

2025



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**2025**  
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## BEAUTIFUL UPON THE HILL

(Frank Betancourt '41, arr. Arnold Running)

*Beautiful upon the hill  
Looking out to sea  
There our thoughts are turning still  
To hours we've spent with thee.  
We love thee, Alma Mater  
Our praise to thee we'll sing  
For Wagner will forever be  
Deep in our memory.*

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*"Beautiful Upon a Hill," recorded by the Wagner College Choir, 1949:*

*Learn more about the story behind Wagner's alma mater,  
"Beautiful Upon a Hill"*



# WELCOME

The President, Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, alumni, and graduates of Wagner College are honored by your presence at the 2025 Commencement ceremonies.

*Thursday, May 15, 2025*

*Friday, May 16, 2025*





*Congratulations Seahawks!*



CLASS OF  
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**GRADUATE PROGRAM**  
THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025

**\*ACADEMIC PROCESSION**

NYPD Pipes and Drums

Faculty Marshall

Candidates for Master's Degrees

Candidates for Post-Masters- Certificates

Candidates for Doctoral Degrees

Faculty

Chaplain

Academic Leadership

Trustees

Honorary Degree Recipient

President

**\*AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL (SAMUEL A. WARD/KATHARINE L. BATES)**

**\*THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER (FRANCIS SCOTT KEY)**

Wagner College Choir, Directed by Dr. Thomas Juneau

**\*INVOCATION**

Rev. Dr. Stephanie Jaeger

*Chaplain*

**WELCOME**

Dr. Jeffrey Doggett

*President*

**SPEAKING FOR THE GRADUATE CLASS OF 2025 (INTRODUCTION BY DR. KATIA GONZÁLEZ)**

Nimra Rizvi '25

**PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AWARDS**

Academic Leadership

**CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE**

Dr. Jeffrey Doggett

*President*

\*The audience will please stand.

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**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES**

Dr. Katia González

*Associate Provost for Academic Affairs*

**CONFERRING OF DOCTORAL DEGREES**

Dr. Jeffrey Doggett

*President*

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATES**

Dr. Katia González

*Associate Provost for Academic Affairs*

**CONFERRING OF POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATES**

Dr. Jeffrey Doggett

*President*

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES**

Dr. Katia González

*Associate Provost for Academic Affairs*

**CONFERRING OF MASTER'S DEGREES**

Dr. Jeffrey Doggett

*President*

**INDUCTION OF ALUMNI, CLASS OF 2025**

Darren Greco '98

*Alumni Board President*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Stephanie Jaeger

*Chaplain*

**\*ALMA MATER: BEAUTIFUL UPON THE HILL (FRANK BETANCOURT '41,  
ARR. ARNOLD RUNNING)**

Wagner College Choir

*All are invited to sing.*

**\*ACADEMIC RECESSION**

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FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

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Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

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*President*

**SPEAKING FOR THE UNDERGRADUATE CLASS OF 2025**

**(INTRODUCTION BY DR. KATIA GONZÁLEZ)**

Zachary Gorman '25

**CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE**

Dr. Jeffrey Doggett

*President*

**COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER FOR THE UNDERGRADUATE CLASS OF 2025**

Bishop Paul T. Egensteiner '79

\*The audience will please stand.

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**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES**

Dr. Katia González

*Associate Provost for Academic Affairs*

**CONFERRING OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES**

Dr. Jeffrey Doggett

*President*

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**\*ACADEMIC RECESSION**



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**CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**	Katarina Levoy Andiel	**	Giuliana Maria DiVirgilio	**	Miruna-Andreea Mihalcea
***	Chiamara Christine Lastimada	**	Amanda Michelle Galloza	**	Anabel Sophia Moda
	Anyanwu		Faublas	**	Molly Josefine Schutzwohl
*	Lidia Marie Argenziano	*	Logan Alexander Feeney		Nemirow
**	ReAnna Geneva Carol Arroyo		Tyson Phillip Foster	***	Amanda Maria Nicoletta
	Semie Baftjari	**	Nathaniel Braulio Garcia	**	Jo Orr
*+	Devin Christina Bailey		Taylor Alexis Goldstein	*	Elle Marie Ouimet
	Xavier P. Baker		Kaitlyn Marie Gonsalves	**	AnnaMaria Petalas
	Jaden Leslie Floyd Barrett	*	Olivia Eve Gonzalez-Scott	**	Bryce Aaron Phelps
*	Julianna Marlene Bevilacqua	**	Sydney A. Gordon		Robert Joseph Picciano
	Mazae Blake		Gaisha Laury Gourdet	**	Joanna Marie Portuesi
	Ralph Anthony Bologna	*	Ryan Michael Gummerman	+	Thomas Francis Reilly
	Margaret Irene Bongiovanni	**	Dylan Kenneth Haase	*	Christopher Joseph Romano
	Janaasah Shakeer Boone		Micah Hale	*	Michael Patrick Ryan
	Churchill Henry Bounds		Najae Hallenbeck	**	Nika Sadr
*	Siobhan Irene Brannigan		Deja Imani Harris-Holmes	***	Jade Iris Schoenfeld
*	Frankki Bronzo	**	Di'Andre Howell-South	*	Sabrina Sciabica
	Tommy Brown		Hayden M. Hulser		Lia May Shovlin
+	Jocelyn Marie Caban		Anna Sophia Hyde		Abigail Rose Smook
**	Anthony Thomas Cantirino		Lara Jacobs		Eric Joseph Spangler
*	AG Carhart		Bendert Louis Marinus Jansen	*	Luis Camino Sosa
***	Emma Mary Casertano		Jolie Grace Jeffrey-Craft		Rickey Dominic Spruill
	Kyle Maxwell Chambers	*	Aidan Thomas Jones		Kanako Suzuki
*	Ruth-Ann Chambers		George Thomas Lamanna	**	Kendall Sage Tabobandung
	Branden Christopher Coleman		Delaney Marie Lawson		Robert Anthony Taylor
	Kristina Elena Colon	***	Emma Lofstedt	+	Samantha Terrell
***	Gavin James Conner	*	Julianna Victoria Lopez	**	Jacob Liam Toporek
*	Ximena De la Garza Contreras	*	Charlotte Grace Lowe		Sarah Elizabeth Trask
***	Sydney Marie Cox		Francesca Rose Mandry	*	Natalie Marie Tsurkan
+	Cameron Marshall Darmody		Ella Grace Marino		Erika Suzann Warrix
*	Ximena De la Garza Contreras	***	Amanda Marie Marko		Shavini Wijesekera
**	Jeremy Xavier Delamota		Mateo Dominic Matthews		Zaire Winston Williams
**	Rebecca Skylar Desiderio				

