

Fifty-Fourth Annual Commencement



Friday, May 28, 2021

6:00 p.m.

**Middlesex Community College
via Facebook Live
Middletown, Connecticut**

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The Commencement

<i>Presiding</i>	Dr. Steven Minkler, Chief Executive Officer
<i>College Marshal</i>	Stephen Krevisky, Professor of Mathematics
<i>Hand Salute</i>	Peter Galgano Jr., Sgt - US Marine Corps
<i>National Anthem</i>	Christianna Colello
<i>Welcome</i>	Dr. Steven Minkler
<i>Greetings</i>	Dr. Jane Gates, Interim CSCU President Matt Fleury, Chair of the CT Board of Regents
<i>Class of 2021 Student Speaker</i>	Riley McConnell
<i>Class of 2021 Student Poet</i>	Tasha Gawkowski
<i>Valedictorian</i>	Louis Beauchamp <i>Dr. Sharale Mathis, Dean of Academic and Student Affairs</i>
<i>Awards for Academic Excellence</i>	Louis Beauchamp Thomas Laskowski Kendyl Ortiz Matthew Ryan Brian Schramm <i>Dr. Sharale Mathis</i>
<i>Pritchett-Taylor Scholarships</i>	Louis Beauchamp Thomas Laskowski <i>Kimberly Hogan, Dean of Administration</i>
<i>Commencement Address</i>	Quentin Phipps, State Representative
<i>Emeritus Presentations</i>	Pamela Frost, Professor of Mathematics <i>Dr. Donna Bontatibus, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs</i> Judy Mazgulski, Retention Specialist <i>Dr. Sara Hanson, Associate Dean of Student Affairs</i>
<i>Presentation of Candidates</i>	<i>Dr. Sharale Mathis & MxCC Faculty</i>
<i>Conferring of Degrees and Certificates</i>	<i>Dr. Steven Minkler</i>
<i>Charge to the Graduates and Conclusion</i>	<i>Dr. Steven Minkler</i>



Quentin “Q” Phipps, State Representative

Commencement Address

State Representative Quentin “Q” Phipps is honored to serve the residents of Middletown in the 100th District, which includes the Downtown, Northend, South Fire District, Wesleyan Hills and Wesleyan University areas.

Quentin, a lifelong resident of Middletown who resides on Bretton Road, takes great pride in championing equitable solutions for all and is the first African American to represent the City of Middletown in the Connecticut General Assembly.

He is a graduate of Middletown Public Schools, earned a Bachelor's in Business Administration from Bryant University, and a Master's of Public Administration from Villanova University.

Shortly after his graduation from Bryant, Quentin continued working in community banking in Hartford's Northend. In 2012, “Q” embarked on a new professional career path in not-for-profit management and was named Executive Director of the Middletown Downtown Business District. As director for the DBD, he launched Middletown's first Middletown Restaurant Week.

Quentin now serves Excellence Community Schools as their Director of Advocacy and Policy. In this role, he builds capacity and supports Excellence Community School families through advocacy, community organizing, and strategic partnering. “Q” is also the co-founder and co-director of EquityCT, a nonprofit dedicated to creating learning opportunities, building actionable understanding of equity, and consciously dismantling systemic inequity through action and civic engagement.

Phipps was named “40 Under 40” in Fairfield County Business Journal (2017) Hartford Business Journal (2015) and Connecticut Magazine (2013) for his professional and volunteerism achievements. “Q” was an American Council for Young Political Leaders Russia Delegate (2016), Community Foundation of Middlesex County Next Generation Leader (2018), Jewish Federation of North America Municipal Leader Israel Exchange (2019), and a State Legislative Leader Foundation Emerging Leader (2020).

Quentin takes great pride in his involvement with numerous charitable and service organizations. He served on the Oddfellows Playhouse Youth Theater Board of Directors, Middlesex United Way Board of Directors, Middletown Racial Justice Coalition (steering committee), Middlesex Substance Abuse Action Council Board of Directors and as an active member in Cross Street Zion A.M.E. Church, Middletown Young Democrats, The Community Foundation of Middlesex County Live Local Give Local 365 Fund, and the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Alliance (steering committee). He is a former Columbus House (formerly Red Cross) Chocolate to the Rescue event Chair and has also served on the board of directors for Middlesex Historical Society and Mount Saint John Academy and was president of Connecticut Young Democrats.

