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Saturday, August 3, 2019

9:00 a.m. | Alico Arena



**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). You are a special group having completed your degree in our twenty-first year in FGCU's history. And you have persevered through an historic weather event.

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.**  
*Interim 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 of 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 and faculty. 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 2019 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.



## **Joshua Ballin**

*Student Government President and FGCU Board of Trustees Member*

Congratulations, FGCU Graduates! Thank you for the amazing contributions you've made during your time here. As you move on from FGCU and head on to the next chapter of your life, make sure to always cherish the memories you made and the experiences you had in Dunk City. I wish you all the best of luck in your future endeavors! **Remember: Once an Eagle, always an Eagle!**





## **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. As your journey continues, 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



**Brian Hamman, '04**  
*Lee County Commissioner, District 4*

Congratulations on your graduation from Florida Gulf Coast University! Today, is a day to celebrate the hard work you've done. For many of you, your mind is already focused on the future. You're worried about where you'll work, where you'll live and possibly who you'll spend the rest of your life with. Spoiler alert: it will all be fine. Ten years from now, you won't even remember what you're stressed out about. Make the most of each day, work hard and enjoy the journey, because only God knows how things will change along the way.

# Commencement Program

## Prelude

Suncoast Brass Quintet

## Processional

**Jamie MacDonald, Ph.D.**, Faculty Senate President and FGCU Board of Trustees Member

## Invocation

**Maria R. Loffredo Roca, Ph.D.**, Chair, Department of Integrated Studies

## National Anthem

**Marcella Brown**, graduating student vocalist, accompanied by Suncoast Brass Quintet

## Welcome and Introductions

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

## Introduction of Speakers

**James L. Llorens, Ph.D.**, Interim Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

## Student Speaker

**Joshua Ballin**, Student Government President and FGCU Board of Trustees Member

## Commencement Address

**Brian Hamman, '04** Lee County Commissioner

## Conferral of Degrees and Presentation of Diplomas

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

**James L. Llorens, Ph.D.**, Interim Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

**Chuck Lindsey, Ph.D.**, Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

**Christopher Westley, Ph.D.**, Interim Dean, Lutgert College of Business

**Eunsook Hyun, Ph.D.**, Dean, College of Education

**Lisa Zidek, Ph.D.**, Associate Dean, U.A. Whitaker College of Engineering

**Joan Glacken, Ed.D.**, Interim Dean, Marieb College of Health & Human Services

**Allison Bacigalupi, '12**, Director of Academic Advising, University Reader

**Rebecca Jones**, Director of the Accelerated Collegiate Experience (ACE), University Reader

## FGCU Alumni Association

**Michael Nacheff, '10**, Chair of the Alumni Association Board of Directors

## Closing Remarks and Comments

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

## Singing of the Alma Mater

**Marcella Brown**, accompanied by Suncoast Brass Quintet

## Recessional

**Jamie MacDonald, Ph.D.**, Faculty Senate President and FGCU Board of Trustees Member

# The College of Arts and Sciences Candidates

*College Marshal: Senthil "BeeJay" Girimurugan, Ph.D.*

## Master of Arts

Samantha Marie Gibson  
Corey Keith James, '10  
Dana Lee Moller  
Rachel Suzanne Walter, '17  
Tyler James Watson, '13

## Master of Public Administration

Ashley Lynn Butler

## Master of Science

Leigh Erin Brawner, '17  
Gianna Ann Diaz  
Alexis N. Ferrera  
Andrea Lynn James  
Michael Thomas Jennings, '08  
Erica Terese Krueger, '16  
Kathryn Alissa Ribble, '15  
Anne Margaret Hachuela Smiley  
Christina Elizabeth Weisbruch  
Jeffrey Alan Zingre

## Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate  
Korin Nicholette Abrams  
Daniela Aladro  
James Marcel Gomez Alday  
Stephen John Alexander . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Alex Davian Amador  
Andrew James Aran  
Landon Matthew Arnold  
Daylin Vanessa Baez . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Kaelyn Diane Bailey  
Sidnie A. Baker  
Fletcher Max Ballew  
Isabella Baquerizo . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Cynthia Santos Barbosa . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Julia Anne Baruffi . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Alexis Marie Beckel  
Ashley Nicole Behringer  
Yaritzza Caridad Bernal  
Alicia Beatriz Bertrand  
Jamini M. Bhagu  
Matthew Anthony Billings  
Sarah Emily Blasucci . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Jessica L. Bloodgood . . . . . *Summa Cum Laude*  
Courtney N. Bodamer  
Marthe Reimbol Stacy Boisrond  
Richard James Boldt  
Heather Arlene Borrelli  
Anthony Vincent Botta  
Ryan Patrick Bowman  
Jonathan Parker Brown

Marcella A. Brown . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Jordan Sue Burchardt  
Jenna E. Burlingame  
Randolph William Butrim Jr.  
Abby Jeanne Buxbaum . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Cody James Calandra  
Daniella Marie Cammarota . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kelli M. Campbell Smith  
Damien Michael Candelaria  
Amanda Elizabeth Canning  
Christopher A. Cano  
Marissa Delia Canova  
Christopher William Carpentier  
Maria Fernanda Carrillo  
Benjamin Andrew Casey  
Skyler Nicole Cassin  
Laysa Damaris Castaneda . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jose Angel Castillo  
Janeth Patricia Castrejon . . . . . *Summa Cum Laude*  
Ty Alan Chamberlain  
Cassidy Melissa Charles  
Haanif I. Cheatham  
Zachary Connor Cicero  
Matthew Scott Cigala  
Courtney Anastasia Clark . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Jordan E. Cobb  
Erin Anne Cochrane  
Gabrielle Ann Confessore  
Devyn H. Conrad  
Cassidy Marie Cothorn . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Ryan Patrick Daly  
Brittney May Darling  
Decardo Romero-Wanya Day  
Jocelyn Ashley De La Paz  
Manuel Francisco de la Torre  
Ryan Joseph Dell'Aquila . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Brooke Leighann Demeyere . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Madeline Leigh Deufel  
Danielle DeVito  
Summer Jule Dill  
Nicholas Matthew Dowling  
Samantha Joy Dreier . . . . . *Summa Cum Laude*  
Courtney Marie Drymon  
Sean Paul Dwyer  
Marlene Janet Dzib . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Shelby Andrea Earley  
Natalie Geneva Earp  
Michelle Anne Eberle  
Jaylynn Marie Edlebeck  
Liliana P. Barros Espinosa  
Caroline Grace Farrens  
Ford Hayden Ferrara  
Connor James Fleishell  
Nyghia Renae Fleuri . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Rebecca Sue Fort  
Martika Foskey . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Steven Francois

Richard J. Fuller III  
Michael Ryan Garby  
Samantha M. Garrad  
Sherisia L. Gibbs  
Ivan Gijon Cruz  
Meghan Alexis Gilliland  
Erika Lynne Glabach  
Anthony Gabriel Gonzalez  
Emily Ann Gonzalez . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
McKenzie Eryn Griffith  
Adam Gruca  
Drew Michael Hahn  
Chance Jordan Hamilton . . . . . *Summa Cum Laude*  
Madison Louise Hampton  
Jessica Rose Harding . . . . . *Summa Cum Laude*  
Alexander Michael Harris  
Vincent Elisha Harris, Jr.  
Sabrina Stephanie Harris  
Amanda Jo Henriquez  
Alayna C. Hinkin  
Olivia Rose Hitt  
Harrison David Hoppe  
Keion Marcel Hugley  
Samantha Renee Hunter  
Jonathan Timothy Ingram  
Nneka Simone Iwezor  
Collin Aubrey Jacobs  
Isaac Albert Jaecques  
Alyssa Dominique Jaen-Chickerell  
Stephanie Jaime  
Matthew Edward Jarsen Jr.  
Magdalla Jean-Gilles  
Emily A. Jeffrey  
Herla Jeudy  
Courtney Mae Johnson  
Christina Isabella Baptista Jones . . . . .  
. . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kaylie Morgan Jones  
Kevin Wayne Jones . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Lauren Ashley Kellis  
Julia Kendall  
Anisa S. Khan . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Elliot Gerald-James Killam  
Van Knight  
Ryan Douglas Knowlton . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Camille Louise Knudstrup . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jensen Blake Kotlar  
Hayley Johanna Krizanovic  
Alea Krug . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Charlotte Elizabeth Kuhn  
Jillian Renee Lachcik . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Mckenzy Droukas Lacko  
Lauren Elizabeth Lage  
Victoria Amilyssa Lanni  
Rosmery Lismaria Lastre  
Kevin Patrick Lee  
Senoa Katherine Lewandowski

