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2018 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 2018 Graduate Commencement ceremony.

Park Center Alumni Arena  
Friday, May 11, 2018





# Program

## **PROCESSIONAL**

Spring Tree Brass

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Ms. Bailey Ward '18  
*Communication Studies*

## **WELCOME**

Dr. Erik J. Bitterbaum  
*President*

## **FAREWELL REMARKS**

Ms. Fionnuala Kerins  
*Candidate for M.S.T. in Childhood Education*

## **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

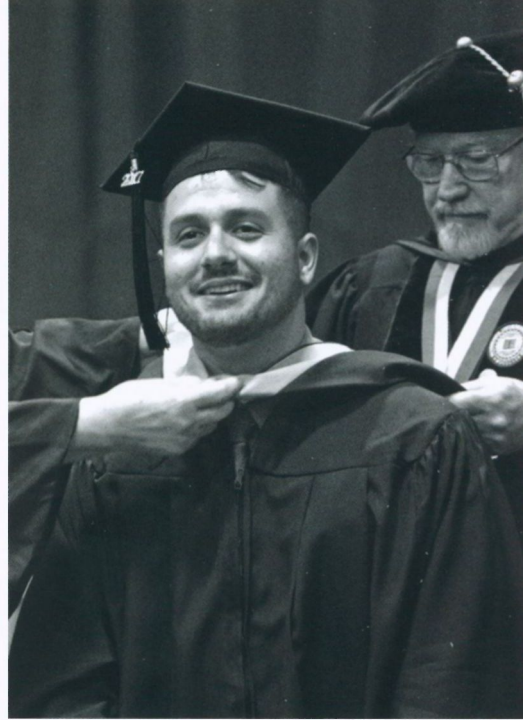
Dr. Lachance

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 '18  
*New Media Design*

## **RECESSIONAL**

Spring Tree Brass

# Commencement Party

## **MACE BEARER**

Dr. Kathleen Lawrence  
*Professor, Communication Studies*

## **GONFALONIERS**

**ALL-COLLEGE**  
Dr. Jena Curtis  
*Associate Professor, Health*

## **ARTS AND SCIENCES**

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

## **EDUCATION**

Dr. Ronnie Casella  
*Associate Dean, School of Education*

## **PROFESSIONAL STUDIES**

Dr. Eileen Gravani  
*Associate Dean, School of 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**

Dr. Carol Van Der Karr  
*Associate Provost, Academic Affairs*

Dr. Donna Videto  
*Professor, Health*

## **AT-LARGE**

Ms. Daniela Baban Hurre  
*Associate Director for International  
Student and Scholar Services,  
International Programs*

Dr. Sarah Beshers  
*Associate Professor, Health*

Dr. Alexis Blavos  
*Assistant Professor, Health*

Dr. Ann Blanton  
*Associate Professor and Chair,  
Communication Disorders and Sciences*

Ms. Maria Mucaria  
*Adjunct Lecturer, Performing Arts*

Dr. Larissa True  
*Assistant Professor, Kinesiology*

Dr. Charlotte Pass  
*Associate Professor, Literacy*

Dr. Jeffrey Walkuski  
*Associate Professor, Physical Education*

Dr. Christine Widdall  
*College Task Stream Coordinator,  
Childhood/Early Childhood Education*

## **READER**

Dr. Randi Storch  
*Professor and Chair, History*

# Candidates for Graduate Degrees

## Certificate of Advanced Study

### SCHOOL BUILDING LEADER AND SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADER

Richelle Frances Acquisto  
Brandie Leigh Collins  
Stephen Raymond Costanza  
LeeAnn Sue Cucci  
Tracy O. Durkee  
Megan Fietta  
Paula Lynn Grassi  
Amie Nicole Johnson  
Keith Byron Kempney  
John Joseph O'Callaghan  
Karl William O'Leary  
John Emrys Owen  
Lori Cambareri Pruyne  
Bethany Ann Rickard  
Jill S. Rowlands-Will  
Diane E. Tavelli  
Erin Lynn Thompson-Miller  
Dario B. Vazquez  
Kathleen C. Wheelock  
Matthew Mark Wood  
Lauren Louise Diane Wright

### SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS LEADER

Matthew N. Fogarty

### SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADER

Joanne M. Blenis

### THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

Robert Leonard Coleman  
Stephanie Marie Crance  
Jessica Rose Greig  
Nicole LiVigni  
Lori Patricia Marabella  
Megan E. Mawhinney  
Katherine Morrow  
Alyssa Nicole Rioux  
Anthony Joseph Rose  
Angela Michelle Sanfilippo  
Alaina Sherman  
Deanna Lynn VanOyen  
Leah Joy Ziegler

## Master of Arts

### ENGLISH

Dana Caream Burke  
Brianna Kaylee Mott  
Erica Lynn Niemann  
Brianna K. O'Herien  
Jenna Rae Sterling

### HISTORY

Erica LaComb Aldrich  
Matthew Stephen Calabrese  
Daniel K. Menendez  
Lawrence J. Milazzo  
Alexander Steven Nichols

## Master of Arts in Teaching

### ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: BIOLOGY

Konstantina Lazaros  
Christopher M. Willis

### ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: ENGLISH

Stephanie Nicole Harlan

### ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: MATHEMATICS

Dale Clinton DeBacco  
Katie Allyn Muller

## Master of Science

### COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

Meghan Christine Cawley  
Ashley Lynne Chanatry  
Allison Claire Field  
Courtney L. Froner  
Ashley Nicole Green  
Sarah Elizabeth Klotz  
Katherine Elizabeth Milliman  
Emma Jane O'Connor  
Elizabeth Erin Patterson  
Gina Christine Shepardson

### COMMUNITY HEALTH

Crissana C. Christie  
Theresa Annmarie Clark  
Karissa Leigh Crossman  
Karli N. DeGraw  
Elizabeth Jane Gesin  
Shannon Green  
Jennifer K. Henriquez  
Kimberly Marmorowski  
Janay Marie McKinney-Henry  
Sofia A. Mitchell  
Goodnews Iko-ojo Oji  
Rachel Lynn Ryan  
Eric Schisler  
Briana Kathleen Tharas  
Kelley William Thomsen

### EXERCISE SCIENCE

Nathaniel Scott Ashton  
Casey Luke Austin  
Ryan Shane Dambach

Brianna Elizabeth Ferchen  
Alexa Taylor Francisco  
Joseph A. Keleher  
Evan J. Magnussen  
Matthew Martone  
Connor Michael McJury  
Christopher Daniel Mosconi  
Samantha Moss  
Jordyn Alexandra Naylon  
Joseph O'Haire  
Kimberly Ann Scholten  
Daniel Timothy Sempriani  
Ayden J. Wilber

### INTERNATIONAL SPORT MANAGEMENT

Scott Raymund Bratt  
Justin Carpenzano  
Ryan Russell Enos  
Daehyup Kang  
Kyle Christopher McCue  
Daniel Louis Nelson  
Kiyoshi Sato  
Evan Trafford  
Brett D. Zuber

### RECREATION

Ryan Thomas Allen  
Abigail Kristin Bjork  
Mario Antonio Carecchia  
Sarah M. Coon  
Chloe Pascal Crawford  
Kimberlin Britt Grillo  
Jane Ladonna Kallmerten  
Allison Ruth Maloney  
Sara Beverly McFadden  
Mary H. McNally  
Holly Ann Nisson  
Joseph Salvatore Pitti  
Ramius Pletcher Pruis  
Allison Marie Stein  
Lucas Parvin Wade  
Lauren M. Williams

### SPORT MANAGEMENT

Anthony Leonard Accardi  
Emily Grace Anderson  
Keith Christopher Andrews  
Alyssa Ann Balfe  
Stephanie Noelle Bianco  
Deral LePaul Brown  
Bryan James Carley  
Kyle Matthew Chavis  
Austin Max Clock  
Richard Echevarria  
Scott Allen Flickinger  
Jeremy T. Flohr  
Donald R. Gannon  
Ajallade Hennis



Benjamin William Holl  
Stephanie Ann Kazmierczak  
Mitchell Jordan Kenigsberg  
Kayla Joy Koelbel  
Jonathan Alan LaDieu  
Rebecca Ann Lampson  
Daniel Edward Lee  
Erin Daly Locascio  
Daniel John Lohrs  
Alexandra Madsen  
Kevin James Makarewicz  
Ryan Michael Martin  
Michael Mayo  
Charles Joseph Parsons  
Taylor Policay  
Jori Lynn Reed  
Noah Jeffrey Rosenthal  
William Tejada  
Adam N. Titanic  
Lucas Michael Tucci  
Devin David Paul Whalen

