

ST. JOHNS RIVER STATE COLLEGE

2025 SPRING COMMENCEMENT

May 2, 2025 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Orange Park Campus Thrasher-Horne Center



Program

Processional
The National Anthem (Morning)
The National Anthem (Afternoon)
President's Welcome
Presentation of Valedictorian Award Edward P. Jordan, Ph.D. Chief Academic Officer Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
Presentation of Paul "Dee" Causey President's Award Joe H. Pickens, J.D. Melanie A. Brown, Ph.D. Chief Operating Officer / Senior Vice President
Address to Class
Presentation of Graduates Melanie A. Brown, Ph.D.
Conferring of Degrees
Recessional

Bachelor of Applied Science Degree

Katherine C. Brown Kristi Hubbard Brown Chiquita Kiara Floyd Samuel Evan Hense Kennedy Sue Johns Savannah Lynn Leggett Sarah Elizabeth Meehan Kelli Lavonne Mulford Delaney Marie Pullium Destiny Marie Ritenour Bella Esmeralda Santana Kayla Ann Thompson Gwendolyn Lynn Tigner Amy Elizabeth Tincher Anna Vinokur Sherri Mary Ward

Bachelor of Science Degree

Paulette Almeria Crawford Kyleigh Michelle Edenfield Brittany Christine Eklund Kristina Hope Farris Sandro Stefano Grasso Nicole Marie Grataski Quashawnda Nicole Green Taryn Brooke Hoffman-Rocha Kimberly Kathryn Jarvis Kimberly Dee Jones Jennifer Esteves Keller Nicole Elizabeth King Aniya Nicole Marshall Kyleigh Marie Mathews Hailey Alyssa Mattox Hannah Elaine Meadows
Walker Landon Mills
Cassandra Meria Raniero
Chloe Erin Reynolds
Kristy Lynn Rutkowski
Ralph T. Sacco
Emily Lauren Smith
Kaitlyn Leann Sparrow
Halee Michelle Steeples
Sable Kae Sward
Jeremy Ronald Thigpen
Wesley Edward Trocchio
Hannah Diehl Webb
Cassidy Koran Woods
Mylee K. Woods

Associate in Arts Degree

Ezekiel Angel Abrahamson
Francess Diana de los Reyes Adona
Brandon Michael Agosto
Isabellie Iavlys Alequin
Ryan Edward Alexander
Lilyane Claire Alves
Bryleigh Grace Anderson
Kyra Diana Anderson
Benjamin Albert Andino
Christian Andreani
Sierra Ashleigh Angel
Samarah Felicidad Anido
Michael Tabajonda Aquino
Kaleb Ross Ortiguerra Aquipel
Zina Husein Asadi

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Grady Alexander Banton
Chase Alan Bareswilt
D'montay D'Siya Barnes
Ben Fisher Barrow
Marie Elizabeth Batten
Sarah Mae Beasley
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Beladi
Dereyon D. Bell
Jadon Lynn Bell
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+Rebecca Ann Edwards
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Israel Garcia Julia Nicole Garra Skyelynn Belle Garren Hailey Nicole Garrison

Christopher Edward Gatchell Matthew Joseph Geller Zoe Rebecca Geller Emily Dawn Germain

Justin James Giacomelli Alyvia Marie Gibbs Aiden Hieth Gibler

Hannah Rose Gieselman Erin Keeley Gifford

Taylor Elizabeth Gillette Lindsay Marie Gillis Charity Tyra Givens Nicole Grace Golisch Aaron Chase Goodson

Eva Lynn Graunke Savannah Diane Green Carson Thomas Griffin Ashley M. Griffis

Fletcher Sullivan Gouin

Alivia May Grissom Chelsea B. Grupee Bryce Jonathan Gunter Connor Gustavson Cassidy Jade Halcrow Sarah Marie Hall

Kendra Nicole Hammond Raychel Jean Hansen Lexington Ann Hansford Joseph Vincent Harmon

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Deja Jenae Hill

Luke Matthew Hinson Madalene Grace Hodge

Easton Hollister

James Patrick Holmes, Jr. Abby Summer Horwitz

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Cheyenne Elizabeth Ingold-Cody

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Zander Nicholas Kalagian Sheridan Margaret Kaplan Lindsey Elizabeth Kash

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William J. Leslie

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Kensleigh Grace Lockhart

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Bodhisattva Durin Thurston Sackman

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Saleh Thomas Saleh
Talia Jessary Samoeun
Lily Mae Sanalila
Kaitlyn Nicole Sanders
Xavier Maurice Santana
Iris Elizabeth Sarama
Virginia Lenore Schaefer
Blane Nestle Schmitt
Cassie Christine Searcy
Jackson Robert Sherman
Elizabeth Joelle Shumaker

