

85th ANNUAL

Commencement

COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL

EAST GREENBUSH, NEW YORK

*Saturday, the twenty-eighth of June
two thousand and twenty-five*

ten o'clock in the morning

Hudson Valley Community College
Troy, New York

Class of 2025

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The traditional pageantry of an academic procession is one of the impressive spectacles of our time. Its significance is attested to by the array of handsome gowns and vividly colored hoods worn by members of the Faculty, the Board of Education, and other dignitaries. These display the symbols of scholarly attainment.

The earliest gowns, illustrations of which exist at Oxford University, somewhat resemble cassocks, which were worn by English teachers who found good use for the hood, or cowl, as protection against the weather. A uniform American system of academic heraldry indicates the level of a degree displayed by the costume, as well as the field of study in which it was earned and the institution by which it was granted.

It is the hood which generally provides academic regalia; its color offers the most information about its wearer. The silk lining of the hood bears color or colors of the degree-granting college or university; its velvet facing reveals the color assigned to the area of study. The doctor's gown may bear velvet trimming on the front and sleeves, such as dark blue for doctors of philosophy. A few institutions, mostly overseas but some in this country, authorize the wearing of colored robes, departing from the traditional black, and brightly displaying the official colors of the university.

The American mortarboard, derived from the soft Oxford cap, is usually black. Its tassel, for holders of the bachelor's and master's degrees, is also usually black, although gold tassels may be worn by holders of doctoral degrees and heads of institutions. The tassel is worn on the right side of the cap by undergraduates, on the left by holders of bachelor's and higher degrees.

The velvet edging or facing of academic hoods indicates the area of study. The principal scholarly fields seen include:

Arts, Letters, Humanities.....	White
Business Administration.....	Nugget
Economics.....	Copper
Education.....	Light Blue
Engineering.....	Orange
Fine Arts (including architecture).....	Brown
Law.....	Purple
Library Science.....	Lemon
Medicine.....	Green
Music.....	Pink
Philosophy.....	Dark Blue
Physical Education.....	Sage Green
Public Administration.....	Peacock Blue
Public Health.....	Salmon Pink
Science.....	Golden Yellow
Theology.....	Scarlet

COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Michael Harkin..... *Principal*
Patricia Farnan..... *Assistant Principal*
Edward Kilmartin..... *Assistant Principal*
Timothy Malloy..... *Assistant Principal*

ALMA MATER

*Down through the years, we won't forget
all the joys and help Columbia has given to us.
We'll take our place, our thanks to you,
Columbia, we honor you, your white and blue.
We'll cheer, and sing, and raise our voices high,
for years, and years, as long as time goes by.
As days go onward, gold memories shine,
And the ones we'll treasure most are of Columbia High.*

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Jesse Temple, *President*
Emily Steinbach, *Vice President*
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COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL MOTTO

Creating Honor and Success

VALEDICTORIAN

Ei Aung

SALUTATORIAN

Evan Rainville

CLASS of 2025 ADVISORS

Emily Cooke

Teacher of Science

Siobhan Kennedy

Teacher of World Language

MARSHALS

Frank DiDonato

Teacher of Mathematics

Scott Monuteaux

Teacher of Mathematics

CLASS OFFICERS

Madilyn Elliott

President

Margaret Dyer

Vice President

Hailey Koshykar

Secretary

Kaelynn Stringer

Treasurer

Alexandra Donnelly

Madelyn Kaminsky

Representatives

EXECUTIVE STUDENT COUNCIL

Kole Hardy

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Natalie Krisanda

Executive Vice President

Kathryn Myers

Executive Secretary

Maria Myers

Executive Treasurer

Carter Cantara

Executive Activity Representative

Kaden Witte

Social Media / Photography Director

USHERS

National Honor Society Advisor: Emily Shatraw

Ushers are members of the National Honor Society Class of 2026.

Floral Arrangements provided by the Class of 2025
with a contribution from the Class of 2027.

