May 20 and 21

Commencement 2017
Dear Class of 2017,

Congratulations on earning your degree from the University of Hartford. Whether you have earned an associate, bachelor’s, master’s, or doctoral degree, this is a significant accomplishment in your life. I hope you, your family, and friends take this moment to celebrate your achievement and reflect on the hard work and intellectual joy that have made it possible.

I know you also realize that you did not achieve this by yourself. Without the love and support of your family and friends, without the challenge and support from our faculty and staff, without the collective support of this learning community, none of this would have happened. I’m frequently asked what makes the University of Hartford distinctive, and I always reply that it is the relationships that are formed here that are the basis of our community. I hope you are thankful for that today. I know I am.

Today is also a commencement for me: after 19 years as president, I am retiring. So, like you, I am completing my journey at the University and commencing the rest of my life, even though it took me a little longer than it took any of you. Like you, I am thankful for what the University provided me, and I will take the lessons I have learned here forward with me, along with wonderful memories and strong friendships that will remain with me for the rest of my life.

I am proud to be a member (if only metaphorically) of the class of 2017. I know that my involvement with the University, with Hawk Nation, will not end today. And neither will yours. I urge you to take advantage of the benefits of the alumni association, just as I will.

Mostly, I will remember what a privilege it has been to be a member of this University community. These have been the most joyful and fulfilling years of my life, as I hope they have been for you, too. I hope the values of the University will guide us as we move forward into the next phase of our lives.

Go Hawks!

Walter Harrison
President
ALMA MATER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD

The Red and the White

words: Henry Fonte
music: Stephen Michael Gryc

THE HARTT SCHOOL BRASS QUINTET
Peter DelMonaco, trumpet
Rob Earhart, trombone
Matthew Guerra, trumpet
Jarod Serwecki, tuba
Shondra Texiera, timbres

FACULTY MARSHALS

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES—Saturday, May 20, and Sunday, May 21, 2017

Faculty Marshals
Special Marshals
Robert H. Davis, University Marshal
Lisa Zawilinski, Processional Marshal
Caryn Christensen, Marshal for the Administration and Academic Deans
Maria Freday, Marshal for the Regents
Jane Horvath, Marshal for the President’s Party (Saturday)
Laura Pena, Marshal for the President’s Party (Sunday)
Joshua Russell, Marshal for the Faculty
Gabor Viragh, Marshal for the Faculty
Donna Menhart, Marshal for the Students (Saturday)
Paige Bray, Marshal for the Students (Saturday)
Katharine Owens, Marshal for the Candidates, Reader (Saturday)

College of Arts and Sciences
Natalie Politikos, Chief Marshal
Tony Creapi, Chief Marshal
Sarah Kritz
Eric Malton
Mala Matacin
Jack Powell
Natasha Segool

Barney School of Business
Carl Smith, Chief Marshal (Saturday)
Jerry Katrizhik, Chief Marshal (Sunday)
Andy Hao
Lillian Kamal
Celia R. Lofink
Michael Patterson
Gina L.S. Pines
Narendra Dandekar

College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions
Peter Oliver, Chief Marshal
Theresa Abdeelba-Gentile
Karen Case
Karen Duhamel
Kim Groot
John Leard
Colleen Munoz
Sandra Saavedra
Kori Stewart
Lisa Zawilinski

College of Engineering, Technology, and Architecture
Saeid Moslehpour, Chief Marshal (Saturday)
Lad Nagurney, Chief Marshal (Sunday)
Sigríður Bjarnadóttir
Daniel Davis
Sahash Ghosh
Krista Hill
Andrea Kwaczala
Michael Nowak
Elizabeth Perry

Hartford Art School
Colin McMullan, Chief Marshal

The Hartt School
Annamarie Davis, Chief Marshal (Saturday)
Donna Menhart, Chief Marshal (Sunday)
Mehmet Dede
Gabor Viragh
David Watson

Hillyer College
Brent Goodwin, Chief Marshal
Stefan Sadowski
Mareisa Cloutier
Jonathan Dagle

University Studies
Regina Graziani, Chief Marshal

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The Walter Harrison Medal for Outstanding Leadership recognizes an individual whose dedication to the University has been extraordinary and sustained, whose vision has been transformative, whose commitment to diversity and inclusivity has been exemplary, and whose leadership has advanced the University’s academic excellence, financial strength, sense of community, and overall reputation with internal and external constituencies.

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Harrison’s tenure included two significant national economic downturns, yet the University’s academic quality, finances, and fundraising have all improved dramatically. The University has experienced a period of energy and vitality unmatched in its history. Harrison has been instrumental in maintaining and promoting diversity on campus, where the student body is now three times more diverse than it was in 1998, and includes students from 63 countries. He has overseen the introduction of many new degree programs and has championed a renewal and restoration of the University’s physical campus.

The University’s vibrant relationship with the Greater Hartford community is a hallmark of Harrison’s leadership, as evidenced by the Hartford Business Journal. Harrison is recognized as a leader in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), has conferred numerous academic degrees and scholarships on students, and has expanded the University’s presence in the community through his tenure.

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Growing up in Vermont, Lyla O’Brien ’17 says her oceanic experience was limited by geography. During her junior year at the University, she read Rachel Carson’s The Sea Around Us, which helped her find her passion and begin “a long and unpredictable love affair with the sea.”

A biology and environmental studies minor, O’Brien is the first University of Hartford student to receive a prestigious Greater Research Opportunities Fellowship from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The program provided financial support for O’Brien’s junior and senior years, as well as funding for environmental research with the EPA in Narragansett, R.I. Her work involved a wetland restoration project on Martha’s Vineyard and the study of long-term water quality in Narragansett Bay.

“I have mentored approximately 30 college-age students while working at the U.S. EPA and I believe Lyla to be in the top five percent of these students in terms of her intellect and motivation to achieve,” wrote EPA Research Ecologist John G. Martin, who always recognized that technology starts with people.

The University presented O’Brien with awards for excellence and outstanding achievement in the courses Molecular Cellular Biology and Developmental Biology, as well as the Rachel Carson Award for Ecology. Her academic advisor, Associate Professor of Biology and Environmental Studies Program Director Bin Zhu, recruited O’Brien to work on a study funded by the University’s Women’s Advancement Initiative on “flipped” classes in life sciences.

Other research projects include one with Zhu on water quality and the biodiversity of aquatic plants, and another with Assistant Professor of Biology Adam Silver that focused on identifying the virulence factors of staph aureus, a strain of bacteria. In addition, she worked as a tutor and a chemistry lab teaching assistant.

O’Brien served as a course assistant for a marine debris policy class taught by Katharine Owens, associate professor of public and environmental politics and director of the All-University Curriculum. “She’s an excellent student with all the qualities needed to become a creative, thoughtful, and innovative scientist,” Owens wrote.

Through the John G. Martin Scholarship, O’Brien will pursue a degree in Biodiversity, Conservation, and Management at the University of Oxford this fall.
Many students have been known to flock to mechanical engineering courses taught by Cy Yavuzturk, PhD, but even more seek him out for advice. As chair of the Department of Mechanical Engineering and one of the University’s most dedicated academic advisors, he seems to have a near-infinite capacity for guiding students and preparing them for the demands of a professional career. The Roy E. Larsen Award recognizes Yavuzturk’s excellence in teaching and contributions to University life.

“I owe the start of my career to Professor Yavuzturk, who helped me find a paid co-op position that landed me my first job before I even graduated,” says Austen Williams ’14, application engineer at Clarcor, which is based in East Hartford, Conn. “My ability to solve problems, teach others, and care about my actions is directly related to the passion he put into his work and into my education. I worked harder than I ever did before his guidance.”

During his nearly 10 years teaching at the University of Hartford, Yavuzturk has earned some of the most consistent and highest student course evaluations within the College of Engineering, Technology, and Architecture (CETA). “He has a special talent for making his topics come alive for students so they become active learners and participants,” says Louis Manzione, dean of CETA. “His lectures are engaging and full of important insights into the material.”

Yavuzturk’s work with students extends beyond the classroom. He has given many undergraduate and graduate students hands-on learning opportunities by overseeing externally funded research programs for organizations like the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Energy, and Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Yavuzturk is the founder and faculty advisor for the University chapter of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), which consistently attracts dozens of students.

Yavuzturk has also applied his expertise and experience to many scholarly publications focused on topics related to thermo-fluids. As student success remains one of his highest priorities, his research has translated into the development of new mechanical engineering courses and concentrations, opening up career opportunities in areas like sustainable energy and conservation, and solar energy design.

Composer and pianist David Macbride ’73, DMA, has written numerous works, ranging from solo, chamber, and orchestral music to music for film, TV, dance, and theatre, with an emphasis on percussion. During his more than 30 years teaching composition and music theory at The Hartt School, he has inspired and mentored hundreds of students, many of whom have gone on to become noted professional musicians.

An alumnus of The Hartt School, Macbride is universally recognized as one of the world’s most important composers of percussion music. The Humphrey R. Tonkin Award for Scholarly and/or Artist Creativity recognizes his works that challenge musicians technically, musically, and emotionally. His ability to embrace life’s issues and struggles is evident in pieces such as “Staying the Course,” a composition known to “shake the listeners to their core,” as it presents one note for every soldier who died in the Iraq war.

As a pianist, Macbride has toured much of the world performing recitals and is also known for his innovative audience-centered compositions. A recent work, “Percussion Park,” is a musical landscape where the audience is invited to freely roam the performance site in search of the music. The commissioned piece “Silent Hands” features an American Sign Language interpreter as part of the ensemble, and is intended to show connections between the expressiveness of sign language and musical gestures.

