

VIRGINIA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

*Commencement*



MAY 14, 2022

VIRGINIA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, May 14, 2022

UNIVERSITY COMMONS, GREER ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES CENTER

*In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to  
TowneBank Arena, Jane P. Batten Student Center*

UNIVERSITY MARSHAL

Dr. Lawrence D. Hultgren

*Professor of Philosophy*

ASSISTANT MARSHALS

Dr. Linda Ferguson, *Professor of Management, Business, and Economics*

Dr. William McConnell, *Associate Professor of Education*

Dr. Taryn Myers, *Associate Professor of Psychology*

Dr. Nadia Nafar, *Professor of Management, Business, and Economics*

Dr. Lisa Lyon Payne, *Professor of Communication*

Dr. Sally Shedd, *Professor of Theatre*

Dr. Michelle Vachris, *Professor of Management, Business, and Economics*

STUDENT MARSHALS

Alexis Bailey '25

Jordan Gillam '23

Judah King '25

Dylan Muniz '22

Austin Muniz '23

Zion Purvis-Allen '23

Stephen Scheneider '25

Allen Shaw '24

Risa Yanagita '23

*Music is provided by*

TIDEWATER PIPES AND DRUMS

VIRGINIA WESLEYAN VOX VERA

Dr. Bryson Mortensen, *Music Director*

*ASL interpreting services provided by*

IB Interpreting, LLC

**PROCESSIONAL**

**Tidewater Pipes and Drums**

*Pomp and Circumstance* BY SIR EDWARD ELGAR

*University Mace*

**Dr. Lawrence D. Hultgren**, *Professor of Philosophy*

*Gonfaloniers*

VIRGINIA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

**Erin Highsmith '22**

BATTEN HONORS COLLEGE

**Lindsay White '22**

BIRDSONG SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

**Ethan Cravens '22**

JOAN P. BROCK SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND NATURAL SCIENCES

**Justin Lee '22**

SUSAN S. GOODE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

**William R. Bedell '22**

D. HENRY WATTS SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

**Matthew Campbell '22**

VWU GLOBAL CAMPUS

**Sydney Collins '22**

**Members of the Class of 2022**

**Faculty Emeriti**

**Faculty**

**Academic Administration**

**Officers of the University**

**Trustees**

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**PROCESSIONAL**

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**Rev. Beth Givens**, *Pastor of Haygood United Methodist Church*

**S. Bernard Goodwyn**, *Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia*  
*Keynote Speaker and Candidate for Doctor of Laws (honoris causa)*

**Jonathan E. Pruden**, *Incoming Chair, Board of Trustees*

**Susan S. Goode**, *Vice Chair, Board of Trustees*  
*Candidate for Doctor of Arts (honoris causa)*

**John F. Malbon**, *Chair, Board of Trustees*  
*Candidate for Doctor of Humane Letters (honoris causa)*

**Dr. Susan Larkin**, *Vice President for Academic Affairs*

**Dr. Scott D. Miller**, *President of the University*

COMMENCEMENT MAY 2022

**Musical Selection**

*The Star-Spangled Banner* BY FRANCIS SCOTT KEY  
(arranged by Tim Sharp)

Virginia Wesleyan Vox Vera

**Invocation**

Brooke Erickson '22

**Welcoming Remarks**

President Miller

**Presentation of Awards**

Dr. Larkin

*Samuel Nelson Gray Distinguished Teaching Award*  
*Birdsong Service and Community Engagement Award*  
*United Methodist Church General Board of Higher Education*  
*and Ministry Exemplary Teacher Award*

**Musical Selection**

*Homeward Bound* BY MARTA KEEN (arranged by Bryson Mortensen)

Virginia Wesleyan Vox Vera

**Introduction of Speaker**

President Miller

**Address to the Class of 2022**

S. Bernard Goodwyn  
*Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia*

**Presentation of Chief Justice Goodwyn for Doctoral Degree (*honoris causa*)**

Dr. Antje Schwennicke, *Dean of the Birdsong School of Social Science*

**Presentation of Mr. Malbon for Doctoral Degree (*honoris causa*)**

Dr. Benjamin D. Dobrin, *Dean of the D. Henry Watts School of Professional Studies*