*This list of graduates is correct as of May 9, 2025.  
Latin honors designated here reflect grades as of the end of the fall 2024  
semester. Final Latin honors will be reflected on the transcripts mailed in June.*

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

<p>+ Adrian Richard Aguirre Israa Hayder Al-ghanimi Michael Joseph Alongi Sarah Brittany Altreche Alexia Guseppina Amato</p>	<p>*** Katerina Cervenkova Ariana Rose Cicala *** Alexandra Jessie Mae Cole * Sophia Marie Colver</p>	<p>Elise Joan Fujita + Nicholas Emery Gadson Victoria Galdys Matthew John Gatto Maria Alfred Gayed Maria Genidy</p>
<p>** Bree Isabella Anderson Mariama Annan</p>	<p>** Giavanna Comerford Sabrina Marie Conte</p>	<p>* Christopher Andrew Giacopello Sophie Catherine Giltrap</p>
<p>* Danielle Rose Antignano Malak Atwi</p>	<p>*** Andrew Yuuta Cowie</p>	<p>*** Grace Anna Giovannone Desara Gjediku</p>
<p>* Michaela Ann Aversa Adetola Ayedun Rachael Omolabake Bakare Connor Joseph Bane Steven Nicholas Barreto Matthew Parker Bastelli</p>	<p>** Julia Marie Crispi Michael Joseph Cunningham Juliana Rose Curreri Robert Anthony Cusick</p>	<p>* Julia Gjurashaj Anastasia Gnatkiv Zuleyha Nazhmudinova Goldstein</p>
<p>* Xander Thomas Bauguess</p>	<p>* Julie Marie D'Agosta Gabriella D'Antonio Christian Nasir Davis</p>	<p>* Alanis Jenice Dejesus Gomez Zachary Michael Gorman Jenna Rose Graffeo</p>
<p>** Leo Benevedes Isabella Berisa</p>	<p>* Sara Davis ** Samantha Kate DeSena</p>	<p>** Valentina Grimaldi *** Carlota Alonso Guardia Shamiya Barbara Norapaz Manalo Guirre</p>
<p>* Faith Anne Berte Nicole Louise Betzu Varsha Biju Aidan Binyaminov</p>	<p>* Robert Cosmo Delfino Daisy Jennifer Delgado Caitlynn Rose Devine *** Bianca Salvatrice DiMarco ** Luca V. DiPietro</p>	<p>*** Steven Nabel Gorges Dylan Michael Hach Kendra Anne Hall</p>
<p>* Bryn Marie Bockstie *** Mattia Bognolo * Samantha Nicole Bonello</p>	<p>** Victoria Anne Dimino Izabela Dyrkacz</p>	<p>+ Jenna Hamed * Connor Patrick Hill Hayden Matthew Emile Hazar Amy Miao Yun He</p>
<p>*** Katelyn Marie Bouma + Paola Brizuela *** Joshua Adam Brown ** Christian Michael Bruno</p>	<p>+ Dylan Christopher Egan Kristine Caitlin Egan ** Jordan Alexandra Esposito Javier Ezquerra-Trelles Callie Maureen Fair</p>	<p>+ Angelina Heller ** Natalie June Herrmann Kayla Imani Hibbert Aileen Kelly Hoban</p>
<p>+ Allison Buchanan * Vaughn Duc Bui * Gianna Grace Burgalassi Andrew Caban Patrick James Garrett Caldwell Alexandra Rose Campanella Hailey Ester Cancelleri</p>	<p>* Willow Kathleen Fallon * Gabriella Farag Dylan Peter Festa Alea Theresa Fichera *** Giuliana Fiorentino * Julia Lauren Fisch Michael Quinn Foley Aaron Isaiah Forde</p>	<p>* Samantha Lynn Hughes Jordan Trevor Maximus Hunte ** Umaila Hussain * Liana Lidia Iannicelli</p>
<p>*** Leila Ysabel Espiritu Caraos * Julia Catherine Carney</p>		

