

*Lynn University*  
*Commencement Exercises*



*Boca Raton, Florida*

*Saturday, the twelfth of May*  
*Two Thousand and Seven*  
*Ten o'clock in the morning*

*Lynn University Commencement*  
*May 12, 2007*

**Presiding: Dr. Kevin M. Ross, President**

- Academic Procession . . . . .Lynn University Conservatory Brass Quintet  
Invocation . . . . . The Reverend Martin C. Devereaux  
University Chaplain  
America the Beautiful (Bates) . . . . . Mr. Carlos Santana  
Welcome . . . . . Dr. Kevin M. Ross  
President  
Student Address . . . . . Ms. Ashley Ulrich  
Class of 2007  
Remarks and Introduction of Commencement Speaker . . . . . Mr. Irving R. Levine  
Dean Emeritus, College of International Communication  
Commencement Address . . . . .Mr. Chris Matthews  
Presentation of Honorary Degree . . . . . Dr. Kevin M. Ross  
Proclamation . . . . . Christine E. Lynn  
Chairman, Board of Trustees  
Henrietta Countess de Hoernle  
Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters  
Outstanding Professor of the Year Award . . . . .Dr. Kathleen Cheek-Milby  
Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Presentation of Lynn Innovation Prize . . . . .Dr. Kevin M. Ross

Presentation of Awards

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| Medina McMenimen Bickel<br>Fashion Award                | The Gordon and Mary Henke Excellence<br>in Communication Award |
| The Bradley Middlebrook II<br>Student Service Award     | Dean's Award for Excellence in<br>Undergraduate Education      |
| The Count and Countess de Hoernle<br>Humanitarian Award | Bachelor's Degree Award<br>The President's Award               |
| The James J. Oussani Award                              | The Trustees' Medal  |

- Presentation of Candidates for Degrees . . . . .Dr. Kathleen Cheek-Milby  
Conferring of Degrees . . . . .Dr. Kevin M. Ross  
Benediction . . . . .The Reverend Martin C. Devereaux  
Lynn University Alma Mater . . . . .Assembly  
Chief Marshal . . . . .Dr. John Pickering  
Marshals . . . . .Dr. Robert Green, Dr. Erika Grodzki, Mr. Craig Schmantowsky,  
Dr. Cassandra Keller, Dr. Thomas McKinley, Dr. Marsha Glines

*Candidates for Degrees*  
*Bachelor of Arts –*  
*Artium Baccalaureus Honoris*

Ashley Lynn Roberts  
Stine Riis Svenningsen  
Jena Marie Zakany

*Bachelor of Arts*

Saleh Abu-Hassan  
Patricia Andreu  
Kevin Michael Ault  
Britt Armstrong Barrigar  
Jessica Eden Bernstein  
Melissa Boyle  
Christopher James Carr  
Josefina Castillo  
Michael John Christoforo  
Eleni Colón  
David Cretone  
James Crilley  
Karen Elizabeth Crowell  
Christina Michele Cutsinger  
Jeffrey T. D'Ambrosio  
Britt J. Davis  
Jennifer Madelcine De Gruccio  
Ashley Elizabeth Duckrey\*  
Jon M. Egosarian  
Carissa Erath  
Ashley Noel Erdman  
Sheri B. Falk  
Jessica L. Gardner  
Sarah Ashley Geigle  
Juliet Krystyna Gerber-Voss  
Brett Logan Glattman  
Matthew Etan Gruskin  
Rodolfo Hernandez  
Jonathan Timm Ilg  
Brett Harding Isaacson  
Lia Juliette Jahnke  
Lee R. Kirchner  
Connie Victoria Liou  
Sarah Anne Mahan

Aoife Mallon♦  
Megan Elizabeth McSweeney  
Ana Sofia Membreno  
DeShanna Marie Minuto  
Rusa Allen Mukandala  
Jonathan Mulvey  
Ian J. Nahama  
Polijana A. Nincevic-Wolven  
David Norwood  
Amy Cecelia Oliveira  
Mikako Parkinson  
Paulna Petit-Frere  
Melanie A. Pierce  
Jenna Polk  
John Chase Porter  
Vicky Beth Posner  
Tyler W. Robbins  
Melissa Rae Roberts  
Jaclyn Roth  
Jena R. Schindler  
Jessica Leigh Sigmund  
Devin S. Starkoff  
Elysia R. Sutherland  
Alison Beth Taub  
Anna Maria Theunissen  
Keely Blaze Toiano  
Brittany Kay Van Burkleo  
Ana Christina Vivanco  
Eric Scott Weiss  
Thomas Michael Whittaker  
Kevin Edward Ryan Wilkins  
Larissa Monique Witherspoon  
Stephen Shoenberg Zwick

