Fifty-Second Annual Commencement

Friday, May 3, 2024
Two o’clock in the afternoon

Santander Arena

Commencement is a dignified occasion. In the best tradition of Reading Area Community College, we expect those attending the ceremony to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. Cell phones and devices should be turned off at the beginning of the commencement activities and should remain turned off. The college community appreciates your cooperation in maintaining the dignity of this occasion.
Dear Graduates,

Congratulations! Pause and look around you and absorb this moment. Think about where you have been; think of all that you have been through, the time, the hard work and the success that has brought you to this place today.

Think of those who have assisted you in this academic journey. Think of your family, significant others, parents, grandparents, children and close friends. Think of your Reading Area Community College family; teachers, advisors, friends and fellow students as you smile at the memories and conversations. Think about those private moments which will be recalled years from now.

You have arrived at a wonderful, life-changing moment. As part of RACC’s fifty-second graduating class, we ask you to celebrate it! Congratulations to you, a graduate of the Class of 2024. From this moment on, we will continue to be #RACCPROUD of you!

All the Best,

Susan D. Looney, J.D., Ed.D.
President
Reading Area Community College
ORDER OF EXERCISES
MAY 3, 2024 AT 2:00 PM

Grand Marshal
Dr. Lucia Torchia-Thompson
Professor Social Science/ Human Services Division

The audience is requested to rise for the National Anthem.

National Anthem

Introduction .................................................................................................................................Dr. Susan D. Looney
President

Congratulatory Remarks ...........................................................................................................Mr. Gary W. Rightmire
Chairman, Board of Trustees

President's Award ........................................................................................................................Dr. Jerome I. Marcus

Presentation of 2024 Emerita Award ..........................................................................................Dr. Looney

Student Address .................................................................................................................................Ms. Mara Nagle
Class of 2024

Presentation of Degree Candidates .............................................................................................Mr. Brian Schell
Dean, Communication, Arts, and Humanities/Business Division

Dr. Stacia Visgarda
Dean, Health Professions Division

Dr. Robin Eckert
Dean, Social Sciences/Human Services/Foundational Studies Division

Ms. Patricia Mejabi
Dean, STEM Division

Conferring of Degrees ..................................................................................................................Dr. Looney

The audience is requested to rise for the recessional.

Recessional
“Grand March” from Aida

Please join the graduates for light refreshments on the concourse level near the main entrance
Immediately following the ceremony.
ASSOCIATE IN ARTS
2024 DEGREE CANDIDATES

Jessenia Y. Almonte**+
Integrative Studies

Faisal A. Bida*
Computer Information Systems Transfer

Gabrielle C. Castello***
Integrative Studies

Benjamin D. Amtsberg
Integrative Studies

Samantha L. Borzellino
Psychology Transfer

Elizabeth D. Castillo*+
Integrative Studies

Jean Claude J. Anastil*
Business Administration Transfer

Jayvon D. Brinkley
Business Administration Transfer

Amy A. Cathers
Accounting Transfer

Dominic G. Angelucci*
Education Transfer-Middle Secondary Grades

Alyssa C. Brodek++
Education Transfer-Middle Secondary Grades

Timothy P. Cescon*
Theatre Arts

Jack H. Antos
Business Administration Transfer

Cynthia S. Brown
Integrative Studies

Faith J. Chirieleison+
Education Transfer-Middle Secondary Grades

Phillip N. Antunes
Computer Information Systems Transfer

Jonkai P. Brown
Business Administration Transfer

Kyle D. Conrad
Business Administration Transfer

John L. Arms***
Education Transfer-Middle Secondary Grades

Isabella M. Bruno
Business Administration Transfer

Alexander H. Conroy
Computer Information Systems Transfer

Jenna M. Austin*
Social Work Transfer

Kathryn A. Burke**
Art Transfer

Daisy Corona*
Business Administration Transfer

Mollie A. Aviles **
Accounting Transfer

Paola Cabrera
Communications Transfer

Robin A. Cosbey
Social Work Transfer

Michael P. Barnett***
Computer Information Systems Transfer

Christopher Cadet
Business Administration Transfer

Carina M. Cress
Social Work Transfer

Jennifer E. Batista
Business Administration Transfer

Webgie S. Cadet**
Integrative Studies

Kasey A. Curran*
Business Administration Transfer

Aaron S. Bean
Computer Information Systems Transfer

Zaria G. Cambridge-Ali+
Health Sciences Transfer

Toni F. Curry++*
Integrative Studies

Jack E. Benedict^*
Business Administration Transfer

Braeden A. Camelleri*
Psychology Transfer

Liam M. Dalesandro
Education Transfer-Middle Secondary Grades

Emely D. Bernard+
Business Administration Transfer

Adrian R. Carrillo**
Computer Information Systems Transfer

Sahadia Danazar*
Business Administration Transfer

Latisha M. Betts+
Integrative Studies

Jonathan Cartagena
Integrative Studies

Jeffrey G. Daubert, Jr.*+
Integrative Studies

Jasmin N. Bickham*
Business Administration Transfer

Anthony J. Castaneda-Dominguez
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Jose A. Davila+
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Juliet E. Simplicio*
Business Administration Transfer