	Julia Ivantsiv		Abigael McCue		Nicole Salici
	Luke James Jakubauskas		Emily Faye McDonald	**	Eric William Sander
**	Claire Teresa Janis	**	Kylie Rose McNally	*	Angelina Danielle Sayago
	Keyshawn Johnson		Daniel Raul Mercado	*	Akash Marlon Semonsz
*	Andrew Barry Stazzone Jr.		Krista Marie Midthassel		Elizabeth Alexandra Severov
*	Conor Edward Julich	*	Vincent Paul Milici	*	Ethan Sieb
	Azizjon Jurakulov		Nikko Taylor Milo	***	Alec Joseph Signorile
**	Ema Kaba	*	Luis Omar Moran		Heonseop Sim
	Olivia Karaman	**	Justin Connor Morris	***	Kathryn Grace Siverson
	Jake Robert Kelly	**	Ryan D. Myles	**	Carson David Skinner
*	Juliana Kelly	**	Ilina Nekhanevich		Angelina Caroline Skowronski
	Tyje Jerred Kelton	*	Jake Nelson		Justin Dominic Smith
	Joon Koo Kim		Ava Christina Nobile	*	John Joseph Sokoll
*	Hailey Anne Kindya	***	Victoria Rose Nowak	**	Sohail Sookram
**	Kayla Rose Klosen	**	Mukaddasoy Olimjonova	*	Kristian John Stanczewski
**	Ilayda Jasmine Kocak		Edith Ngozi Onyenwena	*	Andrew Barry Stazzone
	Yana Kocheleva	*	Jennifer Orjuela	***	Emma Louise Stec
**	Elizabeth Rose Koerper	*	Ishan Pablani		Amastasija Stegancova
	Deanna Nicole Koppie	**	Erica Lee Pace	*	Abigail Hope Sullivan
	Nicole Korsunskiy		Olivia Paczkowski	**	Casey Taylor
	Steven Robert Larson		Brianna Pali	***	Robert Tipaldi
***	Jaime Angeline Lauria	**	Thomas Charles Palopoli	*	Isabella Rose Tolendini
	Alysa Avery Lazzara	**	Alexandra Dominique Palumbo	**	Daniel Toufiles
	Elvedin Lesevic	**	Giulianna Marie Paradiso		Athanasios Tziatzioulis
	Adam Lesevic	*	Cephira Claire Jasmine Parker		Paula Ysabelle Alivia Uy
**	Emily Li		Joseph William Pendergast	**	Nicholas Michael Vega
	Jasmine Lin	*	Cory James Perry	***+	Diana Vidals
	Brianna Lindsay	*	Madison Reese Peters		Jaclyn Violante
	Angela Lynn LoBello		Madison Elizabeth Petricevic	**	Kasha Perry Vitoratos
	Tyler Justin Lugo		Thomas Ryan Picone	**	Robert Vincent Volpe
*	Christian Anthony Macaluso		Moses Aaron Pryor		Robert Bridger Wagner
	Daniella Klara Mar		Noah James Putney		Kharlin Everette Watkins
*+	Gianna Elizabeth Marinaro	**	Aldin Radoncic	*	Tharusha Wewalagamage
	Jacqueline Alana Markus	**	Gjulshen Ramush		Brian Alston Wilson
	Emma Marie Maroney	*	Samantha Catharine Rao		Katherine Elizabeth Wolf
	Brandyn Luis Marquez	**	James Joseph Rea	**	Sydney Morgan Xhunga
**	Alexa Rose Marzano		Angel Alexander Rivera		Agathe Yabit
	Bailey Albert Joseph Marzola		Arianna Monserrat Rivera		Adina Alyssa Yeninas
***	Amanda Rose Mascia		Ian Robinson		Nathaniel Charles Yi
**	Julia Margaret Mason		Emma Elizabeth Roe		Sandy Safwat Youssef
	Isabella Marie Mastrianni	*	Amanda Russo	***	Angelo Giuseppe Zaina
**	Lydia Mary Mathai	***	Jamie Marie Russo		Daria Zakharova
	Maria Maximous	**	Madison Victoria Sak		Mateusz Michal Zielinski



- \* Cum laude
- \*\* Magna cum laude
- \*\*\* Summa cum laude

GPA  
3.50  
3.75  
3.90

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+ Graduating in August 2025

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CLASS OF  
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**GRADUATE AWARD WINNERS**

### **EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

#### **Dr. Rhoda Frumkin Literacy Award**

This award is presented to a graduate student who exemplifies a commitment to culturally responsive literacy in schools.

**Alyssa Slaven**

#### **Collaborative Spirit Award**

This award is presented to a graduate student demonstrating a keen ability to provide constructive and critical reflective feedback to peers.

**David Classen**

#### **Education Department Chair Award**

This award is presented to a graduate student for outstanding distinction in teaching and professional growth.

**Nimra Rizvi**

#### **Culturally Responsive Award**

This award is presented to a graduate student committed to culturally responsible pedagogy and community/family engagement.

**Hannah Fulco**

#### **Teacher Resilience Academy Award**

This award is presented to a graduate student demonstrating grit and resilience toward the completion of their academic program.

**Nicole Brown**

#### **Disciplinary Expertise**

This award is presented to a graduate student displaying expertise in content area.

**Nicholas Taormina**

### **NICOLAIS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

#### **Outstanding Academic Achievement**

This award is presented to the graduating student in recognition of having earned the highest academic distinction in the Graduate Business Program: Finance Concentration

**Rodrigo Soto-Gongora**

#### **Outstanding Academic Achievement**

This award is presented to the graduating student in recognition of having earned the highest academic distinction in the Graduate Business Program: Management Concentration

**Christopher Bagdonas**

#### **Outstanding Academic Achievement**

This award is presented to the graduating student in recognition of having earned the highest academic distinction in the Graduate Business Program: Marketing Concentration

**Taylor Marjamaa**

### **PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM**

#### **Highest Academic Achievement in PA Studies**

This award is presented to the graduating PA student in recognition of having earned the highest for academic & clinical work

**Michael Hubert**

**Andrew Kaplan**

### **MICROBIOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

#### **Outstanding Master's Thesis Award**

This award is given to a graduate student that exemplifies rigor of research and mastery of scientific writing.

**Samantha Acuna-Carmen**

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## **EVELYN L. SPIRO SCHOOL OF NURSING**

### *Constance Byron Award*

This award is given to a graduate nursing student who exhibits academic merit, leadership qualities, tenacious spirit, thoughtfulness, and caring for others

**Michael Vigliotti**

### *Annmarie C. Sortino Award*

This award is given to a graduate student who is in the educator track and exemplifies a passion for teaching and nursing education

**Dinela Vukovic**

### *Marie Pickett Community Health Award*

This award is given to a graduate nursing student who is an exceptional human being and professional in character and ethical behavior and who strives to improve the lives of individuals both locally and globally.

