



# COMMENCEMENT

SPRING 2017

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Dunkin' Donuts Center  
One LaSalle Square  
Providence, Rhode Island

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES  
Saturday, the thirteenth day of May  
9:00 a.m.

ADVANCED DEGREES  
Saturday, the thirteenth day of May  
2:30 p.m.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES  
BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Saturday, the thirteenth day of May

**Processional**

*Pomp and Circumstance...* Sir Edward Elgar  
*Fanfare-Processional on Gaudeamus Igitur...* James Sochinski  
*Music for Royal Fireworks...* Georg Friedrich Handel  
*Marching Song...* Gustav Holst  
*Folk Song Suite...* Vaughan Williams

**Presiding**

Jeffrey P. Blais  
*Chair, Council of Rhode Island College*

**The National Anthem**

Michael T. Garrepy

**Invocation**

Reverend Dr. Sammy C. Vaughan

**Call to Order**

Frank D. Sánchez  
*President of Rhode Island College*

**Greetings**

The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo  
*Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations*

The Honorable James R. Langevin  
*United States Congress*

Barbara S. Cottam  
*Chair, Rhode Island Board of Education*

William G. Foulkes  
*Chair, Council on Postsecondary Education*

**Golden Anniversary Gift**

Eugene G. Simone  
*Class of 1967*

**Conferring of Honorary Degree**

Candidates presented by  
Ronald E. Pitt  
*Vice President for Academic Affairs*  
Sonia Nieto, *Doctor of Education*

### Commencement Address

Sonia Nieto  
*Professor Emerita, University of Massachusetts Amherst*

### Farewell Remarks

Jeremy T. Boutin  
*President, Class of 2017*

### Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees

Candidates introduced by  
Holly L. Shadoian  
*Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Candidates presented by  
Donald C. Halquist  
*Dean, Feinstein School of Education and Human Development*

Roberta S. Pearlmutter  
*Dean, School of Social Work*

Jeffrey Mello  
*Dean, School of Management*

Jane Williams  
*Dean, School of Nursing*

Earl L. Simson  
*Dean, Faculty of Arts and Sciences*

### Welcome into the Alumni Association

Mathies J. Santos  
*President, Rhode Island College Alumni Association*

### Alma Mater

### Recessional

*Auld Lang Syne...* Traditional  
*America the Beautiful...* Samuel Augustus Ward  
*Folk Song Suite...* Ralph Vaughan Williams

### CLASS OF 2017

Jeremy T. Boutin, <i>President</i>	Patrick W. Hurd, <i>Secretary</i>
Kristin M. O'Connor, <i>Vice President</i>	Katie J. Salisbury, <i>Treasurer</i>

### HONOR CORDS

Undergraduates who are receiving their degrees today with Latin honors have the privilege of wearing special “honor cords.” The color of the cord indicates the level of the honor as follows:

*summa cum laude...* gold  
*magna cum laude...* burgundy  
*cum laude...* white

## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Sonia Nieto

Professor Emerita, University of Massachusetts Amherst



**Doctor of Education**

Sonia Nieto has devoted her professional life to questions of diversity, equity and social justice in education.

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Nieto began her teaching career in 1966 in an intermediate school in Brooklyn. Her university career started in the Puerto Rican Studies Department at Brooklyn College. She completed her doctoral degree at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where she later taught preservice and practicing teachers and doctoral students for 26 years before retiring in 2006.

Nieto's research focuses on multicultural education, teacher education and the education of students of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. She has written dozens of book chapters and journal articles on these subjects, in addition to writing or editing 11 books. Her first book, "Affirming Diversity," soon to be in its 7th edition, is used widely in teacher education courses in the United States and abroad; the first edition (1992) was selected for the Museum of Education's "Education Readers' Guide" as one of the 100 books that helped define the field of education in the twentieth century.

The inaugural speaker for Rhode Island College's Dialogue on Diversity Lecture series in 1996, Nieto returned in 2016 to deliver the 20th anniversary lecture.

Nieto has received numerous awards for her scholarly work, teaching, activism and advocacy, including six honorary doctorates. She was awarded a Bellagio Residence by the Rockefeller Foundation, and she was elected a Laureate of Kappa Delta Pi, a Fellow of AERA and a member of the National Academy of Education.

Having served as visiting scholar in various universities in the United States and abroad, in 2016 she was ranked among the top 35 university-based education scholars in the RHSU Edu-Scholar Public Influence Rankings.

FEINSTEIN SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

*Marshal: Charles H. McLaughlin Jr.*

**Bachelor of Arts**

Jacqueline E. Allard	Amanda K. Gravel <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Presidential Scholar</i>	David J. McFarlane
Megan R. Andriole	Nakita M. Guerroux <i>cum laude</i>	Jared A. Medeiros <i>cum laude</i>
Leeshonel Ayala <i>Presidential Scholar</i>	*Meagan Harpin	Sarah J. Medeiros <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Presidential Scholar</i>
Brianna G. Barlow <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Presidential Scholar</i>	*Jack D. Harris <i>cum laude</i>	Cassandra Miranda
Michael E. Bedrosian	*Essence Harrison <i>cum laude</i>	‡Mallory Moniz
Kathryn S. Boegler <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Presidential Scholar</i>	Alyssa Hirsbrunner <i>summa cum laude</i>	Amanda M. Morgan <i>magna cum laude</i>
James M. Bucci	‡Emma M. Holman	Andrea K. Moyon
‡Sweila V. Cardoso	Marika Isom	*Brittany J. Mulvaney <i>cum laude</i>
Julia A. Carnevale <i>cum laude</i>	Jatnna A. Jimenez	Carrie A. Munroe
Isa C. Cespedes <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Bertha Christina Andrews Emin Award</i> <i>(Outstanding Achievement)</i>	Laura A. Johnston	*Chansophanya Ngin <i>cum laude</i>
Nicole J. Chagnon <i>cum laude</i> <i>Yetta Rauch Melcer Dance Award</i>	‡Jena E. Karneeb	Brittany E. Papineau <i>cum laude</i>
Meghan Kate Comforti <i>cum laude</i>	Lauren Elizabeth Kelley <i>cum laude</i>	Catherine L. Pawlina <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Presidential Scholar</i>
Christopher P. Costa <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>Presidential Scholar</i> <i>General Education Honors</i> <i>Mary Alice Grellner Educational Studies</i> <i>Senior Award</i>	Alexandra Kerfoot <i>magna cum laude</i>	Jenna R. Pedchenko <i>magna cum laude</i>
*Katie L. Costa	*Emily K. King	Deonna P. Pieranunzi <i>cum laude</i>
Gianna Demedeiros	Allison M. Kirch <i>Presidential Scholar</i>	Dennis O. Poirier
Alyssa M. DiNitto	Lindsey M. Kopech <i>magna cum laude</i>	William J. Poland Jr. <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Elementary Education Award</i>
Kara A. Dopart	Jamie L. Krause <i>magna cum laude</i>	Victoria R. Porter <i>cum laude</i>
Arisa I. Durand <i>cum laude</i>	*Emma R. Lafleur <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>Presidential Scholar</i> <i>General Education Honors</i> <i>Evelyn Walsh Prize</i> <i>Claiborne deB. Pell Award</i>	‡Adriana M. Price
Lauren A. English <i>magna cum laude</i>	Lucy E. Lafountain	Jaclyn R. Pringle <i>magna cum laude</i>
‡Rachel V. Ferrara	Tayla A. Lambert <i>summa cum laude</i> <i>Presidential Scholar</i>	*Brittany C. Pyszczynski
Kate S. Ficarra <i>cum laude</i>	*Danielle J. Lippacher <i>cum laude</i>	‡Lindsey M. Quirk
‡Megan Fisk	Meghan M. Lockett <i>cum laude</i>	Karen J. Ramirez <i>cum laude</i> <i>Katherine Murray Prize</i> <i>Jennifer S. Cook Award</i>
*Kristen M. Flanagan <i>cum laude</i>	Desiree M. Magnifico <i>cum laude</i>	Yinelly Ramos
Michael J. Fratus Sr.	Molly S. Magrane	Ashley G. Raposo <i>cum laude</i>
*Dorothy Florence Furtado <i>cum laude</i>	*Colby J. Major	Cody J. Reidl <i>magna cum laude</i>
Brian W. Gould <i>cum laude</i>	*Ariana M. Maples <i>summa cum laude</i>	*Amy E. Richards <i>magna cum laude</i>
	Maria I. Marin <i>cum laude</i>	Jonathan Rinn
	Louis S. Mazza <i>cum laude</i>	‡Jasmine G. Rivas Corado
		*Kristi A. Robinson
		Gustavo A. Rodriguez
		Ryan A. Ross

