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Sunday, August 2, 2020
(Virtual Commencement)



Michael Martin, Ph.D.
Florida Gulf Coast University President

Congratulations on this very special day celebrating a very special accomplishment! While I haven't come to know each of you as students, I do look forward to getting to know you as proud alums of Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU). Having completed your degree in our twenty-second year in FGCU's history, one unlike any other, you have persevered through an unprecedented time in our nation's history.

Everyone associated with FGCU is proud of you, not only for your success to date, but for the many successes you will achieve in the future. Commencement marks the end of, or perhaps a pause in, your formal learning. But it also marks the beginning of lifelong learning. You are fully equipped to continue to learn, to adapt and to lead a very rapidly changing world.

Please extend our thanks and yours to all who supported you and assisted you in earning a challenging and meaningful degree from FGCU. Use it with pride, humility and commitment.

Best of luck and good fortune in all you pursue. And please know you will always be part of the FGCU Eagle family. ***Go Eagles.***



James L. Llorens, Ph.D.

*Provost and Vice President
for Academic Affairs*

Florida Gulf Coast University offers its students the opportunity to learn, engage, and gain the skills required to succeed in an evolving global economy. Our faculty are committed to developing and maintaining programs of excellence through teaching and scholarship. To you, our graduates, congratulations on your academic achievements and best wishes in your future endeavors.



Blake Gable, '01

Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees Chair

You are graduates in one of the most important times in our history for young people. Your actions are resonating all over the world, catapulting change and delivering a louder message to your generation than ever before. I encourage you to use your voice in business, in politics, in personal relationships and beyond because it will make a difference. Become engaged. Engage others. Build the future you've always dreamed of and one your children will be proud to inherit. Your time at FGCU has prepared you and now it's time for you to put your plan into action. **Congratulations graduates.**



Mitchell L. Cordova, Ph.D.

*Vice President for Student Success & Enrollment Management,
Professor of Athletic Training*

Eagle Graduates - today is your day! Your hard work, persistence, and commitment to service learning and community engagement has culminated in your commencement. Congratulations on your outstanding achievement! Commencement marks a new beginning where you will put to great use the education and experiences you have gained during your time at Florida Gulf Coast University. We are incredibly proud of your success. Please, be sure to take time today to thank the important people in your life who have contributed to your success along the way, including family, friends, faculty and staff. Student Success is of paramount importance to us – not only during your time on campus, but also following your graduation. You are now a member of the ever-expanding FGCU alumni network. Tap into this passionate and talented group of professional Eagles to assist you in advancing throughout your career. And, as you continue to succeed, reach out with Blue & Green pride to support your fellow Eagles. You are well prepared for your exciting journey ahead, and we can't wait to see how you will soar!



Jamie MacDonald, Ph.D.

*Faculty Senate President and FGCU Board of Trustees Member,
Professor of Geology*

On behalf of the outstanding faculty of Florida Gulf Coast University, I want to wish the entire Class of 2020 congratulations on your graduation. With less than half the population of Florida holding a college degree, you have joined an elite company of educated and successful individuals. The faculty members share your joy in this accomplishment, and wish you great success. In awarding your degree today, FGCU and its faculty have upheld our mission of successfully preparing you to live as responsible, productive, and engaged citizens. Your degree has prepared you to become lifelong learners and think critically about the issues confronting society and your own lives. **My best wishes to you in all of your endeavors.**



Jacob Goldman

Student Government President

Congratulations, graduates. Even though your time as an FGCU student is coming to a close, you will always be an Eagle. My wish for you is that you always remember the lessons you learned and the experiences that you had while you were at FGCU and that those lessons and experiences help guide you through your future endeavors. I wish that you all find success and happiness and that you always remember the great university that was once, and will always be, your home away from home. **Fly high, and as always, Wings up and Go Eagles!**



Michael Nacheff, '10

Chair of the Alumni Association Board of Directors

*"The future doesn't belong to the fainthearted; It belongs to the brave."
– President Ronald Reagan*

Today you are all brave and ready take hold of the future. You have committed your time, treasure, and talent in order to reach this important milestone in your lives and academic careers. From this day on, you represent yourself and this community as an alumnus of Florida Gulf Coast University. Endeavor each day to learn, to grow, and to challenge yourself for continuous improvement. As you go forward from this place, and lend your talents to a world that awaits your contributions, remember to give the best version of yourself in everything that you do. On behalf of my fellow alumni, we wish you the best and a lifetime of success! **Congratulations and GO EAGLES!**

Commencement Address



Charles Winton

*Commencement speaker and chairperson emeritus
of the FGCU Foundation*

Today marks an important rite of passage for each one of you. It is a day on which you go out into the world as a successful college graduate who has already overcome many obstacles and achieved much for which you should be proud.