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♦ Deceased - posthumously

## *Bachelor of Music*

Amanda Holmes Albert  
Oliver Salonga Sykok  
Christopher Joseph Tusa

## *Bachelor of Science - Scientiae Baccalaureus Honoris*

Haimanot Abebe  
Lena Lea Kassab

## *Bachelor of Science*

Candice Joy Rosalie Aking  
Arthur Morgan Armstrong  
Bradley P. Berg  
Lilah Berman  
Lindsey J. Brackney  
Jason Robert Briggs  
Valerie Lauren Castrovinci  
William Warfield Cockey  
Jonathan Colnaghi  
Fabien Lorenzo Cornelli  
Andrew R. Crawford  
Nicholas Curler  
Kiley Ann Dever  
Lucia Dwindt  
Ericka Joy Ezzell  
Brian Fisch  
Samantha J. Friedman  
Jennifer Louise Griffon  
Leigh Grimes  
Joseph Timothy Jacobs  
Eric Anders Jacobsen  
Daniel Alex Jaynes  
Deirdre Hope Knobeloch\*  
Marissa A. Kouser  
Nankyo Lee  
Rachel Anne Marshall\*

Jasper Alpanso McDuffus  
Heidi Elizabeth Meyers  
Kevin Russell Mielec  
Aaron J. Miller  
Christopher James Morgan  
Cristina Morris  
Cortney Anne Pascale  
Michele Diane Pietrzak  
Francisco Prada  
Brian Ragsdale  
Christopher Brian Reddy  
Michael S. Roberts  
Carlianne Rosenfield  
Erin M. Ross  
Ana Rubirosa  
Courtney Schlenker  
Trevor Douglas Seffren  
Catherine Leigh Shelton  
Indirah Julia Shelton  
Trent Stierwalt  
Kyle Elizabeth Troy  
Blanca Vega  
Sarah N. Villarreal  
Ashton Rex Walker  
Rachel Lynn Weiss

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# *Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Honoris Generalis*

Janelle Mae Hoffman  
Jessica Beth Sokol  
Devin P. Tison

## *Bachelor of Science in Business Administration*

Anthony J. Abbatiello	Jennifer Ann Fiore
Chad Joseph Aking	Julie Ann Forster
Rashed Majed Al Noaimi	Denley Francisco
Aouse Wesam Al-Joburi	Scott Tyler Fream
Elliott S. Amos	Kenneth Gall
Allegra B. Armstrong	Joshua M. Garson
Barry Evan Aronin	Jason Anthony Geraci
Josephine Elizabeth Artymovich	Patrick Eamon Godfrey
Khalid Bakhresa	Joel Moshe Gotthilf
Nicholas Bleau	Cory Sandra Grude
Nicolas Boisvert	Sonia Helo
Melissa Caroline Bono	Lyndsey Herman
Matthew Samuel Bookatz	Mashariki F. Kahindo
Elise Marie Brandt	Darnell Kirkwood
Eric Braunschweiler	Jennifer A. Klukofsky
Mark Robert Bruce	Alican Koksak
Joel Eric Burnett	Brittany Carmel Kompare
Michelle Carroll	Britta E. Konary
Jordan Charvillat	Dana Lynn Kravitsky
Gregory W. Chavers	Alexis Marie Kwiatkowski
Neil Ciemniecki	Tatiana A. Lacayo
Lauren Rachael Cohen	Craig Lemieur
Timothy Ryan Cote	Robert Lepley
Joseph James Cox	Jewell Leung
Erica Michelle Cramer	Alfredo Olo Lima
John Crawford	Lauren Lindeman
Rafael Rodrigues Da Silva	Alvaro Lopez
Nicolas deBoer	Laura Bryant Lovell
Austin M. Dempsey	Jeffrey A. Lucas
Oscar Miguel Diaz	Haillie Jane MacNeill
Darren C. DiMassa	Krish G. Mahtani
Paul DiPlacido	Andrew Majoros
Gabriella Donadei	Tyson A. Manering
Antonio Arturo Dotoli	Frantz T. Marcelin
Rafal Dziugiel	Shai Mashiah
Erin Elizabeth Evans	Elliot Adam Medoff
Amos Eyal	James Anthony David Mitchell
Clayton Alexander Farrell	Angela Vanessa Molla Martinez
Joshua A. Feldman	Elisa M. Moreau

