

READING AREA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



# Fifty-Third Annual Commencement

Friday, May 9, 2025

Two o'clock in the afternoon

Santander Arena



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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.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



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-third graduating class, we ask you to celebrate it! Congratulations to you, a graduate of the Class of 2025. From this moment on, we will continue to be **#RACCPROUD** of you!

All the Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan D. Looney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop for the 'D'.

Susan D. Looney, J.D., Ed.D.  
President  
Reading Area Community College



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**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. Edwin L. Stock, Esq.  
*Chairman, Board of Trustees*

President's Award .....Mr. Jim Boscov  
*The Boscov's Family and Boscov's Department Stores*

Presentation of 2025 Emerita Award .....Dr. Looney

Introduction of Student Speaker .....Ms. Britney Mpah

Student Address .....Ms. Angela L. Caldero-Perez  
*Class of 2025*

Presentation of Degree Candidates .....Dr. Stephanie Herr  
*Associate Dean, Health Professions Division*

Dr. Patricia Mejabi  
*Dean, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Division*

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

## 2025 PRESIDENT'S AWARD



*Boscov's*

Reading Area Community College is honored to present the 2025 President's Award, our institution's highest accolade, to Jim Boscov, the Boscov Family, and Boscov's Department Stores in recognition of their extraordinary commitment to the advancement of education, student success, and the mission of RACC.

The Boscov Family's enduring legacy of service and generosity has had a transformative impact on the life of the college and the futures of its students. Their contributions span decades and generations—marked by visionary leadership, philanthropic investment, and a profound belief in the power of education to uplift individuals and strengthen communities.

We begin by recognizing Shirley Holzman, whose dedicated service on the RACC Board of Trustees from 1980 to 1991 helped guide the college through a pivotal era. Her leadership was instrumental in the successful transition of sponsorship from the Reading School District to the County of Berks—a milestone that shaped the college's governance and ensured its long-term stability.

We offer special tribute to Joseph Boscov, whose tenure on the RACC Foundation Board in the 1980s was characterized by strategic foresight and unwavering commitment. His leadership was critical in shaping the Foundation into one of the most successful in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In 1993, Joseph and Shirley Boscov further cemented their legacy through the establishment of the Joseph and Shirley Boscov Scholarship, which continues to provide essential financial support to deserving students thanks to Shirley's ongoing generosity and care. Joseph Boscov's impact endures—not only through philanthropy, but through the example of integrity, humility, and deep community spirit that he set for future generations.

We honor Albert and Eunice Boscov, whose immense generosity and heartfelt support have been central to nearly every major initiative at RACC. Their contributions to capital campaigns, such as the Schmidt Training & Technology Center, the Gust and Doris Zogas Scholarship, and their involvement in numerous college galas, reflect a family legacy built on action, empathy, and enduring civic responsibility. Under Albert Boscov's dynamic leadership, Boscov's Department Stores became a cornerstone supporter of RACC, funding landmark projects including the Yocum Library, the Shirley Holzman Science Scholarship, the Science of Success Campaign, and the Boscov Scholarship—a vital source of tuition support for Berks County residents that has changed the trajectory of countless lives.

Today, that legacy continues through the leadership of Jim Boscov, who carries forward the family's extraordinary tradition with grace, vision, and a deeply personal commitment to student empowerment. Under his guidance, Boscov's Department Stores has become a vibrant and visible partner in RACC's mission—supporting events such as the Annual Scholarship Dinner and hosting the beloved Boscov's/Truist Career-Ready Clothing Event. This remarkable initiative, which provides RACC graduates with professional attire and guidance, has become a cherished rite of passage for students as they prepare to step into the workforce with confidence and dignity. For many, the opportunity to receive individualized styling support and purchase professional clothing is nothing short of life-changing.

Beyond institutional support, Jim Boscov has made meaningful personal contributions to the college, offering generous gifts and trusted counsel to President Looney and the RACC leadership team. His collaborative work on an exciting new initiative—soon to be announced—further reflects his dedication to the future of the college and the community it serves. Through the compassion of Shirley Holzman, the foresight and kindness of Joseph and Shirley Boscov, the generosity of Albert and Eunice Boscov, the continued leadership of Jim Boscov, and the steadfast partnership of Boscov's Department Stores, Reading Area Community College has been empowered to grow, evolve, and thrive. In deep gratitude and admiration, Reading Area Community College proudly bestows the 2025 President's Award to Jim Boscov, the Boscov Family, and Boscov's Department Stores for their lifelong contributions to educational opportunity, institutional excellence, and student success.

## FACULTY EMERITA

### **DR. BAHAR DIKEN**

WHEREAS, Dr. Bahar Diken served as a member of the Curriculum Area Review Committee, contributing to the International Student Learning Experience Project; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bahar Diken served as a Writing Committee member, contributing to curriculum development for basic and college-level writing courses; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bahar Diken created *Peer Tutoring in Writing*, a course to prepare students as peer tutors for the Basic Writing classroom and foster stronger collaboration with the Tutoring Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bahar Diken presented at the National Council of Teachers of English Convention on how students' lived experiences shape how they engage with writing and learning; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bahar Diken served as a member of the Faculty Senate and on the Assessment Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bahar Diken taught both college-level writing and the *Composition and Literature Honors* course for many years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bahar Diken had the privilege of advising *Legacy* for thirteen years during which time the magazine earned numerous national awards from prestigious press associations such as the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, the Community College Humanities Association, and the Associated Collegiate Press;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Dr. Bahar Diken is granted Associate Professor Emerita status, effective May 9, 2025.

### **MS. CATHERINE FALLER-FRANGAKIS**

WHEREAS, Ms. Catherine Faller-Frangakis served as Chair of the Rank and Promotion Committee for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Catherine Faller-Frangakis developed online courses in the Office Technology, Accounting, Electronic Health Records, and Information Technology programs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Catherine Faller-Frangakis taught as an instructor in the continuing education program for 35 years; and

## F A C U L T Y   E M E R I T A

WHEREAS, Ms. Catherine Faller-Frangakis served on various college committees such as Middle States and Business Division advisory committees; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Catherine Faller-Frangakis developed new courses for the Electronic Health Records and Accounting programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Ms. Catherine Faller-Frangakis is granted Associate Professor Emerita status, effective May 9, 2025.

### **DR. TRICIA LEWIS**

WHEREAS, Dr. Tricia Lewis served the college as a STEM division faculty member for eleven years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tricia Lewis served as the Interim Assistant Dean of the STEM division for the 2015-2016 academic year; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tricia Lewis served as a faculty union representative; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tricia Lewis was integral in the design and implementation of the new science labs, established in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tricia Lewis actively participated in the creation of the Health Science program and several program courses; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tricia Lewis served on several college committees including faculty senate; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tricia Lewis inspired colleagues and students with her tireless dedication to high quality instruction for future health professionals and STEM students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Dr. Tricia Lewis is granted Assistant Professor Emerita status, effective May 9, 2025.