Macbride’s artistic endeavors have had a major influence on his teaching. He founded The Hartt School’s “Composers Ensemble,” providing an outlet for student composers to perform their own works, and initiated a course encouraging students to perform locally, having presented countless concerts himself throughout the Greater Hartford area and earning the University’s Hartfords Community Service Award in 2007.

Reflecting on his career at the University, Macbride acknowledges his mentor, Professor Emeritus Edward Diemente: “He provided me with positive experiences that set the stage for my composing to develop into a lifelong hobby… I often remind my students that we are blessed to be in this world, the world of music, the world we live in.”

Catherine Cerro, PT, ScD, FAPTA, is a deserving winner of the Oscar and Shoshana Trachtenberg Award, which honors full-time faculty members for their sustained service to the University. Cerro, who joined the University in 1997, is chair of the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences in the College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions (ENHP) and director of the physical therapy program. Under her leadership, the department grew from one undergraduate program with approximately 50 students to four different degree programs serving about 245 undergraduate and 192 graduate students.

Cerro added the Master of Science in Prosthetics and Orthotics, the Transitional Master of Science in Prosthetics and Orthotics, and the Doctor of Physical Therapy programs. This growth has been a tremendous benefit to the University as well as the health care community.

Not only has Cerro done a remarkable job in her department, she has also made a huge difference on campus chairing numerous committees, including the Provost’s Commission on Compensation, the University Athletics Council, and the University’s Strategic Planning Initiative. As co-chair of the Strategic Planning Committee’s Solution Team V, Cerro developed recommendations on how to create a sustainable economic model for the University. With her leadership and creativity, the team identified several innovative tools, including the Student Success Collaborative, a web-based tool that identifies at-risk students and allows advisors to review data.

In addition to her expansive and ongoing record of service to the University, Cerro has also been an active leader in the community. She has held numerous elected positions in the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and the Connecticut Chapter of Physical Therapy Association.

“Shoshana and I are truly commited to community,” Cerro writes in her nomination letter. “The needs of the community have always driven my work.”

Jane Horvath, PhD, is an ideal recipient of the Oscar and Shoshana Trachtenberg Award for her sustained service to the University. Horvath joined the University in 1985 and has been teaching economics ever since. While her academic contributions are extensive, her dedication to the University extends far beyond the classroom. She has held many leadership positions, including her current roles as director of the Bachelor of Arts in Economics program in the College of Arts and Sciences, chair of the University Pre-Law Advising program, and senior adviser to University President Walter Harrison.

Horvath is founding the director of the van Rooy Center for Complexity and Conflict Analysis, an interdisciplinary initiative that fosters interdisciplinary collaboration, teaching, inquiry, and research. She is working with faculty across the University’s seven schools and colleges to develop a minor in complexity that will be open to any student, regardless of major.

Horvath chairs the University’s Values Committee, which was charged with establishing a set of shared values that represents the University community and with recommending ways to use it to strengthen a collective sense of community. Horvath and the Committee’s work was recognized by more than 1,200 faculty, staff, and students into the University Values Statement and she coined the often-quoted slogan, “Committed to Community.”

“Jane helps us live our values daily,” Assistant VP for Student Affairs Suzanne Anderson McNell wrote in her nomination letter. “She is always looking to give a helping hand, especially when it comes to improving the college experience for our students.”

Horvath has been an integral part of educating the community about bystander intervention and campus safety. As special assistant to the president on LGBT issues, Horvath supports LGBT students and their parents, trains Department of Athletics coaches and staff, informs campus policies, and advocates for the University to be inclusive and diverse.

Horvath earned her bachelor’s degree from Eastern Connecticut State College (currently Eastern Connecticut State University), and her master’s and Ph.D from the University of Connecticut.
Michael Horwitz
Assistant Professor of Academic Strategies
Hillyer College

Donald W. Davis
All-University Curriculum Award

Belle K. Ribicoff
Junior Faculty Prize

Daphne Berry
Assistant Professor of Management
Barney School of Business

With great energy and passion, Michael Horwitz, PhD, uses an interdisciplinary teaching approach that inspires students to think critically and see the connections between various subjects. As Stephan Bullard, associate professor of biology and assistant dean of research in the University’s Hillyer College, explains, Horwitz “broadens our students’ understanding of how different disciplines relate to one another, increases student grades, and increases Hillyer College’s retention.” An example of this approach is his popular All-University Curriculum (AUC) class Why We Talk, which takes up the study of the origins and evolution of language from the perspectives of fields such as anthropology, biology, linguistics, psychology, and culture. Student evaluations attest to the popularity of the class and his teaching style, “I feel that the whole class would strongly agree that he is one of our favorite professors and that we will miss that class,” one student wrote.

These qualities have earned Horwitz the Donald W. Davis All-University Curriculum Award, which honors faculty members who are effective interdisciplinary teachers and scholars; have contributed to the All-University Curriculum (AUC) program as a whole; and are advocates for interdisciplinary education.

In addition to developing and teaching new courses, Horwitz helps other professors start their own interdisciplinary courses. Since 2009, he has coordinated Hillyer College’s learning community initiative, a project linking courses from different disciplines and fostering collaborative work among professors. This past year, 50 percent of Hillyer students experienced a learning community in their first semester.

Horwitz’s creativity is evident in his passion for refining his teaching style to engage his students by constantly infusing new technologies, ideas, and pedagogies into his course. His creativity extends to the performing arts as he is a published composer and songwriter.

Horwitz, who joined the University in 2008, earned his bachelor’s in psychology with a minor in philosophy from the University of Richmond, a master’s in counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University, as well as a master’s in literacy and a PhD in theoretical linguistics from the City University of New York.

Daphne Berry, PhD, is an outstanding teacher and prolific published researcher in the fields of management and organizational behavior. She is passionate about sharing her expertise in employee ownership, worker cooperatives, and social enterprises with her students. Berry’s extensive accomplishments earned her the Belle K. Ribicoff Junior Faculty Prize, which recognizes an outstanding professor who is in a tenure-track position but is not yet tenured.

A dedicated mentor, Berry has been advising students since joining the University in 2012 and helps coach new faculty on advising. She is actively engaging an undergraduate student in a major research project on employee ownership and modest income workers. She also supervises honors theses for the Department of Management, Marketing, and Entrepreneurship.

In addition to teaching existing courses in the Barney School of Business, Berry has created two new popular classes. Socially Responsible Enterprises explores the way business organizations address the need for continuity between the social, environmental, and economic outcomes of business activity. Sustainable Workplaces in Northern Spain, which Berry developed with Professor of Management John Ogilvie, is a short-term study abroad class that focuses on sustainable business practices and social enterprises such as worker cooperatives. Each of these classes fulfills the Barney School’s mission of preparing leaders who are globally aware and socially responsible.

Berry already has eight blind peer-reviewed journal publications and five peer-reviewed book chapters, well above what is typical of other junior faculty approaching the tenure decision. She is an editorial board member of the Journal of Co-operative Organization and Management and Management and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion: An International Journal, another unusual accomplishment for someone at her career level. Deborah Kidder, Berry’s department chair, calls her a role model for other junior faculty.

“She is an inspired teacher, an accomplished scholar, a strong contributor to the life of this institution,” Kidder says. “She meets or exceeds every criteria for this prestigious award.”

Berry worked as an engineer early in her career after earning her bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from the University of Notre Dame and her master’s in electrical engineering from Rice University. She returned to academia to earn her PhD in management from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Rep. Richard E. Neal was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1988. Since that time, he has proven to be a champion for the constituencies he serves in western and central Massachusetts.

A native of Springfield, Massachusetts, Neal began his career in public service in 1973 as an assistant to Springfield Mayor William C. Sullivan. In 1977, he was elected to the Springfield City Council and served as president of the council in 1979. He was elected mayor of the City of Springfield and held that position from 1984 to 1988.

Neal is the ranking member of the Ways and Means Committee in the House. He is the dean of both the Massachusetts delegation and the New England Congressional Delegation.

Neal is the Democratic leader of the Friends of Ireland Caucus. He is a longtime lecturer at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and a national trustee of the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston.

Neal earned a Master of Public Administration from the University of Hartford’s Barney School of Business in 1976. He received his undergraduate degree in political science from American International College in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Neal has been granted many honorary degrees, including one from Mount Holyoke College, where he is a former trustee.

Dr. Richard J. “Rick” Gilfillan is president and chief executive officer of Trinity Health, the $16.3 billion Catholic health system that serves communities in 22 states with 93 hospitals, as well as 120 continuing care programs that include PACE; senior living facilities, and home care and hospice services. Trinity Health’s continuing care programs provide nearly 2.5 million visits annually.

For more than 30 years, Gilfillan has built successful organizations in the for-profit and not-for-profit sectors to deliver better outcomes for people and communities. As the first director of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), he launched the center in 2010 and worked quickly with payers and providers to develop innovative models for improving patient care and reducing costs.

Prior to his appointment at CMMI, Gilfillan was president and CEO of Geisinger Health Plan and executive vice president of insurance operations for Geisinger Health System, a large integrated health system in Pennsylvania. Previously, he was the senior vice president for national network management at Coventry Health Care. He also held earlier executive positions at Independence Blue Cross.

Gilfillan began his career as a family medicine physician and later became a medical director and a chief medical officer. He earned his undergraduate and medical degrees from Georgetown University and an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.
Commencement Speaker

Obie McKenzie is a managing director at BlackRock, the largest institutional asset management firm in the United States. He graduated from Tennessee State University in 1987 and received his Master of Business Administration from Harvard Business School in 1972. As a senior relationship manager for BlackRock, McKenzie is responsible for managing relationships with some of the largest pension funds in the United States, including the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, New York City Employees' Retirement System, and the Federal Reserve Employee Benefits System.

