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COMMENCEMENT

SPRING 2016





Commencement Spring 2016

Dunkin' Donuts Center One LaSalle Square Providence, Rhode Island

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES
Saturday, the fourteenth day of May
9:00 a.m.

ADVANCED DEGREES
Saturday, the fourteenth day of May
2:30 p.m.

Commencement Exercises Baccalaureate Degrees

Saturday, the fourteenth day of May

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance...Sir Edward Elgar
Fanfare-Processional on Gaudeamus Igitur...James Sochinski
Music for Royal Fireworks...Georg Friedrich Handel
Marching Song...Gustav Holst
Folk Song Suite...Vaughan Williams

Opening of the Ceremony

Nancy Carriuolo President of Rhode Island College

The National Anthem

Jonathan H. Collard Nicolas T. Dion David L. Geer Corrine E. Hull John M. Hunt Maeve A. Lemus Marykatherine M. McCutcheon Stephanie K. Tierno Graham Watkins

Invocation

The Reverend Israel Mercedes

Greetings

The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo

Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Barbara S. Cottam Chair, Rhode Island Board of Education

The Honorable Jack Reed United States Senate The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse United States Senate

The Honorable James R. Langevin United States Congress

The Honorable David N. Cicilline United States Congress

The Honorable Jorge O. Elorza

Mayor, City of Providence

The Honorable Charles A. Lombardi Mayor, Town of North Providence

Golden Anniversary Gift

Gerard Lessard Class of 1966

Conferring of Honorary Degrees

Candidates presented by Ronald E. Pitt Vice President for Academic Affairs

Ross Kenneth John McCurdy '98, M.Ed. '02, Doctor of Pedagogy

Carolyn Rafaelian, Doctor of Fine Arts

Deloris Davis Grant '88, M.A.T. '94, Doctor of Education

Commencement Address

Deloris Davis Grant

Educator, Central Falls High School

Farewell Remarks

Josh R. Estrella

President, Class of 2016

Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees

Candidates introduced by Holly L. Shadoian Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs

Candidates presented by
Donald C. Halquist
Dean, Feinstein School of Education and Human Development

Roberta S. Pearlmutter Dean, School of Social Work

Jeanne Haser Interim Dean, School of Management

Jane Williams

Dean, School of Nursing

Earl L. Simson

Dean, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Closing of the Ceremony

In Love with Providence...Elly McGuire '76 and Ron Trotta
Performed by
Mary Arnold '17, Stephanie Barney '17, David Ippolito and Ron Trotta

Welcome into the Alumni Association

William J. Fazioli
President, Rhode Island College Alumni Association

Alma Mater

Recessional

Auld Lang Syne...Traditional

America the Beautiful...Samuel Augustus Ward

Folk Song Suite...Ralph Vaughan Williams

CLASS OF 2016

Josh R. Estrella, *President* William C. Poole, *Secretary*Elisha K. Aldrich, *Vice President* Robert J. Smith Jr., *Treasurer*

Honor Cords

Undergraduates who are receiving their degrees today with Latin honors have the privilege of wearing special "honor cords." The color of the cord indicates the level of the honor as follows:

summa cum laude...gold magna cum laude...burgundy cum laude...white

Honorary Degree Recipient Ross Kenneth John McCurdy '98, M.Ed. '02

Educator, Ponaganset High School



Doctor of Pedagogy

Ross K. McCurdy '98, M.Ed. '02 is a science teacher at Ponaganset High School in Glocester, where he has taught chemistry, alternative energy, physical science and biology for 18 years.

McCurdy was named the 2015 winner of the Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators, granted on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the White House Council on Environmental Quality. His other honors have included Who's Who among America's Teachers, Rhode Island Earth Day Environmentalist of the Year, the Environmental Council of Rhode Island John H. Chafee Award, the "Renewable Now" Teacher of the Year and the National Environmental Education Foundation Bartlett Merit Award.

Mr. McCurdy developed Ponaganset High School's Alternative Energy program, where students learn about renewable energy through hands-on, minds-on projects. Over the years, he has led students to design and construct a number of fuel-cell-operated vehicles, including a Model T Ford hot rod. He also led his students in the creation of "Protium," a musical band of fuel-cell-operated electric guitars and amplifiers. Along with three students he drove to California and back using biodiesel with the Coast-to-Coast Biodiesel Pickup project. Most recently, Mr. McCurdy and his son completed the first transcontinental flight in U.S. history that used aviation biofuel in a certified light aircraft.

Mr. McCurdy earned a Bachelor of Arts in biology and a Master of Education in science from Rhode Island College. He is a previous winner of the Rhode Island College Alumni Award.

Honorary Degree Recipient Carolyn Rafaelian

Founder, CEO and Chief Creative Officer, ALEX AND ANI, LLC



Doctor of Fine Arts

Carolyn Rafaelian transformed a family tradition of jewelry making into a worldwide lifestyle brand. Recognized as much for her entrepreneurial spirit and skill as for her goodwill, Ms. Rafaelian learned the craft of jewelry design and production as a young apprentice to her father, who owned Cinerama, a jewelry factory in Cranston. In the time since she launched ALEX AND ANI™ in 2004, the company — named for her first two daughters — has turned heads in both the business and fashion industries.

The ALEX AND ANI collection is MADE IN AMERICA WITH LOVE™ using recycled materials. The designs feature everything from spiritual symbols and charitable partnerships to licensed logos of major sports teams, colleges and universities, and Disney characters. Today, the company has expanded to include a beauty line and handbags.

ALEX AND ANI products deeply reflect Ms. Rafaelian's values, charitable focus and desire to spread positive energy across the globe. To date, ALEX AND ANI via their CHARITY BY DESIGN™ collection has donated over \$30 million to charities around the world. Her designs are created with a deep reverence for powerful and sacred symbols that express and inspire awareness, empowerment and inner beauty. Ms. Rafaelian is involved in all facets of her company's operations, particularly its designs and marketing efforts, and maintains close associations with its vendors.

Based in Cranston, the company is a five-time Inc. 5000 honoree. ALEX AND ANI was included on Inc. Magazine's list of fastest-growing U.S. companies in 2012, 2013 and 2014. In 2012, Ms. Rafaelian was named New England Entrepreneur of the Year by Ernst & Young and the Small Business Administration's Rhode Island Small Business Person of the Year.

Ms. Rafaelian studied at the University of Rhode Island and at The American College in London and Los Angeles. She has received honorary degrees from the University of Rhode Island, Providence College, Johnson and Wales University and Mount Ida College.

Honorary Degree Recipient Deloris Davis Grant '88, M.A.T. '94 Educator, Central Falls High School



Doctor of Education

Deloris Davis Grant '88, M.A.T. '94, is an English and drama teacher at Central Falls High School, where she has created a strong community of young writers, readers and speakers while simultaneously building a positive school culture.

Ms. Grant's creative and engaging approach to education began during her undergraduate years at Rhode Island College, where she earned her bachelor's degree in English. Pursuing an advanced degree, she earned a Master of Arts in Teaching at RIC before launching her teaching career. Ms. Grant has served as an English language arts teacher at Central Falls High School since 1997 and has also served as the school's drama coach since 2004. Most recently, she began serving as a Master Teacher for the ELO Musical Chorus, where students create a spring performance showcase in a professional theatre setting.

Ms. Grant has been deeply involved with the Central Falls/Rhode Island College Lab, a mutually beneficial collaboration between the college and the Central Falls public school system. Most recently, she has partnered with RIC Associate Professor of Communication Anthony Galvez to create a documentary about students competing in a Shakespeare Oration Competition.

Prior to her college experience, Ms. Grant graduated from the federal TRiO program Upward Bound, which provides college preparation support for first-generation and low-income high school students. In Rhode Island, the Upward Bound program is housed at RIC. Upon her own Upward Bound graduation and her matriculation to RIC, Ms. Grant went on to serve as a tutor and counselor for the program. Years later, she co-founded the Upward Bound Alumni Scholarship Fund. Ms. Grant is a former Rhode Island College Alumna of the Year and has devoted countless hours over the years in support of her alma mater.

FEINSTEIN SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Marshal: Charles H. McLaughlin Jr.

