



*Commencement*  
DOCTORAL & MASTER'S CEREMONY

*Tuesday, May 13, 2025*

SPORTS CENTER  
GALLOWAY

---

*“To laugh often and much;  
To win the respect  
of intelligent people  
and the affection of children;  
to earn the appreciation of  
honest critics and endure  
the betrayal of false friends;  
to appreciate beauty,  
to find the best in others;  
to leave the world a little better;  
whether by a healthy child,  
a garden patch or a  
redeemed social condition;  
to know even one life has breathed  
easier because you have lived.  
This is the meaning of success.”*

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

---



Dear Graduates,

Congratulations! Today marks a powerful moment in your journey - a celebration of your hard work, resilience and growth. You did it!

As you walk across the stage, know that you carry more than just a degree. You carry the spirit of Stockton. You are part of a legacy grounded in excellence, equity and opportunity. Whether you arrived here from across the state or across the world, you brought your whole self, and in doing so, made this community stronger.

You graduate at a time of global uncertainty, but I want you to remember this: you are ready. You've studied, questioned, listened, engaged and persevered. You've learned not just in classrooms, but in community through friendships, internships, activism, research and service. You've lived our Stockton values of dignity, respect, kindness, compassion and civility.

Whatever comes next, lead with courage and our Ethic of Care. Speak up. Lift others. Keep learning. You have the tools to shape a future that's bold, inclusive and just.

Stockton is strong because of all of you. I am so proud of the graduates you've become and excited for the leaders you are becoming.

So go forward with purpose. Let your story unfold. Soar Higher! Go Ospreys!

President Joe Bertolino

---

## COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY PROGRAM

### PRELUDE

Musical Selections

Pianist

Dr. Beverly J. Vaughn, Professor of Music

### STOCKTON UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT BRASS ENSEMBLE

Dr. Christopher DiSanto, Associate Professor of Music

<b>Trumpets</b>	<b>Horn</b>	<b>Tuba</b>
Rob Skonizcin	Heidi Lucas	Paul Erion
Tony DeSantis	Trish Giangiulio	Bill Connors
Dave Seals		
George Rabbai	<b>Trombone</b>	
	Jason Stein	
	Barry McCommon	

### PROCESSIONAL

If willing and able, guests and graduates are requested to stand during the processional.  
If willing and able, please remain standing until completion of the National Anthem.

### OPENING OF THE CEREMONY

#### GRAND MARSHAL

Dr. Thomas Nolan, Professor Emeritus of Physical Therapy

*The Star-Spangled Banner*

Francis Scott Key, Lyricist; John Stafford Smith, Composer

Beverly J. Vaughn, Professor of Music, piano

Genesis Rincon, vocalist

#### PROVOST'S GREETINGS

Dr. Michael A. Palladino, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

#### STUDENT ADDRESS

Fatima Khawaja

#### ALMA MATER

*Ospreys on Parade*

Genesis Rincon, vocalist

*Trumpet Voluntary in D*

Jeremy Clark

#### FACULTY ADDRESS

Dr. M. Alysia Mastrangelo, Professor Emerita of Physical Therapy

#### PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Dr. Joe Bertolino, President

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MESSAGE

Ms. Nelida Valentin, '86, Chair

#### RECOGNITION OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS/A STATUS

Dr. M. Alysia Mastrangelo, Professor Emerita of Physical Therapy

Dr. Thomas Nolan, Professor Emeritus of Physical Therapy

---

## COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY PROGRAM

### PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

Dr. Michael A. Palladino, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

### CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Dr. Joe Bertolino, President

### RECOGNITION OF DEGREE GRADUATES

Academic Deans

### CLOSING OF THE CEREMONY

Dr. Michael A. Palladino, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

If willing and able, guests are requested to stand during the recessional.

Following the Commencement Ceremony, graduates and guests are invited to celebrate with faculty in the Campus Center Event Room.

---

## COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS

### GRAND MARSHAL

Dr. Thomas Nolan, Professor Emeritus of Physical Therapy

### BANNER CARRIERS

Stockton University, Dr. Cynthia Gove, '21

Faculty, Dr. Sara Martino, Professor of Psychology

### Doctoral Students

School of Education, Dr. Chelsea Tracy-Bronson, Associate Professor of Education

School of Health Sciences, Dr. Thomas Nolan, Professor Emeritus of Physical Therapy

### Master's Students

School of Arts & Humanities, Dr. Kristin Jacobson, Professor of American Literature

School of Business, Dr. Keith Diener, Associate Professor of Business Studies, Public Law

School of Education, Dr. Daniel Tulino, Assistant Professor of Education

William T. Daly School of General Studies, Dr. Christina Morus, Associate Professor of Communications