In 2010, McKenzie received the Richard A. Lothrop Outstanding Achievement Award from the Association of Investment Management Sales Executives (AIMSE) in recognition of his outstanding achievements in the investment management industry and his community. In 2011, Black Enterprise magazine named him one of the 75 Most Powerful Blacks on Wall Street. In 2013, Money Management Intelligence named him Public Fund Marketer of the Year.

McKenzie has held positions as managing director at Merrill Lynch Investment Managers, executive director at UBS Asset Management, and managing director at Chase Investors. He is the founder of McKenzie & Company, a NASD registered broker dealer, and served as president from 1984 to 1987.

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Graduate Ceremony

This is Your Moment.
ORDER OF EXERCISES, Saturday, May 20

GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
Saturday, May 20, 2017, 10 a.m., University Green

Proclamation
Hartt Ceremonial Brass Quintet
Please stand all auditors for proclamations.
The audience will rise.

Order of Procession
Provincial Marshals, Graduates, Faculty, Administrators, Collegiate Deans, Regents and Trustees, President’s Party

Announcement of the Convocation
Robert H. Davis
University Marshal, Presiding
The audience will remain standing.

Invocation
Rev. Gary Knighton
Protestant Chaplain and Lead Pastor
Faith Fellowship Church

Confrerence of Degrees
Walter Harrison
President

Confrerence of Degrees
H. Frederick Switzler
Interim Provost

Confrenecy of Degrees
Walter Harrison
President

Confrerence of Degrees
Carolyne Reihing Bligh ’37
President, Alumni Association
The audience will rise.

Recessional
Hartt Ceremonial Brass Quartet
Reception will follow in Gengras Student Union.

ORDER OF EXERCISES, Saturday, May 20

College of Arts and Sciences

Master of Arts
Michael Anthony Acosta
Miami, Florida
Brianna Nhan Allen
Winston, Connecticut
Alexandra Tebim Ambrose
Fresno, California
Francesco Bella
Yorkers, New York
Melina Sofia Colle
East Lynne, Massachusetts
Claire Tarae Capozzi
Fredericksburg, Virginia
Laura Brunhaker Crisco
West Hartford, Connecticut
Chloëtaine Elizabeth Dandrow
Cheshire, Connecticut
Laura Adriana Dietmann
Trumbull, Connecticut
Emmanuel James Dillon
Hartford, Connecticut
Tejeswini Pratima Dodda
Andhra Pradesh, India
Craig Philip Doucette
Bristol, Connecticut
Nicola B. Gaffey
Mount Kisco, New York
Victoria Elaine George
West Hartford, Connecticut
Brittany Dawn Gladwin
Waterford, Connecticut
Hannah Van Kirk Goodell
Parkersburg, Pennsylvania
Kathryn Mary Hagen
Berlin, Connecticut
Ashley Elizabeth Hersona
Belos, Connecticut
Courtney Lauren Hess
Emilly, Pennsylvania
Amanda Marie屹cka
Hinsel, Michigan

Henry D. Hippolyte
Hamden, Connecticut
Keith Michael Hughes
Winston, Connecticut
Sheri Michelle Hunt
Waterfield, Connecticut
Clayton Spencer Jason
Bloomfield, Connecticut
Samantha Jones
Brooklyn, New York
Bryan A. Kalish
Manhasset, Connecticut
Dantiel T. Kaplan
Orange, Connecticut
Mary Alice Catherine Laramie
Bolton, Connecticut
Lyssa Lucile Michael
Blair, Nebraska
Ingrid F. Napoles
Newington, Connecticut
Mariya Narizhmaya
Brooklyn, New York
Kathryn Marie O’Neil
Grantly, Connecticut
Erin E. O’Neill
Vinton, New York
Michael Anthony O’Neill
Killingworth, Connecticut
Jacqueline M. Pacella
Wolcott, Connecticut
Christine Elizabeth Dandrow
West Hartford, Connecticut
Laura Brubaker Crisco
Granby, Connecticut
Melina Sofía Calle
Brooklyn, New York
Nicolas B. Galef
Bristol, Connecticut
Craig Philip Doucette
Andhara Pradesh, India
T ejeswi Pratima Dodda
Emanuel James Dillon
Cheshire, Connecticut
Christine Elizabeth Dandrow
West Hartford, Connecticut

Samantha Cristin Del Vecchio
North Haven, Connecticut
Laurie Derivdii
Wellesley, Connecticut
Griffin Mitchell Downing
Pasadena, California
Amanda Nichole Dunlap
Torrington, Connecticut
Nathan Roger Dupré
West Hartford, Connecticut
Brinley Francis Easter
East Hampton, Connecticut
Marva Elamin
Khouroum, Sudan
Teresa Jeanette Eldredge
Marlton, Georgia
Lindsay Elizabeth Feducia
Boston Falls, Connecticut

Ramya Rangamannar
Hampton, New Hampshire
Carlos Alberto Restrepo
San Juan, Puerto Rico
Silvia Maria Rizkallah
Ghazira, Pennsylvania
Robin Sherriff Ruff
Glastonbury, Connecticut
Lauren Melissa Sala
Hicksville, New York
Jamie Lyn Salebury
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Paula Kathleen Sands
Roanoke, Michigan
Pamela Ahda Scalise
New Britain, Connecticut
Laura Ann Sherman
Ellington, Connecticut
Jessica Abiel Silverman
Allentown, Pennsylvania
Olivia Grace Skalski
Worthington, Connecticut
Stefanie Lynn Stepanik
Springfield, Connecticut
Anique Nathalia Thompson
Bloomfield, Connecticut
Tyrone Jamiel Tryrell
Bloomfield, Connecticut
Natasha Villa Hernandez
Southport, Connecticut
Vanessa Dominique Wainwright
Newtown, Pennsylvania
Margaret Rose Watson
Northfield, New York
Ira Yaghoubi
West Hartford, Connecticut

Master of Science
Dudla Marie Andrews
Thomaston, Connecticut
Ryan Agustino Apropouze
Farmington, Connecticut
Khidlan Batsuuri
Ulanhaatar, Mongolia
Nathaniel Michael A. Blanchette
Mardens, Connecticut
Amanda Michelle Bres
Villey Stream, New York
Shania LaSha-Marie Brown
Vermont, New York
Hayley Oren
Chester, Connecticut
Amanda Caroline Carrasco
Durham, Connecticut
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Salem, Massachusetts
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Shelton, Connecticut
Jacob Matthew Delbello
Upper Arlington, Ohio
Samantha Cristin Del Vecchio
North Haven, Connecticut
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Wellesley, Connecticut
Griffin Mitchell Downing
Pasadena, California
Amanda Nichole Dunlap
Torrington, Connecticut
Nathan Roger Dupré
West Hartford, Connecticut
Brinley Francis Easter
East Hampton, Connecticut
Marva Elamin
Khouroum, Sudan
Teresa Jeanette Eldredge
Marlton, Georgia
Lindsay Elizabeth Feducia
Boston Falls, Connecticut
The Graduates, Saturday, May 20

Nicolle Jayme Grabowski
Manchester, Connecticut
Teneisha Danielle Grant
Simsbury, Connecticut
Sophia Naldeight Harriden
Woburn, Massachusetts
Olivia Ada Higgins
Farmington, Connecticut
Eileen Marie Hurley
Prospect, Connecticut
Elena Janero
Havana, Cuba
Annemieke Chloe Janssen
Windsor, Connecticut
Britt Smalley Johnson
Charlton, New York
Sarah Kasazy
Duurham, Ohio
Krystal Kye She Laing
Hartford, Connecticut
Thomas Anthony Latosuk
Torrington, Connecticut
Timothy Crosby Lawrence
Windsor, Connecticut
Megun Lee Lund
Truman, Minnesota
Kristina A. McMurty
Knoxville, Tennessee
Carolin Erin McNally
Simsbury, Connecticut
Jerrald Kason Mosley
Los Angeles, California
Olavale Oyeliran Ojo
Lagos, Nigeria
Monica Lynn Pogue
Glensherry, Connecticut
Timothy John Patrika
Ames, Iowa
Julie Marie Pinciaro
Orange, Connecticut
Pawan Sugar Puli
Hyderabad, India
Samanta B. Pulley
Ellington, Connecticut
Stephanie Dawn Ramirez
Windsor, Connecticut
Honas Razak
Marin, California
Megan Christine Robicheau
Southbridge, Massachusetts
Ruth Sabrina Sanchez
Creston, Idaho
Sarah Karaky
Charlotte, New York
Britt Smedley Johnson
Charlotte, New York
Stephanie K. Benjamin
New Haven, Connecticut

Doctor of Psychology

Hannah Schild Barbash
Browns, New York
Dissertation: The Relationship Between Psychotherapy and Self-Concept in Women with BRCA 1 and BRCA 2 Mutations
Advisor: John Melmon, PhD
Stephanie K. Benjamin
Hamden, Connecticut
Dissertation: Racial Clinical Judgment Bias in Acculterated Personality Disorder Diagnosis
Advisor: Alice Cheng, PhD
Christopher David Friar
West Hartford, Connecticut
Advisor: Anne Pidano, PhD
Gili Aronela Goldfarb
Venice, New Jersey
Advisor: Mala Matacin, PhD