- \*Joseph Sacchetti  
*cum laude*
- ‡Harrie F. Salk  
Christina Sayavong  
Madelin Elloise Schlenz  
*summa cum laude*  
Kelly D. Schofield  
*summa cum laude*
- ‡Jessel Severino  
Lauren E. Stahowiak
- \*Kevin W. Stone  
Amanda L. Timperley  
Ilana T. Tirocchi  
*magna cum laude*
- \*Lora V. Tortolani  
*cum laude*
- \*Erica A. Vespia-Cronin  
*cum laude*
- \*Brittany L. Waters  
*magna cum laude*  
*Presidential Scholar*
- Bachelor of Science**  
Alyssa L. Allyn  
Craig A. Amado  
Deepani Ambalangodage  
*summa cum laude*  
*Bertha Christina Andrews Emin Award*  
*(Scholastic Excellence)*
- Kaisey N. Ames  
*cum laude*
- Susan Anderson  
*magna cum laude*
- Holly M. Audette  
*summa cum laude*
- Katelyn S. Berard  
*summa cum laude*  
*Presidential Scholar*
- Carissa J. Bram
- \*Meredith C. Burkett  
*magna cum laude*
- Megan A. Burlingame  
*cum laude*
- Mariah C. Caldwell  
*cum laude*
- \*Makayla Calkins  
*cum laude*
- Katie L. Carriero  
*cum laude*
- Andrea M. Cerra  
*cum laude*
- Zaida M. Cipriano  
*cum laude*
- Amanda Correia  
*magna cum laude*
- \*Kady F. Corriveau  
*cum laude*
- Allie E. Costa  
Melissa A. Costa  
*cum laude*
- Shane Crellin  
*cum laude*
- Elisabet Crespo  
*cum laude*
- Samantha G. Cunha  
*cum laude*
- Brandy L. Desrochers  
*magna cum laude*
- \*David Joseph Dixon  
*cum laude*
- Katharine M. Donnelly  
*cum laude*
- Alyssa R. Downing  
*cum laude*
- Meaghan L. Feeny  
*magna cum laude*
- Jasmine M. Ferguson  
*magna cum laude*
- \*Zachary R. Folsom
- \*Jennifer Fontes  
*magna cum laude*
- Talya L. Forleo  
*cum laude*
- Heather J. Frechette  
*summa cum laude*
- Lindsay M. Gagne  
*magna cum laude*  
*Presidential Scholar*
- Nancy A. Gallo  
*magna cum laude*
- \*Brielle R. Gaudreau
- Meghan George  
*magna cum laude*
- Robyn M. Geremia  
*magna cum laude*
- Sarah-Joy Giammarco  
*cum laude*
- Sarah N. Gibbons  
*magna cum laude*
- Kimberly M. Gomes
- Dionisia D. Grammas  
*cum laude*
- Danielle A. Granata  
*magna cum laude*
- Shelby Nicole Green
- Erica Nicole Grossi  
*cum laude*
- Julia M. Guarniero  
*cum laude*
- \*Nicole F. Guggino
- Jaclyn M. Hahn  
*magna cum laude*
- Stefanie Harris  
*summa cum laude*
- Angelique L. Higgins  
*cum laude*
- Rebecca L. Hirschmann  
*cum laude*
- Gregory S. Jaroma  
*cum laude*
- Matenneh Sekounjee Kanneh  
*cum laude*
- Jennifer G. Keane  
*cum laude*
- Brooke S. Knox  
*summa cum laude*
- Danielle A. Landon
- Jordan A. LeFort
- Cynthia Lebrun
- Lindsey N. Leclerc  
*cum laude*
- \*Torie L. Lemoine  
*summa cum laude*
- Nicole Leste  
*magna cum laude*
- Samantha B. Loeb  
*magna cum laude*
- \*Felisha K. Lussier  
*cum laude*
- Tori A. Lussier  
*cum laude*
- Shannon L. Mac Donald
- ‡Allison Mahoney  
*cum laude*
- Malaree Marcotte  
*magna cum laude*
- Kristin M. Marsella  
*cum laude*
- \*Corinne C. Mattera  
*magna cum laude*
- Maritza A. Mayo  
*magna cum laude*  
*Elisa F. Bonaventura Award*
- Rebecca L. Mele
- Jill P. Mennucci  
*summa cum laude*  
*Sister Mary Francis Ryan, R.S.M. Early*  
*Childhood Education Award*
- Alisha A. Mooney
- Josafat O. Morales
- Jamie S. Musa  
*cum laude*
- \*Megan E. O'Hare  
*magna cum laude*
- Jessalyn A. O'Neill

\*Jody L. Orlando  
*magna cum laude*  
 Amanda C. Pacheco  
*cum laude*  
 Katherine M. Paddock  
*cum laude*  
 \*Meghan H. Paquet  
*magna cum laude*  
 Tiffani A. Parillo  
*cum laude*  
 \*Adrienne Pariset  
*magna cum laude*  
 ‡Conner M. Patch  
 Karissa R. Patrizio  
*cum laude*  
 ‡Corrine E. Paul  
*cum laude*  
 Kathryn E. Payton  
*magna cum laude*  
*Presidential Scholar*  
 Vanessa L. Penate  
 Erin Phaneuf  
*cum laude*  
 Lacy V. Rego  
 Hirlenys K. Reyes  
 \*Jessica Ricci  
*cum laude*

\*Colleen M. Riessen  
*magna cum laude*  
 Rebecca Carley Roberge  
*summa cum laude*  
 Walter B. Rodas  
*cum laude*  
 \*Melanie Y. Rosso  
 \*Ashley Suzanne Russell  
*magna cum laude*  
 Stephanie M. Sacchetti  
*cum laude*  
 Kristina R. Shardlow  
*summa cum laude*  
*Presidential Scholar*  
*Josephine A. Stillings Award*  
 Ashley A. Silva  
*cum laude*  
 Melody A. Silva  
*magna cum laude*  
 Jennifer K. Sollitto  
 Nicole M. Sousa  
*magna cum laude*  
 ‡Maria R. Spanos  
*cum laude*  
 Baratang C. Stewart  
*cum laude*  
 \*Courtney A. Sumner  
*magna cum laude*

\*Michelle M. Sylvestre  
 Vincent M. Tanner  
 Jodi L. Tavares  
*magna cum laude*  
 Stephanie Taveras  
*Health and Physical Education Award*  
 Amanda Maria Theriault  
*cum laude*  
 Rachel M. Tonski  
*cum laude*  
 Leann M. Torres  
*cum laude*  
 Katie A. Vallante  
 Andriana C. Vanikiotis  
*magna cum laude*  
 \*Marie Vanvelzer  
*summa cum laude*  
 Emely Vilorio  
*cum laude*  
 Maria Rose Walmsley  
*magna cum laude*  
 Marcus A. Washington  
*cum laude*  
 Sarah K. Whiston  
*summa cum laude*

## SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

*Marshal: Wendy L. Becker*

### **Bachelor of Social Work**

Yorisola O. Ademoye  
 \*Briana L. Alves  
*cum laude*  
 Milka Aquino  
*cum laude*  
 Jesse Levi Baker  
 Kristen Bibeault  
 Scott D. Bjurman  
*cum laude*  
*Honors in Social Work*  
*Bachelor of Social Work Community*  
*Service Award*  
 Katherine R. Brinkman  
*cum laude*  
 Taylor M. Brochu  
*cum laude*  
 Justine Cabral  
*cum laude*  
 Maria Calzado  
*magna cum laude*

James A. Campagnone  
*cum laude*  
 Carmelish M. Carrasco  
*cum laude*  
 Madisson A. Catanzaro  
 Heather A. Champlin  
 Paige Chighine  
*magna cum laude*  
 Felix A. Colon  
*cum laude*  
 \*Stefan J. Cox  
 Katia Custer  
 Lindsay Cutler  
*cum laude*  
 Elliot J. DeMello  
 Kaziah M. Diaz Butler  
*summa cum laude*  
 Andrea S. Dono  
*cum laude*  
 Oluwatoyin Drameh  
 ‡Samuel Reilly DuBois  
*magna cum laude*

‡Michael Galipeau  
*summa cum laude*  
 Olivia R. Gesualdi  
*cum laude*  
 ‡Katherin J. Giraldo  
 \*Walter L. Goddard  
*cum laude*  
 Devan J. Gomez  
 Kaitlyn A. Grayson  
*cum laude*  
 Robert L. Guarniero  
 Erin R. Harrington  
*magna cum laude*  
 Frederick L. Herchuk  
 \*Dannybel Hernandez  
*cum laude*  
 ‡Jocelyne Hernandez  
 Carmen Y. Hiciano  
 Courtney L. Howe  
 Sarah A. Iaccarino  
*cum laude*  
 Carla Justiniano



Dana Krahenbill  
*magna cum laude*  
‡Lisa Lamontagne  
Daniel K. Lawton  
\*Johanna Legault  
Nayanne S. Lenus  
*Anthony E. Ricci Social Work Practice  
Award*  
Millie E. Lukens  
*summa cum laude*  
‡Regina M. Mastrangelo  
Kelsey R. McCauley  
Natalie McDougal  
Tara Lynn McGovern  
Elizabeth M. McLeod  
‡Arimory Mercedes  
Victoria A. Montagano  
*magna cum laude*

Precious Moore  
Ivana E. Nardoza  
Rebecca L. Nunes  
*magna cum laude  
Presidential Scholar*  
Sandra Owusu-Sekyere  
‡Abby E. Parsons  
*Presidential Scholar*  
Joann M. Perez  
Latonya Pete  
*cum laude*  
Kaylee A. Prete  
Gianna M. Ricci  
‡Jillian E. Robinson  
Amanda M. Rodriguez  
Alaina M. Ross  
Kimberly M. Rossi  
Astrid Ruano

