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UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, May 8, 2021
10:00 A.M.

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Washington, District of Columbia

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Lawrence T. Potter, Jr., Ph.D.
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PROCESSIONAL*

“Grand March (*Aida*),” Giuseppe Verdi
Arr. Dale Eymann
Harvey Van Buren, Organ

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

THE “NATIONAL ANTHEM”

University of the District of Columbia Chorale
Richard Odom, MM, Director
Leah Claiborne, DMA, Accompanist

INVOCATION

Reverend Perzavia T. Praylow, Ph.D.
Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church
Washington, DC

“LIFT EV’RY VOICE AND SING”

James Weldon Johnson and J.R. Rosamond Johnson
University of the District of Columbia Chorale
Richard Odom, MM, Director
Leah Claiborne, DMA, Accompanist

WELCOME

Christopher D. Bell, J. D.
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CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE

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HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

The Honorable Jeh Johnson, Esq.
Doctor of Laws

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

President Mason

ORDER OF CEREMONY

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Stefanie Tompkins, Ph.D., Director
Defense Advanced Research Projects
Agency (DARPA)

REMARKS FROM 2021 GRADUATING CLASS SPEAKER

Shaneil McKenzie
Senior, Baccalaureate Candidate

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

*The President, Ronald Mason, Jr., J.D.
will introduce the dean of each college or school and the
deans will present the candidates.*

COLLEGE OF ARTS SCIENCES

April Massey, Ph.D., Dean

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Dwane Jones, Ph.D., Acting Dean

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Dean of Academic Affairs

INDUCTION OF NEW ALUMNI OF THE CLASS OF 2021

Phomika Palmer-Murphy
Director of Alumni Affairs

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS TO THE GRADUATES

Ronald Mason, Jr., J.D.

ALMA MATER**

“Our Glorious UDC”
Words - Larry Mills; Music - Robert Felder

Prof. Richard C. Odom, M.M., Director
Leah Claiborne, DMA, Accompanist

BENEDICTION

Reverend Praylow, Ph.D.

RECESSIONAL

“Pomp and Circumstance”(op. 39, No. 1)
Sir Edward Elgar
Harvey Van Buren, Organ

*The audience is asked to stand throughout the processional and the singing of the “National Anthem” and “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing.” At the conclusion of the ceremony, the audience is requested to remain seated throughout the recessional.

**Lyrics to Alma Mater on page 32

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Jeh Charles Johnson



Attorney and Public Servant

Jeh Johnson is a partner in the law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind Wharton & Garrison, LLP and the former Secretary of Homeland Security (2013-2017). Prior to that, Johnson was also General Counsel of the Department of Defense (2009-2012), General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force in the Clinton Administration (1998-2001), and an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York (1989-1991).

Johnson has been affiliated with Paul Weiss on and off since 1984 became the firm's first African American partner in 1994, and is currently a member of the firm's Management and Partnership Committees. Early in his legal career Johnson became a seasoned trial lawyer, and in 2004 was elected a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Johnson is on the board of directors of Lockheed Martin and U.S. Steel and a trustee of Columbia University. In private life Johnson is also a commentator on national and homeland security matters on ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS, MSNBC, FOX, CNN, CNBC, NPR, Bloomberg TV and other news networks. Johnson is the author of numerous op-eds in *The Washington Post* and *The Hill*, and since leaving office has testified before Congress five times on the subject of homeland security and cybersecurity.

In June 2020 the Chief Judge of New York asked Johnson to undertake a comprehensive review of racial bias in the state court system. On October 1, 2020, Johnson delivered a 100-page public report with a number of observations and recommendations, all of which the Chief Judge will adopt. Johnson is the 2018 recipient of the Ronald Reagan Peace Through Strength Award, presented at the Reagan Presidential Library, for "contribut[ing] greatly to the defense of our nation," and "guiding us through turbulent times with courage and wisdom."

Johnson has debated at both the Cambridge and Oxford Unions in England, and in November 2019 was conferred honorary life membership in the Cambridge Union. He is also the recipient of 10 honorary degrees.

Johnson also currently serves on the board of directors of the Council on Foreign Relations, the 9/11 Memorial and Museum in New York City, the Center for a New American Security, and WBGO, an FM radio station based in Newark, New Jersey.