### **MS. PATRICIA NOUHRA**

WHEREAS, Ms. Patricia Nuhra served Reading Area Community College as a Librarian Faculty member for over 18 years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Patricia Nuhra developed and cataloged the library film collection based on her comprehensive knowledge of American and international films thus creating a collection that was recognized as a significant resource for the College and the wider community; and

## FACULTY EMERITA

WHEREAS, Ms. Patricia Nouhra promoted the library by creating monthly displays of library resources that celebrated cultural and heritage themes; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Patricia Nouhra assisted students and fellow library staff members using her fluency in Spanish; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Patricia Nouhra served as the library liaison to the Social Sciences/Human Services Division and was able to share information about library services and resources with these faculty; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Patricia Nouhra served the College on Middle States groups as well as on the grant-funded *Conexiones: Linking Berks County Latino Communities to a Larger World* team and supported their work by creating library website resources related to the grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Ms. Patricia Nouhra is granted Librarian Emerita status, effective May 9, 2025.

### **DR. JO ANN RAWLEY**

WHEREAS, Dr. Jo Ann Rawley inspired and mentored Reading Area Community College students as a full-time Business Division faculty member for twenty-four years of teaching; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jo Ann Rawley developed and designed the curriculum for the Math for Business and Finance course; and

WHEREAS Dr. Jo Ann Rawley served the College on several governance and ad hoc committees, including, Faculty Senate, Retention, Assessment, and Honors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jo Ann Rawley authored the textbook, “Analytical Reasoning Skills for Success in Business & Life;” and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jo Ann Rawley acted as contributing author and reviewer of several business text books; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jo Ann Rawley has supported the faculty and students of the Berks Career and Technology Center and the Reading Muhlenberg Career and Technology Center by providing materials for the Business and Information Technology program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Dr. Jo Ann Rawley is granted Professor Emerita status, effective May 9, 2025.



## F A C U L T Y   E M E R I T A

### **DR. LUCIA TORCHIA-THOMPSON**

WHEREAS, Dr. Lucia Torchia-Thompson started her academic career at Reading Area Community College in 1987 as the Coordinator of the Travel and Tourism program in the Business Division; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lucia Torchia-Thompson produced, created and appeared in a monthly television program on BCTV highlighting the Travel and Tourism program at RACC; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lucia Torchia-Thompson transitioned as a faculty member from the Business Division to the Social Science/Human Services Division in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lucia Torchia-Thompson served the college as Chair of College Council, and Chair of Academic Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lucia Torchia-Thompson revised the College's Governance System and served as Faculty Senate Chair;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Dr. Lucia Torchia-Thompson is granted Professor Emerita status, effective May 9, 2025.

## S T U D E N T   S P E A K E R



Angela Caldero-Perez was born in Syracuse, New York, and is a first-generation student and the proud daughter of Jesus M. Caldero and Elizabeth Perez. Having moved to Reading only three years ago, Angela discovered her passion for helping and mentoring others at RACC. Throughout her academic career, Angela served as the president of Phi Theta Kappa, leading the award-winning chapter Alpha Sigma Rho. She has served as the editor of *The Front Street Journal* and received the Student Keystone Media award while also serving as a senator of the Student Government Association, and participating in several community service projects.

Outside of her academic pursuits, Angela is also a volunteer tutor in the RACC GED program and an education intern for the Reading Science Center, a nonprofit organization fostering the love of science. She finds passion in mentoring, and hopes to become a community leader.

Angela is graduating summa cum laude and is the recipient of the Education Middle Secondary Grades, AA academic excellence award, 2025 All PA Academic Team Award and the recipient of the 2025 Coca-Cola Academic Team Gold Scholar.

Angela will continue her education at Kutztown University with a full-tuition scholarship, where she will finish her bachelor's degree in secondary education grades 7-12, with a focus on English, and a certification in English as a second language. She hopes to become a high school English teacher, eventually becoming a professor and working with nonprofit organizations to help students around the world learn to find their voice through language.

# A S S O C I A T E   I N   A R T S

## 2 0 2 5   D E G R E E   C A N D I D A T E S

**Yasmeiry O. Acosta**  
Social Work Transfer

**Chayanne S. Alcin**  
Integrative Studies

**Fredrick D. Allison**  
Social Work Transfer

**Ashley M. Almonte**  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Xochitl L. Alston\*\***  
Integrative Studies

**Adrian D. Alvarez**  
Psychology Transfer

**Myra L. Arndt**  
Integrative Studies

**Moran C. Barr**  
Integrative Studies

**Fiona D. Barry**  
Psychology Transfer

**Taryn E. Bauer\*\***  
Psychology Transfer

**Austin W. Becker**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Abigail G. Beltz\*\***  
Integrative Studies

**Abigail R. Bender\***  
Psychology Transfer

**Zhane A. Boyer**  
Social Work Transfer

**Dakota G. Breidenstein\***  
Integrative Studies

**Isabella M. Bruno**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Victoria E. Bryan\*\***  
Business Administration Transfer

**Larry L. Burden, Jr.\***  
Addiction Studies/Human Services Transfer

**Cindy L. Butts**  
Social Work Transfer

**Angela L. Caldero-Perez\*\*\***  
Education Transfer -Middle Secondary Grades

**Ashley B. Candido**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Joel Caraballo Contrera**  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Sarah J. Carabello\***  
Social Work Transfer

**Oliver Carranza\***  
Accounting Transfer

**Amy A. Cathers**  
Accounting Transfer

**Ashley C. Chamorro**  
Accounting Transfer

**Vladimir Charles**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Kristina M. Cherenfant**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Shawna Cogdell**  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Mariela Constantino-Lopez**  
Psychology Transfer

**Kiara M. Cosme**  
Psychology Transfer

**Meg D. Cramsey\*\***  
Psychology Transfer

**Yolanda B. Cruz**  
Social Work Transfer

**Benjamin T. Davis\*\***  
Business Administration Transfer

**Brandon W. Davis**  
Art Transfer

**John L. Davitt\*\*\***  
Business Administration Transfer

**Lindsey A. Deeter\***  
Integrative Studies

**Jonathan Michael L. DeJesus**  
Integrative Studies

**Brianne L. Dietrich**  
Psychology Transfer

**Amber L. Dolan\*\***  
Integrative Studies

**Shalina M. Dominguez\***  
Psychology Transfer

**Kimberly N. Doyle**  
Theatre Arts

**Nya J. Dunston\*\***  
Creative Writing Transfer

**Joelle R. Eckert\***  
Business Administration Transfer

**Stephanie E. Engleman\***  
Addiction Studies/Human Services Transfer

**Citlalli Espinoza-Guerrero**  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Joshua L. Fasig**  
Integrative Studies

**Zachary M. Fetter\*\***  
Integrative Studies

\*\*\*summa cum laude

\*\*magna cum laude

\*cum laude

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# A S S O C I A T E   I N   A R T S

## 2 0 2 5   D E G R E E   C A N D I D A T E S

**Meadow M. Fleckenstein\***  
Integrative Studies

**Juan Flores**  
Accounting Transfer

**Michelle M Flory\*\***  
Integrative Studies

**Adamsay Fofanah**  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Andrew B. Foreacre**  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Megan E. Frey**  
Psychology Transfer