Sandy Saenbounmy  
*summa cum laude*  
Angelina Serrano  
Milagro D. Sique  
*cum laude*  
‡Deanna C. Smith  
*magna cum laude*  
Jennie Sullivan  
‡Benjamin Swierk  
James Teeter  
*summa cum laude*  
Kimberly C. Tovar  
Stephanie A. Turner  
*cum laude*  
Leyda X. Urugutia-Cante  
Alexandria L. White  
*magna cum laude*  
Briana Leigh Winstead

## SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

*Marshal: Lisa Bonitati Church*

### **Bachelor of Arts**

Stephanie Guzman  
*cum laude*  
\*Truc-Anh Le  
Richard E. Moore  
*magna cum laude  
Outstanding Student Award in Economics  
and Finance*  
\*Michael G. Saker  
*cum laude*  
Dennis P. Slavin  
Jeffrey Xu  
*cum laude*

### **Bachelor of Science**

Vincent J. Abbaticola  
‡Clare Adams  
*magna cum laude*  
Jamie N. Aissis  
Oluleke O. Akanji  
Alexander A. Akinkugbe  
‡Stephanie L. Albuquerque  
*cum laude*  
Lissa M. Almanzar  
*magna cum laude  
Honors in Management*  
Kathryn E. Almeida  
\*Brian Andrea Jr.  
Maria E. Araujo Reano  
Megan Armburg  
*magna cum laude*

Adam J. Arruda  
\*Jean C. Asian  
*magna cum laude*  
\*Charles Autote  
*cum laude*  
Erica J. Bacon  
*cum laude*  
\*Rachel Barrett  
*magna cum laude*  
\*Gregory J. Beaune  
\*Jeffrey S. Blackmar  
*magna cum laude*  
\*Olufunmilayo M. Bloffer-Ijaduola  
\*Alexandra M. Boisvert  
*magna cum laude*  
\*Danielle L. Bolvin  
Christine Marie Borino  
‡Zachary A. Bourgeois  
‡Odette P. Bourgoin  
‡Erin L. Brady  
Sam G. Browne  
\*Andrew J. Buckley  
*cum laude*  
\*Mark P. Butler  
‡Austin G. Calista  
‡Fatoumata Camara  
Katherine T. Cameron  
Sarah R. Caouette  
*cum laude*  
James R. Carlino  
Maxwell R. Carlsten

Brendon W. Carr  
Carmelish M. Carrasco  
*cum laude*  
‡Ana C. Castillo  
Courtney L. Champagne  
\*Steven Charria  
\*Shilo H. Chaves  
‡Lisa Choummalaithong  
Tyler D. Christo  
\*Danielle Christy  
Alicia Chy  
\*Joelle T. Cipolla  
Amanda L. Cirillo  
Micaela N. Clare  
‡Lauren M. Cocci  
‡Chelsea A. Combs  
Bradford T. Conway  
*cum laude*  
\*Jonathan M. Cooper  
Kayla N. Cordeiro  
Brianna L. Cornell  
‡Jacob T. Correia  
Joshley S. Credo  
\*John Thomas Nolan Croft  
*cum laude*  
\*Ashley L. Dacunha  
Eric M. Darragh  
Erik R. Dauplaise  
*magna cum laude*  
Cassandra Rose David  
Edward R. Davis

‡Eliana R. De La Zerda  
*cum laude*

‡Alberto R. Del Orbe  
Anthony N. DelBrocco  
William Anthony DelSanto  
*magna cum laude*

\*Jon Robert Delgizzo

\*Melissa B. Desquenne  
Nicholas DiSalvo  
*summa cum laude*

‡Vanessa M. Dilone

\*Marc W. Diminico  
*cum laude*

\*Colin M. Donahue  
Nicole Eller  
*cum laude*  
Tammy Engel  
Stephanie Espino

\*Cody James Fanning  
*magna cum laude*  
Wesam Farrah  
Yasmeen B. Farrah  
*summa cum laude*  
*Outstanding Student Award in Marketing*

Natalie D. Federico  
Leslie N. Feliz De La Cruz

\*Catia G. Ferreira  
*cum laude*

\*Debora R. Fidalgo

\*Jared J. Folan

\*Andrew J. Fonseca

\*Edward C. Francis  
Samantha L. Furtado  
*cum laude*

‡Daniel Garcia  
Edwin J. Garcia

‡Jorge A. Gil  
Jesenia Giraldo

\*Teresa J. Gomes  
*magna cum laude*

‡Wilfredo Gonzalez

\*Yahira Y. Gonzalez  
Christian Metzger Gracia

‡Haley B. Greenwood  
Ashley Grenier  
Clary H. Guzman  
*cum laude*  
Lorne Kendrick Hamelin  
*magna cum laude*  
Juaniesha R. Harvey  
Nikolaos M. Hatzinikolau  
Veronica Heard

\*Darren Hefez

Devin L. Hill

‡Kevin G. Hubbard

\*Natalie Mary James  
Dara G. Johnson  
Dorinda L. Keene  
*summa cum laude*  
Zofia B. Keksz  
*summa cum laude*  
Clayton Z. Kellogg

\*John G. Killion  
Katie E. Laferte

‡Natalie S. Lafond

\*Stephany A. Lamoureux  
Mariell M. Lantigua  
*cum laude*  
Justin Larue

\*Kelsey A. Lawton  
*cum laude*

‡Amanda M. Lento

‡Taylor B. Levesque  
Carolina Lorenzo  
Kenya I. Louis  
Jonathan Macomber  
*cum laude*

\*Jake M. Magnone  
Ryan A. Martins  
Ana Martins  
*cum laude*

‡Dillon M. Mayotte

‡Leandra C. McAlees

\*Nathan Alexander McColl

\*Shawn C. McConnell

\*Christopher P. McCooles  
*cum laude*

‡Katelyn A. McElroy

‡Brian D. McKay  
*summa cum laude*  
*Outstanding Student Award in Accounting*

\*Ana C. Medeiros  
*cum laude*  
Anthony N. Minutelli Jr.  
*summa cum laude*  
*John Silva Memorial Scholastic Award*

Lindsay T. Moffat  
*cum laude*  
Noemia A. Monteiro  
Richard E. Moore  
*magna cum laude*  
*Outstanding Student Award in Economics and Finance*

Edla M. Morais  
Brian L. Moreno  
Quilcia I. Moronta

\*Patrick A. Morrissey  
Leela L. Mullahoo

‡Jake E. Murray  
Kenneth K. Newton  
*magna cum laude*  
Tram N. Nguyen  
Wendy E. Nochez

‡Shuab V. Nouyi Yang

‡Samantha L. Nowicki

‡Michael P. O'Keefe

\*Nicholas P. Oliveira  
*cum laude*  
Adetokunbo S. Oni  
*cum laude*

‡Damaris Y. Ortiz

‡Taylor A. Panzarella

\*Jonathan P. Parenteau

\*Scott J. Parmentier  
*magna cum laude*

‡Jerika S. Paz  
Joseph E. Pecchia

‡Jennifer L. Peno

\*Brian C. Pereira  
Justin T. Pereira  
Andrew J. Persechino  
Jocelyn A. Pfefferle  
*cum laude*

\*Molisa Phin  
*cum laude*  
Alexander Picard

\*Mark J. Piccerelli  
Shanty N. Pineda  
*cum laude*

\*Jonathan A. Place

\*Jeffrey T. Poisson  
Norris L. Polk  
*cum laude*

\*Katherine A. Polomsky

‡Courtney R. Ponte  
*cum laude*  
John R. Rainone  
*magna cum laude*  
Justin M. Ray

‡Matthew P. Reddy  
*cum laude*

\*Alexandria M. Reis

\*Joseph Alexander Reith  
*cum laude*

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Jennifer C. Ricci  
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Lena Rithiphong  
Anny Robert

Brandon D. Robinson  
 \*Jazz Robinson  
 \*Alexandre Joseph Rocha  
 Brian F. Rodas  
 John D. Roderick  
 Kay-Lynn Roderick  
 \*Albert Rodriguez  
*magna cum laude*  
 Kachlin Rodriguez  
 Alex Rodriques  
 \*Saira A. Roman  
 ‡Alexander Rose  
 Holly Rossi  
*cum laude*  
 Matthew C. Ryan  
*magna cum laude*  
 \*Michael G. Saker  
*cum laude*  
 Fabian Andres Salinas  
 \*Brittany L. Salzillo  
*cum laude*  
 †Giselle Sanchez  
 \*Sonia P. Sanchez  
*cum laude*  
 Karla I. Santizo  
*cum laude*  
 Ryan T. Scarfo  
 Alyson Schena  
 Kayli Ann Shaheen  
*cum laude*  
 Derek M. Shorey  
 Janet R. Silva  
 ‡Jason J. Silva