“Q” Phipps was elected City Treasurer in 2011 and re-elected in 2015. In 2007, Quentin was elected to the Planning & Zoning commission and in 2009 he was unanimously elected Chair of the Commission.

Candidates for Degrees

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: ART STUDIES

Presented by Professor Judith de Graffenried

§Δ◇ Alyssa Pardo

CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: BIOLOGY STUDIES

Presented by Professor Tad Lincoln

Peter C. Bourdeau

Katie E. Saraka

• *Nadia E. Ingersoll*

Sandra Valerio

• *Miranda Ling Murphy*

Adam J. Wysocki

CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: BUSINESS STUDIES

Presented by Professor Tad Lincoln

Gianna Abbatello

Patrick J. Lynch

Nicholas Ryan Boehler

† *Louis Raffone*

• *Sean Homa Collateta*

‡ *Michael J. Roma*

‡ *Patrick M. Dandeneau*

† *Jibreel W. Vega*

• *Sabrina M. Fonteyn*

• *Nicholas William Fox Zira*

Tyler E. LeClair

CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: CHEMISTRY STUDIES

Presented by Professor Tad Lincoln

† *Rachel A. Christiana*

Sean G. Gosselin

CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Presented by Professor Richard Eriksen

‡Δ◇ *Riley Pepper McConnell*

• *Clancy Susi*

Seamus C. Noel

• *Alexander C. Young*

• *Michael J. Scanlon IV*

CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: COMPUTER SCIENCE STUDIES

Presented by Professor Donna Hylton

Noah Palo

The College reserves the right to withdraw names from the graduation roll.

◇ Phi Theta Kappa Δ Honors Program • Upon Summer Completion

† Honors (3.40 – 3.69) ‡ High Honors (3.70 – 3.89) § Highest Honors (3.90 – 4.00)

CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: CRIMINOLOGY STUDIES

Presented by Professor Rebecca Rist-Brown

George H. Augur IV

• *Christopher P. Ciscato*

• *Caitlyn A. Diaz*

† *Kayla L. Elliot*

† *Mykaela Farrenkopf*

† *Hannah Frazier*

Kayden Fujio

• *Stevey N. Heath*

• ♦ *Noah J. Marks*

• ♦ *Jamie McEnerney*

• *Desiree Justine Owens*

† *Samantha R. Powers*

Alanis N. Rivera-Irizarry

Pedro Rodriguez Jr.

† *Alexander Stamenkovic*

• *Luke A. Timmons*

Yashira Torres

†♦ *Cori-Jo Vuoto*

Cordell D. Wilkes

CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: ECONOMICS STUDIES

Presented by Professor Tad Lincoln

‡ *Christopher Rogers*

CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: ENGLISH STUDIES

Presented by Professor Andrea Levy, Ph.D.

‡ *Tasha Gawkowski*

Meridith Korn

CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: HISTORY STUDIES

Presented by Professor Victor Triay, Ph.D.

Aaron Corcoran

• *Taylor Rae Viele*

• *Garrett Indich*

CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: MATH STUDIES

Presented by Professor Leonel Carmona

• *Oliver J. Filhaber*

• ♦ *Alexander M. Foster*

CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDIES

Presented by Professor Tad Lincoln

§♦ *Louis Daniel Beauchamp*

Marisol Garcia

CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: PSYCHOLOGY STUDIES

Presented by Professor Andrea Levy, Ph.D.

• *Sylvana Burno*

John Capezzone

‡Δ *Gracy Raye Chapman*

‡♦ *Madisyn Clark*

Elvon Coleman

† *Mykaela Farrenkopf*

Rhaelene Hastings

Rheanna Hastings

§♦ *Thomas Laskowski*

Michael F. Malley

† *Bethany Claire Raccio*

Alanis N. Rivera-Irizarry

† *Raven Alexis Santello*

† *Nicole Sweet*

† *Karley M. Tanner Clark*

§♦ *Vincent D. Warren*

CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: SOCIAL WORK STUDIES

Presented by Professor Andrea Levy, Ph.D.

‡ Taylor Bergeron

† Nicole L. Hettrick

• ◇ Gary S. Lambert

‡ ◇ Sarah J. Makowicki

• Eleana Ortiz

• Sarah Sims

Danielle Marie Whalen

CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: SOCIOLOGY STUDIES

Presented by Professor Andrea Levy, Ph.D.

