



Dear American University Degree Candidates:

Welcome to American University's 150th Commencement! AU trustees, senior leadership, faculty, staff, and alumni join me in celebrating the hard work and many accomplishments that brought you to this important day.

We welcome you into the larger AU family of more than 160,000 alumni living in all 50 states and more than 170 countries.

During your time at AU, you learned from influential scholars, pursued internships in our nation's capital, explored important questions, made discoveries about yourself and the world, and engaged in service activities, clubs, organizations, and athletics—all while building cherished memories and making lifelong friends.

Now more than ever, the world needs your leadership skills, your drive to serve your community, and your vision for a better future. I am confident that your American University education has prepared you to lead with purpose and make a difference in our world.

On behalf of the entire American University community, I wish you all the best as you begin the next chapter of your life's journey.

Congratulations!

Jonathan R. Alger
President

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AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PROFILE

Chartered by Congress in 1893, American University (AU) is a private, student-centered research institution located on a 90-acre campus in a residential neighborhood just a few miles from downtown Washington, DC.

AU boasts prestigious schools and colleges, internationally renowned faculty, and a reputation for making an impact in the world. Students and more than 160,000 alumni distinguish themselves for their service, leadership, and willingness to tackle global and domestic challenges and opportunities.

At AU, passion becomes action as students actively engage with the world around them. Today's leaders train tomorrow's, instilling such values as integrity, excellence, human dignity, community, free inquiry, truth-seeking, and impact. AU was founded to meet the needs of a changing world, and that mission has never been more important.

AU is among the most innovative universities in the country, thanks to our extraordinary faculty and staff, cutting-edge facilities, and focus on teaching, research, engagement, and action. With eight schools and more than 190 programs, including bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees, AU offers students a personalized curriculum of theoretical study and experiential learning. AU's ground-breaking curriculum takes students from the classroom to the nation's capital and all around the globe.

With influential research centers and an R1 designation, AU's excellence in scholarship with impact is a testament to the university's faculty and staff. AU nearly doubled yearly research award totals between 2019 and 2023.

Given the breadth of scholarship and excellence of faculty, AU will continue to seize the opportunities of the future throughout the world.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

ADMIRAL JAMES STAVRIDIS, USN (RET)

Doctor of Humane Letters

Admiral James Stavridis is partner and vice chair of Carlyle and chair of the board of trustees of the Rockefeller Foundation, following five years as the 12th dean of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. A retired four-star officer in the US Navy, he led the NATO Alliance in global operations from 2009 to 2013 as supreme allied commander with responsibility for Afghanistan, Libya, the Balkans, Syria, counter piracy, and cybersecurity. He also served as commander of US Southern Command, with responsibility for all military operations in Latin America from 2006 to 2009. He earned more than 50 medals, including 28 from foreign nations in his 37-year military career.

Earlier in his military career, he commanded the top ship in the Atlantic Fleet, winning the Battenberg Cup, as well as a squadron of destroyers and a carrier strike

group—all in combat. In 2016, he was vetted for vice president by Hillary Clinton and subsequently invited to Trump Tower to discuss a cabinet position in the Trump administration.

Admiral Stavridis earned a PhD in international relations and has published 15 books and hundreds of articles in leading journals around the world, including the recent book *2034: A Novel of the Next World War*, which was a *New York Times* bestseller, and *To Risk It All: Nine Conflicts and the Crucible of Decision*. His most recent novel, *The Restless Wave: A Novel of the United States Navy*, was published in October 2024, and *The Admiral's Bookshelf* was published in March 2025. His 2012 TED talk on global security has close to one million views. Admiral Stavridis is a Bloomberg opinion columnist and senior military analyst for CNN.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The American University Alumni Association (AUAA) connects and sustains a worldwide community of alumni through opportunities for meaningful engagement aimed at increasing pride, volunteer involvement, and philanthropic commitment to American University. AUAA serves the university's more than 160,000 alumni, cultivating lifelong relationships with graduates and offering exclusive benefits and resources. AUAA encourages involvement with AU through volunteering, networking, and mentoring opportunities and includes alumni alliances and networks focused on identities, industries, interests, and experiences. Learn more at www.american.edu/alumni.