I am proud of you, as are your families who helped make it possible for you to attend this special university; your professors, who shared their knowledge and passion for learning with you; and the friends you have made here who will continue to be a part of your lives as you move on to build careers and families of your own.

While this may seem like an ending, it is really the beginning of a new chapter in your life, one you will write as you see fit. I hope you will make it a rich and rewarding story, full of meaning and love. I also hope you will remember something else you learned during your time here: that you are a citizen of this world with a responsibility to help make it a better place.

We all know that we are confronting challenges unlike any we have faced before. I have faith that you will take your place in this world and help to solve them. You have the intelligence, the enthusiasm and the heart to accomplish this. As proud and powerful Eagles, I know you can do it. Congratulations to all of you.

The College of Arts and Sciences Candidates

Master of Arts

Hannah Maria Burdge, '19
Tiffany Marie Castle
Dominique Rossetti, '14
Nastasha Tara Smith, '14
Carey Marie Walker, '14
Abigail Christine Winslow, '18

Master of Public Administration

Mitchell Joseph Kavanagh

Master of Science

Charles Michael Cooper
Alexis Rose Droomer, '15
Jessica Irene Drummond, '14
Matthew Christopher Hodges, '18
Katrina Evelyn Kaack
Fatima Soto, '16
Christina Elizabeth Weisbruch
Alexandra Alysse Williams

Baccalaureate

Sahira Aguilar-Ramirez
Alexis Credell Aiken
Dayanys Alamo
Diana Amaris *Summa Cum Laude*
Katelyn Brooke Anderson
Damaris Ariel Arana
Madison Elizabeth Armand
Joseph Augello
Liam Dylan Ballinger
Korryn Rylee Barber
Joshua Moses Bear
Chelsea Marie Bedford
Jacob Elwood Bennett
Chloe Alexandra Berlin
Dominiqua She'kevia Bernardin
Alex G. Bircheat
Julie Elaine Birmele
Alexander Anthony Bromley
Travis Paul Brown
Patricia D. Bryan
Trenton M. Bush
Maria Claudia Caceres
Matteo Roberto Cagliano *Cum Laude*
Richard Andrew Calabro III
Matthew Lucas Canasi
Chelsea Elizabeth Caneel
Carolynn Ann Catanese
Alexandria Nicole Caudill
Jacob Anthony Cavalier *Magna Cum Laude*
Carmen Elena Cichon
Korissa Marie Cinicollo
Christopher Carl Bernard Clement
Tyler Daniel Colmery
Victoria Catherine Combs

Alexis Faye Cooper *Cum Laude*
Chyna Coulanges
Jaritza Crespo
Blake Riley Crews
Alejandra Cruz
Jonathan Christian Cruz
Anastasia Maria Cubas
Elizabeth Kari Dahedl. *Summa Cum Laude*
Nina J. Dalton
Jacob Tenzer Daniels
Sydney Nicole Davis
Giondra Monique Dean
Andrea Marie Decaire
Kelly Renee DeFord. *Magna Cum Laude*
Jasmine Elidia Deleon
Grace Denham
Lia Marie Denison *Magna Cum Laude*
Francesse Devariste
Aneesa Vashti Dial
Larenz L.T. Dixon
Anastasia Alexis Doherty *Cum Laude*
Timothy Joshua Dury *Magna Cum Laude*
Khilel Rayshard Dykes
Erin Marie Eagan, '14
Kyle Deane Eckert
Matthew Wyatt Erb
Keila Judith Espinoza
Amber Eugiane Evans
Hailey Marie Farah
Emilee Marie Faulkner
Elizabeth Jordan Fincher *Summa Cum Laude*
Colt David Foster
Haley Cai Fox
Sashia Kathryn Fraley
Jenna Julia Freeman
Hannah Nicole Froehlich *Cum Laude*
Christina Galvan
Amy Leigh Garcia
Sydney Joan Garrett
Brendan Michael Gifford
Jennifer Emily Gil
Cory Brian Gilzean
William Hull Goddard
Jake Goguen. *Magna Cum Laude*
Maria Alejandra Gomez
Laney O'Hara Gould
Brody Kim Griffen
Michael Anthony Grossi *Summa Cum Laude*
Tara Rae Guillarmod
Brooke Myranda Gura
Carolina Lourdes Guzman
Jenny Chau Ha
Choyse Michael Hall
Thomas Spencer Hall
Vekeria S. Hallback
Hailey N. Hammond
Madison Louise Hampton
Nicholas L. Harrington
Olivia Marie Hernandez
Yezzel Estefania Hernandez *Cum Laude*

