

COMMENCEMENT

Guilford College

May 17, 2025

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One Hundred Eighty-Eighth Year

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Saturday, May 17, 2025 One Hundred Eighty-Eighth Year

Prelude		
Processional		David Thomas, Jr. & Jeremy Atkinson Bagpipers
Invocation		
Welcome		Jean Parvin Bordewich Acting President
Presentation of the Algernon Sydney Sulli Lyons Gray	ivan Award	Jean Parvin Bordewich
Greetings from the Student Body Presider	nt	Jacob Mitchell '25
Does the World Say?by Kyle Pederson Oli Metwally '28 & A'Niyia Dancy, Soloists	Directed	Guilford College Choir l by Wendy Looker, Professor of Music Norris Norwood, Piano
Speaker for the Class		Julia Spoor '25
Presentation of Honorary Degree Mary de Rachewiltz	 Do	Jean Parvin Bordewich octor of Humane Letters, honoris causa
Introduction of Featured Speaker		Jean Parvin Bordewich
From Commencement to Commitment, Co	-	
Recognition of Honor Graduates		Kami Rowan st & Charles A. Dana Professor of Music
Presentation of the Class		Kami Rowan
Conferring of Degrees		Jean Parvin Bordewich
Congratulations to the Class of 2025		David Grimsley '00
Alma Mater and Recessional		Guilford College Choir So our hearts and voices joining Echo Guilford's ancient fame. Hallow'd be thine each endeavor.
Now upon our spirits shine.	Strengthen us, dispel our fears.	Hallow'd be fair Guilford's name.

Audience will please remain at their seats and refrain from blocking the aisles until all graduates have recessed.

Please join us for a reception in Founders Hall immediately following the ceremony,

