



*Twenty-Fifth
Winter Commencement Exercises*

*Friday, January Twelfth
Two Thousand and Twenty-Four*

at

Ten o'clock in the morning for the School of Liberal Arts

One o'clock in the afternoon for the School of Professional and Technical Studies

Four o'clock in the afternoon for the School of Science and Health

*College of Southern Maryland
La Plata Campus
Physical Education Center*

Order of Exercises
School of Liberal Arts

10 a.m.

- *Processional
Commencement Marshal..... Neal Dwyer
Professor, School of Liberal Arts, La Plata Campus

- *The National Anthem Abigail McDanal
CSM Student

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
Yolanda Wilson, Ed.D., *President, College of Southern Maryland*

FACULTY SENATE REPRESENTATIVE
George Bedell, *President, CSM Faculty Senate*

INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATION SPEAKER
Shawn B. Coates, *Chair, CSM Board of Trustees*

Address Stacy Sneed
CSM Graduate, Class of Winter 2024

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARDS

- Trustee Distinguished Service Award Shawn B. Coates

- Presentation of Candidates for
Certificates and Degrees..... Jacquelyn Madry-Taylor, Ed.D.
Interim Vice President, Division of Learning

- Conferring of Certificates and Degrees..... Yolanda Wilson, Ed.D.

*Recessional

*The audience will please stand.

Order of Exercises
School of Professional and Technical Studies

1 p.m.

- *Processional
Commencement Marshal..... Dr. Mary Beth Klinger
Professor, School of Professional and Technical Studies, La Plata Campus

- *The National Anthem Abigail McDanal
CSM Student

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INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATION SPEAKER
Shawn B. Coates, *Chair, CSM Board of Trustees*

Address Jordan Riggs
CSM Graduate, Class of Winter 2024

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARDS

- Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award George Bedell

- Presentation of Candidates for
Certificates and Degrees..... Jacquelyn Madry-Taylor, Ed.D.
Interim Vice President, Division of Learning

- Conferring of Certificates and Degrees..... Yolanda Wilson, Ed.D.

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Order of Exercises
School of Science and Health

4 p.m.

*Processional

Commencement Marshal..... Sharon Smith-Douglas
Professor, School of Science and Health, La Plata Campus

*The National Anthem Emma Querry
CSM Student

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Yolanda Wilson, Ed.D., *President, College of Southern Maryland*

FACULTY SENATE REPRESENTATIVE

George Bedell, *President, CSM Faculty Senate*

INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATION SPEAKER

Shawn B. Coates, *Chair, CSM Board of Trustees*

Address Emily Nolen
CSM Graduate, Class of Winter 2024

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**SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS
STUDENT SPEAKER**

STACY SNEED
CSM Graduate, Class of Winter 2024

Stacy Sneed returned to CSM as an adult learner and credits the professors at CSM with their patience and encouragement as she found her footing. Today she is celebrating earning her Associate of Arts in Communication, and plans to continue her education at Bowie State University and study broadcast journalism in the spring. Her battle with sarcoidosis complicated her path toward a degree, but it also inspired her to create the "Purple Makeup Movement" and the "Purple Shirt and Tie Movement" to support those living with the same condition. In addition, Sneed founded Women of Life Changing Inc., an organization that offers support to individuals experiencing life-changing events. Sneed consistently achieved a place on CSM's Dean's List and was honored with multiple scholarships. Thirty-seven years after graduating from high school, Sneed is proud to be graduating and hopes to inspire others to pursue their dreams, no matter how long it takes.

**SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL AND
TECHNICAL STUDIES STUDENT SPEAKER**

JORDAN RIGGS
CSM Graduate, Class of Winter 2024

Jordan Riggs will graduate with his Associate of Science in Engineering in Electrical Engineering. He will be transferring to North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, a top-ranked HBCU, where he will pursue a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. He plans to further his education and eventually earn a master's degree. As a full-time CSM student, Riggs completed an internship with Integrated Program Solutions and is currently an intern at the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division Webster Outlying Field. Riggs was the president of the National Society of Black Engineers Southern Maryland Chapter and was twice selected to represent the CSM student experience before CSM's Board of Trustees. Outside of school, he enjoys weightlifting, sports, community service, and spending time with family and friends. Riggs would like to pass along to his classmates that, "talk without action is just a dream."

**SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH
STUDENT SPEAKER**

EMILY NOLEN
CSM Graduate, Class of Winter 2024

Emily Nolen will graduate today with her Associate of Science in Nursing and has her sights set on an advanced degree as a women's health nurse practitioner. Although she is a native San Diegan, Nolen has lived in Maryland for the last decade with her husband and two sons and shares that she feels blessed to have been a stay-at-home mom during that time. She also holds a bachelor's in history from Azusa Pacific University. Nolen recently accepted a job placement as a nurse at CalvertHealth Medical Center, where she is currently works as a patient care technician. Nolen is thrilled to be realizing a childhood dream to enter the healthcare field, and wants to encourage her fellow graduates to travel and explore in order to expand their worldviews.

**TRUSTEE DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE AWARD**

BONNIE GREEN
The Patuxent Partnership

Bonnie Green, the executive director of The Patuxent Partnership, is the 2024 recipient of the College of Southern Maryland Trustee Distinguished Service Award. Green is receiving this honor for being a visionary who uses her expertise and network of colleagues to reduce barriers to education and increase career opportunities for CSM students. She consistently looks for ways to build bridges and create opportunities for CSM students to receive skill-based internships or apprenticeships in fields that also meet the region's defense contractor and military workforce needs.

Since 2007, The Patuxent Partnership has been a loyal supporter and advocate of CSM, having committed more than \$400,000 in funding for science, technology, engineering and mathematics scholarships, the CSM Robotics Team – "The Talons," STEM programming, and cybersecurity initiatives. More recently, Green found support to enhance, expand, and upgrade the College of Southern Maryland cyber labs at CSM's Leonardtown and Prince Frederick Campuses through the Southern Maryland 2030 Workforce Development initiative.

Green is passionate about education and understands how important it is to partner with CSM to create vitality in our community and CSM is thrilled to honor her commitment to this institution and our students.

ADJUNCT FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARD

MEGAN ROBERTS '06
Professor of Criminal Justice, School of Professional and Technical Studies

Megan Roberts is recognized for her outstanding achievement in classroom teaching, her contributions both to her department and the college, and for her professional development and community commitment.

As an instructor in CSM's Criminal Justice program in the School of Professional and Technical Studies, Roberts brings forensic analysis to life for her students by giving them the opportunity to work a case from start to finish. She incorporates innovative activities in her classes, creating mock evidence her students can utilize for hands-on experiences and inviting guest speakers to talk about their roles in the profession. As a result, her classes have the highest enrollment in the department. She is currently helping to create a Criminal Justice Lab at CSM to further enhance the student immersive experience.

Roberts is an effective teacher and a standout in her field. A CSM alumna who completed her bachelor's degree at Stevenson University, she works as the crime lab supervisor for the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office. She is also a certified instructor with the Maryland Police and Corrections Training Commission, trained in digital forensics, and a licensed Federal Aviation Administration remote pilot. She has earned certificates in forensic chemistry and crime scene investigation from West Virginia University and has co-authored three articles for the Encyclopedia of Forensic Science.

Roberts is an ambassador for her field and for CSM, and she exemplifies the excellence and dedication of CSM's adjunct faculty members.