Kayla Ann Hickey
Michael David Hintz *Cum Laude*
Tayla Marie Holt
Elizabeth Anne Horning
Lily Jordan Horwitz. *Cum Laude*
Bryce Allan Howard
Ching-yi Lilian Hsu *Summa Cum Laude*
Sarah Michelle Hurst
Sam J. Hutton
Megan Lyn Ionadi
Genevivi Liliann Yoshi Iriarte
Norman Matthew Jabouin
Whitney Gayle Jordan Jameson
Madison Taylor Jean
Lauren Elizabeth Jones
Narly K. Justin
Hannah Lucile Karn
Megan Katherine Kelly
Allison Mary Kemp
Alyson June Kozlowski *Magna Cum Laude*
Taylor Lalor
Ann Marie Larkin
Joel Law
Ashton P. Lee
Andrew J Lesczynski
Daniel Leyva *Summa Cum Laude*
Gili Lokiec
Alexandria Christine Loren. *Summa Cum Laude*
Marissa Rosalina Lorenzo
Patricia Louis
Hannah Nicole Marks
Gabrielle Lucy Marshall
Paulo Andres Martinez
Gina Nicole Mathes *Magna Cum Laude*
Michael William Mauer
Martina Maria Mausser *Cum Laude*
Nicole Mayer *Cum Laude*
Ryan Alfred McCauley. *Summa Cum Laude*
Shawn Bryan McCorkle
Natalie Rose McCummins
Daeja Antonette Mckenzie
Jessica Marie McMillen
Sara Jane Meadow
Mauricio Vladimir Mella Jr.
Joseph John Mikulus. *Magna Cum Laude*
Jessica Christina Mills
Kalie Ann Miner *Magna Cum Laude*
Gabrielle Rae Minor
Marissa Leigh Mitchell *Cum Laude*
Sandra Mollinedo. *Cum Laude*
Kelly Anne Morgan *Cum Laude*
Morgan Marie Murphy
Sarah Elizabeth Murphy
Shelbria LaFaye Murphy
Melissa Nicole Nelson
Brielle Charlotte Neptune-Kiker
. *Summa Cum Laude*
Melissa Devi Ng
Lee Nguyen *Magna Cum Laude*
Jennifer Valerie Noel