Justin J. Simao  
 \*Stephanie F. Simas  
 \*Benjamin G. Simpson  
 \*Carlynn L. Smith  
 \*Catherine Solano  
*cum laude*  
 ‡Stephanie L. Soscia  
 \*Jonathan Alberto Soto  
 \*Stephanie L. St. Jean  
*magna cum laude*  
 \*Daniel D. Stone  
 Kathy Su  
*cum laude*  
 Catherine Q. Sullivan  
 Royah Sultan  
 Marigo A. Svitlitsas  
*cum laude*  
 Lauren A. Sylvia  
*cum laude*  
*Presidential Scholar*  
 Bennett Marshall Thompson  
*cum laude*  
 ‡Aloysius Togbah  
 Kaitlin E. Topper  
*cum laude*  
 Kenneth L. Townsend II  
 \*Timothy W. Travers  
 \*Marc P. Tuttle  
 Ushna Uzzaman  
 ‡Shawnelle R. Valdespino  
 Marielis Valerio  
*magna cum laude*  
 \*Austin James Vanbemmelen

‡Andre Vanhorn  
*magna cum laude*  
*Outstanding Student Award in Computer Information Systems*  
 \*John M. Varone  
 \*Ian Vater  
*cum laude*  
 ‡Kelli-Jo Vazquez  
*magna cum laude*  
 Shadil R. Ventura  
 ‡Kenneth C. Viera Jr.  
*cum laude*  
 ‡Monica S. Vieira  
 Nicole V. Vieira  
*summa cum laude*  
 ‡Rachael L. Vinacco  
 \*Diana C. Von  
 Reanna T. Votta  
 ‡Samantha E. Walsh  
 Chao Wang  
*summa cum laude*  
 \*Brittany L. Waters  
*magna cum laude*  
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 ‡Courtney N. Wood  
 ‡Christopher Xiong  
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 Jeffrey Xu  
*cum laude*  
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 Jenna N. Antonio  
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 Nicholas M. Aridano  
*magna cum laude*  
 \*Jeanita L. Arzola  
 \*Lena Ayotte  
 \*Jaclyn E. Baribault  
 Guadalupe D. Barrios  
 \*Doris J. Belanger  
 Kristin Bell  
*magna cum laude*

\*Leeann N. Benedetti  
 \*Christina M. Berlo  
*magna cum laude*  
 Doris Bermudez  
*cum laude*  
 Grace B. Bevilacqua  
*magna cum laude*  
 Maria N. Bolivar  
 \*Cortney E. Bouchard  
*cum laude*  
 Sierra N. Boucher  
*cum laude*  
 \*Jessica Lynne Bourgeois  
*cum laude*  
 Daria Braboy  
 Edward A. Brady  
*magna cum laude*

Chelsea Brown  
*summa cum laude*  
 \*Elizabeth D. Bryant  
*cum laude*  
 \*Sheena C. Burr  
*magna cum laude*  
 \*Franchesca Cabreja  
 \*Melissa Cabrera  
*magna cum laude*  
 ‡Catherine E. Canavan  
 Shannon K. Carey  
*cum laude*  
 \*Emily R. Carroll  
 Emely Castillo  
*cum laude*  
 Lisa A. Catalano

Sarah E. Chase  
*cum laude*

\*Jared W. Cheves  
*magna cum laude*

Katrina Chhim  
*magna cum laude*  
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*cum laude*  
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Courtney Confalone

Nina E. Consonni

Nicole M. Cote  
*magna cum laude*  
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Savannah L. Crehan  
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Roberta J. Cronan  
*cum laude*

\*Ramon Francisco Cruz

Amber M. Culhane  
*cum laude*

\*Sidney H. Daugaard

Denise L. DePina  
*cum laude*

Marissa A. DeRoy

\*Irina Degtyareva

\*Hannah C. Delashmutt  
*magna cum laude*

Janine DiGiulio  
*summa cum laude*

Amy DiMuccio  
*summa cum laude*

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*summa cum laude*

Dante C. DiVozzi  
*cum laude*

Maeghan E. Domenici  
*cum laude*  
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*magna cum laude*

Lynne A. Driscoll  
*cum laude*

‡Paula J. Ducharme  
*cum laude*

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Jane E. Fontes Guerrero  
*cum laude*

\*Katherine D. Fountain  
*cum laude*

Ashley Marie Fox

‡Jessica L. Frates  
*magna cum laude*

\*Jessica M. Fredette

\*John E. Furtado

Mary Gabrielsen

\*Sarah K. Gagne  
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Alexandria L. Garofano

\*Nicole L. Gauvin  
*magna cum laude*

\*Jacqueline Gearon  
*cum laude*

Jessica A. Glantz  
*cum laude*

\*Ellen J. Glod  
*cum laude*

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Christina Her  
*cum laude*

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*magna cum laude*

Monica R. Huber  
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*magna cum laude*

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*cum laude*

Benjamin T. Leclerc

\*Susan Jeanne Leonard  
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\*Alexandra R. Lewis  
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*cum laude*

\*Aaron A. Long  
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\*Dorene L. Loomis  
*cum laude*

Kara A. Lotz  
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\*Megan Dorothy Manzella  
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\*Lorraine E. Martin  
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Jina K. Martin  
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Rachel Lee Mascena  
*cum laude*

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\*Audrey R. Medeiros  
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\*Eniraide Medina  
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‡Elena M. Morgans  
*cum laude*

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‡Catherine C. Morris

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Nicole J. Navarro  
*cum laude*  
Molly L. Newman  
\*Jenny Ngin  
*cum laude*  
Panha Ngom  
\*Gabrielle E. Noonan  
*cum laude*  
Janice Nyarko  
*cum laude*  
Julia L. O’Gara  
\*Modesola Olufunmilayo Oladosu  
\*Amanda R. Oliveira  
Courtney L. Oliveira  
*cum laude*  
Elizabeth L. Osborne  
*cum laude*  
\*Jamie N. Pallack  
*summa cum laude*  
Melissa A. Palombo  
\*Evette Pastrana  
*summa cum laude*  
Jacob M. Peguero  
*magna cum laude*  
Danielle M. Peloquin  
*magna cum laude*  
Melissa S. Pereira  
\*Tiffany L. Phillips  
*magna cum laude*  
Syndie Pierre-Canel  
*cum laude*  
\*Alison K. Pontes  
*magna cum laude*  
\*Cassandra N. Puerini  
*cum laude*  
\*Christine E. Ramieri  
*cum laude*

Darshelle A. Ramos  
*cum laude*  
Moriah K. Reardon  
*summa cum laude*  
\*Kayla C. Rebello  
*cum laude*  
Andrew T. Reis  
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\*Gleidys Reyes  
*cum laude*  
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*magna cum laude*  
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\*Kimberly E. Rigano  
*cum laude*  
\*Sarah-Jane H. Riley  
*magna cum laude*  
\*Nelsy Romero  
\*Lani Roth  
\*Dennis A. Rotondi  
*cum laude*  
Colleen Janis Rusk  
*cum laude*  
\*Nikki C. Russo  
Ben M. Salvatore  
*cum laude*  
Amber D. San Miguel  
*cum laude*  
Jasmin Lee Santos  
\*Anahid L. Sarkisian  
\*Christina L. Schotanus  
\*Rai P. Singh  
Melissa F. Skoutas  
*cum laude*  
Alexandria E. Smith  
*cum laude*  
\*Genevieve D. Smith  
*magna cum laude*

\*Taylor L. Spellman  
*magna cum laude*  
‡Corrin Squibb  
*summa cum laude*  
\*Kacie L. Stafford  
*cum laude*  
\*Alexis A. Surprenant  
*summa cum laude*  
\*Christina Marie Taheny  
*summa cum laude*  
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*cum laude*  
\*Kelly A. Tipple  
*cum laude*  
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Yelena A. Trubitsyna  
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\*Darlene L. Vanasse  
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Maria L. Viti  
Christopher Whitcomb  
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Nicole E. Wilk  
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\*Kyle E. Wilson  
‡Linda A. Wilson  
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‡Miguel A. Alcantara  
‡Ashley Aldarondo  
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Joseph A. Allmark  
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Susan Anderson  
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Joseph P. Andrade  
\*Kendra L. Andrews  
\*Austin D. Archambault  
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Julia R. Arnold  
*cum laude*  
Mary A. Arnold  
*cum laude*

Oleg S. Asserin  
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*cum laude*  
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*cum laude*

\*Christine Marie Bileau

‡Kerri L. Bilodeau

\*Ian Binesar

‡Robert Thomas Bishop

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\*Janine D. Boiselle  
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\*Cortney E. Bouchard  
*cum laude*

Elaina L. Bouchard

Kathryn Bowen  
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Christine M. Boyle  
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\*Charles M. Bradshaw II  
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\*Katrina M. Braga

Lousata Bright

Patrick Michael Brindamour

Robert Brinkman  
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Alexandra R. Broccoli  
*cum laude*

‡Cynthia L. Brochu-Cann  
*cum laude*

\*Kimberly D. Brown

‡Joshua Burnham

‡Michaela L. Burns

\*Brett J. Bursie

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*magna cum laude*

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Nicolaus D. Cabral

Nathan C. Cahoon  
*cum laude*

Rachel Caliri  
*magna cum laude*

‡Michael Calise

Scott T. Callas  
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\*Ava M. Callery  
*magna cum laude*