**Presentation of Mrs. Goode for Doctoral Degree (*honoris causa*)**

Dr. Travis Malone, *Dean of the Batten Honors College*

**The Conferring of Degrees to the Class of 2022**

President Miller, Dr. Larkin

**Alma Mater**

Virginia Wesleyan Vox Vera

**Benediction**

Rev. Givens

*Please remain seated until the graduates and faculty have recessed.*

*Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient*

**S. BERNARD GOODWYN**

*Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia  
Candidate for Doctor of Laws (honoris causa)*



S. Bernard Goodwyn was appointed to the Supreme Court of Virginia in 2007 by then-Governor Tim Kaine and was named Chief Justice on January 1, 2022. Prior to his appointment to the Supreme Court, he served as a circuit court judge for 10 years and as a general district court judge for two years, both in Chesapeake, Virginia. Prior to his service on the bench, Chief Justice Goodwyn was in private law practice and served on the faculty of the University of Virginia School of Law. He has served on numerous statewide commissions and committees, and he is presently the co-chair of the Virginia Access to Justice Commission.

A Southampton County native, Chief Justice Goodwyn graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University with an undergraduate degree in economics and was a member of the Harvard varsity football and track teams. He earned his law degree from the University of Virginia, where he was an editor for the *Virginia Tax Review*, a member of the Raven Society, and a recipient of the Ritter Award for honor, character, and integrity.

Chief Justice Goodwyn is married to Sharon S. Goodwyn, an attorney at Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP and a member of the Virginia Wesleyan University Board of Trustees. They have one son and one daughter.

*Honorary Degree Recipient*

**JOHN F. MALBON**

*Chair of the Virginia Wesleyan University Board of Trustees  
and Retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of PAPCO, Inc.  
Candidate for Doctor of Humane Letters (honoris causa)*



John F. Malbon is the retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of PAPCO Inc., a Virginia Beach-based petroleum marketing and distribution company.

An active leader in the community, Malbon joined the Virginia Wesleyan University Board of Trustees in 2012 and is concluding his three-year term as its Chair. His steadfast support of multiple student-centered initiatives led the University to name the Malbon Center of Technology in his honor in 2019.

Malbon currently serves on the TowneBank Virginia Beach Advisory Board, the Hampton Roads Community Foundation Board, and as Vice Chair of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel Commission. He previously served as Chair of Sentara Healthcare's Board of Directors, Chair of the Neptune Festival, Chair of Virginia Beach Vision, co-chair of the Envision Virginia Beach 2040 Committee, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, and as a member of the Resort Advisory Commission and the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

In 2006 Malbon was named King Neptune, in 2007 he was recognized as the First Citizen of Virginia Beach by the Virginia Beach Jaycees, and he was named Associate of the Year by Tidewater Associated General Contractors in 2011.

Malbon holds a degree in business administration from James Madison University. He is a native of Virginia Beach, where he currently resides with his wife, Harriet. The Malbons have two children, Joshua and Clara. His brother, David, is a 1986 alumnus of Virginia Wesleyan.

*Honorary Degree Recipient*

**SUSAN S. GOODE**

*Vice Chair of the Virginia Wesleyan University Board of Trustees and Community Leader  
Candidate for Doctor of Arts (honoris causa)*



Susan S. Goode is a community leader, volunteer, and devoted advocate for the arts. She earned her undergraduate degree in the liberal arts from Duke University, an honorary doctorate from Roanoke College and Old Dominion University, and holds a lifelong interest in the humanities. Mrs. Goode cares deeply about cultivating the arts in Virginia and ensuring the future of the arts in America.

Goode has been an active member of the Virginia Wesleyan University Board of Trustees since 2006, most recently serving as vice chair in addition to previous roles as secretary and chair of the Academic Affairs Committee.

Susan Goode and her husband, David, recognize the critical importance of the arts and believe they are vital to a liberal arts education. In 2013, the Goodes made a lead gift for the construction of a new fine and performing arts center on the Virginia Wesleyan campus. The family's gift—which is among the five largest in VWU history—launched the planning and fundraising for the Susan S. Goode Fine and Performing Arts Center, which was completed in 2019. The Goodes have also invested in Virginia Wesleyan's science programs through renovations of Blocker Hall, the University's original math and natural sciences building. Their support will have a tremendous impact on campus for decades to come.