with music by the Guilford Jazz Quartet

COMMENCEMENT ROSTER for 2025

Lutfi Abdullah Almushrqui, M.B.A., Business Administration **

Gabriel Alvarez, M.B.A., Business Administration **

Adam James Anderson, M.S., International Sport Management **

Jacob James Atkins, M.B.A., Business Administration **

Savannah Nicole Avila, M.B.A., Business Administration **

Bailey Baker, M.B.A., Business Administration **

Ananya Bernardo, M.B.A., Business Administration **

Louis Bolling, M.S., International Sport Management **

Sandra Charlene Brown, M.S., Criminal Justice

Julius Isaiah Burch, M.B.A., Business Administration **

Grace Ann Calus, M.B.A., Business Administration **

Alli Joe Clemens, M.B.A., Business Administration **

Tyler Wayne Dearman, M.S., International Sport Management **

Isaiah Lee Hairston, M.B.A., Business Administration **

Nicholas David Honkomp, M.B.A., Business Administration **

Vanessa Maria Jasiewicz, M.S., International Sport Management

Ashley Jasso-Hernandez, M.S., Criminal Justice

Leslie Jasso-Hernandez, M.S., Criminal Justice

Abby Horton Langston, M.B.A., Business Administration **

Alexis Dawn Lester, M.B.A., Business Administration **

Robert Littlejohn, M.S., International Sport Management **

Gracie Elizabeth Mayer, M.B.A., Business Administration **

Dirk Meinhart, M.B.A., Business Administration **

Jordan Troy Moody, M.S., International Sport Management **

Delaney Jude Nightingale, M.S., International Sport Management **

Illah Pius Ojonugwa, M.B.A., Business Administration *

Madeline Christine Page, M.B.A., Business Administration **

Reagan Palombo, M.S., International Sport Management **

Dominik Pocrnja, M.S., International Sport Management **

Chloe Alexandra Pope, M.S., Criminal Justice

Nicholas Peter Rodriguez, Sr., M.S., Criminal Justice

Raye Ann Shane, M.S., Criminal Justice

Joey Strong, Jr., M.S., International Sport Management **

Kyshon Tate, M.S., International Sport Management **

Jennifer Urdaneta, M.S., Criminal Justice

Kiersten Leigh Walker, M.S., Criminal Justice and Psychology

Bridgette Darlene Welborn, M.B.A., Business Administration **

Patricia P. Whitebread, M.B.A., Business Administration **

Aaron Joel Williams, M.B.A., Business Administration

Rakan Nezar Abdulbagi, B.S., Sport Management **

Bartelo Suarez Rivaldo Aguilar, B.S., Exercise & Sport Sciences

Blanca Eileen Anaya Arias, B.S., Biology

Gahel Arango-Sosa, B.S., Computing Technology & Information Systems

Alicia Marili Arias, B.S., Psychology

Joel Omar Banegas, B.S., Biology ***

Riley Barnes, B.S., Chemistry

Ella K. Bartholomew, B.S., Public Health

Cooper Harrison Bean, A.B., Environmental Studies **

Samantha Beaumonte, B.S., Forensic Biology

Max Hammond Bender, A.B., Creative Writing

Cassandra M. Berry, B.S., Biology and Health Sciences

Carter James Blum, B.S., Sport Management **

Madison Bravo-Silva, B.S., Psychology

Madelyn Rose Briggs, B.S., Biology and Health Sciences

Arthayuga Briscoe, B.S., Computing Technology & Information Systems

D'ronte Molik Burnett-Sauls, A.B., Education Studies

Devon Reese Burrell, B.S., Biology

Jordan Burrough, B.S., Criminal Justice

Paige Butler, A.B., Sustainable Food Systems

Ben Nicholas Caine, A.B., Political Science ***

cairna, B.S., Community & Justice Studies, Experience Design and Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies

Brian Campbell, B.S., Criminal Justice *

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Ricardo Jose Canty, B.S., Business Administration