The College of Arts and Sciences Candidates

Baccalaureates

Daniel Joseph Nugent	Kennedi Gordon Rookwood	Sean Alexander Branch Thompson
Caitlin Paige O'Brien <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Megan Elizabeth Rooney <i>Cum Laude</i>	Ryan James Thrift
Taina Del Coral Ortiz	Bjorn Gustaf Rosenquist	Michael Alan Tkachik
Derek Jordan Pandolfi <i>Cum Laude</i>	Sandra Lynn Ryan	Austin Alexander Tompkins
Amanda Pendray <i>Cum Laude</i>	Joseph Thomas Salerno	Alexandria Gabrielle Trevor
Anabel Perez	Andrew David Sampson	Kaylee Briana Turke
Kenya Peterson	Derek Jacob Schafft <i>Cum Laude</i>	Sydney Shea Van Alstyne
Jay Pinckney-Cabal <i>Cum Laude</i>	Nicholas Anthony Scordino	Hannah Price Van Lieu
Sydney Carmel Poisson	Jamison Nicole Seaney <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Katrina Rae Van Tassel
Kylie Ann Porfidio	Caleb Tao Seitz	Tyler James Vani
Diana Portal	Nima Shirooni	Chantelly Marie Vasco
Shannon Cailey Powers	Ian Wilkey Simpson <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Adam Franco Verdino
Alexis Price	William Goodman Simpson	Kensington Ann Waite <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Emma Louise Puterbaugh	Jason D. Sine <i>Cum Laude</i>	Jordan Marissa Ward
Kate Armour Quinton	Xylo Zohn Smith-Pajares	Tori Jacqueline Washam
Jane Marie Rodgers Quitlong	Brandon Kade Somers	Clayton A. Wasson
Justin James Raffone	Mackenzie James Stiegmann	Alex Welch <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>
Adrianna Marie Ramirez <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Jeremy Alexander Westergreen
Riley James Rankin	Brooke Layne Stiles <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Stephany Restrepo <i>Cum Laude</i>	Alexis Brianna Strachan	Darron Everett Wicks Jr.
Matthew Gerard Ricci	Miranda Elaine Tavgigian	Ajna Rain Wilson
Jackson Christian Rider <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Courtney Taylor	Kelli Elizabeth Yeazell
Ruby Marie Risman	Mika Rae-Ann Taylor <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Leyla Elena Yonlisky
Silvia L. Rivera <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Kristina Alicia Temkiewicz <i>Cum Laude</i>	Monica Ann Youngblood
Patricia Daniela Rivero <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Kaela Ashley Thompson	Rebecca A. Zafra
Celene Rodriguez	Savannah Faith Thompson <i>Cum Laude</i>	Meagan Gabrielle Zimmer

The Lutgert College of Business Candidates

Master of Business Administration

Alyna Baldock
Adam Daniel Bartz, '12
Kara Rose Crowe, '18
Charles J. Duffie, '15
Garrett M. Edwards
Michelle Hurvitz, '13
Jaclyn C. Laiacona, '18
Nicole Ann L'Hommedieu, '18
Jay Raymond Montero
Samuel Palmisano, '19
Austin Daniel Radin
Cristine Marie Whitman

Master of Science

Suanny Gonzalez, '18
Kevin James Kincaid, '17
Eduardo L.S. Rufato, '14
Rudolph Francis Zahorchak III

Baccalaureate

Maisha Ahmed
Richard Joseph Albright III
Amanda N. Alessi
Reginald Allen
Jonathan Michael Alley
Ilyssa Ariel Alvarez
Andrew J. Asencio
Meier R. Attas
Jessica Danielle Augustin
Vincent Anthony Azzara Jr.
Brielle Ariana Barba
Daniel Batatt
Timothy Steve Benjamin
Jacob Tyler-Ray Berdequez
Brittany Lynn Bernetich
Richard R. Bessey
Alyssa Ann Blair *Magna Cum Laude*
Joshua Owen Blankenship
Nikolas William Bloat
Renukaa Devi Bocio
Luke Landis Bowyer
Marguerite Chase Bragg
Madison Lyn Bray
Christopher Thomas Garzarelli Brice
Willie Bentley Brice IV
Sharlene Lee Brodman
Kyle Liam Brooke
Lorraine Marion Brown
Ashley Elizabeth Brusca
Amanda Nicole Burns
Nicholas Edward Cafone
Alishay Monique Caine
Brandon Christopher Cameron
Jacob Nash Carmichael
Michael Castrillon

