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COMMENCEMENT
2026



*Sixty-Seventh
Spring Commencement Exercises*

Friday, May 15, 2026

at

*Nine o'clock in the morning for the
School of Liberal Arts*

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

*Five o'clock in the afternoon for the
School of Health Sciences*

College of Southern Maryland

La Plata Campus

Physical Education Center

Order of Exercises School of Liberal Arts

9 a.m.

*Processional

Commencement Marshal Richard Bilsker, Ph.D.
Professor and Chair of Arts and Humanities Department, School of Liberal Arts

*The National Anthem Trenace Richardson, Ed.D.
*Associate Vice President
CSM Organizational Development, Talent, and Engagement Office*

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

Sonja M. Cox, *Chair, CSM Board of Trustees*

Address Markala Pharr
CSM Graduate, Class of Fall 2025

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARDS

Full-Time Faculty Excellence Award George Bedell

Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award George Bedell

Presentation of Candidates for
Certificates and Degrees Bernice Brezina, 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 STEM and Professional Studies

1 p.m.

*Processional

Commencement Marshal Sharon Smith-Douglas
Professor, School of STEM and Professional Studies

*The National Anthem Trenace Richardson, Ed.D.
*Associate Vice President
CSM Organizational Development, Talent, and Engagement Office*

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

Sonja M. Cox, *Chair, CSM Board of Trustees*

Address Kaleb Bennett
CSM Graduate, Class of Spring 2026

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARDS

Trustee Distinguished Service Awards Sonja M. Cox

Presentation of Candidates for
Certificates and Degrees Bernice Brezina, 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 Health Sciences

5 p.m.

*Processional

Commencement Marshal Robin Young
Professor, School of Health Sciences

*The National Anthem Trenace Richardson, Ed.D.
Associate Vice President
CSM Organizational Development, Talent, and Engagement Office

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

Sonja M. Cox, *Chair, CSM Board of Trustees*

Address Loren Eiland
CSM Graduate, Class of Spring 2026

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARDS

Distinguished Alumni Award Samantha Stratchko '18
Chair, CSM Foundation Board

Presentation of Candidates for
Certificates and Degrees Bernice Brezina, Ed.D.
Interim Vice President, Division of Learning

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

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SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS STUDENT SPEAKER

MARKALA PHARR
CSM Graduate, Class of Fall 2025

Markala Pharr, 20, of Calvert County, received her Associate of Arts in Psychology and is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in psychology at the University of Maryland Baltimore County. Pharr was a part of CSM's first cohort of Prince Frederick Early College students, earning a certificate in 2024. During her time at CSM, Pharr was an active member of Women of Excellence, as well as the president and secretary of the Student Government Association. Inspired by her parents and grandmother, Pharr is proud to get involved and say yes to new opportunities. She plans to continue her academic journey with the goal of earning a doctorate in psychology and to become a counseling psychologist and professor.

SCHOOL OF STEM AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES STUDENT SPEAKER

KALEB BENNETT
CSM Graduate, Class of Spring 2026

Kaleb Bennett, 29, of Charles County, is receiving his Associate of Science in Engineering. In 2017, he earned a bachelor's degree in animation and continues to work as a freelance animator. He returned to school in 2023 to pursue a degree in engineering, inspired by the dream to work in the aerospace industry. He hopes to fuse the creativity of animation with the precision of engineering to design practical, visually compelling solutions that make everyday life easier and expand what people are able to do. During his tenure at CSM, Bennett has been a member of the Models of Excellence program, Engineering Club, and a tutor at the Math Resource Center. Bennett will attend the University of Maryland in the fall to pursue a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering.

**SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES
STUDENT SPEAKER**

LOREN EILAND
CSM Graduate, Class of Spring 2026

Loren Eiland, 31, of St. Mary's County, is receiving her Associate of Science in Nursing. Eiland is a Navy veteran of more than seven years, now following her dream of being a nurse. During her time at CSM, Eiland was a member of the Student Nursing Association and Nursing Program Faculty and Student Support Committee. She was also inducted into the Society of Collegiate Leadership and Achievement and the Alpha Omega Chapter of the Alpha Delta Nu Honor Society. A mother of two young children, Eiland is modeling perseverance, demonstrating to her children that they can pursue their dreams no matter the challenges. Eiland accepted a full-time position as an ER nurse at MedStar St. Mary's. Committed to continuous learning, she plans to pursue both a bachelor's and a master's degree in nursing.

FULL-TIME FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARD

OLANIYI AREKE, DMA
Professor of Digital Media Production, School of Liberal Arts

Digital Media Production (DMP) Professor Olaniyi Areke has been recognized for his commitment to student success and growth of the DMP program.

An Emmy award-winning filmmaker, Areke has led the DMP program for 10 years, transforming the curriculum to promote student success and career readiness. The program was ranked among the 2026 Best Colleges with Digital Communication and Media Degrees in Maryland by Niche, standing as the only community college to be recognized.

DMP students continue to excel, winning production awards at the annual Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council's Maryland Public Service Announcement Contest.

Areke described his learner-centered approach to teaching, saying, "Teaching video and production is like teaching someone a new language. I give students hands-on experience that helps them learn quickly and use real-world scenarios to prepare students for the workforce. I am available to my students' needs 365 days a year. I tell my students to communicate with me whenever they need to."

Areke has been instrumental in establishing articulation agreements with four-year institutions as well dual enrollment courses for regional high school students. He is an active member of several Faculty Senate Committees, and currently serves on the Academic Standard Committee and Coordinators Committee.

ADJUNCT FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARD

MARY WHITMORE, DMA
Professor of Music, School of Liberal Arts

Dr. Mary Whitmore, adjunct instructor of music, has been selected for the Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award for her extensive musical knowledge and inspiration she brings to her students.

In her three years with CSM, Dr. Whitmore has made a tremendous contribution to the music program. She has assisted in revising the CSM music curriculum, leading to the creation of the associate degrees in music and theater. She serves as faculty advisor for the New Music at CSM student club, which has given multiple public performances both on and off campus.

"Students have responded positively to live instrumental demonstrations and opportunities to put their hands on tangible musical objects," Dr. Whitmore said. "I encourage my students to challenge analytical interpretations, which fosters a climate of intellectual debate and enthusiasm for music analysis."

In addition to her work in the classroom, Dr. Whitmore has performed in the CSM pit orchestra for more than 20 years. She continues to be an active member of the CSM Latin Ensemble and Solid Brass jazz band, serving as an inspiring example for her students.

TRUSTEE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

U.S. REP. STENY HOYER (MD-5)

Rep. Steny Hoyer has been a champion for CSM for more than two decades, playing an instrumental role in securing over \$1 million in direct federal funding to support important college initiatives.

This funding has played a vital role in the college's establishment of programs and pathways addressing critical workforce shortages and preparing students to make a positive impact in their communities.

Rep. Hoyer helped to secure \$550,000 for the Center for Health Sciences advanced instructional equipment, and \$286,899 to support the Partnership for the Advancement of Construction and Transportation Training programs. In 2020, he also secured funding to support STEM and workforce development initiatives to strengthen career pathways and boost K-12 outreach.

Because of Rep. Hoyer's unwavering dedication to education, innovation, and economic growth, CSM students have access to modern facilities, innovative training, and life-changing opportunities.

In 2011, Rep. Hoyer received an Honorary Degree from the college in recognition of his loyalty and support.

TRUSTEE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

ROBERT GUILTE AND LORRAINE DIANA '79

Robert Guite and his wife Lorraine Diana '79 are recognized for their philanthropic support and continued dedication to the CSM mission, its students, and the Southern Maryland community.

A proud alumna of the college's first nursing class in 1979, Diana has sustained a long-standing commitment to CSM student success. Through a tremendous gift, the largest in CSM history, Guite and Diana established the Lorraine Diana '79 and Robert Guite Pathways to Possibility Fund.

This incredible investment will support students through engineering and robotics pathways assistance, nursing equipment, instructional support, scholarships to assist vulnerable student populations, and more.