Nicholas Carratu, A.B., Religious Studies

Devin Chavis, B.S., Business Administration

Bryson Coe, B.S., Exercise & Sport Sciences

Andres A. Colon, B.S., Psychology *

Claude Cormack, Jr., B.S., Criminal Justice

Philip John Couillard, B.S., Exercise & Sport Sciences

Parker Cumbea, B.S., Accounting and Business Administration

Joshua Davis, B.S., Biology and Health Sciences

Taylor Nicole Davis, B.S., Biology and Health Sciences

Ellie Dieth, A.B., Peace & Conflict Studies and Sustainable Food Systems

Gabriel Joseph Douglass, B.S., Exercise & Sport Sciences and Health Sciences

Walker Duling, B.S., Biology

Wyatt Dwyer, B.S., Exercise & Sport Sciences

Daniya Elmubarak, A.B., Forensic Biology

Betina Faga Bergallo, B.S., Sport Management

Nicholas Farrar, A.B., Integrative Studies ***

Caleb Farrish, B.S., Sport Management ***

Faith Ann Fennell, A.B., Forensic Biology *

Jay Fletcher, A.B., History

Nala Nader Foqahaa, A.B., Economics and Analytics

Clara Margaret Fuehler, A.B., Art and English & Media Studies

Josue Jahir Fuentes Mendoza, B.S., Business Administration

Yancy Natasha Chanchavac Garcia, B.S., Criminal Justice

Samantha Jean Gibbs, B.S., Criminal Justice **

Caleb Gilmore, A.B., Sustainable Food Systems

Gerardo Gonzalez, B.S., Sport Management **

Ezekiel Jeremiah Jase Gravley, B.S., Business Administration

Brandy R. Gray, A.B., Creative Writing

Shiloh Leighann Gray, B.S., Criminal Justice and Forensic Biology

Freddrick Abram Greene, A.B., Creative Writing

William Michael Greene, B.S., Computing Technology & Information Systems

Mitchell Griffin, B.S., Accounting

Shante Griffin Lipscomb, B.S., Community & Justice Studies

Corey Robert Scott Grunenberg, B.S., Psychology

Jonathan Guevara-Gonzalez, B.S., Cyber & Network Security *

Jesse Aldair Guzman Perez, B.S., Business Administration

Isaiah Lee Hairston, M.B.A., Business Administration **

Jael Hall, B.S., Exercise & Sport Sciences

Jared Thomas Hardison, B.S., Criminal Justice

Ebony Harper, B.S., Cyber & Network Security *

Percy Ray Harper Jr., B.S., Sport Management ***

Vaughn Harris Jr., B.S., Business Administration ***

Bryan G. Hawks, B.S., Criminal Justice

Nora Hayden, B.S., Biology

Ariel Noel Haynes, B.S., Exercise & Sport Sciences and Health Sciences

Josephine Taylor Hemmer, A.B., Art and Political Science ***

Jennifer Hernandez-Martinez, B.S., Psychology and Education Studies

Tamryn Alexis Herring, A.B., English & Media Studies

Malcolm John Henry Hill, B.M., Music and Education Studies *

Trevor Holder, A.B., Political Science

Aaron Holt, B.S., Criminal Justice *

Gabrielle Elizabeth Howard, B.S., Psychology

Joshua Howard, B.S., Business Administration

Griffin Icenhower, B.S., Mathematics and Physics ***

Shanna L. Jackson, A.B., History *

Zakir Shafee Jackson, B.S., Chemistry

Jacqueline Jimenez-Patricio, B.S., Psychology **

Vanessa Johnson, B.S., Criminal Justice and Psychology*

Katrina Tracey Jones, B.S., Business Administration

Tyrone Kanu, B.S., Business Administration

Elise Kaplan, A.B., Education Studies

Brodey Cornell King, B.S., Exercise & Sport Sciences **

Hannah Margaret Lambeth, B.S., Sport Management **

Elena Lief-Stetson, A.B., Education Studies

Ashley Elizabeth Linden, B.S., Chemistry

Margaret Murray Mahanes, B.S., Chemistry

Jennah Malik, A.B., Music **

Kindra Mancini, A.B., Creative Writing

Kelly Ann McCallum, B.S., Psychology

Elijah McGowen, B.S., Accounting

Lexi McGraw, B.M., Music and Education Studies

Collin Thomas McGuire, B.S., Psychology

Izaac Richard McGuire, B.S., Business Administration

Courtney Dawn McMillian, B.S., Business Administration

Amy Lynn McRoberts, A.B., History *

Anduan Lamar Merriman Jr., A.B., History ***

Jackson Evan Miles, A.B., Integrative Studies

Jacob Mitchell, A.B., Religious Studies and Psychology

Blake Alexander Moore, B.S., Accounting

Madison Nicole Musgrave, B.S., Accounting

Khuron Na, B.S., Exercise & Sport Sciences ***

Isabel Marie Nazario, B.S., Psychology **

Jeanlila Nery Lopez, B.S., Biology **

Zoey Anastasia Norris, B.S., Business Administration

Rolando Ortiz-Parada, B.S., Business Administration

Ariel Symone Ottley, B.S., Public Health

Karrie Leigh Parrish, B.S., Community & Justice Studies

Emma Patterson, B.S., Business Administration **

Rogelio Perez-Montero, B.S., Computing Technology & Information Systems and Cyber & Network Security

Maia K. Perkins, B.S., Business Administration ***

Carleigh Perry, B.S., Exercise & Sport Sciences

Jacob Alexander Phillips, B.S., Exercise & Sport Sciences

Adrian Pineda Villeda, B.S., Business Administration

Kyle Parker Pisciotta, A.B., Environmental Studies

Jamal Pitts, B.S., Biology

Holden Zane Poindexter, B.S., Exercise & Sport Sciences

Kayonia Arneshia Price, A.B., Sociology/Anthropology

Luke Wesley Proctor, B.S., Business Administration

Carlos Ramirez-Morales, B.S., Computing Technology & Information Systems

Jack Neal Ratliff, A.B., Experience Design ***

Jacob Evan Ray, B.S., Business Administration

Sandra Vanessa Reyes Soto, A.B., Political Science *

James Julius Rice, B.S., Exercise & Sport Sciences

Ashley Robeson, B.S., Psychology and Public Health ***

Loni Robinson, B.S., Psychology

Alexandria Rodriguez, B.S., Exercise & Sport Sciences **

Liliana Rojas, B.S., Criminal Justice **

Carlos Alejandro Romero Valladares, B.S., Accounting and History

Jennifer Nicole Sari, B.S., Forensic Biology **

* December 2024 graduate

Shamara Satterfield, B.S., Biology

Sarah M. Sheets, B.S., Computing Technology & Information Systems and Experience Design