Sixth-Year Certificate

Stefanie Scardigno
North Babylon, New York
Sweeta Shantikunj
Bangalore, India
Boara Katarzyna Socha
Middleton, Connecticut
Alicia Marie Spakowski
Monrovia, California
Katherine Elizabeth Stuck
Mycon, Connecticut
Melissa Marie Stanley
New York, New York
Shanna Gaye Alicea Stennett
Montego Bay, Jamaica
Kimberly Sharionne Thomas
San Antonio, Texas
Lina Tomassi
New Britain, Connecticut
Alyssa Carin Webb
Hendersonville, North Carolina
Jesse Anthony White
Southfield, Michigan
Rebecca Pauline Wilson
Montville, Connecticut
Julie Ann Wood
Saugus, Massachusetts

Cassandra Jewell Holinka
Thomaston, Connecticut
Dissertation: Female Clinical and Counseling Psychologists’ and Graduate Trainees’ Experience with Gender Discrimination, Work-Family Conflict, and Selective Invisibility
Advisor: Jessica Nicklin, PhD
Deidre Beth Hussey
Pomlnk, Massachusetts
Dissertation: A Review of Screening Tests Used Within the Healthcare Field to Detect Intimate Partner Violence
Advisor: Kathy McCluskey, PhD, PsyD
M. Karim Ibrahim
New Haven, Connecticut
Advisor: John Melmon, PhD
Jennifer Marie Laney
Canterbury, Connecticut
Dissertation: Basic Training: An Introduction to Treating Returning Veterans Suffering from Combat-Related PTSD
Advisor: Anne Pidano, PhD
Nicholas Raymond Lombardi
East Hartford, Connecticut
Dissertation: The Relationship Between Music Listening Habits and Global Emotion Regulation
Advisor: Louisa Duk, PhD
Susan Leigh Norton
Fort Worth, Texas
Dissertation: The Impact of Professional Training Upon Diagnosing Hypersexudm or Depression Among Adolescents
Advisor: Caryn Christensen, PhD
Brendan John O’Connor
Farmington, Connecticut
Dissertation: Personality Characteristics of College Age Alcohol and Substance Abusers
Advisor: James Vivian, PhD

Shanah Samantha Segal
New York, New York
Dissertation: Predicting New York’s Jacksoned Defendants
Advisor: Alice Cheng, PhD
Payal Shah
Toronto, Canada
Dissertation: Ethical Online Therapy: A Review of Treatment Guidelines
Advisor: Kathy McCluskey, PhD, PsyD
Elisbetta Barbara Sikora
Hartford, Connecticut
Dissertation: Treatment of Paranoia in Social Phobia
Advisor: Kathy McCluskey, PhD, PsyD
Christina Lynne Toland
Winfieuden, Massachusetts
Dissertation: Facilitators and Barriers to Psychologists Pursuing Therapy for Thoseexternal
Advisor: Otto Wahl, PhD
Kaitlyn Lee Wilbur
Leominster, Massachusetts
Dissertation: Mindset and Delay of Gratification: An Investigation of Maternal and Child Variables
Advisor: Anne Pidano, PhD
Michelle Gayle Woogen
Medford, Virginia
Dissertation: Cognitive Functioning, Functional Recovery, and Quality of Life: The Effects of Psychotic Symptoms among Individuals with Bipolar Disorders
Advisor: John Melmon, PhD
Barney School of Business

Master of Business Administration

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Rocky Hill, Connecticut
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Albert
Winder, Connecticut
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Amman, Jordan
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Antalya, Turkey
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Elgin, Connecticut
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Glastonbury, Connecticut
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Shoredihm, New York
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Norwich, Connecticut
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Southfield, Connecticut
Eric John Higham
Somers, Connecticut
Lindsay Nicholle Horng
West Hartford, Connecticut
Kriithika Holindetskii
Manchester, Connecticut
Srey J. Husain
West Hartford, Connecticut
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Gandhinagar (Gujarat), India
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Bloomfield, Connecticut
Sweet Boy Radhakrishan Kalani
Hyderabad, India
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West Hartford, Connecticut
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West Hartford, Connecticut
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West Hartford, Connecticut
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Ellington, Connecticut
Monika Kwanak
New Britain, Connecticut
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Newington, Connecticut
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Lake Orange, Oregon
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Narragansett, Connecticut
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Southfield, Connecticut
Taylor Amber Libby Limnan
Gaston, Connecticut
Brenda Jean Loistiano
Meriden, Connecticut
Sean Philip Lopata
Avon, Connecticut
Karin D. Lorenz
Marblehead, Connecticut
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New Britain, Connecticut
Brett Eli Lynch
Rocky Hill, Connecticut
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White Plains, Connecticut
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Marquette, Michigan
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Yao Lu
Shanghai, People’s Republic of China
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Portland, Connecticut
Jason Anthony Williams
West Hartford, Connecticut
Jacqueline Mae Wainwright
New Hartford, Connecticut
Izak Wu
Los Angeles, California

Master of Science in Accounting and Taxation

Hannah Rose Brown
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Cynthia Roxana Calderon
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Alfredo Cardona
Hartford, Connecticut
Lindall Chung
Stratford, Connecticut
Chauvong Deng
Newington, Connecticut
Marka Lisette Ellison
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Jessica Marie Erlinghauer
Fairfield, Connecticut
Shawn Marie Fera
Shelton, Connecticut
Stephanie Filippetti
Quaker Hill, Connecticut
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Southfield, Connecticut
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Manasquan, New York
Ibola Gonya
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Zhe Jiang
Yantai, People’s Republic of China
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Steven Daniel Sadlon
Newtown, Connecticut
Jason Hirth
East Hartford, Connecticut
Allison Avis Smith
Rocky Hill, Connecticut

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THE GRADUATES, Saturday, May 20
College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions

Master of Education
Alia Manq Alhulwani
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Alexia Michelle Aube
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Frances D. Burken
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Avon, Connecticut
Sarah Ann Binzste
Austin, Texas
Dena Marie Booker
Windsor, Connecticut
Kerry Elizabeth Brady
Greenwich, Connecticut
Kimberly Anne Bray
Simsbury, Connecticut
Sarah Jessica Bunch
Farmington, Connecticut
Yeolee Ciel New York City, New York
Lita Artyana Collins
Jakarta, Indonesia
Andrea Leigh Daniels
Plainfield, Connecticut
Terese John Dandie
Manchester, Connecticut
Matthew Michael Fadziewicz
Simsbury, Connecticut
Mackenzie Lee Gerzma
Farmington, Connecticut
Abigail Hope Harrison
South Windsor, Connecticut
Margaret Rose Honchak
Hauppauge, New York
Benjamin Allen Iasascon
Avon, Connecticut
Stephanie Maria Josen
South Greenwich, Connecticut
Kyung Yoon Jung
Jindo-buk, South Korea
Alexa Hilary Kuper-Meller
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Katharine Denise Lorraine-Mace
West Hartford, Connecticut
Kathy Lynn Mascaro
Greenwich, Connecticut
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Marissa Ann Parker
Enfield, Connecticut
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Simsbury, Connecticut
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West Hartford, Connecticut
Katherine Anne Russell
North Haven, Connecticut
Katherine Anne Savage-McClyed
Cromwell, Connecticut
Gerry Lynn Schuster
Bristol, Connecticut
Megan Elizabeth Shah
West Hartford, Connecticut
Ann Cristina Stenberg
Bristol, Connecticut
Melissa Snopek
Middlesex, Connecticut
Carla Emma Tavares
Danbury, Connecticut
Aaron Jordan Thompson
Newington, Connecticut
Lisa Ann Unwin
Naugatuck, Connecticut
Elene Darnow van Gassen
Canton, Connecticut
Maria Irene Swathy
Valpakangahtakam
Manchester, Connecticut
Karinell Wilson-Perry
Hamden, Connecticut
Robert Parish Elkins
Richmond, Kentucky

Master of Science in Nursing
Paula Denise Alexander
Newington, Connecticut
Majid Moser Albarbi
Muscat, Oman
Fahad Maua Alowaymel
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Mohammed Tala T. Almutairi
Bloomfield, Connecticut
Esther K. Anusab
Winston Lake, Connecticut
Nancy E. Antell
Concord, Connecticut
Anne Marie Burchart
Cromwell, Connecticut
Robyn A. Clay
Southampton, Connecticut
Charmaine Govins
Windham, Connecticut
Kathleen Elizabeth Coyne
Bristol, Connecticut
Nancy Ormaza Cramp
Cromwell, Connecticut
Darlene E. Dione
Burlington, Connecticut
Kelly Anne Fitzpatrick-Cary
Springfield, Massachusetts
Elizabeth Freitas
Marlborough, Massachusetts
Theresa Hockson Gardner
East Hartford, Connecticut
Sheila Marie Garelli
West Simsbury, Connecticut
Carolyn Ann Guarino
Georgetown, Connecticut
Suzika Y. Hallune
Brooklyn, Connecticut
Lori Lucille Hartel
Plymouth, Connecticut
Mary Ann Houle
Bridgeport, Massachusetts
Lee Ann Jammie
Wolfeboro, Connecticut
Tory Klein
West Granby, Connecticut
Amy Joyce Krauth
Portland, Connecticut
Kristina Lubienie
East Berlin, Connecticut
Rebecca Caryn Lojt
Glastonbury, Connecticut
Sarah Ann Lemon
Old Saybrook, Connecticut
Cynthia Joy Macaulay
Farmington, Connecticut
Michelle Ann Marshall
South Windsor, Connecticut
Patricia Robert Marotta
East Hampton, Connecticut
Melissa Catherine Monzara
Middlefield, Connecticut
Credence Ooaruo Monglo
Southampton, Connecticut
Claudette Noble
Hartford, Connecticut
Jennifer Martin O’Neil
Middlebury, Connecticut
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Newington, Connecticut
Jennifer Rebecca Pack
Winston, Connecticut
Erin Elizabeth Pietrowicz
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Heather Lynn Prise
Salem, Connecticut
Pete Marie Raser
Southington, Connecticut
Ahmad Mohammed Rayani
Ahwah, Saudi Arabia
Kathy Rusdki
Southington, Connecticut
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Elaine Marie Scheinhbum
West Hartford, Connecticut
Churhill Vincent Singh
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Jennifer Lynn Spusato
South Windsor, Connecticut
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Veteran, Connecticut
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Simsbury, Connecticut
Wendy Lynne Thibodeau
Bristol, Connecticut
Gordana Marija Thompson
Trumbull, Connecticut
Kathleen Ellen Vies
Glen Cove, New York
Mary Theresa Viola
Wallingford, Connecticut
Ashley Nicole Winkis
Higganum, Connecticut
Kimberly Ann Williams
Waterbury, Connecticut
Kelly A. Zericke
Berlin, Connecticut
Alicia Lucia Tripodi
Bronx, New York