Diana serves on the board of the Maryland Academy of Advanced Practice Clinicians (MAAPC) and was instrumental in fostering a partnership with CSM. Through a \$57,500 gift, the Future Nightingales

Endowed Scholarship was established to support nursing students and strengthen the healthcare workforce pipeline.

Their support will expand academic access and create a lasting impact for students and the region.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

TIFFANY BARBER '00

Executive Director, Poiema Movement

Tiffany Barber '00 has been selected to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award, honoring her outstanding success and distinction in her field, commitment to the community, charitable outreach, and outstanding service to CSM and others.

After spending many years uncertain about her place in higher education, Barber enrolled at CSM as a single mother of four children, searching for a sustainable way to support her family. When she received her first "A," she began to shed away those years of doubt. It was the catalyst for a new future and big new goals.

Barber graduated second in the Nursing Class of 2000 and led a successful nursing career treating patients across Southern Maryland. Her academic journey at CSM sparked a lifetime of service and a new mission to turn her own experience into an inspiration and positive change in others. She currently serves as the executive director of Poiema Movement, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping women rebuild their lives after experiences such as addiction, domestic violence, homelessness, and incarceration.

Barber has grown the impact of Poiema Movement to new heights, expanding outreach and strengthening its support for families in crisis. Through El Roi House, the organization has extended its services beyond women alone to also serve their children, providing safe housing and support services for women and children as families work to rebuild their lives together. She continues to build a network of support through active engagement with the Nonprofit Institute at CSM, connecting with nonprofit leaders from across the region to learn and grow with one another.

Barber is a shining example of the transformative power of education. She credits the outpouring of community support she received to be a tremendous help in reaching her goals and uses that experience to become a beacon for others to conquer hurdles and turn struggle into success and support for others.

Spring 2026

Candidates for Certificates

CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFICATES

Accounting: Advanced

Sara M. Stone
Katherine E. Bennett ^H
Ethan Roderick Dabbs ^H
Georgina Louise Johnston

Accounting: Basic

Sara M. Stone
Katherine E. Bennett ^H
Megan-Elizabeth Cockerham
Melanie Jane Goldsmith
Trinity Marie Jones ^H

Business Management

Tanya Brown
Leanne Grace Fenwick
Jarred Haynes ^{HHH}
Kaylee H. Webb
Kayce Marie Wills ^H

Cloud and Information Technology

Amir Beshir
William E. Blake
Dylan Dennis
Eric Gregory Moore ^{HH}
Makaylah Anita Mucker

Construction Management

Deanna Kimberly Blake
Quintina Leake Evans

Criminal Justice

Genesis Janet Alonzo
Abegail Maria Alpizar ^{HHH}
Alejandra Elizabeth Luna
Gavin William Reed
Ileana J. Sosa-Sorto

Cybersecurity

Taylor Hope Bray
John S. Conklin ^H
Shara Rose Griffith
Wallace E. Harris
Kyle Joseph Kuczynski
Jacob Lawson Phipps ^{HHH}
Ernesto Pinola ^H
Thomas S. Wall