In addition to her leadership at Virginia Wesleyan, Mrs. Goode has served on the boards of the Virginia Symphony, the Virginia Historical Society, and the Elizabeth River Project. She is also actively involved in the Chrysler Museum of Art, was a longtime member of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and chaired the Norfolk Public Arts Commission. She and her husband reside in Norfolk and have two daughters, Christina and Martha.

VWU GLOBAL CAMPUS

*Candidates for the Degree of Master of Arts in Education*

**Alyssa J. Balanta**

Education  
*Clinton, Maryland*

**Vanessa Everett**

Education  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

**Trevor B. Lalande**

Education  
*Oak Hill, Virginia*

**Sarah F. Mister**

Education  
*Herndon, Virginia*

**Tristan Edmund Ramage**

Education  
*Durham, Virginia*

**Serena Victoria Smith**

Education  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

*Candidates for the Degree of Master of Business Administration*

\* **Courtney R. Boyce**

Business Administration  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

\* **Marcos R. Davila-Banrey**

Business Administration  
*Portsmouth, Virginia*

\* **Stephanie G. Gorham**

Business Administration  
*Chesapeake, Virginia*

\* **Yoshimi Kaibuchi**

Business Administration  
*Norfolk, Virginia*

\* **Braden C. Knight**

Business Administration  
*Cedar Park, Texas*

**Derrick A. Lea**

Business Administration  
*Temecula, California*

**Jonathan Oliveras**

Business Administration  
*Hampton, Virginia*

\* **Kristina S. Rang**

Business Administration  
*Suffolk, Virginia*

**Luke J. Rosekopf**

Business Administration  
*Norfolk, Virginia*

**William C. Weiler**

Business Administration  
*Grants, New Mexico*

BIRDSONG SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

*Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts*

\* **Kayla A. Abel**

Criminal Justice  
*Sterling, Virginia*

**Sasha D. Bolden**

Psychology  
*Chesapeake, Virginia*

**Lamont T. Brandon**

Psychology  
*Lanexa, Virginia*

**Edward L. Brown, Jr.**

Criminal Justice  
*Suffolk, Virginia*

\* **Andrea N. Brown**

Psychology  
*Suffolk, Virginia*

**Tia Whitehurst Caffee**

Social Science  
*Chesapeake, Virginia*

**Mikayla A. Callahan**

Psychology  
*Painted Post, New York*

\* **Valery E. Caraballo**

Criminal Justice  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

<sup>BHC</sup> **Jacqueline Marie Carmines, magna cum laude**

Psychology  
*Chesapeake, Virginia*

**Albert Myles Clark**

Political Science  
*Millsboro, Delaware*

<sup>BHC</sup> **Sydney N. Collins, magna cum laude**

Psychology  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

**Savejah A. Cooper-Anderson**

Psychology  
*Norfolk, Virginia*

**Ethan B. Cravens**

Criminal Justice  
*Leesburg, Virginia*

**Kaylesue D. Currier**

Psychology  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

**Mariama S. Diallo**

Criminal Justice  
*Sterling, Virginia*

**Erika D. Dillard**

Social Science  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

**Zavian J. Dorah, magna cum laude**

Criminal Justice  
*Takoma Park, Maryland*

**Emma Mariah Cruz Espinoza, cum laude**

Criminal Justice  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

☆ **Dakota A. Felkins-Beach, cum laude**

Political Science  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

BIRDSONG SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

*Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts*

<sup>BHC</sup> **Karlee E. Fretz**, *magna cum laude*

Political Science  
*Green Lane, Pennsylvania*

\* **Stephanie L. Monaco**

Social Science  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

**Timothy K. Garnett, II**

Criminal Justice  
*Fredericksburg, Virginia*

\* **Malinda A. Girtley**

Social Science  
*Norfolk, Virginia*

**Danielle L. Grimes**

Social Science  
*Portsmouth, Virginia*

**Russell J. Hanuska**

Criminal Justice  
*Urbanna, Virginia*

**Erin E. Highsmith**

Psychology  
*Quinton, Virginia*