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Tommy F. Morrison	Jessica Lynn Scaduto
Alberto M. Munoz	Lindsay B. Schaeffer
Robert Murillo	Garrett James Schude
Kaliopi Hrisovalantou Neskes	Hans Christian Schur
Daniel Ricardo Orellana	Dominik Selig
Julian Jose Palma	Essa Abdullah Sharafi
Richard Gustaf Pantzar	Andrew P. Shprintz
Elias A. Parra	Jonathan M. Silfen
Ashley Francesca Pasqualone	Paula Simons
Shaily Patel	Jeffrey Charles Skulnik
Daniel Christopher Pomenti	Andrew Delaney Small
Anthony F. Peragine	Andrew W. Smith
Michele Peroni	Jay Soysal
Brooke Lauren Peterson	William Templeton Tamsberg Jr.
Carlo Vasilij Piacenza	Matthew John Tebes
Eric David Plumb	Thomas Nicholas Tickenoff
Mark Polyakov	John William Tiernan
Philip Prada	Nicholas C. Trataros
Clara Marcela Quiroz	Maria Concetta Tuzzonlino
Jonathan William Reese	Richard Raymond Ward
Susan Elena Ricciardi	Jennifer Willgoss
Dennis Riegraf	John H. Wood
Geoffrey Paul Robinson	Christopher M. Zailo
Scott Jared Robinson	Ivan J. Zalaquett
Luis A. Romero	Chris Zelaya
Tami Rose Saslo	

## *Bachelor of Science in Design*

Alessandro Galesi	Travis Jon Stoll Maynard
Arthur Christopher Hildebrand	Ashley Lauren Nugent
Michelle Yvonne Marie Hoogveld	Samantha Marie Romano

## *Bachelor of Science in Education - Honoris Generalis*

Lindsey Jo Schuman

## *Bachelor of Science in Education*

Amanda P. Cartwright	Lana Francesca Marsico
Joy René Gravatt	Margaret Mary McFarlane
Michael Lugers Hoffer	

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# *Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Administration - Honoris Generalis*

Cynthia Leticia Partida  
Ashley Nicole Ulrich

## *Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Administration*

Imanol Achurra  
Brandon Scott Appel  
Johanna Elizabeth Bautista  
Lina M. Beltran  
Riccardo Boscolo  
Christopher Conor Byrne  
Alicia E. Capriles Rivero  
Joseph Anthony Carver  
Lindsay Corkin  
Erik Keith Crawford  
Eric Charles Debrunner  
Adam J. DeVries  
Brian DiSesa  
William F. Dodge  
Joseph Dorsky  
Dean Chapman Durling  
Mark Elgner  
Valerie J. Fiore  
Monica Garbarino  
Alan Garcia  
Peter Frank Gash  
Laurel Gates  
Matthew J. Giambo  
Martin S. Goddard  
Alyssa Jamie Goode  
Asli Güler  
Makiko Hamada  
Evan Todd Heller  
Matthew William Hunt  
Stephanie A. Itzkowitz  
Alexis Kathryn Kay  
William Keating  
Matthew Paul Kelly  
Rebecca E. Kolb  
Hanan Graham Kovens  
Jonathan William Kriebel

Salvatore John LaMonica  
Nicleshia Liverpool  
Dane A. C. Lundquist  
Giampaolo Mammoli  
Brandon G. Mann  
Herbert Sidney Merryweather  
Casey James Miller  
Brett Russell Milnes  
Betsy Cecilia Moreno  
David Benjamin Newman  
Gedvile Norkute  
Robert Steven Nunn  
Ikem Onyejekwe  
Erik Scott Ostroff  
Melissa Quintero  
Caroline Leigh Robino  
Nathan E. Rubenstein  
Blake Ruderman  
Richard Blake Sand  
Hernan A. Santiago  
Christina Marie Saunders  
Lisa Marie Shutté  
Todd Peter Simon  
Rebecca Lynne Slobodkin  
Joaquin Smits  
Neil J. Solomon  
Michael Joseph Stromberg  
Shanna Kaisha Stuart  
Lisa Marie Sykora  
Christopher R. Templeton  
Heather Renee Tucker  
Edwin O. Vazquez-Colon  
Kenneth A. Viquez  
Angela M. Wheeler  
Jessica Elizabeth Wright  
Christopher William Young

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The students, staff, and faculty of Lynn University offer a BIG thank you to all those who contributed to the 2007 Class Gift. Your support will provide Lynn with a seating area in the Perper Plaza that will always be a part of the institution and provide a lasting tribute to the Class of 2007.

## Commencement Speaker *Chris Matthews*



Chris Matthews hosts *Hardball with Chris Matthews* on MSNBC and *The Chris Matthews Show*, a syndicated weekly news program produced by NBC News, and is a regular commentator on NBC's *Today Show*.