#### **SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS**

Ahmad Sameer Hairan  
Scott Charles Kozak

#### **Master of Science in Education**

##### **ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: BIOLOGY**

Maria Patricia Costello

##### **ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: EARTH SCIENCE**

Katherine Elizabeth Krolikowski

##### **ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: MATHEMATICS**

Elizabeth Susan Wood

##### **LITERACY EDUCATION**

Jennifer Elaine Brown  
Robert William Castle  
Melissa Marie Caulfield  
Brad Cleveland  
Christeen A. Crisafi  
Rebecca Elizabeth Dardis  
Stephanie Krystine Dupree  
Amanda Olmeda Goodenough  
Michelle Marie Grassi  
Kasandra Jardines  
Nicole Kristen Manning  
Jessica Lynn Mitchell  
Christina Allison Murphy  
Daniel William Neilis  
Cari Margaret Niles  
Theresa Kay Palleschi  
Alison Carol Rauch  
Elizabeth Jean Scheftic  
Michael Philip Scotellaro IV  
Mikayla Lee Shade  
Sanders Shanks

Olivia Grace Smith  
Danielle Marie Stanke  
Brianna Marie Torres  
Daniel T. Wentworth  
Jennafer Amanda Zimmer

##### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

LaRon Raymond Blake  
Amy Chaffee  
Bradley David Cook  
Christopher Jordan Faro  
Damien Joseph Greevy  
Jeffrey Mark Hansen  
Michael Cameron Humphrey  
Justen Teyvonne Mills  
Melissa F. Sinclair

##### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION LEADERSHIP**

Evan Jeremiah Dumeo  
Joon Hyun Kim  
Charles Edward Lentz IV  
Kalin Michelle Merkley  
Victor J. Spadaro Jr.

##### **RECREATION EDUCATION**

Melissa Michalak Ash  
Jill Marie Kautz  
Katherine Lee Kozak  
Jennifer Olivia Vaughan

##### **SECOND LANGUAGE EDUCATION**

Alison M. Brady  
Ismet Cavusoglu  
Mary Katherine Darstein  
Ariel Kristine Denny  
Elizabeth Gomez  
Carlyn Joan Grebleski  
Lindsey Ella Knecht  
Chloe Iris Leibrick  
Hannah Elizabeth Murphy  
Jacqueline Marie Peck

##### **TEACHING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Darianne Marina Andrews  
Chelsie Ann Becker  
Victoria Ann Bennett  
Kelsey Marie Carpenter  
Allison Elaine Chase  
Boyan Felicia Cox  
Kayla Marie Crane  
Jessica Lynn DelGiudice  
Christine Suzanne Drew-Fox  
Brooke A. Gilkey  
Meagan Elizabeth Jean  
Stephanie Nicole Marini  
Erika Lynn Newton  
Paul Richard Norman  
Tia Marie Piraino  
Elizabeth Claire Reed  
Sydney Ariana Reynolds  
Ashley R. Scibior  
Lyssa Ann Sexton

Kaitlyn C. Stanton  
Sarah Katherine Tesar  
Alyssa Michelle Tibbitts  
Morgan Catherine VanGorder  
Riann Ashley Warren  
Catherine Patricia Wheeler  
Kaci Marie Williams

#### **Master of Science in Teaching**

##### **CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

Erika Lyn Charbonneau  
Colleen Ann Davis  
Carolyn Marie Eggleston  
Taylorann Foster Flurschutz  
Connor Lynn Gaffney  
Kayla Megan Gehm  
Christina Rose Granato  
Fionnuala Sarah Kerins  
Kelsey Ryan Kreydt  
Christopher John Kudla  
Erica Erin Kueffer  
Macayla Rochelle Lanzilotta  
Lauren Rose MacDonald  
Cassia Maria Maguire  
Mackenzie Kay Moss  
Cassandra Jean Neadom  
Carolyn Judith Pastel Anderson  
Madeline E. Schmitt  
Emilee Rose Senio  
Susanne Katherine Spencer  
Camille Marca Vitanza  
Christian Matthew Williams