🦅 Congratulations to graduates who have made an AU education part of their family traditions. We celebrate Eagle families!

GRADUATING STUDENT GIVING

A long-standing tradition at AU, the class gift enables graduating students to leave a tangible imprint on the university. The Class of 2025 has created a legacy as diverse and distinctive as its members. Graduating student donors wear medals of recognition as they join generations of alumni who show their pride in and commitment to AU through philanthropic support every year. Thank you to all graduating student donors.

MILITARY AND VETERAN COMMUNITY

American University enrolls more than 400 members of the military-connected community. Graduating students who are serving, have served, or will serve in the US military after graduation receive a red, white, and blue cord to wear over their gown, courtesy of the AU Veterans Services Office. Active duty or reservists who will enlist in the armed forces after graduation may wear a formal dress uniform for commencement in lieu of AU regalia.

Resources for our military-connected students include the AU Veterans Services Office, which facilitates the reporting and administration of veterans benefits and supervises the VA work-study program. AU also has a Veterans Services Support Network (VSSN) made up of subject-matter experts across the university who help our military-connected students navigate the university. AU community-building initiatives include AU's chapter of the Student Veterans of America and a student veterans lounge.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY HONORS

Established in 1959, the American University Honors program has provided exceptional students with the opportunity to indulge their love of learning in a supportive community of peers, faculty, and staff. AU Honors has taken different forms over the years, and as AU grew and changed, so too did the Honors program. Today, AU Honors is a four-year program open to students from all majors that fosters critical thinking, intellectual growth, and readiness for the future. It attracts students with diverse backgrounds and experiences to challenge themselves through research projects and hands-on experiential learning. Honors students possess a deep curiosity about the world around them that is nurtured through the carefully sequenced Honors curriculum that lays a pathway for increasingly independent exploration and project-based coursework, culminating in capstone presentations at the annual Honors Research Conference.

American University Honors is distinguished by academic rigor and the exceptional quality of its students and faculty. Propelled by curiosity and a desire to learn, Honors students consistently push boundaries, challenge convention, and ultimately dare to know.

For a full list of AU Honors program graduates, please visit: <https://www.american.edu/commencement/speakers-and-awardees-fall.cfm>.

Graduation honors listed for individual undergraduate students are projections based upon the cumulative GPA at the conclusion of the Summer 2025 semester. These designations are subject to verification at the time of final degree clearance.

Undergraduate students who are projected to graduate with Latin honors and/or other university-issued honors wear gold cords during the commencement ceremony.



COLLEGE *of* ARTS & SCIENCES

FOUNDED 1925

SCHOOL *of* PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FOUNDED 1934

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

FOUNDED 2021

ORDER OF EVENTS

College of Arts and Sciences
School of Public Affairs
Professional Studies

Jonathan R. Alger, *University President, Presiding*

STUDENT PROCESSIONAL Prelude Brass Ensemble

FACULTY AND PLATFORM PARTY PROCESSIONAL City of Alexandria Pipes and Drums

WELCOME President Alger

NATIONAL ANTHEM Gracie Gilligan, *College of Arts and Sciences*

INVOCATION Reverend Eric Doolittle, *University Chaplain*

GREETINGS Patricia Caballero, SOC/BA '91, Kogod/MBA '00
President, Alumni Association

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKERS Raymond Lu Ming Ou, *Vice President, Student Affairs*

STUDENT ADDRESSES Edwin Santos, *Graduate Speaker, School of Public Affairs*

Tejasvi Hariharan, *Undergraduate Speaker, College of Arts and Sciences*

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE Vicky M. Wilkins, *Provost and Chief Academic Officer*

President Alger

Admiral James Stavridis

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Admiral James Stavridis, *Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa*