Santiago Andres Chaparro
Kerseys Charles
Haley Desiree Chiudina
Jarod P. Christopher
Kristina Dragojla Cirakovic
Shelby Lauren Cline
Luke Thomas Colloredo
Adrian Coviella
Kaitlyn Alyssa-Ashleigh Cross
. *Magna Cum Laude*
Diana Leone D'Alessandro
Hunter William Davis
John Bilton Dawson III
Joseph Louis De Santi
Erica Nicole Deason
Paul Joseph DelBene Jr.
James Michael DeMilia III
Sarah Ellen DeToma
Michael A. Devlin
Mitchell Thomas Devonshire
Selena Nicole Dussmann
Chelsea M. Elosegui
Catherine Emery
Cameron Alexander Fady
Tyler John Farrar
Tosha Lynn Fegley
Jacob Samuel Ferrara
Jan Michael Figueroa Concepcion
Janelle Marie Flecha
Tracy Lynn Gabor
Michael Anthony Gambino, '15. *Cum Laude*
Aurely Marie Garcia Tulloch
Michael George Gardner
Natalia Gareeva
Kristina M. Garrett
Wendy Giessman
Beau Tyler Goble
Steven Lee Goldberg
Christian Lee Golis
Gabriel E. Gonzalez
Brandon Michael Gould
Hagan Thomas Hagmaier *Cum Laude*
Alex M. Haines
Mackenzie Anne Hammett
Hannah Grade Haralson
Justin Hay
Dustin Lee Heffner
Enmanuel Hernandez
Keith Anthony Herrera
Amanda Morgan Higgins
Kyle Andrew Horvath
Laura Giovana Hurtado
Mitchell D. Hustad
Benjamin Aldo Iacuone
Kenia Maharell Jimenez
Shea Phillip Joffray
Kyle Allan Johnson
Austin Reed Jones
Myrline Joseph
Jessica Robyn Katz

Natalie Renee Keffer
Kevin Walter Kenny
Collin Michael Keylor
Caitlin Virginia King
Daniel James Kliegl
Devon Brandy Klyce
Taylor Leigh Korneluk
Richard Labra
Amanda Lagattolla
Kyle Patrick Laremore
Edward Arthur Marquez
Taylor Cassius Martin. *Magna Cum Laude*
Zachary Tyler Martin
Bianca Masone
Jonathan Ryan McAlister
Brett Michael McDurfee
Brandon Joseph McNamara
Stephanie Ann Mezzenga
Paige Marie Miller
Robert F. Mitchell Jr.
Sophia Montague
Stephen George Moran
Mackenzie William Mueller
Eric Thomas Nelson
Austin James Oberfrank
Dominic James Occhizzio
Garrett Nathaniel Olesh
Britnee Serenna Orphe
Matthew J. Parrill
Allison Taylor Pfister
Graham Peter Pimentel
Natalie Stirling Denmark Puckett
Selina Diane Quezada-Myers
Erin Elizabeth Quinn
Tai Renada Meadows Rambert.
. *Magna Cum Laude*
Alexia Jeanine Ramirez
Tyler Duane Renaux
Gabrielle Victoria Reyna-Condo
Ryan Paul Rocuant *Cum Laude*
Elias Peter Roubos
Morgan Kathryn Rutan
Zachary Thomas Schwarz
Sally Ann Schweitzer
Jason Hendrix Sickles Jr.
Alexis Marie Spiotta
Jessey Reed Swink
Austin Chandler Tapp
Thomas John Targia
Shelby Nicole Tavares
Gabriella Terlizzi
Sydney Marie Thabet
Jeffrey Goodrich Towers
Corey Michelle Tucci
Christopher Walt
Francisco J. Wanke
Hayley Ward West. *Cum Laude*
Davion Gayle Wingate
Caitlyn Brooke Wolfcale
Logan Lamar Youmans

The College of Education Candidates

Doctor of Education

Matthew Pedersen Kaye, '12
Joseph Michael Restino Jr.

Master of Arts

Rachel Ashley Danielsen, '18
Barbara Ann Dietter, '04
Susan Ann Gower
Saül Laguerre
LaToya T. Lee
Susel Ramos
Joseph Ryan Trunfio, '18
Destiny Nykol Washington

Master of Education

Emily Lyn Baniak
Shavon Mary Canty, '17
Desire Boivin Cox
Jamie Christopher Feyto, '15
Montana James Howarth
Pamela Lewis
Cory Adam Mentzer, '15, '18
Jessica Ortega-Cardoso
Suzette Rivera
Julie Markay Slaughter, '18
Angela Zarrilli, '16

Baccalaureate

Rachel Julianne Dykes *Summa Cum Laude*
Filiberto Gorosquieta
Megan L. Hipps
Daphnie Jean Mary *Cum Laude*
Madison Amber Joseph *Summa Cum Laude*
Melissa Maciolek
Kalyn Lewis Markey *Summa Cum Laude*
Elizabeth Catherine Marsalisi
Angel Rodrigo Osorio Arreola
Victoria Rose Roper *Summa Cum Laude*
Yesica Denise Rubio *Summa Cum Laude*
Jenna Michelle Szorosy
Aundrea Jayde Washuta