PROGRAM

PRE-PROGRAM CONCERT.....The Dominant Five Brass Quintet

PROCESSIONAL.....The Dominant Five Brass Quintet
"Pomp and Circumstance"

OPENING TRIBUTES:

The Pledge of AllegianceAudience
"The Star-Spangled Banner"Senior Chamber Singers

PERFORMANCE BY COLUMBIA'S CHAMBER SINGERS

"In My Life" arranged by Zegree.....Senior Chamber Singers

WELCOME:

Principal.....Michael Harkin
President, Class of 2025Madilyn Elliott
Executive President, Student Council.....Kole Hardy

SENIOR SPEAKERS:

Poet.....Mia Williams
Salutatorian.....Evan Rainville
Valedictorian.....Ei Aung

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:.....Stephen Lapolla

STUDENT PERFORMANCE:

"Breakaway"
Vocalist.....Lucia Soliman
Accompanist.....Roan Butterfield
(Class of 2024)

PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS:

Principal.....Michael Harkin

DIPLOMAS AWARDED BY:

President, Board of EducationJesse Temple
Superintendent.....Jeffrey Simons
PrincipalMichael Harkin

GRADUATES' NAMES READ BY:

Teacher of English Language Arts.....Meagan Asenbauer
Teacher of English Language Arts.....Emily Shatraw

RECESSIONAL.....The Dominant Five Brass Quintet
"Hornpipe (from Water Music - Handel)"

*Audience members should remain standing for the recessional.
Please remain at your seats out of respect for our graduates as they proceed out of the ceremony.
Graduates will return to the lobby to meet family members and friends.*

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION FROM COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL

JUNE 2025

Paul Acker	Marzouq Chowdhury	**Mia Garzone
Emma Adair	Alexis Ciccarone	Alexis Gaudette
Danielle Adams	Sophia Ciccarone	Brayden Gipson
Jordan Adams	Ewan Clague	***Neea Gizzo
Cali Adamski	*Olivia Clarke	Adam Gohar
Aadit Akula	My'kel Cole	Benjamin Gorman
Garrett Allard	Jonathan Columbus	Imara Green
Maggie Allen	Olivia Condo	Morgan Greene
Magnolia Allen	Katherine Conley	Noah Guenette
Zoe Allen	Niamh Corrigan	Chloe Hall
Lamar Alsayed	Teagan Craven	Dylan Hannum
Stacey Andres	Aneice Cridelle	Kole Hardy
Misty Anselment	Kylie Cronkhite	Douglas Hart
Alaina Arduini	Jared Dalton	Gabriella Hartman
Haley Arsenault	Pierce Dalton	Jamie Hayes
***Ei Aung	Nicole Daly	Ella Hebler
Tiernan Baltzel	Klara Daoust	Ella Hegener
***Ariana Baptista	Jemel Davis Huggins	Jason Herrick II
Lorelei Barber	Benning DeLaMater	***Payten Hines
*Kara Barcher	Alexander DeMarco	Ethan Hitlin
Zachary Barry	**Maya Derico	Nathan Hoffman
Adrianna Bauer	Poem DeRosier	Jabari Holder
Connor Baumeister	Madeline Dobbin	Arilyn Horton
Sarah Bayly +	Alexandra Donnelly	Emma Howe
Elizabeth Beams	Alyssa Donnelly	Mara Hurd
*Adam Bell Jr	Kamryn Dougherty	Elle Hutton
Corryn Bergmann-Haro	Kaleb Dowen	Fawad Imran
Kailee Beyor-Allen	Shannon Doyle	Clare Insull
Feroz Bhatti	Emma Dugan	***Kaylin Jacob
Gavin Bielawa	Jack Dusenbery	Avery Jaeger-Morales
Kaitlin Bogucki	Margaret Dyer	Sophia Jerusalemski
Shyann Bootman	Mallory Echevarria	Justin Jiang
Elijah Boyd	Rowan Echevarria	Thomas Johnston
Madelyne Brehm	Bryce Edgar	Shayonia Jones
Willard Bridgham +	Summer Edwards	*Madelyn Kaminsky
Brianna Brink	Madilyn Elliott	*Kieran Keenan
**Lena Bromberg	Tucker Ellis	**Ellie Keenholts
Sean Brooks	Sara Fairchild	Leah Killiany
Jermaine Brown	Jocelyn Falaro-Doss	Paula Kilper
Ilana Bruso	Eric Farnan	Thomas Klimack
*John Buchan	Tobiaz Fernet	Ryan Ko
Matthew Buhler	John Ferree IV	*Elianah Kong
Dakota Burl	Anthony Ficarra	Hailey Koshykar
Brianna Butler	Quinlan Finnigan	Ronan Kreshik
Jack Cahill	Gabriella Fisher	Benjamin Kromer
Jayden Calderon	Abigail Fleurimond	Aiden Kwok
Ava Canning	Kiersten Flint +	Christopher Kuehn
Peyton Carey	*Molly Freeman	**Eden Ladd
Christopher Carter Jr	Paul French Jr	Domonick Lambert
Dyllon Cartwright	Cierra Gabriel	Savana Lambert
Anthony Casares Jr	Madori Gaddy	*Alivia Landy
Camille Chambers	Jocelyn Galligan	Anthony Landy
*Thenuk Chandrasekera	Emma Gamache	Griffin Lane
Aditya Chauhan	*Piper Gardner	Kamarii Lane