PRESIDENT'S CHARGE TO GRADUATES President Alger

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES Provost Wilkins

Linda Aldoory, *Dean, College of Arts and Sciences*

Alison Jacknowitz, *Dean, School of Public Affairs*

CONFERRAL OF DOCTORAL DEGREES President Alger

Wendy Boland, *Dean, Graduate and Professional Studies*

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S
AND BACHELOR'S DEGREES** Provost Wilkins

CONFERRAL OF MASTER'S AND BACHELOR'S DEGREES President Alger

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES Dean Aldoory

Brittany Robertson, *Senior Assistant Dean of Finance and Administration*

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES Dean Boland

Beverly Peters, *Senior Professorial Lecturer*

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS Dean Jacknowitz

Saul Newman, *Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education*

RECESSIONAL City of Alexandria Pipes and Drums

*(Audience will rise and remain standing until the platform party, faculty,
and graduates have left the arena.)*

MARSHALS

Jennifer Axe
Faculty Trustee
Past Chair, Faculty Senate
University Marshal

Brittany Robertson
Senior Assistant Dean of Finance
and Administration
College of Arts and Sciences

Thomas Merrill
Past Chair, Faculty Senate
Faculty Marshal

Saul Newman
Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education
School of Public Affairs

Wendy Boland
Dean, Graduate and Professional Studies
Doctoral Reader

Beverly Peters
Senior Professorial Lecturer
Professional Studies

FLAG BEARERS

Emelyn Sanchez Calzada
School of Public Affairs
United States Flag Bearer

Tinashe Muradza
College of Arts and Sciences
American University Flag Bearer

Adeline Farmer
School of Public Affairs
District of Columbia Flag Bearer

Chad Appel, SPA/BA '03
Alumni Flag Bearer

RECEPTION SITES

Immediately following the commencement ceremony,
receptions will be held in the following locations:

College of Arts and Sciences
Katzen Arts Center, Rotunda

School of Public Affairs
Kerwin Hall, 1st Floor

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Degrees Awarded, August 2025

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN BEHAVIOR, COGNITION, AND NEUROSCIENCE

Jensen Palmer

Perceptual Decision Making in Rodents

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Salman Humood Alkhalifa

*Cost-Benefit and Cost-Effectiveness of
Bariatric Surgeries for Type 2 Diabetes
Mellitus Treatment in Bahrain*

Molly Bruh

*Childhood Opportunity Index, Sex, and
Race, as Moderators Affecting Self-Efficacy
and Concussion Recovery*

Diana Juliet Cox

*Testing the Effects of a Self-Affirmation
Writing Intervention for Sexual and
Gender Minority Adolescents*

Ryan Doyle Smout

*Deontic Moral Evaluations Yield Higher
Self-Transcendence and Moral Elevation*

Joyce Xiao Jing Wong

*Confirmatory Factor Analysis of the Youth
Intolerance of Uncertainty—Parent Report
(YIU-PR)*

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ECONOMICS

Taiye Chen

Three Essays on International Economics

Catherine Anne Falvey

*Three Essays on U.S. Reproductive
Health Policy and Women's Fertility
and Economic Outcomes*

William D. Mooney

*Explaining the Modern Productivity
Paradox Using Stochastic Frontier Analysis*

Lin Shi

*Essays on the Political Economy of Trade
Policy Views and Global Value Chains*

Danielle M. Wilson

*Chugging Along: The Long-Run Effects
of Historical Railroads in Mexico*

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN HISTORY

Marga Liesel Andersen

*Like Lions After Slumber: Challenges to
Britishness by Jewish and Irish Immigrants
in Late-Victorian London*

Maurizio Recordati Koen

*From Strategike to "Classical" Strategy:
Essays in the History of Ideas and the
Epistemology of Western Strategic Thought*