Winter 2024

CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFICATES

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Accounting: Basic

Chelsea Bryanna Evans
Melanie Jane Goldsmith
Latasha Marie Hebb

Business Management

Melanie Jane Goldsmith
Candice A. Robey
Chance Michael Rutter

Criminal Justice

Angelina Marie Mitchell ^{HHH}

Cybersecurity

Griffin J. Corley
Myeisha Juvan Monroe
John M Rawlinson, Jr.
Lena Tatyana Thompson
Michelle Tuschinski ^{HHH}

Emergency Medical Services:

Paramedic

Jamie L. Bean
Kristi Benvenuto ^H
Brooke A. Bixby
Aaron Austin Brewster
Abigail M. Brown
Jonathan R. Exline
Nikita J. Heggs
Emily Grace Holzberger
Zachary Hooper
Brandon T. Hosselrode
Alexander L. Merz ^H
Joscelynne M. Pannone ^H

General Studies

Alexandra Allen
Chidubem E. Amos-Uhegbu ^H
Amber E. Borrer
Patrick H. Dolan
Joseph G. Gallo
Marissa S. Herndon
Lilin E. Holley
Socorro Antionette Keels
Stephanie R. Lee
D'Andre Myles Lewis
Christina Moncivais
Erin M. Sellers
Courtney Fairfax Shelden
Tyler Montgomery Wade
John Hubert York, IV

Graphic Design

Skyler Renee Adams ^{HHH}
Amber E. Borrer

Human Services: Alcohol and Drug Counseling

Wendy V. Gray
Makayla Taylor Morgan ^H
Fanescia M. Thompson

Human Services: Mental Health Technician

Eileen McBain ^H
Christina Marie Plater

Information Systems

Felicia L. McVey

Medical Assisting

Sarah Lynne King
Danielle Latrice Parker
Andrea R. Rucker
Madylin Grace Cotta Sheehy ^H

Medical Coding Specialist

Gabrielle Brittany Powell

Pharmacy Technician

Son T. Phan

Practical Nursing

Lisa M. Corbin
Paige Leanne Curtis
Brittany Marie Gilbert
Oluwabukunmi Kaiyewu
Mary Kay Lee
Brittany S. Lewis
Casey L. Lewis
Brittany Marie Messina
Emiliann Carmela Simpson
Hope Imrie Smart
Chasity Nicole Sweeney

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CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Accounting

Regan R. Fairfax
Kaitlin D. Mankowski
Jessica Shorter ^H

Arts and Sciences

Alma E. Abreu Compres
Michele R. Addison
Madeline Grace Adkins
Alexandra Allen
Caleh Marie Anderson
Riley Leeanne Andre
Brodie Alexander Aud
Corinne M. Baldus ^H
Phillip Ball
McKayla Michelle Barrett
Lacey E. Bateman
Alexis Sykeethia Blackmon
Frank C. Booker, IV
Victoria Ann Boyce
Dylan Scott Buchanan
Audrey Paige Buckler ^H
William Elijah Buckmaster ^H
Saige Midori Bulka ^H
Amani Butler ^H
Noel Elizabeth Carey
Christina Chase
Minghao Chen
Oneka Connor
Kendall Elizabeth Crossman
Jessica M. Cullison
Nicole Erica Curran
Jeannine Maria Dewitt ^H

Patrick H. Dolan
Amanda N. Ducellier ^H
Kaitlyn Marie Dunn
Kaitlyn R. Ford
Austin Lee Fowler
Joseph G. Gallo
Emmanuel Corbin Grant
Lola Grantham
Shannon M. Harley
Kerianne Marie Hemmer
Heather Edna Marie Hogan ^H
Lilin E. Holley
Tristan F. Horne
Lauren Michelle Hyde
Joshua John Jacobs ^{HHH}
Haley Johnson
Kiara Johnson
Taesha Selena Johnson
X'amis Johnson
Amara N. Kazim
Socorro Antionette Keels
Myla N. Ladjevich
Stephanie R. Lee
James Lloyd-Schultz
Shelby Leilani Miller
Amari N. Montgomery
Danielle S. Moody
Delaney Leigh Nix ^H
Michael Tyrone Oliver
Piper Philyaw
Justin Robert Powers
Brittney Lynn Ridgell
Mya A. Ruiz Savoy ^H

CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Kenneth Russell
Caitlyn D. Seibert
Erin M. Sellers
Courtney Fairfax Shelden
Joseph Shorts
Jamie Smith
Stacy Sneed
Jelani E. Thompson
Lasha' Jasmine Tipton
Charlize Ricasa Villanueva
Eric Michael Waldow ^{HH}
Jaquan Watkins
Olivia Danielle Westman ^{HHH}
Elisabeth M. Wilson
Rudolph Douglas Woodward
Braden P. Yakel
Asher David Zwick

Arts and Sciences: Art

Skyler Renee Adams ^{HH}
Angela Marie L'Heureux ^H
Nicki W. Pharis
Sieva Smith
Sakura J. Wilson

Arts and Sciences: Biological Sciences

Anna Renee Harris

Arts and Sciences: Exercise and Sport Science

Marissa N. Amadio
Jordon Dollen
Kendall A. White

Arts and Sciences: History

Vincent Gabriel Marteja
Jadon P. Preston, I
Nicholas Brian Stone

Arts and Sciences: Music

Carter Falkenstein ^{HHH}
Nykia Osborne

Arts and Sciences: Social Sciences

Migyon T. Boutte
Kara Michelle Buckler
Lauren R. Crandall
Gabriel Palma Dizon
Andrea Kiese Ghonda
Marissa S. Herndon
James Alexander Higdon
Reagan Dianne McWilliams
Christina Moncivais
Amber Paige Nelson
Sharese S. Reid
Mackenzie Arellano Sauter
Shane Anthony Smith
Alexis Marie Stanley

Arts and Sciences: Spanish

Hillary Lizbeth Oliva Roman

CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Business Administration

Amber Nicole Carroll ^{HHH}
Trent A. Drinkard
Regan R. Fairfax
Seth Edgar Gant
Kasey Rae Gatton ^H
Shanica Charelle Hunt
Nooralhuda H. Jebur
Erin Jensen ^{HHH}
James C. Johnson
Jheremy Marc Jover
Hunter T. McNamee ^H
Traevon Michael Miller
Logan Amanda Mundie
Abigail Rae Norris
Heaven Marie Ryce
Micco Randolph Vincent Simms
Ethan Bailey Snyder ^H
Noah B. Stawinski
Ivy Marie Swann
Christina M. Tippet
Nicholas James Truss
Lawson G. Vieley ^{HHH}
Ryan J. Wagus
Katlin M. Wilkerson
Rachel E. Wilmot ^{HHH}

Business Management

Mary A. Bean ^H
Jessica Nicole Boteler
LeNisha Dominique Chance
Alexis M. Corcoran ^{HHH}
Samuel S. Hill, III
Elena R. Ledda
Mason Lee Messick ^H
Michaela Danielle-Marie

Miller-L'italien
Tracy Lynn Rine
Shyann Nicole Ringley ^{HHH}
Kylie J. Wallace
Amber Morgan Young

Cloud and Information Technology

Malakhi Isaiah Smith ^H

Computer Science

Megan Elaine Bails
Amber Elizabeth Borrer
Dominick S Duvall ^H
Cameron Michael Field
Yongsik Kim ^{HHH}
Jackson Ryan Kyle
Michael John-Patrick St. Marie
Sudina Thapaliya ^H
Hassan F. Turay
Philip Arthur Wade
Tyler Montgomery Wade
Katrina Mae Wilhelm
Kelly Mae Windsor ^{HHH}

Computer Science With Cloud Computing

Stephen M. Bonnet
Monique Reed

Construction Management Technology

Brenda Berenice Christensen ^H
Talla A. Jagne
Nickolas Antonio Porovne ^H
Kamonte Shelton

CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Criminal Justice

Cierra Anika Ellen Hutchins
Timothy Douglas Mendenhall

Cybersecurity

Tyson Blackwell ^{HHH}
David J. Blake ^{HHH}
John David Nazareno Castillo ^{HHH}
Miranda Ruby Fritch
Garrison Lee Gray
Liam T. Hetrich
Walter F. Hickey
Kendall K. Hinz ^{HHH}
Justin Matthew Jacobs ^{HHH}
Jennifer Rose Janey ^{HHH}
Brant N. Klesch
Jacob James Myers ^{HHH}
John M. Rawlinson, Jr.
Breanna Robinson
Adnan Sarni Shabani
Brady M Sharp
Charles N. Sherman ^{HHH}
George Christopher Vann, II