Johnson is a graduate of Morehouse College (1979) and Columbia Law School (1982).

Stefanie Tompkins, Ph.D.

DEFENSE ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY

KEYNOTE
SPEAKER



National Security and Defense Expert

Dr. Stefanie Tompkins is the director of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). Prior to this assignment she was the vice president for research and technology transfer at Colorado School of Mines.

Tompkins has spent much of her professional life leading scientists and engineers in developing new technology capabilities. She began her industry career as a senior scientist and later as assistant vice-president and line manager at Science Applications International Corporation, where she spent 10 years conducting and managing research projects in planetary mapping, geology, and imaging spectroscopy. As a program manager in DARPA's Strategic Technology Office, she created and managed programs in ubiquitous GPS-free navigation as well as in optical component manufacturing. Tompkins has also served as the deputy director of DARPA's Strategic Technology Office, director of DARPA's Defense Sciences Office—the agency's most exploratory office in identifying and accelerating breakthrough technologies for national security—as well as the acting DARPA deputy director.

Tompkins received a Bachelor of Arts degree in geology and geophysics from Princeton University and Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in geology from Brown University. She has also served as a military intelligence officer in the U.S. Army.



ACADEMIC REGALIA

The history of academic regalia goes back more than seven centuries to the medieval universities of Salamanca, Paris, Bologna, Oxford, and Cambridge. Students and teachers were required to wear distinctive dress, the details of which were prescribed by university statutes, to distinguish the different degrees of learning and the various faculties.

Academic regalia was worn in the United States in colonial days, but gradually they came to be used only for special occasions, such as commencement exercises and presidential inaugurations.

Some examples of the colors established by the Code are as follows:

To promote uniformity in design, colors, and materials in academic dress, a commission representing leading American colleges produced The Intercollegiate Code in 1895. The code was revised several times, most recently in 1959. Although the Code is not obligatory, most educational institutions in this country follow it.

The code provides for three types of gowns. The bachelor's gown has long, pointed sleeves; the master's gown has short sleeves with trailing elbows; and the doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves. The length of the hood and the width of trim indicate the level of degree; the color of the trim signifies the academic field.

Members of the 2021 graduating class who have earned the honorific distinction of graduating *Cum Laude*, *Magna Cum Laude*, or *Summa Cum Laude* at the baccalaureate level, or with honors at the associate level are distinguished by the gold honor cords draped on their robes.

Some examples of the colors established by the Code are as follows:

Agriculture	Maize
Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Business Administration	Drab
Commerce, Accountancy.....	Drab
Dentistry.....	Lilac
Economics.....	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Engineering.....	Orange
Economics.....	Copper
Fine Arts, Architecture.....	Brown
Forestry.....	Russet
Journalism	Crimson
Law.....	Purple
Library Science	Lemon
Medicine	Green
Music.....	Pink
Nursing.....	Apricot
Oratory (Speech).....	Silver Gray
Pharmacy	Olive Green
Philosophy.....	Dark Blue
Physical Education	Sage Green
Public Administration	Peacock Blue
Public Health	Salmon
Science	Golden Yellow
Social Science.....	Citron
Social Work	Citron
Theology	Scarlet
Veterinary Science	Gray

DAVID A. CLARKE SCHOOL OF LAW

JURIS DOCTOR CANDIDATES

Joseph Abay

B.A., Salisbury University

Galina M. Abdel Aziz***Cum Laude***

B.A., Florida International University

Daniel O. Alegbeleye

B.A., McDaniel College

Ifedolapo A. Bamikole*

*B.S., University of Massachusetts, Amherst
MPH, University of Massachusetts, Amherst*

Vanessa Evan Bulk

*B.A., George Mason University
B.S., University of Maryland University College*

Michael Brandon Campbell

B.A., University of Kentucky

Carly Rebecca Cerak***Cum Laude***

B.A., Taylor University

Anupam A. Chakrabarti

*B.S., Indian Institution of Industrial Engineering
M.S. City University of Seattle*

Mantej Kaur Chhina***Cum Laude***

*B.S. and M.S., Guru Nanak Dev University, India
Ph.D., George Mason University
Certificate in Legislative Affairs
Georgetown University*

Nathalia Maria Christian

B.S., University of Baltimore

Haley Colson

B.A., Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

Emmanuel Michael Davies

B.A., Morgan State University

Michael DeBaugh

B.A., Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Brianna Dick

B.A., Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Rudi Alana Easler

*B.A., The University of Toledo
M.S., Georgia State University*

Nina Amanda Ego-Osuala

*B.A., State University of New York at Albany
MPA., State University of New York at Albany*

Edward Lee Farmer Jr.