Wesley D. Bostic

Kerry Noetzel

† Erica L. Kelly Dufresne

CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: THEATRE STUDIES

Presented by Professor Richard Eriksen

‡ Nicholas M. Francesco

FINE ARTS

Presented by Professor Judith de Graffenried

† Kendra Guibord

Kristin Salley

FINE ARTS: GRAPHIC DESIGN

Presented by Professor Judith de Graffenried

Zachary A. Cole

Jordin V. Montolio-Torres

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCE

Presented by Professor Victor Triay, Ph.D.

† Nicole Marie Alvarado

‡ ◇ Eva-Larue Michelle
Barber

Chera Bickmore

Shayna R. Bisnov

Andrea Bonamico

Luis Calderon-Correa

• Michaela Crandall

Nicki D. Crawford

‡ Molly P. Cusachs

§ ◇ Adam Gomez

† Δ Cristopher Guzman-Torres

• Megan Ryleigh Hampton

‡ ◇ John R. Howell

‡ Porsche Eileen Kessell

‡ ◇ Graziella Longo

§ Brooke Ann Marino

◇ Katherine Mary Orsini

Ethan J. Phoenix

† Rachel Anne Quarello

† Yakena L. Robinson

• Eve Vasso

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION

Presented by Professor Richard Lenoce

Allison Leigh Buckley

† *Jerrid E. Christoff*

§◇ *Stephanie Carrie Finaldi*

• *Joseph J. Guglietti*

• *Olivia Kalentek*

• *Robert S. Kuchyt III*

Vannesa Lesmes

• *Matthew Mancini*

† *Jaime R. Matos*

† *Emily E. Miner*

†◇ *Shayla M. Patterson*

• *Jaden M. Rogers*

• *Abdul H. Samed*

† *Kurt M. Scameheorn*

• *Connor Smith*

† *Hannah St. Jean*

‡ *Benjamin Stachkunas*

• *Jonathan Rocco Symecko*

• *Alex Turner*

Kyon Wilson

† *Evan Wimer*

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

ACCOUNTING

Presented by Professor Andrea Levy, Ph.D.

Jonathan H. Boeglin

Leonel Cervantes-Gonzalez

Joshua K. Delgado

†◇ *Nhan T. Duong*

‡ *Betsy Keyes Fisher*

• *Emily Howard*

• *Melanie Jane Huggins*

• *Miguel X. Jurado*

‡◇ *Magdalena Anna Kuna*

† *Cecelia McCarthy-Reid*

Darae Park

BIOTECHNOLOGY

Presented by Professor Andrea Levy, Ph.D.

Leah Marie Scoppetto

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Presented by Professor Andrea Levy, Ph.D.

Jonathan H. Boeglin

Kiana Alexis Bonsu

Rachel Ann Briggs

Ambreen Bukhari

Heather Ashley Catalano

§ *Edgardo Tomas Contreras*

Kristin Nicole Gleason

§ *Derek Ives*

Shohag Khandaker

• *Kelly M. Morley*

§◇ *Kendyl Ortiz*

Tony Perez-Silva

Jesse Pirro

Justin W. Rowen

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION CONT.

Presented by Professor Andrea Levy, Ph.D.

‡◇ *Reshma Akter Shaila*
Allen Smith

‡ *Jennifer L. Sobolewski*
† *Megan Michelle Wight*

COMPUTER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Presented by Professor Donna Hylton

Joseph Duchesne
‡◇ *Nhan T. Duong*
Tyler Fuerst
• *Evan Haston*
† *Robert K. Johnson Jr.*

Benjamin M. Paquette
§ *Matthew Ryan*
Luke Toth
§ *Diego Viola Pena*
David Wolak

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Presented by Professor Rebecca Rist-Brown

‡ *Joshua Michael Benoit*
• *Abigail L. Ceste*
Jasmine A. Coleman
Jenelle Dacres
• *Alison Desrosiers*
Anais Garcia
Jeffery Grumm
Charlie Jones
Sherry A. Moran

† *Katerine M. Orellana-*
Caraballo
Emma Pascale
Hunter R. Perrelli
• *Artur Stamenkovic*
Nikolas Stamenkovic
Yavuz Ridvan Usluca
†◇ *Cori-Jo Vuoto*
• *Christian A. Yelling*