A television news anchor with remarkable depth of experience, Matthews has distinguished himself as a broadcast journalist, newspaper bureau chief, presidential speechwriter and best-selling author. He has covered the fall of the Berlin Wall, the first all-races election in South Africa and the Good Friday Peace Talks in Northern Ireland. In 1997 and 1998, his digging

in the National Archives produced a series of *San Francisco Examiner* scoops on the Nixon presidential tapes. Matthews has covered American presidential election campaigns since 1988, including the five-week recount of 2000, as well as the funeral of Pope John Paul II in 2005.

In March 2004, he received the David Brinkley Award for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism. He has also been awarded The John F. Kennedy Service Award from the Ancient Order of Hibernians and The Abraham Lincoln Award from the Union League of Philadelphia.

Matthews worked for 15 years as a print journalist, 13 of them as Washington Bureau Chief for *The San Francisco Examiner* (1987 - 2000), and two years as a national columnist for *The San Francisco Chronicle*, which was syndicated to 200 newspapers by United Media.

Prior to that, Matthews spent 15 years in politics and government, working in the White House for four years under President Jimmy Carter as a presidential speechwriter and on the President's Reorganization Project, in the U.S. Senate for five years on the staffs of Senator Frank Moss (Utah) and Senator Edmund Muskie (Maine), and as the top aide to Speaker of the House Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill Jr. for six years.

Matthews is the author of four best-selling books, including *American: Beyond Our Grandest Notions* (2002), a *New York Times* best-seller. His first book, *Hardball* (1988), is required reading in many college-level political science courses. *Kennedy & Nixon* (1996) was named by *The Readers Digest* "Today's Best Non-fiction" and served as the basis of a documentary on the History Channel. *Now, Let Me Tell You What I Really Think* (2001) was another *New York Times* best-seller.

A graduate of Holy Cross College, Matthews did graduate work in economics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and worked for two years as a trade development advisor with the U.S. Peace Corps in the southern African nation of Swaziland. In 2004, he was a visiting fellow at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, Institute of Politics. He holds 14 honorary Ph.D.s. Matthews is married to Kathleen Matthews, award-winning news anchor for the ABC affiliate WJLA in Washington, D.C. They have three children, Michael, Thomas and Caroline.



## *Academic Regalia*

Lending color to the pageantry of the Academic Convocation are the academic robes and hoods worn by the faculty. This regalia reaches back into the medieval ages when it served a functional as well as an ornamental role, separating the learned men from other groups and offering warmth and protection.

In America in the late nineteenth century, a conference was held by representatives of colleges and universities to bring some order and system to the custom of academic dress. Since then, there have been periodic conferences to revise or reconfirm existing practices.

Essentially, undergraduates wear the black robes with the white collars. Holders of the bachelor's degree wear hoods which are lined with the colors of the college conferring the degree and trimmed with the color representing the subject in which the degree was earned. The doctoral robe is adorned with velvet and is also worn with the hood suitably ornamented.

Holders of degrees from foreign universities or religious orders wear the entire academic costume as decreed by the conferring institution.

The following list reflects the colors which will be found on the hoods worn in the Academic Procession at this Convocation and the subject each represents.

Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Commerce, Business	Drab
Communication	Crimson
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Engineering	Orange
Fine Arts	Brown
Foreign Affairs	Aquamarine
Journalism	Crimson
Law	Purple
Library Science	Lemon
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Physical Education	Sage Green
Public Health	Salmon
Science	Golden Yellow
Social Sciences	Citron
Speech	Silver Grey
Theology	Scarlet

Lynn University graduates only:  
Undergraduate Honor Medal Ribbons:  
White - Cum Laude  
Blue - Magna Cum Laude  
Gold - Summa Cum Laude

The College of Business and Management honors academic excellence. Students wearing a gold and green honor cord belong to the Sigma Beta Delta Honor Society and represent the top 20 percent of their class.

Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society for Education cord colors are violet/jade green.

## Lynn University Alma Mater

Music and lyrics: Joe Carey  
Choral arrangement: Rick Krive

Under skies of blue  
We've made friends so true  
From every corner of the world  
Celebrating different cultures  
Made us see our world anew.

From this caring place  
We will squarely face  
The challenge of our destiny  
Like our Fighting Knights  
We'll lift hearts and sights  
And we'll go forth in victory

And if our blue skies should turn to gray days  
Or we misplace a dream or two  
We'll remember Alma Mater  
And then Her spirit will see us through

So let's raise our voice  
In a proud refrain  
Remembering good times we all knew  
Hail all hail our Alma Mater  
Lynn University...Here's to you!



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