\* **Danielle Stephanie Sara Johnson**

Criminal Justice  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

**Ian P. Joslyn**

History  
*Union, Connecticut*

\* **Alecia Ayanna Licon**

Social Science  
*Norfolk, Virginia*

**Faith Macwana**

International Studies  
*Morrisville, Pennsylvania*

\* **Zaria N. Marshall**

Criminal Justice  
*Newport News, Virginia*

**Yamila Santamaria Medlin**, *magna cum laude*

Criminal Justice  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

\* **Dylan R. Mejia**

Criminal Justice  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

<sup>BHC</sup> **Grant A. Morgan**

History  
*Norfolk, Virginia*

\*<sup>BHC</sup> **Hunter D. Nordberg**

Political Science  
*Apex, North Carolina*

<sup>BHC</sup> **Miss Meghan C. Pease**, *magna cum laude*

Psychology  
*Norfolk, Virginia*

**Greyson W. Railey**

Criminal Justice  
*Warrenton, Virginia*

\* **Savannah R. Roach**

Criminal Justice  
*Fredericksburg, Virginia*

\* **Shanail L. Romane**

Social Science  
*Chesapeake, Virginia*

**BIRDSONG SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE**

*Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts*

**Amie B. Saidy**

Psychology

*Burtonsville, Maryland*

\* **Steven D. Serrano Cruz**

Psychology

*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

\* **Charlyn B. Taylor**

Criminal Justice

*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

**Taci H. Taylor, magna cum laude**

Psychology

*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

**Eric G. Tideman**

Psychology

*Alexandria, Virginia*

**Jalah A. Turner**

Social Science

*Gainsville, Virginia*

**Nicole Valencia**

Political Science

*Norfolk, Virginia*

**Brittany N. Walker**

History and Social Science

*Alexandria, Virginia*

**Makenzie R. Washington**

History

*Charlottesville, Virginia*

**André Marquis Wiggins**

Political Science

*Oxon Hill, Maryland*

**Alkema J. Woods**

Criminal Justice

*Richmond, Virginia*

<sup>BHC</sup> **Kathryn A. Yeager**

Political Science

*Amissville, Virginia*

**Olivia Zani**

Social Science

*Chesapeake, Virginia*

*Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science*

**Lelia Kathryn Dunn**

Psychology

*Richmond, Virginia*

**Sofia M. Eskola**

Psychology

*Fairfax, Virginia*

**Macy Jean Kisiel, magna cum laude**

Psychology

*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

**Ariana M. Rolle**

Psychology

*Marion, Iowa*

JOAN P. BROCK SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND NATURAL SCIENCES

*Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts*

\* **Matthew S. Amato**  
Environmental Studies  
*Fredricksburg, Virginia*

**Jessica Blankenship**  
Environmental Studies  
*Lynchburg, Virginia*

**Mikayla A. Callahan**  
Biology  
*Painted Post, New York*

**Niya J. Crocker**  
Biology  
*Portsmouth, Virginia*

**Alexander A. Dworetzky**  
Environmental Studies  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

\* **Breanna M. Gilson**  
Earth and Environmental Sciences  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

**Raquel I. Kelly**  
Computer Science  
*Chesapeake, Virginia*

\*BHC **Hunter D. Nordberg**  
Environmental Studies  
*Apex, North Carolina*

**Gabriel N. Peredo**  
Earth and Environmental Sciences  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

**Amy M. Pinnock**  
Environmental Studies  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

**Juwon A. Seaborne**  
Earth and Environmental Sciences  
*Hampton, Virginia*

BHC **Emily Joy Smith**, *magna cum laude*  
Environmental Studies  
*Forest, Virginia*

**Lara A. Spencer**  
Earth and Environmental Sciences  
*Millersville, Maryland*

**Christian R. Sterling**  
Computer Science  
*Ashburn, Virginia*

**Tiffany Alexis Warren**  
Biology  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

BHC **Ryan M. Westpfahl**  
Earth and Environmental Sciences  
*Silver Spring, Maryland*

JOAN P. BROCK SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND NATURAL SCIENCES

*Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science*

- BHC **Jasmin L. Caldwell**  
Earth and Environmental Sciences  
*Hampton, Virginia*
- Sydney F. Carter, cum laude**  
Chemistry  
*Franklin, Virginia*
- Cole W. Cassidy**  
Computer Science  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*
- BHC **Brycen T. Columbus, cum laude**  
Biology  
*Concord, North Carolina*
- Savejah A. Cooper-Anderson**  
Chemistry  
*Norfolk, Virginia*
- Benjamin J. Counsel**  
Earth and Environmental Sciences  
*Norfolk, Virginia*
- Matthew J. Culbert**  
Biology  
*Suffolk, Virginia*
- BHC **Olivia K. Deane, cum laude**  
Earth and Environmental Sciences  
*Chester, Virginia*
- BHC **Emily R. Geis, magna cum laude**  
Mathematics  
*Glen Burnie, Maryland*
- Scott R. Harrelson**  
Earth and Environmental Sciences  
*Powhatan, Virginia*
- BHC **James H. Harrod**  
Biology  
*Lewes, Delaware*
- Zachary V. Hope**  
Mathematics  
*Coatesville, Pennsylvania*
- BHC **Teresa M. Jones, summa cum laude**  
Mathematics  
*Fairfax, Virginia*
- BHC **Mackenzie Elizabeth Kerns, cum laude**  
Computer Science, Mathematics  
*Gainesville, Virginia*
- BHC **Isabel G. Laxton, cum laude**  
Biology  
*Reston, Virginia*
- \*BHC **Justin M. Lee**  
Earth and Environmental Sciences  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*
- Robert N. Massey, III**  
Biology  
*Pasadena, Maryland*
- BHC **Kacy L. McBride, magna cum laude**  
Earth and Environmental Sciences  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

JOAN P. BROCK SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND NATURAL SCIENCES

*Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science*

**Christle M. Moore**, *cum laude*  
Earth and Environmental Sciences  
*Fredericksburg, Virginia*

**Camryn N. Terry**  
Biology  
*Dumfries, Virginia*

<sup>BHC</sup> **Christopher J. Morris**, *summa cum laude*  
Mathematics  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

<sup>BHC</sup> **Caroline Tryfiates**, *summa cum laude*  
Chemistry  
*Fredericksburg, Virginia*

<sup>BHC</sup> **Miss Meghan C. Pease**, *summa cum laude*  
Chemistry  
*Norfolk, Virginia*

**Brynn E. Vandegriff**, *cum laude*  
Earth and Environmental Sciences  
*Chambersburg, Pennsylvania*

**Mitchell F. Perry**, *cum laude*  
Earth and Environmental Sciences  
*Hampton, Virginia*

<sup>BHC</sup> **Kathleen J. Vandenberg**, *cum laude*  
Biology  
*Chesapeake, Virginia*

**Nathaniel R. Powell**  
Earth and Environmental Sciences  
*Holly Springs, North Carolina*

**Lindsay G. Weitzel**, *magna cum laude*  
Biology  
*Chesterfield, Virginia*

**Joseph G. Rayman, IV**  
Computer Science  
*Forest Hill, Maryland*

<sup>BHC</sup> **Lindsay Grace White**, *summa cum laude*  
Mathematics  
*Phoenixville, Pennsylvania*

**Dylan M. Schumacher**  
Computer Science  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

**Allen J. Wilcox**, *magna cum laude*  
Computer Science, Mathematics  
*Fredericksburg, Virginia*

**Leilanie M. Sheppard**, *cum laude*  
Biology  
*Sutherland, Virginia*

<sup>BHC</sup> **Hannah E. Zimmerman**, *magna cum laude*  
Biology  
*Saint Leonard, Maryland*

<sup>BHC</sup> **Emily Joy Smith**, *magna cum laude*  
Earth and Environmental Sciences  
*Forest, Virginia*

SUSAN S. GOODE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

*Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts*

- Eric William Adams**  
Communication  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*
- Brianna M. Allen**, *magna cum laude*  
Theatre  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*
- \* **William R. Bedell**  
Philosophy  
*Hampton, Virginia*
- Sasha D. Bolden**  
Women's and Gender Studies  
*Chesapeake, Virginia*
- Devyn J. Brooks**  
Art  
*Knoxville, Tennessee*
- Gavin C. Decker**  
Communication  
*Lynchburg, Virginia*
- Kimberly M. DeHart**  
German Studies  
*Dayton, Ohio*
- Brooke M. Erickson**, *summa cum laude*  
English  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*
- ⊕ **Kayla V. Falcone**, *summa cum laude*  
Art  
*Chesapeake, Virginia*
- \*BHC **Lauren A. Faulkner**, *magna cum laude*  
Communication  
*Glenolden, Pennsylvania*
- ☆ **Dakota A. Felkins-Beach**, *cum laude*  
Philosophy  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*
- \* **Barbara T. Hemmings**  
Comprehensive Liberal Studies  
*Chesapeake, Virginia*
- Ian P. Joslyn**  
Religious Studies  
*Union, Connecticut*
- Meaghan A. Kern**  
Theatre  
*Yorktown, Virginia*
- Sophia M. Kovalcik**, *cum laude*  
English  
*Portsmouth, Virginia*
- John R. Leitgeb**  
Philosophy  
*Texarkana, Texas*
- \* **Harlan P. Menger**  
Art  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*
- Ryan J. Morris**  
Communication  
*Sugar Hill, Georgia*