Data Science

Daniel M. Hughes

Digital Marketing Management

Hailey M. Williams
Derron Pleasant Yeager II

Drafting

Simeon D. Kitko ^H

Early Childhood Development

Krystal M. Lee

Emergency Medical Services - Paramedic

Ryan Tyler Armstrong
Baileigh A. Aud
Ekundayo William Boss-Cole
Ean Joseph Cohen

Alyssa Dawn Dorsey ^H
Steven K. Flowers, Jr.
Juanzel Davon Harris
Colleen Hill

Engineering Technology

Tobias M. Lynch

General Studies

Amiyah MacKenzie Adams
Alana Loreiya Allen
Cristina L. Aquino
Summer Simone Barber ^{HHH}
Kamari NyJaya Barrett
Vineet A. Bhavsar
Madison Gabriele Bond
London Casey Brehon ^{HH}
Addison Emily Burris
David Alexander Callejas
Isaac T. Castillo
Shaun Michael Council ^{HH}
Kevin A. Daniel ^{HHH}
Ava Cartwright Davis
Giusepee G. De Lama
Elijah Nathaniel Dixon
Audrey Oluwatofunmi Donald
Xyonne Anece Douglas
Brooke Elaine Dove ^{HHH}
Jacob Dryden
Sandy Espinal
Kristina Kelly Figard ^{HHH}
Brianna N. Fuchs
Alyza Marie Gibson
Morgan Noelle Gillespie
Sydney Gilmore ^H
Iuliia Gladilina ^{HH}
Olivia Gracie Goldsmith

Kendall Elizabeth Griner
Riley Hall ^H

Harmony Laren Hamilton
Juliet Jane Hanks
Tessa Marie Harrington
Bryce Anthony Harvey
Karmin Sophia Hayes ^H

Brielle M. Hooker
Erynn Lonashia Hutchins

Charlie Jerome
Jordan G. Johnson
Renee Johnson
Ezra Malik Jones
Leah Grace Kay
Eden M. Kaylor
Hunter E. Keeler
Benjamin Kulp

Terence Brantley Lamar ^{HHH}
Jennah F. Lawndy ^H
Skye V. Leavy ^{HHH}
Camryn Lewis ^H
Jacinda F. McCall

Isabelle Olivia McCormick ^{HH}

Destyni Ameerah McKay
Denver Michael Merillat ^{HHH}
Jaelyn Gwendolyn Merrill

Lila Carol Miller
Aiden Clark Rocco Murphy

Marcellin B. Murray
Emma Renee Myers

Jotham Ogunbona
Obinna Okoro ^H

Sofia M. Pereira
Lucas Pletcher

Estefany Elizabeth Portillo Ponce ^{HHH}
Madison M. Reamy

CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFICATES

General Studies

(continued)

Josie Michelle Riggs
Ella Stout
Jacob J. Strain
Kayleanne Clara Thorne
Earl Maurice Walker, Jr.
Madison M. Weems
Grady Robert Western
Heather Julian-Wood
Joshua James Williams
Taleya Aelise Williams
Zoe Noel Baltimore Yorio
Aniyah Young

Graphic Design

Anyia A. Kendall ^H
Emmalynn C. White ^H
Ashley Olivia Wright ^H

Health Sciences

Tiwana M. Hicks
Z'Khyia Janae Lucas ^H

Human Services: Alcohol and Drug Counseling

Jacqueline B. Arnold
Kevin Dondray Dixon
Keyanah Shane Dobbins
Miranda Lynn Ellington
Tiara Sharmaine Ford
Suzanne Schroeter Freeman ^H
Teresa Lynn Hagy
Antoine Charles Hursey
Raechel J. Karl ^{HH}
Elizabeth Ann Morgan - Boyd
Brittany M. Rieman ^{HH}

Dannyelle Keziah Robinson
Aaliyah Lechay Turner
George Russell Wilson, Jr.
Amber Leigh Wright

Human Services:

Mental Health Technician

Toni Adel Cherry
Jacqueline Michelle Greenwell
Diona Nicole Lightfoot
George Russell Wilson, Jr.

Medical Assisting

Liliana Massa-Luna Brooks

Medical Coding Specialist

Sulette Moiseh Atemkeng Atembeshu ^H
Rayn Blessing Brown
Yizelle Lizet Orellana ^{HHH}

Pharmacy Technician

Omaiude Jahkeem Augustine
Leah Iman Bruce
Aubrey Rose Ligons
Miae Martinez ^H
Gabrielle Ilyes Peete ^H
Abigail Lillian Prince ^H
Rocmunn Richardson, Jr.