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Kenneth Ouentin Thornton

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Izabela Mariska Timberlake
Payten Jeanette Tison
Cynthia Nhu Tran
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Elizabeth Brooke Trumble
Joellie Kay Aloha Tucker
Macon Sierra Tyrrell
Shelby Lynn Urian
Alyssa Grace Vallad
Cassidy Rae Vandermark
Matthew Ravi Vazquez
Leonardo Abenchuchan Villar

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Cody Levi Wright
Sebastian Scott Wright
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Associate in Science Degree

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+Lyle Areanne Cruz Lopez

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- +Joy Allie Kaianelalani Tucker Angelina Ann Upmann
- +Caleb Urbistondo Alexis Madison Verkovod Karley Michelle Vice
- +Alyssa Marie Wallace Rachael Marie Wallis Erian Reece Watson Jordan Taber Watts Ashley Anne Weatherly Elissa Marie Whitmarsh Jacqueline Malachi Wilcox A'shanti D'mya Williams Jessica Dareisha Williams

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Brenda Carter
12 years of service

Lynne Smith
13 years of service

Melodi Weaver 25 years of service

In Memoriam

Curt Shepherd 14 years of service

Academic Costumes and Regalia: A Brief History and Chronology (1)

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Academic costumes of today have a history of nearly eight hundred years. In Medieval Europe, men and women typically wore gowns or robes. There was a great deal of variety in color and material, depending upon the position and wealth of the wearer. Gradually there developed distinctive gowns for various professions, trades and religious orders. Students and teachers in many medieval universities such as Paris, Bologna, Oxford and Cambridge organized themselves into guilds. Gradually the academic costume became distinctive for Bachelors of Arts (the apprentices), Masters of Arts (the teachers), and Doctors (teachers who had completed postgraduate studies). Most of the distinctive characteristics appeared in the hood, which was originally a practical element of dress, but which evolved into a separate and purely ornamental article, draped over the shoulder and down the back. The academic cap was a later development. It was first conferred as a symbol of the M.A. degree. Some of these Master's caps were stiff, some soft, some square, some round with a tuft in the center. Today's tassel is an elaboration of the tuft. Although round caps are still used at some universities, Oxford University's "mortar board" style is more common.

The dress worn by faculty and graduates during commencement ceremonies is based upon costumes used in fourteenth and fifteenth century universities, particularly Oxford and Cambridge in England. This style of academic dress and accouterments has been used in the United States from colonial times, and it was standardized by an Intercollegiate Code in 1895. Like the military of medieval times with its pages, squires, and knights, the academic world has long recognized three basic levels of dignity and achievement: undergraduates, bachelors and masters. The distinction between masters and doctors is a relatively recent phenomenon; both masters and doctors levels of achievement imply the right to teach.

The variety of styles and colors seen in a faculty procession reflects the fact that each university retains its own distinguishing customs as especially revealed by the design of its doctoral robes. When a university is granted the right to confer doctoral degrees, one of the privileges that accompanies that right is the opportunity to design unique and distinctive regalia for its graduates.

12th-13th Centuries: Origin of academic dress - the dress of the scholar (student or teacher) is the dress of a cleric. Long robes are needed for warmth in unheated buildings; likewise, the hood provided warmth for the tonsured head. Eventually, a skull cap replaces the hood.

1321: University of Coimbra stipulates that all "Doctors, Licentiates and Bachelors" wear robes.

14th Century: Regulations of certain colleges in England forbid "excess in apparel" and prescribe a long gown for all scholars. Oxford and Cambridge prescribe a definite academic dress and exercise university control over all details.

19th Century (late): Assignment of specific colors to signify certain faculties is standardized in the United States.

1887: Gardner Cotrell Leonard's designed gowns were adopted by Williams College. The standardization of the American system of academic dress has begun.

1895: Representatives of leading institutions, including Leonard, meeting as the Intercollegiate Commission, define a system of academic apparel. In the meeting, held at Columbia University, the first academic costume code regulating the cut style and materials of gowns as well as the specification of different colors for different disciplines is established.

1932: American Council on Education approves the costume code established by the Intercollegiate Commission.

1959: Academic costume code is updated.

1986: The American Council on Education committee adds the following sentence to the code to clarify the use of dark blue for the Ph.D. degree: "In the case of the Doctor of Philosophy Degree, the dark blue color is used to represent the mastery of the discipline of learning and scholarship in any field that is attested to by the awarding of this degree and is not intended to represent the field of philosophy."

- 1. Adapted in part from "American Universities and Colleges," 11th Edition, Washington, American Council on Education, 1971.
- With assistance and support from Dr. Jerry Thompson, Dean, College of Arts & Humanities, Texas A&M International University, Laredo, Texas, for Winter Commencement, 1996.



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