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Kaya Lanier	Eli Pearce	Connor Sheehan
**Giovanni LaPietra	Jocelyn Perez	Ava Slauson
Ethan LaRocco	Mason Pettograsso	Michael Smallwood
Nola Latch	Mia Phillips	Michael Smith III
LindaRae Laurange	Daniel Pietkiewicz	Jacob Smith
Ayanna Lee	*Gabriella Pintado	William Snow
James LeFebvre	Dylan Piro	Jenna Snyder
Tessa Lewis	David Pitcheralle	Lucia Soliman
Xena Lewis	Adam Place	Caleigh Song
**Michelle Lin	David Pomaquiza	Rylie Sorce
Antonio Lindeman	Emma Potter	Angelo South
Taylor Linscott	Dontae Powell	**Peyton Stavrou
Benjamin MacLauchlin	*Taylor Prescott	Aurora Sterling
***Shreya Malge	**Maya Preston	Mckenzie Stone
***Kate Manning	Nickoy Preston	*Kaelynn Stringer
Thomas Marchiony	Trinity Prugel	Bradley Sweet
Aiden Marlowe	***Shreeya Pullela	Andy Tang
Baden Maroni	Cameron Race	Thomas Tethers
Mikayla Marotta	***Evan Rainville	Jon Toussaint
Molly Marra	Eliel Raphael	Kionna Traulsen-Pulver
Emily Marx	Sadie Rauch	*Jasper Travis
Tyler Maul	Mokshagna Ravilla	Zackery Trindade
Zachariah Maung	Gabriella Razzano	Ayva Turner
Dylan Mayhack	Anna Reilly +	***Nicholas Turner
*Sadie McCarthy	Tyler Reisig	Jakob Tymann
Jonathan McCrae	Andrew Riley	Callahan Urquhart
***Elizabeth McMahon	Kennedy Ring +	Elias Vacula-Adams
Laila McNeal	Joseph Rizzo	Jared VanWely
*Kiera Mead	Hannah Roberts	Kaiia Vente
Zoey Mercer	Jasmine Roberts	Angelo Ventura
Kiley Merola	Jenna Robinson	Simonè Vera
Ornella Metter	Kaitlyn Rodgers	Anthony Vooris
Aurora Milem	Caleb Rojas	Mason Wagner
***Kiera Miller	Jacob Romero	Ethan Wallace
Gustavo Miniz	Ivelysse Rosbozom	*Ashlyn Weakley
Angelina Molina	Alexander Roy	Boden Whiting
Alana Morris	Daniel Ruso	John Wilary
Kieran Mounce	Scarlett Salisbury	Clayton Williams Jr
Emily Moxon	Teresa Santana	*Mia Williams
Juan Munoz	***Molly Sapienza	Hurley Williams-Ross
Jack Murphy	Carter Sardi	Meadow Wisenburn
Kathryn Myers	Devin Sardi	**Sophia Xiao
Maria Myers	Said Bilal Sayd Younos	DuMyarre Yarbrough
Ashutosh Nagothi	Chloe Scaccia	*McKenna Yonally
Anna Nassivera	Tanner Scaccia	*Tiffany Zhuo
Preston O'Neil	*Karina Schmid	
Ayotunde Odunaiya	Olivia Schultheis	
Tolulope Ogunsanwo	Aidan Scott	
**Andrew Orcutt	Kylon Sealey	
**Kendyl Ouimette	Mackenzie Seeley	
Xiell Owens	**Isabella Seibert	
Kevin Oxbridge	**Hugh Senecal	
Thomas Pallone	John Senecal	
Mya Parkinson	Kayla Senich	
Cheyann Parslow	***Umaiza Shah	
Keara Peace	Isabelle Shanno +	

January Grad - +

***SUMMA CUM LAUDE - With Highest Honor
**MAGNA CUM LAUDE - With High Honor
*CUM LAUDE - With Honor

Honor Graduates are wearing Gold cords.

Business & Marketing National Honor Society Members are wearing Navy Blue & Silver cords.

German National Honor Society Members are wearing Red, Black & Yellow cords.

