



University of Lynchburg

Commencement

MAY 7-8, 2026

CELEBRATING 123 YEARS
OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Class of 2026


A total of 893 students (345 undergraduate and 548 graduate students) are candidates for degrees in 2026.

The number of undergraduate degrees includes Bachelor of Arts, 161, and Bachelor of Science, 184.

The number of graduate degrees includes Doctor of Education in Leadership Studies, 6; Doctor of Executive Leadership, 49; Doctor of Medical Science, 288; Doctor of Physical Therapy, 35; Master of Arts, 6; Master of Business Administration, 19; Master of Education, 36; Master of PA Medicine, 38; Master of Healthcare Administration, 13; Master of Public Health, 31; Master of Science in Athletic and Coaching Education, 7; Master of Science in Athletic Training, 10; Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, 6; and Master of Science in School Counseling, 4.

All candidate names and information were provided by the Office of the Registrar.

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Speaker



UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE CEREMONIES

Dr. John Garrison Marks

Dr. John Garrison Marks '10 is a historian, writer, and nationally recognized leader in the history and museum fields. His latest book, “Thy Will Be Done: George Washington’s Legacy of Slavery and the Fight for American Memory,” explores how Americans have thought — and fought — about Washington’s legacy for nearly 250 years.

Marks’ work has been published in *The Washington Post*, *Time* magazine, *Smithsonian* magazine, and elsewhere. For the past nine years, he has worked for the American Association of State and Local History, leading its efforts to support museums and historic sites as they prepare for the nation’s 250th anniversary. Most recently, he served as the AASLH’s vice president of research and engagement. This month, he will transition to a part-time role, director of the Public History Research Lab, so he can focus on promoting “Thy Will Be Done” and working on his next book.

At Lynchburg, Marks was a double major in history and Spanish, with a minor in museum studies. He was a Westover Honors Fellow and graduated cum laude. He earned his master’s and PhD in history from Rice University. He currently lives in the Washington, D.C. area.







THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026 • 9 A.M.



Undergraduate Ceremony

President Alison Morrison-Shetlar, presiding
Professor Frank Whitehouse, University Marshal

PROCESSIONAL

“Sine Nomine,” Ralph Vaughan Williams
“Pomp and Circumstance,” Sir Edward Elgar
“Fanfare and Flourishes,” James Curnow

INVOCATION

Nathan Albert

University Chaplain and Assistant Vice President for Belonging

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Julie Doyle

Chair

GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Kathryn Whitestone-Goodman '13

President

GREETINGS FROM THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Soliyana Atnafu '26

President

GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

Dr. Morrison-Shetlar

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

John Garrison Marks '10

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Dr. Morrison-Shetlar

assisted by

Chip Walton

Interim Chief Academic Officer and Vice President for Academics
and Strategic Operations

READING OF THE NAMES

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Morrison-Shetlar

UNIVERSITY OF LYNCHBURG HYMN

University of Lynchburg Concert Choir

Audience and Class of 2026

Words by Paul E. Waters '48

Arranged by Chris Sharp

Hail, Alma Mater, Lynchburg to thee!
Strong are the principles which founded thee.
They are the beacon, guiding us free!
Light that can never fail us, Hail! Hail! To thee.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Albert

RECESSIONAL

“Scotland the Brave,” traditional Scottish folk song
Performed by Jim Robertson

**Please stand as you are able.*

*Please remain seated for the processional and recessional.
Only the platform party will recess.*

*The senior class banner is carried by Annalise Marie Williams, recipient of
the Robert L. Hill Distinguished Senior Award.*

*Appreciation is extended to the student marshals, in red robes, who were
nominated and selected to assist the University marshal in leading the
processional and recessional.*

*Appreciation is extended to Liberty University Interpreting Services for
providing American Sign Language interpreting.*

Appreciation is extended to Carroll Sluss, name reader.

*Individual graduation photos provided by Photo Specialties.
A proof will be sent to current email addresses with a password
for online viewing. There is no obligation to purchase.
To receive email notification when photos are posted, visit
photospecialties.com.*

*Informal photos by the University photography staff are available at no
charge after June 19 at flickr.com/universityoflynchburg.*

*Please silence all mobile devices during the ceremony.
Commencement exercises may be viewed live at lynchburg.edu.*





Graduation with Academic Honors

The designations of *summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, and *cum laude* identify those who graduate with a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.91, 3.71, or 3.5, respectively. The designation of academic honors listed here is subject to revision on the basis of final grades.

