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Commencement

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

U.S. Century Bank Arena
Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Miami, Florida

Monday, April 26, 2010
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FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Florida International University is a vibrant, student-centered public research university, ideally located in Miami, that is worlds ahead in its commitment to learning, research, entrepreneurship, innovation and creativity so that our graduates are prepared to succeed in the global market.

Since 1965, when it was chartered as the area’s first public university, FIU has built a reputation for excellence in teaching, research and community engagement. Since taking office in August 2009, President Mark Rosenberg has focused on strengthening student-centered academic excellence, enhancing research that supports community priorities and expanding community partnerships.

FIU has a diverse and nationally celebrated faculty who bring a global perspective to their research and teaching. Our vibrant student body comes from throughout the United States and more than 130 countries. FIU’s worlds ahead alumni have risen to prominence in every field. The university takes full advantage of its ideal location, which serves as a “living laboratory” for many of its programs and offers unparalleled career opportunities. As a public university located in one of the nation’s great cities, FIU offers a combination of vast resources, personal attention and affordability.

The university offers more than 200 baccalaureate, master’s, doctoral and specialist degree programs in its colleges and schools: College of Architecture and The Arts, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business Administration, College of Education, College of Engineering and Computing, Honors College, College of Law, College of Medicine, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, and Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work.

FIU has more than 38,000 students, 1,000 full-time faculty and more than 146,000 alumni. The university has three campuses – Modesto A. Maidique Campus in western Miami-Dade County; the Biscayne Bay Campus in northeast Miami-Dade County, and the FIU Broward Pines Center, an academic facility in nearby Broward County. The 40-acre Engineering Center, a major research facility, is located near Modesto A. Maidique Campus.

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SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION..... Neil Reisner, *Banner Marshal*
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION Maria Fernandez, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL..... Joan T. Wynne, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATIONJanie Valdes, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE.....Mary Lou Pfeiffer, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRSAna Sippin, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL Grand Marshal Thomas Breslin, *Chair, Faculty Senate*
Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar
Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER..... Rebecca Longtemps, *Bachelor of Music, Voice Performance*
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key

CONVENER.....Douglas Wartzok, *Interim Provost and Executive Vice President*

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Richard Brilliant '93, *Outstanding Alumnus*

CONFERRAL OF DOCTORAL DEGREES Kevin O'Shea, *Interim Dean, University Graduate School*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS
Narrator Stephen Neal, *Business Manager and Instructor, Theatre*
School of Hospitality and Tourism Management..... Joan Remington, *Interim Dean*
School of Journalism and Mass Communication..... Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver, *Dean*
College of Education..... Marie McDemmond, *Interim Dean*
University Graduate School Kevin O'Shea, *Interim Dean*
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COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION Monica Tremblay, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL..... Yunhao Chen, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION Charlie Andrews, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE..... Regina Bailey, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS..... Nancy Hernandez, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL Grand Marshal Thomas Breslin, *Chair, Faculty Senate*
Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar
Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER..... Ashley Lewis, *Sophomore, Voice Performance*
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key

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Narrator Stephen Neal, *Business Manager and Instructor, Theatre*
R. Kirk Landon Undergraduate School of Business..... Joyce Elam, *Executive Dean and Dean, University College*
Undergraduate Education Douglas L. Robertson, *Dean*

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Commencement Program

Monday, April 26, 7:30 p.m.

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COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION Debra VanderMeer, *Banner Marshal*
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING Caesar Abishdid, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL Mark A. Weiss, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION Connie Boronat, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE Alan Raudez, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS Oscar Loynaz, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL Grand Marshal Thomas Breslin, *Chair, Faculty Senate*
Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar
Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER John Cabrali, *First Year, Graduate Voice Performance*
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key

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Alvah H. Chapman Graduate School of Business Joyce Elam, *Executive Dean and Dean, University College*
College of Engineering and Computing Amir Mirmiran, *Dean*
University Graduate School Jonathan Tubman, *Associate Vice President for Research Integrity*
Undergraduate Education Douglas L. Robertson, *Dean*

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Commencement Program

Tuesday, April 27, 10:00 a.m.

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ROBERT STEMPEL COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK Mary Jo Trepka, *Banner Marshal*
COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES Elizabeth Azuttillo, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL Ellen Brown, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION Liza Carbajo, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE Scott Kass, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS Elias Bardawil, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL Grand Marshal Thomas Breslin, *Chair, Faculty Senate*
Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar
Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER Keba Williams, *Junior, Voice Performance*
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key

CONVENER Douglas Wartzok, *Interim Provost and Executive Vice President*

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

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Jennifer Mwaisela, *University Service, Posthumous Conferral*

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College of Nursing and Health Sciences Sharon Pontious, *Interim Dean*
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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES..... John Jenson, *Banner Marshal*
 UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL..... Jennifer Rehage, *Banner Marshal*
 UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION... Bill Beesting, *Banner Marshal*
 HONORS COLLEGE..... Fred Blevens, *Banner Marshal*
 STUDENT AFFAIRS..... George Simms, *Banner Marshal*
 UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES..... Althea “Vicki” Silvera, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL..... Grand Marshal Thomas Breslin, *Chair, Faculty Senate*
Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar
Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER..... Marie Sanz, *Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Studies*
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key

CONVENER..... Douglas Wartzok, *Interim Provost and Executive Vice President*

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

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PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS
 Narrator Stephen Neal, *Business Manager and Instructor, Theatre*
 College of Arts and Sciences..... Kenneth Furton, *Dean*
 University Graduate School..... Kevin O’Shea, *Interim Dean*
 Undergraduate Education Douglas L. Robertson, *Dean*

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COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND THE ARTS Paula Matthusen, *Banner Marshal*
 COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES..... Valerie Patterson, *Banner Marshal*
 UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL..... Jamie L. Flexon, *Banner Marshal*
 UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION Maria Kulick, *Banner Marshal*
 HONORS COLLEGE..... Jose F. Rodriguez, *Banner Marshal*
 STUDENT AFFAIRS..... Sofia Santiesteban, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL..... Grand Marshal Thomas Breslin, *Chair, Faculty Senate*
Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar
Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM Theresa Sparbel, *Masters of Music, Voice Performance*
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key

FIU ALMA MATER..... Sarah Olivia Hale, *Masters of Music, Voice Performance*
 Rebecca Longtemps, *Bachelor of Music, Voice Performance*

CONVENER..... Douglas Wartzok, *Interim Provost and Executive Vice President*

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 Morris Broad, *Cal Kovens Distinguished Community Service Award*
 Danny Pino ’96, *Outstanding Alumnus*

CONFERRAL OF DOCTORAL DEGREES Jonathan Tubman, *Associate Vice President for Research Integrity*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS
 Narrator Stephen Neal, *Business Manager and Instructor, Theatre*
 College of Architecture and The Arts..... Brian Schriener, *Interim Dean*
 College of Arts and Sciences..... Kenneth Furton, *Dean*
 University Graduate School..... Jonathan Tubman, *Associate Vice President for Research Integrity*
 Undergraduate Education Douglas L. Robertson, *Dean*

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES President Rosenberg

RECESSIONAL



FIU Medallion

Richard Brilliant '93
Outstanding Alumnus

As vice president and chief audit executive of Carnival Corporation & plc, Richard Brilliant manages an international team of 60 professionals and reports to the Audit Committee of the corporation's board of directors.

