

READING AREA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



# Fifty-Second Annual Commencement

Friday, May 3, 2024

Two o'clock in the afternoon

Santander Arena

Commencement is a dignified occasion. In the best tradition of Reading Area Community College, we expect those attending the ceremony to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. Cell phones and devices should be turned off at the beginning of the commencement activities and should remain turned off. The college community appreciates your cooperation in maintaining the dignity of this occasion.



## F R O M   T H E   P R E S I D E N T



Dear Graduates,

Congratulations! Pause and look around you and absorb this moment. Think about where you have been; think of all that you have been through, the time, the hard work and the success that has brought you to this place today.

Think of those who have assisted you in this academic journey. Think of your family, significant others, parents, grandparents, children and close friends. Think of your Reading Area Community College family; teachers, advisors, friends and fellow students as you smile at the memories and conversations. Think about those private moments which will be recalled years from now.

You have arrived at a wonderful, life-changing moment. As part of RACC's fifty-second graduating class, we ask you to celebrate it! Congratulations to you, a graduate of the Class of 2024. From this moment on, we will continue to be **#RACCPROUD** of you!

All the Best,

Susan D. Looney, J.D., Ed.D.  
President  
Reading Area Community College



O R D E R   O F   E X E R C I S E S  
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**Grand Marshal**  
Dr. Lucia Torchia-Thompson  
*Professor Social Science/ Human Services Division*

**The audience is requested to rise for the National Anthem.**

National Anthem

Introduction .....	Dr. Susan D. Looney <i>President</i>
Congratulatory Remarks .....	Mr. Gary W. Rightmire <i>Chairman, Board of Trustees</i>
President's Award .....	Dr. Jerome I. Marcus
Presentation of 2024 Emerita Award .....	Dr. Looney
Student Address .....	Ms. Mara Nagle Class of 2024
Presentation of Degree Candidates .....	Mr. Brian Schell <i>Dean, Communication, Arts, and Humanities/Business Division</i> Dr. Stacia Visgarda <i>Dean, Health Professions Division</i> Dr. Robin Eckert <i>Dean, Social Sciences/Human Services/Foundational Studies Division</i> Ms. Patricia Mejabi <i>Dean, STEM Division</i>
Conferring of Degrees .....	Dr. Looney

**The audience is requested to rise for the recessional.**

**Recessional**  
**"Grand March"** from Aida

Please join the graduates for light refreshments on the concourse level near the main entrance  
Immediately following the ceremony.

# A S S O C I A T E I N A R T S

## 2 0 2 4 D E G R E E C A N D I D A T E S

**Jessenia Y. Almonte\*+**  
Integrative Studies

**Benjamin D. Amtsborg**  
Integrative Studies

**Jean Claude J. Anastil\***  
Business Administration Transfer

**Dominic G. Angelucci\***  
Education Transfer-Middle Secondary Grades

**Jack H. Antos**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Phillip N. Antunes**  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**John L. Arms\*\*+**  
Education Transfer-Middle Secondary Grades

**Jenna M. Austin\***  
Social Work Transfer

**Michael P. Barnett\*\*\***  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Jennifer E. Batista**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Aaron S. Bean**  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Jack E. Benedict^**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Emely D. Bernard+**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Latisha M. Betts+**  
Integrative Studies

**Jasmin N. Bickham\***  
Business Administration Transfer

**Faisal A. Bida\***  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Samantha L. Borzellino**  
Psychology Transfer

**Jayvon D. Brinkley**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Alyssa C. Brodek+^**  
Education Transfer-Middle Secondary Grades

**Cynthia S. Brown**  
Integrative Studies

**Jonkai P. Brown**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Isabella M. Bruno**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Kathryn A. Burke\*\***  
Art Transfer

**Paola Cabrera**  
Communications Transfer

**Christopher Cadet**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Webgie S. Cadet\*\***  
Integrative Studies

**Zaria G. Cambridge-Ali+**  
Health Sciences Transfer

**Braeden A. Camelleri\***  
Psychology Transfer

**Adrian R. Carrillo\*\***  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Jonathan Cartagena**  
Integrative Studies

**Anthony J. Castaneda-Dominguez**  
Accounting Transfer

**Gabrielle C. Castello\*\*\***  
Integrative Studies

**Elizabeth D. Castillo\*+**  
Integrative Studies

**Amy A. Cathers**  
Accounting Transfer

**Timothy P. Cescon\***  
Theatre Arts

**Faith J. Chirieleison+**  
Education Transfer-Middle Secondary Grades

**Kyle D. Conrad**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Alexander H. Conroy**  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Daisy Corona\***  
Business Administration Transfer

**Robin A. Cosby**  
Social Work Transfer

**Carina M. Cress**  
Social Work Transfer

**Kasey A. Curran\***  
Business Administration Transfer

**Toni F. Curry ++\***  
Integrative Studies

**Liam M. Dalesandro**  
Education Transfer-Middle Secondary Grades

**Sahadia Danazar\***  
Business Administration Transfer

**Jeffrey G. Daubert, Jr.\*+**  
Integrative Studies

**Jose A. Davila+**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Hilda L. De la Rosa Martinez**  
Business Administration Transfer

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**Leanny A. Delacruz\*+**  
Psychology Transfer

**Mickerlie Eustache\*\*\***  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Jailene E. Geronimo de Guerrero**  
Psychology Transfer

**Adaliz Delgado Bernabel**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Madeleine M. Farah\*\*\*+**  
Integrative Studies

**Cooper W. Glenn**  
Education (Secondary) Transfer

**Cameryn P. Derecho\*\*\*+**  
Psychology Transfer

**Kenneth Farrell**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Diana V. Gonzalez**  
Social Work Transfer

**Gabriel R. Derrickson\*\*\*+**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Ysabel R. Feliciano**  
Art Transfer