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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Christina Albraccio
• *Amanda K. Bevington*
† *Ya Hong Cen*
Valerie A. Fialkoff
‡ *Maria Ann Franco*
• *Serena M. Garcia*
† *Roksana Khanom*

‡ *Kaleigh Alexis LaPierre*
Melanie Mario
‡ *Aida Ortiz*
Stephanie Marie Ortiz
Samiye Serma Salman
• *Danielle Rose Sanso*
Nilufar Yeasmin

ENGINEERING SCIENCE

Presented by Professor Donna Hylton

• *Georganne I. Agles*
‡◇ *Christopher Clayton*
Currie
‡◇ *Alexander M. Foster*
§ *Britney M. Godfrey*

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• *Andrew Jones*
Connor D. Mohan
Zacariah Sanchez
• *Justin Anthony Wilson*

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

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Erik L. Galvin

Joshua D. Schilling

• *David H. Tacey*

† *Michelle Wojciechowski*

Adam J. Wysocki

GENERAL STUDIES

***Presented by Professor Tad Lincoln, Professor Andrea Levy,
Professor Victor Triay, and Professor Donna Hylton***

Matthew Abraham

Christian Anthony Amenta

Alyssa Elaine Andrews

Sean Moses Arellano

Cameron Biro

Robert Charles Bosco

† *Jason Iyan Casiano*

Rebekah Mary Collins

Victoria Mae Conlin

Taylor A. Copeland

Michael William Cronenberg

‡ *Austin K. DeJoseph*

† *Jennifer Leigh DeMatteo*

Delia S. DiPietro

• *Rick Y. Felix*

• *Eden Elise Figueroa*

Victoria Eloise Footit

Nathan M. Fullam

Marisol Garcia

• *Angela J. Graichen*

† *Jameson Hellman*

‡ *Ashley Howard*

† *Rebeca Elizabeth Jimenez*

§ *Ranon A. Klein*

• *John Riley Leavenworth*

Nikki M. Linares

Alyssa B. Liontonia

‡ *Katrina Grace Little*

‡◇ *Da'Quan M. Long*

Luis Michael Lorenzo

Jacob H. Maahs

‡ *Laura Grace Maahs*

† *Alexis MacNeil*

Remmi Sanchia

Kalehuaopele Maxwell

† *Donovan McCaleb*

† *Alyssa Rose Milewski*

Adam Nizich

• *Heidy Ocasio*

† *Alexandra Padilla*

Reid Santana Pizzonia

• *Sarah E. Polvani*

§ *Tyauna L. Potenza*

• *Anthony Peron Proeun*

Gabrielle Raffone

Jahlisa J. Rivera

‡ *Wafaa Sajid*

† *Tremayne Sanders*

Maria Teresa Santoro

Katie E. Saraka

Miranda L. Schena

John H. Setzer

• *Ajah Nyi Stevens*

Grace Strillacci

Tanner Sutton

Alyssa Torres

† *Megan Michelle Wight*

† *Sierra Nyjaiah Young*

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Presented by Professor Jill Flanigan

§◇ *Mahalakshmi Babu*

Elcili Duchimaza

Sharin Hossain

Alexander Konrad Kotrady

Ilda Miraka

† *Kathy Ann Spinato-Grant*

§ *Karen J. Valentin*

HUMAN SERVICES

Presented by Professor Andrea Levy, Ph.D.

† *Carmen Acevedo*
† *Morgan Felciano*
§◇ *Kimberly Diane Howley*
Olivia Ann Lesprier
† *Jessica R. Mohan*

† *Maritza Marie Pasquarelli*
Patricia Privee
• *Mary E. Rivers*
Zackary Stublarec
Angelica Vasquez

Management Information Systems

Presented by Professor Donna Hylton

• *Eva Golebiewski* *Michelle Marie Milslagle*

OPHTHALMIC DESIGN & DISPENSING

Presented by Professor Victor Triay, Ph.D.

