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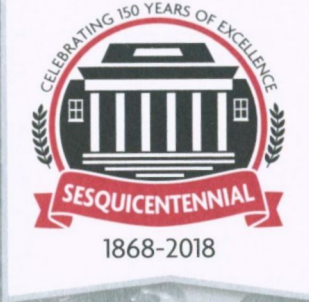
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2019 SUNY CORTLAND GRADUATE

# 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 2019 Graduate Commencement ceremony.

Park Center Alumni Arena  
Friday, May 17, 2019

# Program

## **PROCESSIONAL**

Spring Tree Brass

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

A Cappella Singers

## **WELCOME**

Dr. Erik J. Bitterbaum  
*President*

## **FAREWELL REMARKS**

Ms. Breeanna Dexter  
*Candidate for M.S.Ed. in Teaching  
Students with Disabilities*

## **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. Titilayo Morgan '99  
*President, SUNY Cortland  
Alumni Association*

## **ALMA MATER**

A Cappella Singers

## **RECESSIONAL**

Spring Tree Brass



# Commencement Party

## **MACE BEARER**

Dr. Lynn MacDonald  
*Professor, Physical Education*

## **GONFALONIERS**

**ALL-COLLEGE**  
Dr. Nance Wilson  
*Professor and Chair, Literacy*

## **SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

Dr. Vincent DeTuri  
*Associate Dean, Arts and Sciences*

## **SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**

Dr. Ronnie Casella  
*Associate Dean, Education*

## **SCHOOL OF 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. Peter McGinnis  
*SUNY Distinguished Service Professor,  
Kinesiology*

### **STUDENTS**

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

Dr. Donna Videto  
*Professor, Health*

## **AT-LARGE**

Dr. Helena Baert  
*Associate Professor, Physical Education*

Dr. Alexis Blavos  
*Assistant Professor, Health*

Dr. Jena Curtis  
*Professor, Health*

Ms. Kayla DeCoste  
*International Program Coordinator,  
International Programs*

Dr. Michele Gonzalez  
*Associate Professor, Literacy*

Ms. April Myles  
*Assistant Registrar, Student Registration  
and Record Services*

Dr. Charlotte Pass  
*Associate Professor, Literacy*

Dr. Larissa True  
*Assistant Professor, Kinesiology*

Dr. Ryan Vooris '08  
*Associate Professor, Sport Management*



Dr. Jeffrey Walkuski  
*Associate Professor, Physical Education*

Dr. Christine Widdall '00, M '03  
*Associate Professor,  
Childhood/Early Childhood Education;  
College Watermark Coordinator*

Dr. Kim Wieczorek  
*Associate Professor,  
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

Brett Bostic  
Kyle Colunio  
Michele Cotter  
John Hand  
Erin Martindale  
Kelly McCall  
John O'Callaghan  
Jill Rowlands-Will  
Michael Sinacore  
Abigail Tormey  
Dario Vazquez  
Kimberly Ward  
Sean Wood

### SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS LEADER

Julie Podolak

### SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADER

Andrew Dutcher

### THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

DeVon Avant  
Rebecca Bernys  
Joanne Cunningham  
Deniesha Martin

Nicholle Pandolfi  
Ann Roach  
Shelbie Rosenblum  
Keyshawn Simmons ^  
Brandon West

## Master of Arts

### ENGLISH

Amber Kent  
Theresa Mendez  
Brianna Mott  
Elizabeth Rutkowski

### HISTORY

Jordan Prignon  
Cody Redfield  
Justin Suhr

## Master of Arts in Teaching

### ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: BIOLOGY

Jill Darpino  
Angela DeBenedetto

### ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: CHEMISTRY

Matthew Martino  
Matthew Piedmonte

### ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: ENGLISH

John Gingrow  
Court Hamilton  
Hannah Shockey

## Master of Science

### COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

Morgan Cerio  
Sarah Ellis  
Sarah Fuller  
Alexandra Gross  
Angelique Jean-Charles  
Emily Landuyt  
Aletha Mott  
Lora Ottaviano  
Marisa Spagnolo  
Emily Wilson  
Margaret Woodward  
Janelle Zachary