Ashley M. Smith+
Psychology Transfer

Kaylyn A. Smoker*
Education Transfer-Middle Secondary Grades

Cassandra I. Soto
Integrative Studies

Timothy R. Spatz+
Creative Writing Transfer

Darish K. Stili+**
Integrative Studies

Madeline E. Stinson*
Business Administration Transfer

Krystle A. Stone+
Addiction Studies/Human Services Transfer

Angela J. Stoudt
Social Work Transfer

Matthew D. Stouffer
Business Administration Transfer

Dynasty Sumpter
Integrative Studies

Desiree P. Sustello+**
Social Work Transfer

Joseph W. Sutton**^
Art Transfer

Linsey M. Swavely*
Business Administration Transfer

Jamie L. Szarawara*
Integrative Studies

Carol A. Tapia*+
Computer Information Systems Transfer

James Tiffany***
Computer Information Systems Transfer

Gaven M. Tettrer***
Computer Information Systems Transfer

Daniel H. Twaddell
Business Administration Transfer

Coryn L. Uhrig
Business Administration Transfer

Mildalis Vasquez
Integrative Studies

Ivette K. Vazquez
Accounting Transfer

Roslyn V. Warner**
Art Transfer

Jonah P. Watson
Computer Information Systems Transfer

Michelle A. Wetz
Integrative Studies

William J. Willoretta+***
Psychology Transfer

Nicholas P. Windsor**
Creative Writing Transfer

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Nursing

Deborah O. Akinola*
Nursing

Cristian Alcantara
Computer Technology

William K. Allen
Computer Technology

Casey D. Amerman**+
Criminal Justice

Richard R. Angelo, III*
Nursing

Caitlin N. Aponte
Histotechnician

Evelyn I. Ayala-Fontanez*
Nursing

Gleidy M. Bachiller
Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

Manuel L. Baez
Criminal Justice

Atiya N. Bailey+
Business Management

Emilsem Balbuena
Mechatronics Engineering Technology

Natalie R. Barton*
Medical Coding and Billing Specialist

Yeneily Basan Belgrove+
Accounting

Faith E. Benson***
Mechatronics Engineering Technology

Daniel C. Blackford**+
Web Site Development

Robb M. Blessing
Business Management

Tracy L. Bossler
Histotechnician

Ashley T. Boyer
Nursing

Jessica N. Breidigan***+
Business Management

Autumn R. Breslin+
Criminal Justice

Nathan C. Brown
Nursing

Theresa L. Cadden***+
Business Management

Elizabeth A. Caral
Nursing

Julymar Carrion*
Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

Amy E. Cavanaugh
Medical Coding and Billing Specialist

Macy R. Chamberlain
Nursing

Kateryna Chmil
Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

John F. Convry+
Accounting

Susan F. Cornish***
Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

Fabian Cortez***
Computer Technology

Elizabeth A. Couturiaux**
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Jarad A. Crawford*
Medical Laboratory Technology

Ashley I. Creta**
Accounting

Shannon L. Crump
Nursing

Sheleiny M. Cruz+
Criminal Justice

Maira A. Damiani
Criminal Justice

Natallie De la Rosa+
Business Management

Yashika J. Degeorge
Early Childhood Program Management

Juana E. Dejesus*
Nursing

Thuan C. Dinh*
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Computer Technology

Isaiah G. Egziabler
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Madalyn M. Estrada*
Nursing

Amanda C. Evans*
Nursing

Joshua Fernandez
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Emilia Ferreira**
Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

Megan N. Fisher
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Luis M. Flores-Rivera
Computer Technology

Anne Leyla G. Fortune**
Accounting

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Criminal Justice

Lori S. Freese
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Courtney E. Greblick
Medical Laboratory Technology

Ryan P. Griffin*
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Karen G. Guerrero
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Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

Jeannie A. Harvey**
Nursing

Kai M. Henderson
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Sarita M. Herrat Beltre
Criminal Justice

Madison I. Hess**
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Criminal Justice

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Brianna Rae Huha
Nursing

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Medical Coding and Billing Specialist