##### **HEALTH EDUCATION**

Andrew William Barbano  
Ariel Josephine Batis  
Danielle M. Borza  
Mathew Thomas Bradice  
Connor A. Christopherson  
Aimee Elizabeth Cook  
Emily Elizabeth DeCaro  
Jason James Fasulo  
Paul Michael Fields  
Joshua Michael Giddings  
Danielle Larissa Graham  
Meghan Elizabeth Hallihan  
Samuel J. Halpern  
Lisa A. Kushner  
Kelsey Marie Logan  
Louis John Melfi  
Ryan Alexander Misurda  
Brian J. Renta  
Brianna Ruggio  
Kyle Lawrence Rutledge  
Carolyn R. Stoddard  
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.

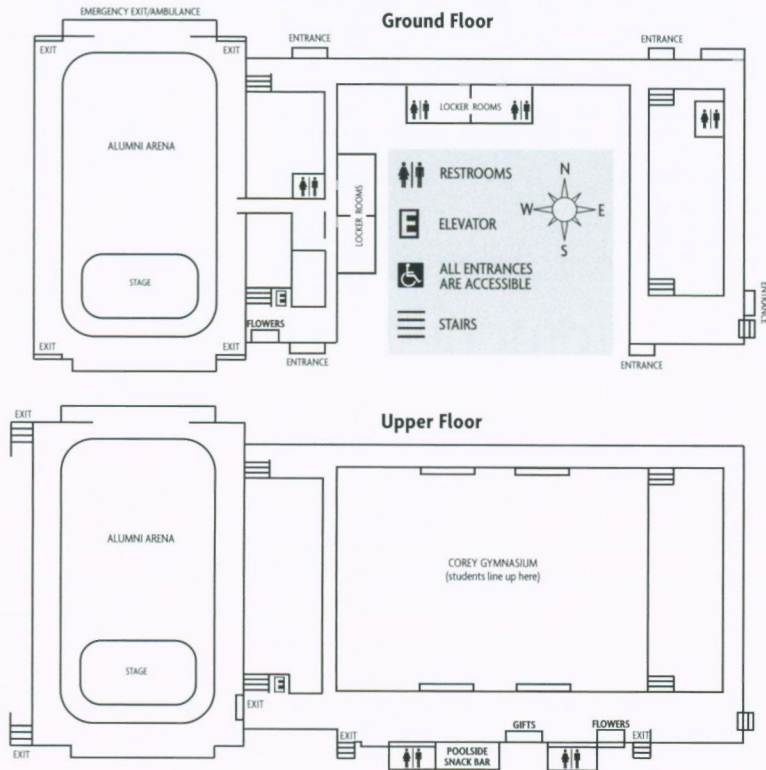
## SPECIAL PERSON DESIGNATION

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, Russia, South Korea, St. Lucia, 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](http://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](http://cortland.edu/commencement).

# College Council Members

Mr. Aristotle Arkayasa '18

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

Ms. Joan Robinson '70

Mrs. Marie Rumsey

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

# Graduate Commencement Committee

Mr. Terence Cahill

Mr. Frank Cullen

Mr. Mark DePaull

Mr. Daniel Dryja

Ms. Denise DuBrava

Ms. Tracy Frenyea

Ms. Meagan Hirschi '18

Ms. Samantha Howell

Dr. Virginia Levine, *co-chair*

Dr. Peter McGinnis

Dr. Joy Mosher, *co-chair*

Dr. Charlotte Pass

Mr. Bradford Snyder

Mr. Darrell Thomas

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

University Police Department





# Congratulations!

SUNY Cortland has graduated more than 78,000 students, and you are joining the ranks of alumni who reside in all 50 states and in more than 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 event invitations and publications such as our alumni magazine *Columns*, the online newsletter *Moments* and the *Alumni Adventures* events digest. Update your contact information at [RedDragonNetwork.org/update](http://RedDragonNetwork.org/update), by calling 607-753-2516 or by emailing [alumni@cortland.edu](mailto:alumni@cortland.edu).

Stay connected with the College, friends and classmates on Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, Snapchat and Twitter. Share your Commencement photos using [#Cortland18](https://twitter.com/Cortland18).

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.*