Pawel Piotr Styrna

*The Russian Whites and the Poles,
1918–1921*

MASTER OF ARTS IN ARTS MANAGEMENT

Sheila Katorobo Katumwa

MASTER OF ARTS IN AUDIO TECHNOLOGY

Mary Ruane

MASTER OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS

Zachary A. Carlson

Steven H. Keshishian

Aaron Perry Marks

Mackenzie Wierenga

MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY

Mauricio Diaz Barriga Lange

MASTER OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY

Peter B. Fitzgerald

Miranda Faith Tompkins

MASTER OF ARTS IN PUBLIC ANTHROPOLOGY

Brooke Patricia Brooke

Leah Itani

Eva Maria Rey Pinto

Alexis A. Scott

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOTECHNOLOGY

Adaeze G. Igboanugo

Shreya Sanjaybhai Patel

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CHEMISTRY

Colleen O'Dowd

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Leila Damghani

Ifeanyi Chukwuka Okafor

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DATA SCIENCE

Dwanith Venkat Girish

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Elise Yéri Kambou

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ECONOMICS

Sarah Alaaldin Mosbah Almasri

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Kaitlin M. Dellaposta

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH PROMOTION MANAGEMENT

Kaitlyn Anelaine Kelley

Mary Isabella Lindsay

Najibullah Wardak

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NEUROSCIENCE

Joseph Dust

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NUTRITION EDUCATION

Ana Paula Conteh

Sara Rachel Kogon

Anya Brooke Litofsky

Christopher John Murphy

Frances Aurelia Perkinson

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN STATISTICS

Grace Goverman

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN ANTHROPOLOGY**

Azarine Isugi Ledwidge
Nayla A. Nasr

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN AUDIO PRODUCTION**

Liam Stewart Chapin
magna cum laude
Alexandria Emoiya Dunkley

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN ECONOMICS**

Graham Sean Gerth
Miles J. Lewis

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

Finnegan L. Behncke
Erika Christiana Butner
Jordan T. Price
Meera Kalyani Swaminathan

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN HISTORY**

Jeremy Drew Lemire

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN JAPANESE STUDIES**

Jeannie Karen Fink

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN LITERATURE**

Oread Frias

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN PSYCHOLOGY**

Dalia H. Abdo Kahin
Lillian Beavers-Jacobson
Mary Abigail VanCompernelle Riggs

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN PUBLIC HEALTH**

Yan Cang

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN SOCIOLOGY**

Farah Amirsaleh
Kiersten Grace Bigornia
Ella C. Fischelis
Callyn R. Saylor
Scarlett Alexis Scott-Buck

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN APPLIED MATHEMATICS**

Eliot O. Bramble

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN BIOLOGY**

Emily Rose Cahill
Jacob Reese Calderon
Oren T. Conner
Michael Glynos

Isabel J. Sung
Brielle Grace White

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Abdulmalik Mazin M. Alhazmi
Michael Mangatas Naibaho

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN DATA SCIENCE**

Xin He
Jimmy Nguyen
Natalie Mei Tsuei

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**

Sarah Jane Gallagher
Second Major in Economics
summa cum laude
Charles A. Sajonia
Second Major in Philosophy

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN MATHEMATICS**

Thomas William Schupp
summa cum laude
Christian H. Stewart
Second Major in Justice and Law

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN PUBLIC HEALTH**

Sadie W. Gray
cum laude

*Degree Candidates, December 2025***DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
IN ANTHROPOLOGY**

John M. Villecco
*"We're Not Politically Polished":
Populism, Figured Worlds, and Affective
Politics in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania*

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
IN BEHAVIOR, COGNITION,
AND NEUROSCIENCE**

Chenxi Liao
*Probing Visual Material Perception
with Psychophysics and Deep Learning*

**MASTER OF ARTS
IN ARTS MANAGEMENT**

Vanessa Beltrán
Alexus J. Crockett
Aidan I. C. Dixon
Julia Rose Ford

**MASTER OF ARTS
IN AUDIO TECHNOLOGY**

Kain Pierce

**MASTER OF ARTS
IN ECONOMICS**

Stefanie Dianna Fischer

MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY

Yianni G. Contis
Phoebe Elizabeth Feis
Kevin C. Flynn Jr.
Katherine N. Greenstein
Jeremiah J. Kresky
Tonery R. Rogers
Gabriella Eva Thumm