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Cassi Nicole Blackmore
Ruby Crystal Bondurant
Allyson N. Booth
Madelyn Lee Boyce
Evan Alexander Gates
Samira Gharavi-Nouri
Ashley Jordan Hair
Macy R. Hooper
Brielle B. Hurt
Joseph David John
Elizabeth Leona Johnson
Mackenzie A. Joly
Caroline Fuller Light
Sophia M. Mantilla
Briana Nicole Mata
María Luján Medina
Hannah Katharyn Ness
Jennifer B. Piercy
John R. Pokorak
Sean E. Pokorak
Elizabeth Marie Price
Evan Robert Price
Reid Victor Rouse
Lily Hildebrand Rowe
Peyton R. Saunders
Sophia R. Schorr
Sidney Alexis Sindt
Quentin Douglas Smith
Megan Althea Stiffler
Alyssa Mali Talayumptewa
Logan J. Tapman
Georgia Monroe Thompson
Alan M. Van Asch
Annalise Marie Williams
Victoria G. Williamson
Katie R. Willis
Macie Wright

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Kaitlyn R. Bain
Kaleigh M. Bennett
Elora G. Burchette
Christopher Caporaso
Jacob Alexandar Clavijo

Emory E. Conner
Danielle J. Coon
Lily Elisabeth Doebler
Laurn E. Fling
Brandon Edward Garcia
Kyle E. Gillenwater III
Joseph Aaron Gordon
Daniel Luke Hardy
Hannah Kay Herr
Will Jaret Hicks
Grant Walker Howard
Mackenzie N. Ingrassia
Caleb Charles Jenkins
Allison M. Jewell
Brock M. Jones
Alexander S. Jordan
Alyssa Krejcarek
Mallory F. Lamb
Jaina M. Leek
Jazmin Teresa Lopresti
Andrew K. McCormick
Tiffany D. McCune
Luke Sutton Meadows
James D. Minix
Olivia Lynn Muir
Nicolás Negroni
Carmen Nicolás Almela
Destiny R. Ochs
Isabela Pereira Muniz
Tho Le Kieu Pham
Delaney N. Porter
Bailey E. Pugh
Jenna Lynn M. Roach
Shay Schoones
Justin R. Sheehan
James Bowers Smallshaw
Mena Starr Sutphin
Rylee C. Turner
Lorraine Louise Upton
Ashley C. Vandergrift
Thomas J. Viscuso
Ashton R. Watterson
Christopher R. Wiley
Andrea N. Winn
John V. Wixted

Savannah J. Yanz
Piercen C. Young
Hailey Zaun

CUM LAUDE

Yoori Bae
John Walter Bain
Theodore L. Barrett
Andrew Craig Beal
Lincoln Nicole Brads
Nicholas Valentine Brent
Tanisha C. Brewster
Joel C. Butcher-Quinn
Mya Meria Katlyn Carey
Taylor A. Daugherty
Josie Virginia Davis
Abigail G. De Groft
Luke T. Diemoz
Alexandra M. Dinardo
Ashlea Distler
Naomi Victoria Draper
Brock O. Duff
Sydney S. Dumas
Jayson C. Easton
Caroline Samantha Edmondson
Hayden Alexander Evans
Margo J. Fox
Riley Madison Hastings
Virginia E. Heffernan
Mary Logan Hill
Kayden Michael Hinchey
Molly Hoover
Zoey Elizabeth Horn
Ava Grace Jackson
Abigail Grace Johnson
Cicely M. Jones
Tyler A. Kaltreider
Abigail Lynne Kendrick
Kailey M. Keough
Aisha Marilyn Abdulbary-Knotts
Matthew A. Kopsidas
Alexis Blake Love
Tyla R. Matthews
Herman L. Mays III
Reese T. McAtee

Tomahito Mori
James Tucker Motley
Lydia R. Nelson
V'Dell A. Newton
Emily Peyton Nugent
Logan Elizabeth Peacock
Jack Elliott Pitts
Jahia Pauline Read
Tanner A. Reynolds
Maria-Antonia L. Roberts
Erik B. Rosine
Devon Elizabeth Rountree
Ben Rowlands
Kya M. Rucker
Peyton J. Ruggieri
Finnegan W. Schmidt
Parker David Sealey
Audie James Shaver
Katherine Marie Shepherd
Sebastian David Soria
Mary Alexis Tackett
Kayla Marie Terry
Cy Ashton Therrien
Emma C. Timberg
Lisa Villinger
Hannah Noel Young
Virginia R. Zalinski

Listing is accurate as of May 1, 2026.

Honors Recognition by Discipline

The University confers upon seniors Highest Honors, High Honors, and Honors in major areas of study. To be considered for honors designation, a senior must complete a research paper in the major area of study and defend it before a committee of at least three faculty members, or complete a comprehensive written and oral examination in the area and have it judged by a committee of at least three faculty members. To qualify, the student must also have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 in the major and a grade point average of 3.0 in all classes taken at the University, as well as overall. The senior year must be spent in residence at the University.