Doctor of Education
Nalah Alassmishi
Rhode Island, United States
Dissertation: The Strategies Instructors Use to Assess the Effectiveness of Their Online Course Design
Advisor: Diana LatRocco, EdD
Amy J. Beaucourn
Wallingford, Connecticut
Dissertation: Students’ Experiences with Supports Offered in Educational Opportunity Programs That Lead to Their Persistence in Postsecondary Education
Advisor: H. Kenny Niemcbauer, EdD
William Anthony Boudreau
Windsor, Connecticut
Dissertation: A Qualitative Study of College-Based Peace Education Programs
Advisor: Donna Weinholz, PhD
Michael Alexander Borzi
Ricky Hill, Connecticut
Dissertation: Examining the Experiences of Stress, Support and Coping of Full-Time Working Professionals Completing a Master’s Degree
Advisor: Donna Weinholz, PhD
Tara Monique Cohen
Bridgeport, Connecticut
Dissertation: Using the Stress Inventory to Predict High School Students’ Career Academy Selections and Academic Success
Advisor: Donna Weinholz, PhD
Mohs La Pierre Drager
Burlington, Connecticut
Dissertation: Barriers to Postsecondary Education Participation Experienced by Formerly Incarcerated Community College Students
Advisor: H. Kenny Niemcbauer, EdD
Sarah Allison Schedel
Suffield, Connecticut
Dissertation: Senior Student Affairs Officers’ Reports of Joint Institutional Efforts to Support College Students with Mental Illness
Advisor: Donna J. LaRocco, EdD
Katie Elizabeth Thomer
Suffield, Connecticut
Dissertation: Better Mentoring, Better Teaching: Quality Teacher-Mentor Programs at Independent Secondary Private Schools
Advisor: Karla L. Loyd, PhD
Liza Margaret Winiwko
Farmington, Connecticut
Dissertation: United States College Entry of Immigrant Students of Polish Heritage
Advisor: Karen Case, PhD

Dayne Marie Booker
Windsor, Connecticut
Dissertation: Chronic Immigrants in Community College: Institutional Conditions That Promote Their Academic Success
Advisor: Diana LatRocco, EdD
Mia Elizabeth Casey Haski
Portland, Connecticut
Dissertation: Administrators’ Reports of College Veterans Student Services
Advisor: Donna Weinholz, PhD
Matthew Reid Hodgman
Bloomfield, Connecticut
Dissertation: Business Employers’ Perceptions of the Quality of Pre-Foreign Higher Education and the Employability of Pre-Foreign Higher Education Baccalaureate Business Graduates
Advisor: H. Kenny Niemcbauer, EdD
Alexander Hughes Katz
Morrison, New Jersey
Dissertation: First-Year Experience: Courses Are They Consistent?
Advisor: Donna Weinholz, PhD
Joshua Thomas Medius
Myopic, Connecticut
Dissertation: The Role of a University in Shaping College Students’ National and Physical Activity Behaviors: A Qualitative Case Study
Advisor: Donna Weinholz, PhD
Sarah Allison Schedel
Suffield, Connecticut
Dissertation: Senior Student Affairs Officers’ Reports of Joint Institutional Efforts to Support College Students with Mental Illness
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Advisor: Karla L. Loyd, PhD
Liza Margaret Winiwko
Farmington, Connecticut
Dissertation: United States College Entry of Immigrant Students of Polish Heritage
Advisor: Karen Case, PhD
Doctor of Physical Therapy

Project: Spring inStep—Gait and Foot Posture Effects of Flexible Energy Storing Foot Orthoses
Advisors: Mary Gannotti PT, PhD
Jenna Rae Broussard
Berlin, Connecticut
Kristinna Brianne Cerracchio
Woonsocket, New Jersey
Taylor Ashton Clark
Spart, Pennsylvania
Timothy Charles Conalda
Floral Park, New York
Kishara A. Eisen
Estaten, New Jersey
Sarah Elizabeth Fillman
Newington, Connecticut
Jonathan Alexander Gil
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts
Kevin Joseph Crowley
Advisors: John Leard, EdD, PT, ATC and Dawn Roller, PT, DPT
Project: Next Man in the Line—Collaborative Approach to Advance Prosthetic Education amongst Clinicians and Patients Abroad
Advisors: Sandra Saavedra PT, PhD
South Windsor, Connecticut
Kayla Marie Zdanis
Clifton Park, New York
Peter Andrew Swota
Katherina Marguerite Mazur
Christopher William Collins
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Meghan Theresa Alves
Danvers, Massachusetts
Alice Ngoc Vu
Molly E. Maine
Alyssa Carmen Englehart
Dannele, New York
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Simsbury, Connecticut
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Project: Targeted Training for Children with Cerebral Palsy
Advisors: Sandra Saavedra PT, PhD
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Sarah Marie Barnes
Advisor: Adam Goodworth, PhD
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Advisor: Sandra Saavedra PT, PhD
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Jenna Rae Yuelle
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Zuzana Kudernatschová
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THE GRADUATES, Saturday, May 20

College of Engineering, Technology, and Architecture continued

Jason Keith Smith Huntington, West Virginia
Sweetha Somaraju Hyderabad, India
Sai Murthy Srinivasan Vijayawada, India
Joshua Adam Troska Champaign, Illinois
Lindsay Elizabeth Strole Agawam, Massachusetts
Murari Krishna Reddy Sure Guntur, India
Joseph Vikram Reddy Sure Guntur, India
Bhavan Shankar Thota Guntur, India

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Bonta Verarmachimini Hyderabad, India
Vinodhi Vichuru Tirupati, India
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The Hartford Art School

Master of Fine Arts
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Jenna Fridyland New York, New York
Nathanial Edwards Grann Shreveport, Minnesota
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Cody Robert Holcombe Oxnard, California
Emily Claire Holt Boston, Massachusetts
Christine Lynn Kremsick Bridgeport, Connecticut
Joshua Ray LaFayette Atlanta, Georgia
Lori Lynn Lynn Northampton, Massachusetts
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Master of Music
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Adam Michael Butting Dillsburg, Pennsylvania
James Anthony Canepa Denver, Colorado
Kevin Cao Shanghai, People’s Republic of China
David Wayne Counterman Willsmore, New York
Matthew Francis Dupree Birminghan, Maryland
Celine Marie DuTemple Sarasota, Florida
Mitchell Durkin Filipski Garner, Illinois
Lisa Marie Gray Waterford, Connecticut
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Katharine Carlson Middletown, Connecticut
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Robert Michael Garin Wooniag, New York
Kevin Peter Greene Concord, New Hampshire
Rebecca Beth Jackson McAlister, Oklahoma
Matthew Aaron Laudun Guilford, Connecticut
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Nina Anna Merulla Albany, New York
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Christina Pipandrea Owlet, Vermont
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THE GRADUATES, Saturday, May 20

The Hartt School continued

Artist Diploma
Cara Wai-Mang Chiu
Hong Kong, People's Republic of China

Jie Yang Kim
Gunpo, South Korea

Maria Mykolenko
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Landon Shane Rathburn
Burnsville, North Carolina

Zixiang Zhao
Shanghai, People's Republic of China

Graduate Professional Diploma
Mi-Young Kim
Seoul, South Korea

Zihan Lu
Shang-Hai, People's Republic of China

Min Jung Noh
Seoul, South Korea

Veronica Rose O'Brien
Wood Ridge, New Jersey

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Undergraduate Ceremony

Doctor of Musical Arts
Luscana Lourenço Arraes
Belo Horizonte, Brazil
Doctoral Essay: Darius Milhaud and Brazil: Violin Works as a Cultural Portrait
Advisor: Thomas Schurchenholz, DMA

Jerrom Ross Jorgensen
Brookings, South Dakota
Doctoral Essay: Opera of the Absurd: An Analysis of the One-Act Opera La Lacuna by Isabelle Aboulker
Advisor: Robert Barefield, DMA

Agustin Ignacio Muriago
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Doctoral Essay: Re-envisioning the Piano Recital: An Audiorvisual Alternative
Advisor: Kenneth Nott, DMA

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Jacqueline Cratin Smith
West Hartford, Connecticut
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UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
Sunday, May 21, 2017, 10 a.m., University Green

Processional
Hart Ceremonial Brass Quintet
Please clear all aisles for procession.

