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2017 SUNY CORTLAND GRADUATE

Commencement



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Guests are kindly asked to silence their cell phones and other electronic devices during the ceremony.



Welcome

The president, College Council, faculty, alumni and graduates of the State University of New York College at Cortland are honored by your presence at the 2017 Graduate Commencement ceremony.

Park Center Alumni Arena
Friday, May 12, 2017



Program

PROCESSIONAL

Spring Tree Brass

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Ms. Bailey Ward

Junior, Communication Studies

WELCOME

Dr. Erik J. Bitterbaum

President

FAREWELL REMARKS

Ms. Tracy J. Frenyea

Academic Advisor and Coordinator, Graduate Student Support, Advisement and Transition; Candidate for M.S. in Recreation with a Concentration in Therapeutic Recreation

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES

Dr. Bitterbaum

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Dr. Bitterbaum

CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDY

Dr. Andrea Lachance

Dean, Education

MASTER'S DEGREES

School of Education

Dr. Lachance

School of Arts and Sciences

Dr. R. Bruce Mattingly

Dean, Arts and Sciences

School of Professional Studies

Dr. John Cottone

Dean, Professional Studies



HOODING OF GRADUATES

Department Chairs, Program Coordinators and Faculty

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME

Ms. Judy Wolfe '84

President, SUNY Cortland Alumni Association

ALMA MATER

Ms. Pauriany Segarra

Junior, New Media Design

RECESSIONAL

Spring Tree Brass

Commencement Party

MACE BEARER

Dr. Kathleen Lawrence
*Associate Professor, Communication Studies;
Chair, Faculty Senate*

GONFALONIERS

All-College
Dr. Jena Curtis
Associate Professor, Health

Arts and Sciences
Dr. Jerome O'Callaghan
Associate Dean, Arts and Sciences

Education
Dr. Ronnie Casella
Associate Dean, Education

Professional Studies
Dr. Eileen Gravani
Associate Dean, Professional Studies

MARSHALS

Platform Party
Dr. R. Bruce Mattingly
Dean, Arts and Sciences

Dr. Andrea Lachance
Dean, Education

Dr. John Cottone
Dean, Professional Studies

Faculty
Dr. Joy Mosher
*Associate Professor,
Childhood/Early Childhood Education*

Students
Mr. Mark Dodds
Professor, Sport Management

Dr. Carol Van Der Karr
Associate Provost, Academic Affairs

At-Large

Ms. Daniela Baban Hurre
Assistant Director, International Programs

Dr. Helena Baert
Associate Professor, Physical Education

Dr. Alexis Blavos
Assistant Professor, Health

Dr. Laura Davies
*Assistant Professor and Director of Writing
Programs, English*

Ms. Mary Emm '85
*Director, Speech Clinic;
Lecturer IV, Communication Disorders and Sciences*

Dr. Beth Klein
*Professor,
Childhood/Early Childhood Education*

Dr. Matthew Madden
Assistant Professor, Physical Education

Dr. Christopher Manasari
*Assistant Professor,
Foundations and Social Advocacy*

Dr. Joy Mosher
*Associate Professor,
Childhood/Early Childhood Education*

Dr. Charlotte Pass
Associate Professor, Literacy

Dr. Susan Rayl
Associate Professor, Kinesiology

Dr. Jeffrey Walkuski
Associate Professor, Physical Education

READER

Dr. Randi Storch
Professor and Chair, History

Candidates for Graduate Degrees

Certificate of Advanced Study

School Building Leader and School District Leader

Palmyre Ann Charron
Eric Adam Comtois
Daniel P. Dolan
Katherine Elizabeth Hobaica
David P. Kendall
Bethany Ann Rickard
Patrick Charles Schloupt Jr. *
Christina Ann Smith

School District Business Leader

Christine C. DeMass *
Sadye Louise Halpin

Therapeutic Recreation

Timika N. Mason

Master of Arts

English

Aaron Tyler Finnessey
Caitlin Marie Liberati

History

Hugh Macauley Anderson
Lawrence J. Milazzo

Master of Arts in Teaching

Adolescence Education

Biology

Konstantina Lazaros *
Anne Marie Pysnik *
Suzanne P. Scheuring *
Christopher M. Willis

English

Sheila Elizabeth Gustafson
Stephanie Nicole Harlan
Lauren Elizabeth Olszewski
Alexis Robles
Jake D. Snyder
Ellen Joan Walpole

Mathematics

Dale Clinton DeBacco Jr.
Katie Allyn Muller

Master of Science

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Elizabeth Anne Hayes
Emily Lynn Hunt
Jori Savannah King *
Rachel L. Parker
Kathryn Anne Szozda
Laura Evelyn Zaprowski