Matthias Shingleton, A.B., Environmental Studies

Jenna Lee Shotton, B.S., Accounting

Nicklaus Sigmon, B.S., Sport Management *

Andrew Phillip Sizemore, B.S., Sport Management *

Julia Spoor, A.B., Education Studies

Blayne James-Daniel Stewart, B.S., Criminal Justice

K. Stivers, A.B., History

Michael Brendan Sumner, B.S., Cyber & Network Security **

Noelle Syrigos McGinn, B.S., Business Administration *

Ian Wesley Taylor, B.S., Sport Management ***

Robert Igor Tennant, A.B., Experience Design

Devin Matthew Tonkins, B.S., Sport Management ***

Grayson Bray "T'Time" Tudor, B.S., Business Administration ***

Cassie Anne Turner, B.S., Accounting and Business Administration

Nikki Tuttle, A.B., Political Science ***

Chase Alexander Wade, B.S., Exercise & Sport Sciences

Kiersten Leigh Walker, B.S., Criminal Justice and Psychology **

Noah C. West, B.S., Biology *

Pierce Whitlock, B.S., Sport Management ***

Farrah Lynn Wilde, A.B., Art

Hannah Wilson, B.S., Community & Justice Studies ***

Evan R. Wong, B.S., Computing Technology & Information Systems

Aimery Alan Workman, B.S., Exercise & Sport Sciences ***

Natsumi Yonezawa, A.B., Sustainable Food Systems

Ashtyn Taylor Zeigler, B.S., Exercise & Sport Sciences *

GRADUATE HONORS

Gold honor cords denote students graduating with High Honors and Honors.

GRADUATING with HIGH HONORS

(Cumulative grade point average of 3.70 or greater)

Lutfi Abdullah Almushrqui Alicia Marili Arias Bailey Christian Baker Julius Isaiah Burch Paige Elizabeth Butler Grace Ann Calus cairna Alli Joe Clemens

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Parker Cumbea
Tyler Wayne Dearman
Gabriel Joseph Douglass

Betina Faga Bergallo

Jay Fletcher Brandy R. Gray Shiloh Leighann Gray William Michael Greene Corey Robert Scott Grunenberg

Jael Hall Tamryn Alexis Herring Zakir Shafee Jackson Vanessa Maria Jasiewicz
Ashley Jasso-Hernandez
Leslie Jasso-Hernandez
Brodey Cornell King
Abby Horton Langston
Gracie Elizabeth Mayer
Elijah McGowen
Lexi McGraw
Collin Thomas McGuire
Izaac Richard McGuire
Dirk Blakeley Meinhart
Madison Nicole Musgrave
Isabel Marie Nazario

Jeanlila Nery Lopez
Delaney Jude Nightingale
Zoey Anastasia Norris
Rolando Ortiz-Parada
Madeline Christine Page
Reagan Palombo

Karrie Parrish Rogelio Perez-Montero Dominik Pocrnja Chloe Alexandra Pope Nicholas Peter Rodriguez, Sr.

Liliana Rojas
Jennifer Nicole Sari
Raye Ann Shane
Sarah M. Sheets
Matthias Shingleton
Jenna Lee Shotton
K. Stivers

Jennifer Michelle Urdaneta
Kiersten Leigh Walker
Noah C. West
Patricia P. Whitebread
Farrah Lynn Wilde
Aaron Joel Williams
Evan R. Wong
Natsumi Yonezawa

GRADUATING with HONORS

(Cumulative grade point average between 3.50 and 3.69)

Gabriel Joseph Alvarez
Gahel Arango-Sosa
Savannah Nicole Avila
Ella Kathryn Bartholomew
Cooper Harrison Bean
Ananya Bernardo
Cassandra M. Berry
Carter James Blum

Madelyn Rose Briggs
Devon Reese Burrell
Claude Cormack
Joshua Davis
Taylor Nicole Davis
Hannah Elizabeth Dieth
Clara Margaret Fuehler
Josue Jahir Fuentes Mendoza