**Rocio N. Goodheim**  
Social Science Transfer

**Chavely M. Dilone**  
Integrative Studies

**Ciara Feliz**  
Social Work Transfer

**Kara L. Gruver\*\***  
Integrative Studies

**Abigail R. Dise\*\***  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Samantha Ferreira**  
Integrative Studies

**Sarina M. Hale**  
Psychology Transfer

**Warren F. Dolaman^+**  
Integrative Studies

**Sofia L. Fioravanti**  
Art Transfer

**Olivia R. Hannacker\***  
Integrative Studies

**Manuela A. Dominguez Martinez+**  
Art Transfer

**Kristin B. Fitzcharles\*\***  
Integrative Studies

**Sydney H. Harris+**  
Psychology Transfer

**Jeannette M. Dorsey**  
Psychology Transfer

**Angila D. Flanders+**  
Integrative Studies

**Caleb M. Harter\*\*\***  
Business Administration Transfer

**Denisse L. Duran Salazar**  
Integrative Studies

**Kathleen Flax\***  
Addiction Studies/Human Services Transfer

**Michael R. Hartz**  
Art Transfer

**Timothy P. Doyle+**  
Integrative Studies

**Juan Flores**  
Accounting Transfer

**Rebecca G. Heimbach\***  
Integrative Studies

**Kathleen M. Edwards\*\***  
Addiction Studies/Human Services Transfer

**Ricardo F. Flowers**  
Accounting Transfer

**Avelina Herbert**  
Social Work Transfer

**Alanna T. Encarnacion\*\*\***  
Addiction Studies/Human Services Transfer

**Jeremy P. Frederick\*\*\*^**  
Accounting Transfer

**Isabella M. Hernandez**  
Art Transfer

**Juan A. Escudero Salas+**  
Psychology Transfer

**Megan E. Frey**  
Psychology Transfer

**Maria E. Hernandez^**  
Addiction Studies/Human Services Transfer

**Marisol Espinoza**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Angelina B. Garwood\*\*\*+**  
Accounting Transfer

**Trinidy L. Hernandez**  
Art Transfer

**Clauri P. Estevez+**  
Integrative Studies

**Tiffany A. George**  
Psychology Transfer

**Logan S. Hinkle\***  
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**Dilynn S. Holeva\*\*+**  
Integrative Studies

**Faith M. Hoover\*+**  
Psychology Transfer

**Elba Infante**  
Social Work Transfer

**Vera B. Jackson\*\*\***  
Integrative Studies

**Jullian J. Jacobs**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Stefanie G. Johnson**  
Psychology Transfer

**Cliff J. Joseph+**  
Integrative Studies

**Kira M. Kenagy\*+**  
Accounting Transfer

**Brian B. Key**  
Integrative Studies

**Tyler P. King**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Maggie K. Kline\***  
Psychology Transfer

**Kelly M. Kochan**  
Social Science Transfer

**Andrew S. Kowalski**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Alec J. Kuhn**  
Psychology Transfer

**Lydia R. Kurtz\*\*+**  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Aliyah S. Laboy-Gibson**  
Communications Transfer

**Kayla L. Langumas**  
Education Transfer-Middle Secondary Grades

**Mariezette K. Laporte\***  
Psychology Transfer

**Jakob M. Lehmann**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Dominique A. Lewis+**  
Integrative Studies

**Taylor N. Lichtner**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Cristal C. Luna-Vasquez\***  
Social Work Transfer

**Joshua T. Lutz**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Sabine Maldonado**  
Psychology Transfer

**Lidia Mancebo**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Kyleigh J. Margerison**  
Communications Transfer

**Kaitlyn S. Markle+**  
Psychology Transfer

**Lazarely A. Martinez**  
Integrative Studies

**Jocelyn E. Martinez-Rivera**  
Integrative Studies

**Shyanna P. Mayo**  
Psychology Transfer

**Marissa B. McAnany**  
Communications Transfer

**Tiana M. McKinzy**  
Education Transfer-Middle Secondary Grades

**Melissa Medina Corona\*\*\***  
Business Administration Transfer

**Dana E. Mejia\*\*+**  
Psychology Transfer

**Joanne Mercado**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Madeline R. Mercer**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Ian M. Meschter**  
Education Transfer-Middle Secondary Grades

**Aurora S. Miller\***  
Integrative Studies

**Mary L. Miller**  
Integrative Studies

**Amanda J. Moleski**  
Integrative Studies

**Laural S. Morgan\*\*\***  
Social Work Transfer

**Maryuris I. Morillo Garcia\*\*\***  
Integrative Studies

**Mara E. Nagle\*\***  
Business Administration Transfer

**Christopher G. Nasados\*\*\***  
Social Work Transfer

**Jonathan A. Nava-Pensado\***  
Communications Transfer

**Annalisa M. Ocasio**  
Accounting Transfer

**Felix A. Ocasio**  
Art Transfer

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Creative Writing Transfer

**Emily V. Oswald\*\***  
Integrative Studies

**Katrina L. Pachilis+**  
Addiction Studies/Human Services Transfer

**Melvin Padilla^**  
Integrative Studies

**Pablo R. Padilla**  
Art Transfer

**Cassandra J. Peck\*\***  
Integrative Studies

**Andrea M. Pellicier**  
Integrative Studies

**Luisanna Peralta Alba**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Lilibet X. Perez**  
Psychology Transfer

**Anthony Perez Reyes**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Katie E. Perrette**  
Psychology Transfer

**Christine A. Perry-Parker+**  
Communications Transfer

**Jan M. Petrucelli^**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Kensly Philippe**  
Social Work Transfer

**Michael J. Phillips\*^+**  
Accounting Transfer

**Ashley N. Pieller**  
Psychology Transfer

**Paulo D. Pitta**  
Integrative Studies

**Valerie M. Purretta+**  
Creative Writing Transfer

**Breanna A. Reighard\*\***  
Psychology Transfer

**Anisa W. Reinstrom\*\*\***  
Business Administration Transfer

**Anthony W. Rice+**  
Integrative Studies

**Aaliyah A. Rivera\***  
Social Science Transfer

**Angeles A. Rivera**  
Art Transfer

**Denisha M. Rivera+**  
Integrative Studies

**Sandrelis M. Rivera**  
Addiction Studies/Human Services Transfer

**Xavian F. Rivera+**  
Integrative Studies

**Yessenia Rivera\*\***  
Social Work Transfer

**Henry Rivera Flores\***  
Social Work Transfer

**Juan E. Rivera-Diaz, Jr.\*+**  
Accounting Transfer

**Maria Rogers**  
Psychology Transfer

**Mara Roman\*\*\*+**  
Liberal Arts Transfer

**Brianna M. Ronald**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Scarlin V. Roque**  
Integrative Studies

**Jaydis L. Rosario**  
Psychology Transfer

**Paige E. Rothermel\***  
Integrative Studies

**Rylie S. Roush\*\*\***  
Accounting Transfer

**Nephtha Saint-Phard**  
Psychology Transfer

**Wyatt G. Salaneck**  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Carolina Sanchez Morales\*\***  
Art Transfer

**Eric Sandoval+**  
Psychology Transfer

**Bianca S. Santiago**  
Psychology Transfer

**Brian Santiago**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Roxanne Santiago\***  
Psychology Transfer

**Alexa N. Santos**  
Psychology Transfer

**Emma E. Schaeffer\***  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Annette P. Scherer+**  
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**Juliet E. Simplicio\***  
Business Administration Transfer