The U.A. Whitaker College of Engineering Candidates

Master of Science in Engineering

Christopher Bartlett Laird

Baccalaureate

Kyler D. Briscoe
David Francis Brozik
Martin Cayne Yackel
Christian A. Falconi
Zachary John Greening *Summa Cum Laude*
Charles Mitchell Guernndt
Ashlie Guerreiro
Kira L. Herb
Daniel James Hill
Morgan Eve Humphrey *Summa Cum Laude*
Holly Robin Hurlbutt
Coy Wyatt Johanning
Henry Josue Silva Quevedo

The Marieb College of Health & Human Services Candidates

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Cory David Johnson
Tiffany Nicole Williams-Gooding

Master of Arts

Ana Mari Allen, '17
Paige Jacinta BeMiller
Danielle Marie Bencini, '16
Elizabeth Anne Butterbaugh, '17
Rachel Grace Cavucci
Kylie Nicole Champa, '18
Gabrielle N. Clement, '17
Zoe Lynn Finlay, '16
Melanie Jhordanne Fisher
Karli Mikiko Fleitas, '11
Bianca Fontanez, '15
Ashley Diane Kurns
Douglas A. Learned
Emily Ann McLain
Andrea Jennifer Mongelluzzi
Lukas D. Neumann, '16
Chelsea Nichole Nolen, '18
David Lawrence Pezzullo
Ria A. Ruane
Amanda Renée Salerno
Cassandra Ann Sirmans, '15
Gracibel Tipton
Brooke Nicole Tominey, '17
Linda Ann Weaver, '17
Kit Thomas Weber, '17

Baccalaureate

Michelle Maria Arguinzoni
Brionna Leigh Baird
Anisa Genet Bills
Rebecca Rae Binion
Elizabeth Blanco *Cum Laude*
Olivia Gabrielle Blasioli *Magna Cum Laude*
Samantha Botting
Katelyn Elizabeth Bronder *Cum Laude*
Rachel Cabrera *Summa Cum Laude*
Matthew Reed Caneer
Robert Cini
Anthony A. Contrucci *Cum Laude*
Catherine Marie Coombs
Zane Mikel Cooper
Jade Michaela Cora
Christine C. Darbouze
Teresa M. de Armas *Magna Cum Laude*
Carina Alexa Del Pozo
Maria Ray DePetro
Kathleen Dillon Driscoll *Cum Laude*
MacKenzie Shannon Forker
Michael Allen Fosdick
Adam Michael Frank
Valynn Regina Gioe
Eliana Gomez
Christian Leonardo Gonzalez
Brooke Kylee Horgan
Samantha Alexandria Howell
Alyson Nicole Hubbell *Summa Cum Laude*
Janis Alexandra Hughes
Kirsten Blair Hunt
Urte Izdonaviciute
Danielle Rose Jacquet
Amanda Lee Jaye
Jeanysha Ymani Jean-Baptiste
Stancy Annie Joseph
Leah Nicole Kelly
Erin Nicole Lambert

Samantha Carmela Lambro
Amanda Marie Lawrence *Magna Cum Laude*
Tristian Lealan Lechien
Karina Lopez *Cum Laude*
Nathan Pablo Lopez
Shelby Elizabeth Martin
Taylor Lynn McHollan *Cum Laude*
Gabriella Adriana Morales
Elizabeth Victoria Morimanno
. *Summa Cum Laude*
Ajah'Naay Na'Shia Nelson
Nicole Oliva
Hayley AnnMarae Owen
Tarkan Ozkan Peksen
Levona Natalie Pence
Kevin Anthony Perez
Taylor Lynn Perez *Cum Laude*
Chiara Poliard Isaac
William Edward Porter
Amanda Palmer Pray
Jessica Quinn
Nicole Jacclyn Raczka
Jessica Lynne Reese
Dijai Delis Riggins
Lucas Richard Rowe
Carolina Saavedra
Lance Scott Saba *Cum Laude*
Andrea Lin Salinas
Michelle Lauren Schubert
Kavon Scott Smiley *Magna Cum Laude*
Smith Thay
Tiah Llyn Thompson
Gretchen Alexis Valdes *Summa Cum Laude*
Esperanza A. Velez
Devin Adriel Walker
Aubree Lynn White
Camille Jean Yodzis