The following students are receiving honors in their respective majors. The * represents that the student's thesis defense was not completed by the publication deadline.

Madelyn Lee Boyce, Highest Honors in Public Health

Joel C. Butcher-Quinn, High Honors in History

Caroline Samantha Edmondson, Honors in Psychological
Science-Counseling Psychology

Samira Gharavi-Nouri, High Honors in Theatre-Performance

Ashley Jordan Hair, Highest Honors in Public Health

Daniel Luke Hardy, Biomedical Science*

Macy R. Hooper, Honors in Psychological Science-Forensic Psychology

Molly Hoover, Music Education-Instrumental Education*

Abigail Grace Johnson, Biology-Biomedical*

Sydney L. Kelly, Music Education-Vocal Education*

Alyssa Krejcarek, High Honors in Psychological Science-Forensic Psychology

Mallory F. Lamb, Exercise Physiology*

James D. Minix, Exercise Physiology*

Carmen Nicolás Almela, High Honors in Psychological
Science-Forensic Psychology

Delaney N. Porter, Exercise Physiology*

Erik B. Rosine, Highest Honors in Statistics and Data Science

Sophia R. Schorr, Highest Honors in Biology-Education

Audie James Shaver, Highest Honors in Psychological Science-Forensic
Psychology

Katherine Marie Shepherd, Exercise Physiology*

Sidney Alexis Sindt, Biology-Integrative*

Mary Alexis Tackett, Highest Honors in Public Health

Georgia Monroe Thompson, Honors in Philosophy-Political Science

Lorraine Louise Upton, Highest Honors in Environmental Science and
Sustainability

Lisa Villinger, Honors in Psychological Science-Counseling

Annalise Marie Williams, Biology-Biomedical*

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Westover Honors Graduates

Started in 1987, Westover Honors at the University of Lynchburg takes its name from the historic building that housed the University in its early years. Graduates wear purple cords.

The recipients of the 2025-26 Director's Award for Excellence for the best thesis by a Westover Fellow are: **Ruby Crystal Bondurant, Sophia R. Schorr, Megan Althea Stiffler, and Thomas J. Viscuso.**

Saige O. Adams

Kaitlyn R. Bain

Kaleigh M. Bennett

Za'lexia B. Bogan

Ruby Crystal Bondurant

Sydney Bella Carter

Katherine Emmaline Cecil

Danielle J. Coon

Lily Elisabeth Doebler

Caroline Samantha Edmondson

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Megan Althea Stiffler

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Emma C. Timberg

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Thomas J. Viscuso

Annalise Marie Williams

Victoria G. Williamson

Virginia R. Zalinski

Sommerville Scholar

The University's highest student academic honor, this award recognizes a senior of strong character, academic excellence, intellectual curiosity, and outstanding achievement. It was established in 1965 in memory of Dr. Richard Clarke Sommerville, professor of philosophy and psychology at Lynchburg College from 1928 to 1952.

The 2025-26 Richard Clarke Sommerville Scholar is **Megan Althea Stiffler.**

Hill Distinguished Senior

This award honors a senior who has excelled in academics, ranks in the top 2% of the graduating class, has pursued a challenging and rigorous curriculum, and has exhibited involvement in campus and community activities. It was established in 1989 in memory of Dr. Robert L. Hill, professor and chair of economics at Lynchburg College from 1965 to 1984.