**Boris Smurygin**

**Samantha Goon**

**Mary Jane Olsen**

### *Outstanding Academic Achievement (NE)*

This award is given to a Nurse Educator student who continuously maintains a high cumulative grade point average GPA, as well as displaying compassionate behavior in their field of practice.

**Schadeca Rowe**

### *Outstanding Academic Achievement (FNP)*

This award is given to a Family Nurse Practitioner student who continuously maintains a high cumulative GPA in both the didactic and clinical courses. This student also sustains a professional behavior throughout the program.

**Lyly Lei**

### *Highest Academic Achievement*

This award is given to a graduate student in the Nursing Program who continuously maintains the highest GPA and shows traits of an exemplary leader.

**Elena Chersky**

CLASS OF  
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**CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S, POST-MASTERS,  
AND DOCTORAL DEGREES**

**MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Christopher John Bagdonas	George Gregory Gaspar	Maxime Ricci
Lee Lenox Baldwin	Michael Keith Hoffler	Kevin D. Roach
Kayla Costa Barbosa	Philip Lynch	Daniel Scally
Kyle Mitchell Bestle	Enrico Mancardo	Nia Sydney Scott
Lindsey Sue Blommers	Taylor A. Marjamaa	Cassandra Sehic
Jacob William Cady	Samantha Nicole Marquez +	Kevin John Singer
Kahlyriah Carleena Carter	Henry Perry Martinez	Rodrigo Soto Gongora
Melanie Elizabeth Dissanayake +	Samuel Murphy	Dorde Stoiljkovic
Lawrence Alex Edgeworth	Samantha Ng	Guntra Upeniece
Julia Fabozzi	Adrian Pocesta	Camille Elizabeth Watson
Tyler James Galantini	Karoline B. Policarpio	Christian Young

**MASTER OF SCIENCE**

Janeen Marie Abdeldayem	Jacqueline Olivia Cook	Monica Marie Liriano Duran
Amy Abraham	Manuela Lucia DeMonte	Alexa Rose Loverdi
Samantha Alissa Acuna-Carmen	Christina Dennedy	Jessica An Lucchesi
Dana Marie Albano	Tanner William Dixon	Tara Patricia Manning
Kayla Elizabeth Alesi	Roseann Durak	Michele Marotto-Viera
Joann A. Anderson	Annalisa C. Foster +	Michael J. Mauceri
+ Crystal La Vyrle Appiah	Nicole Ann Fracchiolla +	Mouren Rafaat Megaly
Mariam M. Awad	Nicholas Giuseffi	Miriam Josief Mikhail
Merisa Barjaktarevic	Samantha Lauren Goon	Krysta-Lynne Murnane
Melissa Anne Bashen-Palladino	Antonia M. Greco	Christy A. Ng
Elijah Binyaminov	Kathryn Marie Howard	Kyle ONeil
Jon-Paul Bourgelais	Michael John Hubert	Mary Jane Olsen
Brianna Grace Bove	Mehereen Javed	Ronak Patel
Samantha Calcutta	Aimee Kaldas	Lauren N. Reuter
Amanda Catherine Campanile	Andrew Ryan Kaplan	Shadeca Shadai Rowe
Arjeta Capric	Magen Marie Krillas	Zoya Ruvinov
Gabrielle Eve Casale	Taylor A Krupa	Kayla E. Samuel
Nicole Casso	Chelsea Rebecca Kuperman +	Yoali Guadalupe Sanchez
Elena Chersky +	Vincent Michael Lanzillo	Danielle Scafidi
Shinny Christian	Sonia S. Lazarovich	Claudia Scalici
Deanna Ciccone	Yea Ji Lee	Boris Smurygin
Antonio G. Ciccotto	LyLy Lei	David Sobol

Nicholas Sokolofsky  
Violet Ann Spinosa  
Brianna Tormenia

Michael Anthony Vigliotti  
Skye Aurora Vollman  
Dinela Vukovic

Elyssa Wagner  
Tatyana Zinchenko

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

+ Nicole Ademola Brown	+ David Klassen	+ Nimra Rizvi
+ Uran Bujupi	+ Magen Marie Krillas	+ Alyssa Rose Slaven
+ Philip Natale Cenatiempo	+ Ashley Rose Ladner	+ Samantha Nicole Sollitto
+ Vincent Costa	+ Trisha Ann Leo-Valvo	+ Kimberly Christine Spencer
+ Hannah Roseanne Fulco	+ Victoria Rose Miller	+ Nicholas Lawrence Taormina
+ Sofia Leslie-Lyn Garcia	+ Vincent A. Nastro	+ Emily Mei Togami
+ Maleina S. Genova	+ Olasubomi Mary Onifade	+ Giuliana Mattea Tubiolo
+ Lea Caroline George	+ Meliza Elizabeth Perera	+ Kevin Ashby Venard
+ Andrew C. Howell Jr.	+ John Vincent Picozzi	
+ Monisha Kamal	+ Angelica Rose Pinto	

## POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE

+ Jordan Marie Coulon	Dylan Sali	Christian Robert Tait
Allison Nicole D'Allegro	Ja'kair Sanchez	Taleah Noo Washington
Jennifer Jaqueline DeGuzman	Cristina Klimasz Spina	

## DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Brianna Damora	Rashidat Atinuke Jalaoluwa	Veronica Ifeyinwa Okoye
Appu Darly	Vanessa Lynn Konczykanski	Adebusola Onwuemene
Catherine Ene Udeh Tdowu	Diana O. Macaulay	Erin Elizabeth Salzillo



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# HONARARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

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## BISHOP PAUL T. EGENSTEINER '79 H'25



The Reverend Bishop Paul Egensteiner '79 was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2020. He serves on the Advancement & Marketing and Academic & Student Affairs Committees.