**Moriah S. Frey**  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Rosa M. Frias**  
Psychology Transfer

**Cameron E. Fuller\*\***  
Integrative Studies

**Nasaridalia Garcia\*\***  
Accounting Transfer

**Emelyn A. Garcia Feliz**  
Integrative Studies

**Caleb J. Gehman\*\*\***  
Accounting Transfer

**Anibel Genao\*\*\***  
Business Administration Transfer

**Michael J. Gentile**  
Social Science Transfer

**Kayline German**  
Psychology Transfer

**Jennifer M. Germes\***  
Integrative Studies

**Berneace M. Gill**  
Accounting Transfer

**Christopher S. Ginalski, Jr.\***  
Business Administration Transfer

**Marlon L. Glaze^**  
Integrative Studies

**Johanna R. Goad**  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Christina M. Gonzalez**  
Social Work Transfer

**Diana S. Gonzalez**  
Social Work Transfer

**Noemi Gonzalez\*\***  
Social Work Transfer

**Tiana N. Gonzalez**  
Psychology Transfer

**Cheyenne C. Green**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Marcos S. Grijalva**  
Integrative Studies

**Giovanni Gualtieri**  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Dave Gustave**  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Mercedes M. Gutierrez Fernandez**  
Psychology Transfer

**Sarina M. Hale**  
Psychology Transfer

**Sanita L. Hardy**  
Psychology Transfer

**Isaiah M. Harris\*\***  
Psychology Transfer

**Keira E. Hartman\***  
Business Administration Transfer

**Kimberly D. Headley\***  
Business Administration Transfer

**Olivia C. Heckman**  
Education Transfer -Middle Secondary Grades

**Crystal J. Heimbach**  
Integrative Studies

**McKenzie M. Heller**  
Psychology Transfer

**Taylor M. Henry**  
Integrative Studies

**Trinidy L. Hernandez**  
Art Transfer

**Daleyney Herrera-Mingucha**  
Psychology Transfer

**Noah S. Heslop**  
Art Transfer

**Latoya M. Hodge**  
Integrative Studies

**Ella B. Holmes**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Xavier P. James**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Dharianny Jerez Sano\***  
Business Administration Transfer

**Josue A. Jimenez**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Julia H. Jones\***  
Psychology Transfer

**Emily N. Kallinger**  
Business Administration Transfer

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\*cum laude

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# A S S O C I A T E   I N   A R T S

## 2 0 2 5   D E G R E E   C A N D I D A T E S

**Bree M. Kantner\*\***  
Psychology Transfer

**Zach D. Keith\***  
Art Transfer

**Latisha Y. Kelly\*\***  
Addiction Studies/Human Services Transfer

**Bailey M. Krick**  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Lydia T. Lambert**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Karina J. Landis**  
Social Work Transfer

**Kayla L. Langumas**  
Education Transfer -Middle Secondary Grades

**Victoria A. Lapa\*\***  
Integrative Studies

**Emily A. Leshner**  
Integrative Studies

**Megan A. Lichty\*\*\***  
Education Transfer -Middle Secondary Grades

**Amber L. Lilis**  
Integrative Studies

**Teddy N. Limberiou**  
Integrative Studies

**Diana Liriano**  
Integrative Studies

**Stephanie Liriano**  
Integrative Studies

**Elaine Lopez**  
Social Work Transfer

**Nallelys N. Lopez Familia**  
Integrative Studies

**Minnie J. Ma\*\*\***  
Art Transfer

**Logan S. Mace\***  
Liberal Arts Transfer

**Patrick A. Manderach, Jr.**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Patrick A. Manderach, Jr.**  
Psychology Transfer

**Isabella R. Manmiller\*\*\***  
Art Transfer

**Alexander R. Markel**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Latanya M. Martin\*\***  
Integrative Studies

**Angelys Martinez**  
Social Work Transfer

**Jessica Martinez Vargas\***  
Psychology Transfer

**Salma Masur**  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Frances P. Matos**  
Education Transfer -Middle Secondary Grades

**Alejandra J. Matos-Cruz**  
Psychology Transfer

**Joanna M. McClelland**  
Integrative Studies

**Christopher J. McElwee\*\***  
Integrative Studies

**Roger S. McFadden\*\***  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Brooklynn N. McKnight\*\***  
Psychology Transfer

**Kelly M. Meck**  
Integrative Studies

**Brittany A. Melendez**  
Psychology Transfer

**Jeanette Mercedes**  
Integrative Studies

**Alisha S. Mesa**  
Creative Writing Transfer

**Pamela L. Mingucha-Velazquez**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Aldo P. Mizhquiri**  
Art Transfer

**Marie Z. Mondesir**  
Psychology Transfer

**Alexzander S. Morales**  
Theatre Arts

**Milagros R. Morales**  
Integrative Studies

**Isabella J. Morgalo**  
Communications Transfer

**Jahlanie S. Morris**  
Integrative Studies

**Marilyn E. Mosheim\*\***  
Business Administration Transfer

**Leanne K. Moyer\*\*\***  
Art Transfer

**Lisa Moyer**  
Integrative Studies

**Sophia G. Muckey**  
Addiction Studies/Human Services Transfer

**Jonathan A. Nava-Pensado\***  
Business Administration Transfer

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\*cum laude

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## 2 0 2 5   D E G R E E   C A N D I D A T E S

**Claire E. Naylor\*\***  
Psychology Transfer

**Hanson Q. Nguyen\***  
Art Transfer

**Teonna J. Ninetto**  
Creative Writing Transfer

**Evelynn M. Nowicki**  
Social Science Transfer

**Nicole A. Nunez Rodriguez**  
Psychology Transfer

**Yanna L. Ortiz\*\***  
Art Transfer

**Sabrina V. Palumbo\***  
Psychology Transfer

**Ysandry Paredes**  
Accounting Transfer

**Giaavanna C. Penta**  
Communications Transfer

**Isiah J. Perez**  
Communications Transfer

**Justin Perez**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Hunter T. Phillips**  
Integrative Studies

**Christine E. Piffer\***  
Art Transfer

**Sardys D. Pina**  
Psychology Transfer

**Arlise M. Popruzuk\*\***  
Art Transfer

**Jaia M. Rahn**  
Theatre Arts

**Angel G. Ramos\***  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Yenely J. Ramos\***  
Psychology Transfer

**Meghan K. Ramsey\***  
Creative Writing Transfer

**Devon R. Reinert**  
Addiction Studies/Human Services Transfer

**Chernis N. Reyes**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Zoe A. Rhodes**  
Psychology Transfer

**Ezekiel D. Rivera\***  
Business Administration Transfer

**Nayellis M. Rivera Rodriquez**  
Accounting Transfer

**Rebecca J. Roberts**  
Social Work Transfer

**Alysha M. Robles\***  
Psychology Transfer

**Wesley J. Rodriguez**  
Associate in Arts

**Zelina M. Rodriguez**  
Psychology Transfer

**Lauren E. Rojas**  
Integrative Studies

**Leslie Rojas\***  
Integrative Studies

**Katlyn R. Rosado\***  
Integrative Studies

**Jennifer L. Rothermel\*\***  
Psychology Transfer

**Johana L. Ruiz**  
Social Work Transfer

**Taylor M. Rymshaw**  
Social Work Transfer

**Danette M. Salamo\*\***  
Integrative Studies

**Renato A. Sanabria**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Bianca S. Santiago**  
Psychology Transfer

**Ashley M. Santore**  
Psychology Transfer

**Riley M. Scheuring**  
Psychology Transfer

**Madison P. Schobel**  
Art Transfer

**Letisha A. Schwab**  
Addiction Studies/Human Services Transfer

**Demetra E. Scott Risper**  
Integrative Studies

**Holly R. Sensenig**  
Education Transfer -Middle Secondary Grades

**Kaitlin C. Shearer**  
Integrative Studies

**Anthony J. Shuman\***  
Business Administration Transfer

**Sandra S. Sibri\*\*\***  
Business Administration Transfer

**Dashawna T. Simmons**  
Liberal Arts Transfer

**Connor J. Simon^**  
Social Science Transfer

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## 2 0 2 5   D E G R E E   C A N D I D A T E S