**MASTER OF ARTS
IN INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMICS**

Fatoumata Tounkara

**MASTER OF ARTS
IN LITERATURE, CULTURE,
AND TECHNOLOGY**

Sunyata Lily McNatt Courie
Sophie J. Kirschner

**MASTER OF ARTS
IN PSYCHOLOGY**

Amy Berger
Anna K. Cibrian
Julianna N. Felecan
Caroline Rose Kasten
Crystal Liu
Natalie McKinnis
Allison Sarah Tietz
Paloma Katsi Zabala Rossy

**MASTER OF ARTS
IN PUBLIC ANTHROPOLOGY**

Juliet Ann Marie Brown

**MASTER OF ARTS
IN PUBLIC HEALTH
INNOVATION AND PRACTICE**

Sophia R. Bergey
Margaret Anne Atwood Cox
Summia Syeda Mahmud
Grace Stevens

**MASTER OF ARTS
IN SOCIOLOGY RESEARCH
AND PRACTICE**

Hannah Elizabeth Wingo

**MASTER OF ARTS IN
TEACHING ENGLISH
TO SPEAKERS OF
OTHER LANGUAGES**

Virgie Ann I. Casteel
Soumini Chatterjee
Xingjie Chen
Lewis E. Erickson
Patrick MacMahon
Yuni Silvina Angraini Manik
Benjamin Tetteh Tamatey
YuYing Wu

**MASTER OF FINE ARTS
IN CREATIVE WRITING**

Jalisa Orellana Hardy

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN BIOLOGY**

Mariely Alexandra Suarez Melendez

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN BIOTECHNOLOGY**

Gabrielle Byers
Rachel M. Greenblatt

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN CHEMISTRY**

DeAndra Dyer
Qintao Jia

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Christopher W. Finsterbusch
Tinashe Muradza

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN DATA SCIENCE**

Gelila Assefa
Thierno Youssouf Barry
Chun Hui Chu
Layne Dibuono
Jason Brandon Finkle
Zemen Matebe Ghelaw
Michaela J. Gruber
Aidan Hennessy
Te-Jou Hou
Hsin Lei Hsieh
Jack Kuo Chang
Yen Jo Lee
Xiang Liu
Shao-Wei Lu
Jared Robert Martin
Michael James McHenry
Maxwell Miller-Golub
Blondie Beatrice Ndebele
Peter Chika Ozo-Ogueji
Cristina Joanna Perez
Melissa Alexandra Quintero Jimenez
Caroline Elisabeth Sanfelippo
Petros Siaplaouras
Jin Sook Song
Joseph Patrick Sturla
Marjorie Grace Tidwell

Imani Kalong Tshal Irung

Daniel Georges Tshiani
Kaitlin Works-Figueroa
Fang-Yi Wu
Han Lin Yeh

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN ECONOMICS**

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Takhsinabonu Abdullajon Kizi
Muftokhiddinova

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**

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Amelia Thornton Smith

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN NUTRITION EDUCATION**

Isabelle Dahl Acker
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Tanya Mechelle Carter
Kai A. Jones
Savannah A. Levister
Agata Siegenthaler

**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN
AFRICAN AMERICAN AND
AFRICAN DIASPORA STUDIES**

Mary Reagan Riffle

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN AMERICAN STUDIES**

Seneca Dylan Rotker

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN ANTHROPOLOGY**

Brigid Therese Flanders
William Farion Kirk
cum laude

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN ART HISTORY**

Anna Grace Peed
Anna Brooks Varrell
cum laude

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN ASIAN STUDIES**

Ang Li

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN AUDIO PRODUCTION**

Sofia Dallas

Brandon Jonathan Gerungan

Julian Emil Mirran

*summa cum laude***BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Yikunno-Amlak Felleke