Order of Procession
Processional Marshal, Graduates, Faculty, Administrators, Collegiate Deans, Regents and Trustees, President’s Party

Announcement of the Convocation
Robert H. Davis
University Marshal, Presiding

Greeting
Lucille Nickerson
Chair, Board of Regents

Invocation
Reverend Gail Syring
Interfaith Minister

National Anthem
and Alma Mater
Graduating Seniors of The Hartt School’s Music Theatre Program
Conducted by Michael Morris
Director of Music Theatre Program

Recessional
Hart Ceremonial Brass Quintet

Presentation of the Student Government Association Gavel
Julia Puri ’17
Barney School of Business
Presented by President Harrison

John G. Lee Medal
Dylan Heady ’17
College of Arts and Sciences
Presented by Patricia A. McKinley ’72, Regent

Belle K. Ribicoff Prize
Janet Zapor ’17
College of Engineering, Technology, and Architecture
Presented by Paul Sittenfeld ’85, Regent

John G. Martin Scholarship
Lyla M. O’Brien ’17
College of Arts and Sciences
Presented by Lucy Richard, Regent

Distinguished Alumni Award
Charles E. Pagan Jr. ’84, M’97
Presented by Walter S. Hauk ’81, Regent

Roy E. Larsen Award for Excellence in Teaching
Warrren Hauston
The Hartt School
Presented by Susan L. Miller, Regent

Humphrey Tonkin Award for Scholarly and/or Artistic Creativity
David Macbride ’73
Professor of Composition and Music Theory
The Hartt School
Presented by Jean-Pierre van Rooy, Regent

Oscar and Shoshana Trachtenberg Award for Sustained Service to the University
Catherine Gerts
Professor of Physical Therapy
College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions
Presented by Peter Skaufel, MD, ’71, Regent

Jane Horvath Award for Appreciation of Economics
College of Arts and Sciences and Hillhouse College
Presented by Peter Skaufel, MD, ’71, Regent

Donald W. Davis All-University Curriculum Award
Michael Howitz
Assistant Professor of Academic Strategies
Hillhouse College
Presented by David A. Gordon ’75, Regent

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Daphne Berry
Assistant Professor of Management
Barney School of Business
Presented by Dominic Fuku III ’81, Regent

Conferring of Honorary Degree
Robert H. Forrester ’66
Doctor of Human Letters
Presented by Bette McNeil ’94, Regent

Jennifer Smith Turner
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Presented by Arnold West, Regent

U.S. Rep. Mia Boordcane Love ’97
Doctor of Laws
Presented by Nancy Butsteller, Regent

Commencement Address
U.S. Rep. Mia Boordcane Love ’97

Charge to Graduating Class of 2017
Julia Puri ’17
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Presentation of Degree Groups
H. Frederick Sweitzer
Interim Provost

Conferring of Degrees
Walter Harrison
President

Congratulations
Carolyn Reibling Bligh ’87
President, Alumni Association

The audience will rise.

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GRADUATING WITH HONORS

Requirements for Graduating with Honors
*Cum laude: Grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 or above
**Magna cum laude: GPA of 3.50 or above
***Summa cum laude: GPA of 3.75 or above

University Honors: Overall GPA of at least 3.0 in the required honors coursework and the GPA required by the student’s college
University Honors with Thesis (A&S only): Overall GPA of at least 3.0 in the required 18 credits of honors coursework, a 6-credit thesis, and an overall GPA of at least 3.25

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For building locations, see Commencement Map opposite inside back cover.
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The Graduates

Sunday, May 21

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## The Graduates

### The Hartt School

### Bachelor of Arts
- Keyla Berenice Mejía García
  - Cheshire, Connecticut
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- Zachary Anson Stough
  - Exeter, New Hampshire
  - Bachelor of Fine Arts
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THE GRADUATES, Sunday, May 21

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Sara Anna Russo Peart
Bloomfield, Connecticut

Bachelor of Arts
Brian David Baker
Dover, England
Jennette Christine Battipaglia
Cheshire, Connecticut
Jillian Marie Boyce
Clinton, Connecticut
Carmen Carbalaj Brown
Connecticut, Connecticut
Ryan Brianna Brown
Bronx, New York
Colerene Connelly Byfield
Hartford, Connecticut
Rahul Julian Chandrasekaran
Gales Ferry, Connecticut
Angelica Maria Lollar*
New Britain, Connecticut
Anne C. Martucci***
Holyoke, Massachusetts
Vinette Rose Marie McCaulsky-Walker**
Bloomfield, Connecticut
Joan Anne McGrath**
Portland, Connecticut
Rachel Ann McLean
Milford, Connecticut
Matthew Thomas McMorrow**
Ossining, New York
Freddie Taft Morris II
Newington, Connecticut
Faith Marie Ortiz**
Staten Island, New York
David D. Paige
Bloomfield, Connecticut
Jack Cullen Reynolds
Houston, Texas
Jonna Katherine Rigos-Binis
Bristol, Connecticut
Monica Virginia Rivers
Waterbury, Connecticut
Matthew James Serrein
West Hartford, Connecticut
Jeremy James Shafer
New Hartford, Connecticut
Jonathan E. Shapiro***
North Granby, Connecticut
Kendal Warner Taylor***
Suffield, Connecticut
Erin Rose Toller
Portland, Connecticut
Daniel F. Turkington***
South Windsor, Connecticut
Michael Christopher Zapata***
Portland, Connecticut

Associate in Science
Dirk Dufresne
Southington, Connecticut
Frank Anthony Gentile, Jr.
Springfield, Massachusetts
Pamela Grace Hodoh
Goshen, Connecticut
Richard Osei Owusu-Ansah
Accra, Ghana

Bachelor of Science
Zachary Scott Freeto**
Stafford Springs, Connecticut
Lourdes Garcia**
Smashley, Connecticut
Brenda DePonte Goupian***
Feeding Hills, Massachusetts
Adam Fekre***
Portland, Connecticut
Michael O. Henderson***
Hartford, Connecticut
Roy B. Lloyd III
Manchester, Connecticut
Angela Maria Lollar*
New Britain, Connecticut
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*Cum laude   **Magna cum laude   ***Summa cum laude  #University Honors
Agriculture

Architecture

Arts, Letters, Humanities

Commerce, Accountancy, Business

Dentistry

Economics

Education

Engineering

Fine Arts

Forestry

Health Sciences

Journals

Law

Library Science

Music

Nursing

Oratory

Pharmacy

Philosophy

Physical Education

Physical Therapy

Public Administration

Public Health

Science

Social Work

Theology

Veterinary Science

THE UNIVERSITY MACE

The University Mace precedes the president and board of regents in academic processions. Maces originated as weapons but in modern times have become symbols of authority. The University Mace (shown at left) is 41 inches long and is crowned by a sterling silver globe, engraved with the name of the University and bearing its seal in 24-karat gold. The poplar shaft bears sterling silver bands on which are engraved the names and dates of service of the University’s presidents, and the names and founding dates of the three institutions that came together to form the University in 1957. The base is made of sterling silver and bears the name of the donor, Charles Condon, University secretary and general counsel emeritus. He donated the mace in 1987 on the University’s 30th anniversary.

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PLEASE HELP US WELCOME THE 50TH REUNION CLASS OF 1967 INTO THE SOCIETY OF GOLDEN HAWKS.

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Most of the colors distinguishing disciplines or subjects spring from the English academic tradition and appear on the velvet trim of academic hoods to identify the scholar’s field of study. Scarlet and white, the colors of the University of Hartford, appear in the lining of its graduates’ hoods. Their caps have tassels of scarlet and white or gold.

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The University provides a robust, distinctive educational experience for its more than 5,000 undergraduate and 1,500 graduate students. Distinguished faculty provide rigorous instruction, as well as research, performance, and internship opportunities, in more than 100 degree programs in the arts, humanities, business, engineering and technology, education, and health professions. With students from 46 states and 61 countries, the University is reflective of the world.

The University’s charter was signed in 1957, but its roots go back to 1877 when one of the three founding schools, the Hartford Art School, opened. With encouragement from local community and business leaders, the Hartford Art School came together with the Hartford School of Music (now The Hartt School) and the Hartt School of Music at the University of Hartford, to be renamed Hillyer Hall 36 years later. The University has come a long way since its beginnings on Hartford’s last remaining farm, evolving from a local school for commuters into a comprehensive university that attracts students from throughout the world.

The University of Hartford began as a commuter school during the post-World War II boom, when returning soldiers were looking for an education financed by the G.I. bill. The first academic building, University Hall (later named Hillyer Hall), opened in 1960, followed by residence halls, a student center, and several new buildings began, including the Beatrice Fox Auerbach Computer and Administration Center, the Konover Campus Center, the Harry Jack Gray Center, and a trio of residential housing additions.

In 1989, the board of regents decided to expand the University’s international focus, and several new programs were added. In 1991, the University began an architectural engineering program, launched master’s degree programs in engineering, and began to offer doctoral programs in music education and educational leadership. New programs in occupational and physical therapy also attracted many students, while the Hartford School began offering Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in dance and theater.

The University of Hartford stepped into the 21st century with a new president in Walter Harrison, who quickly built rapport with students, and who has helped to transform the University with a fundraising campaign that ushered in new buildings and programs along with a new campus spirit. Among the additions were the Mort and Irma Handel Performing Arts Center; two public magnet schools on campus; an Integrated Science, Engineering, and Technology complex; the Renée Samantha Center for digital arts technology; and the University’s first on-campus baseball field.