Bachelor of Arts

Olurotimi Akinnusotu

Nicholas G. Andreozzi

Alyssa K. Barone

*Melissa M. Barra cum laude

Christina M. Boone

Catherine E. Bugbee magna cum laude

Cassandra G. Camacho

magna cum laude Jennifer S. Cook Award

*Courtney Elizabeth Camara

cum laude

Alvssa M. Carr summa cum laude

Megan A. Carv cum laude

Melissa A. Choiniere magna cum laude

*Nicholas M. Cinquegrana

cum laude

*Colleen B. Conley magna cum laude

*Audra J. Cornell magna cum laude

Kyla A. Cornier

cum laude

Kevin J. Cournoyer cum laude

Presidential Scholar General Education Honors

Taylor M. Crosby magna cum laude

Billy Daophaouthenh

Dominique DiNitto magna cum laude

Melissa E. Dubois

*Donna N. Dugan

*Kira L. Farrell

Emily E. Fisher

summa cum laude Presidential Scholar

Honors in History

General Education Honors

College Honors

Evelyn Walsh Prize

Claiborne deB. Pell Award

Avla Victoria Formeister

cum laude

Stephanie J. Gatta cum laude

Michela M. Grover summa cum laude

*Kimberly S. Howard

magna cum laude Alisha A. Iafrate

magna cum laude

Mary Alice Grellner Educational Studies Senior Award

Alexandra R. Johnson cum laude Presidential Scholar

General Education Honors

‡Kvle P. Keitz

*Nicole Khamphinith cum laude

Hayley B. Lochotzki cum laude

Margaret K. Lopes

*Nicole L. Maceroni cum laude

Jaycee A. Maldonado

Melissa J. Mason

Lianne I. Masucci

cum laude Presidential Scholar

Katelyn P. McCaughey

Rachel A. Miale

Genesis Montano

Michael D. Monteiro

Ashley M. Morel

‡Steven R. Muccino cum laude

Jonathan D. Murray

Elise Audette Neirinckx magna cum laude

Presidential Scholar

Valerie Nunes-Danca cum laude

Milena Ortiz

*Jaclyn Perry cum laude

*Danielle B. Placido magna cum laude

William C. Poole

Danai J. Porter

cum laude

Michell Rivera

Denise H. Roberts

magna cum laude

Crista M. Robichaud

magna cum laude

Casandra I. Robinson

cum laude

Kristin A. San Bento magna cum laude

Donna W. Segeren

Catherine E. Shabo

cum laude

Aaron D. Shaw

summa cum laude

*Kelsey E. Shayer General Education Honors

College Honors

Honors in Elementary Education

Brittany N. Smith

cum laude

Tiffany J. Smith cum laude

Katelyn C. Sykora

Alexander C. Taber cum laude

*Jennifer Lyn Turney cum laude

Catherine A. Wagner summa cum laude

*Nicole E. Ware

*Mary Jane Wilkinson summa cum laude

Bachelor of Science

Christina G. Albanese cum laude

Jared J. Ambrifi

Indiana A. Amefia

Amy L. Anderson

magna cum laude Brianna D. Archambault

cum laude

*Sabrina Ann Arraial

magna cum laude Elisa F. Bonaventura Award

Seaniah Ballah

cum laude

Chelsev N. Barbaro

cum laude

*Kinza M. Baree

Brittany L. Benson

*Laura E. Bergquist cum laude

Stephanie M. Bourgeois

Tammy Lynn Bourgeois magna cum laude

Taylor Brooks

Kryslin N. Caldarone

magna cum laude

Emily A. Callanan cum laude

Shelby W. Cardoza

Onastazia Celona

Molly A. Colannino magna cum laude

†Cheryl A. Connolly

Michelle Crespo cum laude

Christopher I. David

cum laude Traci-Jo Doughty

cum laude Brian D. Flamand

magna cum laude Edward J. Fleury

‡Brielle R. Gaudreau

*Hillary M. Genereux cum laude

*Tess L. Gianatasio cum laude

Lauren A. Gilbert cum laude Presidential Scholar

Presidential Scholar General Education Honors

Patricia A. Gingras summa cum laude Elementary Education Award

*Jenifer L. Goes

Carmine C. Goneconte

Tiffany A. Goulet magna cum laude

Nichole I. Grimshaw

‡Julia M. Guarniero

cum laude

‡Nicole F. Guggino

Maggie M. Habershaw summa cum laude Presidential Scholar Honors in Elementary Education General Education Honors College Honors Josephine A. Stillings Award

‡Emma V. Heidel

*Katherine M. Hitte cum laude

Justin J. Hopkins cum laude

Brittany L. Huffman

Sarah R. Hummel

cum laude Victoria L. Hutnan

Debra M. Isabel summa cum laude

Elementary Education Award

*Stephanie L. Jaquay magna cum laude

Kerri L. Johnson magna cum laude *Meghan A. Kaminski

summa cum laude General Education Honors

*John Karofsky

Nathan F. Keesee magna cum laude

Nicole M. Laliberte magna cum laude

Michael H. Lefebvre magna cum laude

Brian James Levesque II

cum laude Health and Physical Education Award

Jennifer E. Link cum laude

*Briana M. Manzo

Anthony Joseph Marabello

Bethany M. Melo

Allison B. Menard

cum laude

Michelle Miranda

cum laude

Alicia C. Moran

cum laude

Erin E. Murray summa cum laude

Sister Mary Francis Ryan, R.S.M. Early Childhood Education Award

Jessica Elise Olney

cum laude

Taylor A. Palmaccio

Miranda M. Pereira magna cum laude

Stephanie Mary Petronelli

cum laude

Nicole L. Pickering

Ashley L. Pires

magna cum laude Callie J. Ponder

magna cum laude Deanna L. Rebello

magna cum laude Michael James Remieres

magna cum laude

Heather S. Reuker cum laude

Stacey J. Ricci cum laude

Kelley A. Rines cum laude

Sydney Jean Rousseau cum laude

*Robert Sanchas cum laude Rose Butler Browne Award

Ashley M. Saraiya

summa cum laude Adria J. Spivey

summa cum laude Health and Physical Education Award

Madison K. Spoerer

magna cum laude Kara Ann Strang

cum laude Brian M. Suiecki

Brian M. Sujecki

Harmony P. Tillison Kristen A. Treganowan magna cum laude

Presidential Scholar General Education Honors

Bryan J. Turner

June E. Vandall magna cum laude Melanie R. Vasilew

magna cum laude Matthew P. Velino cum laude

Kelsey A. Viens

Magda Catherine Wakim

*Hailey M. Wehrmann cum laude

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Marshal: S. Scott Mueller

Bachelor of Social Work

Victoria O. Akiode

Adela C. Alfaia

Briana L. Alves

cum laude

Presidential Scholar

Emily L. Archambault

cum laude

Presidential Scholar

Rachel J. Armada

Katrina A. Bell

‡Ivelisse Bermudez

magna cum laude

Grace V. Bertoldi

Sonia M. Bras

Joelle C. Brohen summa cum laude

Kendra Cabral

magna cum laude

Presidential Scholar

‡David B. Cardoza

magna cum laude Amy B. Conrardy

magna cum laude

‡Catherina B. Cooke cum laude

Shalissa Coutoulakis

‡Stefan I. Cox

Elizabeth Cruz

Christopher M. Curtin

cum laude

Michelle L. D'Arcangelo

Emilia R. DaLomba

Samantha M. Darosa

Lauren E. Deguire

cum laude

Honors in Social Work

Richelle Victoria Dowell

Bianca A. Dutra

Michelle Eche

Bianca Estrada

cum laude

Tamila Fernandes

Kelsey M. Flynn

Kristen A. Fox

summa cum laude

General Education Honors

Anthony E. Ricci Social Work Practice

Award

Karla M. Francisco

magna cum laude

Melina C. Freeman

cum laude

‡Briana E. Gagnon

Lindsey S. Gartland

Ashley M. Ghirardi

Pauline M. Giguere

‡Ashley Goncalves

Carolina Guzman

*Melissa A. Jones

Gibson Z. Karngar

Jessica Keoviphone Megan E. Kielv

summa cum laude

‡Ryan P. Kolodziejczak

cum laude

Lillian M. Kosowski

cum laude

*Tara L. Lacoursiere

Martin A. Lakpor

cum laude ‡Johanna Legault

Kaitlyn E. Lemieux

Tess Leone

cum laude

Kevonna L. Letourneau cum laude

Damien A. Lima

magna cum laude

*Jade S. MacPhee

‡Allyson N. Marino

cum laude

Crystal Marie Martin

‡Kiara M. Marziale

cum laude

‡Rendy D. Medina

Victoria Ann Mello

Genesis Morel

*Cindy I. Ogando

cum laude

‡Sandra Owusu-Sekvere

*Ryan G. Parmenter

Frank L. Paul

magna cum laude

Morgan Lee Poeta

Jamie N. Ramirez

‡Delmarie Rivera

Paul J. Rocchio

magna cum laude Presidential Scholar

Joey M. Roderick

magna cum laude

‡Silvia Maria Rodrigues cum laude

Francheska L. Rodriguez

cum laude

‡Luz N. Roman

cum laude

Casev J. Schnetzer

cum laude

Gerlisa R. Scott

Austin Silva

*Lori Anne Smith

cum laude

Victoria K. Sokolowski

summa cum laude

Bachelor of Social Work Community Service Award

Heather Sol-Mugugu

cum laude

Johanna Katherine Tobon

summa cum laude

Alba E. Toribio

Ashley N. Vance

Tristal Velez

magna cum laude Katrina C. Von Weiffenbach

‡Nicole L. Walsh

magna cum laude

Presidential Scholar

Alicia M. Ward

cum laude

Meaghan M. White

summa cum laude

Jamie S. Zuena

SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Marshal: Lisa Bonitati Church