The Rev. Paul T. Egensteiner was elected on May 17, 2019, to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). He served as pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Pleasantville, NY since 1997, and previously served as pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Staten Island, NY from 1984 to 1997. A native New Yorker, Egensteiner grew up in Richmond Hill, Queens. Having come from a long line of Lutherans on his father's side, a "Lutheran of Lutherans," Egensteiner

was baptized at Saint Philip Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, NY.

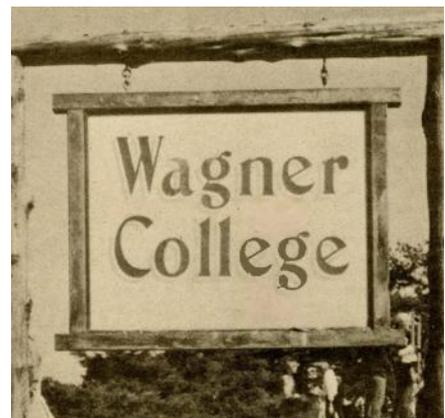
In 1979, Egensteiner received his Bachelor of Arts from Wagner College in Staten Island, and in 1984, he earned his Master of Divinity from Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

Bishop Egensteiner has been active in ecumenical relationships, serving as a group facilitator of First Call Theological Education, ELCA, as Dean of the Tapan Zee Conference, as Chair of the Synod Candidacy Committee, as a diakonia instructor, and as Dean and Director of Pinecrest Lutheran Leadership School. Finding joy and purpose in caring for all of God's people in a collaborative way, Egensteiner works closely with staff, pastors, deacons, congregations, and the community at large. He has served as Chaplain of the Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Department, and as Coordinator of the Pleasantville Clergy Association.

As an advocate for mutual learning and growth, Bishop Egensteiner "strives to make God the one that people see, and not me," upholding positive change as the Lutheran Church increases and maintains its inclusive love and care for all of God's children. With a pastoral style that sets the tone and model of a welcoming spirit, Bishop Egensteiner expresses that in "being trustworthy, thoughtful and loving, changes come more easily and with more acceptance. This style leads to the willingness of the community to take greater risks and be more innovative."



Paul Egensteiner, 1979 Yearbook



Wagner College, 1979 March News

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## ANDREW CORTESE '72 H'25



Mr. Andrew Cortese '72 was re-elected to the Board of Trustees in 2012, having previously served from 1999 -2010. Andy served as the vice chair of the board, chair of the Trustee Affairs committee, vice chair of the Athletics committee, and as a member of the Audit and Executive committees. His board terms completed in 2024; his wife, Natalie Migliaro '92 Cortese joined the board that year.

Andy served as the chair of the Presidential Search Committee in 2018, and a member of the Presidential Search Committee in 2023-24. He joined AIG Investments in 2007. As Managing Director and Head of Investment Services for AIG Investments, he is responsible for worldwide investment operations, performance measurement, and information technology functions. Before joining AIG Investments, he spent over 25 years with Goldman Sachs and JP Morgan Chase where he served as Managing Director of Operations and Technology. Two years prior to joining AIG Investments, Andy was a Senior Technology Adviser to the Department of Homeland Security and The American Red Cross in Washington, DC. Andy has lived abroad for many of these appointments including stints in London, Italy, Geneva, and Switzerland.

Andy received a BS in Accounting/Economics from Wagner. He received the Distinguished Graduate Alumni Association Award in 2012. He is a member of the new Nicolais School of Business Advisory Council. Andy is a staunch supporter of the Athletic program and was active in student organizations including fraternity, Delta Nu. A history buff, he recommends taking in sights like the Houses of Parliament. "The roots of our government and society come from here."

Andy has two sons: Drew and Greg.



Wagner College, 1972 Spring Alumni Magazine



Andrew Cortese, 1972 Yearbook

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## STUDENT SPEAKERS

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### ZACHARY GORMAN '25

Zachary Gorman is a dedicated student-athlete from New Jersey who proudly represented Wagner College on the baseball field for four years. Known for his strong commitment both in the classroom and on the diamond, he was honored with the Class of 2008 Scholarship during his junior year. Zachary is graduating with a degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Management and is excited to begin his career and further his education as he works toward making a meaningful impact in the world.



### NIMRA RIZVI '25

Nimra Rizvi, a Pakistani American earning her Master's in Adolescent Education and Students with Disabilities (Grades 7–12), brings a global perspective shaped by her NYC teaching experience and a foundation in economics from the prestigious University College London (UCL). Her journey into education began through equity-focused PTA leadership and continued with student teaching at New Dorp High School. Nimra also collaborated with Dr. Ayesha K. Khan (Ph.D., Harvard)—now Regional Managing Director at Acumen Pakistan—on research advancing financial inclusion in developing countries. A proud mother and wife, Nimra is grateful to Wagner College for inspiring her pursuit of both local impact and global change.



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## SYDNEY COX '25



Sydney Cox of Ellicott City, Maryland, is graduating with a degree in Theatre Performance and a minor in Writing. Throughout her time at Wagner College, she has demonstrated a deep commitment to the arts and campus life, engaging in a wide range of academic, creative, and leadership pursuits.

As a freshman, Cox interned with the Holocaust Center in partnership with Selfhelp, where she interviewed Holocaust survivors and participated in a Drama Therapy Production. Her writing has been published in The Wagner Beacon, and she has served as a campus

Tour Guide for the past two years. Her leadership on campus includes roles on several club executive boards, including Secretary, Graphic Designer, Social Media Manager, and Vice President.