This summer, Harrison, the longest-serving president in University history, will retire after 19 years. Gregory Woodward will become the University of Hartford’s sixth president and help write the next chapter of the institution’s remarkable story.
PREVIOUS HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

1968
Martin Diamond
Doctor of Humane Letters
Lillian J. Jodlaff
Doctor of Fine Arts
Carolyn Winmark Keller
Doctor of Humane Letters
Henry W. Littlefield
Doctor of Laws
Marvin K. Peterson
Doctor of Humane Letters

1969
Ernest A. Dudley
Doctor of Humane Letters
Theodore D. Lockwood
Doctor of Laws
John Lyon St.
Doctor of Humane Letters
Dorothy Maynor
Doctor of Music
Vincent Scully
Doctor of Laws

1970
Elizabeth Beach Capen
Doctor of Fine Arts
Mary Primrose Fuller
Doctor of Music
John J. McDermott
Doctor of Laws
Raymond Moley
Doctor of Laws
John Earle Rogers
Doctor of Humane Letters
Alexander Hamilton Zerban
Doctor of Science

1971
Burton Gordon Malfield
Doctor of Humane Letters
Albert Day Pumam
Doctor of Humane Letters
Henry R. Roberts
Doctor of Laws
Isaac Stern
Doctor of Music
Secretary General U Thant
Doctor of Laws

1972
Louis H. Sampiner
Master of Public Information
Hilda C. Standish
Doctor of Humane Letters

1973
Alexander Calder
Doctor of Fine Arts
James F. English Jr.
Doctor of Laws
Constance Bacher Moxley
Doctor of Laws
Robert Lee Steele
Doctor of Humane Letters

1974
H. Meade Alcorn Jr.
Doctor of Humane Letters
John M. Bailey
Doctor of Laws
Ruth A. Haas
Doctor of Laws
Ralph A. Hurt
Doctor of Humane Letters
Olsson Damon Smith
Doctor of Laws
Herbert Stein
Doctor of Laws
Franz B. Wilde
Doctor of Commercial Science

1975
Arthur C. Banks Jr.
Doctor of Laws
Thomas Stewart Hamilton
Doctor of Science
Sister Mary Ellen Murphy
Doctor of Science
The Honorable
Jim O. Newman
Doctor of Laws
Leonore Elsworth Preble
Doctor of Humane Letters
Theodore Prentice
Doctor of Fine Arts

1976
John G. King
Doctor of Science
Edward B. Bates
Doctor of Humane Letters
Lord Caradon
(Sir Hugh Macmillan Foot)
Doctor of Laws
Olga Kosevskaia
Doctor of Music
Rosalind L. Purnam
Doctor of Humane Letters
T. H. Shen
Doctor of Humane Letters
James C. Turner
Doctor of Humane Letters

1977
Grace W. Ellsworth
Doctor of Humane Letters
John Franklin Enders
Doctor of Humane Letters
John H. Filer
Doctor of Laws
Governor Ella T. Grasso
Doctor of Laws
John Kirkpatrick
Doctor of Humane Letters

1978
Karl Böhm
Doctor of Music
U.S. Representative
John Brademas
Doctor of Humane Letters
Henry W. Ehrmann
Doctor of Laws
Harry Jack Gray
Doctor of Laws
Charles Maxwell Kearns
Doctor of Humane Letters
June Sokolov
Doctor of Humane Letters

1979
Ann Allbers
Doctor of Fine Arts
Morrison H. Beach
Doctor of Laws
June B. Cheney
Doctor of Humane Letters
Anna J. Harrison
Doctor of Science

1982
Henry Julian Abraham
Doctor of Science
John Bok’s “Dizzy” Gillespie
Doctor of Music
Dorothy Goodwin
Doctor of Humane Letters
Matias Rauropnikh
Doctor of Music
Bayard Rustin
Doctor of Laws
Joseph J. Smith
Doctor of Laws
Tennessee Williams
Doctor of Literature
Archibald M. Woodruff
Doctor of Laws

1983
Colin G. Campbell
Doctor of Laws
Helen Frankenthaler
Doctor of Fine Arts
Vartan Gregorian
Doctor of Humanities
The Honorable
Ellen Ash Peters
Doctor of Laws
John Suda
Doctor of Laws
Meyer Schapiro
Doctor of Fine Arts
Isaak Baberov
Doctor of Letters
Reynal S. Yalow
Doctor of Science

1984
David Aronson
Doctor of Humane Letters
William J. Brown
Doctor of Laws
Barbara H. Henderson
Doctor of Humane Letters
T. H. Shen
Doctor of Humane Letters
N. Bevan White
Doctor of Humane Letters

1985
The Honorable
M. Joseph Blumenthal
Doctor of Laws
Benjamin D. “Bunny” Goodman
Doctor of Music
Charles H. Kaman
Doctor of Science
U.S. Representative
Barbara B. Kennelly
Doctor of Laws
William Stryon
Doctor of Letters
Robert L. Newell
Doctor of Laws

1986
U.S. Senator
Christopher J. Dodd
Doctor of Letters
Theodore “Dr. Seuss” Geisel
Doctor of Letters
Julie Harris
Doctor of Letters
Robert Donald Kilpatrick
Doctor of Science
Corinna H. MacNeil
Doctor of Music
Sir Geoffrey Warmock
Doctor of Humane Letters
Dianne Warwick
Doctor of Music

1987
John Allsp
Doctor of Commercial Science
Henry B. C. Low, MD
Doctor of Science
Sir Yehudi Menuhin
Doctor of Music
Governor William A. O’Neill
Doctor of Laws
Paul Rand
Doctor of Fine Arts
Prime Minister
Edward P. G. Scarg
Doctor of Laws
John Robert Silber
Doctor of Humanities
Irving J. Sollberg
Doctor of Arts
Alan Tompkins
Doctor of Arts
Johanne George Widek
Doctor of Humanities

1988
Wallace Barnes
Doctor of Laws
George Burns
Doctor of Humanities
Raymond Carver
Doctor of Letters
Governor Alexander A. Farrelly
Doctor of Laws
M. Joseph Blumenfeld
Doctor of Science
DeRoy C. Thomas
Doctor of Letters
Elke Wenzel
Doctor of Humanities

1989
David Aronson
Doctor of Music
Arnold C. Greenberg
Doctor of Laws
U.S. Representative
Nancy L. Johnson
Doctor of Laws
Ann Landers
Doctor of Humane Letters
Stephen F. Moseley ’67
Doctor of Humane Letters
Philip Roth
Doctor of Letters
Sir Michael Tippett
Doctor of Music
Stephen Joel Trachtenberg
Doctor of Humanities

1990
Arthur Ashe
Doctor of Humanities
Stellan B. Brown
Doctor of Laws
Jean Colbert
Doctor of Humane Letters
Malcolm S. Forbes
Doctor of Laws
Mark Lamos
Doctor of Fine Arts
George McNeill
Doctor of Fine Arts
Eleanor Holmes Norton
Doctor of Laws

1991
Frederick Gerald Adams
Doctor of Science
Nicolaas Bloembergen
Doctor of Science
Francine du Plessis Gray
Doctor of Humane Letters
Lloyd Richards
Doctor of Fine Arts
Carl E. Sagan
Doctor of Humanities
James D. Wolfensohn
Doctor of Laws

1992
Theodore Bikkel
Doctor of Fine Arts
Cheney
Doctor of Fine Arts
Elizabeth T. Keenan
Doctor of Humanities
U.S. Senator Joseph L. Lieberman
Doctor of Laws
The Right Honorable
Michael N. Manley, PC, MP
Doctor of Humane Letters
Sir Christopher Zeeman, FRS
Doctor of Science
PREVIOUS HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

1993
Daniel J. Boorstin
Doctor of Humane Letters
Annie Dillard
Doctor of Letters
Grant Johansen
Doctor of Music
Amalya L. Kearse
Doctor of Laws
Patrick McLaughlin
Doctor of Fine Arts
Denis F. Mullane
Doctor of Laws

1994
Claire Bloom
Doctor of Fine Arts
Mary M. Evert
Doctor of Science
Barbara Hackman Franklin
Doctor of Commercial Science
Benjamin L. Hooks
Doctor of Laws
Theodore R. Stover
Doctor of Humanities

1995
Rasha Al-Sabah
Doctor of Humane Letters
Aleksander Koj
Doctor of Science
Eileen Kraus
Doctor of Commercial Science
The Honorable Rex M. Metcalfe
Doctor of Humanities

1996
Jacob Droockman
Doctor of Fine Arts
H. Joseph Gerber
Doctor of Science
Mary Lowe Good
Doctor of Science
Hal Hentoff
Doctor of Humanities
Marvin Kalb
Doctor of Humane Letters
Governor John G. Rowland
Doctor of Laws

1997
Esther L. Bush
Doctor of Laws
Jack Eillott '51
Doctor of Music
Brendan Gill
Doctor of Humanities
Green Jensen '02
Doctor of Humanities
William H. McNell
Doctor of Humane Letters
Brenda Mitler
Doctor of Science
Elliot Melinek '66
Doctor of Laws
Jules Olinzki
Doctor of Fine Arts

1998
David T. Chase
Doctor of Commercial Science
Thor Heyerdahl
Doctor of Laws
Stanley N. Katz
Doctor of Humanities
Martin Meyerson
Doctor of Humanities
Auguart Wilson
Doctor of Fine Arts
Barbara Brown Zilkim
Doctor of Humanities

1999
Steve Allen
Doctor of Fine Arts
Michael Lankester
Doctor of Fine Arts
Gabrielle Kirk McDonald
Doctor of Laws
Felix G. Rohaty
Doctor of Laws
Humphrey Tonkin
Doctor of Letters
Myren L. "Mike" Wallace
Doctor of Humane Letters

2000
Jeffrey P. Benos
Doctor of Commercial Science
José Alberto Cabreras
Doctor of Laws
John Michael Coote
Doctor of Letters
Frances Daly Ferguson
Doctor of Humanities
Robert W. Fussell
Doctor of Humanities
Francisco Flores '79
Doctor of Laws
Horton Foote
Doctor of Letters
Howard E. Gardner
Doctor of Humanities
Mary Patricia McPherson
Doctor of Humanities
Pleasant T. Rowland
Doctor of Commercial Science