Brilliant first joined Carnival in 1994 as a member of the Carnival Cruise Lines Audit Services group, where he performed operational and financial reviews to improve organizational effectiveness, efficiency and internal controls. During his time at Carnival, he has had a wide range of responsibilities, including overseeing the corporation's global financial and operational internal audit projects, designing and implementing the SOX 404 compliance program, managing various special projects and implementing the Enterprise Risk Management Framework. He has been involved with the various due diligence activities associated with Carnival's acquisition of brands and was responsible for establishing the internal audit functions at several international brands.

Prior to joining Carnival, he worked in the hospitality and consulting services group of Kenneth Leventhal & Company. At the same time, he pursued a master's in the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management.

Brilliant, who credits the education he received at FIU for the track his career ultimately took, continues to be closely involved with his alma mater. He is a member of the board of directors of the FIU Foundation, where he also serves as treasurer and chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee and in 2009, he received an FIU Distinguished Alumni Torch Award. He is also engaged in community service and participates in the Big Brothers Big Sisters School to Work mentoring program and supports Camillus House.

FIU Medallion

Gustavo Roig
University Service

For more than two decades, Dr. Gustavo Roig has demonstrated singular devotion and loyalty to FIU as a professor, administrator and former member of the University Faculty Senate and Faculty Senate Steering Committee.

Currently a professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Roig was the founding director of the Center for Diversity in Engineering and Computing and has served as associate dean in the College of Engineering and Computing. For the last several years, he has been one of the university's top five researchers in terms of dollars brought to FIU through sponsored training and research grants. More significantly, he has helped to mold hundreds of pre-college students into success stories through the numerous special programs he runs and his actions as an exemplary mentor.

Roig has received three of the four most distinguished awards that can be given to a faculty member of FIU for teaching, service and research, including the Presidential Award in 2003. In 1998, he received the university's Access and Equity Award and in 1996, he was the first recipient of the Community Service Award from FIU's Black Employees' Association.

A leader of his field, he has authored, co-authored and published numerous papers and publications throughout his career. He was the principal investigator of the Homestead GEAR UP program, the ENLACE Miami partnership and NASA's Project VISION, among others. His most outstanding accomplishments and contributions are in human potential development – efforts that have been praised by local, state, national and international organizations. They include founding Florida Action for Minorities in Engineering, a program that provides year-round education program for minority students who aspire to enter the engineering profession.



FIU Medallion

Steven Leifman
Cal Kovens Distinguished Community Service Award

As a community activist and former assistant public defender, Miami-Dade County Judge Steven Leifman has devoted his career to advocating on behalf of people with mental illnesses, earning the recognition of many of his field's leading organizations.

Since April 2007, Leifman has served as special advisor on criminal justice and mental health for the Florida Supreme Court. In this capacity, he has served as chair of the court's mental health subcommittee, which authored a groundbreaking report outlining recommendations for redesigning services, systems and financing strategies in order to decrease the inappropriate and costly involvement of people with mental illnesses in the justice system. Leaders in Tallahassee and across the country are reviewing these recommendations to increase access to comprehensive and cost-efficient community-based services that target specialized treatment needs.

The judge also serves as chair of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida's Mental Health Committee and is responsible for creating its Criminal Mental Health Project. That initiative brings together the resources and services of law enforcement, justice system and community stakeholders to divert individuals with mental illnesses who commit low-level offenses away from incarceration and into community-based care.

In 1998, the U.S. Department of State selected Leifman to serve as an election supervisor in the 1998 national election in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Closer to home, he founded a successful, 10-year mentoring program for at-risk children from Overtown.

Leifman currently serves on the Community Advisory Board of The Honors College at FIU.

FIU Medallion-Posthumous Conferral

Jennifer Mwisela '05
University Service

Jennifer Mwisela was well known for her good humor, quick wit and passion for environmental health and safety and emergency preparedness. Sadly, this longtime member of the FIU family passed away August 15, 2009, after a year-long battle with cancer.

To many at FIU, Mwisela was the associate vice president for risk management and environmental health and safety. To many more, she was a respected friend and colleague who worked tirelessly to improve university operations.

She created, from scratch, the award-winning emergency management program FIU has today. She transformed the environmental health and safety culture at the university and, in so doing, became a leader among her peers in the State University System. Through her leadership and hard work, she founded the Emergency Management Group and systematized emergency management procedures at the university. She earned a well-deserved reputation as a passionate and driven individual and under her leadership, her team won numerous awards and recognitions, including the Florida Interagency Advisory Council Loss Prevention Award for the last two years.

Mwisela was an integral part of the FIU community by virtue of her professional role and her service in numerous committees, many of which she chaired, including the Substance Abuse Taskforce and the Access and Equity Committee. With her passing, the university has lost a leader, a dedicated and loyal employee and an esteemed friend.

She is survived by her sister, Ann-Marie Grant, and father, Albert Grant.



FIU Medallion

Morris Broad

Cal Kovens Distinguished Community Service Award

For many years, Morris Broad has championed international education at FIU through the philanthropic and leadership endeavors of the Shepard Broad Foundation named after his father.

A longtime Miami-Dade resident, Broad served in the U.S. Army until 1958 when he was honorably discharged. He then joined American Savings & Loan Association of Florida, a public company listed on the New York Stock Exchange, and concluded a successful 32-year career as chairman of the board and CEO when the company was sold in 1988 with \$3 billion in assets. It is now part of Bank of America.

Since then, Broad has dedicated his time to furthering his charitable causes, which include supporting higher education. In 2007, the foundation and the Broad family pledged the first private gift toward the new School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) building at Modesto A. Maidique Campus, which will allow for the construction and dedication of the Ruth K. and Shepard Broad Auditorium. Through the foundation, Broad and his sister Ann Bussel support the Ruth K. and Shepard Broad Educational Series, a program that brings international scholars to campus.