Digital Media Production

Rebecca B. Benton ^{HHH}
Jocelyn Monique Berry
James Delanie Loving, Jr.
Bryce Powers
Daniel D. Williamson

Early Childhood Development

Precious Roshea Holland
Diana Edith Ventura-Cruz

Early Childhood/Generic Special Education Birth-Grade 3

Melissa Ann Cecil
Lacey Brooke Jones
Jennifer Marie Quade
Helana G. Roussillon

Electrical Engineering

Laura Estelle Carrington
Jordan Christopher Riggs
Eric Delanta Wilson, Jr.

Elementary/Generic Special Education Grades 1-6

Marissa Lynn Burgess ^H
Alysa K. Gately
Matthew Tyler Muffley
Jennifer Marie Quade
Emma R. Seanor ^H

Emergency Medical Services

Jenna Albertson
Joscelynne M. Pannone ^H
Jacquelyn Nicole Robertson
Ashley L. Yost

Engineering

James Connor Gardiner
Jacob Holt
Dylan Martin Hoschar
Grady Jameson Klaas

Engineering Technology

Grayson T. Bramell

CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES

General Studies: Communication

Zamaria Danae Bethea
Jeremy Allen Heilmeyer ^{HHH}
Trevor C. Hook
John Paul Lavallee ^{HHH}
Colin Alexander Proctor
Madelyn R. Sellner ^{HHH}

General Studies: Criminal Justice

Erika C. Adams
Kara Danielle Hickman Colleli ^H
Kyle F. Durse
Mark Anthony Goffe, Jr.
Kensley Ketchum
Alexis A. Krueger
Andrea S. Lizano ^{HHH}
Gabriel Scott Mirasola
Jariyapon Phaophan
Talon Thomas Dyson Saunders ^{HHH}
Chase Edward Spano
Miguel Andres Uribarri
Brielle A. Welch ^H
Unique Joyce Wright
Victoria Rene Zacher ^{HHH}

General Studies: English

Miranda L. Hood
Holli Rose Kobialka ^{HH}
Raquan Lewis Logan
Yasmin Tia Pittman ^{HHH}
Kerry L. Ward
Aiden Danielle Watson

General Studies: Media Studies

Madelyn L. Minichino ^H
Jordyn MiKayla Woody ^H

Homeland Security

Trenton Terrell Evans

Hospitality Management

Julie Christine Johnson

Human Services

Kristin Renee' Brooks
Chanel Lashawn Chase
Tammy Lynn Marinaccio ^{HHH}
Christina Marie Plater

Information Services

Technology

Tyrese F. Jargba
Richard Caleb Sisler ^{HHH}

Information Services

Technology: Web Developer

Victoria Kemper

Information Systems

Gift Enemona Alfa
Cheryl Dee Dela Paz Hayden

Law Enforcement

Kevin Patrick Conley ^{HH}
Zachary L. Davis
Leann Rebecca Deans ^H
Chelsea Bryanna Evans
Gavin Santerre

CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Mathematics and Sciences

Chidubem E. Amos-Uhegbu ^H
McKayla Michelle Barrett
Taishaun J. Henderson
Tyler Z. Smith ^H

Nursing

Holly Acuna
Stephanie Hope Allers ^H
Regina Ampiaw
Darian Briana Anderson ^H
Honorine Badolo
Katie Elizabeth Childers
Teea L. Clark
Tabitha R. Crocker
Paige Leanne Curtis
Emmah E. Dahlberg
Carlie R. Dahlstedt-Henderson ^{HHH}