**Krystal A. Simon<sup>^</sup>**  
Integrative Studies

**Victoriana J. Torres<sup>\*</sup>**  
Integrative Studies

**Jeremy D. Weaver**  
Theatre Arts

**Zoe L. Simon**  
Education Transfer -Middle Secondary Grades

**Angel N. Torres-Ayala**  
Psychology Transfer

**Mason E. Weisman<sup>\*</sup>**  
Integrative Studies

**Erica K. Smith**  
Integrative Studies

**Daisy L. Torres-Ramirez**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Ava G. Werley<sup>\*\*</sup>**  
Integrative Studies

**Jonas O. Smith**  
Psychology Transfer

**Morgan D. Tran**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Alecia N. Williams**  
Psychology Transfer

**Chancey J. Smith, III**  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Altagracia Trujillo**  
Integrative Studies

**Jaydon T. Witman<sup>\*</sup>**  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Patric Soriano**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Yeva V. Tucker**  
Integrative Studies

**Joan M. Wood<sup>\*</sup>**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Timothy R. Spatz**  
Theatre Arts

**Daniel M. Vargas**  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Thoujmorie A. Woollery**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Devon E. Stevens<sup>\*\*</sup>**  
Integrative Studies

**Eric Vargas<sup>\*</sup>**  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Athena D. Yoder**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Matthew D. Stouffer**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Nomar Vasquez Polanco**  
Integrative Studies

**Ethan G. York<sup>\*\*</sup>**  
Communications Transfer

**Aidan C. Strohl**  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Ivette K. Vazquez**  
Accounting Transfer

**Brittani M. Young**  
Psychology Transfer

**Mason A. Strohl**  
Integrative Studies

**Sulemny Violines**  
Integrative Studies

**Daniel J. Young<sup>\*\*</sup>**  
Integrative Studies

**Joseph W. Sutton<sup>\*\*^</sup>**  
Art Transfer

**Haley N. Wagner<sup>\*\*\*</sup>**  
Integrative Studies

**Nichole C. Young<sup>\*\*</sup>**  
Social Work Transfer

**Vincent D. Terrey<sup>\*</sup>**  
Psychology Transfer

**Tiffany N. Walker**  
Integrative Studies

**Gabriela M. Zabala**  
Social Work Transfer

**Megan R. Thomson<sup>\*\*</sup>**  
Social Work Transfer

**Ty R. Wamsher<sup>\*\*\*</sup>**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Ana I. Zoquier<sup>\*</sup>**  
Accounting Transfer

**Sheila M. Torres**  
Integrative Studies

**Nicolas D. Wasser**  
Education Transfer -Middle Secondary Grades

**Emma R. Acker<sup>\*\*</sup>**  
Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

\*\*\*summa cum laude

\*\*magna cum laude

\*cum laude

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# A S S O C I A T E I N S C I E N C E

## 2 0 2 5 D E G R E E C A N D I D A T E S

**Angel Arce<sup>^</sup>**  
Health Science Transfer

**Ishmael J. Cadet<sup>\*\*</sup>**  
Science Transfer

**Irani A. Cancilla**  
Health Science Transfer

**Angelina R. Carsto**  
Science Transfer

**Aaron Chandran<sup>\*</sup>**  
Engineering

**Nadiya L. Cintron<sup>\*\*\*</sup>**  
Science Transfer

**Natalie E. Crammer**  
Health Science Transfer

**Marmia Day<sup>\*</sup>**  
Engineering

**Joseph I. Emili<sup>\*</sup>**  
Health Science Transfer

**Tynel Evans**  
Science Transfer

**Mikyah D. Garcia**  
Health Science Transfer

**Brenda Garcia Lara**  
Health Science Transfer

**Brody M. Glass**  
Science Transfer

**Natacha E. Gomez Pimentel**  
Health Science Transfer

**Antony E. Gonzalez**  
Science Transfer

**Joondi Heredia<sup>\*</sup>**  
Data Science Transfer

**Reyshel Y. Hernandez**  
Health Science Transfer

**Hunter J. Himes**  
Health Science Transfer

**Andrew R. Johnson**  
Science Transfer

**Armani F. King<sup>^</sup>**  
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**Andre Lawson**  
Data Science Transfer

**Ramon D. Liz, Jr.**  
Science Transfer

**Michael A. Loeb**  
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**Ashley A. Lopez**  
Health Science Transfer

**Patrice C. McCarthy**  
Engineering

**Anastacia D. Myrie**  
Health Science Transfer

**Natalie J. Oxenreider<sup>\*\*</sup>**  
Science Transfer

**O'Neil J. Oyola**  
Data Science Transfer

**Brianna M. Parkinson**  
Health Science Transfer

**Darcia M. Phillips**  
Health Science Transfer

**Merrick J. Plaisance**  
Engineering

**Michael Seay**  
Data Science Transfer

**Krista M. Smith**  
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**James T. Tiffany<sup>\*\*\*</sup>**  
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**Yadira I. Torres**  
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**Elianny Tremols<sup>^</sup>**  
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**Nicholas A. Zampelli**  
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## 2 0 2 5   D E G R E E   C A N D I D A T E S