2001
Robert D. Ballard
Doctor of Science
Aharon Barak
Doctor of Laws
Dale Chihuly
Doctor of Fine Arts
Maria Irene Fornes
Doctor of Letters
Moshe Katzur
Doctor of Laws
Anthony Lewis
Doctor of Humane Letters
Her Majesty Queen Noor
Doctor of Humanities

2002
Mark Dion '86
Doctor of Fine Arts
Enrico S. Giusar
Doctor of Laws
Morton E. Handel
Doctor of Humanities
Dean Karnos
Doctor of Science
Sweety Paul, The Lord Paul
Doctor of Humane Letters
Nina Torenberg
Doctor of Humane Letters

2003
Ramani Ayer
Doctor of Laws
Charles Gibson
Doctor of Humanities
Laura Innes
Doctor of Letters
Wynton Marsalis
Doctor of Music
Arnold Newman '59, '65
Doctor of Fine Arts
Larl Hansen
Doctor of Humanities
Kent McCray '51
Doctor of Fine Arts
Dollee McLean
Doctor of Humanities
Dollee McLean
Doctor of Fine Arts
Michael Wilson
Doctor of Fine Arts

2004
Edward Albee
Doctor of Letters
Winifred Coleman
Doctor of Humanities
Tessa Galahg
Doctor of Letters
David Grossman
Doctor of Humanities
Oscar Guglia
Doctor of Music
Paul Gigot
Doctor of Humanities
The Honorable John B. Larson
Doctor of Laws
Susan Shaw
Doctor of Humanities
Robert A. M. Stern
Doctor of Fine Arts

2005
Michael R. Bangert
Doctor of Humanities
Michael P. Price
Doctor of Fine Arts
M. Jodi Rell
Doctor of Laws
David Chase
Doctor of Letters
Ashley Madison
Doctor of Humanities

2006
Denise L. Nappier
Doctor of Laws
John H. Ferguson
Doctor of Humanities
Charles H. Thornton '90
Doctor of Science
Charles M. Cullen
Doctor of Humanities
Seymour Kantor
Doctor of Fine Arts
Dolore Torok
Doctor of Fine Arts

2007
George M. González '89, '90
Doctor of Commercial Science
Lorek Hansen
Doctor of Humanities
Kent McCray '51
Doctor of Fine Arts
Dollee McLean
Doctor of Humanities

2008
Douglas J. Bonnet
Doctor of Humanities
Marylouise Fennell, RSM, M57, '83
Doctor of Humane Letters
Bernard A. Harris Jr., MD
Doctor of Science
Valerie F. Lewis '62
Doctor of Humanities
Bob Ley
Doctor of Humanities

2009
Louise Blaschak
Doctor of Humane Letters
Peter Eio
Doctor of Commercial Science
Linda Greenhouse
Doctor of Humanities
Howard Green
Doctor of Fine Arts
Robert A. M. Stern
Doctor of Fine Arts

2010
William Eilen Bokom
Doctor of Music
The Honorable Ellen Bree Burns
Doctor of Laws
Michael Calkins
Doctor of Humane Letters
Jennifer Higdon
Doctor of Music
The Honorable Henry J. Mansell
Doctor of Humanities
Adolfo Pérez Esquivel
Doctor of Humanities

2011
Wolf Blitzer
Doctor of Humane Letters
Emerson String Quartet
Eugène Drucker
Doctor of Music
Lawrence DOTTON
Doctor of Music
David Finnell
Doctor of Music
Philip Setzer
Doctor of Music
Anne Garrels
Doctor of Humanities

2012
Douglas J. Bonnet
Doctor of Humanities
Marylouise Fennell, RSM, M57, '83
Doctor of Humane Letters
Bernard A. Harris Jr., MD
Doctor of Science
Valerie F. Lewis '62
Doctor of Humanities
Bob Ley
Doctor of Humanities

2013
John Corigliano
Doctor of Music
Bernard Cornwell
Doctor of Letters
Christopher M. Daddel
Doctor of Humanities
Richard D. Finn
Doctor of Commercial Science
Elizabeth Horton Sheff
Doctor of Humanities
Walter Wick
Doctor of Fine Arts

2014
James budley Billington
Doctor of Humane Letters
Mary Copleand
Doctor of Fine Arts
Mariana Wright Edelman
Doctor of Humanities
Thomas J. Grogan Jr.
Doctor of Laws
Rabbi Stanley M. Keasler
Doctor of Humanities
Ellen R. Marram
Doctor of Humane Letters
Michelle L. McCullough
Doctor of Commercial Science
Jacques Pepin
Doctor of Humanities
Joseph P. "Joe" Torre
Doctor of Humanities

2015
Caryl M. Stern
Doctor of Humanities
Maria Cantau
Doctor of Commercial Science
Clifton Davis
Doctor of Fine Arts
Tae Soo Kim
Doctor of Fine Arts
Sonny Rollins
Doctor of Music

2016
Bruce E. Douglas
Doctor of Humane Letters
Alan B. Lazowski
Doctor of Commercial Science
Rabbi Philip Lazowski
Doctor of Humane Letters
Zhao Long
Doctor of Music
Kennedy Oda
Doctor of Humanities
Donna Randall
Doctor of Humanities
Cabinet Trillin
Doctor of Letters
Robert Wilson
Doctor of Fine Arts
Mireir Therese Winter
Doctor of Humanities
Can Yi
Doctor of Music
Where you go becomes where you're from.

BE PROUD OF YOUR SUCCESS STORY.
**Commencement Map**  
**Sunday, May 21**

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**Main Ceremony**
- **Barney School of Business**
- **College of Arts and Sciences**
- **College of Education**
- **University Studies**
- **Hartt School of Music, Dance, and Theatre Arts**
- **Hilliard College**
- **ENHP**

**Shutlce Routes**
- **Shuttle Bus** to Lincoln Theater
- **Shuttle Bus** to Sports Center
- **Shuttle Bus** to the Golf Cart Area

**Simulcast Locations**
- **Mali I**
- **Mali II**
- **Lincoln Theater**
- **Fuller Music Center**

**Fire and Medical Services**
- **Emergency/First Aid**
- **Emergencies/First Aid**

**Social Media**
- University of Hartford
- UofHartford

**Contact Information**
- **Alumni Relations**
- **Registrar**
- **Grad Images**

**University of Hartford**

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**Commencement Weekend Information**

**ATMs**
- Three Bank of America ATMs are conveniently located on campus on the lower levels of Gengras Student Union and University Commons and in Kenower Campus Center.

**Campus Store**
- The University of Hartford Campus Store, offering a full line of University giftware and apparel, is open extended hours during Commencement Weekend. Hours are Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Dining**
- Einstein Bros Bagels, on the main floor of Gengras Student Union, is open Saturday, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., and Sunday, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Starbucks at the Godwin Café in Harrison University Libraries is open Sunday, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. A food concession tent is open at the main ceremony site Sunday beginning at 8 a.m.

**Flowers**
- Flowers will be available for purchase beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the main site adjacent to the information tent.

**Information**
- Information tents are located on the lawn near the front and west entrance to Gengras Student Union.

**Mobility Limitations**
- Saturday
  - Golf carts are available to help guests with mobility limitations. The main dispatch station is adjacent to the handicapped parking area (Visitor Lot K).
  - Sunday
  - The University offers accessible shuttle bus service between parking areas, the main Commencement site, and diploma presentation ceremonies at Lincoln Theater and the Sports Center. Golf carts offer additional assistance to transport guests with mobility limitations. The main dispatch station is located next to the handicapped parking area (Visitor Lot K).

**Restrooms**
- Public restrooms are located in all academic buildings surrounding the main site and in Gengras Student Union. Single-occupancy, accessible handicap bathrooms are located near public restrooms on the main level of Gengras Student Union, on the first floor of the Biedron Fox Auerbach Computer and Administration Center, and in the Dana Hall lobby (main level).

**Shuttles and Traffic**
- Please do not move your vehicle until the conclusion of all ceremonies. On Commencement Sunday traffic is restricted at certain times. Diploma presentations are within walking distance of the main ceremony. Accessible buses are available to shuttle guests from the main site to the two most distant ceremonies (see Mobility Limitations). Guests heading to the Sports Center board in front of the Hartford Art School. Those heading to Lincoln Theater board at the clock in front of the Fuller Music Center. (See map above.)

**Simulcast Locations**
- Indoor viewing is available Saturday in Suisman Lounge on the main floor of Gengras Student Union. On Sunday, in addition to Suisman Lounge, a simulcast of the main ceremony will be shown at the following locations: Mali I and II Lecture Halls in Dana Hall, the tent on the Auerbach Hall lawn, the Sports Center, and Lincoln Theater (ticketed Hartt School guests only). In the event of inclement weather on Sunday, additional classrooms on the main floors of Hillyer Hall and Dana Hall will be open to view the main ceremony.

**Smoking on Campus**
- Smoking is prohibited in all University buildings and within 20 feet of doorways. Outdoors, smoking is not permitted within 20 feet of tents and seating areas. The entire Harry Jack Gray Center quad area is smoke free.

**Social Media**
- #UHart2017

**Video and Graduate Photos**
- Graduates and guests may view a video replay of Saturday’s graduate ceremony and Sunday’s undergraduate main ceremony on demand via the University of Hartford’s Commencement website, hartford.edu/commencement, beginning May 25.
- A professional photography company, GradImages, will take individual photos of graduates as they call to the stage at Saturday’s graduate ceremony and at many of Sunday’s undergraduate diploma presentation ceremonies (A&S, Barney, ENHP, CETA, Hartt). Proofs will be available as early as 48 hours after the ceremony and can be viewed online at gradimages.com.