Community Health

Shannon Green *
Jennifer K. Henriquez
Angela Nicole Knight
Kelsey Corrine Leggett
Rachel Lynn Ryan
Eric D. Schisler
Briana Kathleen Tharas
Amy Julia Tuttle
Marielle C. Zuccolo *

Exercise Science

Erin Marie Craig
Alexander James Generali
Samuel John Guider
Jordan C. Harden-Marshall
Jessica M. Hughes
Saige He Eun Hupman
Laura Elena Lucchesi
Matthew James Rote
Brandon Jeffery Schrom
Phillip Matthew Wiltshire

International Sport Management

Ryan Russell Enos
Gustavo Adrian Perez Mendoza
Nichole J. Paolino

Recreation

Christopher Matthew Bode
Mara Christine Casler
Sarah M. Coon
Danielle Adrianna Del Amo
Tracy J. Frenyea *
Allison Renee Gipple *
Alexis Lynne Lalor *
Jonathan Mark Louie
Lucas Parvin Wade
Monica Lee Weimer
Corryne Ruth Wick

Sport Management

Christopher Azzano
Timothy Beauvais
Christopher Louis Bechle
Kyle Matthew Chavis
Danielle N. Groneman
Mitchell Jordan Kenigsberg
Elise Konikoff *
Mary Claire Kopcienski
Erin Daly Locascio
Noah Jeffrey Rosenthal
Kathryn Grace Thomas
Lucas Michael Tucci

Sustainable Energy Systems

Ispana Bishsash
David Lloyd Gomez Henson *
Kerim Karabas
Kimberly Renee Nolan
Cody Ryan Primmer
Munair Michael Wright

Master of Science in Education

Adolescence Education

Mathematics

Rachel Ann Dell'Orto
Emily G. Grippin

Physics and Mathematics

Charles Anthony Canestaro *

Literacy Education

Kelsey Anne Busse
Brad H. Cleveland
Emily Ann Forman
Jessica M. Garrow *
Meelanie Kaye Hart
Valerie Jo Houck *
Janelle Lyn Jacobson
Gail L. Lawrence
Heather L. Lindaman *
Nicole Marie Littlepage *
Kristen Marie Mingione *
Daniel William Neilis *
Laura Marie Preston *
Kristina R. Reilly
Sean Patrick Riley
Jessica Elizabeth Sbiroli
Sanders Shanks *
Ashley Grace Smith
Melody Madalyn Stadelmaier
Elizabeth C. Towne

Physical Education

Daniel Frank Bertoni
Danielle Karen Hand
Leonora Lulgjuraj
Kaitlin Winifred Moran
Melissa F. Sinclair

Second Language Education

Perry Breckenridge Crain
Ariel Kristine Denny
Myung Hee Kim
Amy Sakellariou
Aaron Alton Stone

Teaching Students with Disabilities

Kaitlyn Rose Beardsley
Chelsie Ann Becker
Bethany Shea Brokaw
Brenda Jean Bush
Ryan Patrick Condon
Boyan Felicia Cox *
Christine Suzanne Drew-Fox
Christine Ann Frawley
Sabrena Ann Gould
Gina Ellyce Graziano *
Hailee Elizabeth Herc
William Edward Jaacks
Stephanie Ann-Marie Kibbe *
Alexandra Marie Milhaven
Tyler Joseph Miller *
Lindsey Alexandra Minor
Holly Pribulick
Diane Ramdeo Ramjit *
Elizabeth Claire Reed
Josephine Anna Schmeling
Alyssa Michelle Tibbits *
Andrew Ebb Troisi
Catherine Patricia Wheeler *

Master of Science in Teaching

Childhood Education

Kelsey S. Bennett
Alexis Dawn Crawford
Douglas Michael LaFlamme
Julia Taylor Moore
Cora Theresa Moyer *
Mai Thanh Nguyen-Vo *
Jessica Mary Nye
Kristen Marie Owens *
Eric David Pacicca
Parveen Ether Paul
Emilie Victoria Sullivan
Torrie Anne VanDerzee
Inna Yanchuk

Health Education

Julia Rae Bruno
Jessica Lee Darpino *
Emily Elizabeth DeCaro
Joshua Michael Giddings
Danielle Larissa Graham
Meghan Elizabeth Hallihan
Casey A. Harrigan
Lisa A. Kushner
Blair Michael MacLeod
Louis John Melfi *
Joseph James Moran
Brian J. Renta
Brianna Ruggio
Kyle Lawrence Rutledge
Lima Maria Stafford
Brianna Ashley Sullivan *
Lauren Welch
Chelsey Costa Wright

Academic Traditions



THE MACE

The mace is a ceremonial staff used as a symbol of authority. The mace bearer precedes the platform party and places the mace on a special stand where it remains while the official proceedings of Commencement are underway. SUNY Cortland's mace, the "Torch of Learning," is made of silver and rosewood and was created by local silversmith John Marshall.