School of Health Sciences, Dr. M. Alysia Mastrangelo, Professor Emerita of Physical Therapy

School of Natural Sciences & Mathematics, Dr. Tait Chirenje, Professor of Environmental Studies

School of Social & Behavioral Sciences, Dr. Christine Tartaro, Distinguished Professor of Criminal Justice

### EMERITA HONOREE

Dr. M. Alysia Mastrangelo, Professor Emerita of Physical Therapy

Dr. Thomas Nolan, Professor Emeritus of Physical Therapy

### ACADEMIC DEANS

Dr. Ian Marshall, Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities

Dr. Warren Kleinsmith, Dean of the School of Business

Dr. Kimberly Dickerson, Interim Dean of the School of Education

Dr. Robert Gregg, Dean of the William T. Daly School of General Studies

Dr. Brent Arnold, Dean of the School of Health Sciences

Dr. Amanda Norvell, Dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Dr. Marissa Levy, '00, Dean of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences

### HOODING, DOCTORAL AND MASTER'S DEGREE

Faculty representatives from each graduate program

### READER, COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Dr. Dawn Konrady Fanslau, Director of the Child Welfare Education Institute

**STUDENT SPEAKER**

**Fatima Khawaja**

Fatima Khawaja is a candidate for a Master of Social Work degree. A 2024 Stockton graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Social Work and minor in Business Administration, Fatima has served in multiple leadership positions while a student, including as president of Stockton's Campus Religious Council, the Muslim Student Association and Students for Justice in Palestine. She has also served as vice president for Stockton's Pakistani Student Association and with the Office of Student Transitions Programs as an assistant T.A.L.O.N. As a T.A.L.O.N. for two years, she helped mentor students transitioning from high school to college. Through her student leadership positions, Fatima advocated to expand halal dining options on campus and led efforts to establish a new meditation room as a supportive space for student wellness. Fatima has been recognized for her academic success and leadership, receiving program distinction, earning Dean's List status and being selected as the Student Leader of the Year by her peers. Professionally, Fatima has worked as a Success Coach with Atlantic Cape Community College and interned as a case manager with Interfaith RISE.

*Doctoral Degree*

*The School of Education*

**Doctor of Education in  
Organizational Leadership**

Abusaeed Asduha  
Constance Days-Chapman  
Kristin Dura  
Jovin Fernandez  
Jerry Filangieri  
Mary Lucille LaPergola  
Urick Lewis  
Erin O'Hanlon-Keys  
Demetrios Roubos  
Christine Teeney  
Nancy Young

*The School of Health Sciences*

**Doctor of  
Nursing Practice**

Jeannie Bocchino  
Krystyn DiLuigi  
Karen Lucas  
Kristen Wadams

**Doctor of  
Physical Therapy**

Venisse Abanilla  
Jessica Abrahims  
Amina Bakhat  
Zachary Bille  
Timothy Blaney  
James Bockin III  
Agnes Cancio  
Chrismarie Castano-Lopez  
Dominic Cenci  
Linda Cherkaoui  
Hunter Clayton  
Jodi Cook  
Emma Crewe  
Tyler Cruz  
Kayci D'Ambrosio  
Quinn Daniel

Justin Donnamaria  
Haley Elias  
Tia Evangelista  
John Fabbiani  
Rachel Follman  
Hallie France  
Frederick Fulper II  
Kiaraa Fulton  
Jacqueline Godwin  
Daniel Gutierrez Reyes  
Kelly Herman  
Edwin Hernandez  
Stephen Hill  
Cassidy Hogan  
Zachary Huber  
Michael Hutchison  
Jayda Issa  
Ryan Kunzler  
Blaise Lawson  
Anna Lim  
Danielle Lynch  
Hannah Macauley  
Nicole Mooney  
Kaleigh Nolan  
Rachel Notaro

Michael Ofsanko  
Sherline Oluchina  
Abigail Ortiz  
Marissa Primo  
Julia Quick  
Jessica Rafalko  
Jesus Rufino  
Josephine Rundall  
North Runk  
Tyler Rzemysk  
Emily Scala  
Olivia Schuck  
Zainab Shuja  
Corinne Shustyk  
Kayla Singiser  
Nicholas Sisto  
Gregory Sousa  
Sean Taylor  
Matthew Thermann  
Jarred Tolley  
Bryan Vasquez  
Julia Wiemken