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Psychology Transfer

**Kaylyn A. Smoker\***  
Education Transfer-Middle Secondary Grades

**Cassandra I. Soto**  
Integrative Studies

**Timothy R. Spatz+**  
Creative Writing Transfer

**Darish K. Still+\*\***  
Integrative Studies

**Madeline E. Stinson\***  
Business Administration Transfer

**Krystle A. Stone+**  
Addiction Studies/Human Services Transfer

**Angela J. Stoudt**  
Social Work Transfer

**Matthew D. Stouffer**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Dynasty Sumpter**  
Integrative Studies  
**Desiree P. Sustello+\*\***

Social Work Transfer

**Joseph W. Sutton\*\*^**  
Art Transfer

**Linsey M. Swavely\***  
Business Administration Transfer

**Jamie L. Szarawara\***  
Integrative Studies

**Carol A. Tapia\*+**  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**James Tiffany\*\*\***  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Gaven M. Tretter\*\*\***  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Daniel H. Twaddell**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Coryn L. Uhrig**  
Business Administration Transfer

**Mildalis Vasquez**  
Integrative Studies

**Ivette K. Vazquez**  
Accounting Transfer

**Roslyn V. Warner\*\***  
Art Transfer

**Jonah P. Watson**  
Computer Information Systems Transfer

**Michelle A. Wertz**  
Integrative Studies

**William J. Willoretta+\*\*\***  
Psychology Transfer

**Nicholas P. Windsor\*\***  
Creative Writing Transfer

**Sonya M. Wright\*\***  
Psychology Transfer

**Brittani M. Young**  
Social Work Transfer

**Meranda K. Ziegler+**  
Accounting Transfer

**Francis Marine M. Zoquier Sanchez**  
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# ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

## 2024 DEGREE CANDIDATES

<b>Syed M. Ahmed*</b> Nursing	<b>Jessica N. Breidigan***+</b> Business Management	<b>Yashika J. Degeorge</b> Early Childhood Program Management
<b>Deborah O. Akinola*</b> Nursing	<b>Autumn R. Breslin+</b> Criminal Justice	<b>Juana E. Dejesus*</b> Nursing
<b>Cristian Alcantara</b> Computer Technology	<b>Nathan C. Brown</b> Nursing	<b>Thuan C. Dinh*</b> Accounting
<b>William K. Allen</b> Computer Technology	<b>Theresa L. Cadden***+</b> Business Management	<b>Gabriel Dumitrescu, Jr.*</b> Computer Technology
<b>Casey D. Amerman*+</b> Criminal Justice	<b>Elizabeth A. Caral</b> Nursing	<b>Isaiah G. Egziabier</b> Computer Technology
<b>Richard R. Angelo, III*</b> Nursing	<b>Julymar Carrion*</b> Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)	<b>Madalyn M. Estrada*</b> Nursing
<b>Caitlin N. Aponte</b> Histotechnician	<b>Amy E. Cavanaugh</b> Medical Coding and Billing Specialist	<b>Amanda C. Evans*</b> Nursing
<b>Evelyn I. Ayala-Fontanez*</b> Nursing	<b>Macy R. Chamberlain</b> Nursing	<b>Joshua Fernandez</b> Administrative Office Specialist Nursing
<b>Gleidy M. Bachiller</b> Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)	<b>Kateryna Chmil</b> Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)	<b>Emilia Ferreira**</b> Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)
<b>Manuel L. Baez</b> Criminal Justice	<b>John F. Conrvy+</b> Accounting	<b>Megan N. Fisher</b> Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)
<b>Atiya N. Bailey+</b> Business Management	<b>Susan F. Cornish***</b> Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)	<b>Luis M. Flores-Rivera</b> Computer Technology
<b>Emilsem Balbuena</b> Mechatronics Engineering Technology	<b>Fabian Cortez***</b> Computer Technology	<b>Anne Leyla G. Fortune**</b> Accounting
<b>Natalie R. Barton*</b> Medical Coding and Billing Specialist	<b>Elizabeth A. Couturiaux**</b> Nursing	<b>Marissa S. Fortune***</b> Criminal Justice
<b>Yeneily Basan Belgrove+</b> Accounting	<b>Jarad A. Crawford*</b> Medical Laboratory Technology	<b>Lori S. Freese</b> Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)
<b>Faith E. Benson***</b> Mechatronics Engineering Technology	<b>Ashley I. Creta**</b> Accounting	<b>Ava V. Frisch***</b> Medical Coding and Billing Specialist
<b>Daniel C. Blackford*+</b> Web Site Development	<b>Shannon L. Crump</b> Nursing	<b>Sandra R. Gama Hernandez</b> Business Management
<b>Robb M. Blessing</b> Business Management	<b>Sheleiny M. Cruz+</b> Criminal Justice	<b>Steven A. Garron</b> Nursing
<b>Tracy L. Bossler</b> Histotechnician	<b>Maira A. Damiani</b> Criminal Justice	
<b>Ashley T. Boyer</b> Nursing	<b>Natalie De la Rosa+</b> Business Management	

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**Joseph M. Gattone**  
Mechatronics Engineering Technology