In her senior year, Cox concludes her time at Wagner as Events Coordinator of Completely Student Productions, Co-President of the Spin Cycle Improv Club, and President of Shakespeare on the Oval. Her theatrical experience is extensive—she has costume designed and directed student-run productions, written and directed original works for The Originals, and performed in four student-run shows and ten department productions.

Most recently, Cox performed at the Stanley Drama Awards, where she presented musical numbers from Wagner College Theatre productions and read the award-winning play This is Government. She honors each of her experiences at Wagner as a meaningful opportunity to grow as an artist, teammate, and leader, believing deeply that every role—no matter the size—matters.

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## CAMPUS DETAIL MAP

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>P</b> Parking             | 1 Horrmann Library        | 7 Campus Safety        |
| <b>♿</b> Accessible Entrance | 2 Kairos House            | 8 Security Booth       |
| <b>♠</b> Elevator Access     | 3 Lifelong Learning       | 9 Spiro Hall           |
|                              | 4 Main Hall               | 10 Spiro Sports Center |
|                              | 5 Megerle Science Hall    | 11 Wagner Union        |
|                              | 6 Pape House (Admissions) |                        |

### Restrooms

- Spiro Sports Center (10), first floor
- Main Hall (4), all floors
- Horrmann Library (1), second floor and lower level

### Wheelchair Accessible Restrooms:

- Spiro Sports Center (10) and Megerle Science Hall, first floor (5)

# MESSAGES TO AND FROM THE

## **Jessica Nelson**

Way to go Jake!! Love you

## **Doreen Quirk**

Congratulations Bri!! We are so proud of you!

Love Mom & Allie

## **Isabelle Hazar**

Dear Matthew,  
Congrats, little bro! You've made it to the finish line! I hope you find much joy in this moment. College graduation was one of the most beautiful times of my life, and I hope it's just as awesome for you, if not more! I love you!

Love always, Izzy

## **Olga Kudinova**

Congratulations, Class of 2025, and especially to Matthew. If anyone deserves a celebration, it's you. I've seen the hard work and dedication you've put in, and it's all paid off. You've earned this moment, and I'm so proud of everything you've accomplished. You're loved and appreciated more than you know.

## **To Valentina Grimaldi**

Congratulations to the class of 2025 and special shout out to

our beautiful daughter Valentina Grimaldi!! You did it!!! We are so proud & you will be an amazing Nurse. We love you so much

## **Rosalie DiPietro**

Dear Luca, Today, as you graduate from Wagner College with your Bachelor of Science in Nursing, my heart is bursting with pride. Watching you reach this incredible milestone has been one of the greatest joys of my life. Your path into nursing wasn't conventional. It was forged through love, compassion, and courage—qualities you showed every single day as you cared for your dad during his illness. That experience shaped the incredible nurse you're becoming. It's not just a degree you've earned, Luca. It's a calling you've answered. As I stand here cheering you on, know that it's not just me... it's me and your dad. He may not be physically present, but I feel his love and pride so deeply today. He is surely smiling down from heaven, beaming with pride at the man you've become. You carry not just your degree, but the strength, compassion, and heart of a true caregiver. Congratulations, Luca — the world is lucky to have you.

With all our love, Mom & Dad

## **To Bianca DiMarco**

Bianca we are so proud of you

and all of your accomplishments at Wagner College. We cannot wait to see what you achieve in your OT doctorate program!! We love you. Congratulations Class of 2025!

Love, Mom, Dad & Victoria

Bianca I'm so proud of you and all the things you accomplished these past 4 years. You're gonna do great things in life I Love you.

Love sal

## **Fadi Hazar**

Very proud of you and what you have accomplished thus far. Keep going after your dreams and always aim high. Love you very much.

## **Zjreme Radonic**

We are so proud of you Aldin! You have achieved so much already. Remember the skies the limit!! We love you always and forever.

## **Catherine Skeen and Michael Brannigan**

Congratulations to our dear Siobhan, a teacher and an artist! Congratulations to all the graduates and their families!

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## **Jennifer Desiderio**

“Your off to great places. Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So...get on your way.”  
Dr. Seuss

## **Jeff Lugo**

Congratulations to all the graduates, especially my Tyler. I am beyond proud of you! Do great things.

## **Michele Myles**

Congratulations Ryan on your college graduation. We are so tremendously proud of you. Can't wait to see what you do with your one wild & precious life. All our love, Mom, Dad, Andrew & Sammy xoxox

## **Joanna Portuesi**

Huge congratulations today! You persevered and you can celebrate all the honors you receive today! lots of love, Mommy

## **The Argenziano Family**

Lidia, we couldn't be prouder of all you've accomplished these last 4 years! You're on your way to becoming a truly incredible teacher. Keep dreaming big—we'll be with you every step of the way. With love, Mom, Dad, Louie & Uncle Gary

## **To Brianna Tormenia**

Congratulations Bri! Love, Emma, Lindsay & Keri

## **To Chelsea Kuperman**

Congratulations. We are so very proud of you. You continue to outshine yourself every single day. -Kamil

## **To Siobhan Brannigan**

Congratulations! We look forward to seeing what happens next. Meanwhile, we look forward to the graduation ceremony.