Bachelor of Arts

*Zachary Patric Frisella

Joshua B. Kutty

‡Michael B. McCaffrey

*Steven O. Morais

Bachelor of Science

‡Vincent I. Abbaticola

*Sara S. Abdelmessih

Nikki-Louise Allen

‡Eric J. Alleyne

Samantha Anjos

cum laude

David R. Annese Alison I. Antonelli

Christian Zabdiel Araujo

Katelyn M. Armstrong

Kelsey Arpin

cum laude

Juan Atehortua

*Ionathan I. Aubin

cum laude

Elenice A. Auslander summa cum laude

Outstanding Student Award in

Accounting ‡Joanna Baczynski

‡William Baer

Kevin Barbosa

‡Chevon M. Barboza

Andrew S. Berlinsky

*Dean M. Beshansky

cum laude

*Michael A. Bollwage

magna cum laude

‡Candice Ann Bradley

Christopher Bricault

*Tori L. Brierley

*Christie R. Buehler

*Richard A. Burgess

‡Nathan J. Burgoyne

Brianna M. Butler

magna cum laude

General Education Honors

‡Jamie A. Cardillo cum laude

‡Maricar M. Caressimo

Mimi M. Carman

cum laude

Andrew M. Carmone

Stephanie L. Carpentieri

*Raphael S. Carvalho

Shane Carvalho

‡Katelyn J. Case

Martin Castillo

Steven R. Cataldo

Suzanne Michelle Cesana magna cum laude

*Kacev M. Challoner

Janessa B. Choquette

cum laude

Vanessa L. Cipriano cum laude

±Caleb Clark

Hannah I. Cole

±Irene T. Cole

‡James Walter Collington

‡Tyler J. Collins

*Madeline Y. Colon magna cum laude

Brandon M. Conrad

Frank J. Corominas

magna cum laude

Christopher J. Correia

Dianna N. D'Aguanno

Trevor Allen Dagesse *Katie R. Dalpe

cum laude

Anna-Marie H. Danayan

cum laude

Nicole M. Darocha

‡Amanda L. Dasilva

cum laude

‡Anthony J. Dattorro

William DelSanto III

‡Jessica Delgado

Justin E. DiGiulio

‡Tara Rose Dionizio

Christopher Duarte

Matthew M. Dufresne

*Cameron A. Duquette

cum laude

Scott E. Duquette

‡David B. Dwyer

Erik Egge

cum laude

Rachel B. Fedelia

cum laude

‡Debora R. Fidalgo Presidential Scholar

Jeffrey Brian Fleming

David Franco

Elisabeth François

Hayley J. Fraser

*Zachary Patric Frisella

*Rory Gardiner

*Rebecca L. Gauvin

*Sean R. Geary

Connor J. Gerlach

cum laude

*Jason A. Gianardi cum laude

*Nandini Girish

Iason H. Goldstein

magna cum laude

Jason M. Gomes

Marc Grav

summa cum laude *Brandon M. Grenier

Kelsey B. Haczynski

Erika L. Hall

Chelsea M. Hill

Tayla C. Hill

*Kyle S. Humphries Michelle J. Huyke

Kevin D. Isacco

*Ruggie Jallow

Brendon Jennings

*Kimberly C. Jimenez

Melissa Johnson cum laude

Khalil M. Kalimullah

*Phanphearum Kan

Emmanuel T. Karngar

*Bryan P. Kearney

Taylor K. Kells

Tyler M. Kenyon

cum laude *Jane C. Khang

*Matthew J. Koback

Anton V. Koudriavtsev

cum laude

General Education Honors

Outstanding Student Award in Economics

and Finance

Maksim Krishchuk

cum laude

Joshua B. Kuttv

‡Elisabeth A. Lamantia

magna cum laude

‡Kvle Lancuski

*Daniel B. Lareau

‡Taylor I. Lariviere

cum laude

Bridget Latour

*Russell C. Lavoie magna cum laude

*Yudith Ledesma

Sean M. Ledford

cum laude

‡Hannah V. Lessard

cum laude

Arthur J. Lettieri

\$Stephany R. Lopes

cum laude

‡Jillian M. MacDonnold

magna cum laude

Allie R. Macamaux

‡Francesca Malerba magna cum laude

‡Julie B. Malloy

‡Jason Mandelli cum laude

George F. Mardo

*Kyle H. Mardo

Brianna E. Mare ‡lissell Marmol

*George A. Marocco

Norka I. McAlister *Amanda J. McCombs

*Christopher J. McGovern

Kaila A. McGuire

‡Brittny M. Medeiros

Belanie N. Medina

‡Jasmin N. Medina

*Marlena M. Meehan Bria M. Mendoza

‡Stefanie L. Merry summa cum laude

John Silva Memorial Scholastic Award

*Alexander S. Microulis

Marissa C. Moniz

Candida S. Monteiro Ricardo Monteiro

*Bayron Montova summa cum laude

*Steven O. Morais

*David A. Morrison Ir.

magna cum laude Jessica L. Mushinsky

Alex Jeffrey Nadiger

‡Gowin K. Nanthavongsa ‡Jon Charles Nelson Ir.

*Kevin P. Ngin

*Narong Ninth

magna cum laude

Cory Nunez

Patricia A. Nunez

Oladipo E. Odebunmi

Jose Olivences Lauren R. Otis

cum laude

Natalie Oundjian

Danny I. Pacheco cum laude

Brianna M. Pais

Anthony V. Paiva cum laude

Jill M. Paquette

Zachary J. Pare

‡Monique F. Pariseau cum laude

Brian D. Parker

magna cum laude

Outstanding Student Award in Computer Information Systems

Franklin Patton

magna cum laude Presidential Scholar

General Education Honors

Christopher J. Pedchenko

Alicia D. Peirce

magna cum laude

Kyle A. Penrod magna cum laude

Anny L. Perez

*Gina M. Perrotta summa cum laude

*Lily P. Phommachanh

Gabrielle S. Picard magna cum laude

*Erica M. Pilibosian

Briana Elizabeth Pivirotto

Carley Ann Prokop cum laude

*Lisa S. Proulx

*Kolby Purcell

Blake L. Rapecis cum laude

Danielle D. Rasley summa cum laude

*Sharona D. Ratchford

Lindsay A. Richard

‡Kayli A. Robinson cum laude

‡Karina Rocchio

Kivian Rodriguez cum laude

‡Saira A. Roman

Johanna N. Rosales

*Brianna E. Ruggiero cum laude

‡Angelique A. Ruzzo

*Nicholas Joseph Sammartino

Carolina Altagracia Sanchez summa cum laude

Stephanie S. Santiago

cum laude

Alison Saraiva

cum laude

Presidential Scholar

Blake F. Saraiva John Rowles Sargent

Lynette M. Schenck

magna cum laude

Yetta Rauch Melcer Dance Award

*Nicholas William Schwegler

cum laude

‡Sandra C. Semedo cum laude

‡Armani A. Sepe

Jawaad M. Shafique

cum laude

Nerrissa Silva

Paul S. Silva

Sharill Silverio magna cum laude

Benjamin G. Simpson

Jazmyn T. Smart

Kendra A. Smith

cum laude

Joseph M. Soares

‡Catherine Solano

‡Ysaura Altagracia Sosa

‡Jonathan Alberto Soto

John A. Specht Jeffrey M. Stien

cum laude

Nilanda Sutoummalee summa cum laude

Hannah L. Swanson

Brandon R. Sweeney

‡Jordan A. Sylvester ‡Fernando E. Taveras

‡Kabo Thao

Amanda B. Torrisi magna cum laude

Outstanding Student Award in

Marketing Matthew A. Tougas

Justin B. Trainor

Alyssa M. Traya Brittany J. Tripp

*Brooke Elizabeth Trombetti

Vincent P. Tudino Jr.

cum laude Stanley K. Urey

*Griselda Valenzuela

*Bradley Ryan Van Fechtmann

Kenira H. Varela

Brian Velasquez *Nataly N. Veliz

Norman Vickers

Raymond V. Vieira magna cum laude

Alexandra M. Vielman

cum laude

Curtis A. Walsh Alison W. White

Kristin B. Willis

magna cum laude

General Education Honors Scott Jeffrey Wolfe Jr.