Together with his wife, Broad recently established the Morris and Anita Broad Graduate and Faculty Scholarship Fund at FIU to provide awards and incentives to young distinguished SIPA faculty.

Currently the vice president and director of The Ruth K. Broad Biomedical Research Foundation, an affiliate of Duke University, Broad also has served his community in many roles, including trustee and executive committee member of Mt. Sinai Medical Center of Greater Miami, director of Camillus House and president of the Dade County Safety Council.



FIU Medallion

Danny Pino '96

Outstanding Alumnus

A performer of the big and small screens, as well as the stage, Danny Pino is a Hollywood hit.

Whether he is playing a drug lord on the cable drama *The Shield*, Desi Arnaz on a telepic or solving crimes in his ALMA Award-nominated role as Detective Scotty Valens on CBS's hit *Cold Case*, Pino has constantly and consistently proven his versatility as an actor.

A burgeoning silver screen presence, he has appeared in *The Lost City*, a film directed by fellow FIU alumnus Andy Garcia set against the Cuban revolution; the family film *Flicka*; and *The Burning Plain*, opposite Oscar-winning actresses Charlize Theron and Kim Basinger.

On stage, he has co-starred with Madonna in the West End's of *Up For Grabs* and with Billy Crudup in the New York Shakespeare Festival's production of *Measure For Measure*. Pino most recently starred the Miami production of *Havana Bourgeois* at the Actor's Playhouse.

A proud graduate who served as a peer advisor during his years at the university, Pino has demonstrated his commitment to his alma mater by working with the College of Architecture + The Arts' Dean's Leadership Council since its inception. A Lifetime Member of the FIU Alumni Association and the recipient of a 2007 FIU Distinguished Alumni Torch Award, he was instrumental in the development of an association chapter in Los Angeles.

His community service includes work with Amnesty International; El Faro, an orphanage in Mexico; the CASA organization; and the Roxy Theatre in Miami.

THE COMMENCEMENT:

An Academic Tradition

Michael J. Wagner, Ph.D., Retired Professor of Music Education

At every academic institution, commencement exercises are the high point of the calendar. Since the purpose of a college or university is to prepare its students to merit the conferral of an academic degree, the commencement ceremony serves as the instrument for exhibiting the success of both the university and its students in fulfilling this primary goal. The rites involved in the celebration of commencement stem from civilization's earliest times. In fact, the very word, commencement, means a beginning. If you are familiar with the trappings of this grand ceremony, you are aware that the traditions carried forth from medieval days are revealed in all of their pomp, color and symbolism. It is a celebration of new beginnings. For participants and observers alike, commencement is meant to be both self-serving and an emotional experience.

The Chain of Office

The University President is the ceremony's convener and chief presider at the commencement ceremonies. The great chain, which is the FIU chain of office is displayed on stage. This ancient symbol is perhaps the most beautiful and artistic of any of the accoutrements of the ceremony. During the Renaissance, holders of very high office sometimes wore a chain as a symbol of their authority. FIU's chain is made of sterling silver and its designs are cast, cut and etched. The center medallion represents the world and is surrounded by sea shells cast from an actual shell. Reflecting the university and the South Florida area are the eight ovals which make up the chain. Each link is connected by a shell motif and exemplifies a specific entity: 1) the University Park tower, 2) the Vrana sculpture over the entrance of Primera Casa, and 3) the Torch of Friendship. The others represent the five original schools in the FIU community: Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Hospitality Management, and Engineering. Inscribed upon four of the medallions are the names and dates of tenure of FIU presidents — Charles Perry, Harold Crosby, Gregory Wolfe, Modesto A. Maidique. The chain was designed by Dr. Clem Pennington, associate professor of art education, now retired, and executed in 1977 by Leo Shirker, a Miami goldsmith, art teacher and FIU alumnus.

The Mace

The Grand Marshal carries a ceremonial club called a mace. In antiquity, when an official of high rank went out in public, a mace-bearer was assigned to accompany him in order to literally beat away those who got close enough to try to petition the favors of the official. Today, the bearing of the university's mace is ceremonial in nature, signifying the authority and authenticity of those who are to follow.

Music

Music plays an important role in the commencement experience. The commencement procession begins with the playing of Aaron Copland's *Fanfare for the Common Man*. It is followed by the traditional and familiar *Pomp and Circumstance March #1*, by Sir Edward Elgar. This march, one of a set of five *Pomp and Circumstance* marches by

Elgar, is traditionally played at commencement ceremonies throughout the United States, and many places around the world. It has come to symbolize the commencement experience. After the processional, and after the academic body is assembled, our national anthem, *The Star Spangled Banner*, is played.

After the National Anthem, the FIU Alma Mater is played. This piece of FIU symbolism was composed by Clair McElfresh of the FIU Music faculty, former dean of undergraduate studies, and now retired.

Marshals

The leader of the academic procession is the Grand Marshal. At FIU, this prestigious honor goes to the chairperson of the Faculty Senate (the university's governing body for academic matters). You will notice that as the Grand Marshal processes, the mace (a formidable weapon) is held at port arms, the ready position for quick protection. Faculty and student marshals have been elected to lead candidates for graduation from each of the university's schools and colleges.

The Dais Party

The Dais Party is also known as the Platform Party. This group is composed of the university's administrative leaders and very special guests. The Dais Party enters the hall before the faculty and proceeds directly to stage. At the end of the processional, the Grand Marshal declares the proceedings open, and the ceremony moves forward.

Academic Regalia

The tradition of wearing distinctive academic attire at commencement ceremonies originated in Europe in the twelfth century. However, gowns and capes had been worn by clerics and ecclesiastics even before that date. A heavy black or brown gown was apparently worn at all times. Hoods and capes were also a necessity during the long, cold European winters because the buildings in which scholars lived, studied and taught were cold and drafty. When not being used to provide warmth, hoods and baggy sleeves served the same purpose as do today's pockets. Often a crust of bread or some cheese were tucked away in them for sustenance on a long journey. The academic costume at English universities (from which many of our American commencement traditions originate) can be traced as far back as the middle of the fourteenth century, to the time when scholars were rebuked that a decent habit was to be worn (Statutes of Peterhouse, 1344). This document further prescribed the code of dress for university teachers of that era. In a 1432 statute, students and even doctors of theology were restricted to bunge and sad-colored habits. The robes of master were to be flowing and reach the ankles. In an order dated 1358, tailors were admonished not to stint the robes, which should be *argae et talares*, because clerks (of whom scholars were one type) should be distinguished from the laity. A few universities still require students and faculty to wear a short gown both on and off the university campus. Oxford, Cambridge and some Scottish universities maintain this custom. The faculties of American universities have worn

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academic garb for commencement ceremonies since the beginning of the system. For almost 250 years, each university chose its own costume until it was realized that in 1896 an event unique in history would be taking place. This was the simultaneous celebrations of the 250th anniversary of Harvard University and the 500th anniversary of Heidelberg University. Because of this unique circumstance, the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume was opened in 1895 to record the distinctive colors of institutions, their arrangement, the particulars of gowns, hoods and caps, as well as information pertaining to academic ceremonies. At that time, an American code of academic dress was agreed upon. With few modifications, it is still with us today.