Photography

Natalya Beulette Stern

Practical Nursing

Emilee Marie Bernd
Ashley Monique Boone
Ellie Lynn Heath
Elizabeth Lynn Little
Jenna L. Meador

CANDIDATES FOR CERTIFICATES

Small Business Entrepreneurship

Bri'Jhia Jacquleen Toyne

Technical Support

Amiyri NJae Johnson
Loleatte Jones ^{HH}
Derrick A. Middleton
Makaylah Anita Mucker
Austin Patrick Reiner ^{HH}

*We strive to provide accurate listings of our candidates for graduation,
but apologize for any inadvertent omissions or misspellings.*

Spring 2026

Candidates for Associate Degrees

Accounting

Sara M. Stone
Karla Aracely Contreras
Matthew Windsor Eagan
Kinsey Elaine Howard ^H
Georgina Louise Johnston
Michael Jerome Jones, Jr.
Elyssa Aliana Kellmel
Angele Kitoko
Matthew Patrick Loveless ^{HHH}
Maria Delpilar Neme
Nilajah Nzinga Proctor
Elizabeth Ashley Rowan ^{HH}
Samantha M. Smith
Olivia Delanna Snearly
Alayla A. Vaughan ^H

Art

Erika R. Green
Timothy J. Green
Hope Kloiber-Hirshman ^{HH}
Bianca Rayven Walker ^H
Emmalynn C. White ^H
Jenna Wood ^{HHH}

Arts and Sciences

Zion Mekhi Abdullah ^H
Janelle Ann Ackerman
Tiffany Marie Alexander
Joshua Ramon Arroyo
Kayla Marie Ashford
Cameron L. Badman
Karly M. Baldwin
Cali Barber
Gabriella Elizabeth Antonietta Barbieri

Trent Barbour
Monserrat Guadalupe Barron-Leon ^H
Madison B. Basham
Asia Victoria Beach
Trace Allen Beavan
Madison Grace Beers ^{HHH}
Fisher Thomas Bobbitt
Evan Marcus Boley ^H
Blaine Taylor Brashear
April C. Brooks
Rudee L. Brothers
Libby M. Brown ^H
Amanda Mae Cranston
Bennett P. Buckler
Dominic J. Buffalini ^H
Japneet Kaur Chawla
Ryen Marie Cherry
Daniel Angel Chilson
Megan Riley Chroniger ^H
Jasmine Clegg
Olivia Caitlin Cole
Echo River Soliel Collins ^{HHH}
T'Nearra Vikiciae Corlley
Stephanie Lynn Crim
Faith M. Croson ^H
Chandler Davis
Joseph Edward Davis ^{HHH}
Mia E. Decarlo
Benjamin Deeben ^{HHH}
Iana Del Castillo ^{HH}
Savannah Mab-Burleigh Dement
Brandon Thomas Donnelly
Tasha LaShaun Dorsey
Ciearra L. Drury ^H

CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Valerie D. Ellis ^H
Ava Tolbert English ^{HH}
Alexis R. Figueroa
Thomas P. Finn
Brianna N. Fuchs
Jarín Makenzie Gaines
Melissa D. Gallman
Andi Garcia
Morgan Nicole Gayon ^{HHH}
Addison Taylor Gibbs ^{HHH}
Gabrielle K. Gleissner ^H
Island Ayiana Crishaun Gorden
Azar Leslie Gordon
Gloria E. Grantham
Clarissa Michele' Graves
Gabby Grim
Katelynn E. Hall
Jillian Devon Harris ^H
Ashlyn Monique Hayes
Tiwana M. Hicks
Rachel L. Hill
Virginia Elizabeth Houston
Laura A. Howard
Brittney Monique Johnson
Madisyn Blair Jones
Kaitlyn Cheri Kelly
Chloe Elizabeth King
Robin King
Trinity Kirby ^H
Taylor Mae Knott
Courtney Ellen Lacey
Terence Brantley Lamar ^{HHH}
Emma Grace Lee
Bianca Esabella Leilani Lepe ^{HHH}
Terrell Elijah Lipscomb
Z'Khyia Janae Lucas ^H
Alejandra Elizabeth Luna
Gonzalo Manriquez, Jr.
Ziana Lachelle Marable
Victoria Leigh McCreary ^{HHH}
MacKenzie G. McLean
Oscar Mejia
Soula Meundan
Melida J. Meza ^{HHH}
Victoria E. Mills
Ella Gabrielle Moody
Shelby Morin-Pascual
Zuri Morisak
Alexia Morris
Makaylah Anita Mucker
Joshua Vincent Mulhern
Emma Renee Myers
Erika Louise Myers
Lauren Nelson
Calie C. Neville
Iwinosa Busayo Otokití
Antone Manuel Perry
Daniel Thomas Renzi
Emerson Rigoberto Reyes Galan
Jahsria Karen Robinson ^{HHH}
Sydney Renee Rohde
Ebony Louise Ruffin
Crystal Lynn Said
Peter John Santoro
Sylvia Ndawula Sekonde ^{HHH}
Molly Shipley
Dario P. Silverans
Grace M. Simonds
Colleen F. Snow
Shealyn McClanahan Stone ^H
Chelsea Janai Stonewall
Sade Denise Street

CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Arts and Sciences

(continued)

Jada Anesha Swales
Diallo D. Taylor
Shamir Bilaal Taylor
Kellie N. Thompson
Marcus Seth Thompson^H
Nyla Reanna Thompson
Marissa Totaro
Paige Elizabeth Trumpower^H
Yasmeen M. Urbina
Ethan Terry Brooks Valentine
Jessica Lynn Van Patten^{HH}
Daisi Talitha Villalta
Elizabeth Ann Wagner
Krystle Warring
Emmalynn C. White^H
Malcolm Xavier Whitfield
Ashley Shanova Whittington
Heather Julian-Wood
Kaylee Elizabeth Wright
Kritchani Yampai

Arts and Sciences: Art
Savannah Amanda Brown
Sonia N. Bugler^{HH}
Jayla Senetta Cannon
Dillon Chibuikem Evans
Tymeasha Sherdora Johnson
Caroline F. Orie^H
Isis A. Paul
Devin Rorls
Donna Vance^{HH}

Arts and Sciences: Exercise and Sport Science

Angel E. Aponte-Martinez
James Daniel Burnett
Logan T. Smith^H

Arts and Sciences: History

Jennifer Wallis Crow
Aaliyah Angelina Kilson^{HH}
Justin Sarino Legaspi
Sean Alessandro Lema
Gonzalo Manriquez, Jr.

Arts and Sciences: Music

Jon Dylan Gausman
Mahrush Hakim
Aydan H. King

Arts and Sciences: Social Sciences

Mackenzie Catherine Baird^{HH}
Eilee Marie Barger
Denzel C. Chance
Julia Nicole Clemente
Anna Jean Hawk^H
Genesis Valencia Ingal
Stefanie Kanu
Lauren Nelson
Johnathan Cole Oliver^{HH}
Ciarra Paris Patton^{HH}
Jarrett Alan Schultz^H
Kennedy Rayne Walker

Arts and Sciences: Spanish

Joana Aracely Alvarado-Mendoza
Caitlin Mary Yabar^{HH}

CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Arts and Sciences: Theater and Dance

Emma E. Curry^{HH}
Jayden Davis Holmes^{HH}

Business Administration

Amy Nicole Argueta Cortez
Joseph Blaise Aviles IV
Isaac Baez
Desiree M. Barnes
Madison B. Basham
Matthew James Bearden
Trace Allen Beavan
Dayton C. Bishop
Casey Alexandra Bowen
Hejab H. Butt
Michael Camacho^{HH}
Madison Campbell
Charlene Usman Carlos^{HH}
Gurteg Singh Cheema
Marie Audrey Clemence Cizaless
Kristen Culbert
Giusepee G. De Lama
Josky Landry Densie Yamassi
Leslie Ferrarezi Heilman
Morgan Edwards
Wyatt M. Edwards
Lamisa Emie
Zachary Marshall Engel
Makai Darrar Fitch^H
Tomeshia De-nae Ford
Wesley Charles Garrett
Carrie Elizabeth Hayden^H
Aubrey J. Hicks
Evelyn A. Howard^H
Kaytlin Nicole Hutton