# *Candidates for the Doctoral and Master's Degree*

---

## *Master's Degree*

### *The School of Arts and Humanities*

#### **Master of Arts in American Studies**

Summer Hill Seven Akbar  
Cynthia Anstey

Katherine Cupo  
Carlos Diaz  
Shannon Griffin  
Sarah Harvey

Sarah Messina  
Christina Noble  
Alexa Novo  
Tori Robbins

### *The School of Business*

#### **Master of Business Administration**

Volha Autukhovich  
Jalen Barnes  
Lamart Bazile Jr.  
John Bee  
Amanda Belej  
Saeed Bhatti  
Iryna Boyko  
Liam DiFonzo  
Antonia Dimopoulou  
Kaitlyn Duncsak  
Theodora Eaton  
Ibukun Fagbolade  
Anthony Falduto Jr.  
Caitlin Hargrave  
Kristina Henis  
Tony Ji  
Paul Kline III  
Declan Lawlor  
Noam Levy-Smith  
Nicholas Ligameri

Jack Loeb  
Nicholas Loggi  
Ryan Lomangino  
Kayla Long  
Mason Mack  
Tara Magee  
Jennifer Malti  
Marianna Marino  
Monique Marius  
Timothy McGowan  
Alexander Mercado  
Rebecca Miller  
Grant Mock  
Anastasia Morozova  
Chisano Mutts  
Amelia Olsson  
Henry Ou  
Logan Papp  
Priya Parikh  
Thomas Peterson Jr.  
Brittany Rifenburg  
Rick Rohrbach  
Hailey Sadowski

Michael Scardigno  
Zachary Schneider  
Peyton Schultz  
Youssef Seleem Jr.  
Anna Serra  
Mohammad Tabish  
Ralph Andy Villacarlos  
Amira Walker  
Olivia Wall

#### **Master of Business Administration in Healthcare Administration and Leadership**

Alyssa Caputo  
Jessica Higbee  
Mark Lazaro  
Habiba Naz  
Andrew Reichert  
Savannah Thompson  
Sonaliben Valand

### *The School of Education*

#### **Master of Arts in Education**

Letitia Becker  
Brianna Bennett  
Amanda Bialek  
Brynn Bowker  
Angela Buckberg  
Jessica Byrnes  
Alyssa Caporale  
Nancy Carber  
Rosener Cesar  
Carissa Clark

Alyssa Collier  
Christopher Cordiano  
Eleana Dey  
Taylor DiVirgilio  
Samantha Doyle  
Lauren Dragonetti  
Cynthia Edmunds  
Grace Emig  
William Finnegan III  
Kayla French  
Samantha Friedman  
Kayleigh Friend

Allyson Gale  
Victoria Garton  
Aubrey Giglio  
Sarah Graziano  
Madison Gross  
Macie Hawthorne  
Michelle Hayes  
Barbara Hedrich  
Christina Improta  
Brianna Inderwies  
Kelly Jones  
Audrey Koering

Jennifer Korpon  
Lauren Leek  
Briana Levin  
Kristen Lumachi  
Deidre Lyons  
Gabrielle Mancuso  
Stephanie Mason  
Hailey McCluskey  
Kayla McDevitt  
Kaley McLaughlin  
Melissa Monclus  
Elizabeth Moody

*The names listed are those of degree candidates as of April 10, 2025 not those who have been graduated officially.  
Not every individual who is listed has received a degree from Stockton University, and there may be omissions of graduates as well.*

---

# *Candidates for the Doctoral and Master's Degree*

---

## *The School of Education*

### **Master of Arts in Education**

Carolyn Nagle  
Jalynn Pagano  
Jamie Patchel  
Giovanny Paz  
Angela Polites  
Vanessa Ricciardi  
Gloria Rivera  
Jennifer Rufino

Christine Schafer  
Samantha Tobaygo  
Virginia Traber  
Ashley Trovarelli  
Jennifer Wasacz  
Jamie Weber  
Ashley Yeager  
Amy Yu  
Melissa Yurowski  
Nicholas Zimmerman

### **Master of Arts in Instructional Technology**

Luiza Abbamonte  
Louis Apalucci  
Ashley Davies  
Shekhania Demosthenes  
Matthew Kokai  
Alyssa Libby  
Kelly Markle  
Zoaennette Molina

Jeremy Nevitt  
Henna Panchal  
Victor Petak  
Terence Williams  
Maryna Zhoholieva

## *William T. Daly School of General Studies*

### **Master of Arts in Holocaust and Genocide Studies**

Olivia Harris  
Mary Houghtaling  
Zachary Nieman  
Gina Sharpley  
Aaliyah Tayyebi