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# The College of Arts and Sciences Candidates

## Baccalaureates

Sara Jasmine Licea  
Jared David Liebler  
Lindsie Micaela Lima  
Ayanna B. Linton  
Zachery David Livesay  
Jennifer Loaiza  
Maisie Rose Locke  
Ernest Jayson Louis  
Austin Alexander Lysfjord  
Emily Louise Madalinski  
Chyenne Alysse Mallinson  
Michelle Nicole Marrell . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Carlos Javier Martinez  
Paulo Andres Martinez  
Brianna Marie Martins . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Lauren Michelle Mashack  
Luis Sebastian Mata  
Jamal Franklin McCoy  
Christopher Brian McDonald  
Nelson Ricardo Mejias  
Edna Sarai Mendez  
Siobhan Morgan Millar  
Javier Ernesto Moncada  
Kevin Wayne Moomjian  
Haley Marie Mooney  
Jessica Lynn Moorhead  
Joanna Alexandra Mora  
Gabriel Jose Moran-Deleon  
Michael Boyd Morgan  
Daniel Lee Morrison  
Kaela S. Moye  
Danna Karelys Mulé  
Thomas David Mullaghy  
Morgan Lee Murphy  
Kelly Ann Murphy . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Charles Michael Murray  
Sierra Raquel Myers  
Rochelle Tomasa Negrón  
Katherine Jeanette Novella  
Trinia Simone Imani Oliver  
Casandra Katiana Ortiz  
Nicole Ospina-Arce  
Alexandra Pamela Otto  
Bianca Marie Outler  
Priscilla M. Pacheco  
Rafaela Paez  
Michelle Palma  
Kaitlin Rene Paul-Hus  
Jordan Taylor Pencarinha  
Amanda Pendray  
Marina Noelle Perez  
Dana Maria Peteroy . . . . . *Summa Cum Laude*  
Kenya Peterson  
Madeline Marie Peterson . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Madison Anne Piorowski . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Alexander Daniel Plumber  
Angelica Marie Potter  
Katelyn Nicole Potts  
Cameron Charles Powell . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Michael Adam Pudlin Jr.  
Paula Carmen Quezada

Lorena Quintero  
Paula Andrea Quiroz  
Lina Maria Ramirez . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Mayte Ramirez . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Horacio Agustin Renderos  
Jake Ryan Rezendes  
Devonte Andarius Richardson  
Danyelle Lauyren Rodriguez  
Megan Marie Rogers . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Grace Windsor Rogers . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kathryn M. Rondeau  
Gabriella Anne Roper . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Michael Ion Rotaru  
Justine Celia Rubin  
Brielle Lynne Ruiz  
Stephanie Vanessa Ruiz  
Kaytlynn T. Sackos  
Maxwell Augusta Salain  
Guenther-Henry Paul Salzl  
Cheyenne Destiny Sanchez  
Linda Jimena Sanchez Cerna  
Wilitza Santos  
Joseph Allen Schandera Sr.  
Sarah Eginton Seaton  
Catherine L. Shaddock . . . . . *Summa Cum Laude*  
Arlo Bradley Simonds  
Carissa Elise Smith . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Dominique Alexandria Smith  
Rianna Mioara Smits . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Christopher Steven Snyder . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Praise Yemisi Solate . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Raheem Tahjai Somersall  
Jose Lorenzo Soto  
Yesenia Nicole Soto  
Morgan Lee St. Germain  
Nicholas Marlin Stare  
Matthew Alan Starr  
Drew Elizabeth Starrett  
Casey Jane Stephan . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Ryan Joseph Susterka  
Morgan Kristine Sweeney  
Ariana Tang . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Nyema Natasha Thomas  
Shaun Paul Tomlinson  
Trevor Adonis-Juan Torres  
Melissa Nicole Torres  
Gabriela Marie Utroska  
Rebecca Valera  
Jason Van Achteren  
Sydney Shea Van Alstyne  
Zoe Marie Van Caugherty . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Teya Tiesha Vance  
Natalia Del Coral Vargas  
Kailah Krystine Vargo  
Mireya Lee Vazquez  
Abigail Villagomez . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jason Bradley Wagenbrenner  
Joshua Martin Walden  
Mollie Kendall Walker . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Twyla Keishalee Walker  
Brittany M. Walsh