### COMMUNITY HEALTH

Christian Berenguer  
Crissana Christie  
Theresa Clark  
Karli DeGraw  
Shannon Green  
Jennifer Henriquez

Romia Khan  
Goodnews Oji  
Theresa Rodabaugh  
Raquel Rodriguez-Asher  
Briana Tharas  
Kelley Thomsen  
Emily Young

### EXERCISE SCIENCE

Samantha Delcamp  
Alexa Francisco  
Yale Hughes  
Jennifer Kraft  
Eric Levasseur  
Evan Magnussen  
Cory Monahan  
Kylie Ryan

### INTERNATIONAL SPORT MANAGEMENT

Scott Bratt  
Justin Carpenzano  
Kelly Hunneyman  
Daniel Nelson  
Evan Trafford

### RECREATION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Michelle Beebe  
Hadley Colman  
Julia Gillis

Rocio Gosende Suarez  
Madeleine Ulinski

### RECREATION: MANAGEMENT OF LEISURE SERVICES

Elisa Knapp  
Beesanne Kurzum  
Michele Lachner  
Mary McNally

### RECREATION: THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

Stefania Cuomo  
Jeremy Garry  
Leigh Goodwin  
Elizabeth Kotar  
Elizabeth Kozminski  
Rebecca Mack  
Holly Nisson  
Katrina Peralta  
Chelsey Simon  
Kathryn Ward  
Ryley Weber

### SPORT MANAGEMENT

Timothy Barth  
Jason Blayda ^  
Maria Bonacore  
Bryan Carley  
Kyle Chavis  
Brandon Coburn

Thomas Connery  
Hannah Dari  
Ryan Doyle  
Richard Echevarria  
Kelsey Esselman  
Steven Ferreira  
Scott Flickinger  
Eva Francavilla  
Nicholas Fultz  
Nicholas Hart  
Ajallade Hennis  
Mitchell Kenigsberg  
Shanara Mack  
Olivia Messineo  
Erin Misner  
Alexander Pangourelis  
Deidre Pierson  
Kyle Pignatiello  
Brandon Pelose  
Brittany Robertson  
Michael Saad  
Emily Smith  
Scott Tota  
Adam Troelstra  
Tyler Weslowski  
Erik Whitcombe  
Lamin Zulu

#### **SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS**

Varsha Chipala Satish  
Gerald Chukwuma  
Anirudh Durbha  
William Mitzel  
Justin Pangia

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

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

Maria Costello

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

Alyssa Failey

#### **ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION: SOCIAL STUDIES**

Patrick Schweiger

#### **LITERACY EDUCATION**

Nicole Becker  
Halee Beebe  
David Brognano  
Shannon Chermak  
Laurel Conley  
Samantha Dell'Anno  
Kristen Hammond  
Sarah Harmatuk  
Carrie Hodge  
Amanda Hughes  
Ryane Martino  
David Miranda  
Michael Morreale  
Victoria Muth  
Rachel Prentice  
Elisa Rodriguez  
Courtney Schreppel  
Kailey Smith  
Tracy Stevens

#### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Benjamin Pulver

#### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION LEADERSHIP**

Ryan Broast  
Joon Kim  
Edwin Perry  
Andrew Race  
Katherine Santoianni  
Quinlan Shoen  
Jeremy West

#### **RECREATION EDUCATION: ENVIRONMENTAL AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

Mary Katherine Dugue

#### **SECOND LANGUAGE EDUCATION**

Ismet Cavusoglu  
Tate Stoyell

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

Darriane Andrews  
Danielle Burhans  
Kelsey Carpenter  
Allison Chase  
Elizabeth Cotterill  
Jessica DelGiudice  
Breeanna Dexter  
Lyssa Filtch  
Taylor Gibbons  
Brooke Gilkey  
Adam Hurd  
Kelly O'Kipney  
Jennifer Silleck