Gowns

Academic gowns of today are most easily identified by the distinctive style of their sleeves. The bachelor’s gown is worn closed and its sleeves are long, open and pointed. The master’s gown can be worn either open or closed, and has long distinctive sleeves which are closed, with a slit near the elbow to free the hand and forearm. These pointed sleeves hang down from the elbow to below the hand. The doctor’s gown can be worn either opened or closed, and has five inches of velvet trim down both front edges, and three velvet chevrons on each sleeve. The velvet trim may be either black or the color of the discipline in which the degree is granted. The sleeves are closed and bloused.

Hoods

Probably the greatest degree of symbolism is expressed with the academic hood. Those who hold bachelor’s degrees and participate in commencement sometimes wear a hood. Candidates for the bachelor’s degree do not. The bachelor’s hood is black and is three-feet long, with a two-inch velvet border in the color of discipline in which the degree is awarded. The master’s hood is also of black material, and is three-and-one-half feet long with a three-inch velvet border in the color of the discipline. It is lined with the colors of the institution conferring the degree. The doctor’s hood is four-feet long, has a five-inch velvet border in the the color of the discipline, and is lined with the colors of the institution granting the degree.

Caps

Traditionally, the Oxford style square cap is considered proper headdress. In recent times, however, it has become stylish to wear a soft cap of either square or octagonal shape. All graduates wear a tassel over the left side of the cap. Bachelor’s and master’s tassels may be black or the color of the academic discipline, while doctor’s tassels are always gold.

These are by no means all of the styles or accoutrements worn as academic dress. Indeed, in South American, Spanish and Dutch universities, the academic attire can be likened to plumage. It is not uncommon to see brightly colored gowns adorned with ermine and other furs, flowing capes, and caps trimmed with beads or tassels. Some universities in South America even add Indian feathers to the headdress, in honor of the Inca Indians. At Florida International University, whose colors are blue and gold, the traditional colors of the disciplines are:

FIU traditional tassel colors, according to college/school are:

School of Architecture and The Arts	
— Architecture	Blue Violet
— The Arts	White
College of Arts and Sciences	White
— Public Administration	Peacock Blue
— Criminal Justice	Peacock Blue
College of Business Administration	Drab
College of Education	Light Blue
College of Engineering and Computing	Orange
School of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Navy Blue
School of Journalism and Mass Communication	Crimson
College of Nursing and Health Sciences	
— Nursing	Apricot
— Health Sciences	Green
Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work	
— Public Health	Salmon
— Social Work	Peacock Blue
Honors College	Gold

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The Honors College

Graduates of the Honors College have had the opportunity to work with some of the University's most outstanding faculty members in a program of excellence in academics, personal development, and service. The College boasts faculty from a wide array of academic disciplines and students from 80 different nations and states. The Honors College provides top students with an interdisciplinary education that complements their major fields and prepares them to compete in the workplace or for graduate or professional school placement after graduation.

Created as a program in 1990, the College has grown to include over a thousand students and forty-three faculty members in an exciting and challenging academic environment. The Honors College now provides a full range of opportunities and support activities for its students, including study abroad courses, individual advising, research and internship programs, and service opportunities. The heart of the college is its creative and supportive community.

The Curriculum

Honors seminars are unique classes that assure a challenging thread winds through the undergraduate experience of all students in the College, regardless of major. Every semester Honors College students take an interdisciplinary honors seminar. Most are team-taught by three to four

members of the Honors faculty. Students and faculty members meet each week for large group lectures, panel discussions, student presentations and films; they also meet weekly in small discussion sessions to analyze reading assignments and to elaborate on issues raised during the large group. Students thus have the opportunity to work closely with one faculty member, while learning from several in their large group, from the earliest point in their studies. Third and fourth year students take advanced trans-disciplinary seminars and/or study abroad trips or participate in research

The Students

Students chosen for the College are excellent students capable of performing well in the rigorous Honors curriculum as well as in their other course work. The average SAT score for Honors students is 1870. Admission, however, is not simply based on numbers. Since the "ideal" Honors student should be active in the community and seeks out challenges both academically and personally, emphasis is placed on letters of recommendation, a personal essay, and the breadth of the student's experiences.

The success of these graduates of the Honors College is yet another example of Florida International University's continuing commitment to providing an exceptional undergraduate education for its students.



Council for Student Organizations' Honor Societies

Student Honor Stole

The greatest honor is bestowed to those students who wear the Honor Stole and Medallion. Those students who have been recognized by their respective Honor Society and by Florida International University Council for Student Organizations have reached a high level of academic achievement. The traditional gold honor stole has the emblem of the FIU Honors Community of the Council for Student Organizations on the left hand side and their distinguishing Honor Society's Greek letters on the right.

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Dissertation: *Analysis of Novel Explosives by Chromatographic and Spectrometric Techniques*
Major Professor: Dr. Bruce McCord

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Doctor of Philosophy in Comparative Sociology
Dissertation: *Adaptation of Trailing Spouses: Does Gender Matter?*
Major Professor: Dr. Sarah J. Mahler

Tiffany Yolanda Jimmece Bryant

Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations
Dissertation: *Inter-Subjective and Transnational Racial Effects: The Role of the United States in the Formation and Evolution of the Collective Perception and Racial Relations in Cuba, 1898-1902*
Major Professor: Dr. Félix E. Martin

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Doctor of Philosophy in Geosciences
Dissertation: *Paleoenvironmental Reconstruction of Florida Bay, South Florida, using Benthic Foraminifera*
Major Professor: Dr. Laurel S. Collins

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Doctor of Philosophy in Comparative Sociology
Dissertation: *Through the Prisms of Gender and Power: Agency in International Courtship between Colombian Women and American Men*
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Dissertation: *Examination of the Impact of Personality, Social and Cognitive Factors on the Co-Occurrence of Health Risk Behaviors among Multi-Problem Youth: The Utility of an Integrative Framework*
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Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
Dissertation: *Improved Sampling, Pre-Concentration, and Detection of Hidden Explosives and Illicit Drugs by a Novel Solid Phase Microextraction Geometry Coupled to Ion Mobility Spectrometry*
Major Professor: Dr. José R. Almirall