B.A., Morehouse College

David Clayton Faulcon

B.A., Southern New Hampshire University

Jahmaal O. Gayle

B.A., Howard University

Bethlehem Ashebir Gebre

B.A., American University

Efrem Sayon Gibson

*B.A., Cameron University
M.A., Webster University*

Joseph Isaiah Green*

B.S., St. John's University

Pejumae Guscott

*B.S., University of Central Florida
M.S., University of Central Florida*

Luke Brady Harman

B.A., Montana Tech of the University of Montana

Sophia Njure Iwuagwu****Magna Cum Laude***

B.A., University of Maryland College Park

Derek Anthony Johnson***Cum Laude***

B.A., Howard University

Tonée Jones***Magna Cum Laude***

*B.S., Towson University
MPS, George Washington University*

Stephanie N. Kamey***Magna Cum Laude***

B.A., University of California, Riverside

TyShawn Nakita Key

B.A., Morehouse College

Khadija Nadeem Khan

B.S., George Mason University

Alexandria Catherine Macedo***Magna Cum Laude***

B.S., Florida State University

Jacquelynn Mays Espinoza

*B.A., Regis University
Ph.D., University of Denver*

Kadijah Maryssa McDowell****Cum Laude***

B.A., Pennsylvania State University

Mary Elizabeth Morall

B.S., Howard University

DAVID A. CLARKE SCHOOL OF LAW

JURIS DOCTOR CANDIDATES

Naoyo Mori***Cum Laude***

*B.S., Sophia University
M.S., California State University, Northridge
Ph.D., The University of Tokyo*

Margaret S. Moss***Cum Laude***

*B.A., Sweet Briar College
M.A., George Mason University*

Leslie L. Mullins***Magna Cum Laude***

*B.S., Indiana University, Bloomington
M.B.A., Indiana University, Bloomington*

Nana Yaw Adom Osei***Cum Laude***

*B.A., Temple University
M.A., Villanova University*

James Diamond Pailin*

B.A., University of Texas at San Antonio

David Leonard Penney

B.A., Virginia Commonwealth University

Jamie Popoola

*B.S., Youngstown State University
MBA, Youngstown State University*

Sabrin M. Qadi Al-Tamimi

*B.A., University of Missouri
Kansas City*

Adam Sadick***Summa Cum Laude***

B.A., Boston University

Leo Rafael Santana***Summa Cum Laude***

*B.A., University of California, Santa Cruz
Paralegal Certificate, University of California, Santa Barbara Ext.*

Imelda Marta Sarnowicz

B.S., John Jay College

Anthony J. Scerbo

B.A., Boston University

Fatima Sheikh*

*B.S., George Mason University
Paralegal Certificate
Georgetown University*

Dara Flora Shen

B.A., Virginia Tech

Tsega Zewdneh Shiferaw

B.A., University of Maryland College Park

Joseph Smith

B.A., Dartmouth College

Nebiat Solomon

B.S., Ohio University

Axana Soltan

B.A., Virginia Commonwealth University

Tevye Sugarman

B.A., University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Erik Andrew Swanson

B.S., Pennsylvania State University

*Denotes December 2020 Graduates

All candidates are pending final certification by the School of Law Registrar.

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE ARCHITECTURE (MARC)

Dilyara M. Ahma
BS, University of the District
of Columbia

Alexis D. Moore
BS, University of the District
of Columbia

Nazanin Rezapourboyaghchi
BAC, Iran (College)

Fatima Wabi
BS, University of the District of
Columbia

Bianca A. Williams
BS, Morgan State University

John C. Wright **
BARC, University of the District
of Columbia

Professional Science Master Urban Agriculture-MS

Rahul Acharya**
BAC, Nepal (College)

Victoria Mirowski
BS, University of Connecticut

Megan J. Thompson
BA, Princeton University

Urban Sustainability (PSM)