The School of Entrepreneurship Candidates

Baccalaureate

Ian Thomas Anderson
Jeremy Steven Burke-Ingram
Ezequiel Cerrini
Noah James Dartt *Cum Laude*
Ryan Taylor DePontbriand
Michael David Fedelim
Joseph Paul Flanagan

Taylor Richelle Gilhauley
Zachary David Good
Ana Maria Lamoglia
John Richard Lyncheski
Brian Evan McCord *Cum Laude*
Daniel Steven McKee
Collin James Minor
Jose Javier Navas

J'Terrian D'Shawn Oliver
Daniele Lynne Serrano
Benjamin Abram Shnider
Marcelo Tebet Filho
Jace Kendall Yawnick
Nicolas James York

Honors College

FGCU recognizes the following graduates from the Honors College:

Katelyn Bronder
Anthony Contrucci
Andrea Decaire
Larenz L.T. Dixon
Kathleen Driscoll
Elizabeth Fincher

Jake Goguen
Nicholas Harrington
Amanda Higgins
Lily Horwitz
Ching-yi Hsu
Morgan Humphrey

Samantha Lambro
Patricia Louis
Bianca Masone
Justin Raffone
Gabrielle Reyna-Condo
Patricia Rivero

Aundrea Washuta
Hayley West
Jeremy Westergreen

Honors Scholars

FGCU recognizes the following graduates from the Honors College for completing the 24-credit hour Honors Scholars curriculum.

Amanda Higgins
Gabrielle Reyna-Condo
Morgan Humphrey

Baccalaureate Degree Honor Designations

Summa Cum Laude (<i>with highest honors</i>)	Grade Point Average of 3.90 and above
Magna Cum Laude (<i>with higher honors</i>)	Grade Point Average of 3.71 - 3.89
Cum Laude (<i>with honors</i>)	Grade Point Average of 3.50 - 3.70

Baccalaureate graduates who have earned a 3.50 cumulative grade point average or higher are entitled to wear blue and green honor cords with their gowns.

Honor Societies

Graduates who are members of recognized honor societies are entitled to wear distinctive color honor cords, medallions, and sashes.

Alpha Eta Mu Beta

(National Biomedical Engineering Honor Society)

Beta Alpha Psi

(International Honors Organization for Accounting, Finance, and Information Systems majors)

Red and Black

Engineering and Computer Science Honor Society

Green and Blue

Gamma Sigma Epsilon

(National Honor Society for Chemistry)
Cobalt Blue and White

Golden Key International Honour Society

Gold

Kappa Delta Pi

Purple and Green

Lambda Pi Eta

Crimson and Silver

Omega Epsilon Chapter

Kappa Delta Pi
(International Honor Society in Education)
Purple and Green.

Omicron Delta Kappa

(National Leadership Honor Society)
White, Black, and Baby Blue

Order of Omega

Gold and White

Phi Alpha

(National Social Work Honor Society)

Gold

Phi Alpha Theta

Red and Royal Blue

Psi Chi

(International Honor Society of Psychology)

Silver and Dark Blue

Phi Eta Sigma

Black and Gold

Phi Sigma Tau

(National Philosophy Honor Society)
Purple

Sigma Alpha Pi

(National Association of Leadership and Success)
Red, Black, and White

Sigma Tau Delta

Red and Black

Sigma Theta Tau International

(Nursing Society)
Tau Zeta Chapter
Purple and White

Tau Beta chapter of Beta Beta Beta

(National Biological Honors' Society)
Red and Green

University Honors Program

Gold and Black

In recognition of their military service and their academic achievements, student-veterans wear red, white, and blue military honor cords.

Academic Regalia

The academic costume worn today at Florida Gulf Coast University originated in the universities of the Middle Ages when a warm gown and hood were useful for scholars and clerics in unheated buildings. The distinctive gown also served to set the students apart from their fellow citizens of the community.