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN ECONOMICS**

Maisa Frizzo Binotti

Brielle Franckowiak

Carter Joost

Shiyu Wang

Zenan Yin

**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

Alexis A. Hochgertel

*summa cum laude**American University Honors*

Kelsey Elizabeth Mackert

magna cum laude

Jaclyn Mia Siesel

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN GRAPHIC AND VISUAL
COMMUNICATION DESIGN**

Zhenglan Tan

Min Yang

Second Major in Studio Art

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN HISTORY**

Jared Samuel Aronson

Simone Luthra

Julien Hagearty Nalbantian

Nathaniel Gregory Smith

Second Major in Secondary Education

Jacob Owen Thalhimer

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN LITERATURE**

Hyrum J. Balog

Inanna Galadriel Sicut Crabbe

Second Major in Psychology

John J. Diglio

cum laude

Peyton Kaori Dortch

Second Major in Philosophy

Hope M. Hamerslough

*magna cum laude**Honors in Literature*

Sean R. Sawyer

Aaron Zubatch

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MUSIC

Cooper A. Denison

summa cum laude

John Elliot Pratt

**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN
PERFORMING ARTS: THEATRE**

Hannah Rae DiGiovanni

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN PHILOSOPHY**

Owen Camferdam

Emily Michelle Hickerson

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN PSYCHOLOGY**

Daylia A'lea Brock

magna cum laude

Nathan Edward Sharma Campbell

Cameron R. Churchfield

Anson L. Clark

*magna cum laude**Honors in Psychology*

Delaney Gable

magna cum laude

William Jacobs

Hailey J. Karas

Second Major in Justice and Law

magna cum laude

Abigail Elizabeth Keeble

Second Major in Philosophy

Zophia Rosa Kotala

*summa cum laude**American University Honors**Honors in Psychology*

Amanda Corrine Lindsay

Cole Wilson Mathis

Hannah Rachel Medow

Tasmin A. Owen

*cum laude**Honors in Psychology*

Pelé Simonyan Rensel

Seth Jacob Shapiro

Noelle Jolie Sommerville

cum laude

Mustapha L. Sowe

Amelia Eareckson Stewart

Santiago Suarez Auzza

Lindsey B. Tarantola

*summa cum laude**Honors in Psychology*

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**BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN PUBLIC HEALTH**

Fatima Abdulla Al Sayegh

Jazmina Oumou Fofana

cum laude

Tejasvi Hariharan

*cum laude***BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN SOCIOLOGY**

Toshi Field Davis

Adam Douglas Holod

Isabel J. Kim

summa cum laude

Amanda Elisha Vincent

*magna cum laude***BACHELOR OF ARTS
IN STUDIO ART**

Jumana Arar Taji Farouki

**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN
WOMEN'S, GENDER, AND
SEXUALITY STUDIES**

Emily Leela Randolph

summa cum laude

Caroline Grace TenHoor

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN AUDIO TECHNOLOGY**

Jason Alan Gerber

magna cum laude

Katherine Olga Linsdau

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN BIOCHEMISTRY**

Christina Anika Anderson

Jocelyn Briseyda Lopez-Arias

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN BIOLOGY**

Jason Chao

Yusef S. Maftoon

Amber Rivera
cum laude

Sharlin C. Rosas

Anna Ryberg Sharp

Alexandria Lauryn-Solái Simmons

Jaden R. Smith

Wenjing Zhang

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Francesca Rose Castagnetti
magna cum laude

Elisiah A. Colon

Andrew K. Darfoor 

Adam Liewehr
magna cum laude

David Nana Sarfo Ohene-Nyarko

Matthew H. Park

Santiago Yara Mata

Jonathan Jiayun Zhang

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN DATA SCIENCE**

Pyper Anastasia Alexander
cum laude

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Political Parties and the Political
Economy of Climate Change Mitigation
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cum laude
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cum laude
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cum laude
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 Jackson Everett Gold †
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 Benjamin Sidney Levin
cum laude
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magna cum laude
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cum laude
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cum laude
 Logan Christopher Roetting
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summa cum laude

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Kellen Nelson

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cum laude

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORTS ANALYTICS AND MANAGEMENT

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 Washington College of Law, Capital Atrium

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School of International Service
 School of International Service Building,
 Prince Salman Grand Atrium

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School of Communication
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 Hnin Y. Swe
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 Nisso Hamralizoda
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 Viraj Abhay Pande
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