## **To Lauren Reuter**

Congratulations Lauren! I'm very proud of you and excited to see what you accomplish as a PA! - Jacob Wacker

We are SO proud of Lauren! Congratulations ! Uncle Erich, Aunt Lee, Max & Sofie

Congratulations Lauren! Very proud of you! On to your next adventure as a PA! Love you! - Chris Reuter

## **To Samantha Sollitto**

Samantha, We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. You always accomplish what you set out to do even with your busy schedule. You will be an amazing teacher! We love you! Congratulations!!! Love, Mom, Dad, Rob, Joey and Dom

Dear Sam, Congrats on getting your masters. You work harder than anyone I know and you deserve to accomplish everything you put ur mind too. I am so proud to be your big brother and can't wait to see the things you accomplish. Love, Rob

## **To Kahlos Carter**

I love you girl keep going my love.- Shaquasia Fonville

## **To Kayla Rose Klosen**

You are a SPECIAL GIRL. I am so so so proud of you. - Uncle Billy

Dear Kayla, so proud of you and love you oodles. All things are possible for your future. Can't wait to see!!! - Mama

# MESSAGES TO AND FROM THE

## **To Alex Edgeworth**

We are so proud of you Alex! You stay strong and dedicated, determined to complete your degree while holding down two jobs, traveling between home and school. You've faced challenges and overcome them all while displaying grace through adversity. I don't think it's possible to be more proud of you than I already am. You have surpassed all my expectations and I know you will continue to do great things. All my love, Mom

Dear Alex, we are so very proud of you. This is just another milestone that God has ordained for you. Your father would have been/is proud of you as your entire family is. We love you and May you continue to reach for the stars.

## **To Taleah Washington**

Congratulations on achieving your Masters Degree! We are super proud of your success! The world is your oyster. Looking forward to seeing what GOD has in store for you!

## **To Violet Spinosa**

Dear Violet , I'm so proud of you of you and am honored to

be your father good luck. Amd I know you will succeed because of who you are. - Richard Spino-sa

## **To Stephen Larson**

Congratulations, Steven! We are so proud of you! - Erin Tripo

Steve, Best of luck to you and Congratulations! Keep shining like a diamond my dude! Uncle Dan

Congratulations Steven on a job well done. Wishing u a long and prosperous career. - Terry Wallen

Best wishes for a bright future & we're so proud of you. Always stay as sweet as you are. Congratulations !!!- Nanny & Poppy

## **To Nicholas Giuseffi**

Brother, I am so proud of you for this amazing accomplishment! You have now obtained not one, but two degrees! How does it feel to be a Master. I am proud of you for overcoming the challenges as a student and mastering skills as a working professional. Keep up the good work, and it will be worth the effort! - Amanda (sister)

## **To Michael Hoffler III**

Big brains. Bigger dreams. Congrats, grad!- Michael Hoffer II

## **To Hannah Fulco**

Congrats Hannah! You did it! We are so proud! Love you always! - David & Susanne Fulco

## **To Sofia Garcia**

Congrats! So proud of you. It's now up to you. You can do it. You have all the tools. Love Papi

## **To Diana Macaulay**

I am so proud of all your hard work and dedication to all those around you that allowed you to become the practitioner that you are today! You're such an inspiration to your friends and family. Your unwavering faith and resilience has gotten you to where you are now and these same virtues will continue to push you to anywhere you want to go in life! I love you and CONGRATULATIONS Dr. Diana Macaulay!!!!!! Whoop whoop!!! - Rae Ojo

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## To Antonia Greco

We are so proud of you!! Congratulations- Darren & Kim Greco

Dearest Antonia and fellow PA Graduates of the class of 2025, You have restored our faith in the younger generation with your desire and dedication to service in the medical field. The world will be a brighter, better (and healthier) place thanks to you. You earned every bit of today's celebration ~ savor it. You have made us all very proud!  
- Susan Barone

## To Melanie Dissanayake

Congratulations! Mastered it!!

## To Amanda Marko

Amanda you are a magical combination of love talent and beauty . Always love you - poppy

## To Enrico Mancardo

Congratulations Enrico! - your family

Dear Enrico, We are proud of your work at Wagner College. - Your Family

## To Steven Larson

Congratulations on your college graduation! We are so incredibly proud of you and everything you've accomplished. We can't wait to see what amazing things you'll do next. We love you very much and are so happy for you!  
Love, Mom & Dad

## To Taylor Goldstein

Congratulations Taylor I am so proud of you! You are a rock star! Love you - Mom

## To Abigail Smook

Abby, we are so proud of you, of your strength and tenacity, your amazing talent, and most of all, your enormous heart. You will bring so much creativity and passion to everything you do. The world has been waiting for you. May you and your classmates out and give it your beautiful all. We will be cheering you on, always.

Love, Mom, Dad, Susan, Ethan, Hayden ...and all the rest of your family.

We love you to the moon and back.

## To Tyson Foster

Tyson, We could not be more proud. It has been such an honor watching you grow into the young man that you are today! We thank God everyday for the blessing of both you and your brother! You have worked so very hard and always have climbed any mountain! Keep shooting for the stars!!! We love you with all of our hearts!!! Congratulations Son!!! You did it, You are a college graduate!!! What an amazing accomplishment!!! Now, let's celebrate!!!! Best of luck to all of the 2025 graduates!  
- Melissa, Jamie & Zander Foster

## To Nicole Salici

Nicole, we are so beyond proud of you for following your dream and never giving up. We know you will do great things! Congratulations! Love you!! - Mom and Dad

## To Erika Warrix

We are so proud of you! Congratulations! - Dad & Mom

Congrats on this big achievement! We are so proud of you!!  
- The Cadwalladers

# MESSAGES TO AND FROM THE

## **To Bryn Bockstie**

Bryn, We are so proud of all your accomplishments and we can't wait to see what the future has in store for you. We love you! Mom, Dad Brad, Ellie, Claire & Lydia

## **To Jaime Lauria**

Congratulations, Jaime!! We are so proud of all your hard work and dedication. This is just the beginning of an amazing chapter, and we can't wait to see what incredible things you'll achieve in the future. We love you always, Mom & Dad

Hi Jaime, You finally did it!! I'm so proud of you! I'm so lucky to have a sister as kind, sweet, and caring as you. You're going to be an amazing nurse!!  
Love, Samantha

## **To Ilina Nekhanevich**

I am so proud of you and how far you have come. You are so amazing. May you only keep moving forward from here. I love you !