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Doctor of Philosophy in Biology
Dissertation: *A Multi-Faceted Diagnostic Approach to Lung Infections in Patients with Cystic Fibrosis*
Major Professor: Dr. Kalai Mathee

Samia Georges Harb

Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations
Dissertation: *Gender Politics, Women's Rights and International Norms in Lebanon*
Major Professor: Dr. Elisabeth Prügl

Gabriela Hoberman

Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science
Dissertation: *The Absence of Race in Democratic Politics: The Case of the Dominican Republic*
Major Professor: Dr. Eduardo Gamarra

Monica L Joshi

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
Dissertation: *Headspace Analysis of Smokeless Powders: Development of Mass Calibration Methods using Microdrop Printing for Chromatographic and Ion Mobility Spectrometric Detection*
Major Professor: Dr. José R. Almirall

2010 Spring Semester Doctoral Candidates *(continued)*

Hanh Tuyet Lai

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry

Dissertation: *The Construction and Optimization of an Ion Mobility Spectrometer for the Analysis of Explosives and Drugs*

Major Professor: Dr. José R. Almirall

Daniel Murgó

Doctor of Philosophy in Economics

Dissertation: *Essays on Political Economy*

Major Professor: Dr. Cem Karayalçin

Jean-Philippe Pitteloud

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry

Dissertation: *New Organogermanium Substrates for Palladium-catalyzed Cross-Coupling Reactions. Application of Organogermanes towards the Synthesis of Carbon-5 Modified Uridine Analogues*

Major Professor: Dr. Stanislaw F. Wnuk

Paola Alexandra Prada

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry

Dissertation: *Evaluation of Contact and Non-Contact Trapping Efficiencies of Human Scent Chemical Profiles and their Stabilities under Different Environmental Conditions*

Major Professor: Dr. Kenneth G. Furton

Josué Rey

Doctor of Philosophy in History

Dissertation: *The Civil War of Ideas: Ayn Rand, Intellectual Freedom, and the Regulation of Thought in the Soviet Union and United States, 1905-1943*

Co-Major Professor: Dr. Rebecca Friedman

Co-Major Professor: Dr. Kenneth Lipartito

Rita A. Sabat

Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations

Dissertation: *Translating International Norms: Filters to Women's Rights Campaigns in Lebanon*

Major Professor: Dr. Elisabeth Prügl

Mustafa Gokhan Sahin

Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations

Dissertation: *Turkey and Neo-Ottomanism: Domestic Sources, Dynamics, Foreign Policy*

Major Professor: Dr. Mohiaddin Mesbahi

Hui Tian

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry

Dissertation: *Tailoring Heme-Thiolate Proteins into Efficient Biocatalysts with High Specificity and Selectivity*

Major Professor: Dr. Xiaotang Wang

College of Business Administration

Naveen Kumar Jain

Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration

Dissertation: *Resources, Strategies, Location Determinants, and Host Country Location Choice by Emerging Market Firms*

Major Professor: Dr. Sumit Kundu

College of Education

Vivian Bango-Sanchez

Doctor of Education in Adult Education and Human Resource Development

Dissertation: *The Effects of Peer Teaching of Infant Massage on General Self-Efficacy and Mother Infant Attachment among Mothers in a Residential Rehabilitation Facility for Drug Addiction and Substance Abuse*

Major Professor: Dr. Tonette S. Rocco

Liana Gonzalez

Doctor of Education in Exceptional Student Education

Dissertation: *Class Placement and Academic and Behavioral Variables as Predictors of Graduation for Students with Disabilities*

Major Professor: Dr. Elizabeth Cramer

Josee Gregoire

Doctor of Education in Exceptional Student Education

Dissertation: *An Analysis of Haitian Parents' Perceptions of their Children with Disabilities*

Major Professor: Dr. Elizabeth Cramer

Bonnie J. Kissel

Doctor of Education in Adult Education and Human Resource Development

Dissertation: *The Effects of American Sign Language on General Self-Efficacy and Anxiety among Mothers in a Residential Rehabilitation Facility for Drug Addiction and Substance Abuse*

Major Professor: Dr. Tonette S. Rocco

2010 Spring Semester Doctoral Candidates *(continued)*

College of Engineering and Computing

Subrahmanyam Venkata Garimella

Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering

Dissertation: *High Pressure Studies on Group VI*

Metal Hexacarbonyl Molecular Solids

Major Professor: Dr. Surendra K. Saxena

Waseem Haider

Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering

Dissertation: *Enhanced Biocompatibility of NiTi (Nitinol) via Surface Treatment and Alloying*

Major Professor: Dr. Norman Munroe

Maria Hulett

Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial and Systems Engineering

Dissertation: *Analytical Approximations to Predict Performance Measures of Manufacturing Systems with Job Failures and Parallel Processing*

Co-Major Professor: Dr. Chin-Sheng Chen

Co-Major Professor: Dr. Purushothaman Damodaran

Siddharth Mestry

Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial and Systems Engineering

Dissertation: *Branch and Price Solution Approach for Order Acceptance and Capacity Planning in Make-to-Order Operations*

Co-Major Professor: Dr. Chin-Sheng Chen

Co-Major Professor: Dr. Purushothaman Damodaran

Desiree Tejada Calvo

Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial and Systems Engineering

Dissertation: *A Dynamic Distribution Model for Hurricane Relief*

Major Professor: Dr. Niki Pissinou

Fang Wang

Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering

Dissertation: *Chlorine Contribution to Quantitative Structure and Activity Relationship Models of Disinfection By-Products' Quantum Chemical Descriptors and Toxicities*

Co-Major Professor: Dr. Walter Z. Tang

Co-Major Professor: Dr. Fernando R. Miralles-Wilhelm

Xiaozhen You

Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering

Dissertation: *Principal Component Analysis and Assessment of Language Network Activation Patterns in Pediatric Epilepsy*

Major Professor: Dr. Malek Adjouadi

Xiaowen Zhang

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

Dissertation: *Resource Management and Optimization in Wireless Mesh Networks*

Major Professor: Dr. Hao Zhu

Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work

Evelyn Patricia Davila

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health

Dissertation: *Glycemic Control: Risk Factors, Quality of Life, Workforce Participation, and Mortality Among US Adults with Type 2 Diabetes*