\*Sadie E. Campanella  
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*Helen M. Murphy Award*

Mackenzie L. Canning  
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Kelly J. Cano

\*Antonia Capezza

Ariana M. Cappalli

Christina L. Carbone

Alia Rose Cardello  
*cum laude*

Michelle A. Cardoza  
*cum laude*

Chelsea E. Carney  
*cum laude*

Alexandra E. Carter  
*cum laude*

Colleen Marie Cartwright

\*Megan Carvalho

Kennia F. Castillo  
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Emily C. Castonguay  
*cum laude*

Brian R. Catalano

Victoria Cataloni

Matthew Oliveira Cavaco

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Stephanie Barros Centeio

Nicole R. Cesaroni  
*cum laude*

Nicole J. Chagnon  
*cum laude*  
*Yetta Rauch Melcer Dance Award*

Staci L. Cherwinski

Erica E. Chiappone  
*cum laude*

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Geoffrey J. Cicatiello

Jennifer Cifuentes  
*summa cum laude*

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Brendan R. Cody  
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Alyson M. Cohen  
*cum laude*

Nuriya A. Coke

Heather M. Collins

Robert B. Collins

Jesse M. Colomba

Michael A. Colucci

Samuel A. Comfort

Sean M. Comtois

Robert V. Connell

‡Nicole F. Connolly

Patrick Connolly

Megan Connors  
*cum laude*

Peter J. Conti

Stephen W. Conti  
*summa cum laude*  
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*General Education Honors*

Jenkins H. R. Cooper

Kathryn E. Cooper

Joseph A. Correia

Adonis Zeal Cossia  
*magna cum laude*

Nicholas R. Costa  
*cum laude*

Sarah E. Costello

‡Erin N. Craig

\*Kelsey F. Critz

‡Estephanie Cruz  
*cum laude*

Christine M. Curley  
*summa cum laude*

Gianna M. D'Amico  
*cum laude*

Alessio V. D'Andrea

‡Jordan M. D'Onofrio

Taylor A. Dame

Abigail A. Dandurand  
*cum laude*  
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Shane P. Darcy  
*cum laude*

\*Malissa A. Dasilva

\*Carol A. Dauphinais

Sarah Anne David  
*cum laude*

‡Jacqueline D. Davis  
*cum laude*

‡Yudenis De Jesus  
*cum laude*

Mitch D. DeAngelis  
*summa cum laude*

\*Gina M. DeLeo

Joseph M. DeLeo  
*Rhode Island College Theatre Award*

Aaron M. DeMarco  
*cum laude*  
*Mary Ann Hawkes Award in Justice Studies*

Linda M. DeMoranville  
*cum laude*

‡Jenna M. Defusco

‡Leanne M. Dellacamera  
*magna cum laude*

Benjamin M. Deluca

‡Jessica R. Demello

Lauren M. Demers

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David L. Deoliveira

Sarah E. Depault

Stevens Descades

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Zachary T. Deutsch  
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*cum laude*

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Rocco C. DiTaranto

Marissa R. Dibiasi  
*cum laude*

Marissa N. Distalo

Catherine H. Divers  
*cum laude*  
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\*Marcos H. Dixon

Ian P. Dodd

Dean S. Donovan  
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Amanda L. Doorley  
*cum laude*

Jake R. Dorman

Anthony T. Doti

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\*Stephanie L. Dougherty

Dakota A. Downs  
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Casey E. Doyle

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Jenna Eccleston

\*Cristina A. Encarnacion

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‡Joshua J. Faiola

\*Rebecca L. Fallin

\*Arkaydia L. Farrow

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*General Education Honors*  
*College Honors*

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*summa cum laude*

‡Kara Fhon

Kelly D. Fhon  
*cum laude*

Ryan S. Field  
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Anthony L. Finizia

\*Mathieu Florio

\*Henry D. Floyd  
*cum laude*

Ashley A. Fochler  
*cum laude*  
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*cum laude*

Ryan J. Foley  
*cum laude*

\*Tyler Ford

‡Coleena A. Foster

Catherine E. Fowler  
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\*Randy J. Francis

Delanna L. Francoeur  
*cum laude*

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*summa cum laude*

Pamela M. Fung

Eugene Henry Gagne  
*cum laude*

Joel Galva Mora

Sara Gamache

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‡Bethany Gencarella  
*cum laude*

\*Marcus J. Gendron

Ashton C. George

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Maja L. Giguere

Ryan J. Gill  
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Brianna M. Gillis  
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*cum laude*

Glarkis M. Gomez

Reison A. Gomez  
*cum laude*

Servio T. Gomez

Shanice Goncalves

Carmine C. Goneconte

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\*Ingrid Y. Gonzalez

Taylor N. Gordon

Lucas Goslin

\*Mary Elizabeth Y. Gosselin

Kathleen P. Graham  
*cum laude*

Susan A. Graham  
*summa cum laude*

Kelcey L. Gramazio

‡Gerard R. Grandpre  
*magna cum laude*

Samuel C. Greene

Jacob J. Gribbin  
*cum laude*

\*Alexis E. Griffin

Heidi Gruber  
*magna cum laude*

\*Jessica E. Guarneri  
*cum laude*

Theresa Guenard  
*magna cum laude*

\*Tanner P. Guimond

\*Eugene Gwizdak Jr.

\*Alexandra Haggerty

‡Adam D. Haley

Tayla R. Hall  
*summa cum laude*

Rachel A. Hamilton  
*cum laude*  
*Communication Achievement Award*  
*(Mass Media)*

Ashley Harris

\*Emily E. Harrison  
*cum laude*

Cedar S. Hayes  
*summa cum laude*  
*Presidential Scholar*  
*Gender and Women's Studies Award for*  
*Service*

\*Elizabeth A. Heald  
*cum laude*

Isabel C. Henao

Nathan P. Henley

Sarah K. Henne-Parkhurst

Nicauris Heredia Rosario  
*summa cum laude*  
*Honors in Political Science*

Danny Hernandez

\*Ramon Hernandez

\*Dennis M. Hicks  
*summa cum laude*

Catherine I. Hidalgo  
*cum laude*

\*Brian S. Horton

Samantha L. Houle  
*magna cum laude*

‡Shannen M. Houlker  
*magna cum laude*

Dawn M. Iacobbo  
*cum laude*

\*Briana L. Iasimone  
*cum laude*

Joel T. Iku Ejemofu

Shane Inman  
*summa cum laude*  
*Honors in Creative Writing*

Amanda A. Irwin  
*cum laude*  
*Honors in English*  
*General Education Honors*  
*College Honors*  
*Spencer and Marguerite Hall Award*

Frederick George Issa Jr.  
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Taalayah A. Jones

Maritza A. Jaramillo  
*summa cum laude*

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Shany A. Jimenez

Tora-Yoshida C. Jones  
*cum laude*

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Anthony W. Kane  
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Nicole E. Kearsch  
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Shelby M. Kent

‡Nicholas D. Kettle

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\*Sabrina S. Kishfy

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Zachary J. Lafleur

Jennifer A. Lafountain  
*cum laude*  
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Anita L. Lamothe

Joseph L. Lancellotti Jr.

Rosalie Laroche  
*cum laude*

Joshua C. Lawrence  
*cum laude*

Thomas J. Lazaras  
*magna cum laude*

Abbie J. Leazes

†Matthew Robert Lebrun  
*magna cum laude*

\*Pierre J. Lech  
*summa cum laude*

Suhui Lee  
*magna cum laude*

Devon J. Lee

‡Jennifer C. Lemos  
*magna cum laude*  
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Brian Leonard  
*magna cum laude*

Dujon A. Leslie

Jennifer E. Levin  
*cum laude*

\*Igor V. Lima

\*Juliana M. Lima

Scott W. Linnane

Kayla Littlefield

\*Alexandria J. LoBello

‡Chelsea L. Lomastro  
*magna cum laude*

Cristian Lopez

‡Elenny M. Lopez

Kirkley Louis  
*magna cum laude*  
*Honors in Africana Studies*

Michael A. Louro

Kelly E. Lyman

Andreanna A. Lynch

‡Victoria M. Maciel

Kimberly I. Mailloux  
*cum laude*

\*Chelsea Malone  
*cum laude*

‡Emmanuel Marsh

Charles G. Martin  
*summa cum laude*

Ava Mascena  
*magna cum laude*  
*Presidential Scholar*  
*General Education Honors*  
*Peter Jeffrey Archambault Memorial*  
*Award*

\*Kelsey Masso  
*Presidential Scholar*

\*Meika E. Matook  
*summa cum laude*

Debra A. McAllister  
*magna cum laude*



Seth P. McCarthy

\*Gabrielle E. McCauley  
*magna cum laude*

Meghan A. McClure

Eli D. McGuire-Krueger

\*Rowan D. McKenna  
*summa cum laude*  
*General Education Honors*  
*Gender and Women's Studies Award for*  
*Scholarship*