THE GONFALONS

The four bright banners carried in the academic procession are called gonfalons. The red, white, black and grey gonfalon represents the College; in blue, grey and burgundy it represents the School of Arts and Sciences; in blue, purple and black it represents the School of Education; and in peach and green it represents the School of Professional Studies.

The gonfalons were designed by Libby Kowalski, professor emerita of art and art history, and Kathy Maher, a 1984 SUNY Cortland graduate. The standards were made by Bard Prentiss, associate professor emeritus of art and art history, and J. Eric Kroot. Materials were provided by the Gilbert and Mary Cahill Foundation and the late Rozanne M. Brooks, distinguished teaching professor emerita of sociology/anthropology.

REGALIA

Commencement lends itself to the pageantry of an academic procession rooted in medieval times. The gowns and hoods worn by faculty members, candidates for graduation and platform dignitaries distinguish the institution from which the wearer was or will be graduated, the level of the degree earned and the field of learning.

In 1985, American colleges established a standard code of academic dress, specifying three types of gowns. The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves, the gown for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve with the front part cut in an arc, and the gown for the doctoral degree has bell-shaped sleeves. The doctoral gown also is trimmed in velvet. The hood's inner lining, which folds out at the back and center, indicates the colors of the institution granting the degree, while the border, which comes around to the front of the neck, represents the field of learning. Universities outside the United States have a variety of shapes and colors of doctoral gowns.

The black mortarboard cap is standard. Its only distinguishing feature is a gold tassel worn by holders of the doctoral degree.

THE KENTE STOLE

The Kente stole is a rich, multicolored, handwoven style of cloth that originated in Ghana, West Africa, and is revered throughout the Africana world. It is traditionally worn during important national ceremonies. The colors, patterns and ideogramatic images of the Kente stole impart information about the wearer and highlight the importance of an event or a ceremony. Similar to the academic hood, the Kente stole is relatively new to commencement ceremonies in the United States and signifies and symbolizes higher education's connection to the rich cultures, intellectual traditions and academic achievements of the Africana world.

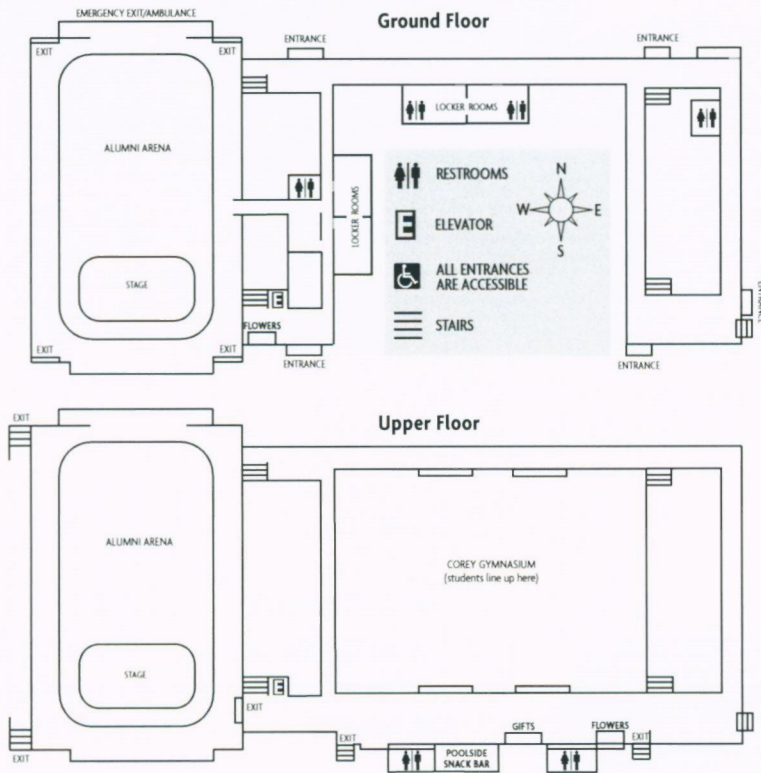
SPECIAL PERSON DESIGNATION

All graduates can designate a special person who has been instrumental in helping them achieve their higher education goals. This individual's name is read along with the graduate's name as he or she walks across the stage at the Commencement ceremony. Students who choose to name a special person do so when they apply for their degree.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FLAGS

Graduating international students present their national flag to the president during the Commencement ceremony. In the past, flags representing Australia, Azerbaijan, Belize, Canada, China, Colombia, Cyprus, France, Ghana, Grenada, Haiti, India, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Lebanon, Nepal, Peru, Poland, Republic of Congo, South Korea, Sweden, Thailand, The Gambia, Turkey and the United Kingdom were received. Flags are displayed on stage during the ceremony and afterward they are exhibited in the lobby of Corey Union.