Major Professor: Dr. Theophile Niyonsenga

2010 Spring Semester Graduate and Undergraduate Candidates

To graduate **Summa Cum Laude**, a student must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.90 or better and completed 40 semester hours of coursework for GPA at FIU

To graduate **Magna Cum Laude**, a student must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.70 or better and completed 40 semester hours of coursework for GPA at FIU

To graduate **Cum Laude**, a student must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or better and completed 40 semester hours of coursework for GPA at FIU

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College of Architecture and The Arts

Bachelor of Arts in Architecture

David Acosta
Maike Acosta
Veselin Alexiev
Lauren J. Bartroli, **Cum Laude**
Tara Jordan Beck
Ansel Blanco
Patricia Soares Borba, **Cum Laude**
Fiorella Bravo
Juan Calero
Christian Caporaletti
Sheyla Estefania Carbonell
Olenka Cevallos
Gina Chavarriaga
Irvelt Chery
Stephanie I. Colon
Wess Michael Sanjeev Diptee
Natalia Escobar Alvarez, **Magna Cum Laude**
Josue Feito
Antonella Marie Fernandez
Andrys Garcia
Maylin Garcia
Aileen Garrido, **Cum Laude**
Tristan Wayne Austin Gibbs,
Magna Cum Laude
Olga Y. Gomez
Hermann A. Gonzalez, **Magna Cum Laude**
Natalia Gutierrez
Audrey Handal
Fernando Alvaro Herrera
Silvana Herrera, **Magna Cum Laude**
Helena Hung Cen, **Magna Cum Laude**
Lloydlyn Jean
Javier Jesus Lorenzo
Lizzet R. Lozada

Jessica J. Marquez, **Cum Laude**

Juan M. Maxinez
Johanna Caridad Mencia
Roberto J. Munguia
Josanne M. Oneil
Ali Khalid Qureshi
Carolina Salazar
Sofia Maria Salvat
Jereme David Sanchez
Jennifer Catalina Sandoval
Dalila Leite Serrao
Chrisna Maria Smith
Rosana Rique Souza-Filho, **Cum Laude**
Alejandro L. Stein Raffalli
Alejandro Javier Vazquez
Oscar Vega
Maria Wilkinson
Maria Yepes, **Magna Cum Laude**
Magally R. Zamora
Peter A. Zegarra

Bachelor of Arts in Art

Tania Duran
Giselle Garcia-Lavin
Elizabeth M. Izquierdo
Anna Kim
Roberto Mario Macias
Annette Lucia Mauricio
Jeremy Meisenberg, **Cum Laude**
Karen Escarlet Rayo

Bachelor of Arts in Art History

Martha Betancourt, **Cum Laude**
Andres Roberto Bilbao

Karina Gabriela Carias, **Cum Laude**

Yvonne M. Elejalde
Ana C. Garcia, **Cum Laude**
Jannette Francis Graf, **Cum Laude**
Olga Hernandez, **Magna Cum Laude**
Cristina H. Herrero
Tennile L. Jackson, **Cum Laude**
Erika Luciani, **Cum Laude**
Juan M. Martinez, **Summa Cum Laude**
Jane Elizabeth Mitchell, **Magna Cum Laude**
Melissa Pita, **Summa Cum Laude**
Mayra A. Rodriguez, **Magna Cum Laude**
Miryam Teresa Rodriguez,
Magna Cum Laude
Natasha Marie Solis, **Cum Laude**
Karen Vanessa Vanegas
Chelsey R. Youse

Bachelor of Arts in Dance

Katherine F. Brady, **Cum Laude**
Jennifer M. Dabalsa
Camille Tiffany-Kaye Fletcher, **Cum Laude**
Kelly B. Gamboa
Susana Garcia
Kate S. Post
Justine Rodolico
Pamela M. Scardina

Bachelor of Arts in Music

Mayra Alicia Kucera
Eva Reyes Cisnero
Alfredo J. Zayas,
Magna Cum Laude

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre

Marquita Dianne Adrian
Susana Victoria Artola
Alain Mesa
Natalie Milian
Natasha Suarez

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art

Stephanie Nicole Alvarezdaza,
Magna Cum Laude
Gisella Calejo, **Summa Cum Laude**
Izlia M. Fernandez, **Summa Cum Laude**
Alexander R. Ferrer
Christine M. Fitzgerald, **Magna Cum Laude**
Carlos E. Folgar, **Magna Cum Laude**
Jose Alejandro Henao, **Magna Cum Laude**
Tamara Alejandra Hervera, **Cum Laude**
Abigail M. Lelis
Cristhian C. Montiel, **Cum Laude**
Liliana Marcela Mora
Melissa Pita, **Summa Cum Laude**
Deborah Rodriguez, **Magna Cum Laude**
Maria Eduvigis Silva
Tova C. Teitelbaum, **Summa Cum Laude**
Melissa Suzann Wallen

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre

Susana Victoria Artola
Casper Enrique De La Torre
Michelle Marie Fraioli, **Cum Laude**
Veronica A. Gonzalez
Janine Granda, **Magna Cum Laude**
Dixon D. Gutierrez, **Cum Laude**
Fernando Luis Lamberty
Maribel Martinez, **Magna Cum Laude**
Kathleen Andrea Moreno,
Magna Cum Laude
Matthew C. Mur
Adam B. Ramos
Douglas M. Reilly
Jason M. Torres, **Cum Laude**
Harold Trenhs

Bachelor of Interior Design

Vivian Carolina Almeida
Vanessa Arteaga
Jenny Centeno
Aneesa Charania
Andrea E. Chery
Apichaya Chumsai Na Ayudhya
Astrid Culver

Priscilla Gonzalez
Kaleena Eileen Holness
Lauren Shepard, **Cum Laude**

Bachelor of Music

Lucas M. Almeida
Karen Elena Argenal
Daniel H. Brigham
Nuria Camino, **Magna Cum Laude**
Michael T. Davis
Jeffrey Guanch
Alejandro Artemio Larumbe Martinez,
Magna Cum Laude
James D. Llewellyn
Cesar Martinez Bourguet
Alen Julio Pulido
Joseph A. Saenz
Thomas J. Uriarte
Angel Maria Vanegas
Alfredo J. Zayas, **Magna Cum Laude**

Bachelor of Science in Music

Education
Yannet Amador, **Summa Cum Laude**
Matthew R. Murrell, **Cum Laude**

Master of Music

Marina Berberian
Mark Curtis Beverley
Carmen Denise Collazo
Jennifer D. Fernandez
Sarah Olivia Hale
Hector Hernandez Perez
Jaelyn D. Heyn
Konstantin Litvinenko
Theresa A. Sparbel
Antonio G. Succar