Alyssa C. Medeiros

‡Corey Alexander Melo

\*Alyssa L. Mencucci

‡Esi M. Mensah

Bryan Mercier  
*cum laude*

Allyson H. Messier  
*cum laude*

Rochelle L. Micheletti

\*Chelsea A. Mikula

Christine A. Miller

Stephanie Miller

Nicholas Minadeo  
*magna cum laude*

Lindsay T. Moffat  
*cum laude*

‡David Mohd

\*Marthe V. Moise

\*Jessica R. Mokler  
*cum laude*

\*David Stephen Mollo

‡Romira M. Monteiro  
*cum laude*  
*Presidential Scholar*

Christian Montoya  
*cum laude*

Alexandra E. Moore

Carson D. Moore  
*cum laude*  
*Honors in Political Science*

Brigite S. Morais

‡Amy J. Morales  
*cum laude*

Meladine V. Moreira

‡Daniela Moreno

\*Joshua T. Moretti

\*David A. Morgan

Kimberly A. Morman  
*cum laude*

Nicole Morra

Michelle Mort  
*magna cum laude*

Christina M. Moseley

\*Richie J. Mourato  
*magna cum laude*

\*Katherine K. Moynihan

Richard A. Muldoon

Meaghan Mullaly

\*Amanda H. Murphy

‡Meghan L. Myers  
*cum laude*

‡Rachel J. Nallen

\*Joseph Napolitano

Nicole A. Nehiley  
*cum laude*

Marissa M. Neilson  
*magna cum laude*  
*Jean Garrigue Award*

Berenice Nestor Castro

‡Amanda N. Newton  
*cum laude*

Lelia C. Noble  
*cum laude*  
*Prémio Em Estudos Portugueses*

Patrick W. Noke

‡Alyssa Lynne Northrop

\*Kyle M. Norton  
*cum laude*

\*Wilson Charlie Nyonton

Kristin M. O'Connor  
*cum laude*

\*Ryan C. O'Grady  
*cum laude*

‡Nelsy C. Ogando

Maranda M. Orlando  
*magna cum laude*

Sara A. Orticerio

Brittany Y. Ortiz

\*Jessica O. Ortiz

‡Rudy E. Osorio

Katherine C. Ovalles  
*cum laude*

‡Michaela A. Paddock  
*cum laude*

Nichole Pafume

‡Artrella A. Page

Victoria Pagnozzi  
*cum laude*

Kyle M. Palmer  
*magna cum laude*

Nicholas Paolantonio

Abhimanyu B. Parekh

\*Todd M. Paschoal Jr.

\*Natalie Ann Patalano  
*cum laude*

Elisabeth J. Pavao  
*cum laude*

\*Abigale Pechie

\*Jhon A. Pemberty

Cristina I. Pena

\*Raquel Perdomo

\*Elizabeth A. Pereira  
*cum laude*

Jhane C. Pereira  
*magna cum laude*

Jessica Perez  
*cum laude*

Steven L. Perfetto

Zachary E. Perkins

Stephanie N. Perrotta

\*Julia Perry  
*cum laude*

Kayla-Anne Peterson

\*Whitney A. Petranoff  
*magna cum laude*

\*Alexandria Anne Petrarca  
*cum laude*

Hannah M. Petrarca  
*summa cum laude*  
*Mary Ball Howkins Art History Award*

Ariana E. Petrosinelli

Mark Phasouvor

\*Alysha L. Phillips

Samantha Jean Phipps-Moore

Lauren E. Picard  
*Presidential Scholar*

Julie Ca Pichette

‡Harry Alexander Pickering  
*cum laude*

Nia L. Pina

‡Thomas Pittman

‡Tanner J. Plante

\*Mary-Catherine Plouff

Briana V. Poole  
*magna cum laude*

Zachariah D. Porter  
*cum laude*  
*Presidential Scholar*

David R. Posman  
*summa cum laude*

\*Dayna R. Price  
*cum laude*

Simon Price  
*magna cum laude*

\*Ashley R. Prisco

Branden P. Quental  
*cum laude*  
*Presidential Scholar*

Ilsy K. Quintanilla

\*Christopher R. Raiola  
*magna cum laude*

\*Scott A. Rakowski  
*magna cum laude*

- ‡Marcia V. Ramos  
*Tegu Polyglot Award*  
Matthew Ramsdell
- ‡Justin Kenneth Ranger  
Kevin J. Redmond  
*cum laude*  
Nicholas E. Reeder  
Cynthia J. Rego  
Lindsey M. Reinhart  
*magna cum laude*  
Ashley M. Reis  
*magna cum laude*  
Tatiana A. Reis  
*cum laude*
- \*Daniel A. Reisch  
*summa cum laude*  
Chelsea M. Rezendes  
*summa cum laude*  
*Communication Achievement Award*  
(*Speech, Language, and Hearing Science*)
- \*Tess O. Rhoat  
Robbie D. Rhodes  
Joshua L. Ribezzo
- \*Ashley Ricci  
Sean P. Rielly  
Jessica L. Rinker  
*summa cum laude*  
Lucas A. Ritacco  
*cum laude*
- \*Joseph Henry Ritchotte  
Arlis Rivas  
Jeslie A. Rivera Agosto  
*cum laude*  
Michelle Rivera  
Lisa J. Robbins  
Karyn J. Roberts  
*cum laude*
- \*William C. Roberts  
Nicholas Rodrigues  
*summa cum laude*  
Victoria Roe
- \*Diana Rojas  
Jose R. Rosario  
*magna cum laude*  
*General Education Honors*  
*Victoria Lederberg Psychology Award*
- \*Kelly Rosario  
‡Patricia Rosas  
\*Megan Rotkowitz  
*cum laude*  
Danielle L. Rouleau
- Jake Roy  
Kristen Michelle Roy  
*summa cum laude*  
*Herbert R. Winter Award for Academic Excellence in Political Science*
- Rick Ruggieri  
Briana M. Ruggiero  
*Presidential Scholar*
- ‡Michael A. Ruggiero  
Thomas A. Sack  
*cum laude*
- ‡Christy Sackal  
*cum laude*  
Veronica O. Safowaah  
Patrice E. Saint-Franc  
*cum laude*
- \*\*Deirdre R. Salvas  
‡Geoffrey G. Sampaio  
Genesis G. Sanchez Tavaréz  
*magna cum laude*
- \*Marcus Gregory Sandoval  
‡Laura B. Santos  
\*Mathies K. Santos  
*cum laude*
- ‡Steven M. Saritelli Jr.  
*cum laude*
- \*Brenda Sarkor Cheaye  
*cum laude*  
Kimberly Savinon  
*summa cum laude*  
Jason J. Schneider  
Spencer Serra  
*summa cum laude*  
*Mark W. Estrin Film Studies Award*  
Bishouy Sharoubim  
Ryan A. Sherry  
*Mary Ann Hawkes Award in Justice Studies*
- \*Briana D. Silva  
‡Janice L. Silva  
†Joseph Anthony Silva  
\*Kahree L. Silva  
‡Anthony Sinapi  
Caitlin M. Small  
Derek T. Smith  
‡Katelynn M. Smith  
\*Rachel N. Smith  
*cum laude*
- ‡Elizabeth J. Souin  
*cum laude*  
Andrew M. Spaziano  
Elizabeth J. Spencer  
*cum laude*
- \*Jiayin R. Sperry  
*magna cum laude*
- ‡Annelise C. Spurgin  
Macie L. St. Jacques  
*magna cum laude*  
*Honors in Creative Writing*
- \*Christopher M. St. Pierre  
\*Bruce A. Stadelbauer  
Brijette Marie Stamp  
\*Michelle E. Stanley  
*summa cum laude*
- ‡Emily E. Stein  
*cum laude*  
Ashley M. Steinberg  
\*Naomi L. Stewart  
*magna cum laude*  
\*Samuel B. Stewart  
Bridgette Stranko  
*cum laude*
- \*Brittany F. Strom  
Kyle J. Stumpff  
Catherine Q. Sullivan  
‡James Van Arthur Sundquist Esq.  
*cum laude*
- \*Justin A. Supplee  
Cameron R. Swain  
\*Kimberly A. Tack  
*magna cum laude*
- ‡Helena A. Tafuri  
\*Evan C. Tagen  
‡Erin A. Tatro  
Scott C. Tavares  
\*Kia R. Tellier  
Anne-Marie J. Therrien  
*cum laude*  
Nicole M. Thibodeau  
*cum laude*  
*Bourget Student Athlete Award*
- ‡Caroline G. Tillinghast  
Terrance H. Tribble  
Julie A. Trikoulis  
‡Derrick L. Trombley  
*cum laude*  
Olinda L. Urizar  
*cum laude*
- \*Frank A. Vani  
Angeliz I. Vargas-Casillas  
*summa cum laude*  
*Honors in Mathematics*  
*General Education Honors*  
*College Honors*  
*Eleanor M. McMahon Award*  
*Christopher R. Mitchell Award*  
Natashia M. Vargas  
Alita L. Varner  
‡Rashawn A. Vassell

Kelly R. Vatter  
\*Melisa M. Vega  
Sabrina A. Verrechia  
*cum laude*  
*Communication Achievement Award*  
*(Public Relations)*