*Abraham H. Wurster ‡Lauren N. Yany

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Marshal: Lynn P. Blanchette

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Katherine E. Aceituno

magna cum laude Fiona C. Adams

cum laude

Presidential Scholar

Adetoro Folake Adekeve

cum laude

Kyle Charles Albano

Nicole Albano

cum laude

Dorothy E. Allen

summa cum laude

Nursing Award (Academic Excellence)

Honors in Nursing

Madison Allen cum laude

*Jessica A. Almeida

Nicole Alvernaz

cum laude

Presidential Scholar

*Julia D. Alves

*Hariklea Anastasiou

cum laude

*Nicole M. Anatone

Kristen A. Anderson

Gladys B. Ansah

Anne Aschim

cum laude

Alexander R. Averill

magna cum laude

*Amanda Lyn Bailey

cum laude

Sarah E. Bailey

cum laude

Kayla E. Baranski cum laude

*Amy Lynn Barboza

Sarah Elizabeth Barchi cum laude

Nicole Marie Baribault

cum laude Bianca S. Barros

cum laude

Marcela T. Barros

Haley S. Bateson

cum laude

*Jill Beauchamp

cum laude

*Rachel I. Berman

cum laude

Christie J. Bilodeau

cum laude

*Christopher Brady

Julie Briere

cum laude

*Kimberly M. Brodeur

magna cum laude

Chelsea Lynn Brown

cum laude

Taylor M. Burns

magna cum laude

Presidential Scholar Kathleen A. Burton

summa cum laude

*Nicole M. Cabral

Kelsev E. Campbell

cum laude

Tiffaney A. Cayton

magna cum laude

La'Shunda C. Ceesav

Meredith Chhav

cum laude

*Gabrielle A. Choquette magna cum laude

Rang S. Chun

‡Timothy Patrick Colerick

magna cum laude

Sam Collins

cum laude

*Allysse N. Connor

cum laude

Samantha R. Copenhaver

*Sarah E. Corcoran

cum laude

Stephanie Corsetti

summa cum laude

*Jessica L. Costa

cum laude

Ryan A. Costa

*Kerri E. Cunningham

summa cum laude

Kelly Elizabeth Dalpe *Allison A. Dapont

cum laude

*Ruth O. Dauda

cum laude

*Luisana De La Rosa

cum laude

*Patrick A. Deery cum laude

Jovi A. Dela Cruz

Kaylee L. Delgardo magna cum laude

Jeremy DiBiasio

magna cum laude

Alyssa M. Dias

summa cum laude

Presidential Scholar

*Agnes Dougan Dokyi *Heather L. Dulcine

Sarah I. Dussault

summa cum laude

*Victoria L. Emond

cum laude

General Education Honors

Janick S. Eristee

*Sara Ewing

*Santhy J. Fang cum laude

Meaghan A. Feeney magna cum laude

Meghan N. Ferrante cum laude

*Stephanie M. Ferrara cum laude

Cheryl A. Ferreira cum laude

Christopher H. Fletcher

‡Yassah Flowers

*Erika Flynn cum laude

*Haley K. Fortier

Andrew J. Fournier magna cum laude

Alicia S. Giambo

summa cum laude

Sandra A. Giglio

magna cum laude Rebecca M. Gore

magna cum laude

*Christina E. Goulet cum laude

Pamela I. Govette

cum laude

Christane Annada Graham cum laude

*Ienny A. Greene

*Matthew E. Greene

magna cum laude Alberta Gvamfi-Darkwah

Anna L. Hardiman

summa cum laude

Eric Richard Hartley

Presidential Scholar

General Education Honors

cum laude

Nursing Award (Service Excellence)

Twyla Higgins

*Megan E. Hornsby

cum laude

*Richard J. Huggins

cum laude

*Cora B. Hunt

*Antoinette P. Johnson

cum laude

*Erica L. King cum laude

*Bradford S. Knight

Nicole R. Kremer

cum laude ‡Michelle Kurzbach

Amy E. Kwolek

summa cum laude

Danielle E. Lacroix cum laude

† August 2015 graduate

Dawn A. Landry cum laude

Christina Manivanh Lees

*Megan Lefebvre cum laude

May Leung
cum laude
Presidential Scholar
General Education Honors

*Aleksa Gintare Liaugaudas

Ruth D. Lincoln summa cum laude

Brittni A. Lombardi General Education Honors

Linda Luangsouphom magna cum laude

Kaleigh Elizabeth Lubera

*Scott C. Lyons magna cum laude

Caitlin M. Mahoney magna cum laude

Michelle L. Malboeuf cum laude

Presidential Scholar

Leslie M. Mariorenzi magna cum laude

Kerri L. Martel

*Donna Ann Martin cum laude

Jessica L. Matchett

*Sarah J. Mayers

*Felicia E. McGuire

cum laude

Amy J. Mead summa cum laude Nursing Award (Registered Nurse)

Erik M. Mitchell Emily R. Montalbano cum laude

Michelle D. Moreau magna cum laude

Brett O. Morra
cum laude

Lindsey K. Morreale

*Amy L. Morse

*Felicia Victoria Muller

‡Christine Regina Nakopinski cum laude

*Venus L. Nazario

Danielle N. Nicholson cum laude

*Kendra Norman magna cum laude *Kaela W. Oliveira

*Melanie G. Pacheco magna cum laude *Lauren Nicole Palazzini cum laude

Jennifer L. Palermo cum laude

Justin E. Palmer magna cum laude Honors in Nursing

Stephanie K. Palmer

Blerta Pani

Jennifer A. Pearlman

*Melissa R. Pelletier magna cum laude Honors in Nursing

Teresa M. Pelletier

*Ana M. Peloquin cum laude

*Rebecca Lynn Pereira summa cum laude

Vanessa R. Perry

William J. Pezzullo

Jessica M. Piazza cum laude

*Zachary S. Podmaska

*Sydney Postle

magna cum laude *Elizabeth A. Proulx

Renee Provost

Courtney Christina Regan cum laude

*Karen C. Reyes Shady S. Reyes

> cum laude General Education Honors

Bettzy M. Rivera summa cum laude Presidential Scholar

Jessica L. Rodrigues magna cum laude

Luzbeth Rodriguez

cum laude Emma R. Romano

cum laude

Vanessa R. Rua

*Scott R. Russell

*Lindsey B. Sahl

Karina M. Salazar

*Sylvia N. Sam cum laude

*Melissa M. Sanchez

Habiba H. Sanni-Thomas

Leticia C. Santana magna cum laude

Lauren Saraiva

*Linabel Savinon magna cum laude

Christina L. Schotanus

*Kara Ann Shahzade

*Andrea C. Sharkey magna cum laude

*Kara M. Sharples

*Robin L. Shields magna cum laude Shannon A. Silva

*Mark Adam Silvestri

summa cum laude Bertha Christina Andrews Emin Award (Scholastic Excellence)