† *Marissa Drivdahl*
Victoria Ann Gentile
Andrea P. Hammon
Allie L. Midgett
Ruth M. Munoz

• *Katrina L. Porter*
§ *Emrah Rakiposki*
Morgan E. Shehan
Paige K. Sumlin

RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY

Presented by Professor Judy Wallace, DPT

Angelica M. Amoro
Emma P. Belcourt
§ *Victoria Christine-Jane Brunet*
Lashon Butler
† *Alene M. Dubrosky*
◇ *Raena A. Ferguson*
Alexandra Marie Galluba
† *Tessa Halley*
† *Christopher Gage Hotchkiss*
Destini Kennedy
† *Patrizzia Kiszka*

§ *Afkar Mubarak*
† *Kayla Lee Nowak*
‡ *Lesley W. Phaneuf*
† *Gwenyth Rose Pytel*
‡◇ *Andrew Renehan*
§ *Brian T. Schramm*
‡ *Diana Setter*
‡ *Lisa Marie Tipton*
† *Corrine Rachael Yasevac*
† *Andrew Robert Zajack*

TECHNOLOGY STUDIES: COMPUTER ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Presented by Professor Donna Hylton

‡ *Justin Men*

Jeremy Sepulveda

TECHNOLOGY STUDIES: MANUFACTURING MACHINE TECHNOLOGY

Presented by Professor Donna Hylton

Jordan Douglas Dole

†◇ Elizabeth Herrera Moag

VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

Presented by Associate Professor Christopher Gargamelli, DVM

§◇ Erin E. Berry

Halee Esposito

‡ Sarah Fillion

Faedra J. Flannigan

† Julie M. Fredericksen

Katherine Hughes

† Hannah K. Makris

‡ Maggie Elizabeth McQuade

† Heather D. Moon

§◇ Elysse C. Page

Kayla M. Pelletier

† Yanitza Peña

§◇ Amber Jeanne Robinson

Destiny Santos

Courtney Strout

§ Jean M. Vossler

† Haley K. White

† Kaitlin B. Wood

Lori Zelvin

Candidates for Certificates

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

Presented by Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Donna Bontatibus, Ph.D.

Jasmine I. Bennett

AUDIO AND MUSIC

Presented by Professor Richard Lenoce

Brandon E. Johnson

John Riley Leavenworth

Seamus C. Noel

† Kurt M. Scameheorn

† Clancy Susi

BIOTECHNOLOGY

Presented by Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Donna Bontatibus, Ph.D.

† Cara R. LoSchiavo

COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKING

Presented by Professor Donna Hylton

David Wolak

COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY

Presented by Professor Judy Wallace, DPT

§ *David Thomas Allen*

§ *Sharon E. Harris*

• *Kristin K. Boyles*

‡ *Katelyn Kopp*

‡ *Lindsay Dobitsky*

‡ *Nii Simpson*

CORPORATE MEDIA PRODUCTION

Presented by Professor Richard Lenoce

† *Emily E. Miner*

† *Hannah St. Jean*

DIGITAL MARKETING

Presented by Professor Richard Lenoce

† *Hannah St. Jean*

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Presented by Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Donna Bontatibus, Ph.D.

‡ *Maria Ann Franco*

Stephanie Marie Ortiz

† *Alexander L. LaBella*

• *Danielle Rose Sanso*

‡ *Kaleigh Alexis LaPierre*

• *Kelsey Lee Shipman*

Melanie Mario

FILM AND VIDEO

Presented by Professor Richard Lenoce

§◇ *Stephanie Carrie Finaldi*

• *Connor Smith*

• *Olivia Kalentek*

‡ *Benjamin Stachkunas*

Vannesa Lesmes

• *Alex Turner*

† *Jaime R. Matos*

Kyon Wilson

† *Emily E. Miner*

† *Evan Wimer*

† *Abdul H. Samed*

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Presented by Professor Jill Flanigan

Winter Darling Farnsworth

§ *Erica L. Porteus*

Sara Gibbs

§ *Matthew Shelton*

§ *Melissa Ann Maciejewski*

† *Kathy Spinato-Grant*

MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING

Presented by Professor Judy Wallace, DPT

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| • <i>Madison V. Annino</i> | ‡ <i>Chokri Sfar</i> |
| § <i>Carole Capen-Kargher</i> | † <i>Jacques C. Vasquez</i> |
| ‡◇ <i>Ryan McKeon</i> | § <i>Sarah A. Zajac</i> |