Julie Anna James
Eleanora Jane Jones
Trinity Marie Jones^H
Cameron M. Lafferty
Toni E. Latham^{HH}
Aysia Imani Richards Louis
Erica Lynn McDaniel
Jay-me Rose Meadows^{HH}
Thomas Anthony Milling, Jr.
Rebecca Minovitz
Ashley Nicole Morris
Chika C. Obi
Zachary S. O'Brien
Anna Masin O'Neill
DaSiyah Iyonne Parker^H
Justin Phillip Payan
Lea M. Plum
Mia R. Randolph
Kelly Mullane Regan^{HH}
Mia L. Rhoton
Courtney Jocelyn Rich^H
Kiersten Nicole Richard
Chayse Savoy
Nico Jean-Jacques Silverans
Christopher Spell^{HH}
Imani Spencer
Jaylah Stephenson
Kyle Bradley Stone
Davian Cassandra Thomas
Sanaa Kheliah Thomas^{HH}
Semaj Wayman Thomas^{HH}
Shelby Lynn VanCleaf^{HH}
Marvin Washington, Jr.
Sayanni Fredriqua White
Christopher Andrew Wilkerson

CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Business Administration

(continued)

Blakely Elaine Wood ^H
Kaylee Alyssa Wyne
Anneliza Yarbrough

Business Administration: Business Analysis

Emilio Andres Carranza Gonzalez ^H

Business Management

Malik Sivad Acker
Jonathan Barrett
Michelle Pernisco-Cable
Rebecca L. Campbell
Nicholas Rawlings Cox
Victor John DelaCuesta II ^H
Luke Anthony Deters
Reese Ann Douglas
Julie Harry
Jeffery William Havenner, Jr.
Bradley E. Hill
Lazondral Nicole Nelson
Mallorey Lena Newsome
Shawna Peacock
Aaliyah Sharna Walls
Kaylee H. Webb

Business Management: Construction Management

Maxwell Nolan Malone
Angeles Elizabeth Martinez- Sanchez

Business Management: Digital Marketing Management

Andre Davis
Kylee Ashlyn Denney ^H

Collin Gage Forrest
Nylah Janai Gardner
Hailey Marie Williams

Business Management: Small Business Entrepreneurship

Melanie Jane Goldsmith
Jarred Haynes ^{HHH}
Olivia Herbert ^H
Finn R. Hildebrandt
Jennifer Marie Ridgell ^{HHH}
Heavenly Taylor ^H

Business Management: Technology Management

Sierra Noel Jones

Cloud and Information Technology

Amir Beshir
Jasmine Jeanette Crews
Dylan Dennis
Ciara Kaitlin Hines
Loleatte Jones ^{HH}
Tyler M. Lucy
Braden O'Neal ^{HHH}
Aysia Aaliyah Green-Quartey
Kevin Larahn Wilkerson ^{HHH}
Hunter Shane Wilson

Computer Engineering

Cole Sai Christensen ^H

Computer Science

James Beemon
Taylor Charity ^H
Elijah Jacob Ikaika Coltes ^{HHH}
Gunnar Cox

CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Curtis J. Crowley
Kevin M. Dayton
Nicolas Eugene Dipaolo
Dylan Fletcher ^H
Matthew A. Floehr
Andrea J. Hernandez Sigaran
Mariana Huerta Hernandez
Kossi Komabou
Noah Deato Prado ^{HHH}
Joshua C. Smith
Samuel Lewis Stine ^{HHH}
Princess Taylor
Luliya Teferi
Jessica Daniels Vincent ^H

Computer Science With Cloud Computing

Ibrahim Mohammad Aslam ^{HHH}
Teagan Levy

Criminal Justice

Genesis Janet Alonzo
Abegail Maria Alpizar ^{HHH}
Raphael Patrick Arnold
Sara Makenzie Barnes
Jacob T. Breedlove
Madison Leigh Cooksey ^{HHH}
Alyssa Crim ^H
Sierra Kyra- Marie Cruz ^{HH}
Koen Robert Crytser
Makayla E. Curtin ^H
Melanie Renee Davies ^{HHH}
Logan Joseph Garrett
Lesly Johana Guevara Gomez
Graciela Gutierrez
Xavia Jai Luter ^H
Daniel Antonio Martinez