<b>Maria Acosta Santos</b> Criminal Justice	<b>Paige E. Boyer</b> Nursing	<b>Sean N. Clemmons***</b> Computer Technology
<b>Jeniffer H. Aguirre</b> Business Management	<b>Chesney A. Bredbenner</b> Medical Coding and Billing Specialist	<b>Leann R. Cloak*</b> Business Management
<b>Faithrica L. Alcantara</b> Criminal Justice	<b>Jamma J. Bridges</b> Nursing	<b>Amber R. Cochran*</b> Nursing
<b>Maryam Ali*</b> Nursing	<b>Ashlea C. Broad</b> Business Management	<b>Araika Correa</b> Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)
<b>Crystal J. Asencios</b> Criminal Justice	<b>Jesse J. Brobst</b> Nursing	<b>Maria E. Cortez</b> Administrative Office Specialist
<b>Zachary J. Bachman</b> Respiratory Care	<b>Megan D. Buccheri</b> Nursing	<b>Manuela Cruz Rondon</b> Nursing
<b>Esmeralda I. Bacilio-Guerrero*</b> Business Management	<b>Mark D. Buchhalter^</b> Computer Technology	<b>Zachary A. Curran*</b> Nursing
<b>Natalie R. Barton*</b> Medical Office/Health Records Specialist	<b>Amanda M. Buss</b> Nursing	<b>Colleen A. Dale*</b> Nursing
<b>Keith W. Beaver**</b> Medical Coding and Billing Specialist	<b>Sarah M. Calm*</b> Mechatronics Engineering Technology	<b>Maira A. Damiani</b> Criminal Justice
<b>Leonardo Becerra</b> Web Site Development	<b>Gabrielle J. Campbell</b> Nursing	<b>Tiffany Dao</b> Medical Laboratory Technology
<b>Ava M. Bedwell</b> Nursing	<b>Kayla Carter Pech</b> Criminal Justice	<b>Stephen M. Davis</b> Technology Studies
<b>Emily N. Benn</b> Medical Office/Health Records Specialist	<b>Efrain Centeno, III**</b> Accounting	<b>Carolyn De la Cruz Pena</b> Accounting
<b>Kristen M. Boatwright</b> Nursing	<b>Gail L. Champagne</b> Nursing	<b>Yashika J. Degeorge</b> Early Childhood Program Management
<b>Nicole L. Bohner</b> Early Childhood Program Management	<b>Joan D. Chavez</b> Nursing	<b>Selena A. Detterline</b> Criminal Justice
<b>Rowan Bosold*</b> Business Management	<b>Brittany A. Choinski</b> Nursing	<b>Melvin D. Diaz</b> Criminal Justice
<b>Loretta A. Boyd*</b> Medical Coding and Billing Specialist	<b>Ashley A. Clay***</b> Mechatronics Engineering Technology	<b>Michael J. Dinnini*</b> Nursing

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## 2 0 2 5 D E G R E E C A N D I D A T E S

**Abigail B. Dunleavy\***  
Nursing

**Joanne K. Edinger**  
Nursing

**Heather M. Engle\*\***  
Accounting

**Anita S. Ernst**  
Accounting

**Jade Escobar-Cepeda**  
Medical Laboratory Technology

**Brooke R. Esposito\*\***  
Criminal Justice

**Anastasiia Fedoruk\*\*\***  
Medical Laboratory Technology

**Savannah R. Feliciano**  
Mechatronics Engineering Technology

**Julian O. Flores**  
Business Management

**Natalie C. Floriani**  
Medical Coding and Billing Specialist

**Brina M. Franckowiak**  
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**Brandon M. Fry\***  
Mechatronics Engineering Technology

**Danielle Fuller**  
Business Management

**Caitlin E. Gabel**  
Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

**Katherine Garcia**  
Business Management

**Rosaura Garcia**  
Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

**Yesdeiri I. Garcia Rubio**  
Criminal Justice

**Christopher S. George\*\*\***  
Accounting

**Jennifer M. Germes\***  
Medical Coding and Billing Specialist

**Dana J. Gill\*\*\***  
Medical Laboratory Technology

**Chastity M. Goncalves\***  
Business Management

**Janalyn L. Gonzalez\*\***  
Computer Technology

**Brenda L. Grande**  
Nursing

**Afaika E. Groom**  
Medical Office/Health Records Specialist

**Sarah M. Groth**  
Nursing

**Summer N. Guidotto**  
Medical Office/Health Records Specialist

**Tyler R. Hansley**  
Criminal Justice

**Shae K. Harter**  
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**Christina M. Heiser\***  
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Computer Technology

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Medical Laboratory Technology

**Izaiah C. Horn**  
Computer Technology

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Medical Coding and Billing Specialist

**Ella B. Hubric**  
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**Alex S. Jacobs\***  
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**Jocelyn Jimenez**  
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**Kayleigh M. Kantner**  
Nursing

**Abigail E. Kelly**  
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**Tiffany M. Kenderdine**  
Nursing

**Rachel A. Kerr**  
Nursing

**Kylee P. Kinckner**  
Nursing

**Hailey L. Kissling**  
Nursing

**Gabe J. Klementisz**  
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**Jamie L. Knepp**  
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**Karl T. Lake**  
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**Arli R. Leazier\***  
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**Celeste S. Lilley\***  
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**Nateshia C. Little**  
Business Management

**Jamie M. Long\*\***  
Nursing

**Jarlin I. Lopez\***  
Nursing

**Jackson M. Lora**  
Criminal Justice

**Brandi R. Lush\*\*\***  
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**Elizabeth X. Lysczek**  
Nursing

**Sary A. Madera**  
Nursing

**Olivier P. Magloire**  
Web Site Development

**Jason J. Maioriello**  
Business Management

**Kelsy E. Majewski**  
Histotechnician

**Alyson Malinowski\***  
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**Mary E. Manzella-Ernst**  
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**Keara L. Marsh\***  
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Nursing

**Heaven M. Martinez-Gonzalez**  
Criminal Justice

**Sarah E. Mattern**  
Nursing

**Liam J. McAnany\***  
Business Management

**Shelleiney J. Mendez**  
Business Management

**Lexlly A. Mercedes**  
Accounting

**Megan E. Miller**  
Administrative Office Specialist

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Criminal Justice

**Pamela L. Morel**  
Business Management

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Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

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**Melinda L. Myrick**  
Nursing

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Nursing

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Nursing

**Rebecca M. Ortyl**  
Nursing

**Crystal D. Osuna**  
Business Management

**Cynthia L. Pagan**  
Medical Office/Health Records Specialist

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Mechatronics Engineering Technology

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Nursing

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Early Childhood Program Management

**Crystal Peters**  
Medical Coding and Billing Specialist

**Christopher Pierre**  
Criminal Justice

**Jesus M. Pinillo**  
Criminal Justice

**Jessica G. Plasencia**  
Computer Technology

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**Shawna M. Raimo**

Accounting

**Harlow R. Ramirez**

Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

**Tristan S. Rivera\*\***

Computer Technology

**Amiah E. Rodriguez\***

Nursing

**John E. Rodriguez**

Business Management

**Sashira Rodriguez-Rivera**

Accounting

**Iris Y. Rojas**

Nursing

**Adrienne M. Romig**

Nursing

**Jared A. Rothenberger\*\***

Business Management

**Deja N. Rowe**

Nursing

**Kayla M. Ryan\*\***

Medical Laboratory Technology

**Edeline M. Sanchez**

Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

**Joely Santana**

Nursing

**Diamelis A. Santiago**

Criminal Justice

**Javan C. Santiago**

Nursing

**Jorge J. Santiago\***

Accounting

**Jormariam Santiago**

Nursing

**Lita K. Savage**

Nursing

**Ashley C. Schweikert\*\*\***

Business Management

**Anahi A. Sebastian**

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**Amira J. Seisler\*\***

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**Marialys R. Serrata**

Nursing

**Kimberly D. Shaak**

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**Elsa Shala**

Business Management

**Marlee O. Shilling**

Medical Coding and Billing Specialist

**Marlee O. Shilling**

Medical Office/Health Records Specialist

**Umaru Sillah\*\*\***

Web Site Development

**Maria C. Silva Perez**

Nursing

**Stephanie L. Skias-Weik**

Accounting

**Cynthia R. Smith**

Accounting

**Megan E. Smith\***

Medical Laboratory Technology

**Kenny A. Steeves, III**

Criminal Justice

**Christina L. Steimer**

Histotechnician

**Leah R. Steinmetz\***

Criminal Justice

**Gabrielle L. Stinsky**

Medical Laboratory Technology

**Aiden J. Stoudt**

Computer Technology

**Morgan V. Struk\***

Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

**Christina G. Sullivan**

Business Management

**Wilhen A. Suriel**

Web Site Development

**Alycen M. Suter\***

Business Management

**Jacob G. Swanson\***

Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

**Kaden A. Swavely**

Business Management

**Lyn C. Tallant\*\***

Accounting

**Nayelhi Tavarez\***

Business Management

**Xuan B. Tchiu\*\***

Nursing

**Vanessa Tenorio-Pineda\***

Computer Technology

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Nursing

**Dilaylah Torres**

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**Ashley Toussaint-Fils**  
Respiratory Care