Yancy Natasha Chanchavac Garcia Isaiah Lee Hairston Nora Hayden Nicholas David Honkomp Vanessa Johnson Hannah Margaret Lambeth Elena Lief-Stetson Ashley Elizabeth Linden Margaret Murray Mahanes Jacob Livingston Mitchell Delaney Jude Nightingale Jacob Alexander Phillips Carlos Ramirez-Morales Shamara Satterfield Cassie Anne Turner Ashtyn Taylor Zeigler

GRADUATING with DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

(3.50 grade point average in the major including independent study and a research paper)

Grace Ann Calus - Criminal Justice
Nicholas Carratu - Religious Studies & Ethics
Clara Margaret Fuehler - English & Media Studies
Shiloh Gray - Criminal Justice
Tamryn Alexis Herring - English & Media Studies

Ashley Jasso-Hernandez - Criminal Justice
Leslie Jasso-Hernandez - Criminal Justice
Brodey Cornell King - Exercise & Sport Sciences
Rogelio Perez-Montero - Computing Technology & Information
Systems
Noah C. West - Biology

GUILFORD COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

Ella K. Bartholomew Cassandra M. Berry Madelyn Rose Briggs Devon Reese Burrell Grace Ann Calus Taylor Nicole Davis Gabriel Joseph Douglass Clara Margaret Fuehler Shiloh Leighann Gray Nora Hayden Josephine Taylor Hemmer

Tamryn Alexis Herring Ashley Jasso-Hernandez Leslie Jasso-Hernandez Brodey Cornell King Rogelio Perez-Montero Noah C. West

FEATURED SPEAKER

Cheryl L. Johnson, the 36th individual to serve as Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, presided over the House during the historic election in 2023 that required 15 ballots before Kevin McCarthy was elected as Speaker of the House for the 118th Congress. She previously served during the 116th and 117th Congresses, having been appointed by Speaker Nancy Pelosi. During her unprecedented tenure, she oversaw the development of electronic bill introduction and transparent proxy voting, in response to the global pandemic.

Before becoming Clerk, Cheryl worked for nearly 20 years in the House followed by 13 years at the Smithsonian Institution. She was the Chief Education and Investigative Counsel for the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, where she served as a principal policy advisor and spokesperson for the Committee. Most recently, she served as Director of External Affairs for the U.S. Agency for Global Media.

Cheryl earned her bachelor's degree in Journalism and Mass Communication from the University of Iowa and her law degree from Howard University. She is also a graduate of the senior management program at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

STUDENT SPEAKER

Julia Spoor '25 came to Guilford from the Philadelphia area in 2021. She majored in Elementary Education with a concentration in Environmental Education and minored in both Religious and Environmental Studies. Julia enjoyed her outdoor lectures, class field trips and other experiential learning opportunities. She is most proud of the time she served as president of the Biohazard Ultimate Frisbee Club, a teacher's assistant in the Religious Studies Department and a student worker in the College's mailroom. Julia is passionate about children's rights and environmental sustainability. After graduation, she is excited to begin her teaching career at New Garden Friends School as lead teacher in the transitional kindergarten class.

ALUMNI SPEAKER

David Grimsley '00 majored in Anthropology & Sociology with a minor in Biology. He was obsessed with the Guilford College woods, venturing out to discover all the flora and fauna, which was different from his coastal South Carolina upbringing. He studied abroad in Brunnenburg (Italy) and managed the vineyard for two years after graduation. It was there that he developed a passion for agriculture, and he has been involved in sustainable agriculture and farming ever since. When Hurricane Helene hit western North Carolina last year, David assisted with rescue and recovery efforts for months. He became a conduit of communication between victims and relief workers, raising significant funds that went directly to the people impacted.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Guilford is presenting the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, to **Mary de Rachewiltz**, an Italian-American scholar, poet, translator and long-term contributor to the College's study abroad program at the Brunnenburg Castle in northern Italy. Mary, who is 99, taught a poetry course to Guilford students from the inception of the program in 1992 through 2014. A daughter of American poet Ezra Pound and violinist Olga Rudge, she embodies Guilford values of excellence, simplicity and stewardship. Having only a few years of formal higher education, Mary became an accomplished poet and scholar.