The 2025-26 Robert L. Hill Distinguished Senior is Annalise Marie Williams

2026 Candidates for Degrees

BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Saige O. Adams, BS	Bassett, Va.	Franco Caccia, BS	Capital Federal, Argentina
Tyanna J. Adams, BS	Suffolk, Va.	Stella Maris Camacho, BS	Arlington, Va.
Mercer Alden, BS	Alexandria, Va.	Preslie L. Camden, BS	Forest, Va.
Garrett M. Appleton, BA	Leesburg, Va.	Alyssa Nichole Campbell, BS	Virginia Beach, Va.
Tiana Hinako Artese, BA	Roaring Brook Township, Pa.	Logan J. Cantin, BA	Chesterfield, Va.
Soliyana Atnafu, BS	Yeka, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Christopher Caporaso, BS	Wake Forest, N.C.
Catherine A. Babines, BS	Virginia Beach, Va.	Mya Meria Katlyn Carey, BS	Nassau, New Providence Island, Bahamas
Yoori Bae, BS	Uijeongbu, South Korea	John M. Carico, BS	Richmond, Va.
John Walter Bain, BS	Amherst, Va.	Ethan D. Carr, BS	Pikesville, Md.
Kaitlyn R. Bain, BA	Chesapeake, Va.	Sydney Bella Carter, BA	Lynchburg, Va.
Tanner S. Baker, BA	Gloucester, Va.	Brooke A. Cason, BS	Fishersville, Va.
Aurora Giovanna Balsamo, BS	Richmond, Va.	Tyler J. Caten, BA	Mechanicsville, Va.
Stephen A. Barber, BA	Salem, Va.	Katherine Emmaline Cecil, BS	Martinsville, Va.
Abigail Rose Barlow, BS	Moneta, Va.	Skylar R. Chewning, BS	Lynchburg, Va.
Theodore L. Barrett, BS	East Bridgewater, Mass.	Shekinah Chidzero, BA	Williamsburg, Va.
Andrew Craig Beal, BA	Pasadena, Md.	Ciara A. Christner, BA	Hampton, Va.
Cornelia L. Beattie, BS	Vienna, Va.	Morgan E. Clarke, BS	Virginia Beach, Va.
Ryleigh N. Beck, BS	Waynesboro, Pa.	Collin Brocke Clary, BS	Bracey, Va.
Lauren Stephanie Beckner, BS	Roanoke, Va.	Jacob Alexandar Clavijo, BA	Dallas, Texas
Camdyn L. Bennett, BS	Gretna, Va.	Emory E. Conner, BS	South Boston, Va.
Kaleigh M. Bennett, BA	Madison Heights, Va.	Samuel Cook, BA	Gloucester, Va.
Carter N. Besz	King of Prussia, Pa.	Danielle J. Coon, BS	Newport News, Va.
Charleigh Renea Bishop, BS	Bedford, Va.	Amber Crouch, BS	Huddleston, Va.
Cassi Nicole Blackmore, BS	Mechanicsville, Va.	Madison S. Crow, BS	Vinton, Va.
Braelyn Nicole Blackstone, BA	Beaverdam, Va.	Makenzie Rene Dale, BA	Chesterfield, Va.
Za'lexia B. Bogan, BA	Houston, Texas	Taylor A. Daugherty, BA	Salisbury, Md.
Ruby Crystal Bondurant, BA	Big Island, Va.	Josie Virginia Davis, BS	Nelson County, Va.
Allyson N. Booth, BA	Chesterfield, Va.	Abigail G. De Groft, BS	Glen Allen, Va.
Madelyn Lee Boyce, BS	Mount Airy, Md.	Lucas De Los Reyes, BS	Amherst, Va.
Lincoln Nicole Brads, BA	Forest, Va.	Hayden E. Deans, BS	Hampton, Va.
Tevin J. Braxton, BS	Lynchburg, Va.	Melanie E. Defilippo, BS	Forest, Va.
Nicholas Valentine Brent, BA	Bluemont, Va.	Reagan L. Deitrick, BS	Forest, Va.
Tanisha C. Brewster, BA	Lovettsville, Va.	Bryce D. Demory, BS	Zion Crossroads, Va.
Kathryn E. Briggs, BS	Aberdeen, N.C.	Abigail R. Devlin, BA	Newburyport, Mass.
Kelly Noelle Britt, BS	Mathews, Va.	Luke T. Diemoz, BS	Gardiner, N.Y.
Jaxon T. Britton, BS	Axton, Va.	Bailey Hill Dills, BS	Bedford, Va.
Luke J. Brookman, BA	Gambrills, Md.	Alexandra M. Dinardo, BA	Moseley, Va.
Kayli M. Brown, BS	Goodview, Va.	Ashlea Distler, BA	Hampton, Va.
Elora G. Burchette, BA	Madison Heights, Va.	Lily Sue Dobbs, BA	Hopewell, Va.
Joel C. Butcher-Quinn, BA	Amherst, Va.	Shane A. Dobyons, BA	Lynchburg, Va.

