. They are so grateful for the support of both of their families. They enjoy spending time with their hound, Penny, and hope to build a family together soon.

ITZKOWITZ FAMILY DISTINGUISHED ADJUNCT FACULTY AWARD

Abbi Leinwand Haggerty, Ph.D., is the Executive Director of Richmond Performing Arts Alliance and an adjunct assistant professor in the Nonprofit Studies program at the University of Richmond's School of Professional and Continuing Studies.

With 20 years of experience in the nonprofit sector, primarily in fundraising, Haggerty has also held positions at VMFA, Museum of Science & Industry (Tampa, Fla.), Brightpoint Community College, and the Partnership for Nonprofit Excellence.

She earned a bachelor's degree in political science and history from Virginia Tech and a master's degree and doctorate in public policy and administration (with a concentration in nonprofit management) from Virginia Commonwealth University.

For SPCS, Haggerty has served on the Adjunct Faculty Advisory Committee (Chair, 2021) and the Adjunct Performance Review Task Force. In the community, she serves as immediate past president of the Board of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP)-Central Virginia Chapter and as a member of the Emerging Leaders Committee for AFP Global.

Throughout her academic and professional career, Haggerty has worked to advance nonprofit organizational culture and employee retention and has presented on the topic at numerous conferences including Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA), Nonprofit Academic Centers Council (NACC), Nonprofit Talent & Culture Summit, and Virginia Fund Raising Institute, as well as led webinars with Korn Ferry.

GIBB FAMILY DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Deon Price, C'14, began his undergraduate studies in Information Technology Management at the School of Professional and Continuing Studies the fall semester following his mother's footsteps, Deborah A. Jones, GC'10. Jones graduated from the SPCS with a master's degree in Human Resource Management.

Price grew up during the "computer boom" of the late 90s, and his interest in computers began at the age of 12, when he went to his first computer show with his father. Price remembers taking apart computers his parents bought at auctions and putting them back together as a child; he describes himself as always being a "natural computer guy."

Price is currently an IT asset manager for the Virginia State Corporation Commission, a regulatory agency that oversees businesses across the state in several industries. During his undergraduate career at the University of Richmond, Price also started his own business, iLikeTech, providing IT consulting, sales, repair, and training. He credits his professional career growth from his UR Spider Web of alumni connections and continues to promote Spider talent when given the opportunity.

When asked about how he juggled school, a career and his own business, Price says "a lot of coffee". Despite this heavy workload, Price has kept his ties with UR strong. He has served among the Board of Directors for both the SPCS Student Government Association and later on after graduation, the SPCS Alumni Association. Price is committed to alumni re-engagement, one of the five pillars of the University's five-year strategic plan.