National Honor Society Members are wearing Navy Blue & Gold cords and Gold tassels.

New York State Seal of Biliteracy Members are wearing Gold Medals.

New York State Seal of Civic Readiness Members are wearing Blue Medals.

Rho Kappa National Honor Society Members are wearing Royal & White cords.

Science National Honor Society Members are wearing Purple, Green & Gold cords.

**GRADUATES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION
INTO THESE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTIONS, BRANCHES OF THE MILITARY,
AND TRADE SCHOOLS**

Adelphi University
Albany College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Albright College
Alfred State College
Alfred University
American University
Amherst College
Anna Maria College
Appalachian State University
Arcadia University
Arizona State University
Assumption University
Auburn University
Bard College
Barton College
Bay Path University
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Berry College
Binghamton University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowling Green State University
Brown University
Bryant University
Bucknell University
University of California-Davis
University of California-Riverside
Canisius University
Carthage College
Case Western Reserve University
University of Central Florida
Champlain College
Chapman University
College of Charleston
Christopher Newport University
CUNY City College
Clark University
Clarkson University
Coastal Carolina University
Colby-Sawyer College
Colgate University
University of Colorado Boulder
Colorado State University
Connecticut College
University of Connecticut
Cornell University
The University of New York - CUNY

Daemen University
Dean College
University of Delaware
University of Denver
Drew University
Drexel University
East Carolina University
Elizabethtown College
Elmira College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emmanuel College
Emory University
Endicott College
Fairfield University
Farmingdale State College
Fashion Institute of Technology
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida International University
Florida Southern College
Fordham University
Franklin Pierce University
Furman University
George Mason University
Georgetown University
Georgian Court University
Gettysburg College
University of Hartford
Hartwick College
High Point University
Hobart and William Smith
Hofstra University
College of the Holy Cross
Hudson Valley Community College
University of Illinois at Urbana
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
University of Iowa
Ithaca College
James Madison University
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University
Keuka College
Lafayette College
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
Lasell University

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Le Moyne College
Long Island University
Loyola Marymount University
University of Maine
Manhattan University
Manhattanville University
Marist University
Maryland Institute College of Art
University of Maryland
Marymount University
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Massachusetts-Boston
University of Massachusetts-Lowell
McDaniel College
Merrimack College
University of Michigan
Monroe Community College
Mount Saint Mary College
Mount St. Mary's University
Nazareth University
University of New England
University of New Hampshire
University of New Haven
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York Institute of Technology
New York University
Niagara University
Norfolk State University
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina Wilmington
North Central College
Northeastern University
Nova Southeastern University
Ohio State University
Ohio University
Pace University
Paul Smiths College of Arts and Science
Pennsylvania State University
University of Pittsburgh
Pratt Institute
Providence College
Purdue University
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rhode Island College
Rhode Island School of Design
University of Rhode Island
Rice University
Rider University
Rochester Institute of Technology
University of Rochester
Roger Williams University
Rowan University
Russell Sage College
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
Saint Anselm College
Saint Joseph's College of Maine
Saint Louis University
Saint Michael's College
Salve Regina University
Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing
Schenectady County Community College
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
University of Scranton
Seton Hall University
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania
Siena College
Skidmore College
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
Southern Connecticut State University
Springfield College
St. Bonaventure University
St. John Fisher University
St. John's University
St. Thomas Aquinas College
State University of New York at New Paltz
Stockton University
Stonehill College
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
SUNY Brockport
SUNY Broome Community College
SUNY Buffalo State
SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at
Cobleskill
SUNY Cortland
SUNY College of Environmental Science and
Forestry
SUNY College at Geneseo

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SUNY Morrisville
SUNY Oneonta
SUNY College at Potsdam
SUNY College of Technology at Canton
SUNY College of Technology at Delhi
SUNY Fredonia
SUNY Maritime College
SUNY College at Oswego
SUNY College at Plattsburgh
SUNY at Purchase College
SUNY Polytechnic Institute
Syracuse University
The University of Tennessee
The George Washington University
Thomas Jefferson University
Tiffin University
Trine University
Union College
United States Air Force
United States Army
United States Marine Corps
United States Navy
University at Albany, SUNY
University at Buffalo
University of Pikeville
Ursinus College
Utica University
Vassar College
Vermont State University
University of Vermont
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech
University of Virginia
Wagner College
Washington University in St. Louis
West Virginia University
Western Michigan University
Western New England University
Westfield State University
Wheaton College
Worcester State University