Asia Renée Davis
Samantha M. Delair
Ramanda Desrameaux ^{HH}
Abigail M. Dodato
Gianni Estrada
Oluwafunmilola Gabriel ^H
Danielle N. Gibson
Morgan E. Gilliam
Elizabeth Kent
Krystle Marie Lange
Sumiyati Lie
Jennifer Lugaila
Emily Amanda McCrossan
Olivia L. McKenzie
Gabrielle H. Nelson
Bernice Chiamaka Ngere ^{HHH}
Emily Nolen ^H
Joanne Perez

Marjorie Renea Plaudis
Samantha Lee Romba
Vanessa Pearl Wingfield
Jill K. Shade
Ashley Nicole Shrawder ^{HHH}
Sarah E. Smego
Kaitlyn Tobie Smith
Brooklen M. Stewart
Brianna N. Stream
Victoria Tate
Kelsey Dominique Thompson
Natalie Joan Thompson
Brianna K. Threewitts
Susan Rebecca Ulloa
Brittany A. Watson
Amari Nicole Weems ^H
Shellayne D. Whalen

Photography

Michael Harris
Kennedy Kaylin Newkirk ^{HH}

Pre-Professional Health Science

Brittany K. Culbreth
Kaiden A. Jenkins
Kameron J. Jenkins

Software Development

Morgan Todd Bromley
Alyssa-Gene Deato Gabison
Casey Jock

CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Sport Management

Justin Aponte
Cameron Alexander Crook-Rosales
D'Andre Myles Lewis

Teacher Education: Secondary

Ethan S. Browne
Shelley L. Duvall

Winter Class of 2024 Student Distinctive Characteristics

- 434 candidates for 350 associate degrees and 171 certificates
- Graduating with honors: 23 percent of candidates
- Top degrees: Arts and Sciences AA; Nursing AS; Business Administration AS; Cybersecurity, AAS; Arts and Sciences: Social Sciences, AA; General Studies: Criminal Justice, AA
- Top certificates: General Studies: Transfer; Cybersecurity; Emergency Medical Services - Paramedic; Accounting: Advanced; Accounting: Basic; Business Management
- 66 percent female, 34 percent male
- Residency: 36 percent Charles County; 35 percent St. Mary's County; 26 percent Calvert County; 3 percent outside of region and state
- Youngest degree candidate, age 15; eldest degree candidate, age 76

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CONGRATULATIONS WINTER 2024 GRADUATES



The **CSM Alumni and Friends Connection** is a way for our graduates to network and stay connected to friends, faculty, and programs at the college—and membership is free! **We are dedicated**

to helping you maintain a lifelong relationship with the College of Southern Maryland, and we encourage you to take advantage of what CSM can continue to offer you beyond graduation.



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Alumni and Friends Connection

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► Your student record will be updated on your account as “graduated” **before the end of January**. The message box on our transcript webpage will notify you when that process is completed.

Do not order a transcript until after this has been updated.
www.csmd.edu/Transcripts

► **Diplomas will be mailed in February** as long as there are no outstanding balances on your account. Please be sure we have your current address.

► Photos from today will be available by **January 22**.
csmphoto.zenfolio.com/24JanGrad

► Share your graduation experience on social media with **#csmgrad2024**

Academic Attire

The caps, gowns, and hoods worn at college and university functions date back to the Middle Ages. Monks and students of those days wore them to keep warm in the damp and drafty 12th century castles and halls of learning.

The gowns for the associate degree, earned after 60-70 credits of undergraduate study, have a semistiff yoke, long pleated front, and shirring across the back and shoulders.

The gowns for the bachelor's degree, earned after undergraduate study, are similar in appearance to the gown for the associate degree. The bachelor's gown may be worn either open or closed and is primarily distinguished by its long, pointed sleeves.

The holder of the master's degree, earned by postgraduate work, wears a gown with the same yoke effect as the bachelor's, and it may be worn either open or closed. The very long sleeve is square and closed at the end. Some are designed to allow the forearm to come through a slit near the elbow. With others, the arm is covered to the wrist.