**Derek D. Gearhart**  
Medical Laboratory Technology

**Kayla L. Gehret**  
Early Childhood Program Management

**Daegn D. Gehris+**  
Criminal Justice

**Aurora J. Gift**  
Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

**Courtney E. Greblich**  
Medical Laboratory Technology

**Ryan P. Griffin\***  
Respiratory Care

**Heidi C. Groff\***  
Nursing

**Karen G. Guerrero**  
Criminal Justice

**Slayneer A. Guzman Hernandez\***  
Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

**Jeannie A. Harvey\*\***  
Nursing

**Kai M. Henderson**  
Nursing

**Sarita M. Herrat Beltre**  
Criminal Justice

**Madison I. Hess\*\***  
Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

**Zoey A. Heydt**  
Criminal Justice

**Breckin A. Howe**  
Criminal Justice

**Brianna Rae Huha**  
Nursing

**Alexis M. Irineo^**  
Medical Laboratory Technology

**Omaru B. Jalloh**  
Computer Technology

**Saeny I. Jaquez Taveras**  
Administrative Office Specialist

**Melisa M. Jefferson**  
Nursing

**Jocelyn Jimenez**  
Medical Coding and Billing Specialist

**Ashley M. Kincaid\*\*\***  
Business Management

**Christopher M. Klouser\***  
Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

**Moises R. Koury Gil, Jr.**  
Computer Technology

**Denele L. Kramer\*\***  
Business Management

**Brittany K. Kulp**  
Nursing

**Noel L. La Borde Santana, Sr.\***  
Computer Technology

**Isabella J. Leahy**  
Accounting

**Jael E. Lebron**  
Early Childhood Program Management

**Emily E. Leonard**  
Nursing

**Patty A. Linzer**  
Medical Laboratory Technology

**Jennifer E. Lopez^**  
Administrative Office Specialist

**Megan M. Luckett**  
Nursing

**Brandon J. Luna\*\*\***  
Computer Technology

**Destiny Y. Luna**  
Medical Laboratory Technology

**Devin D. Marderness+**  
Criminal Justice

**Keri E. Marinez**  
Nursing

**Kenneth Maritch**  
Respiratory Care

**Luz M. Marte**  
Accounting

**Callan T. Martzell\*\***  
Web Site Development

**Xylie S. Mast**  
Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

**Staci R. McAndrew\*\***  
Nursing

**Madison L. McElwee\*\*\***  
Medical Laboratory Technology

**Stacey L. McFarland\***  
Early Childhood Program Management

**Danielle N. Means\***  
Accounting

**Juleidy A. Medina**  
Criminal Justice

**Sara M. Meier**  
Nursing

**Hannah K. Miller**  
Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

**Rachael K. Miller**  
Criminal Justice

**Anastasia M. Moffitt\***  
Nursing

**Giovanna V. Morales Avalos**  
Criminal Justice

**Yessenia Morales-Correa**  
Medical Coding and Billing Specialist

**Krista S. Morrison\*\***  
Nursing

**Norma Murillo Morales\***  
Accounting

**Brandon Nabar\***  
Criminal Justice

**Zachary W. Nace^**  
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**Lillian Negron**  
Mechatronics Engineering Technology

**Caroline Ngamgne Tagne Zudie**  
Nursing

**Hector A. Nina Lopez, Sr.**  
Computer Technology

**Jennifer M. Nitka+**  
Business Management

**Laura Nunez Peralta**  
Accounting

**Maria Orozco+**  
Business Management

**Yomaira Y. Ortiz\*\***  
Early Childhood Program Management

**Brooke A. Patton\***  
Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

**Aidan D. Paul\*\*\***  
Respiratory Care

**Elym M. Paulino Gil**  
Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

**Wilfri O. Pena Rodriguez**  
Nursing

**Krista L. Perez**  
Nursing

**Ramon Perez, Jr.**  
Nursing

**Natasha J. Peters**  
Nursing

**Kyle L. Pettigrew^**  
Histotechnician

**Kabria B. Phillips**  
Computer Technology

**Laisha G. Pichardo Vega\*+**  
Business Management

**Rosa D. Pinto\***  
Accounting

**Carlos Piruch**  
Computer Technology

**Laury A. Polanco**  
Criminal Justice

**Rudelkis Polanco Villar\***  
Business Management

**Hannah R. Powers**  
Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

**Sean M. Purretta**  
Computer Technology

**Brittany L. Radosin**  
Respiratory Care

**Ashley M. Ramirez-Trinidad\***  
Business Management

**Sean M. Rauch**  
Nursing

**Julieth Rebollar**  
Criminal Justice

**Mason L. Reimert\*+**  
Computer Technology

**Erika Rivera^**  
Criminal Justice

**Noemi Rodriguez**  
Accounting

**Rebecca Rodriguez\*\***  
Accounting

**Jacelie M. Rodriguez Guzman**  
Nursing

**Osvaldo Rosabal\*\*\***  
Early Childhood Program Management

**Alejandra Rosario**  
Business Management

**Richie Saint Preux**  
Computer Technology

**Abuzar Sajed**  
Business Management

**Gabriel R. Santana**  
Computer Technology

**Osiris J. Santana Santos\*\*\***  
Accounting

**Braylin Santiago**  
Computer Technology

**Mercedes L. Sell**  
Respiratory Care

**Anna K. Settineri\*\***  
Nursing

**Sujata Shakya**  
Nursing

**Deanna N. Shoemaker**  
Medical Office/Health Records Specialist

**Jesus N. Silva**  
Business Management

**Matthew J. Simek**  
Mechatronics Engineering Technology

**Cynthia R. Smith**  
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**Diamond A. Smith^+**  
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**Andy Solalinde-Rivera**  
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**Lindsey M. Sosa**  
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Administrative Office Specialist