‡John Vicario  
Alexander D. Vitale

\*Jason Volpe

\*Ryan J. Wakim  
Melanie A. Walsh  
*cum laude*

\*Kristina L. Waters  
*cum laude*

Kourtney R. Watson

\*Halie C. Webb

Jamie Weindel

‡Jonnathan Wesley  
*cum laude*

Aiden T. White

Cameron White

Brittany Williams  
*magna cum laude*

\*Heidi Willson  
*summa cum laude*

\*Colrisa Wilson

Ryan G. Wilson

Alyssa W. Wojdag  
*magna cum laude*  
*Presidential Scholar*

\*Meghan Mackenzie Woodbine

‡Faith Woodward

Robert M. Yuski  
*cum laude*

Sara E. Zanghi  
*cum laude*

\*Muyin Zheng

### **Bachelor of Fine Arts**

Keren P. Almanzar

‡Mauro Decarvalho

Brittany L. Dias  
*magna cum laude*  
*Honors in Art*  
*Studio Art Award*

\*Eli Robert Hebert  
*cum laude*

Maurice E. Peltier  
*summa cum laude*

Alyssa N. Stuart  
*summa cum laude*

‡James Van Arthur Sundquist Esq.  
*cum laude*

### **Bachelor of Music**

Kyle Beaudoin  
*summa cum laude*  
*Honors in Music*

Julie Bezanson  
*summa cum laude*  
*Presidential Scholar*  
*General Education Honors*  
*College Honors*

‡Michael T. Garrepy  
*summa cum laude*  
*Cantor Jacob Hohenemser Award*

\*Johnna M. Macaruso  
*cum laude*

\*Nareh Mkrtshjan  
*magna cum laude*  
*Alice K. Pellegrino Music Education*  
*Award*

Elisabeth J. Pavao  
*cum laude*

Zachary A. Roberts  
*cum laude*

*Presidential Scholar*

### **Bachelor of Science**

\*Titilayo E. Adedeji Campbell

‡Michael A. Adesuyi

Annie M. Alcantara

\*Vincent A. Alexandre  
*magna cum laude*

Kalyn M. Archer  
*cum laude*

Brittany A. Aubin  
*cum laude*

‡Lydia A. Avilla

\*Jenna E. Baccari  
*cum laude*

\*Taylor L. Bailey  
*cum laude*

Megan S. Barros

Jennifer L. Beauchemin  
*summa cum laude*  
*Honors in Physics*  
*Ronald J. Boruch Award*

\*Benjamin G. Beaudoin

Amanda Benson  
*cum laude*

‡Shantell M. Bettencourt  
*cum laude*

Erin M. Blackmer  
*summa cum laude*  
*Dorothy Bianco Award in Chemical*  
*Dependency/Addiction Studies*

Sarah Blasenak  
*cum laude*

Jennifer Bolduc  
Jeremy Boutin  
*cum laude*  
*Honors in Biology*

‡Noor Bouzan  
Alyssa N. Brancaccio  
*magna cum laude*

Amanda C. Brown  
*cum laude*

‡Oreana J. Brown  
Kimberly L. Cabral  
*cum laude*

Marissa Lynn Cabral

\*Antonia Capezza  
Verioska A. Cardona  
Jonathan M. Carney  
*summa cum laude*  
*Richard A. Howland Computer Science*  
*Award*

Alexandra E. Carter  
*cum laude*

Gabriella Ann Cataldo  
Sreypouv Chan

Taylor L. Chretien  
*cum laude*

Gabriella Anna Cimarelli

Alyson M. Cohen  
*cum laude*

Talia Colucci  
*summa cum laude*

\*Courtney A. Contente  
*magna cum laude*  
*Presidential Scholar*  
*Honors in Biology*  
*General Education Honors*  
*College Honors*

Diana M. Conti

Jose A. Costa

Samantha Costa  
*cum laude*  
*Presidential Scholar*  
*Medical Imaging Excellence in Nuclear*  
*Medicine Technology*

Edward K. Cummins  
*magna cum laude*

*John E. Hetherman Award*

Sonja J. Czekalski  
*magna cum laude*

Rebecca R. D'Ambruoso  
*cum laude*

Jennifer L. D'Elia  
*summa cum laude*

Kataryna A. Dasilva  
*magna cum laude*

Carly M. Davis  
*cum laude*

‡Jose A. De La Cruz

‡Solenni DeJesus

\*Sarah M. Depamphilis  
*summa cum laude*

Stephanie R. Depina

Joseph R. Desautels

Brooke A. Destefano  
*summa cum laude*

\*Haley D. Dickinson

Catherine H. Divers  
*cum laude*  
*Presidential Scholar*

Katarina M. Ezikovich

Brian J. Faria  
*magna cum laude*  
*Honors in Computer Science*  
*General Education Honors*  
*College Honors*

‡Elsie Fernandez

Molly Fletcher  
*cum laude*

Gabriella N. Freitas  
*magna cum laude*

Manuel A. Furtado  
*magna cum laude*

Erlande J. Gacin  
*cum laude*

Jennifer A. Gagne

Courtney L. Gallant

Olivia M. Garant

‡Auriel L. Garcia

Katherine Garcia

Kaitlyn N. Godfrey  
*magna cum laude*  
*Honors in Biology*

Geovanna Goico

\*Renee Lee-Ann Gonzales

Elysha J. Grant  
*magna cum laude*  
*Presidential Scholar*  
*General Education Honors*

Liselyn Grullon  
*cum laude*

Donald George Hanson  
*magna cum laude*

\*Emma E. Hartan

Desiree Marie Hartley  
*cum laude*

\*Mee Her  
*magna cum laude*

Laura Hill  
*summa cum laude*  
*Medical Imaging Excellence in Magnetic Resonance Imaging*

Kerri L. Houghton  
*summa cum laude*  
*Honors in Chemistry*

‡Kenneth L. Hughes Jr.

Patrick W. Hurd

\*Ashleigh M. Iafrate  
*cum laude*

Maritza A. Jaramillo  
*summa cum laude*

‡Julianna M. Kerrigan

‡Yuhua Kong

\*Brohen S. Krsulic

Jennifer A. Lafountain  
*cum laude*  
*Honors in Psychology*

Noelle C. Lamoureux

Florraine K. Lapotry

Zachery P. Larivee-Benoit

\*Sara E. Lazar

Jennifer E. Levin  
*cum laude*

Monique E. Lima

Stephanie S. Lizotte  
*summa cum laude*

‡Chelsea L. Lomastro  
*magna cum laude*

Gregory S. Lombardi  
*cum laude*

Mikayla C. Lopes

‡Chelsea D. Lopez

Andreanna A. Lynch

‡Gary M. Marqus  
*magna cum laude*  
*Honors in Chemistry*  
*American Institute of Chemists Award*

Charles G. Martin  
*summa cum laude*

Kyle V. Matassa

Shannon M. McCarthy  
*cum laude*  
*General Education Honors*

Meghan A. McClure

Rachel J. Meyen  
*magna cum laude*  
*Honors in Physics*  
*Departmental Physics Award*

Shiler S. Mohammed  
*summa cum laude*  
*Theodore Lemeshka Award*

Sarah Molin  
*cum laude*

‡Yesenia E. Morales

‡Daniela Moreno

\*Ayana W. Mungai

Kayleigh Murray  
*summa cum laude*

\*Saman Nayyab

Anthony M. Oliveira  
*cum laude*

‡Ayodeji T. Olusola

Michael Orlandi  
*cum laude*

Maranda M. Orlando  
*magna cum laude*

Omolola H. Otele  
*cum laude*

Katherine C. Ovalles  
*cum laude*

Caitlin M. Page  
*cum laude*

Jessica M. Patalano  
*magna cum laude*

Christopher J. Pecora

\*Casie A. Pendexter  
*cum laude*

\*Latoya M. Peoples

Samantha Jean Phipps-Moore

‡Marie M. Pierre  
*Presidential Scholar*

Danielle R. Porto  
*cum laude*

Kevin A. Potter

Katie A. Rapoza  
*summa cum laude*  
*Medical Imaging Excellence in Radiologic Technology*

Lindsay E. Ratcliffe  
*summa cum laude*  
*Presidential Scholar*  
*Honors in Biology*  
*General Education Honors*  
*College Honors*  
*W. Christina Carlson Award*

Christopher Rei-Mohammed  
*cum laude*

Ashley M. Reis  
*magna cum laude*

‡Andre F. Reyes

Melissa L. Ring  
*cum laude*

Karyn J. Roberts  
*cum laude*

Jose R. Rosario  
*magna cum laude*  
*General Education Honors*  
*Victoria Lederberg Psychology Award*