*Nicholas R. Silvia

Brianna L. Simao

Jeffrey A. Sirard cum laude

Jacquelyn E. Smith cum laude

Allyson N. Soucy

*Rosalie A. Stabile cum laude

Morgan Stewart

*Rachel L. Sylvestre cum laude

Michael A. Tedesco cum laude

*Catarina M. Tente magna cum laude

*Gina Therrien magna cum laude

*Justin M. Therrien cum laude

Christine M. Tobin cum laude

Stefanie A. Trevail-Lafontaine cum laude

*Cassandra L. Trudell magna cum laude

*Oksana Unhuryan cum laude

Arthur Vezikov cum laude

Maria Villa

cum laude Lucia H. Wertz

magna cum laude

Kaycee D. Wood Oktober Wright

Choua C. Yang

*Edward N. Yeremuk

Jenny L. Yuen magna cum laude

Seanna P. Zenquis magna cum laude

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Marshal: Eric M. Roberts

Bachelor of Arts

Priscilla P. Acevedo

cum laude

Angela M. Achorn

magna cum laude

General Education Honors

James Houston Award in Anthropology

Vanessa Acosta

cum laude

Valentina Agudelo

magna cum laude

Presidential Scholar

Jackeline S. Aguirre cum laude

*Opeyemi A. Akanji

*Rasheed O. Akinfolarin

Jasmine Albino

Elisha K. Aldrich

magna cum laude

Kendra E. Aldridge

*Samantha F. Alexyon

*Amanda M. Almonte

summa cum laude

*Nicholas A. Alves

*Hannah R. Amato

Amanda F. Andrade

Kyona T. Andrade

*Nov Andre

Felicia Andre

John P. Andrews

summa cum laude

Kyle Anthony

Kyle T. Armstrong

Jennifer M. Arraial

Thomas C. Ascenio

‡Oleg S. Asserin

magna cum laude

‡Danny Avila

Jenna M. Ayala

*Nabil Baalbaki

cum laude

Jenna M. Bailey

cum laude

Latham D. Bakerink

summa cum laude

Bryan T. Baldaro

Erika A. Barber

‡Shannon L. Barbosa

cum laude

Joseph Armani Barboza

Curtis A. Barr

±Matthew R. Bass

John F. Batalon II

*Matthew B. Beatrice

Jacob K. Bedard

Vladimir Begunts

Aimee E. Belanger

Tam Joseph Bernard

Danielle Rae Bessette

Edwin Betancur

cum laude

cum tauai

Ronald J. Bienkowski

summa cum laude

Honors in Creative Writing

Nicholas M. Bilodeau

Kwasi Boateng

Abbigale E. Booth

Matthew C. Borah

magna cum laude

‡Elisa A. Boschetti magna cum laude

North Providence League of Women

Voters Award

Kevin M. Boucher

Michael P. Boucher Rvan A. Boulanger

cum laude

Jessica L. Bourget

summa cum laude

Gender and Women's Studies Award for

Scholarship

Honors in Creative Writing

Lindsey D. Bowder

cum laude

*Nicole M. Boyle

Lisa E. Brady

magna cum laude

Nicholas S. Branch ‡Kelsey N. Breen

cum laude

*Chloe K. Briere

*Marvin Brito

Richard W. Broderick

Amber K. Brousseau

cum laude

Joshua M. Brown

cum laude

‡Mary E. Brown

cum laude

Mary B. Brunelle

Cameron S. Bryce

cum laude

Presidential Scholar

Honors in English

*Rosalinda J. Bueno

*Ashley S. Burgo

Keith A. Bussiere

magna cum laude

Amanda B. Bussman

‡Caitlin Michelle Cabral

‡Janny E. Cabrera

magna cum laude

Jacqueline M. Calia

Joshua Call-Fregeau

Lindsey M. Callahan

magna cum laude

Presidential Scholar

Honors in Political Science

General Education Honors

College Honors Jennifer Camara

cum laude

Peter D. Camerlengo *Kayla M. Campbell

Lauren W. Cann

cum laude

Brittany L. Capasso

Elizabeth Capoverde

cum laude Presidential Scholar

Presidential Scholar General Education Honors

Camille C. Capraro

magna cum laude Presidential Scholar

Danielle Leah Carbone

cum laude

Lauren E. Cardillo

Tayla M. Cardillo

magna cum laude Presidential Scholar

Domenic I. Carnevale

Mark B. Carrier

‡Peterson S. Carto

‡Colleen Marie Cartwright

Samantha L. Caruso

cum laude

*Corey J. Carvalho

magna cum laude

Presidential Scholar

Philip H. Carvalho

‡Alec Castagno summa cum laude

Anthony R. Castellano

±Kaitlin M. Catlow

cum laude

*Gianna M. Cavallaro

Thomas C. Cawley

cum laude

Lauren M. Cayer

summa cum laude

Amber B. Champagne

magna cum laude

Presidential Scholar

Sherly Charles
*Kristen A. Chauvin

cum laude

American Institute of Chemists Award

Justin S. Cheves

cum laude

Jessica N. Chisholm summa cum laude Communication Achievement Award (Speech, Language and Hearing Science)

Justine A. Closterman magna cum laude Tayler L. Clough

Melissa R. Cocroft magna cum laude

Natalie Rose Cokely cum laude

*Iennifer M. Colannino

Alexander R. Colburn

Nathan E. Colburn cum laude Presidential Scholar

Michelena D. Cole Chardeza L. Coleman

*Shannon Collins cum laude

Daimar Colon cum laude

Trevor E. Colon

*Meghan E. Conheenv cum laude

Jacob R. Conklin

Jeffrey Dylon Conner cum laude

Heather E. Contente

*Gianna L. Contillo cum laude

Miriam R. Contreras-Morales cum laude

Mary Ann Hawkes Award in Justice Studies

‡Ethan S. Coombs magna cum laude

Dora M. Cooney Presidential Scholar

Victoria Cordeiro

Briana Correia

Kristopher L. Correia

*Maria C. Corsini cum laude

‡Adonis Zeal Cossia cum laude

Ionathan R. Costa

Shawn G. Costa summa cum laude

Salvatore A. Costantino cum laude

Peter Jeffrey Archambault Memorial Award

*Anthony R. Cote cum laude Sasha-Lee Coyle

‡Kayla M. Creamer ‡Brendan S. Cunha Marissa Curley Samuel A. D'Amore magna cum laude

‡Carolina A. DaLomba

*Amanda I. Dailev

‡Brooke R. Darelius

Kelly Ann Davis cum laude

‡Wilbert De Jesus

Jeleny De Leon cum laude

Jeffry A. De Los Rios

Joan A. De Santis cum laude

Nicholas DeLuca summa cum laude

*Rebecca L. DeStefano cum laude

*Andrew C. DeVall Davle D. Decker cum laude

*Samantha J. Del Sesto Alvssa M. Del Toro magna cum laude

Nicholas Delisi

\$Sarah E. Depault

Michael DiSano Ir. Onorato Diamante III

Jaime M. Diaz

‡Natalie Marie Dimartino

Ian A. Doran ‡Haley L. Doster

*Thomas J. Doyle III

*Madelynn K. Duarte

Amanda Dubois cum laude

*Angelica S. Dubois

Branigan Joseph Duguay cum laude

‡Deendrah Dennise Dumapias

Orianna Frenda Duncan summa cum laude Presidential Scholar Natela Dushukvan

cum laude Ronald J. Boruch Award

*William Ebeling III cum laude

Honors in Computer Science

Kelsey K. Edwards April-Paige N. Eisemann

Jocelyn M. Emin

magna cum laude

*Massiel Encarnacion

Josh R. Estrella Maylem Estrella

Stephanie L. Faria cum laude

*Dana B. Farrah

Amanda M. Fazio

*Erin R. Fedors cum laude

Dylan M. Ferdinand magna cum laude

Courtney E. Ferreira magna cum laude

*Chanell N. Fields

‡Alexander M. Fitter

Kyle I. Fitzsimmons

*Tracey I. Flores

Kelsey M. Foeller

*Michael J. Fonseca magna cum laude

*Ashley M. Fontecchio cum laude

Allie Foran cum laude

‡Jill A. Foreman

‡Chelsea R. Forrestal

‡Randy I. Francis Haydi S. Franco

*Jessica Franco

Stephanie M. Furtado

*Jessica L. Gabriele

Brandon J. Gagne magna cum laude Presidential Scholar

Communication Achievement Award (Public Relations)

Hans S. Garcia

Nancy J. Garcia ‡Raisa E. Garcia

*Alexis E. Gardner

Edward J. Gaskin *James Gasrow

Emily E. Gavitt

*Ashley A. Geraldo

Yomaris Giboyeaux

Courtney A. Gilman

Amy J. Glidden cum laude

Bertha Christina Andrews Emin Award (Outstanding Achievement)

Felicia K. Gminski

‡Jordan Brianne Godin ‡Servio T. Gomez

*Maria Gonzalez

cum laude

Nelson A. Guertin Memorial Award (Spanish)

Viviana Gonzalez Gomez summa cum laude

Mary Ann Hawkes Award in Justice Studies

*Ybelis Gonzalez ‡Taylor M. Gorske Emily K. Grace Jenna E. Grange cum laude *Rashad C. Gray

*Rashad C. Gray Katlynn E. Grenier Michele R. Grieco *Eddy E. Grijalva Jr.