MAMMOGRAPHY

Presented by Professor Judy Wallace, DPT

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| § <i>Emily A. Austin</i> | § <i>Rita L. Lorentzen</i> |
| <i>Amy M. Burgess</i> | <i>Erin E. McMorran</i> |
| § <i>Kelley L. High</i> | § <i>Sarah Parracino</i> |

MANUFACTURING MACHINE TECHNOLOGY

Presented by Professor Donna Hylton

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| <i>Jordan Douglas Dole</i> | † <i>Jordan M. Torla</i> |
| § <i>Jonathan Haydu</i> | |

MULTIMEDIA

Presented by Professor Richard Lenoce

Robert S. Kuchyt III

MULTIMEDIA WEB DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

Presented by Professor Richard Lenoce

† *Jerrid E. Christoff*

NEWS AND SPORTS PRODUCTION

Presented by Professor Richard Lenoce

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| <i>Allison Leigh Buckley</i> | • <i>Jaden M. Rogers</i> |
| • <i>Matthew Mancini</i> | • <i>Jonathan Rocco Symecko</i> |

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

Presented by Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Donna Bontatibus, Ph.D.

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|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <i>Jennifer A. Corrado</i> | ‡◇ <i>Denise Marguerite Turner</i> |
| <i>Olivia Ann Lepier</i> | <i>Angelica Vasquez</i> |

Awards

Class of 2021 Valedictorian - The class valedictorian is the student with the highest cumulative quality point average. The 2021 Class Valedictorian is Louis Beauchamp.

Awards for Academic Excellence - The Awards for Academic Excellence are presented to graduating students who have achieved a cumulative quality point average of 4.00, and who have completed fifty percent of their requirements at MxCC. Recipients are Louis Beauchamp, Thomas Laskowski, Kendyl Ortiz, Matthew Ryan, and Brian Schramm.



The Pritchett-Taylor Scholarships - The Pritchett-Taylor Scholarships, established by Mary L. Pritchett and Edith Taylor, are awarded to the seniors with the highest cumulative quality point average who have earned at least thirty credits at MxCC, and who have attended full-time for at least two semesters. Recipients are Louis Beauchamp and Thomas Laskowski.

Phi Theta Kappa academic honor society graduates are identified by their gold stoles, cords, and tassels.

Academic Regalia

The academic dress worn today originated in the universities of the Middle Ages when classrooms were unheated and the academic gown and hood kept scholars warm. It became a distinctive symbol of academic pursuit, setting the academic apart from the non-academic, hence the “gown versus the town” phrase that continues even today.

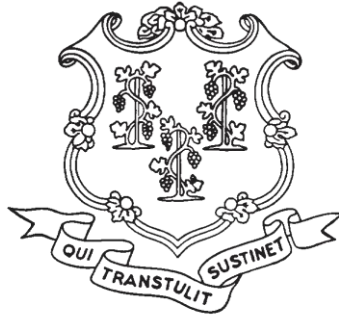
Prior to the American Civil War, most American college and university students wore the gown daily during the entire term of study. The gown became standardized in 1894 when the American Intercollegiate Commission determined that all robes would be black. The master’s robe is distinguishable by long, closed sleeves; the doctor’s gown by a facing of black velvet from the hem to the neck and back, with three velvet bands around each sleeve above the elbow.

The traditional hood displays significant colors. The lining represents the colors of the university granting the wearer’s highest degree. The color of the facing of the hood signifies the individual’s academic discipline or school of study. Although there has been much innovation in gown and cap design in recent years, the standard colors representing the various academic disciplines have remained the same.

White:	Arts and Letters	Light Blue:	Education
Copper:	Economics	Yellow:	Science
Purple:	Law	Peacock:	International Studies
Lemon:	Library Science	Brown:	Architecture and Fine Arts
Scarlet:	Theology	Citron Yellow:	Social Work
Olive:	Pharmacy	Pink:	Music
Green:	Medicine	Lilac:	Dentistry
Light Brown:	Business	Salmon Pink:	Public Health
Dark Blue:	Philosophy		

The Mace

The College Mace is carried at Commencement exercises. The first dated record of the use of the academic mace goes back to Vienna University in the year of 1385. The academic mace served as a sign of strength and authority and was carried by a designated member of the faculty during solemn processions. The Mace is adorned with configurations as well as inscriptions which eulogized and commemorated the institution.



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