Park Center Map/General Information



Ambulance An ambulance will be stationed in the northwest parking lot of the Park Center, just outside the overhead door.

Emergency Exits In case of emergency, please proceed to the nearest exit in an orderly manner.

Emergency Phones Blue lights indicate the locations of emergency phones.

Flowers and Gifts College Store staff will be selling flowers, diploma frames and assorted gifts on the upper floor of the Park Center near the Poolside snack bar from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Guest Assistance Ushers are available for assistance and information.

Lost and Found Contact the University Police Department, Whitaker Hall, Room 110, 607-753-4123.

Program A PDF of this Commencement program is available at cortland.edu/commencement.

Photography Please stand to the side of the stage when taking pictures to avoid blocking the view of seated guests.

Reception All students, guests, faculty and staff are invited to a reception in Park Center Corey Gymnasium immediately following the ceremony.

Restrooms Facilities in Park Center are indicated on the map above.

Smoking SUNY Cortland is a tobacco-free campus. Please refrain from using tobacco products.

Survey Share your thoughts on Commencement by taking a short survey at cortland.edu/commencement.

College Council Members

Ms. Linda May Armstrong '76

Dr. Katherine Emerich Compagni '68, M.A. '74

Mr. Thomas Gallagher, *chair*

Mr. Robert J. Haight

Ms. Renee L. James, Esq. '82

Mrs. Margaret Perfetti M.S.Ed. '68, C.A.S. '89

Ms. Joan Robinson '70

Mrs. Marie Rumsey

Bruce R. Tytler M.S.Ed. '88, C.A.S. '05

Mr. Michael Braun '17

Dr. Kathleen Lawrence, *chair, Faculty Senate*

Graduate Commencement Committee

Ms. Alyssa Ackerman '16

Mrs. Sila Argyle

Mr. Terence Cahill

Ms. Noelle Comito '17

Mr. Mark DePaull

Ms. Tracy Frenyea

Ms. Samantha Howell

Dr. Virginia Levine, *co-chair*

Dr. Peter McGinnis

Dr. Joy Mosher, *co-chair*

Ms. Mary E. Murphy '87

Dr. Charlotte Pass

Mr. Bradford Snyder

Ms. Susan Vleck

Special Thanks

Administrative Computing Services

ASC Catering

College Store

Custodial Services

Division of Institutional Advancement

Duplicating Center

Facilities Operations and Services

Marketing Office

Registrar's Office

Special Events Office

Student Ushers

SUNY Cortland Alumni Association

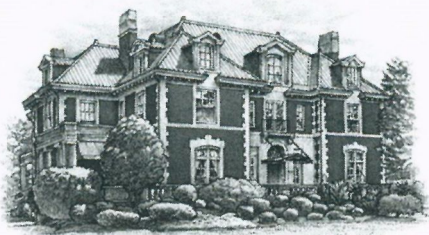
Systems Administration and Web Services (SAWS)

University Police Department



Congratulations!

In its 149-year history, SUNY Cortland has graduated more than 76,000 students. You join the ranks of alumni who reside in all 50 states and in 45 countries. We encourage you to continue your involvement with the College through our reunion programs, chapter events and special gatherings.



By keeping Alumni Engagement updated with your current residential and email addresses, you will be assured of receiving alumni publications such as *Columns* and event invitations, as well as *Moments*, the online newsletter, and the *Alumni Adventures* events digest. Update your contact information by visiting RedDragonNetwork.org/update, by calling 607-753-2516 or by emailing alumni@cortland.edu.

Look for details about Ignite events and programming tailored for our newest alumni. Stay connected with the College, friends and classmates on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Snapchat and Instagram. Visit RedDragonNetwork.org for links to these sites, details about alumni events and much more. Share your Commencement photos using [#Cortland17](https://twitter.com/Cortland17).

We are pleased to have you as a member of the Alumni Association and wish you a bright and successful future.

Alma Mater

*By lofty elm trees shaded round,
Tioughnioga near,
Our grand old Cortland College stands,
To all of us how dear!
We'll sing to thee, dear Alma Mater,
Of love that shall never die,
We'll strive for thy glory eternal,
Keep thy stainless honor high.
Inspiring each son and each daughter
The noblest aims to try,
All thy fame and thy spirit,
Thy might are ours
As the swift years hurry by.*