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Business Management

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Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

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Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

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Early Childhood Program Management

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Computer Technology

Emily S. Williams***
Medical Laboratory Technology

Jessica H. Stacey
Nursing

Cecilia Torres*
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Eldrena S. Wright
Nursing

Kaieisha M. Stancil+
Administrative Office Specialist

Gabriel A. Torres*
Criminal Justice

Amber N. Wunderlich
Nursing

Leeann K. Stark***
Medical Coding and Billing Specialist

Adam N. Trella
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Eleana J. Yatron
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Tiffany A. Updike**+
Criminal Justice

Virginia A. Young*+++ Medical Office/Health Records Specialist

Benjamin W. Stevenson*+
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Jessica C. Velez-Valentin
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Business Management

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Accounting

Kristen N. Walker*
Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

Eldrena S. Wright
Nursing

ALLASSOCIATE IN GENERAL STUDIES
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Jade Escobar-Cepeda
General Studies Declared

Kennidy M. Kindlick*
General Studies Declared

Ashley L. Walker
General Studies Declared

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ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE
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Science Transfer

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Cleef D. Normil
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Amber L. Rauco***
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Yureli U. Acuapa+
Practical Nursing

Shalimar I. Albino
Early Childhood CDA Prep Certificate

Faisal A. Bida
Cyber Defense Certificate

Kellie E. Callahan+
ECE CDA Ready Micro-Badge Certificate

Jonathan E. Candido-Martinez*
Business Management

Kiara N. Carrion+
Practical Nursing

Yamale Ceballos+
ECE CDA Ready Micro-Badge Certificate

Diana N. Cintron+
Practical Nursing

Kayla L. Gehret+
ECE CDA Ready Micro-Badge Certificate

Julie A. Henrich+
Early Childhood CDA Prep Certificate

Monyae E. Hill+
Practical Nursing

Dilynn S. Holeva***
Cyber Defense Certificate

Jeremy M. Hurwitz+
Cyber Defense Certificate

Sulayka J. Joaquin-Acevedo*
Bookkeeping Certificate

Ryan A. Kinder+
Cyber Defense Certificate

Kelly A. Kresley+
Practical Nursing

Jennifer Lopez++
ECE CDA Ready Micro-Badge Certificate

Linda M. Lynch+
ECE CDA Ready Micro-Badge Certificate

Angelyn F. Manzanillo+
Practical Nursing

Stacey L. McFarland*+
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Gianni S. Mota+
Practical Nursing

Harlow R. Ramirez
Early Childhood CDA Prep Certificate

Edeline M. Sanchez
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Shane M. Strunk+
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Dutchess L. Taduran
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Kaitlyn R. Weaver**+
Practical Nursing

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Mara Nagle is graduating in the Honors Program at RACC with an Associate’s Degree in Business Administration. Throughout her career at RACC, she has become a member of Phi Theta Kappa, has served as the secretary of the Drama Club, coordinating logistics, and has performed in the first two musicals the college has ever had: as Frau Blucher in Young Frankenstein and Bea in Something Rotten. When she is not wearing eight costumes and five wigs, Mara is working in a finance department or a library, volunteering at her church, or sending emails. Mara also enjoys game nights, bonfires, reading, and rom coms.

Mara was selected for a Presidential Scholarship in 2022, and was chosen as the Sonia Briskin Honors Scholar in 2024. The Sonia Briskin Award is given to one student each year who has demonstrated both high academic achievement and exemplary service to the RACC community.

Mara will be continuing her education at Albright College to purse her Bachelor’s in Arts Administration and Business Administration. She plans to work at theater or gallery to further her career in the arts after earning her degree.
In his first educational journey outside of his native Philadelphia area, Jerome Marcus was assigned to the Reading Hospital while a junior at Temple’s medical school. He enjoyed the experience of working at the Reading Hospital so much that he moved to Reading after medical school and did post-graduate training in clinical pathology at the Reading Hospital and the Hershey Medical Center. In 1983, Jerry started a new laboratory company in Berks County, Omega Medical Laboratories.

Omega was among the first healthcare organizations in Pennsylvania to provide low-cost anonymous HIV testing during the height of the AIDS epidemic. Jerry was one of thirteen physicians in the state to volunteer to give talks on AIDS at schools, companies, and community groups for the Pennsylvania Medical Society’s AIDS speakers’ bureau. Omega was named Small Business of the Year in 1986 by the Berks Chamber of Commerce and eventually grew to employ over three hundred people and perform millions of laboratory tests on 750,000 patients, winning the Large Business of the Year award. The company had over forty locations where patients could go for specimen collection, and a fleet of more than fifty cars which traveled more than two million miles per year to pick up specimens and deliver reports and supplies.