Zachary Austin Ward . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Zachary Tyler Wayman  
Charles A. Wehrle . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Derek John Weis  
Laurel Sinclair Weng . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Sarah Nicole West  
Karleigh Dawn Westlake . . . . . *Summa Cum Laude*  
Olivia Makenzie Weyer  
Carmen Sade Whyte . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Paisleigh Elizabeth Williamson  
Alishia Nicole Wright . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jacob Tyler Wurtenberg . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Tyler William Yeager . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kelli Elizabeth Yeazell  
Alexis Alexandria Young  
Haley Nichole Yursky . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Rebecca Amaris Zafra  
Anthony Bernard Zuccaro

# The Lutgert College of Business Candidates

*College Marshal: Adrian Valencia, Ph.D.*

## Master of Business Administration

Olga Igorevna Gomez  
Francis Gregory Littlejohn, '17  
Jacob Aleksander Lusby-Johnson, '17  
Roger Damian Obispo, '15  
Joseph E. Rinehart, '14  
Amanda Staerker  
Michelle Elizabeth Sweeney  
Bernard Curtis Vaughn  
Carson Michael White

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## Master of Science

Kailee Marie Davidson  
Esfira Ghazaryan  
Milena Gonzalez de la Torre  
Michael John Malmquist, '18  
Stevie Brooke Simpson, '17

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## Baccalaureate

Austin Anthony Abbondandolo  
Itzael Aboytes  
Dalton Champion Ackley  
Michael Charles Adams  
Anica Adziewska . . . . . *Summa Cum Laude*  
Danielle Morgan Baker  
Brady A. Barnett  
Jeffrey William Barton  
Scott Thomas Beck  
Spencer Louis Bello . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kathleen Elizabeth Betts  
Joshua Michael Bevillard  
Delaney Averill Biederwolf  
Yuri Bolanos Arias  
Troy Michael Bolivar . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
James Richard William Bowden  
Shawn Ryan Brewer  
Jessica Anne Budwitz  
Jessica Lynn Butler  
Kenneth Castro  
Courtney Nicole Chananie  
Aaron Eliezer Chapnik  
Brittany Churaman  
Donald Conrad Ciekliniski  
Katharine L. Clayton  
David Jacob Cohen  
Collin Reed Cole  
John Richard Cortese  
Joseph Michael Craig . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Zoey Anne Crichlow  
Jonathan Michael Cruz  
Elizabeth Rae Darling  
Michael De La Cruz  
Zoe Concetta De Poalo . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Joshua Aaron Denison