Reanna April McNeill ^H
Destaney Samiah Mitchell
Tiffany Marie Nelson ^H
Haley N. Palma
Veronica Perrin
Tristynn Ahnia Phillips
Raynna Marlee Ratchford
Ileana J. Sosa- Sorto
Samantha Spears
Kayla D. Twigg
Emily Mae Weaver ^{HHH}

Cybersecurity

Tyler William Aikin
Imani Best ^H
Kenyon Brewster Bissett III
Richard Eugene Blackburn
Chandler Blackwell
Jordan Burnette
Jawaun Howard Butler
John S. Conklin ^H
Faith M. Croson ^H
Kyle Desantis ^{HH}
Cole Hunter Diekmann
Darryl Kwaku Dwumfour
Darren Marcus Dyson
Kendal Marie Faber
Pele Falenfofo III
Fedeline Fiefie
Shane D. Fitz
Jenesys E. Gassop
Jerome D. Gomez
Amorea S. Harris
Wallace E. Harris
Ethan Christopher Hillman
Dheryn Hueston

CANDIDATES FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Cybersecurity

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Diana Huggins
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Class of 2026

Student Distinctive Characteristics

The data below includes students receiving degrees and certificates in Summer 2025, Fall 2025, and Spring 2026, including those awarded by the auto-graduation process. Age information is calculated as of the student's earliest awarded degree or certificate in this timeframe.

- 1,190 candidates for 771 associate degrees and 743 certificates
- 23.2% of candidates are graduating with honors
- Top degrees: Arts and Sciences, AA; Nursing, AS; Business Administration, AS; Cybersecurity, AAS; Pre-Professional Health Science, AS
- Top certificates: General Studies: Transfer; Cybersecurity; Accounting: Basic; Business Management; Health Sciences
- 67% female, 33% male
- Residency: 45.0% Charles County; 27.3% St. Mary's County; 24.2% Calvert County; 3.6% outside of region and state
- Youngest degree candidate, age 15; eldest degree candidate, age 72

Academic Attire

The caps, gowns, and hoods worn at college and university functions date 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 may be worn either open or closed, 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	Medicine	green
Business	tan drab	Music	pink
Commerce	olive drab	Nursing	apricot
Economics	copper	Pedagogy	light blue
Engineering	orange	Philosophy	blue
Fine Arts	brown	Physical Education	sage green
Laws	purple	Science	yellow
Library Science	lemon	Theology	scarlet

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 ^{HHH} have achieved highest honors, a cumulative grade point average of 3.9-4.0. The letters ^{HHH} 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.

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 members of honors societies and programs at CSM are eligible to wear the following cords at graduation:

Society/Program

Academic Honors
 Academic Student Peer Tutor
 Alpha Delta Nu
 Delta Psi Omega
 Faculty Emeriti
 Kappa Beta Delta
 Kappa Delta Pi
 Maryland Student Nursing Association
 Models of Excellence Program
 National Society of Leadership and Success
 National Student Nursing Association
 Phi Theta Kappa
 Student Ambassadors
 Student Government Association
 Veterans

Cord Color

Green and Gold
 Navy and Silver
 Apricot and White
 Royal Blue and Gold
 Dark Green
 Blue and Gold
 Green and Purple
 Red, Black, and Gold
 Black and Teal
 Blue
 Blue and White
 Blue and Gold
 Gold
 Teal and Roman Gold
 Red, White, and Blue

Stoles

Similar to cords, stoles are draped around the shoulders of the gown. They are also sometimes referred to as graduation sashes and are made of a silky material. They signify affiliation with special programs, professional organizations, extracurricular clubs, and more. Students who are members of programs and organizations are eligible to wear the following stoles at graduation:

Program/Organization

Early College
 Student Government Association

Stole Color

Silver with Green Trim
 Black with Gold Trim

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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