Lily Elisabeth Doeblen, BS	Lynchburg, Va.	Chasen Bradley Hunt, BA	Forest, Va.
Ian DoRego, BA	Gloucester, Va.	Darria M. Hunter, BS	Smithfield, Va.
Naomi Victoria Draper, BS	Forest, Va.	Brielle B. Hurt, BA	Bedford, Va.
Brock O. Duff, BA	Lynchburg, Va.	Mackenzie N. Ingrassia, BS	Westtown, N.Y.
Tyler D. Duffey, BS	Roanoke, Va.	Ava Grace Jackson, BS	Apex, N.C.
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Jayson C. Easton, BA	Buchanan, Va.	Abigail Grace Johnson, BS	Lynchburg, Va.
Caroline Samantha Edmondson, BS	Roanoke, Va.	Elizabeth Leona Johnson, BS	King George, Va.
Frank Philip Engel, BA	Yorktown, Va.	Kennedy M. Johnson, BA	Suffolk, Va.
Hayden Alexander Evans, BS	Lynchburg, Va.	Mackenzie A. Joly, BS	Mechanicsville, Va.
Abigail Ann Faitak, BA	Forest, Va.	Brock M. Jones, BA	Lynchburg, Va.
Jessica G. Fassett, BS	Auburndale, Fla.	Cicely M. Jones, BS	Lynchburg, Va.
Draven K. Fernandez, BA	Virginia Beach, Va.	Jaylen M. Jones, BA	Richmond, Va.
Jacob Fisher, BS	Chester, Va.	Alexander S. Jordan, BA	Forest, Va.
Lauryn E. Fling, BA	Culpeper, Va.	Trent C. Judd, BA	Salem, Va.
Grace Kathryn Foster, BA	Lynchburg, Va.	Tyler A. Kaltreider, BA	Warrenton, Va.
Margo J. Fox, BS	McGaheysville, Va.	Kacey Kelly, BA	Woodbridge, Va.
Riley Dax Frankel, BA	Durham, N.C.	Sydney L. Kelly, BA	Yorktown, Va.
Brooke Ellen Frey, BA	York, Pa.	Abigail Lynne Kendrick, BS	Fluvanna County, Va.
Brandon Edward Garcia, BA	Durham, N.C.	Emanuel E. Kennedy, BA	Lynchburg, Va.
Paden Knight Garrard, BS	Lynchburg, Va.	Kailey M. Keough, BS	Charlotte, N.C.
Evan Alexander Gates, BA	Blue Ridge, Va.	Aisha Marilyn Abdulbary-Knotts, BA	Manassas, Va.
Samira Gharavi-Nouri, BA	Lüneburg, Germany	Matthew A. Kopsidas, BA	Rockville, Md.
Kyle E. Gillenwater III, BA	Bridgewater, Va.	Alyssa Krejcarek, BS	Yorktown, Va.
Joseph Aaron Gordon, BA	Midlothian, Va.	Dinah M. Lackey, BS	Tilghman Island, Md.
Anna Elise Graham, BS	Charlottesville, Va.	Mallory F. Lamb, BS	Virginia Beach, Va.
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Amelia Marie Hagen, BA	Charlotte, N.C.	Jaina M. Leek, BS	Williamsburg, Va.
Ashley Jordan Hair, BS	Glen Allen, Va.	Hannah Alowyn Lenz-Phillips, BS	Cumberland, Va.
Michael E. Hamm, BS	Patrick County, Va.	Caroline Fuller Light, BA	Evington, Va.
Samantha Lynn Hammond, BA	Appomattox, Va.	Emily Michelle Lindy, BS	Forest, Va.
Daniel Luke Hardy, BS	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	Abigail G. Lockhart, BS	Suffolk, Va.
Carly F. Harris, BS	Hurt, Va.	Jazmin Teresa Lopresti, BA	Charlotte, N.C.
Riley Madison Hastings, BA	Alpharetta, Ga.	Alexis Blake Love, BS	South Hill, Va.
Michael Darren Hayes, BA	Heidelberg, Ontario, Canada	Trevor L. Loving, BS	Mechanicsville, Va.
Virginia E. Heffernan, BA	Baltimore, Md.	Peyton B. Lowery, BS	Virgilina, Va.
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Hannah Kay Herr, BS	Dover, Pa.	Parker J. Lynch, BS	Sanford, N.C.
Will Jaret Hicks, BA	Salem, Va.	Kylar L. Mahoney, BA	Pflugerville, Texas
Mary Logan Hill, BA	Kilmarnock, Va.	Damont L. Maiden, BA	Lancaster, Va.
Kayden Michael Hinchey, BA	Glastonbury, Conn.	Sophia M. Mantilla, BS	Forest, Va.
Gabrielle E. Hollberg, BS	Moseley, Va.	Jamison M. Mantooth, BS	Danville, Va.
Macy R. Hooper, BS	Smithfield, Va.	Caroline Grace Marotta, BS	Lynchburg, Va.
Molly Hoover, BA	Lynchburg, Va.	John J. Marotta, BA	Lynchburg, Va.
Graham M. Hope, BA	Fredericksburg, Va.	Briana Nicole Mata, BS	Lynchburg, Va.
Zoey Elizabeth Horn, BS	Hillsborough, N.C.	Tyla R. Matthews, BA	Nokesville, Va.
Grant Walker Howard, BS	Amherst, Va.	Herman Larkin Mays III, BA	Amherst, Va.
Isaac J. Howard, BA	Lynchburg, Va.	Reese T. McAtee, BS	Chesapeake, Va.
Owen Howery, BS	Dumfries, Va.	Josephine R. McCarthy, BS	Nelson County, Va.
Izza Sofia Huajardo Warthon, BA	Manassas, Va.	Andrew K. McCormick, BS	Lynchburg, Va.