Breanna Soutar  
Sarah Tesar  
Reanna Zappavigna

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

#### **CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

Jovana Alejandro  
Karina Barragan  
Rebekah Conboy  
Devin Corvino  
Danielle Cronk  
Emily Feissner  
Deanna Gostinski  
Kelly Leahy  
Alysia Lewis  
Tiffany Mackey  
Krista Marshall  
Claire Minnoe  
Lauren Perry  
Brenna Podesta  
Alex Rosato  
Holly Signor  
Rebecca Stugart  
William Taylor  
Tetiana Urazgildiieva  
Madison Williams

#### **HEALTH EDUCATION**

Mathew Bradice  
Connor Christopherson  
Kate Darpino  
Emily DeCaro  
Nathan Eipp

Paul Fields  
Joseph Hubert  
Maurice Kearney  
Courtney Kelley  
Amanda McCaslin  
Teresa Ricci  
Lima Stafford  
Nicholas Vachon

A caret symbol (^) after a name indicates that the student has self-identified as a veteran or currently serves in the military.



# 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 symbolizes higher education's connection to the rich cultures, intellectual traditions and academic achievements of the Africana world.

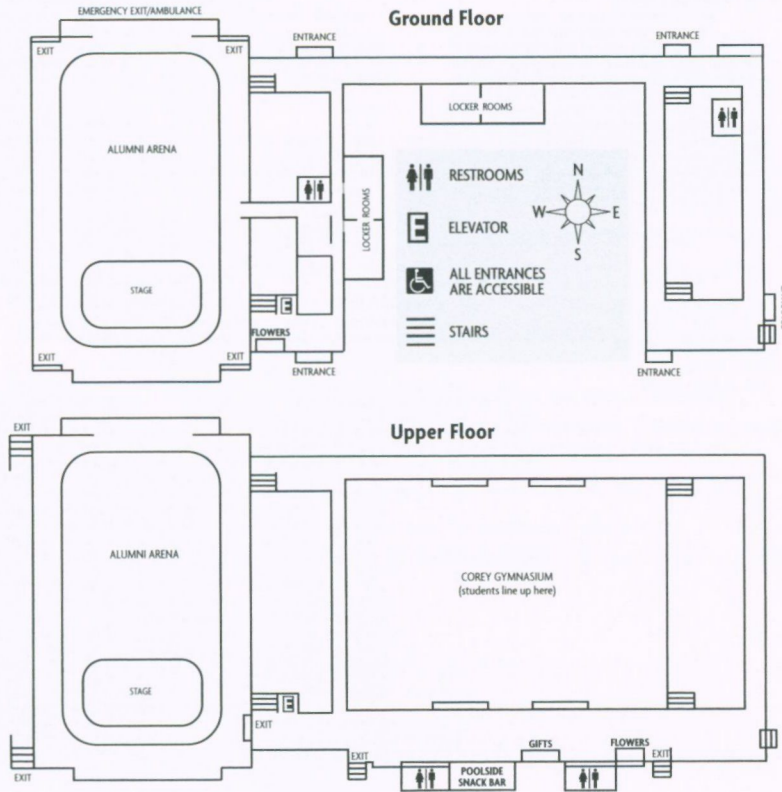
## SPECIAL PERSON DESIGNATION

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 students representing countries from around the world have the opportunity to present their national flag to the president during the Commencement ceremony. In the past, flags representing Afghanistan, Australia, Azerbaijan, Belize, Canada, China, Colombia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Ghana, Grenada, Haiti, India, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Lebanon, Nepal, Nigeria, Peru, Poland, Republic of Congo, Romania, 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



## Facilities 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 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.