SUSAN S. GOODE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

*Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts*

*Chester, Virginia*

\* **Essence V. Rawlings**

Communication

*Chester, Virginia*

**Reece Van Hook-Phillips**

Art

*Locust Grove, Virginia*

\* **Saige L. Smith**

Communication

*Richmond, Virginia*

<sup>BHC</sup> **Kathleen J. Vandenberg, cum laude**

Art

*Chesapeake, Virginia*

<sup>BHC</sup> **Emily B. Uzzle**

English

<sup>BHC</sup> **Kathryn A. Yeager, magna cum laude**

Communication

*Amisville, Virginia*

*Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Musical Arts*

\* **Erin E. Crape**

Choral and Vocal Studies

*Norfolk, Virginia*

**Rebecca Nicole Gardner, summa cum laude**

Choral and Vocal Studies

*Hampton, Virginia*

\* **Kristina M. D'Arco**

Choral and Vocal Studies

*Raleigh, North Carolina*

<sup>BHC</sup> **Hailey J. Schumacher, summa cum laude**

Music Composition and Technology

*Flanders, New Jersey*

**Rachel Erin DeMay**

Choral and Vocal Studies

*Stephenson, Virginia*

**André Marquis Wiggins**

Choral and Vocal Studies

*Oxon Hill, Maryland*

D. HENRY WATTS SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

*Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts*

✦ **Kennedi Faith Anders**, *magna cum laude*  
Comprehensive Liberal Studies  
Curricular Emphasis  
*Allen, Texas*

**Mary Catherine Aston**  
Sport and Recreation Management  
*Portsmouth, Virginia*

<sup>BHC</sup> **Bianca J. Atkinson**, *summa cum laude*  
Business  
*Fredericksburg, Virginia*

**Kavin I. Bahrani**, *summa cum laude*  
Business  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

**Ryan T. Baldwin**  
Recreational Therapy  
*Camden, North Carolina*

**Cameron L. Blanchard-Taylor**  
Business  
*Alexandria, Virginia*

**Savion S. Blanco**  
Business  
*Chesapeake, Virginia*

**Ashlee M. Bobzin**  
Business  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

✦ **Alaina E. Bolieau**, *magna cum laude*  
Comprehensive Liberal Studies  
Curricular Emphasis  
*Stafford Springs, Connecticut*

**Jennifer A. Bowen**, *magna cum laude*  
Business  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

✦<sup>BHC</sup> **Cassidy R. Braithwaite**, *magna cum laude*  
Comprehensive Liberal Studies  
Curricular Emphasis  
*Winchester, Virginia*

\* **Joshua S. Brown**  
Sport and Recreation Management  
*Mechanicsville, Virginia*

**Matthew J. Campbell**  
Sport and Recreation Management  
*Midlothian, Virginia*

**Kelly Marie Cardinal**  
Business  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

\* **Nick Mateo Carrera**  
Sport and Recreation Management  
*Norfolk, Virginia*

**Ayrrea D. Chambers**  
Business  
*Hampton, Virginia*

**Miles M. Christian**  
Business  
*Gambrills, Maryland*

\* **Robert C. Cook**  
Recreational Therapy  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