**Annie M. Vasconez**  
Nursing

**Gabrielle Y. Vasquez**  
Business Management

**Keniel Vazquez Gonzalez**  
Medical Laboratory Technology

**Hector A. Vega Ayala\***  
Nursing

**Liamar E. Ventura-Then**  
Business Management

**Eric L. Victor**  
Computer Technology

**Johnvel Vives-Henao**  
Criminal Justice

**Brittany E. Wade\***  
Nursing

**Matthew D. Wambold**  
Medical Coding and Billing Specialist

**Devyn D. Wampole**  
Nursing

**Madelyn M. Watts**  
Business Management

**Michelle A. Wertz**  
Nursing

**Carole L. Whalen**  
Medical Coding and Billing Specialist

**Ebony A. Williams**  
Nursing

**Sophia E. Winger**  
Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

**Hailey S. Zaman**  
Business Management

**Jasmine Zuluaga-Fasig**  
Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

## A S S O C I A T E I N G E N E R A L S T U D I E S 2 0 2 5 D E G R E E C A N D I D A T E S

**Jehiffry A. Pichardo**  
General Studies Declared

**Melody E. Stagg \*\*\***  
General Studies Declared

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# 2025 CERTIFICATE OF SPECIALIZATION

**Desiree Acevedo Soler**  
Administrative Office Specialist Certificate

**Moraima J. Acosta**  
Practical Nursing

**Viadys V. Batista Taveras**  
Business Management

**Ashley D. Bernadin**  
Bookkeeping Certificate

**Kalana K. Betancourt**  
Practical Nursing

**Nathanian D. Bozieux**  
Practical Nursing

**Jasmin L. Caceres**  
Administrative Office Specialist Certificate

**Nataly Caki**  
Administrative Office Specialist Certificate

**Melissa Cancel**  
Early Childhood CDA Prep Certificate

**Rudy De La Cruz\*\*\***  
Cyber Defense Certificate

**Sandra L. Galvin**  
Practical Nursing

**Judith Gonzalez**  
Administrative Office Specialist Certificate

**Nichelle E. Green**  
Practical Nursing

**Joondi Heredia\***  
Data Analytics Certificate

**Brian B. Key\*\*\***  
Cyber Defense Certificate

**Andre Lawson**  
Data Analytics Certificate

**Nesly K. Lopez**  
Practical Nursing

**Abdulfuad J. Mansaray**  
Cyber Defense Certificate

**Isaliz Martell\*\***  
Bookkeeping Certificate

**Katie A. McEwen\*\*\***  
Bookkeeping Certificate

**Rafael A. Moya Fernandez\*\*\***  
Business Management

**Zaw Myo Naing\*\***  
Early Childhood CDA Prep Certificate

**O'Neil J. Oyola**  
Data Analytics Certificate

**Melany Pena\***  
Data Analytics Certificate

**Jemmali M. Perez**  
Early Childhood Director Certificate

**Lachell M. Perez**  
Practical Nursing

**Majula Saine**  
Practical Nursing

**Michael Seay\*\*\***  
Data Analytics Certificate

**Eduardo A. Silva Cavanna\***  
Business Management

**Krista M. Smith**  
Data Analytics Certificate

**Paige E. Stern\***  
Practical Nursing

**Paola J. Tejada**  
Practical Nursing

**Manuel A. Torres-Columbo\*\***  
Data Analytics Certificate

**Zander G. Tramos**  
Cyber Defense Certificate

**Rosio Valdez Gonzalez**  
Early Childhood CDA Prep Certificate

**Yalissa Velez**  
Early Childhood CDA Prep Certificate

**Ashley L. Walker**  
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**Abigail K. Yasso-Walther**  
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**Maria P. Zavala**  
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# CLASS OF 2025

## ACADEMIC AWARDS

### ALL PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMIC TEAM

**AWARD**..... Noemi Gonzalez  
Angela L. Caldero-Perez

### NEW CENTURY TRANSFER PATHWAY

**SCHOLAR**..... Noemi Gonzalez

### COCA-COLA ACADEMIC TEAM

**GOLD SCHOLAR** .....Angela L. Caldero-Perez

### DIVISION AWARDS

#### ***Business***

Accounting, AA.....Caleb J. Gehman  
Accounting, AAS .....Amira J. Seisler  
Bookkeeping, CC..... Ashley D. Bernadin  
Business Administration, AA ..... John L. Davitt  
Business Management, AAS .....Madelyn M. Watts  
Business Management, CC.....Rafael A. Moya Fernandez  
Computer Technology, AAS ..... Sean N. Clemmons  
Computer Information  
Systems, AA..... Daniel M. Vargas  
Medical Coding and Billing  
Specialist, AAS .....Matthew D. Wambold  
Medical Office/Health Records  
Specialist, AAS ..... Summer N. Guidotto

#### ***Communications, Arts and Humanities***

Art, AA .....Evelynn M. Nowicki  
Communications, AA..... Ethan G. York  
Liberal Arts, AA.....Logan S. Mace  
Theatre Arts, AA ..... Jeremy D. Weaver

#### ***Foundational Studies***

English for Academic  
Purposes (EAP).....Yanna L. Ortiz  
Dwight Rinehart Memorial Award..... Sarah J. Carabello  
Integrated Studies, AA..... Devon E. Stevens

#### ***Health Professions***

Histotechnician, AAS. .... Kelsy E. Majewski  
Medical Laboratory  
Technology, AAS .....Anastasiia Fedoruk  
Medical Laboratory  
Technology, AAS ..... Dana J. Gill  
Nursing, AAS .....Xuan B. Tchiu  
Nursing, AAS .....Maryam Ali  
Practical Nursing, CC ..... Paige E. Stern  
Respiratory Care, AAS ..... Ashley Toussaint-Fils

#### ***Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics***

Data Science, AS..... Michael Seay  
Data Science, AS.....Krista M. Smith  
Mechatronics Engineering  
Technology, AAS .....Sarah M. Calm  
Engineering, AS ..... James T. Tiffany  
Science, AS .....Nadiya L. Cintron  
Science, AS .....Veronica L. Szarawara  
Health Science, AS.....Angel Arce