Jerry has been involved with various local organizations, including such non-profits as the Berks County Medical Society (past president), the Vegetarian Resource Group (Baltimore, MD) and the Antique Auto Club of America Museum (Hershey, PA). He also serves on one corporate board and has been adjunct faculty in the department of Clinical Pathology at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

Jerry has been a vital long-time supporter of Reading Area Community College, serving on the Foundation for RACC for example. In addition, he has served for many years as the Medical Director for the medical laboratory program, providing leadership and mentorship for aspiring health care professionals in this critical area. He also played a key role in modernizing and updating laboratory facilities at RACC, endowing chemistry and physics lab spaces. Most recently, Jerry donated funds to begin a program to help provide food for students in need, which led to RACC’s food pantry.
FACULTY EMERITA

JANINE TIFFANY

WHEREAS, Janine Tiffany served Reading Area Community College as a full-time Business Division faculty member for twenty-eight years where she developed and taught Information Technology courses across all modalities and facilitated onboarding of adjunct instructors; and

WHEREAS, Janine Tiffany developed and designed the curriculum for the Computer Information Systems and Computer Technology programs; and served as coordinator and advisor for Computer Technology and Computer Information System students; and

WHEREAS, Janine Tiffany served the College on several governance and operational committees, including as chair of College Council; and also, on a committee to evaluate and redesign the governance system; and

WHEREAS, Janine Tiffany served twice on the Middle States Commission of Higher Education self-study committee; and

WHEREAS, Janine Tiffany served as treasurer and secretary of the Computer Consortium for Community Colleges; and represented Reading Area Community College with the Pennsylvania Distance Learning Association; and

WHEREAS, Janine Tiffany inspired colleagues and students with her tireless dedication to quality instruction for future computer professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Janine Tiffany is granted Associate Professor Emerita status, effective May 3, 2024.
ALL PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMIC TEAM AWARD........................................... Anisa W. Reinstrom
Yessenia Rivera

DIVISION AWARDS

Business
Accounting, AA........................................ Rylie S. Roush
Accounting, AAS............................ Osiris J. Santana Santos
Business Administration, AA........ Melissa Medina Corona
Business Management, AAS.......... Theresa L. Cadden
Business Management, CC.......... Rosanna E. Abreu
Computer Technology, AAS........ Brandon J. Luna
Computer Information Systems, AA........................ Michael P. Barnett
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Communications, Arts and Humanities
Art, AA............................................... Roslyn V. Warner
Communications, AA................... Jonathan A. Nava-Pensado
Creative Writing, AA..................... Nicholas P. Windsor
Liberal Arts, AA............................ Mara Roman
Theatre Arts, AA............................. Timothy P. Cescon

Foundational Studies
English for Academic Purposes...................... Anne Leyla G. Fortune
English for Academic Purposes..................... Marissa S. Fortune
Dwight Rinehart Memorial Award.............. Alec J. Kuhn
Integrative Studies............................... Emily V. Oswald

Health Professions
Histotechnician, AAS........................ Caitlin N. Aponte
Medical Medical Laboratory Technology, AAS............................ Derek D. Gearhart
Nursing, AAS................................. Elizabeth A. Couturiaux
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Mechatronics Engineering Technology, AAS........................ Faith E. Benson
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Health Science, AS............................ Alexa J. Rimby

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Criminal Justice, AAS...................... Marissa S. Fortune
Early Childhood Teaching PreK- Grade 4, AAS........ Madison I. Hess
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Psychology, AA.............................. Katie E. Perrette
Social Science, AA............................ Aaliyah A. Rivera
Social Work (AA)............................... Yessenia Rivera

Sonia M. Briskin
Scholar’s Award................................. Mara E. Nagle

Borkert Library
Research Award.............................. Emily V. Oswald
HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

To earn this recognition as Honors Program Graduates, these students have completed at least 5 Honors courses with a B or higher, have earned an overall GPA of 3.25 or higher at the time of graduation and have conducted themselves in an exemplary manner throughout their time at Reading Area Community College. Honors courses include designated Honors courses, Honors by contract in standard courses and Honors Independent Study courses.

ACADEMIC HONORS GRADUATES

The College recognizes students who have attained academic honors status at graduation. The Academic Honors list includes the names of graduates who have earned 30 hours or more of their coursework at Reading Area Community College and earned a cumulative quality point average of 3.50 or better.