Christine E. Smitz **
BA, Howard University
BA, Howard University

Water Resource Management

**Efrain Mauricio Pena
Valasquez ****
BAC, Colombia
R Mudiyanselage Prabashana P.
Rathnayake
BSCE, Sri Lanka (College)

Daniel C. Williams
BBA, University of the District
of Columbia

College of Arts and Sciences

Master of Arts

Adult Education

Rhonda F. Brown
PHD, Walden University
MBA, Strayer University
BS, Strayer University

Mikhail Bunakov
LLM, Russia (College)
PHD, Russia (College)
MS, Russia (College)
BA, Russia (College)
BSCE, Russia (College)

William T. Danley, Jr.
BS, Pennsylvania State University
Catherine O. Ndubuisi
BA, Nigeria (College)

Tracey Parham
BS, University of the District
of Columbia

Gabriel Parker
BS, Univ Wisc Madison*

Jerry E. Peterson
BS, Norfolk State University
BS, Norfolk State University

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BA, University of the District
of Columbia

Early Childhood Education (MA)

Sandra M. Armstrong
BA, University of the District
of Columbia

Ayrika E. Calhoun
BA, University of the District
of Columbia

Desmond M. Carswell
BA, University of the District
of Columbia

Michele D. Freeman
BA, University of the District
of Columbia

Concha N. Johnson
MS, Trinity Washington University
BS, University of the District
of Columbia

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** Completed degree requirements / Fall 2020

MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Krystiana M. Kaminski
BA, University of the District
of Columbia

Lashun M. Lightfoot
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of Columbia

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BA, University of the District
of Columbia

Carla V. Posey *
BS, University of the District
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BS, University Phoenix

Danielle A. White
BS, Bowie State University

Rehabilitation Counseling

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BS, Howard University

Joseph Badu Yeboah **
BA, Ghana (College)

Tyonna Belle **
BS, Pennsylvania State University

Jacquetta Burnside *
BA, Bluefield State College

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Margo A. Giddens *
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MA, Clark Atlanta University

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BS, University of the District
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Alexander J. King
BSW, University of the District
of Columbia

Mitra Nasrollahi
BS, Capella University

Dane Ray *
BA, Birmingham Southern College

Vincent Zokou **
BS, Fayetteville State University
Master of Science

Counseling

Michelle Kramer
BA, Brazil (College)

Irene G. Wagner
BA, Howard University

Homeland Security (MS)

Christopher Anglim
BA, Univ Saint Thomas Mn
MA, Univ Arizona

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BAC, Nepal (College)

Carlos E. Burquez
BS, Calif St Univ Dominguez Hills

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BA, Ohio Valley University

Rosely N. Dos Santos
BS, University of the District of Columbia

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BS, Johnson & Wales University

Tailon D. Jackson **
BA, George Washington University

Julio A. Lopez
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of Columbia

Kevin Matthews *
BA, University of the District
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BA, University of the District
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BA, Georgia State University
Speech/Language Pathology

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Kenya Blocker
BS, Florida A & M University

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BS, University South Florida

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BS, Syracuse University

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MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