#### ***Social Science***

Addiction Studies/  
Human Services, AA.....Latisha Y. Kelly  
Criminal Justice, AAS.....Brooke R. Esposito  
Early Childhood Teaching  
PreK-Grade 4, AAS.....Brandi R. Lush  
Early Childhood  
Program Management, AAS.....Vandana N. Patel  
Education Middle  
Secondary Grades .....Angela L. Caldero-Perez  
Psychology, AA .....Bree M. Kantner  
Social Science, AA .....Connor J. Simon  
Social Work (AA).....Noemi Gonzalez

#### **Sonia M. Briskin**

**Scholar's Award**..... Victoria A. Lapa

#### **Borkert Library**

**Research Award** ..... Carol A. Tapia

## HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

John L. Davitt  
Dana J. Gill  
Zach D. Keith  
Victoria A. Lapa

Brooklynn N. McKnight  
Aidan C. Strohl  
Natalie Oxenreider  
Veronica L. Szarawara

Madison P. Schobel  
Tristan S. Rivera

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)





# H O N O R   S O C I E T Y

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## **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.

Billy G. Alduey Duran	Nasaridalia Garcia	Sabrina V. Palumbo
Xochitl L. Alston	Caleb J. Gehman	Melany Pena
Taryn E. Bauer	Jennifer M. Germes	Christine E. Piffer
Keith W. Beaver	Johanna R. Goad	Arlise M. Popruzuk
Abigail R. Bender	Janalyn L. Gonzalez	Jose A. Rodriguez, Jr.
Ashley D. Bernadin	Noemi Gonzalez	Iris Y. Rojas
Kristen M. Boatwright	Stephanie M. Guerrero	Leslie Rojas
Loretta A. Boyd	Taylor M. Henry	Katlyn R. Rosado
Victoria E. Bryan	Ashley A. Hernandez	Jormariam Santiago
Angela L. Caldero-Perez	Isais P. Hernandez Palerm	Ashley C. Schweikert
Joel Caraballo Contrera	Bree M. Kantner	Marialys R. Serrata
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Amber R. Cochran	Olivier P. Magloire	Xuan B. Tchiu
Kiara M. Cosme	Isabella R. Manmiller	James T. Tiffany
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Amber L. Dolan	Diamond Z. Martinez	Manuel A. Torres-Columbo
Shalina M. Dominguez	Jessica Martinez Vargas	Elianny Tremols
Abigail B. Dunleavy	Micalann McCrea	Hector A. Vega Ayala
Abigail C. Durdock	Brooklyn N. McKnight	Brittany E. Wade
Joanne K. Edinger	Leanne K. Moyer	Madelyn M. Watts
Heather M. Engle	Melinda L. Myrick	Abigail K. Yasso-Walther
Brooke R. Esposito	Jonathan A. Nava-Pensado	Daniel J. Young
Anastasiia Fedoruk	Claire E. Naylor	Nichole C. Young
Meadow M. Fleckenstein	Catherine V. Nunn	Nicholas A. Zampelli
Moriah S. Frey	Natalie J. Oxenreider	

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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## **THEODORE BASSANO**

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September 1996 - September 2013

## **LINDA BELL**

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September 1992 - September 2022

## **BEVERLY BOHNER**

Professor Emerita  
Business Division  
September 1991 - June 2007

## **RONALD F. BORKERT\***

Professor Emeritus  
Humanities Division  
September 1991 - June 2006

## **DAVID BRANT, Ph.D.**

Professor Emeritus  
Social Sciences/Human Services  
Division  
March 2001 - May 2021

## **SUSAN CHARRON**

Associate Professor Emerita  
Communications, Arts & Humanities  
Division  
September 1999 - June 2000 and  
March 2001 - December 2015

## **MARK S. CHESTER<sup>+</sup>**

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Business Division  
September 2001 - March 2020

## **LYNETTE DAVIS**

Assistant Professor Emerita  
STEM Division  
September 2005 - June 2023

## **ROSE MARIE DAY, R.N.**

Professor Emerita  
Division of Health Professions  
September 1978 - June 2002

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November 1987 - May 2013

## **SUSAN DUBY**

Assistant Professor Emerita  
January 2003 - December 2017

## **KATHY McCANN EVANS**

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Science and Mathematics Division  
September 1993 - December 2017

## **ALAYNE FESSLER**

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Division of Health Professions  
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## **ANN L. FLAMM**

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September 1979 - June 2007

## **ELIZABETH W. FRASER, R.N.**

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## I N M E M O R I A M



President Emeritus Dr. Gust Zogas, the esteemed third president of Reading Area Community College, passed away on August 25, 2024 at the age of 93. His remarkable leadership and dedication to education left an indelible mark on the institution and the community it serves.

Dr. Zogas assumed the presidency of Reading Area Community College in 1986 and served with distinction until 2002. During his tenure, the college experienced unprecedented growth, both in enrollment and in the expansion of its facilities. Under his visionary guidance, the institution flourished and became a beacon of educational excellence in Berks County.

One of Dr. Zogas's most significant achievements was overseeing the transition in sponsorship from the Reading School District to Berks County and the Board of Commissioners. This pivotal change paved the way for the college to reach new heights and fulfill its mission of providing quality education to all who sought it.

Dr. Zogas's legacy is deeply intertwined with the physical transformation of the college. He spearheaded the development of key facilities such as the Yocum Library, the Schmidt Training and Technology Center, and the Miller Center for the Arts, which have since become integral parts of the campus and the educational experience offered to students.

Notably, Dr. Zogas played a crucial role in establishing the college's endowment, which grew to become the second largest among Pennsylvania community colleges. His strategic vision and financial acumen ensured the long-term sustainability and prosperity of the institution, securing its legacy for generations to come.

Dr. Gust Zogas will be remembered not only for his professional accomplishments but also for his warmth, integrity, and deep commitment to the students, faculty, and staff of Reading Area Community College. His passing leaves a profound void in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing and working with him.

As we mourn the loss of a visionary leader and a true champion of education, we honor his life and legacy, grateful for the enduring impact he has had on the college and the community we serve. His spirit will continue to inspire us as we carry forward his legacy of excellence and dedication to learning.

## I N M E M O R I A M



James H. "Jim" Yocum, one of the beloved and impactful leaders in the history of Reading Area Community College, passed away at the age of 98 on April 8, 2025. His legacy is marked by his exceptional dedication to education, philanthropy, and service to his treasured Berks County community.

A lifelong advocate for higher education, Jim served as a Trustee of Reading Area Community College for 24 years, from July 1, 1991, through June 30, 2015. He demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the college and its students throughout his tenure. Jim's leadership was particularly evident in his roles as vice chairman from 1996 to 1998 and again from 2000 to 2002, as well as chairman from 1998 to 2000 and 2002 to 2004. His influence on the college's direction, growth, and success was immeasurable.