Honor students will be recognized as follows:

Cum Laude.................................................................3.50 - 3.74 (bronze honor cord)
Magna Cum Laude ..........................................................3.75 - 3.94 (silver honor cord)
Summa Cum Laude......................................................3.95 - 4.00 (gold honor cord)
HONOR SOCIETY
2024

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
International Honor Society for Two-Year Colleges

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges. The silk honors stole and matching tassel are worn at graduation as a symbol of outstanding academic achievement.

Syed Ahmed
Richard Angelo
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Evelyn Ayala-Fontanez
Michael Barnett
Jasmin Bickham
Faisal Bida
Nathan Brown
Kathryn Burke
Webgie Cadet
Jake Carmona
Gabrielle Castello
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Sofia Fioravanti
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Sonya Wright

Membership in the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society is based on academic achievement. All students with a GPA of 3.6 and 12 credits of associate degree coursework earned at RACC are invited to join the Alpha Sigma Rho Chapter. Members must maintain a GPA of 3.5. In addition to recognition for scholastic excellence, the Society offers opportunities for Scholarship, Leadership, Fellowship and Service at the local, regional and national levels.
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The history of academic attire dates far back into the days of the oldest universities. While European institutions continue to use great diversity in their specifications of academic dress, most American colleges and universities have adopted the academic dress standards of the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume.

**Gowns:** The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degree has oblong sleeves and may be worn open or closed. The gown for the doctor's degree has bell-shaped sleeves and may be worn open or closed.

**Gown Trimmings:** There are no approved trimmings for the bachelor's or master's gown. The doctor's degree gown is faced down the front with black velvet with bars of velvet across the sleeves.

**Stoles of Gratitude:** The red Stoles of Gratitude, worn by each graduate, are a gift from the Student Government Association. These stoles may be used as gifts of gratitude for someone who has made a difference in the students' time at RACC and helped them achieve graduation. Some graduates may have chosen to write a personal note on it to present to someone, or keep it for themselves as a memento of their hard work at RACC.

**Tribute Stole:** The Tribute Stole is to recognize and honor those men and women who have served our country. The Tribute stole will be worn at graduation to honor those that have served.

**First Generation Stole:** These white stoles recognize those who are the first in their family to graduate from college. It is a symbol of hope for future generations and a celebration of perserverence of first-generation students.

**Color of Hoods:** The colors associated with the different subject areas are as follows:

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

The Mace
The mace was initially modeled after a war club, useful objects for 12th-century officers whose main task was keeping order. A formidable weapon, the Mace was held ready to protect the person of the dignitary. Since the 16th-century in England and since colonial days in America, it has become a symbol of office only and is carried by a distinguished member of a faculty. The Reading Area Community College Mace is a fine piece of Eastern Pennsylvania black walnut grown in Berks County. It was turned on the lathes in the Department of the Physical Plant by former College employee, James Diener.

Presidential Medallion
The Reading Area Community College seal utilizes the Yocum Library as the central element because of its significance as the first original building constructed for the campus. The Yocum Library also serves as a focal point along the Schuykill River and as a landmark entering the City of Reading. The Penn Street Bridge incorporates the physicality of Reading Area Community College and also symbolically represents the avenue of success and transition provided by higher education. The medallion was crafted by Peter Hoffman, an instructor in the computerized machine tool technology program at the Berks Career & Technology Center - West.

Presidential Chair
The first Presidential Chair was presented to Dr. Richard A. Kratz, fourth president of Reading Area Community College, on October 13, 2003 at his installation ceremony. The chair is used as the official seating for the President at all College ceremonies.

The Reading Area Community College Graduating Class of 2024 wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to their families, friends, faculty and staff who have nurtured, supported, and provided many intellectual challenges, and who also have given unselfishly of themselves in order that all of us could realize our dream of attaining this college degree!
R A C C  A L M A  M A T E R

Words by Scott Heffelfinger
Music by Ray Rhoads

Just beyond the river waters, at the edge of town.
Sands our cherished RACC has guided so many, down the road of life.
We shall ever sing her praises, carry her message true.
Of the open

Alma Mater, as the sun goes down.
Ever forward, ever upward
Starting over guiding through the strife.
Unity that RACC can give to you.

RACC has guided me. To a time of self reliance learned wise and free!
The Star-Spangled Banner

Lyrics by Francis Scott Key

Music by John Stafford Smith

O say, can you see by the dawn's ear-ly light what so proud-ly we

hailed at the twi-light's last gleam-ing? Whose broad stripes and bright stars thro' the

per-il-ous fight o'er the ram-parts we watched were so gal-lant-ly

stream-ing? And the rock-ets' red glare, the bombs burst-ing in air, gave

proof thro' the night that our flag was still there. O say, does that star-spang-l'd

ban-ner yet wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

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