## **To Ellen Graffeo**

Princess, we are so very proud

of you! You know Granny is with you every step of the way. We love you to pieces - Momma & Bobby XOXO

## **To Robert Volpe**

Congratulations on your Wagner Graduation. We love you and always support you.

## **To Alexandra Glovers**

So very proud of you, Alex.

## **To Abigael McCue**

So proud of you. Good luck in your next adventures!! We love you - Dad

## **To Abigail Sullivan**

We're so proud of you! This is just the start of a WONDERFUL life! Good luck!!- Matthew & Nicole Sullivan

## **To Amanda Russo**

I love you, Amanda your whole family is very proud of you. What a great accomplishment you are my hero. I love you- Doreen Russo

## **To Alexandra Cole**

I love you, Amanda your whole family is very proud of you. What a great accomplishment you are my hero. I love you- Doreen Russo

## **To Tommy Brown**

Congratulations to Tommy. Grandma loves you so much and I am very proud of you.

Congratulations Tommy We are all so proud of you. Aunt Lori

## **To Jamie Lauria**

We are so proud of you! You have worked so hard to achieve your dream and we couldn't be happier for you! You are an amazing granddaughter and we know that you will make an amazing nurse! The future is yours! Turn it into what you want it to be!!!  
- Grandma & Grandpa

## **To Moses Pyor**

Moses, we are so very proud of you! You are going to do great and amazing things!!! Love you!!- Mom & Dad

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## **To Johnny Sokoll**

Congratulations! We are so proud of you! - Michael & Karen Sokoll

## **To Thomas Picone**

Congratulations! We're so proud of you. Can't wait to see what the future holds. Love you - Mom & Dad

Whenever you're in doubt think of dad's motivational speech. Congratulations! - Mike & Joe

Congratulations!!!! - Julianna Lalor

## **To Emma Roe**

We are so proud of all your accomplishments, Emma! We can't wait to see you set the world on fire! Congratulations to you, your teammates and Wagner Class of 2025. - Elizabeth and Josh Roe

## **To Keyshawn Johnson**

I am so proud of you! You did it! The future is yours. Love you dearly! Mom

## **To Anna Hyde**

The day is finally here and it's beautiful! Congratulations! - Beth Hyde

## **To Quinn Hoke**

We love you so much and couldn't be prouder of the man you have become, you have so many exciting things coming in the future - Mom & Dad

## **To Ximena De la Garza**

Congrats !! So proud of you ... keep going with great achievement. - Juan José De la Garza

## **To Alec Signorile**

We are so proud of you! 1 more year left until you become a P.A. Your a Star!

## **To Kate Wolf**

Congratulations Kate! So proud of you! - Wolf Family

## **To AG**

I'm so proud of the person you've become. I know I've done my part to guide you into adulthood, not alone, but my part. You are a wonderful person and you will succeed in all that you do. I can't promise to be here for you for the rest of your life but I promise to for the rest of mine! I love you. - Dad

## **To Zaire Williams**

Z I am so proud of you for this phenomenal accomplishment! Keep shining bright in all that you do! Love Mommy!

## **To Zachary Gorman**

Zach - we are so proud of your hard work and resiliency - we love you so much! - Jeff & Cheryl Gorman

## **To Amanda**

We are so proud of you!!!- Kim Marko

# MESSAGES TO AND FROM THE

## **To Samantha Rao**

Congratulations my Samantha!!! So proud of you and I am so excited for you and the next step in your career!! Go 2025 and remember that there is nothing that cannot be done and if it is a challenge it just means more knowledge, more patience and lots of hard work!!!! We Love u to the moon and beyond!!!! - Mom & Dad

## **To AG**

Full of Grace, you've exemplified kindness, patience and love towards all the lives you've touched. The feelings I have for your commencement go far beyond pride and are seeded in faith that your presence in our world is divine intervention. The world needs you and deserves to have you to bring more light into the world. Love, Mom

## **To Zaire Williams**

Congratulations, I'm so happy and proud of you!!! We love you!!! - Claudia Seaberry

Congrats Neph! I'm so proud of you! Keep reaching for the stars!! - Felicia Johnson

## **To Maria Genidy**

So proud of you, always work hard for what you want!! - Gloria Genidy

## **To Amanda Faublas**

Mom and I are both so proud of you. Congratulations!!- Ricardo Faublas

## **To Diana Vidals**

You did Baby!!!! So proud to live and share this experience with you! This is just the beginning of a wonderful journey you are about to start. Feel super proud of yourself. I love you- Erica Farciert

## **To Eric Joseph Spangler**

Dad and I are so proud of you! You go Eric! You still continue to make us proud!! You are and will continue to be the best teacher ever - Mom & Dad

## **To Nicole Korsunskiy**

Congratulations Nicole!!! Wishing you all the best today and always! -- Strickland Family

## **To Emma Stec**

Congratulations! we are over the moon and so proud of all that you have accomplished! You set the bar as a student and athlete and your siblings have the greatest role model ever! XOXOXOXO - Mom

Never forget how one decision can lead you to greatness. Always stick to your guns. We are so proud of you. - Nick & Mom

## **To Alanis DeJesus**

Never doubted you. Love you forever. - Felix DeJesus III

## **To Nicholas Vega**

Congratulations Nicholas. We are very proud of you and all of your achievements. We love you.- Mom & Dad

## **To George LaManna**

Congratulations!!! We are so proud of you. - Veronica & Kiro

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**To Jamie Lauria**

Congratulations on your achievement! I wish you a bright future filled with success and much happiness! - George Sinatsakis

Congratulations on your well deserved success! Warmest congratulations on your graduation!! I am so happy to share in the excitement of your graduation day and so very proud of you too!!- Angela Sinatsakis



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