Andrew G. Devino  
Philip Andrew DiMartino  
Michael Robert Dodson  
Vincent Andrew Dominach III  
Jonathan Blake Dorman  
Kaitlyn Marie Dorman  
Gabriela Cordero Doxsee  
James William Drake  
Angela Claire Dudenhofer  
Felipe Escobar  
Jake R. Esposito  
Malysa Amber Evans . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Devin Feng  
Zachary T. Fernandez  
Javier Fernandez Costa  
Maggie Lihua Fett  
Sutton Robert Fisher  
Samantha Leigh Ford  
Ryan Dillon Foster . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Michael Alan Franke Jr.  
Gabriel Alexander Franklin  
Amanda Michelle Friedle  
Rachel Ashley Frommer  
Logan Kincade Garst  
Austin Goldberg  
Ashlynn Victoria Gomez  
Edith Gomez  
Sarah Marie Goodman  
Eliot Travis Gray  
Thomas Steven Green  
Emmanuel Guerra  
Erwin Manuel Guerrero  
Ryan Scott Gumbs  
Ashley Hope Gunder  
Cory Hammel  
Huston J. Hicks  
Kirsten Shay Hillman  
Tyler Joseph Hobaica  
Joshua M. Hoppe  
Jared D. Hubbuch  
Shannan Eileen Hughes  
Natanya Stacy-Lee Hyde  
Desiree B. Iwinski  
Danyscia Laneira Jarvis  
Sebastian Justiniano  
Kolin Joseph Kajy  
Cameron Cuong Kaseman  
Mitchell Stanley Koder  
Nikolas Edward Kovach  
Joshua Avery Kramer . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Miria Oliveira Kramer  
Hunter J. Kreef  
David Jonathon Labaton  
Andres Jesus Lazzizzera  
Jennifer Cecelia Lemanske  
Jason Jeffrey Leonard . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Lindsey Nicole Lewis

Melanie Christine Lieberman  
Xiao Shu Lin  
Evelyn Linares  
Miguel David Loayza  
Gerardo Lugo-Trejo  
Deanna Lin Martin  
Charine Mascia  
Brittanie Ann Massey  
Keelin Christine McArdle  
Megan Ann Mccarville  
Kathryn Jo McCurdy  
Riley Elizabeth McDonald  
Derek Peter-William McDurfee  
Conor Joseph McNally  
Zuleanny Medina-Hernandez  
Francis Mendoza  
Alex Joseph Miller  
Clinton Charles Mitchell  
Zachary Packer Mitchell  
Jessica Aloisia Moore  
Taylor Shea Morgan  
Hannah Grace Morris  
Paige Mary Murray  
Amy Nguyen . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Elvin Anthony Noriega  
Alexis Avalon North  
Georgia Nicola Oats  
Jake Gregory Ogden  
Brandie Marie Osborn  
Beau Wyatt Ottman  
Vanessa Palacios . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Wilson Emery Paris  
Christopher William Parker  
Meghna Patel  
Natalie Elizabeth Pavletic  
Christopher Pereira  
Eric Vincent Perez  
Regan Alexandra Petika  
Anna Elizabeth Prodoehl  
Bailey Lauren Prosperi  
Kyle Brandon Pumariega  
Jorge Esteban Quiroz  
Gina Rose Radicchi . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Iris Victoria Reiner  
Christian B. Reis  
Morgan McKenzie Reis  
Emily Owen Reynolds . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Elie Richard  
Jacob Rickman  
Alyssa Riggs  
Kathleen Elizabeth Ringdahl . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Jenna Christine Ripley  
Emily Dawn Ross  
Amanya Vanessa Salmon  
Christopher Patrick Salsman  
Joseph Dylan Samuelson  
Francis Marina Sanchez

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# The Lutgert College of Business Candidates

## Baccalaureates

Anissa Frances Santos  
Amanda Lee Sayers  
Ashley N. Schmidt  
Samantha Lynn Schmidt  
Amelia Erin Schmit . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Madeline Mae Schonauer  
Peter Joseph Selesky  
Cooper Michael Simmons . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Gabrielle Rose Sirianni  
Pavao Slisko . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Jason Eric Smith Jr.  
Liam Umberto Spada-O'Neill  
Matthew D. Sparks

Kelli Brooks Srodes . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Jacob Parker Starnes  
James Anderson Steele  
Dominick Marko Stefanacci  
Morgan Marie Suma  
Anthony James Swinford  
Nicholas Talko  
Zachary P. Tasse  
Akeim Johnnois Taylor  
Martha Tinoco  
Andres Francisco Tomas  
Isabella Marie Tristani . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Sarah Elizabeth Ubele