**Allison N. Sutliff**  
Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

**Edward C. White, III<sup>^</sup>**  
Computer Technology

**Sirina L. Soto-Cruz<sup>\*</sup>**  
Early Childhood Program Management

**Madelyn G. Taveras Rodriguez<sup>\*\*</sup>**  
Computer Technology

**Emily S. Williams<sup>\*\*\*</sup>**  
Medical Laboratory Technology

**Jessica H. Stacey**  
Nursing

**Cecilia Torres<sup>\*</sup>**  
Business Management

**Eldrena S. Wright**  
Nursing

**Kaieisha M. Stancil<sup>+</sup>**  
Administrative Office Specialist

**Gabriel A. Torres<sup>\*</sup>**  
Criminal Justice

**Amber N. Wunderlich**  
Nursing

**Leeann K. Stark<sup>\*\*\*</sup>**  
Medical Coding and Billing Specialist

**Adam N. Trella**  
Accounting

**Eleana J. Yatron**  
Criminal Justice

**Amber L. Stevenson**  
Nursing

**Tiffany A. Updike<sup>\*\*+</sup>**  
Criminal Justice

**Virginia A. Young<sup>\*+++</sup>**  
Medical Office/Health Records Specialist

**Benjamin W. Stevenson<sup>\*+</sup>**  
Criminal Justice

**Jessica C. Velez-Valentin**  
Medical Coding and Billing Specialist

**Dana L. Stout<sup>\*\*\*</sup>**  
Accounting

**Arturo R. Violines<sup>+</sup>**  
Accounting

**Destiny E. Sumpter**  
Business Management

**Kristen N. Walker<sup>\*</sup>**  
Early Childhood Teaching (Pre-K - Grade 4)

# ASSOCIATE IN GENERAL STUDIES 2024 DEGREE CANDIDATES

**Jade Escobar-Cepeda**  
General Studies Declared

**Kennidy M. Kindlick<sup>\*</sup>**  
General Studies Declared

**Ashley L. Walker**  
General Studies Declared

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>summa cum laude

<sup>\*\*</sup>magna cum laude

<sup>\*</sup>cum laude

<sup>^</sup>veteran

<sup>+</sup>certified in December 2023

<sup>++</sup>certified in August 2023

<sup>+++</sup>Posthumous Degree

# ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

## 2024 DEGREE CANDIDATES

**Matthew S. Ahearn, Jr.**  
Science Transfer

**Jade I. Arevalo\***  
Science Transfer

**Samuel C. C. Audain\***  
Engineering

**Molli Q. Badertscher\***  
Science Transfer

**Macey A. Becker\*\***  
Science Transfer

**Andrew A. Bodnari**  
Health Science Transfer

**Savannah I. Bye**  
Science Transfer

**Jake M. Carmona\*\***  
Engineering

**Jonathan J. Chamorro**  
Health Science Transfer

**Max A. Clark\*\***  
Engineering

**Alivia L. Cobb**  
Health Science Transfer

**Francelis Duran**  
Science Transfer

**Yohemi Familia-Paredes\*\***  
Science Transfer

**Vincent S. Ferrara^**  
Engineering

**Brailey A. Florentino**  
Science Transfer

**Jessica F. Gadebusch**  
Health Science Transfer

**David Garcia**  
Engineering

**Kelly L. Geiger\***  
Science Transfer

**William Gonzales-Orosco+**  
Science Transfer

**Scarlenny D. Guaragn^**  
Science Transfer

**Sydney S. Jackson+**  
Health Science Transfer

**Roxsonna N. Janiszewski\*\*\***  
Engineering

**Esther V. Jean**  
Health Science Transfer

**Elicia C. Leon**  
Science Transfer

**Summer R. Light\*\*+**  
Science Transfer

**Mason R. Maier+**  
Health Science Transfer

**Keyvin J. Martinez\***  
Engineering

**Darin W. McCartan**  
Engineering

**Hugo L. Mendez, Jr.**  
Science Transfer

**Anders S. Miller**  
Science Transfer

**Blaise S. Miller**  
Engineering

**Jessica L. Moyer\***  
Health Science Transfer

**Anastacia D. Myrie**  
Health Science Transfer

**Giovanni A. Navarrete**  
Science Transfer

**Cleef D. Normil**  
Engineering

**Amber L. Rauco\*\*\***  
Science Transfer

**Michael L. Remp, Jr.\*\***  
Science Transfer

**Alexa J. Rimby\***  
Health Science Transfer

**Tejaswi Shakya\*\***  
Engineering

**Charles J. Tamburelli, Jr.\*\***  
Engineering

**Maritza E. Tinoco+**  
Health Science Transfer

**Jenney Xiao**  
Science Transfer

\*\*\*summa cum laude

\*\*magna cum laude

\*cum laude

^veteran

+certified in December 2023

++certified in August 2023

# 2024 CERTIFICATE OF SPECIALIZATION

**Rosanna E. Abreu\*\***  
Business Management

**Kayla L. Gehret+**  
ECE CDA Ready Micro-Badge Certificate

**Linda M. Lynch+**  
ECE CDA Ready Micro-Badge Certificate

**Yureli U. Acuapa+**  
Practical Nursing

**Julie A. Henrich+**  
Early Childhood CDA Prep Certificate

**Angelyn F. Manzanillo+**  
Practical Nursing

**Shalimar I. Albino**  
Early Childhood CDA Prep Certificate

**Monyae E. Hill+**  
Practical Nursing

**Stacey L. McFarland\*+**  
ECE CDA Ready Micro-Badge Certificate

**Faisal A. Bida**  
Cyber Defense Certificate

**Dilynn S. Holeva\*\*+**  
Cyber Defense Certificate

**Gianni S. Mota+**  
Practical Nursing

**Kellie E. Callahan+**  
ECE CDA Ready Micro-Badge Certificate

**Jeremy M. Hurwitz+**  
Cyber Defense Certificate

**Harlow R. Ramirez**  
Early Childhood CDA Prep Certificate

**Jonathan E. Candido-Martinez\***  
Business Management

**Sulayka J. Joaquin-Acevedo\***  
Bookkeeping Certificate

**Edeline M. Sanchez**  
Early Childhood CDA Prep Certificate

**Kiara N. Carrion+**  
Practical Nursing

**Ryan A. Kinder+**  
Cyber Defense Certificate

**Shane M. Strunk+**  
Cyber Defense Certificate

**Yamale Ceballos+**  
ECE CDA Ready Micro-Badge Certificate

**Kelly A. Kresley+**  
Practical Nursing

**Dutchess L. Taduran**  
Early Childhood CDA Prep Certificate

**Diana N. Cintron+**  
Practical Nursing

**Jennifer Lopez^+**  
ECE CDA Ready Micro-Badge Certificate

**Kaitlyn R. Weaver\*\*+**  
Practical Nursing

\*\*\*summa cum laude

\*\*magna cum laude

\*cum laude

^veteran

+certified in December 2023

++certified in August 2023

## S T U D E N T   S P E A K E R



Mara Nagle is graduating in the Honors Program at RACC with an Associate's Degree in Business Administration. Throughout her career at RACC, she has become a member of Phi Theta Kappa, has served as the secretary of the Drama Club, coordinating logistics, and has performed in the first two musicals the college has ever had: as Frau Blucher in *Young Frankenstein* and Bea in *Something Rotten*. When she is not wearing eight costumes and five wigs, Mara is working in a finance department or a library, volunteering at her church, or sending emails. Mara also enjoys game nights, bonfires, reading, and rom coms.

Mara was selected for a Presidential Scholarship in 2022, and was chosen as the Sonia Briskin Honors Scholar in 2024. The Sonia Briskin Award is given to one student each year who has demonstrated both high academic achievement and exemplary service to the RACC community.

Mara will be continuing her education at Albright College to pursue her Bachelor's in Arts Administration and Business Administration. She plans to work at theater or gallery to further her career in the arts after earning her degree.



## 2 0 2 4 P R E S I D E N T ' S A W A R D



In his first educational journey outside of his native Philadelphia area, Jerome Marcus was assigned to the Reading Hospital while a junior at Temple's medical school. He enjoyed the experience of working at the Reading Hospital so much that he moved to Reading after medical school and did post-graduate training in clinical pathology at the Reading Hospital and the Hershey Medical Center. In 1983, Jerry started a new laboratory company in Berks County, Omega Medical Laboratories.

Omega was among the first healthcare organizations in Pennsylvania to provide low-cost anonymous HIV testing during the height of the AIDS epidemic. Jerry was one of thirteen physicians in the state to volunteer to give talks on AIDS at schools, companies, and community groups for the Pennsylvania Medical Society's AIDS speakers' bureau. Omega was named Small Business of the Year in 1986 by the Berks Chamber of Commerce and eventually grew to employ over three hundred people and perform millions of laboratory tests on 750,000 patients, winning the Large Business of the Year award. The company had over forty locations where patients could go for specimen collection, and a fleet of more than fifty cars which traveled more than two million miles per year to pick up specimens and deliver reports and supplies.

Jerry has been involved with various local organizations, including such non-profits as the Berks County Medical Society (past president), the Vegetarian Resource Group (Baltimore, MD) and the Antique Auto Club of America Museum (Hershey, PA). He also serves on one corporate board and has been adjunct faculty in the department of Clinical Pathology at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

Jerry has been a vital long-time supporter of Reading Area Community College, serving on the Foundation for RACC for example. In addition, he has served for many years as the Medical Director for the medical laboratory program, providing leadership and mentorship for aspiring health care professionals in this critical area. He also played a key role in modernizing and updating laboratory facilities at RACC, endowing chemistry and physics lab spaces. Most recently, Jerry donated funds to begin a program to help provide food for students in need, which led to RACC's food pantry.