Master of Architecture

Jessica Jackeline Berthin
Vincent B. Castellucio
Rafael Concepcion
Yanina Corbea
Angel C. Demdam
Reynolds Diaz
Nicolas Esper
Madeline A. Gannon
Adriana S. Garcia
Suzette Auxiliadora Garcia
Jorge Luis Garciga
Lindsay Goeb

Nathalie Marie Guedes
Esther Krumhansl
Mark Bobbitt Legg
Alex Lozano
Fernando Enrique Mane
Anthony A. Martinez
Jesus Mateo
Olivier Montfort
Yanelis G. Moreno
Geraldine Pena
Annaliet Pino
Nicholas Edward Rozwadowski
Kristopher Herman Ruiz
Andrew Santa Lucia
Mikhaile M. Solomon
Sabina Vakhovsky
Oscar Martin Wasmosy

Master of Arts in Architecture

Francisco Javier Garcia

Master of Fine Arts in Visual Arts

Becky A. Flowers
Jason K. Galbut
Patricia Laylle Laylle
Kim Y. Strycharski

Master of Interior Design

Flavia Gomes Cardoso
Pablo Lalaguna
Kirsten Leigh Workinger

Master of Landscape Architecture

William S. Long
Lucia Carolina Mora
Jorge E. Ochoa Crespo
Aista Sobouti
Marcela Alejandra Tejedor

College of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies

Orlando A. Armada
Doria Sapphire Bareket, **Magna Cum Laude**
Zenen De Armas
Mark Nicholas Kennedy
Sean Loret De Mola
Nicholas David Roma, **Cum Laude**
Maria Santella, **Cum Laude**
Gisselle Sarmiento, **Cum Laude**
Jamie Thorpe

Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry

Danielle R. Adrien
Monika M. Avello, **Summa Cum Laude**
Vladimir A. Avril
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Navila Collazo
Ignacio Luis De Echevarria III
Linda De La Paz
Sandra Dejean
Leidy G. D'Elia, **Magna Cum Laude**
Alexander Henao
Ricardo Javier Hernandez
Steven M. Hernandez
Coralie Laroche, **Cum Laude**
Omar Medina
Yumi Mendez, **Magna Cum Laude**
Brittany Kathleen Mercado, **Cum Laude**
Camilla C. Monteiro, **Magna Cum Laude**
Richard A. Penuela
Lourdes Perez
Rachel V. Robles, **Cum Laude**
Rosa Rodriguez, **Magna Cum Laude**
Hassel L. Rojas, **Magna Cum Laude**
Jessica Ruiz, **Magna Cum Laude**
Isis Caridad Sosa, **Magna Cum Laude**
Isel Suarez
Ana K. Vega
Joanna Villar, **Cum Laude**
Richard R. Waithe
Carolina Valdez Wentworth
Keba J. Williams, **Magna Cum Laude**
Haena Yoon, **Magna Cum Laude**
Jessica Zayas

Bachelor of Arts in Economics

Gabriela Monica Blinder
Gurkan Bukulmez
Luis Eduardo Camacho, **Magna Cum Laude**

Gerardo Jose Collado
Humberto De La Osa
Joshua D. Farkas
David Jonathan Flores
Hernando Forero
Ricardo Freyre, **Magna Cum Laude**
Celeste Garcia
Roberto M. Gonzalez, **Summa Cum Laude**
Steve G. Guillaume
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Richel Hernandez
Andrea Isaac
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Bachelor of Arts in English

Diana Alvarez, **Magna Cum Laude**
Brian M. Andino
Zoraya Arguello
Ana Arocha
Melanie K. Austin
Samantha Banal, **Summa Cum Laude**
Fausto Barrionuevo
Christian R. Bauman
Maryleen J. Beras
Ana P. Capaldo, **Cum Laude**
Jacqueline Paige Cassady
Sara Castaneda
Erick H. Castrillon, **Cum Laude**
Tiffany Choe, **Summa Cum Laude**
Laura Elizabeth Creel, **Summa Cum Laude**
Giselle Miriam Defalle, **Magna Cum Laude**
Priscilla Delgado
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Dorothy Edwards
Jonathan Phillip Escoffery
Dennys Falcon
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Anwar Janania
Ana M. Jarp
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Natalie Marin, **Magna Cum Laude**
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William Mesa
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Cindy Elizabeth Montero
Alexandra Lauren Muskat
Mary Ausable Myers, **Cum Laude**
Melissa Nicole Myers, **Magna Cum Laude**
Anita Devi Nath
Gellaine T. Newton, **Cum Laude**
Cindhi Mariela Ortega
Maria Jesus Ortega
Aileen Perez
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Sylvia Stephanie Regalado, **Cum Laude**
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Isbel Salgueiro, **Cum Laude**
Katriona L. Salmon
Allan I. Santiago, **Magna Cum Laude**
Tiffany A. Santos, **Cum Laude**
Jorge Luis Sosa-Renteria
Dariel Suarez, **Summa Cum Laude**
Aracelys Cherie Tapia
Juan Teijeiro
Pilar Maria Ulibarri
Alicela Val
Robert A. Vicens Rolon
Christine Rae Vorsteg
Aryeh Samuel Wiznitzer, **Summa Cum Laude**
Sara Yanes
Christine Anne Zelenka

Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies

Ashley P. Aldrete
Joseph B. Baca
Andrea M. Benitez, **Magna Cum Laude**
Danielle K. Crisostomo
Amber J. Diaz, **Cum Laude**
Jamie Alicia Louise Gill
Juliana Sousa Reis
Kristy Rodriguez, **Summa Cum Laude**
Jennifer Ann Utter, **Cum Laude**

Bachelor of Arts in French

Manuella Gombauld
Elizabeth A. Grear
Sophonie Joseph
Patricia Lyvia Lolo
B nedicte Th r se Morel
Bethie Valbrun

Bachelor of Arts in Geography

Joy M. Clahar
Henry Milton Golac
Mario Londono, **Magna Cum Laude**
Erwin Ulisses Tejos, **Cum Laude**
Wanda I. Torres-Ojeda, **Cum Laude**

Bachelor of Arts in History

Maria N. Aliano
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Miguel Flores
Remington Ross Frow
Alexandra Mercedes Gomez
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Victor Aquiles Gruber
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Akilah M. Hunte
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Matthew Anthony Joseph
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Jorge Luis Perez-Prado
John Henry Price, III
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Arturo G. Rodriguez
Frank Rodriguez
Matthew D. Ruckman
Angelo Santa Lucia
Alejandro Sasieta
Alexander Joseph Sawdye
Kelly Feitosa Silva