Tiffany D. McCune, BS	Danville, Va.	Noah R. Price, BA	Jasper, N.Y.
Mason S. McDowell, BA	Fishersville, Va.	Saar Alexandra Marijtje Prins, BA	Laren, The Netherlands
Luke Sutton Meadows, BS	Lynchburg, Va.	Bailey E. Pugh, BS	Lynchburg, Va.
Maria Luján Medin, BA	Tandil, Buenos Aires, Argentina	Nekolas M. Raya-Aguilera, BA	Gloucester, Va.
Gabriel N. Menchaca, BA	Spring, Texas	Jahia Pauline Read, BS	Chicago, Ill.
Alexandra H. Miller, BS	Lynchburg, Va.	Tanner A. Reynolds, BA	Waxhaw, N.C.
James D. Minix, BS	Farmville, Va.	Austin Conner Riney, BA	Midlothian, Va.
Rita L. Mitchell, BS	Firestone, Colo.	Alexander Rintoul, BA	Warwick, England
Moaez Salim Mohammed, BA	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Jenna Lynn M. Roach, BA	Huddleston, Va.
Abigail G. Monk, BA	St. Clairsville, Ohio	Maria-Antonia L. Roberts, BA	Fredericksburg, Va.
Caitlyn D. Moore, BS	Virginia Beach, Va.	Erik B. Rosine, BS	Troutville, Va.
Peter F. Morales, BA	Cranston, R.I.	Devon Elizabeth Rountree, BS	Missouri City, Texas
Jada Denise Morgan, BS	Roanoke, Va.	Reid Victor Rouse, BA	Greensboro, N.C.
Tomahito Mori, BS	Lynchburg, Va.	Lily Hildebrand Rowe, BA	Cary, N.C.
Neely A. Morris, BA	Kitty Hawk, N.C.	Logan A. Rowe, BS	South Pasadena, Fla.
MacKenna M. Moss, BS	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Sydney A. Rowe, BS	Millersville, Md.
James Tucker Motley, BS	Dillwyn, Va.	Ben Rowlands, BA	Wigan, United Kingdom
Olivia Lynn Muir, BS	Milford, Del.	Kya M. Rucker, BA	Lynchburg, Va.
Brandon T. Murphy, BA	Lynchburg, Va.	Peyton J. Ruggieri, BS	Lynchburg, Va.
Cole E. Murphy, BS	Independence, Va.	Taya D. Samuels, BS	Lynchburg, Va.
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Armando Najera, BS	Naples, Fla.	Delaney B. Saulsbury, BS	Abingdon, Md.
Patrick Keaton Napior, BA	Lynchburg, Va.	Peyton R. Saunders, BA	Forest, Va.
Nicolás Negroni, BA	Buenos Aires, Argentina	Ashlyn Faith Searce, BS	Danville, Va.
Lydia R. Nelson, BS	Springfield, Va.	Finnegan W. Schmidt, BA	Catonsville, Md.
Hannah Katharyn Ness, BS	Lynchburg, Va.	Shay Schoones, BS	Hoogeveen, The Netherlands
Kevin W. Nester, BA	Patrick Springs, Va.	Sophia R. Schorr, BS	Midlothian, Va.
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Austin P. Newsome, BA	Charlotte, N.C.	Rachel Seth, BA	Raleigh, N.C.
V'Dell A. Newton, BA	Raleigh, N.C.	Audie James Shaver, BS	Harrisonburg, Va.
Natalie Thaonhi Ly Nguyen, BA	Stockton, Calif.	Justin R. Sheehan, BA	Bedford, Va.
Carmen Nicolás Almela, BS	Valencia, Spain	Katherine Marie Shepherd, BS	Virginia Beach, Va.
Ashley Nichole Nolt, BA	Lancaster, Pa.	Madison R. Shirey, BS	Appomattox, Va.
Emily Peyton Nugent, BA	Midlothian, Va.	Sidney Alexis Sindt, BS	Virginia Beach, Va.
Destiny R. Ochs, BS	Rustburg, Va.	MacKenzi A. Skinnell, BS	Lynchburg, Va.
Jaime Oliva Robledo, BA	Toledo, Spain	Kayla E. Sledge, BS	Henrico, Va.
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FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026 • 9 A.M.