# F A C U L T Y   E M E R I T A

## **JANINE TIFFANY**

**WHEREAS**, Janine Tiffany served Reading Area Community College as a full-time Business Division faculty member for twenty-eight years where she developed and taught Information Technology courses across all modalities and facilitated onboarding of adjunct instructors; and

**WHEREAS**, Janine Tiffany developed and designed the curriculum for the Computer Information Systems and Computer Technology programs; and served as coordinator and advisor for Computer Technology and Computer Information System students; and

**WHEREAS**, Janine Tiffany served the College on several governance and operational committees, including as chair of College Council; and also, on a committee to evaluate and redesign the governance system; and

**WHEREAS**, Janine Tiffany served twice on the Middle States Commission of Higher Education self-study committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Janine Tiffany served as treasurer and secretary of the Computer Consortium for Community Colleges; and represented Reading Area Community College with the Pennsylvania Distance Learning Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Janine Tiffany inspired colleagues and students with her tireless dedication to quality instruction for future computer professionals;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Janine Tiffany is granted Associate Professor Emerita status, effective May 3, 2024.

# CLASS OF 2024 ACADEMIC AWARDS

## ALL PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMIC TEAM

**AWARD**..... Anisa W. Reinstrom  
Yessenia Rivera

## DIVISION AWARDS

### **Business**

Accounting, AA.....Rylie S. Roush  
Accounting, AAS ..... Osiris J. Santana Santos  
Business Administration, AA ..... Melissa Medina Corona  
Business Management, AAS ..... Theresa L. Cadden  
Business Management, CC.....Rosanna E. Abreu  
Computer Technology, AAS ..... Brandon J. Luna  
Computer Information  
Systems, AA.....Michael P. Barnett  
Cyber Defense, CC.....Dilynn S. Holeva  
Medical Coding and Billing  
Specialist, AAS ..... Leeann K. Stark

### **Communications, Arts and Humanities**

Art, AA..... Roslyn V. Warner  
Communications, AA.....Jonathan A. Nava-Pensado  
Creative Writing, AA ..... Nicholas P. Windsor  
Liberal Arts, AA.....Mara Roman  
Theatre Arts, AA ..... Timothy P. Cescon

### **Foundational Studies**

English for Academic  
Purposes.....Anne Leyla G. Fortune  
English for Academic  
Purposes..... Marissa S. Fortune  
Dwight Rinehart Memorial Award..... Alec J. Kuhn  
Integrative Studies.....Emily V. Oswald

### **Health Professions**

Histotechnician, AAS. .... Caitlin N. Aponte  
Medical Medical Laboratory  
Technology, AAS ..... Derek D. Gearhart  
Nursing, AAS ..... Elizabeth A. Couturiaux  
Practical Nursing, CC..... Kaitlyn R. Weaver  
Respiratory Care, AAS ..... Aidan D. Paul

### **Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics**

Mechatronics Engineering  
Technology, AAS ..... Faith E. Benson  
Engineering, AS ..... Roxsonna N. Janiszewski  
Science, AS ..... Michael L. Remp, Jr  
Health Science, AS..... Alexa J. Rimby

### **Social Science**

Addiction Studies/  
Human Services, AA.....Alanna T. Encarnacion  
Criminal Justice, AAS.....Marissa S. Fortune  
Early Childhood Teaching  
PreK- Grade 4, AAS.....Madison I. Hess  
Early Childhood  
Program Management, AAS.....Osvaldo Rosabal  
Psychology, AA .....Katie E. Perrette  
Social Science, AA .....Aaliyah A. Rivera  
Social Work (AA).....Yessenia Rivera

### **Sonia M. Briskin**

**Scholar's Award**.....Mara E. Nagle

### **Borkert Library**

**Research Award** .....Emily V. Oswald

# H O N O R S P R O G R A M G R A D U A T E S

Webgie Cadet  
 Timothy Cescon  
 Adaliz Delgado Bernabel  
 Cameryn Derecho  
 Mickerlie Eustache  
 Finn Jackson  
 Roxsonna Janiszewski

Alec Kuhn  
 Dana Mejia  
 Anders Miller  
 Mara Nagle  
 Emily Oswald  
 Anisa Reinstrom  
 Aaliyah Rivera

Paige Rothermel  
 Rylie Roush  
 Kaylyn Smoker  
 Benjamin Stevenson  
 Jamie Szarawara  
 Roslyn Warner

To earn this recognition as Honors Program Graduates, these students have completed at least 5 Honors courses with a B or higher, have earned an overall GPA of 3.25 or higher at the time of graduation and have conducted themselves in an exemplary manner throughout their time at Reading Area Community College. Honors courses include designated Honors courses, Honors by contract in standard courses and Honors Independent Study courses.



# A C A D E M I C H O N O R S G R A D U A T E S

The College recognizes students who have attained academic honors status at graduation. The Academic Honors list includes the names of graduates who have earned 30 hours or more of their coursework at Reading Area Community College and earned a cumulative quality point average of 3.50 or better.

Honor students will be recognized as follows:

- Cum Laude.....3.50 - 3.74 (bronze honor cord)
- Magna Cum Laude .....3.75 - 3.94 (silver honor cord)
- Summa Cum Laude.....3.95 - 4.00 (gold honor cord)



# H O N O R S O C I E T Y

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## Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society International Honor Society for Two-Year Colleges

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges. The silk honors stole and matching tassel are worn at graduation as a symbol of outstanding academic achievement.

Syed Ahmed	Marissa Fortune	Christopher Nasados
Richard Angelo	Anne Leyla Fortune	Jonathan Nava-Pensado
Jenna Austin	Jeremy Frederick	Emily Oswald
Evelyn Ayala-Fontanez	Kelly Geiger	Brooke Patton
Michael Barnett	Heidi Groff	Christine Piffer
Jasmin Bickham	Kara Gruver	Arlise Popruzuk
Faisal Bida	Caleb Harter	Breanna Reighard
Nathan Brown	Jeannie Harvey	Anisa Reinstrom
Kathryn Burke	Madison Hess	Michael Remp
Webgie Cadet	Elba Infante	Aaliyah Rivera
Jake Carmona	Brian Key	Yessenia Rivera
Gabrielle Castello	Denele Kramer	Henry Rivera Flores
Kateryna Chmil	Noel La Borde Santana	Paige Rothermel
Susan Cornish	Mariezette Laporte	Rylie Roush
Elizabeth Couturiaux	Patty Linzer	Carolina Sanchez Morales
Ashley Creta	Brandon Luna	Osiris Santana Santos
Juana Dejesus	Cristal Luna-Vasquez	Sujata Shakya
Abigail Dise	Kaitlyn Markle	Tejaswi Shakya
Gabriel Dumitrescu	Jessica Martinez Vargas	Leeann Stark
Alanna Encarnacion	Staci McAndrew	Dana Stout
Mickerlie Eustache	Rebekah Meitzler	Joseph Sutton
Amanda Evans	Laural Morgan	Jamie Szarawara
Yohemi Familia-Paredes	Maryuris Morillo Garcia	Gaven Tretter
Emilia Ferreira	Krista Morrison	Emily Williams
Sofia Fioravanti	Brandon Nabar	Nicholas Windsor
Kathleen Flax	Mara Nagle	Sonya Wright