Alexander Sahakian  
Hughens S. Saint-Franc  
Alissa L. Savignano  
*summa cum laude*  
*Medical Imaging Excellence in Diagnostic*  
*Medical Sonography*  
Jordan S. Schweidenback  
*cum laude*  
\*Donnie A. Shenk  
Lauren A. Smith  
*cum laude*  
Adrian A. Soto  
Victoria Spooner  
Katelyn E. St. George  
*cum laude*  
*Presidential Scholar*  
*Honors in Biology*  
*General Education Honors*  
*College Honors*  
\*Maeghan R. Sullivan  
Stephanie Tamburrino  
*Presidential Scholar*  
Shai N. Thomson-Allen  
Ryan G. Thuot  
*summa cum laude*  
Noelle E. Tiberi  
*cum laude*  
Ava L. Tower  
Joan A. Varan  
Kevin Vargas  
\*Ryan Viveiros  
*cum laude*  
*Presidential Scholar*  
*General Education Honors*  
Tiffany Wallace  
*magna cum laude*  
Elizabeth P. White  
*magna cum laude*  
Sara E. Zanghi  
*cum laude*

# ALMA MATER

4 measures of introduction

GRACE E. BIRD

GRACE E. BIRD  
HELEN S. LEAVITT

MODERATO



Dear Al - ma Ma - ter wise and kind, To thy fair name shall  
When we must leave thy shelt' - ring walls, O - bey - ing du - ty's



e'er be - long our grate - ful prais - es and our love, The trib - ute of our  
stern be - hest, our em - blem bright, the Flag of Hope, Our mis - sion man - i -



song. ——— Thou guard - ian of the sa - cred shrine of truth that makes us  
fest, ——— Each kin - dles at the al - tar fires the flam - ing torch of



free. We cher - ish thy be - lov - ed fame and pledge our loy - al -  
truth, And thus pre - pared, no fear as - sails the daunt - less heart of



ty. **Rhode Is - land Col - lege** hail to thee! All hail to Al - ma  
youth.



Ma - ter! En - shrined thou art with - in the heart of ev - 'ry son and daugh - ter.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES  
ADVANCED DEGREES

Saturday, the thirteenth day of May

**Processional**

*Fanfare-Processional on Gaudeamus Igitur...* James Sochinski

*Pomp and Circumstance...* Sir Edward Elgar

**Presiding**

Jeffrey P. Blais

*Chair, Council of Rhode Island College*

**The National Anthem**

Michael T. Garrepy

**Invocation**

Dr. Sammy C. Vaughan

**Call to Order**

Frank D. Sánchez

*President of Rhode Island College*

**Greetings**

Barbara S. Cottam

*Chair, Rhode Island Board of Education*

William G. Foulkes

*Chair, Council on Postsecondary Education*

**Presentation of  
Presidential Medals**

H.E. Rui Maria de Araújo

*Prime Minister, Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste*

H.E. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão

*Minister of Defense and Security, Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste*

**Accepted By**

H.E. Domingos Sarmiento Alves

*Ambassador, Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste*

**Address to the Graduates**

Brenda Dann-Messier

*Acting Commissioner of Postsecondary Education, Rhode Island Board of Education*

**Conferring of Advanced Degrees**

Candidates presented by

Ronald E. Pitt

*Vice President for Academic Affairs*

**Closing of the Ceremony**

**Recessional**

*Auld Lang Syne...*Traditional

*America the Beautiful...*Samuel Augustus Ward

*Folk Song Suite...*Ralph Vaughan Williams



## PRESIDENTIAL MEDALS

### H.E. Rui Maria de Araújo

Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste



Prime Minister Rui Maria de Araújo leads the Sixth Constitutional Government of one of the world's youngest democracies – the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, which gained independence in 2002.

Born and raised in Timor-Leste, Araújo studied English literature at Satya Wacana University in Central Java, medicine at Sultan Agung University in Indonesia and public health in New Zealand. A physician, Araújo practiced general medicine and established tuberculosis clinics throughout the country while concurrently supporting the struggle for Timor-Leste's independence from hostile Indonesian occupation.

Among his many resistance activities, Araújo assisted the team from Yorkshire Television, whose 1991 documentary “In Cold Blood: The Massacre of East Timor” exposed Indonesian atrocities. As a result, he was identified and targeted as a “pro-independence clandestine operative” by Indonesian Intelligence.

Araújo has served his country as Minister of Health, Deputy Prime Minister of Social Affairs and Policy and Management Advisor before being appointed Prime Minister in 2015.

### H.E. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão

Minister for Planning and Strategic Development for the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste



Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão is the first President, former Prime Minister and current Minister for Planning and Strategic Development for the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

One of the most revered figures in Timor-Leste's young history, Gusmão spearheaded the struggle for his country's independence after Indonesia invaded and annexed the country in 1975. He established the first National Conference of the Revolutionary Front for an Independent Timor-Leste, and was elected leader of the resistance and commander-in-chief of the National Liberation Armed Forces of Timor-Leste.

After 17 years leading the resistance, Gusmão was captured and imprisoned for seven years. Following a U.N.-led transitional process, Timor-Leste became independent on May 20, 2002 with Gusmão elected as the nation's first president.

Also a poet and artist, Gusmão's leadership and statesmanship have been recognized worldwide by international leaders with numerous awards and peace prizes.

## Brenda Dann-Messier

Acting Commissioner of Postsecondary Education, Rhode Island Board of Education



Brenda Dann-Messier, Ed.D., is presently acting commissioner of postsecondary education for the State of Rhode Island.

Throughout her career, Dann-Messier has focused on promoting student success and developing the workforce at every level. Serving under President Obama as assistant secretary of education of career, technical, and adult education, she led the United States Department of Education's efforts in adult education and career and technical education and helped shape the administration's policies on community colleges and correctional education. In 2013 the president also named Dann-Messier acting assistant secretary for postsecondary education.

An education consultant as well as a national leader, Dann-Messier has most recently worked with the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), where she helped states develop integrated pathways for college- and career-readiness.

Beginning her career in higher education at the Community College of Rhode Island, Dann-Messier later took a position in the Education Department of the Clinton administration before serving as president of Dorcas Place Adult and Family Learning Center in Providence. She served on the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education from 2006-2009 and on the Board of the Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority from 2007-2009.

Dann-Messier is an alumna of Rhode Island College, where she earned a bachelor's degree in history and secondary education, as well as a master's degree in instructional technology. She earned an Ed.D. in educational leadership from Johnson & Wales University.

## ADVANCED DEGREES

### **Doctor of Philosophy in Education**

*Marshal: Janet D. Johnson*

Lyndsey Aubin Benharris

\*Karen L. Capraro

Jodi L. Clark

\*Julie DiBari

Thomas R. Newman

†Erin L. Papa

Shelby Ann Shaw

Mary F. Slattery

Pamela A. Watters

### **Certificate of Advanced**

#### **Graduate Study**

*Marshal: Andrew M. Snyder*

Tanekar Y. Alexander, *Mental Health*

*Counseling*

Ariel K. DaCosta, *School Psychology*

Julia B. Diamant, *Mental Health*

*Counseling*

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## THE RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE SEAL

The official Rhode Island College seal (adopted in 1960) incorporates the anchor, a symbol of hope and of the state of Rhode Island, with the founding of the institution in 1854. The seal was designed by Edith C. Becker, professor emerita of art, who adapted the central flame symbol from the Holbrook Murals in the foyer of Roberts Hall. The flame is used in the murals to depict the energy that has, over the ages, supported the development of all living things and has led civilization to its highest intellectual achievements. In like manner, the flame in the Rhode Island College seal stands for the life of the body and the life of the mind, symbolizing the human and intellectual goals and achievements of Rhode Island College.

## THE DEL SESTO MACE

At the 1959 commencement exercises, the first held on the present Mount Pleasant campus, Governor Christopher Del Sesto presented to Rhode Island College a bronze replica of the statue of the Independent Man so that the college, which since 1898 had been located near the State House, might continue its tradition of holding commencements and other academic convocations in the presence of the Independent Man. The Del Sesto Mace, designed by the noted Rhode Island sculptor Aristide Cianfarani and crafted by the Gorham Company, has been in use since 1962 in all academic processions as a symbol of tradition and authority, as well as commitment to the search for truth, knowledge, beauty, values and learning.



## THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The Presidential Medallion is a symbol of the office of the president. The medallion is appended to a chain that bears the names of the college and the chief executive officers who have led the institution. The medallion bears the names of all the presidents to date; as well as the previous names of the institution; The Rhode Island Normal School (1854-1920), Rhode Island College of Education (1920-1960), and Rhode Island College (1960-present).

## ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The caps, gowns and hoods worn at college and university functions date back to the Middle Ages. Monks and students used them to keep warm in medieval castles and halls of learning. This formal apparel now symbolizes scholarly achievement.

Baccalaureate gowns have a long, pleated front with shirring across the shoulders and back. The gowns are primarily distinguished by flowing sleeves, pointed at the fingertips, and may be worn either open or closed.

The master's gown is worn open, and the sleeve is cut so that the forearm comes through a slit just above the elbow. The doctor's gown has rounded sleeves and velvet panels around the neck and down the front of the gown, as well as three velvet bars on the sleeves. In recent years American universities have followed the custom of European institutions of selecting doctoral gowns in the color of the university. Mortar boards or caps worn with baccalaureate and master's gowns generally have black tassels. The tassel of the doctoral cap is usually made of gold bullion.

The hood gives color and real meaning to the academic costume. Its silk lining bears the colors of the institution conferring the degree. The hood is bordered with velvet of a prescribed width and color to indicate the field of learning to which the degree pertains.

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