GRADUATE CEREMONY

Graduate Ceremony

President Alison Morrison-Shetlar, presiding
Professor Patricia Aronson, University Marshal

PROCESSIONAL

“Pomp and Circumstance,” Sir Edward Elgar

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Jer Bryant '03, '10 MA

Associate University Chaplain and Associate Professor of English
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Dr. Morrison-Shetlar

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Chip Walton

Interim Chief Academic Officer and Vice President for Academics
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COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

John Garrison Marks '10

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Dr. Morrison-Shetlar

assisted by

Dr. Walton

READING OF THE NAMES AND HOODING OF GRADUATES

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Morrison-Shetlar

UNIVERSITY OF LYNCHBURG HYMN

University of Lynchburg Concert Choir

Audience and Class of 2026

Words by Paul E. Waters '48

Arranged by Chris Sharp

Hail, Alma Mater, Lynchburg to thee!

Strong are the principles which founded thee.

They are the beacon, guiding us free!

Light that can never fail us, Hail! Hail! To thee.

BENEDICTION

Chaplain Bryant

RECESSIONAL

“Trumpet Tune and Ayre,” Henry Purcell and Walter Barnes

Canadian Brass Quintet

**Please stand as you are able.*

Please remain seated for the processional and recessional. Only the platform party will recess.

Appreciation is extended to the student marshals, in red robes, who were nominated and selected to assist the University marshal in leading the processional and recessional.

Appreciation is extended to Liberty University Interpreting Services for providing American Sign Language interpreting.

Appreciation is extended to Carroll Sluss, name reader.

Individual graduation photos provided by Photo Specialties. A proof will be sent to current email addresses with a password for online viewing.

There is no obligation to purchase. To receive email notification when photos are posted, visit photospecialties.com.

Informal photos by the University photography staff are available at no charge after June 19 at flickr.com/universityoflynchburg.

*Please silence all mobile devices during the ceremony.
Commencement exercises may be viewed live at lynchburg.edu.*

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University of Lynchburg History

The University of Lynchburg has served students from Virginia and around the world for more than 120 years. Its history is best summarized by Dr. M. Carey Brewer '49, the institution's fifth president: "A great college is always in the process of becoming." From its founding to the present day, the University has evolved to serve each generation of students.

Dr. Josephus and Sarah Hopwood, pioneers in Christian coeducation, founded the University as Virginia Christian College in 1903. It was one of the first colleges in Virginia to educate women and men with a commitment to the liberal arts and sciences. It was, and continues to be, affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), an inclusive denomination that values education and embraces dialogue with people of all faiths.

The school opened with 55 students, who lived in a converted hotel named Westover Hall, and 11 faculty members. The school changed its name to Lynchburg College in 1919. In the 1960s, it expanded the campus and added new academic programs, including graduate programs, to better serve a growing student body and the local community.

Beginning with baseball in its early years, the University has built a dynamic athletics program that offers Division III competition opportunities to student-athletes who have won more than 200 conference championships.

On July 1, 2018, the institution became the University of Lynchburg in recognition of its strong, growing graduate programs, including five doctoral degrees. Nationally recognized among the Colleges That Change Lives, the University of Lynchburg celebrates students for who they are and helps them become who they want to be. Pairing their passion with purpose, graduates are prepared for effective leadership in careers and their communities.

The University Mace

Carried at the front of the academic processional and recessional, the mace is a symbol of authority and an indication that the activity is an official function of the University of Lynchburg. Frank Whitehouse, senior faculty member and professor in the School of Professional and Applied Sciences, is the bearer of the mace and is officially responsible for the entire ceremony.

The University of Lynchburg mace is a nostalgic link with this institution's past in that it was carved from a ceiling beam of yellow pine from Westover Hall, the University's original building, dismantled in 1970. The concept for the mace was proposed by longtime history professor Dr. Clifton Potter '62. The final design and execution were completed by sculptor/engraver Richard G. Pumphrey '74, professor of art at the University. Two motifs: a leaf of each of four oaks — black, post, red, and white — and eight blossoms of dogwood, accented with gold leaf, adorn the mace. The oak and dogwood trees are indigenous to the campus.

The mace cradle is crafted of wood from a red oak tree planted by Josephus Hopwood in the early 1900s on the present location of Schewel Hall. It was created by former Vice President for Advancement Dr. J. Michael Bonnette in 2018.

The Academic Processional

Traditionally, for the undergraduate ceremony, the University of Lynchburg's academic ceremonial procession comprises the following groups marching in this order: University marshal, platform party, trustees, student marshal, undergraduate faculty, international flags, student marshals, Hill Award winner/senior class banner, SGA president, candidates for graduation, and the student marshal.