Until the Civil War, students at most American universities wore caps and gowns daily while in residence. These varied in design until they were standardized in 1894. At that time it was decided that all robes would be black; bachelor's gowns of silk with long closed sleeves; master's gowns of silk with longer sleeves; doctoral gowns of silk with longer sleeves and faced with black velvet bands around each sleeve above the

Academic Hood Colors

The color lining the hood indicates the following:

Apricot – Nursing
Blue (dark) – Philosophy
Blue (light) – Education
Brown – Fine Arts
Drab – Business
Green – Medicine
Green (sage) – Physical Education
Orange – Engineering
Pink – Music
Purple – Law
Salmon – Public Health
Scarlet – Theology
Violet – Architecture
White – Arts and Letters
Yellow (citron) – Social Work
Yellow (golden) – Science
Yellow (lemon) – Library Services

elbow. Hoods, made of the same materials as the gowns, were varied in length with the degree. The lining of the hood indicated the academic discipline in which

the degree was earned. Members of the FGCU Board of Trustees wear ceremonial gowns regardless of the degree they hold.

In the past few years, several universities have decided to return to a distinctive gown design, particularly in the color of the garment. There has been no change, however, in the standard colors that represent the disciplines.

Tassels on the caps (mortarboards) worn by the faculty may be black, or of a color indicating the degree. Those who hold a doctorate may wear a gold tassel. It is traditional for degree candidates to wear their tassels on the right and for those holding degrees to wear them on the left. Graduates transfer their tassels to the left after conferring of the degrees by the President.

The Mace

The mace represents the University's mission and purpose. The University's eagle symbol identifies the Southwest Florida physical environment and the University's environmental mission. The eagle embodies the characteristics of freedom, strength, spirit, intelligence, and grace. The upswept wings form a laurel wreath, a symbol of FGCU's pursuit of excellence.

The original Florida Gulf Coast University mace made its debut at commencement in December 2000 and started the tradition of the Faculty Senate president as mace bearer in academic processions. The tradition of a mace bearer dates back to the Middle Ages when officials were escorted by a mace bearer during official ceremonies and court sessions.

The Medallion

Traditionally, colleges and universities use medallions on ceremonial occasions. This custom dates back to the Middle Ages when religious orders used medallions to indicate affiliations and to commemorate events.

The Florida Gulf Coast University presidential medallion identifies the president as a distinguished scholar and an esteemed academic leader.

The medallion is embossed with the university seal that displays a natural scene of the sun's rays, palm trees and the stylized eagle representing FGCU's environmental conservation mission. The University's pursuit of Knowledge, Truth and Wisdom is represented by the words printed on an inverted pyramid with a mortarboard at the bottom tip. The president is given the responsibility to develop and maintain an atmosphere in which these noble pursuits thrive.

The medallion is suspended from an actual chain called the chain of office. On the left side of the chain, three plates contain the names of each FGCU president in chronological order. On the right, three plates display the tenure dates of the presidents. The chain contains blank plates for future FGCU presidents to be added to the chain of office.

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Alma Mater

Where Our Wings Will Take Us

Music: Janet Johnson • Lyrics: James Lilliefors and W. Jack Crocker

Verse One

We salute our alma mater
For she gave us wings to fly
We have learned the wind's great secret
How to soar with our minds

As we wear our colors proudly
Emerald green and cobalt blue
Here's to friends and to memories
Made at FGCU

Refrain

So fly, fly, fly Eagles
Where our wings will take us
Fly far, Fly high
Eagles fly

Verse Two

Now we face a new horizon
Strong of spirit, keen of eye
As we make our journey onward
We will go with eagle pride

O'er the river of grass
And the gulf's azure glow
We can fly just as far
As our dreams let us go!

Refrain

So fly, fly, fly Eagles
Where our wings will take us
Fly far, Fly high
Eagles fly

Verse Three

Let us spread our wings proudly
We have learned to soar high
O'er the pines and the palms
Through the glorious sky

Ride the winds of inspiration
O'er this land of green and blue
Ne'er forget our alma mater
Hail to FGCU

Refrain

So fly, fly, fly Eagles
Where our wings will take us
Fly far, Fly high
Eagles fly