Membership in the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society is based on academic achievement. All students with a GPA of 3.6 and 12 credits of associate degree coursework earned at RACC are invited to join the Alpha Sigma Rho Chapter. Members must maintain a GPA of 3.5. In addition to recognition for scholastic excellence, the Society offers opportunities for Scholarship, Leadership, Fellowship and Service at the local, regional and national levels.

E M E R I T I F A C U L T Y  
A N D S T A F F

**THEODORE BASSANO**

Vice President Emeritus  
September 1996 - September 2013

**LINDA BELL**

Associate Dean Emerita  
Business Division  
September 1992 - September 2022

**BEVERLY BOHNER**

Professor Emerita  
Business Division  
September 1991 - June 2007

**RONALD F. BORKERT\***

Professor Emeritus  
Humanities Division  
September 1991 - June 2006

**DAVID BRANT, Ph.D.**

Professor Emeritus  
Social Sciences/Human Services  
Division  
March 2001 - May 2021

**SUSAN CHARRON**

Professor Emerita  
Communications, Arts & Humanities  
Division  
September 1999 - June 2000 and  
March 2001 - December 2015

**MARK S. CHESTER\***

Associate Professor Emeritus  
Business Division  
September 2001 - March 2020

**LYNETTE DAVIS**

Professor Emerita  
STEM Division  
September 2005 - June 2023

**ROSE MARIE DAY, R.N.**

Professor Emerita  
Division of Health Professions  
September 1978 - June 2002

**JOHN DEVERE**

Vice President Emeritus  
November 1987 - May 2013

**SUSAN DUBY**

Assistant Professor Emerita  
January 2003 - December 2017

**KATHY McCANN EVANS**

Professor Emerita  
Science and Mathematics Division  
September 1993 - December 2017

**ALAYNE FESSLER**

Professor Emerita  
Division of Health Professions  
September 2005- May 2023

**ANN L. FLAMM**

Professor Emerita  
Science and Math Division  
September 1979 - June 2007

**ELIZABETH W. FRASER, R.N.**

Professor Emerita  
Division of Health Professions  
September 1989 - June 2007

**JOANNE GABEL, Ph.D.**

Professor Emerita  
Humanities Division  
January 1998 - May 2014

**MERILEE GRIMES**

Professor Emerita  
Division of Health Professions  
December 1991 - December 2016

**SUSAN B. HARTMAN**

Professor Emerita  
Humanities Division  
September 1981 - May 2012

**SUSAN A. HELLER**

Professor Emerita  
Business Division  
November 2011 - May 2013

**RONALD G. HERTZOG**

Professor Emeritus  
Science and Mathematics Division  
September 1974 - June 2006

**KAREN JACOBSON, Ph.D.**

Professor Emerita  
Communications, Arts & Humanities  
Division  
September 1979 - December 2014

**ALEXIS JARDIN**

Professor Emerita  
Foundational Studies Division  
September 2002 - May 2021

**DR. NARAYANAN KAMPRATH, Ph.D.**

Professor Emerita  
STEM Division  
September 1991 - August 2020

**SUZANNE KARTERMAN-STORCK**

Professor Emerita  
Humanities Division  
September 1991 - December 2002

**SANDRA KERN, Ph.D.**

Professor Emerita  
Business Division  
September 1983 - December 2021

**MARY LOU KLINE**

Professor Emerita  
Business Division  
September 1978 - December 2015

**BEVERLY J. KOVACS**

Professor Emerita  
Social Sciences/Human Services Division  
August 1971 - March 2001

**RICHARD A. KRATZ, Ed.D.**

President Emeritus  
January 2003 - June 2007

**ANDREW LAPINSKI**

Professor Emeritus  
Science and Mathematics Division  
September 1976 - December 2015

**JOHN M. LAWLOR**

Faculty Emeritus  
Social Science Division  
1976-1981 and  
September 1990 - December 2015

**MICHELE LAWLOR**

Academic/Career Resource Specialist  
Emerita  
September 1985 - May 2011

**LINDA C. LAWRENCE**

Technical Services Librarian Emerita  
August 1973 - June 2007

**JOSEPH A. LIEBREICH**

Professor Emeritus  
Business Division  
September 1970 - June 2002

**LORRAINE P. MCNEIL**

Assistant Director for  
the Nursing Program Emerita  
Division of Health Professions  
September 1993 - May 2012

**MICHAEL NAGEL**

VP for External Relations and  
Executive Director of the Foundation  
November 2008 to September 2020

**PATRICIA A. PARKS**

Counselor Emerita  
January 1979 - June 2009

E M E R I T I F A C U L T Y  
A N D S T A F F

**HELEN C. PEEMOELLER**

Professor Emerita  
Chairperson, Humanities Division  
February 1972 - June 2007

**ROBERT E. PHIPPS**

Professor Emeritus  
Science and Mathematics Division  
1972 - 1988

**JOSEPH J. H. RICHTER, JR.**

Professor Emeritus  
Business Division  
1972 - 1993

**DWIGHT RINEHART**

Faculty /Foundational Studies  
Division  
September 2003 to December 2019

**DWIGHT RINEHART**

Faculty /Foundational Studies  
Division  
September 2003 to December 2019

**DIANE SASSAMAN, R.N.**

Professor Emerita  
Division of Health Professions  
September 1991 - June 2007

**ELISSA S. SAUER**

Assistant Dean of Health Professions  
Division/Director of RN Program  
Emerita  
September 1974 - June 1980 and  
August 1989 - April 2000

**JUDITH A. SCHUM, Ph.D.**

Professor Emerita  
Humanities Division  
September 1979 - May 2013

**ELLEN SCHWARTZ**

Professor Emerita  
Science and Math Division  
September 1992 - December 2015

**DONNA SINGLETON, Ph.D.**

Professor Emerita  
Communications, Arts & Humanities  
Division  
September 1992 - December 2015