CORDS AND STOLES

Academic Resource Center - Red Cord
BioHazard Ultimate Frisbee - Orange Cord
Black Student Union - Kente Cloth
Bonner Scholars - Purple Stole
Ethical Leaders - Teal & Gold Stole
German Club - Red/Yellow/Black Cord
Guilford Student Body Association
Burgundy Stole

Hispanos Unidos de Guilford (HUG) Serape Stole

Honors Program - Red Cord

Honors Students - Gold Cord

International Students Country/Flags

LGBTQIA+ - Lavender Cord

Marshals - Burgundy Cords

Multicultural Leadership Scholars Program (MLSP) - Black & Gold Cords Philanthropy - Red & White Cord

Orientation Leaders - Burgundy Stole

Reaching Out for Animal Rights (ROAR) - Purple Cord

Residence Advisors & Assistant Community Directors - Burgundy Stole

STEM Club - Green Cord

Student-Athletes - White Stole

Voices of Victory - Tan Cord

FACULTY MARSHAL

Suzanne Bartels - Director of Hege Library and Learning Technologies

STUDENT MARSHALS

Faculty select new student marshals during the spring semester from sophomores and first-semester juniors with a 3.0 GPA who show dependability and responsibility to represent the student body at College functions.

Burgundy honor cords denote graduating marshals.

Undergraduate student marshals assisting with Commencement are wearing burgundy gowns.

LEAD STUDENT MARSHAL

Maeve Dunkerley '27

STUDENT MARSHALS

Elivia Armstrong '26 Chris Anderson '26 Angel Aragon '26 Isis Cervantes '26 Maggie Christensen '27 Kiki Dixon '26 Brandon Esquivel-Saucedo '27 Benjamin Finkelstein '27 Cole Flaherty '26 Stephanie Olvera Flores '26 Olivia Folsom '27 Mo Agha Mohammadi'26 Haley Brooke Pasour '26 Yarisbel Espinoza Rivera '28 Candace Strombeck '26 Trenton Torain '26 Maribeth VanHook '26 Kylie Wood '26

THE GUILFORD COLLEGE CHOIR

Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Rasun Abdelrasoul ECG	Blanca Eileen Anaya Arias '25	Alex Fox	Ahmaad Abdul-Haqq'26
Aixa Araujo	A'Niyia Dancy '28	Joseph Lambert '26	Richard Acquaye '28
Amanda Brier '27	Kamya McColl '28	Samanyu Manjunath ECG	Igor Tennant '25
Ashu Chinapaga ECG	Lexi McGraw '25	Shemar Roberts '26	Jahmarley Vivens '26
Janet Ngo '27	Ananya Ramesh '27	Raine Singleton '25	
Destini Nyorkor '26	Vanessa Ramos-Medrano '27		Accompanist
Kaitlyn LaFleur	Karen Zhang ECG		Norris Norwood
Oliver Metwally '28			
Bess Parnell '28			

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Samer Atiani '06
Carla Brenner '73
Glynis Hill-Chandler '78
Suresh Chandra
Wendy Gates Corbett '91
Shannon Craigo-Snell '92

Bill Davis Daniel D. Mosca
Harrison Hickman '75 Paula Barnes Sours '76
David J. Hopkins '91 Darryl A. Spivey, Ph. D.
D. Brennen Keene '91 Frederick H. Taylor Jr. '77
Ronnie Lowenstein '73 Grace E. Terrell M.D.
Brian Lowit '98 Johnny Wood '74

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EMERITI TRUSTEES

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Victor I. Flow, Jr. Howard T. Hinshaw '60
James T. Forsythe Edward C. Winslow, III, Board Chair
Emeritus

BOARD OFFICERS

Jean Parvin Bordewich, Acting College President Keith Millner '82, Acting Chief Operating Officer Meredeth D. Summers, Assistant Secretary

Daniel D. Mosca, Acting Chair Paula Barnes Sours '76, Vice Chair Wendy Gates Corbett '91, Secretary Frederick H. Taylor Jr. '77, Treasurer