Gowns for the doctor's degree are also worn open, but they carry broad velvet bars on the full, round, open sleeves. This velvet trimming may be either black or the color distinctive of the field of learning to which the degree pertains.

Caps may be of serge, broadcloth, or, for the doctor's outfit only, of velvet; and the tassel of the doctor's cap may be of gold bullion. Tassels are moved from right to left upon graduation.

It is the hood that gives the color and real meaning of the academic costume. (The bachelor's hood is sometimes worn upon completion of the course even though the degree has not yet been actually conferred.) A black shell, of varying size for the three degrees, and of material to match the gown, is silk-lined with the color or colors of the institution conferring the degree. The hood is then bordered with velvet of the proper width, to indicate the degree and of the color signifying the field of learning to which the degree pertains.

The colors indicative of the various fields of learning are as follows:

Arts and Letters	white	Engineering	orange
Nursing	apricot	Science	yellow
Theology	scarlet	Medicine	green
Library Science	lemon	Physical Education.....	sage green
Laws	purple	Fine Arts	brown
Pedagogy	light blue	Economics	copper
Philosophy	blue	Music.....	pink
Commerce	olive drab		

Honors

There are three levels of honors awarded at the completion of degrees or certificates. Candidates for graduation whose names on the program are followed by a HH have achieved highest honors, a cumulative grade point average of 3.9-4.0. The letters HH indicate high honors, a cumulative grade point average of 3.75-3.89. The letter H indicates honors, a cumulative grade point average of 3.5-3.74. All of these students have earned at least half of their degree or certificate credits at the College of Southern Maryland.

Scholars Diploma

The Scholars Program is a selective admission program for students who are seeking the highest level of academic challenge at CSM. Students who participate in the Scholars Program are awarded a Scholars Diploma if they earn 12 honors-level credits, earn at least a B in all honors courses, and maintain an overall GPA of 3.3. Students who earn nine, honors-level credits may be awarded a Scholars Certificate. Candidates for graduation whose names on the program are followed by an S have earned a Scholars Diploma.

Honor Cords

An honor cord is a token consisting of twisted cords with tassels on either end awarded to members of honor societies or for various academic and non-academic achievements, awards, or honors. Usually, cords come in pairs with a knot in the middle to hold them together. Students who are Scholars Program graduates or members of honors societies at CSM are eligible to wear the following cords at graduation:

Society/Program

Academic Honors
Alpha Delta Nu
Delta Psi Omega
English Honor Society
Kappa Delta Pi
Men of Excellence Program
National Society of Leadership and Success
National Student Nursing Association
Phi Theta Kappa
Scholars Program Graduate
Student Maryland Nursing Association
Veterans

Cord Color

Green and Gold
Apricot and White
Royal Blue and Gold
Gold and Green
Green and Purple
Black and Teal
Blue
Blue and White
Blue and Gold
Black and Gold
Red, Black, and Gold
Red, White, and Blue

Early College Stole

Students wearing the silver stole with green trim are graduates of the Early College Program, a collaborative partnership between CSM and Charles County Public Schools in which students earn the General Studies Transfer Certificate while completing their last year of high school.

Ceremonial Maces

The ceremonial mace that is carried during academic occasions has its origins in medieval times when maces—long clubs with a ball at one end—were used as weapons in combat. Considered a symbol of authority, the mace was later borne by sergeants-at-arms and royal bodyguards to protect kings. The use of the mace as an instrument of ceremony began about the year 1250 in England and France. In the United States, almost all universities and colleges have a mace. It is a symbolic representation of the school's authority at official assemblies.



CSM College Mace

The official College of Southern Maryland (CSM) mace was a gift from the CSM Student Government Association. It is 48 inches long, handcrafted from African mahogany, and topped by pewter discs engraved with the official seal of the college. It is carried by the most senior faculty member at the head of the academic procession.

CSM Student Mace

The CSM student mace was crafted by Mechanicsville Amish furniture maker Gideon Kurtz. Crafted from a single 36-inch-long piece of basswood, this mace is carried by a student representative of the graduating class.



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