*Kayla L. Grybas *Miatta M. Gul

*Stephanie Gyamfi-Darkwah

Paul N. Hagist
Jared R. Hammond
Briana M. Harrison
Alexis Z. Harritos
Meghan E. Hart
Sarah Hartman
cum laude
‡Brittany N. Hassell

magna cum laude ‡Jessica J. Hassell ‡Victoria L. Hathaway cum laude

‡Catherina M. Henriquez *Hillary L. Hewitt Michaela Monae Hill

*Alejandro Hinton summa cum laude Tegu Polyglot Award Abigail Hiralien

James M. Hobson magna cum laude General Education Honors

Natalie Elizabeth Holden Douglas W. Hood Jr.

summa cum laude

Mary Ann Hawkes Award in Justice

Mary Ann Hawkes Award in Justice Studies

Kelcey R. Hopkins cum laude Sara M. Horstmann

‡Daniel Michael Howard cum laude

‡Katherine P. Howard *Laura Howard

‡Nicole Elizabeth Hoyt

*Anjely Huertas Jamee N. Huffman

Chanda Hul

Vatthana T. Inthasanh

Lisa M. Iozzi magna cum laude Christopher R. Mitchell Award

Djinia Itetia ‡Regan D. Jeffrey *Courtney A. Johannis Stephanie A. John Matthew E. Johnson magna cum laude *Albert George Jordan *Aaron T. Joseph Michael A. Juarez ‡Zachary I. Kahan

‡James J. Kane ‡Seth E. Keeley ‡Geoffrey W. Keitel *Paul W. Kelley III

*Brendan J. Kenahan

‡Heron M. Kennedy summa cum laude Honors in English

Rhode Island College Theatre Award

Alison Kiernan cum laude Kayla C. Kim ‡Jason M. King summa cum laude

*Megan King cum laude *Erin M. Kissi

‡Erin M. Kissinger magna cum laude Presidential Scholar

Kathryn Genevieve Kite

David Krajewski magna cum laude *Joyce G. Kutty

James D. Lachance Shannon W. Laiho

‡Jacklyn R. Lamarsh magna cum laude

Meagan M. Lamphere Mackenzie C. Langlais

cum laude

Kayla-Christie R. Laroche summa cum laude

‡Kyla R. Laughlin cum laude

‡Samantha L. Lavoie

Cherise R. Lee magna cum laude Bourget Student Athlete Award (Female)

‡Nicole H. Lemme Alexander Y. Lengyel cum laude

‡Lilibeth T. Leon *Darlin Leonardo

Danielle R. Leporacci cum laude

Kirstie L. Lepore

Anastasia Lillpopp *Calvin M. Lima

‡Igor V. Lima

Nicholas J. Lima Patricia O. Lima

summa cum laude Presidential Scholar

Ashley A. Logan ‡Kemill L. Logarta

Kendra L. Loisel

‡James M. Lomas *Daria Lombardi

*Jade A. Lopez summa cum laude

Sergio Lopez-Ruiz magna cum laude

Kaleigh Elizabeth Lubera

*Megan L. Lyons magna cum laude

Caroline M. Maciel Jenna L. Mackevich

cum laude

*Kathleen E. Madden cum laude Padriag Mahoney

Angel L. Maisonet *Mindy L. Maldonado

‡Roosevelt Maldonado

‡Chelsea Malone cum laude

*Nate J. Mann ‡Isabel P. MarcAurele

*Joseph H. Marciano ‡Katie M. Marsocci

Jason A. Marzini
summa cum laude

Honors in Film Studies

Kaila Matteson

Greg Paul Maynard Jr.

*Janelle A. McCarren magna cum laude

Brandon M. McCarron

cum laude Honors in English Mara K. McCrea

Marykatherine M. McCutcheon

magna cum laude Presidential Scholar Honors in Music General Education Honors College Honors