Jim was the driving force that established the Foundation for RACC in 1983. He served as the first chairman of the Foundation, established a remarkable 25 endowed Yocum Scholarships that have allowed hundreds of Berks County students earn a degree at Reading Area Community College. The Foundation for RACC, which Jim created, now has over 32 million dollars in assets, and stands as the second largest among all community colleges in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Jim also worked closely with his friends Dr. Gust Zogas and Marlin Miller to establish the Reading High School to Reading Area Community College Opportunity Scholarship Program that has provided tuition for hundreds of Reading High School students to attend Reading Area Community College.

Jim made a significant gift that allowed the Reading Area Community College leadership to build the first new building on the campus; a library. The Yocum Library has since served thousands of Reading Area Community College students, faculty, and staff. The Yocum Family Archives are also stored in the Yocum Library.

In recognition of his outstanding service, the Trustee Emeritus award was renamed to the James H. Yocum Trustee Emeritus award. Jim was honored as the first recipient of this prestigious designation.

Jim Yocum's contributions to Reading Area Community College will never be forgotten. Future generations of our students will be given the gift of a college education because of Jim Yocum's incredible generosity.

# SIGNIFICANCE OF ACADEMIC ATTIRE

*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.*

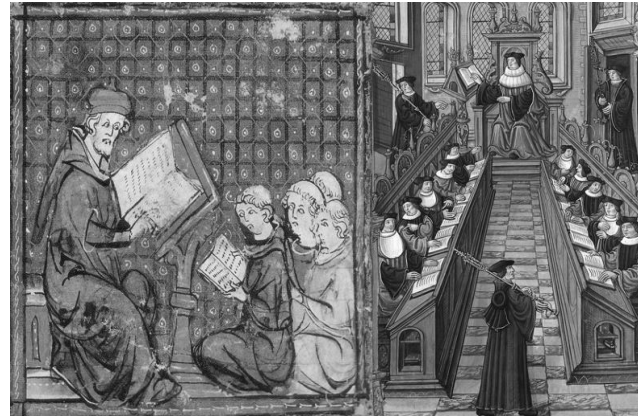
**Gowns:** The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degree has oblong sleeves and may be worn open or closed. The gown for the doctor's degree has bell-shaped sleeves and may be worn open or closed.

**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 perseverance 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



## S Y M B O L S   O F   O F F I C E



### **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 Schuylkill 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 2025  
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!**

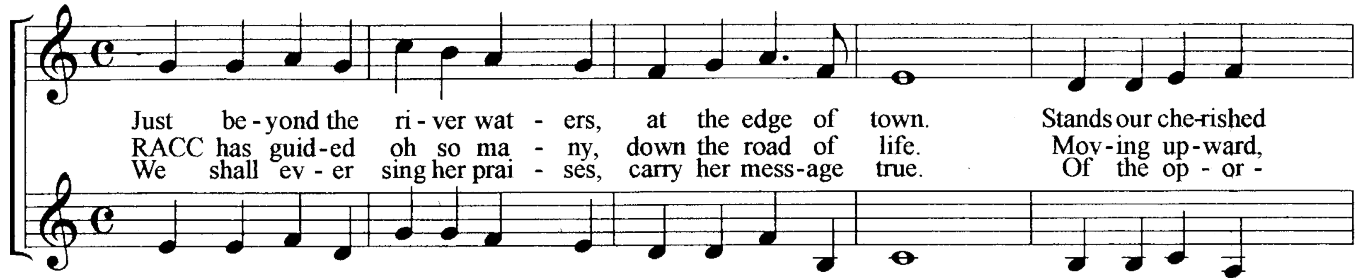




# R A C C A L M A M A T E R

Words by Scott Heffelfinger (1949-2024)

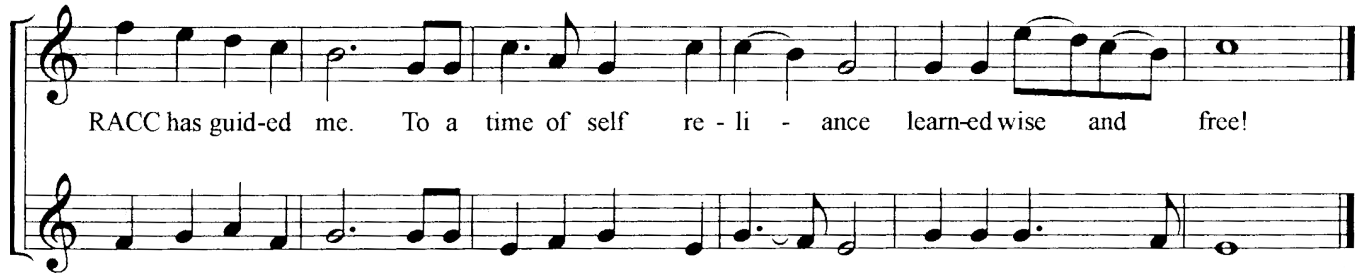
Music by Ray Rhoads



Just be - yond the ri - ver wat - ers, at the edge of town. Stands our che-rished  
RACC has guid-ed oh so ma - ny, down the road of life. Mov-ing up-ward,  
We shall ev - er sing her prai - ses, carry her mess-age true. Of the op - or -



Al - ma Ma - ter, as the sun goes down. Ev - er for-ward, Ev - er up-ward  
start-ing ov - er guid - ing through the strife.  
tun - i - ty that RACC can give to you.



RACC has guid-ed me. To a time of self re - li - ance learn-ed wise and free!



# The Star-Spangled Banner

Lyrics by Francis Scott Key

Music by John Stafford Smith

Bb Gm D Gm C F Bb

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

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of the musical score, measures 1 through 6. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 3/4. The melody is written on a single staff. Chords are indicated above the staff: Bb, Gm, D, Gm, C, F, and Bb. The lyrics are: "O say, can you see by the dawn's ear-ly light what so proud-ly we".

7 F Bb Gm D

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

Detailed description: This block contains the second line of the musical score, measures 7 through 11. The melody continues on the same staff. Chords are indicated above the staff: F, Bb, Gm, and D. The lyrics are: "hailed at the twi-light's last gleam - ing? Whose broad stripes and bright stars thro' the".

12 Gm C F Bb F Bb

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

Detailed description: This block contains the third line of the musical score, measures 12 through 16. The melody continues on the same staff. Chords are indicated above the staff: Gm, C, F, Bb, F, and Bb. The lyrics are: "per - il - ous fight o'er the ram - parts we watched were so gal - lant - ly".

17 F7

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

Detailed description: This block contains the fourth line of the musical score, measures 17 through 21. The melody continues on the same staff. A chord of F7 is indicated above the staff. The lyrics are: "stream-ing? And the rock - ets' red glare, the bombs burst-ing in air, gave".

22 Bb F Bb C F Bb Eb G7

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

Detailed description: This block contains the fifth line of the musical score, measures 22 through 27. The melody continues on the same staff. Chords are indicated above the staff: Bb, F, Bb, C, F, Bb, Eb, and G7. The lyrics are: "proof thro' the night that our flag was still there. O say, does that star - spang-l'd".

28 Cm F Bb Gm C Bb F7 Bb

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

Detailed description: This block contains the sixth line of the musical score, measures 28 through 32. The melody continues on the same staff. Chords are indicated above the staff: Cm, F, Bb, Gm, C, Bb, F7, and Bb. The lyrics are: "ban - ner yet wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?".

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