Flags representing the countries of the University of Lynchburg's international students lead the processional.

Traditionally, for the graduate ceremony, the University of Lynchburg's academic ceremonial procession comprises the following groups marching in this order: University marshal, and, platform party, graduate student marshals, trustees, graduate student marshal, graduate faculty, graduate student marshal and, candidates for graduation, with doctoral degrees followed by master's degrees.

The Tradition of Academic Attire

The traditional regalia worn at commencement exercises is a record of the academic achievement of each participating individual. The hood usually designates a scholar's degree and the institution awarding the degree.

The color of the velvet trimmings on each hood, and sometimes on the robe, represents a scholar's field of learning, while the official colors of the school awarding the degree are shown in the lining of the hood and sometimes by the distinctive color of the gown.

University of Lynchburg hoods are lined in crimson and gray. Mortarboards or caps worn with baccalaureate and master's gowns generally have black tassels. The tassel of the doctoral cap is usually made of gold bullion.

The colors for fields of academic degrees, established by the American Council on Education, include white for arts and letters; scarlet for theology or divinity; drab for business administration, commerce, and accountancy; copper for economics; light blue for education; orange for engineering; brown for fine arts; purple for law; lemon for library science; green for medicine; apricot for nursing; silver gray for oratory; dark blue for philosophy; sage for physical education; gold-yellow for science; citron for social science; and pink for music.

At the University of Lynchburg, cords are worn by graduates to recognize their academic honors or participation in certain groups or clubs in colors determined by each school or club. Stoles are used to recognize students for their activities, organizations, and heritage.

Academic Honor Societies

Students holding membership in academic honor societies wear cords representing the colors of their respective societies. The cords are worn on top of their academic regalia.

Alpha Alpha Alpha (first-generation)	navy blue and gray
Alpha Kappa Delta (sociology)	teal green
Alpha Phi Sigma (criminology)	blue and gold
Alpha Psi Omega (theatre)	gold and blue
Beta Beta Beta (biological sciences)	red and green
Chi Sigma Iota (counseling)	blue
Delta Mu Delta (business administration)	gold and purple
Delta Sigma Pi (business)	black and gold
Iota Sigma Pi (women in chemistry)	green, gold, and white
Iota Tau Alpha (athletic training)	red, blue, and yellow
Kappa Delta Pi (education)	purple and green
Kappa Pi (art)	purple and gold
Lambda Pi Eta (communication studies)	gold
Mu Sigma Theta (museum studies)	red and silver
Omega Sigma Sigma (intelligence studies)	blue and gold
Omicron Delta Kappa (leadership)	light blue, white, and black
Phi Alpha Theta (history)	Madonna red and blue
Phi Epsilon Kappa (health and physical education, health promotion, exercise science/ physiology, sports medicine, recreation, and sport management)	red, black, and gold
Phi Eta Sigma (freshman)	black/gold medallion
Phi Kappa Phi (all disciplines)	royal blue ribbon/white and gold medallion
Phi Sigma Iota (foreign language)	purple and white
Phi Sigma Tau (philosophy)	purple and white
Pi Kappa Delta (forensics)	red and gray
Pi Mu Epsilon (mathematics)	violet and gold
Pi Sigma Alpha (political science)	red ribbon/bronze medallion
Psi Chi (psychology)	platinum and dark blue
Sigma Iota Rho (international relations)	gold
Sigma Phi Omega (gerontology)	blue and gold
Sigma Tau Delta (English)	black and red
Sigma (nursing)	light purple and white
Tau Sigma (transfer students)	gold and burgundy
Theta Alpha Kappa (religious studies)	burgundy









With Love, from President Alison

Graduates, today an incredible chapter of your life is closing. Mine, too. As you think about all you've learned throughout your years at the University of Lynchburg, I want to share three final lessons with you:

- You can transform anything if you have the courage to face change. Change isn't easy, and it isn't comfortable, but it's the only way to make our world better.
- Get enough data to make a sound decision — but don't wait too long. Make the best decision you can now and make it work.
- Lynchburg's values are academic rigor, belonging, connection, curiosity, excellence, and service. Add to them grit and resilience, and carry these with you as you go out into the world. They will always serve you well.

As we take our last steps across this Lynchburg stage together, remember you are independent thinkers who've learned to be trustworthy, effective leaders able to shape caring communities.

Your undeniably life-changing experiences have empowered you to transform the lives of others, and your leadership, innovation, and inclusive, welcoming spirit will cultivate a more vibrant world when you share them with those around you.

You are incredible. You are extraordinary. You make every day a GREAT day to be a Hornet (L-Yeah!).

Now, go be awesome!

Alison Forison - Stella

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