Jonathan J. McDowell

*Bradford N. McGarry

cum laude

*William McKeeman *Samantha R. McLaughlin

Kayla J. Mccoart

Marco McWilliams *Britney A. Medeiros cum laude

‡Krystal L. Medeiros cum laude

Nicole M. Meglio Zachary W. Mellin

General Education Honors College Honors

‡Corey Alexander Melo

Steven L. Melone

*Andres F. Mercado cum laude

*Wilmine Julie Merlain

Yomaira E. Messon

*Jennifer L. Metthe Sabin K. Mihigo

*Anya Y. Mitchell summa cum laude

> Herbert R. Winter Award for Academic Excellence in Political Science

Jessica M. Mixner

*Steven J. Molinari

Jason T. Mollo cum laude

Maiya N. Monteiro cum laude

Tara Monteiro

*Cameron M. Moquin cum laude

*Kayla Mora

Felisa M. Morgado Brooke B.V. Morgan

*Amy Beth Morin

cum laude *Raymond J. Morissette magna cum laude

Ariana Morrocco magna cum laude

*Christopher I. Mowrer General Education Honors

Tyler X. Mulcahy *Haide Munoz

*Shane P. Murphy

‡Michael E. Neal

‡Taylor G. Nelson

Brian Neville

Andrew P. O'Neil

Ifeoluwa Olasanove

‡Luis D. Oliva

Mark P. Oliveira magna cum laude

‡Nicole M. Oliveira

Robert J. Oliver magna cum laude

\$Stephanie L. Oquendo

Jessica O. Ortiz

Romeli Ortiz

magna cum laude Presidential Scholar

Nicole A. Ovaitte

Samantha J. Pacheco

Yesenia Palacios

Thomas J. Palleschi magna cum laude

Allison J. Palombo

Maria O. Panciocco

‡Sarah E. Panicci cum laude

Edward Pannone

magna cum laude Britnie B. Paquette

Renee N. Parent cum laude

*Samantha K. Parente General Education Honors

‡Rvan P. Pariseau

Victoria A. Parker summa cum laude Honors in English General Education Honors

College Honors Eleanor M. McMahon Award

Spencer and Marguerite Hall Award Jean Garrigue Award

Madison Hailey Parnell cum laude

*Jamie Pastore cum laude

Mimi Pathammavong

Katelyn Patras cum laude

Emily A. Patterson

*Adam J. Paul cum laude

‡Tianna J. Pawlitschek cum laude

‡Ashley C. Pearson magna cum laude General Education Honors

Abigale Pechie Joshua P. Peloquin

magna cum laude ‡Nataly Pemberthy

Cindy M. Pena cum laude

‡Junior Peralta

Courtney M. Pereira cum laude

Zakary J. Pereira magna cum laude Honors in History

General Education Honors

College Honors

Abraham M. Perez

Amanda L. Perry

James J. Perry

Kindra B. Peterson

‡Deborah A. Pfanstiehl magna cum laude

*Matthew H. Phelan

*Karissa A. Phillips

‡Khmao Phoeun

Mark E. Picard

Donald J. Pimental summa cum laude

Victoria Lederberg Psychology Award

Marissa A. Pina cum laude

Katarina A. Pingitore

*Luis G. Plaza

Alvssa A. Plouff

*Joseph W. Plude John E. Hetherman Award

Rebecca A. Poirier

*Christina M. Pompei magna cum laude

‡Martin J. Porter summa cum laude

Nezereen C. Porter

Marion F. Potter Sabrina M. Poulos

Christina M. Procaccini

cum laude Timothy J. Profeta

magna cum laude

Robert A. Provost summa cum laude

‡Nicole E. Rafferty Shannon C. Raposa

‡Rosalind G. Raskin cum laude

Nicholas A. Reav

*Richard A. Rebolledo cum laude

Alysia K. Reid cum laude

*Janel Lee Reilly magna cum laude

‡Daniel A. Reisch summa cum laude

Stephany Restrepo

*Sarith Reth cum laude

*Michael A. Rich cum laude

‡Jessica Rieman

Joseph M. Robillard

‡Meredith B. Robinson Stanley Robinson Tanya N. Rocchio

Bethany Rochefort

*Matthew E. Rodrigues Charmaine A. Rodriguez Francheska L. Rodriguez cum laude

Jocasta Rodriguez

‡Yazmely Rodriguez

Makayla L. Rogers magna cum laude

Lindsay A. Rose

Kevin T. Rossi

*Rebecca E. Rossi

Danielle Nicole Roth

Caitlin C. Rouleau

Meaghan E. Rounds

Catherine J. Rubery magna cum laude

Kerri Rubino

summa cum laude Presidential Scholar

General Education Honors

‡Andreina Rudecindo

*Elizabeth K. Russo

cum laude

Mary Ball Howkins Art History Award

Savonn Sach

‡Fedcanor D. Sainristil

Jocelene Saint Juste Presidential Scholar

Stephanie F. SaintClair

*Deirdre R. Salvas

Carolina Altagracia Sanchez summa cum laude Honors in Creative Writing

‡Jennifer Sanchez

Sierra E. Sant'Anna

David R. Santilli Iulio C. Santos Martinez

*Karina I. Santos

*Meaghan T. Saute cum laude

Lynette M. Schenck

magna cum laude

Vetta Rauch Melcer Dance As

Yetta Rauch Melcer Dance Award

‡Alex P. Schneider ‡Yusuf H. Shah

Kayvon M. Shakoori-Naminy cum laude

Joseph D. Sherry
summa cum laude
Presidential Scholar
Honors in Film Studies

Mark W. Estrin Film Studies Award

‡Briana D. Silva

*Eric C. Silva cum laude

†Erin-Lee Silva

Nathan L. Silva

*Angel I. Silverio

Jessica K. Simas magna cum laude

Joseph J. Slane

Jessica N. Smith magna cum laude

*Corinne Jean Soares

Rodney J. Soares

Steven D. Sobanski

*Dean T. Squillante cum laude

JacQua'n Stanley

*Sarah K. Stathis

*Erin F. Stevens

*Pier J. Suarez

‡Justin A. Supplee

Nilanda Sutoummalee summa cum laude

Jennifer L. Sylvestre

James Joseph Tabak

Gregory S. Takemoto

cum laude Brittany A. Teixeira

cum laude ‡Talia F. Temporal

cum laude Kaitlin J. Therien

Malane Thou magna cum laude

Stephanie K. Tierno

*Christopher M. Tirrell summa cum laude

‡Kyle D. Torpey

*Kyle Martin Torres Mariah C. Tracy

cum laude

*Senkolo Traub

Gino D. Trombetti

Deidre Tucci cum laude

Craig Tuchon cum laude

*Haley Tucker

*David J. Turchetta Caitlin S. Urban

Presidential Scholar

David M. Valdes summa cum laude

Presidential Scholar Communication Achievement Award

(Mass Media)

Humberto Valdez

Brittany N. Valentine

Jazmin Vargas

Anthony Vega

‡Karina Veras

Devon R. Verzillo cum laude

*Meghan L. Vilardi magna cum laude

*Alexander J. Vincent

Angela C. Viphakone Honors in Psychology

‡Sarahjan Vixama

Michael A. Walek

Ashley-Marie Walker

*Chelsea E. Walker Katelyn M. Walsh

‡Rachel Walsh

Amanda M. Walther

Justin M. Ward Bridget M. Ware

Ana Watkins

±Graham Watkins

Christina J. Wickenden

Jewel Williams

‡Justin F. Williams

Katie A. Wilmot ‡Colrisa Wilson

Latisha E. Winters

Dickson J. K. Wormen

Autumn R. Wosencroft Helen M. Murphy Award

*Jessica Wright
magna cum laude

Gregory T. Wypyszinski

Golnue Yang

summa cum laude Kaitlin R. Young

summa cum laude
*Thomas Zangari

cum laude Valentina Zaytseva

magna cum laude

†Jack Zeramby ‡Jason Zeramby

Jessica J. Zimmer cum laude

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Bachelor of Fine Arts

Danielle Amorim magna cum laude Presidential Scholar

*Michaela D. Busse magna cum laude Honors in Art

Damon A. Campagna magna cum laude Studio Art Award

Alexander R. Colburn

Kimberly V. DeSimone cum laude

Honors in Art
*Rvan S. Holmes

cum laude Honors in Art

Lydia M. Mackela

Brittany E. Mathis cum laude

Seanna L. Poirier cum laude

*Kayleigh A. Smith cum laude

Bachelor of Music

Jonathan H. Collard magna cum laude

Nicolas T. Dion cum laude Cantor Jacob Hohenemser Award

David L. Geer summa cum laude

Emily K. Grace ‡Corinne E. Hull

cum laude

‡John M. Hunt Maeve A. Lemus

Maeve A. Lemus

cum laude

Presidential Scholar

General Education Honors

*Lauren T. McKone cum laude Alice K. Pellegring Music Fa

Alice K. Pellegrino Music Education Award

Bachelor of Science

Stella C. Ades-Laurent magna cum laude

Kendra E. Aldridge

Taisha Alexis

Rui J. Almeida

*Amanda M. Almonte summa cum laude

Jessica E. Amadiz Nicholas G. Andreozzi Carissa T. Ansaldi summa cum laude

Thomas C. Ascenio ‡Danielle P. Ascoli

cum laude Ellen M. Azulay cum laude

Jessica D. Baptista magna cum laude

Sarah Bilida cum laude

Alexis R. Bollwage

*Jason P. Bonin cum laude

Lisa E. Brady magna cum laude

Tanya Cabral

Elizabeth Capoverde

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Samantha L. Caruso cum laude

Philip H. Carvalho

Joanna Cataldo

Lianne A. Catamero magna cum laude

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American Institute of Chemists Award

Vincent M. Cipriano cum laude

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Alexa L. Comparone

*Sorayah Coriolan Shawn G. Costa

summa cum laude

Amanda L. Cournoyer

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‡Emely Gonzalez Melissa Gonzalez

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Thomas J. Hughes magna cum laude

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Matthew E. Johnson magna cum laude

*Alee A. Khang cum laude

Danielle L. Lafond cum laude

Kyle Christian Lake cum laude

Sara E. Lazar Honors in Biology Melanie Janie Leary Kirstie L. Lepore cum laude Samantha Levine

General Education Honors

*Henry Lim magna cum laude

*Stephanie Loureiro

Marisa A. Major summa cum laude

‡Kayla E. Marcello

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Thomas A. McDonald

cum laude Kelsev McElrov

magna cum laude

*Frank Thompson McGuy summa cum laude

Shawn M. McMaugh

cum laude

Alicia L. Melo

Jordan A. Milesky cum laude

*Amy Beth Morin cum laude

Brett O. Morra

Michelle A. Mowbray

Stephanie L. Nappa

Saman Nayyab Honors in Biology General Education Honors College Honors

*Iyabo M. Olugbusi *Uche A. Oyedokun

*Mayelin Pacheco

Jacqueline Michelle Page cum laude

Britnie B. Paquette

Renee N. Parent

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cum laude Alysia K. Reid

cum laude Tayla C. Rescio

summa cum laude

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Stephanie F. SaintClair

Kenneth John Salhany Jr. cum laude

Mark H. Santangini

Sara Jeanne Santos

cum laude

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cum laude

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Meagan E. Smith

cum laude

Sarah Snell

Kate N. Sollecito

Victoria R. St. Amand

summa cum laude Honors in Biology

W. Christina Carlson Award

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Maeghan R. Sullivan

Kelsea J. Swidey

magna cum laude Kerri L. Taylor

cum laude

*Keya S. Thakkar

cum laude

Honors in Biology

Kaitlin J. Therien

Lynn A. Thomas

cum laude

Craig Tuchon

cum laude

Nevan Ross Valente

summa cum laude

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Honors in Biology

General Education Honors

College Honors

Theodore Lemeshka Award

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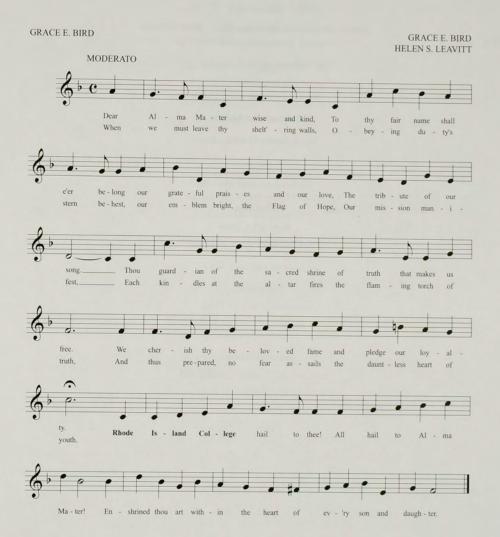
magna cum laude

Jennifer L. Zalatores

Jessica A. Zapata

Alma Mater

4 measures of introduction



Commencement Exercises Advanced Degrees

Saturday, the fourteenth day of May

Processional

Fanfare-Processional on Gaudeamus Igitur...James Sochinski
Pomp and Circumstance...Sir Edward Elgar

Opening of the Ceremony

Nancy Carriuolo President of Rhode Island College

The National Anthem

Marykatherine M. McCutcheon

Invocation

The Reverend Israel Mercedes

Greetings

Barbara S. Cottam
Chair, Rhode Island Board of Education

Conferring of Honorary Degrees

Candidates presented by
Ronald E. Pitt
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Alan J. Chille '82 Doctor of Fine Arts

Ann-Marie Harrington, M.S.W. '96

Doctor of Commercial Science

Claire M. Giannamore '64, M.Ed. '67

Doctor of Humanities

Address to the Graduates

Claire M. Giannamore Educator and Philanthropist

Conferring of Advanced Degrees

Candidates presented by Ronald E. Pitt Vice President for Academic Affairs

Closing of the Ceremony

Recessional

Auld Lang Syne...Traditional
America the Beautiful...Samuel Augustus Ward
Folk Song Suite...Ralph Vaughan Williams

Musical Selections

Rhode Island College Wind Ensemble Robert H. Franzblau. *Conductor*

Honorary Degree Recipient Alan J. Chille '82

General Manager, Providence Performing Arts Center



Doctor of Fine Arts

Alan J. Chille '82 has served as general manager of the Providence Performing Arts Center (PPAC) for 32 years, overseeing \$28 million in capital facility improvements during that time and working with the Rhode Island Historic Preservation Commission to maintain PPAC's historic building status. His major responsibilities include the oversight and budgeting for the event and operations departments and developing and executing a capital expenditure plan. He also manages the facilities portion of PPAC's for-profit subsidiary, Professional Facilities Management.