Greg M. Summers
Rafael Toro
Michael George Torres
Stephanie Vasquez
Timothy Lee Williams
Inalvis Maria Zubiaur

Bachelor of Arts in Humanities

Ricardo Barea
Fritz Sander Saint-Germain
Erika A. Sierra

Bachelor of Arts in International Relations

Diana C. Acevedo
Sebastian Acosta
Eduardo Alorda
Amelia Arce
Kelly Marie Austin
Mariana G. Beczkowski
Sarah Ann Brady
Ruth Casanova
Paul Patricia Casimir
Stephanie Marie Cua, **Magna Cum Laude**
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Oumar Khomeini Ndiaye Diallo
Frima Enghelberg
Enrique Alberto Eraso
Gisette Espinosa
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Maryflor Flores
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Raphael A. Garcia
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Florencia Giordano, **Summa Cum Laude**
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Jeff Watson Gomez
Mercedes D. Graham
William Henry Graydon
Antoniette Guaba-Ortiz
Ingrid Y. Guerra, **Cum Laude**
Kenneth Haave
Micheline Harbie, **Magna Cum Laude**
Erica L. Hernandez
Lisette M. Hernandez, **Cum Laude**
Wilma Hernandez

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Jason Kavanaght
Joseph William Keller, **Cum Laude**
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Wanakee S. Leemcpherson
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Marea Perea, **Magna Cum Laude**
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Rodrigo T. Prichard
Taylor M. Prochnow

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Umer Rahman, **Summa Cum Laude**
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Oluwafunmilayo Shodeko
Amena Siddiqui
Dianah Elizabeth Silvera-Tippens
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Nakeitheya T. Smith

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 Erwin Ulisses Tejos, **Cum Laude**
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 Selamawit Yohannes Tesfamariam
 Michelle Laura Tikasingh
 Fernanda Torres
 Malena Torres, **Cum Laude**
 Sara E. Trinchini
 Olga Valery Vergun
 Julie A. Walton, **Magna Cum Laude**
 Nateece Washington
 Danella Williams
 Aksana G. Zahorskaya, **Summa Cum Laude**

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

Melissa Nicole Aguilera
 Patricia Alcantara
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 Margaret Raspall Alvarez
 Olga T. Alvarez
 Trevor Andrews
 Ninette Cristina Arcay
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 Mario A. Caraballo
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 Daniel Del Sol
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 Adrian O. Duranona
 Kanaan K. Eldaher, **Cum Laude**
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 Sophia Espinosa
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 Nerifuse Gassant
 Jessica Goicoechea
 Mariele Gonzalez
 Claudia Gonzalez la Guardia
 Anna Elkis Hansen
 Valerie D. Hernandez
 Deborah S. Jensen, **Cum Laude**
 Atheena A. Johnson
 Benjamin David Johnson
 Nathalie Yvonne Jolain
 Jude Joseph
 Loav Kaplan
 Brian K. Keil
 Nicholas Alexander Khouri
 Bernard Klinger
 Tania Lamourt, **Summa Cum Laude**
 Vanessa Marie Leon
 Nicole Lifaite
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 Michael Llanes
 Stanley P. Lomnick, **Cum Laude**
 Kristina Anne Lucia
 Myra Makhija
 Iliyaas Asad Mallard
 Christina Martinez
 Ruben T. Martinez
 Beatriz Matos
 Karen Judith Mena
 Christine Mendoza
 Hugues Montoban
 Maria C. Montoya
 Claudia Elisa Morales
 Carlos A. Moreno
 Johanna Morera
 Nodalys Mosquera
 Kelly Newhouse, **Summa Cum Laude**
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 Gilda Ocampo
 Daniel R. Olivier
 Monica Patricia Ordenez
 Christie Pageler
 Pablo A. Penton
 Elie O. Philippe
 Danelle Berta Pino
 Elizabeth Tereza Poliquin
 Krystle Nordia Powell
 Giovanni Angelo Profera
 Cristhie Marie Ramirez

Bradley S. Raposo
 Rona Rene
 Mariana Restrepo, **Summa Cum Laude**
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 Andrew E. Robinson
 Hannibal Rosa Iii
 Marie L. Sanz
 Asif Ali Siddiqui
 Jeffrey Somerstein
 Blayne Stone
 Annalyse Briann Swenson
 Will Biggs Thompson
 Mariza Torres
 William O. Torres
 Maria Celeste Upthegrove, **Magna Cum Laude**
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 Rosanna Milagros Varona
 Gabriela I. Vazquez
 Kelli A. Werksman
 Lyanne C. Williams

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

Katrina Acosta
 Vanessa K. Coletto, **Cum Laude**
 Katherine Lynn Corlett, **Magna Cum Laude**
 Joseph Gonzalez, **Magna Cum Laude**
 Guillermo Antonio Guevara
 Sergio M. Guzman
 Janet Karro, **Magna Cum Laude**
 Jenna Kulbersh, **Cum Laude**
 Samantha C. Navarrete
 Nicole Marie Rhody
 Carlos A. Rodriguez, Jr.
 Luis Alberto Salazar, **Magna Cum Laude**
 Michael Sanchez
 Amanda A. Segovia
 Jeremy Francois Serres

Bachelor of Arts in Political

Science

Wolfgang A. Acevedo
 Carlos Christian Aguila
 Cristhie Griselle Alaniz
 Christian Alfonso
 Pedro Javier Alonso
 Ramon Alvarez
 Yonathan I. Amselem
 Ivan A. Arguello
 Zynthia Leina Arocena
 Katarina Arminda Barreiro, **Magna Cum Laude**

William Beltre, **Magna Cum Laude**
 Oscar Daniel Bernal
 Michael Andrew Boan
 Daniel Camargo Bratkowski
 Yessenia M. Caldera
 Franco J. Caliz-Aguilar, **Cum Laude**
 Alexis X. Castillo
 Gabriela Maria Castillo
 Juan S. Chaquea
 Pamela Elizabeth Chavez
 Alexis Francesca Choeff
 Miriam Colmenarez, **Summa Cum Laude**
 Cristal Ann Contreras
 Miguel A. Decastro
 Yariel Diaz
 Gisette Espinosa
 Michelle Barbara Facio
 Christian Falquez
 Elizabeth M. Fernandez
 Keith Edward Fernandez
 Vanessa F. Fossati
 Jennifer A. Fuentes
 Kristopher Garcia
 Zachary S. Gardner
 Guillermo Andres Gascue
 Michael Godoy
 Jonathan Godur
 Ingrid B. Gonzalez Mejia
 Odele Gregorisch
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