Sydney Vainer  
Jacob David Valle  
Ricardo Villa  
Jacob Colton Waits  
Mataya Marie Warbalow  
Katherine E. Wendorf  
Emily Griffith Whittall  
Sunni Nicole Williams  
Marcus Harley Williamson  
Winston Racquel Winning  
Harrison Thomas Yazgi

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# The College of Education Candidates

*College Marshal: Elizabeth Elliott, Ph.D.*

## Doctor of Education

Kristen Manjerovic Musselman, '12  
Jessica Lynn Ribas  
Evelyn Rivera

## Master of Arts

Chauntel Kiara Brown, '13  
Alicia April Garcia  
Patti A. Kirk  
Erica M. Rimbart  
Joseph Stanis, '07

## Master of Education

Courtney Marie Abraham  
Michael Raymond Coser, '13  
Savanna Rose Coss, '16  
Coral Jeannette Huffman, '11  
Loren Ifcher, '15  
Susan Christine Lilley, '09  
Jennifer Lynn Owsiany  
Sarah Rogozinski, '14

## Baccalaureate

Gabriela Alyse Alcolea  
Brianna Lauren Cagan  
Emily Elizabeth Collier  
Dylan Brody Curtis . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Sydney Renee Rachael Doyon *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jacqueline Michele Gallagher  
Dennis Alan Genge . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Maggie May Glemser  
Keri L. Jewett-Giles  
Tiffany Amber Grossberg-McNally  
Katelyn Marie Kelly . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Marshall James King  
Jennifer Lynn Mulder . . . . . *Summa Cum Laude*  
Grace Catherine Redding  
Kendall Rose Reid  
Katherine Elizabeth Sanford . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Danielle Kristen Sewell  
Taylor Breann Trapano . . . . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Brandon Davis Wendl . . . . . *Cum Laude*

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# The U.A. Whitaker College of Engineering Candidates

*College Marshal: Craig Capano, Ph.D.*

## Baccalaureate

Steven Clifford Ball  
Lenroy John Cammock  
Lindsey Carboneau  
Jackson William Cornelius

Gabriella Marie Giliberti  
Devon Michael Jerothe  
Sean M. Melisi  
Christopher Michael Posey  
Kevin Andrew Putschie

Alex David Ramos  
Ryan Edward Speir  
Chandler Thomas Whitehead . . . . . *Cum Laude*

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# Library Services

*College Marshal: Peggy Glatthaar*



# The Marieb College of Health & Human Services Candidates

*College Marshal: Molli Mercer, Ed.D.*

## Doctor of Physical Therapy

David William Penly  
Woodly Sineus

## Master of Arts

Nancy Figueroa Acevedo, '14  
Allison Mae Barto, '16  
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Alissa Bagayeva  
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Ryder Michael D'Amato  
Ines I. De Almeida Santos. . . . . *Cum Laude*  
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Emily Rose Edwards  
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Natalie Cassandra Francois . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Stacie Alexandra Francois . . *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jacie Layne Franks-Johnson  
Brianna Lynn Gable  
Marley Ellen Garner . . . . . *Cum Laude*  
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Sarah Elizabeth Hall  
Analysia Natassja Hart  
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Isabella Baquerizo  
Julia Baruffi  
Spencer Bello  
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Zoe De Poalo  
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Kelly Murphy  
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Dana Peteroy

Madeline Peterson  
Lorena Quintero. . . . . *Cum Laude*  
Megan Rogers  
Brielle Ruiz  
Dominique Smith  
Brett Thompson  
Taylor Trapano  
Abigail Villagomez  
Mataya Warbalow  
Jacob Wurtenberg

The listing of degree candidates and the announced honor distinctions are tentative and subject to final certification of graduation.



# Baccalaureate Degree Honor Designations

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

*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.*

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## 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 student 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.

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## 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 upturned 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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# Florida Gulf Coast University

## 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