D. HENRY WATTS SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

*Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts*

**Cameron J. Coplon**

Sport and Recreation Management  
*Chesapeake, Virginia*

<sup>BHC</sup> **Katie A. Costin, *cum laude***

Business  
*Fountain Inn, South Carolina*

✦ **Danielle A. D'arcy**

Comprehensive Liberal Studies  
Curricular Emphasis  
*Williamsburg, Virginia*

**Jordan Ellis**

Business  
*Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey*

**Caroline E. Engle**

Business  
*Ocean City, Maryland*

**Cameron C. Evans**

Business  
*Tangier, Virginia*

\* **Timothy F. Fisher**

Sport and Recreation Management  
*Richmond, Virginia*

**Shane T. Fuselier, *magna cum laude***

Business  
*Lewes, Delaware*

**Michael A. Gatling, Jr.**

Sport and Recreation Management  
*New Kent, Virginia*

\* **Madeline B. Gourley**

Recreational Therapy  
*La Grange, Kentucky*

**Taylor R. Green**

Recreational Therapy  
*El Paso, Texas*

**Cecil D. Hylton IV**

Business  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

**Robert John Inglesby**

Recreational Therapy  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

✦ **Stephanie Amanda Madrid Jackman**

Business  
*Norfolk, Virginia*

\* **David S. Jacobson**

Business  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

**Daniel J. Johnson**

Business  
*Chesapeake, Virginia*

**Isaiah B. Lankford**

Sport and Recreation Management  
*Franklin, Virginia*

**Christopher Bartlett Lindemeyer**

Business  
*Purcellville, Virginia*

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*Chestnut Hill Cove, Maryland*

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*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

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Social Work  
*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

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Social Work  
*Hampton, Virginia*

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✪ Military Veteran

☆ ROTC Candidate

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**William Gibson, Ph.D.**, *Professor of Political Science*  
*35 Years of Service*

**Wayne Pollock, Ph.D.**, *Associate Professor of Sport and Recreation Professions*  
*22 Years of Service*

**Vivian Teter**, *Lambuth M. Clarke Professor of English*  
*35 Years of Service*

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Maya Davis '22

Rachel DeMay '22

Rebecca Gardner '22

Sophia Kaminaris '23

Jack Mowatt '23

Robert Nolin '24

Landon Rockwell '25

Lindsay White '22

Andre Wiggins '22

**Dr. Bryson Mortensen**

*Music Director*

*Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities*

VIRGINIA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY ALMA MATER

MUSIC BY DAVID CLAYTON, WORDS BY SANDRA BILLY

*On Lake Taylor by the Bay, seagulls soar where Marlins play.*

*Sunlight streams across the fields and shimmers through the trees.*

*Truth and honor. Service, knowledge. Wisdom lights the way.*

*Our paths may lead around the world, but our hearts stay at Wesleyan.*

## *Academic Regalia*

The three academic degrees generally recognized are the bachelor's, master's and doctorate.

The name of each degree seems to have been determined by medieval custom. The bachelor's degree, the baccalaureate, takes its name from the practice of referring to novices in trade guilds, knightly orders and universities as "bachelors." The master's degree was equivalent to a license to teach, and sometimes was followed by the express words *licentia docendi*. The doctorate degree derived from the habit of addressing scholars of great learning by the title "doctor." Today, of course, all three degrees are generally earned by following a prescribed course of academic study.

However, honorary degrees are granted for meritorious service and for distinction in public or private endeavor. In the medieval university, students and teachers wore gowns indicating their status and scholastic achievement. In 1895, an intercollegiate commission drafted a uniform code governing the use of academic caps, gowns and hoods in the United States. The vast majority of colleges and universities in the nation, including Virginia Wesleyan University, adhere to those guidelines.

Those holding the bachelor's degree wear a black gown distinguished by long pointed sleeves hanging to the knees. The master's gown, worn open, features even longer sleeves which are closed at the bottom. There are slits about midway for the arms. The doctorate gown has full-length lapels of velvet and bell-shaped sleeves with three horizontal velvet bars.

A hood may be worn with the gown and is made of the same material. Each hood is lined in silk with the colors of the institution which granted the degree. In the case of Virginia Wesleyan, for example, the colors are blue and white. The bachelor's hood is three feet long, with a two-inch strip of velvet. The master's hood is three and one-half feet long, faced with a three-inch velvet strip. The doctor's hood is four feet long, faced

with a five-inch strip of velvet. The color of the velvet strip on the hood indicates the field of study in which the University degree was earned or granted, for example:

<b>Arts</b> White	<b>Public Health</b> Salmon
<b>Science</b> Yellow	<b>Fine Arts</b> Brown
<b>Music</b> Pink	<b>Education</b> Light Blue
<b>Social Welfare</b> Citron	<b>Business</b> Drab
<b>Theology</b> Scarlet	<b>Philosophy</b> Blue

The appropriate cap for all degrees is the familiar "mortar board." A tassel, hanging to the left of the face, is also appropriate for all degrees. Holders of the doctoral degree may wear a soft velvet cap of the color indicating their field of study and a tassel of gold thread.