**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

Ms. Linda May Armstrong '76

Mr. Thomas Gallagher, *chair*

Mr. Robert J. Haight

Ms. Renee L. James '82

Dr. Lynn MacDonald

Mr. John O. Reagan

Ms. Joan Robinson '70

Mrs. Marie Rumsey

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

Ms. Sophie Umansky '19

## Graduate Commencement Committee

Mr. Daniel Condon

Mr. Frank Cullen '06

Mr. Mark DePaull

Mr. Daniel Dryja '04

Ms. Denise DuBrava

Ms. Tracy Frenyea M '17

Ms. Samantha Howell

Dr. Virginia Levine, *co-chair*

Dr. Peter McGinnis, *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

Special Events Office

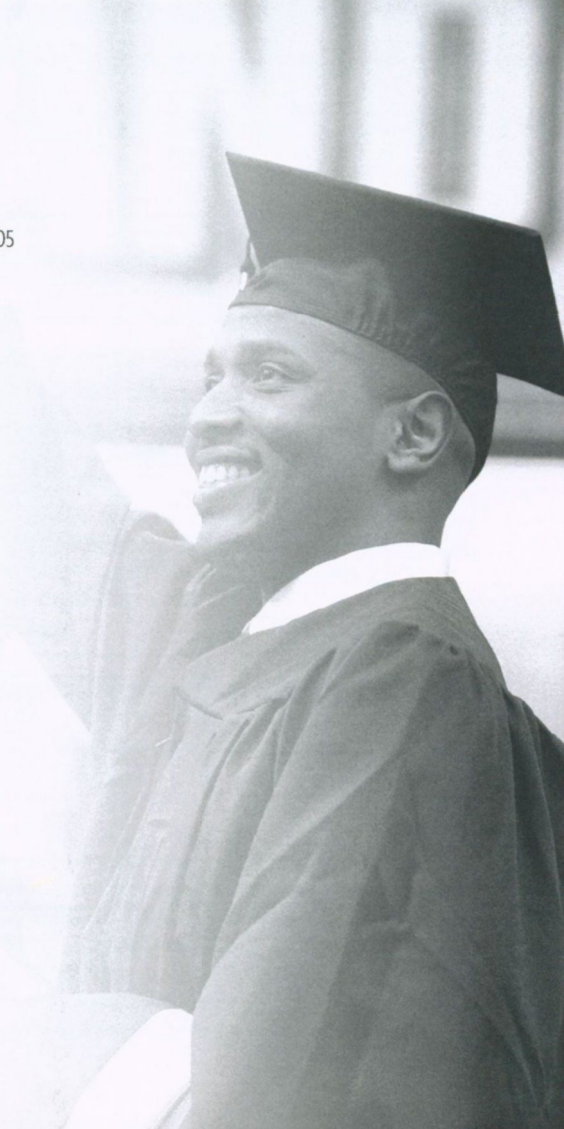
Student Registration and Record Services

Student Ushers

SUNY Cortland Alumni Association

Systems Administration and Web Services

University Police Department



# Congratulations!

SUNY Cortland has graduated more than 80,000 students, and you are joining the ranks of alumni who reside in all 50 states and nearly 60 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. Register your alumni profile at [RedDragonNetwork.org/update](http://RedDragonNetwork.org/update) or call 607-753-2516 or email [alumni@cortland.edu](mailto:alumni@cortland.edu).

Stay connected with the College, friends and classmates on Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram and Twitter. Share your Commencement photos using #Cortland19.

Please visit [RedDragonNetwork.org](http://RedDragonNetwork.org) for details about alumni events and much more. Watch for information about programming tailored for our newest alumni.

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



Lynne Parks '68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House

# Celebrating 150 Years of Excellence

Commencement 2019 is an unforgettable moment in SUNY Cortland's long history as the College celebrates its Sesquicentennial and your accomplishments as its most recent graduates.

The story of how the humble Cortland Normal School of 1868 evolved into the nationally respected SUNY Cortland of 2019 is a tale of vision, determination, camaraderie and compassion.

It is a tapestry comprising obstacles overcome, excellence achieved and ensured access to high-quality education for all students, regardless of background or circumstance.

It is the chronicle of the SUNY Cortland community — alumni, faculty, staff, students, neighbors, family and friends.

Throughout its proud history, the College has overcome devastating fires, tough economic times, global wars and seismic American culture shifts. The school has grown in number of programs and students, and the campus continues to evolve. Despite these changes, the shared values that define Cortland have remained the same.

Although the Sesquicentennial celebration concludes this year, your connection to SUNY Cortland — and your impact on its story — is timeless.



# 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.*