Prior to launching his career at PPAC, Mr. Chille worked at RIC, managing the Rathskellar College Pub, serving as operations manager of the Student Union and overseeing student activities programming. He also worked as concessions manager at the Worcester Centrum, now known as the DCU Center.

He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Downtown Improvement District, First Works and the Veterans Memorial Auditorium Foundation. Previously, he was a member of the Providence Design Review Commission. He remains active in his college fraternity, Kappa Delta Phi.

Mr. Chille has been very involved in mentoring and creating internships for RIC undergraduates and is a previous recipient of the School of Management Honor Roll Award and the Charles B. Willard Achievement Award. In 2009, he established an endowment, the Alan J. Chille Leadership Excellence Award, to be presented annually to a RIC student who exemplifies what it means to be a leader. A former member of the Rhode Island College Alumni Association, Mr. Chille is a member of the Alumni Awards Committee. He now serves on the Rhode Island College Foundation Board of Directors.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT Ann-Marie Harrington, M.S.W. '96 President and Founder, Embolden



Doctor of Commercial Science

Ann-Marie Harrington, M.S.W. '96 is an entrepreneur, executive and national speaker on philanthropy, technology and marketing.

Ms. Harrington has over 20 years of experience working with foundations, nonprofits and corporations, and she lends her expertise in new and emerging technologies and online donor engagement strategy.

Ms. Harrington began her career as a social worker. In 1995 she launched her first website. This action led to her founding her own company, Embolden, in 1998. The Pawtucket-based company became a leading digital communication group, specializing in the foundation, financial and nonprofit sectors and managing an international client base. In 2008 Embolden received the Minority Business Enterprise of the Year Award from the State of Rhode Island and was named one of the state's "Best Places to Work" by Providence Business News. In 2014 Crown Philanthropic Solutions acquired Embolden; Ms. Harrington now serves as a partner and executive vice president.

Among the honors Ms. Harrington has garnered in recent years are Rhode Island Small Business Person of the Year from the Small Business Administration, YWCA Northern Rhode Island's Women of Achievement Award and a Providence Business News "Woman to Watch" designation.

Ms. Harrington has served on a variety of nonprofit boards and is currently on the boards of the Rhode Island Commodores and the Rhode Island Foundation. She earned a degree in business administration from Bryant University and a Master of Social Work degree from Rhode Island College.

Honorary Degree Recipient Claire M. Giannamore '64, M.Ed. '67

Educator and Philanthropist



Doctor of Humanities

Few alumni have demonstrated a stronger and more consistent commitment to their alma mater than Claire M. Giannamore '64, M.Ed. '67.

After earning her bachelor's degree in education from Rhode Island College, Ms. Giannamore worked as a teacher while pursuing her Master of Education in counseling, also from RIC. She then worked at RIC, first as an admissions officer and as an assistant director, representing RIC in the community for over a dozen years.

While she concluded her admissions career in 1980 in order to pursue corporate real estate investing, Ms. Giannamore never really left RIC. She served as a board member and a trustee of the Rhode Island College Foundation for many years. For 14 years she also served as a board member of the Shinn Study Abroad Fund, which provides RIC students with immersive cultural experiences in other countries. Active on a number of committees, Ms. Giannamore chaired the 25th anniversary for the Shinn Fund as well as the 50th Reunion Committee for the Class of 1964. She is a previous winner of the RIC Alumna of the Year Award.

Ms. Giannamore is also a valuable fundraiser for the college; she most recently gifted the college a small island in Narragansett Bay.

In the greater Rhode Island Community, Giannamore is known for her work with the Italian American Historical Society of Rhode Island, of which she is a past president. She also serves on the board of directors of Il Circolo of Florida, where she currently resides.

ADVANCED DEGREES

Doctor of Philosophy in Education

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*Yonathan Friesem

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*Kathryn Ma Degnan, Mental Health Counseling

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Tanya L. Plamondon, Mental Health Counseling

Sharon Schwartz-Vanderhoff, Mental Health Counseling

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Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

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Emma V. Livingston

Marta M. Lopez

Coral Maack

Betsy E. Riccio

Marissa M. Rodrigues

Lauren M. Stadelbauer

Rebecca R. Swagger

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Laura B. Menna, Art Education

Jacklyn Michalski, Counseling

Casey E. Miserandino, Counseling

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Jessica L. Palardy, Mathematical Studies

Katherine Elisabeth Pontes, Counseling

Jessica A. Poore, English

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Kayla M. Shumway, Counseling

*Carl D. Steckert, Mathematical Studies

Jessica L. Tanner, Counseling

Derek P. Thayer, Counseling

Vanessa D. Vargas, Counseling

Adrianna Vescera, Counseling

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*Whitney Bryn Clayton, *Elementary* Education

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Education

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*Laura Marie Almagno, Teaching English as a Second Language

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Heidi J. Bennett, Teaching English as a Second Language

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Courtney M. Estrella, Special Education

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*Tiffany M. Rybka, Special Education

*Miranda F. Salvas, Special Education

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*Paula M. Seymour, *Health Education* Christina M. Sibley, *Individualized Program*

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Master of Music Education

Allison C. Fuller Jennifer A. Murphy

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THE RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE SEAL

The official Rhode Island College seal (adopted in 1960) incorporates the anchor, a symbol of hope and of the state of Rhode Island, with the founding of the institution in 1854. The seal was designed by Edith C. Becker, professor emerita of art, who adapted the central flame symbol from the Holbrook Murals in the foyer of Roberts Hall. The flame is used in the murals to depict the energy that has, over the ages, supported the development of all living things and has led civilization to its highest intellectual achievements. In like manner, the flame in the Rhode Island College seal stands for the life of the body and the life of the mind, symbolizing the human and intellectual goals and achievements of Rhode Island College.

THE DEL SESTO MACE

At the 1959 commencement exercises, the first held on the present Mount Pleasant campus, Governor Christopher Del Sesto presented to Rhode Island College a bronze replica of the statue of the Independent Man so that the college, which since 1898 had been located near the State House, might continue its tradition of holding commencements and other academic convocations in the presence of the Independent Man. The Del Sesto Mace, designed by the noted Rhode Island sculptor Aristide Cianfarani and crafted by the Gorham Company, has been in use since 1962 in all academic processions as a symbol of tradition and authority, as well as commitment to the search for truth, knowledge, beauty, values and learning.

THE WILLARD MEDALLION

The Willard Medallion is a symbol of the office of the president and is worn at official and ceremonial functions. The medallion is appended to a presidential chain that bears the names of the chief executive officers who have led Rhode Island College since 1973. The Rhode Island College Alumni Association commissioned silversmith Curtis K. LaFollette, then a professor of art at the college, to design the medallion and chain in commemoration of the inauguration of Charles Borromeo Willard as the first alumnus to be named president of Rhode Island College.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The caps, gowns and hoods worn at college and university functions date back to the Middle Ages. Monks and students used them to keep warm in medieval castles and halls of learning. This formal apparel now symbolizes scholarly achievement.

Baccalaureate gowns have a long, pleated front with shirring across the shoulders and back. The gowns are primarily distinguished by flowing sleeves, pointed at the fingertips, and may be worn either open or closed. The master's gown is worn open, and the sleeve is cut so that the forearm comes through a slit just above the elbow. The doctor's gown has rounded sleeves and velvet panels around the neck and down the front of the gown, as well as three velvet bars on the sleeves. In recent years American universities have followed the custom of European institutions of selecting doctoral gowns in the color of the university. Mortar boards or caps worn with baccalaureate and master's gowns generally have black tassels. The tassel of the doctoral cap is usually made of gold bullion.

The hood gives color and real meaning to the academic costume. Its silk lining bears the colors of the institution conferring the degree. The hood is bordered with velvet of a prescribed width and color to indicate the field of learning to which the degree pertains.

COLLEGE COLORS

Rhode Island College's colors are gold and white, taken from the Rhode Island state flag. In 1986 burgundy was added as an accent color.



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