**ANNELLE R. SOPONIS**

Professor Emerita  
Science and Mathematics Division  
September 1988 - May 2013

**BRUCE STANLEY\***

Professor Emeritus  
Humanities Division  
1972 - 1997

**LARRY R. STUCKI, Ph.D.**

Faculty Emeritus  
Social Science Division  
September 1991 - June 2007

**LINDA WATERBURY**

Professor Emerita  
Science and Mathematics Division  
January 1976 - May 2012

**KAREN WEAVER-COLEMAN**

Professor Emerita  
Humanities Division  
September 1991 - June 2011

**ANNA D. WEITZ, Ed.D.**

President Emerita  
June 2007 - June 2018

**GENE M. WILKINS, Ed.D.**

Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Emeritus  
June 1971 - June 1987

**SYLVIA E. WOLFF**

Professor Emerita  
Humanities Division  
January 1979 - March 2001

**RICHARD F. ZARILLA, Ph.D.**

Professor Emeritus  
Science and Mathematics Division  
September 1971 - September 1998

**GUST ZOGAS, Ed.D.**

President Emerituss  
August 1974 - December 2022

# SIGNIFICANCE OF ACADEMIC ATTIRE

*The history of academic attire dates far back into the days of the oldest universities. While European institutions continue to use great diversity in their specifications of academic dress, most American colleges and universities have adopted the academic dress standards of the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume.*

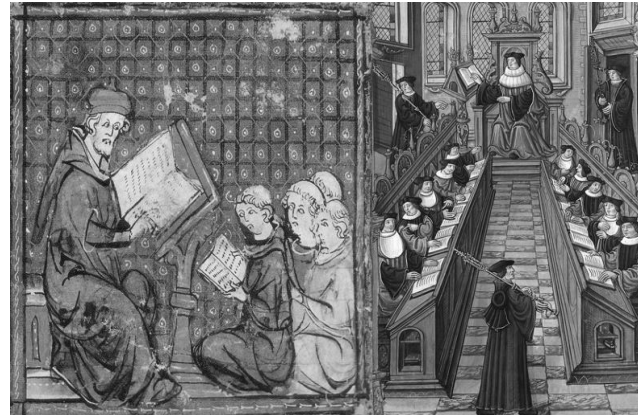
**Gowns:** The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degree has oblong sleeves and may be worn open or closed. The gown for the doctor's degree has bell-shaped sleeves and may be worn open or closed.

**Gown Trimmings:** There are no approved trimmings for the bachelor's or master's gown. The doctor's degree gown is faced down the front with black velvet with bars of velvet across the sleeves.

**Stoles of Gratitude:** The red Stoles of Gratitude, worn by each graduate, are a gift from the Student Government Association. These stoles may be used as gifts of gratitude for someone who has made a difference in the students' time at RACC and helped them achieve graduation. Some graduates may have chosen to write a personal note on it to present to someone, or keep it for themselves as a memento of their hard work at RACC.

**Tribute Stole:** The Tribute Stole is to recognize and honor those men and women who have served our country. The Tribute stole will be worn at graduation to honor those that have served.

**First Generation Stole:** These white stoles recognize those who are the first in their family to graduate from college. It is a symbol of hope for future generations and a celebration of perseverance of first-generation students.



**Color of Hoods:** The colors associated with the different subject areas are as follows:

Maize .....	Agriculture
White .....	Arts, Letters, Humanities
Drab .....	Commerce, Business, Accountancy
Lilac.....	Dentistry
Copper .....	Economics
Light Blue .....	Education
Orange.....	Engineering
Brown.....	Fine Arts, Architecture
Russet.....	Forestry
Crimson.....	Journalism
Purple.....	Law
Lemon.....	Library Science
Green .....	Medicine
Pink.....	Music
Apricot .....	Nursing
Silver Gray .....	Oratory (Speech)
Olive Green .....	Pharmacy
Dark Blue.....	Philosophy
Sage Green.....	Physical Education
Peacock Blue .....	Public Administration, Foreign Service
Golden Yellow .....	Science
Citron .....	Social Work
Scarlet .....	Theology
Gray .....	Veterinary Science



# S Y M B O L S   O F   O F F I C E



## **The Mace**

The mace was initially modeled after a war club, useful objects for 12th-century officers whose main task was keeping order. A formidable weapon, the Mace was held ready to protect the person of the dignitary. Since the 16th-century in England and since colonial days in America, it has become a symbol of office only and is carried by a distinguished member of a faculty. The Reading Area Community College Mace is a fine piece of Eastern Pennsylvania black walnut grown in Berks County. It was turned on the lathes in the Department of the Physical Plant by former College employee, James Diener.



## **Presidential Medallion**

The Reading Area Community College seal utilizes the Yocum Library as the central element because of its significance as the first original building constructed for the campus. The Yocum Library also serves as a focal point along the Schuylkill River and as a landmark entering the City of Reading. The Penn Street Bridge incorporates the physicality of Reading Area Community College and also symbolically represents the avenue of success and transition provided by higher education. The medallion was crafted by Peter Hoffman, an instructor in the computerized machine tool technology program at the Berks Career & Technology Center - West.



## **Presidential Chair**

The first Presidential Chair was presented to Dr. Richard A. Kratz, fourth president of Reading Area Community College, on October 13, 2003 at his installation ceremony. The chair is used as the official seating for the President at all College ceremonies.



**The Reading Area Community College Graduating Class of 2024  
wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to their families, friends,  
faculty and staff who have nurtured, supported, and provided many  
intellectual challenges, and who also have given unselfishly of themselves  
in order that all of us could realize our dream of attaining this college degree!**



# R A C C A L M A M A T E R

Words by Scott Heffelfinger

Music by Ray Rhoads

Just be - yond the ri - ver wat - ers, at the edge of town. Stands our che-rished  
RACC has guid-ed oh so ma - ny, down the road of life. Mov-ing up-ward,  
We shall ev - er sing her prai - ses, carry her mess-age true. Of the op - or -

Al - ma Ma - ter, as the sun goes down. Ev - er for-ward, Ev - er up-ward  
start-ing ov - er guid - ing through the strife.  
tun - i - ty that RACC can give to you.

RACC has guid-ed me. To a time of self re - li - ance learn-ed wise and free!



# The Star-Spangled Banner

Lyrics by Francis Scott Key

Music by John Stafford Smith

Bb Gm D Gm C F Bb

O say, can you see by the dawn's ear-ly light what so proud-ly we

7 F Bb Gm D

hailed at the twi-light's last gleam - ing? Whose broad stripes and bright stars thro' the

12 Gm C F Bb F Bb

per - il - ous fight o'er the ram - parts we watched were so gal - lant - ly

17 F7

stream-ing? And the rock - ets' red glare, the bombs burst-ing in air, gave

22 Bb F Bb C F Bb Eb G7

proof thro' the night that our flag was still there. O say, does that star - spang-l'd

28 Cm F Bb Gm C Bb F7 Bb

ban - ner yet wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

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