## *Gonfalons*

Serving as the backdrop for the Virginia Wesleyan University Commencement Ceremony are the institutional banners, or gonfalons. The institutional gonfalon leads the procession, reflecting the University's rich history and commitment to liberal arts education. It is followed by banners for the Batten Honors College, the Birdsong School of Social Science, the Joan P. Brock School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, the Susan S. Goode School of Arts and Humanities, the D. Henry Watts School of Professional Studies, and Virginia Wesleyan University Global Campus. Each contains imagery and colors signifying its respective area of discipline. The style of the gonfalons processing today was unveiled in 2017 with design by Christine Hall and hand stitching by McIlhenny Banners of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. They replace the University's original gonfalons, which were created and hand stitched by Judy Tinsley and Judy Coltrane, with additional design from the Art Department. The first set of gonfalons are preserved in the Office of Academic Affairs and remain an important visual tribute to Virginia Wesleyan history.

### *Presidential Medallion*

A symbol of the Office of the President of Virginia Wesleyan University, the medallion was commissioned upon Virginia Wesleyan's transition from College to University status in 2017.

It features the official University seal and hangs on a cloth ribbon in VWU blue. The original sterling silver and blue enamel medallion (1993-2017) also utilized the University seal as its main design element.

### *Honorary Degrees*

**Doctor of Arts** (*honoris causa*): This degree is awarded to individuals who have distinguished themselves in the arts.

**Doctor of Divinity** (*honoris causa*): First awarded in 1786, this degree is awarded to individuals who have distinguished themselves in endeavors related to religion.

**Doctor of Humane Letters** (*honoris causa*): First awarded in the 1880s, this degree is awarded to individuals who have distinguished themselves in the humanities.

**Doctor of Laws** (*honoris causa*): First awarded in 1773, this degree is awarded to individuals who have distinguished themselves in general service to state, to learning and to mankind.

### *Ceremonial Mace*

A mace, once designed for use as a tool of medieval warfare, has served in recent centuries as a symbol of authority and vitality by legislative bodies and institutions of higher education. In the latter context it becomes a ceremonial staff, bearing engraved images and words which represent distinguishing characteristics of the institution.

The Virginia Wesleyan University mace was created by goldsmith Suzannah Wagner of Ashland, Virginia. The cherry wood for the mace was harvested in southeastern Virginia in the 1930s and the base of the shaft contains grains of earth preserved from the original campus groundbreaking ceremony on July 18, 1965. Latin inscriptions on crystal panels evoke mind, body, spirit and community. Additional engravings on crystal and silver reflect agricultural, maritime and other regional symbols; the United Methodist cross and flame; and scenes of the campus.

The mace is carried in academic processions and at other times is displayed on the campus accompanied by a narrative describing the symbols which it bears.



## *Thank You*

Thank you for attending the  
**COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**  
at Virginia Wesleyan University

As a courtesy to others, please silence and refrain from using  
cell phones and other devices during the ceremony.  
Smoking is prohibited in all campus buildings at Virginia Wesleyan University.  
Your consideration and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

## *Photography*

*Lifetouch Special Events Photography* is pleased to provide this complimentary service  
for each graduate who crosses the dais during the Commencement Ceremony.  
For information about Commencement photographs, visit [events.lifetouch.com/vwu](http://events.lifetouch.com/vwu).  
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Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m. EST, or online at [contact.lifetouch.com](http://contact.lifetouch.com).  
There is no obligation to purchase photos.

**Please DO NOT approach the stage to take your own photographs,  
as this may interfere with the ceremony and the work of the photographers.**

## *Livestreaming*

The Virginia Wesleyan University Commencement Ceremony is being livestreamed  
on the VWU Digital Broadcasting Network and will be archived for future viewing.

*All greenery and floral arrangements are living plants and  
will be returned safely to their natural environment.*

*Special thank you to our volunteers.*



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