Emily J. FitzMaurice *

BS, *Suny College – Cortland*

Shanaiya Fletcher *

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Grace E. Garcia

BA, *University of Maryland College Park*

Teyent Getaneh

BS, *Virginia Polytech Inst St Univ*

Alea Goodridge

BA, *University of Maryland College Park*

Olivia Harding *

BS, *Ithaca College*

Megan K. Hubbell

BS, *Bowling Green State University*

Claire S. Kang *

BA, *Univ Pacific*

Bolanle C. Koyeje

BA, *Nigeria (College)*

Orla Lissade

BS, *Nazareth College Of Rochester*

Sierra M. Lucas **

BA, *North Carolina A&T State University*

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BA, *Nevada State College*

Marley Paton

BA, *University of Maryland College Park*

Maisha Sajjad

BS, *Univ Central Florida*

Chanelle E. Tignor

BS, *Winston-Salem State University*

Sydney E. Vallejos

BA, *University of Maryland College Park*

Morgan D. White

BS, *University North Texas*

Madison Wiesen

BS, *University of Central Florida*

Masters of Arts in Teaching**Teaching****Victoria P. Baltazar**

BS, *Phillippines College*

Eduardo Canedo

BA, *Columbia University*

MA, *Columbia University*

MA, *Columbia University*

PHD, *Columbia University*

Ashley K. Cook **

BA, *University of the District of Columbia*

Kristen D. Clardy

J.D., *Coll William And Mary*

BS, *Univ Oregon*

Brandi M. Eby

BS, *SUNY Purchase College*

Lynne Fagnani

MBA, *Columbia University*

BS, *Harvard*

Andre Gilford *

BA, *Wayne State University*

Temika S. Hill

MA, *Bowie State University*

MA, *Bowie State University*

MS, *Bowie State University*

Timothy M. Lynch

BA, *New York University*

Tara K. Meehan

BA, *Univ Maryland Univ College*

Mei Miles

BA, *Univ. of California Santa*

Cru

BA, *University of the District*

of Columbia

BA, *Howard University*

Ruqayah Zuhair

BA, *Cuny The City College Of NY*

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MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

School of Business and Public Administration**Master of Business Admin.****Business Administration (MBA)****Ndifreke A. Akpan ****

BS, *Albany State University*

Bosson-Sora M. Ahouti

BS, *University of the District of Columbia*

Loucace Ampe

BBA, *University of the District of Columbia*

Alexis Baguelin **

BBA, *University of the District of Columbia*

Ashley Brown **

BBA, *University of the District of Columbia*

Renata Dragone Buzolin

BBA, *Brazil (College)*

Ijada Fields

BA, *Mary Baldwin College*

Wanya Hamlett

BBA, *University of the District of Columbia*

Bla Pauline B. Kouame

BA, *Univ Central Arkansas*

Marcus Manning **

BS, *Delaware State University*

Marcus Mottley

BBA, *University of the District of Columbia*

Prim Patanachaisiri **

BA, *Thailand (College)*

Barbara Payne

BBA, *University of the District of Columbia*

Masters Public Administration**Public Administration (MPA)****Karimah Bilal**

BS, *University of the District of Columbia*

Oscar J. Blanco

BA, *University of the District of Columbia*

Dontay A. Brown **

BS, *Johnson & Wales University*

BS, *Johnson & Wales University*

Drue K. Foster **

BS, *Univ Maryland College Park*

Crystal L. Gray

BBA, *University of the District of Columbia*

Nathaniel M. Henderson

BA, *University of the District of Columbia*

Camelia Jackson **

BA, *University of the District of Columbia*

Jocelyn Jones

BA, *Univ North Carolina Chapel Hill*

Tristan B. Kirkman

MA, *James Madison University*

BS, *James Madison University*

Rostina Miller

BA, *University of the District of Columbia*

Angel D. Moore **

MS, *University of the District of Columbia*

MPA, *Bowie State University*

BSW, *University of the District of Columbia*

BA, *Bowie State University*

BS, *University of the District of Columbia*

Nadiath Saibou **

BA, *Hampton University*

Marcus Shaw **

BA, *University of the District of Columbia*

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MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

David Smith
BA, Temple University

David Varas Alonso **
MA, American University DC
MA, Spain (College)

Grady J. Wright
BA, Florida Memorial University

School of Engineering and Applied Sciences

Master of Science

Civil Engineering-MS

Noah S. Bell
BS, University Vermont

Pablo E. Sanchez Guerrero
MS, University of the District of Columbia

Computer Science (MS)

Junied Altaf **
BS, University of the District of Columbia

Lala Aicha Coulibaly
BS, Grambling State University

Michelle A. Guo
BA, Syracuse University

Funsho I. Koyejo
BS, Nigeria (College)

Diau M. Said **
BS, University of the District of Columbia
BS, University of the District of Columbia

Awet Sbhatu **
BA, Eritrea (College)
BA, University of the District of Columbia
Electrical Engineering (MS)

Sandra M. Nkamgna
BS, University of the District of Columbia

Mechanical Engineering(MS)

Takele D. Gemedo
BS, University of the District of Columbia

Pius Suh
BS, University of the District of Columbia

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BACCALAUREATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences

Architecture

Bachelor of Science

Yasmeen Y. Abdelaal
Summa Cum Laude

Cristian M. Amaya Aparicio,
Magna Cum Laude

Zarina Farmer-George
Magna Cum Laude

Taha A. Gursoy

Ashley B. Jones
Cum Laude

Moyinoluwa M. Okulate
Cum Laude

Cameron M. Wright

Evelyn Xotla Bastian **

Gilles Yonga

Health Education

Bachelor of Science

Khalil Hazzaa F. Alanazi **

Kelia C. Chase, Cum Laude

Ebony Edwards **

Glenda Ferrufino
*Cum Laude ***

Roukiatou Gouda
Cum Laude

Nicoli A. McCarthy
Cum Laude

Angie D. Murray

Brianna C. Otano,
*Cum Laude **

Saul E. Romero Bercian *

Brenda M. Vincent

Selisa D. Washington
*Summa Cum Laude ***

Nutrition and Dietetics

Bachelor of Science

Mary C. DeBlasio
Magna Cum Laude
DeJon Greene

Rachel P. Hahn
Summa Cum Laude
Susan D. Krische

JaNeya Lee
Yasmin S. Mangum
Cum Laude

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Cum Laude

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Summa Cum Laude

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Cum Laude

Rondenise S. Peake

Katie G. Rosales
Cum Laude

Alimatu Sallah **

Yaser Samman
Cum Laude
Stephany A. Singh
Cum Laude

Urban Sustainability

Bachelor of Arts

Eric F. Brown **

Ivaline S. De Almeida

Ralph Moran
*Summa Cum Laude **

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Tivon Phillips

Kenneth E. Stancell

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BACCALAUREATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

College of Arts and Sciences

Administration of Justice

Bachelor of Arts

Basim Almutairi

Manuel R. Alvarado
Summa Cum Laude

Ronnay N. Aull

Elijah F. Baker

Matthew T. Baldwin
Summa Cum Laude

Jonathan T. Beatty
Summa Cum Laude

Shaquan M. Bolden

Rosa Burbridge

Dilante L. Cliett *

Arnezjah Crawford **

Naudia M. Dorsey *

Shanita M. Freeman *

Desiree Gaeckler
Magna Cum Laude

Kyra Gordon

Kesi Habersham *

Sonora A. Howard *

Shaquan M. Hudson *

Jonna Lee

Ingrid Melendez
Cum Laude

Salimata M. Sangare *

Jania Simpson

Sheridan L. Slaughter

Ivana L. Taylor **

Dajon A. Walker **

Ciara F. Young
Magna Cum Laude *

Art

Bachelor of Arts

Lauren Bailey
Cum Laude

Dexter Bautista

Samantha J. Crowley
Cum Laude

Kianna Franklin

Tywon Gordon

Jean-Cedric A. Kouame
Magna Cum Laude

Tyfarrarious V. Luna **

Michelle N. Moss

Jhon E. Ochoa Espitia
Cum Laude

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Star-Spangled Banner

O say can you see,
 by the dawn's early light,
 What so proudly we hailed
 at the twilight's last gleaming,
 Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
 through the perilous fight,
 O'er the ramparts we watched,
 were so gallantly streaming?
 And the rockets' red glare,
 the bombs bursting in air,
 Gave proof through the night
 that our flag was still there;
 O say does that star-spangled
 banner yet wave
 O'er the land of the free
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Francis Scott Key

Our Glorious UDC (Alma Mater)

A path that's paved in Red and Gold,
 Leading to the dreams life holds,
 Inspiring ev'ry growing mind to
 Conquer mountains hard to climb.
 You'll always reign with equality,
 Strength and love and unity,
 Bringing life's prosperity to
 Those who pledge their loyalty.
 UDC you're praised and loved,
 Bless'd with strength from God above,
 Leading us on through ev'ry road to
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REFRAIN

We praise our UDC;
 Your precepts we believe;
 Always our hearts will sing to thee,
 OUR GLORIOUS UDC.

*Words by Larry Mills
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Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

Lift ev'ry voice and sing
 Till earth and heaven ring,
 Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
 Let our rejoicing rise
 High as the list'ning skies,
 Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
 Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
 Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
 Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
 Let us march on till victory is won.
 Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chast'ning rod,
 Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
 Yet with a steady beat,
 Have not our weary feet
 Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
 We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.
 We have come, treading our path through the blood
 of the slaughtered,
 Out from the gloomy past,
 Till now we stand at last
 Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
 Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
 Thou who hast by Thy might,
 Led us into the light,
 Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
 Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,
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 Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world,
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 Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
 May we forever stand,
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*Words by James Weldon Johnson
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