## *The School of Health Sciences*

### **Master of Science in Communication Disorders**

Jacqueline Policari

### **Master of Science in Communication Sciences & Disorders**

Marissa Berkowitz  
Natalie Bernard  
Jenna Braun  
Jessica Caiazzo  
Brianna Chavez  
Kimberly Chavez  
Grace Curry  
Celeste DeRose  
Allison Dilks  
Madison Donnelly  
Ashley Fillmore  
Jeffrey Gatton  
Georgianna Gentile  
Veronica Guillen-Herrera  
Sabrina Kratochwill  
Sarah Kunkle

Christina LaPlaca  
Eric O'Brien  
Liz Olesky  
Sean Pedersen  
Jordan Pursell  
Natalie Radano  
Alyssa Reavy  
Martha Rivera  
Alexa Romano  
Alexis Santoferraro  
Lexie Snajkowski  
Meghan Sooy  
Emily Thompson  
Kelsey Tirpack  
Nikita Torres

### **Master of Science in Nursing**

Sagun Kawan  
Margo Macasadia  
Xiomara Martinez  
Christina Puglisi  
Brittany Tanski

### **Master of Science in Occupational Therapy**

Jobelle Alconis  
Jan Kayla Bayanin  
Ashley Berenato  
Mackenzie Brennan  
Remi Christensen  
Calyn Conway  
De-Anna Davis  
Carly Demarco  
Cassandra Farnung  
Kylie Goffredi  
Cassandra Iazzetti  
Brandon Iskandar  
Janine Jastrzebski  
Brianna Lagroteria  
Steysi Lara  
Jenna Lee  
Isabella McLaughlin  
Justin Jude Monisit  
Amy Oliva  
Michelle Pascrell  
Gabrielle Petrucelli  
Jessica Pisano

Theresa Sanzone  
Adrian Sia  
William Taylor  
Samantha Van Horn  
Sarah Wallace  
Melissa Watson  
Melissa Zou

### **Master of Public Health**

Victoria Corsey  
Lauren Cruse  
Madison Disidori  
Emmanuella Hammond  
Michael Livingstone  
Melissa Ortiz  
Mianna Patterson

*The names listed are those of degree candidates as of April 10, 2025 not those who have been graduated officially.  
Not every individual who is listed has received a degree from Stockton University, and there may be omissions of graduates as well.*

---

# *Candidates for the Doctoral and Master's Degree*

---

## *The School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics*

### **Master of Science in Data Science and Strategic Analytics**

Adriana Alfaro  
Udoy Chowdhury  
Robert Clemens  
Jonathan Colon  
Ariana Cuba  
Jordan Davis  
Justin Davis  
Lauren Fonseca

Krishna Ghanghar  
Colin Glory  
Daniel Iovino  
Tara Jacobsen  
Hamza Khan  
Tat Thinh Le  
Jamie Nevin  
Ryan Nguyen  
Niyati Parekh  
Poorva Patel  
Louise Ramos Almonte

Margvinatta Senesie  
Madison Souder  
Shianne Stradford  
Kahlyll Wilson

### **Professional Science Master's in Coastal Zone Management**

Matthew Deibert Jr.  
Megan Fielding

### **Professional Science Master's in Environmental Science**

Robert Angelo  
Devon Calhoun  
Kalie Devaney  
Kaneesha Garraway  
Amanda Khalil  
Katherine Morich  
Sarah Russell  
Logan Stafford

## *The School of Social and Behavioral Sciences*

### **Master of Arts in Counseling**

Alisha Akins  
Brittany Amato  
Victoria Black  
Lindsey Casey  
Matthew Cronin  
Travis Diller  
Cheyenne Espinal  
Julliette Gioia  
Jillian Gray  
Konstantine Karatzas  
Carly Kowalewski  
Eugene Laielli III  
Kimberly Menck  
Jenna Michael  
Brooke Mischlich  
Madison Sauder  
Megan Sooy  
Katie Squindo  
Julia Wilson

### **Master of Arts in Criminal Justice**

Katherine Cox  
Blake Cronin  
Nicholas Cutola  
Colin Hughes  
Abigail Jacobo  
Kayla Johnson  
Madison Nagel

Purvi Patel  
Caroline Qiu  
Andrew Staub  
Hannah Steinmeyer  
Alexandra Tredy

### **Master of Social Work**

Michael Anderson  
Alanna Aquino  
Aleyshka Barbosa  
Karen Bartlett  
Linsey Becker  
Isabelle Boyer  
Lika Brown  
Mary Burns  
Monique Carpenter  
Aaron Carrington  
Laura Castillo  
Tarrell Clark  
Jessica Curiel  
Tara Curtin-Clarke  
Joahn Desrosiers  
Bria Donnell  
Brook Dover  
Deazia Franklin  
Brianna Gallagher  
Raquel Garcia  
Amber Glenn  
Rosalinda Gonzalo-Quijano  
Ryleigh Kate Greenhalgh  
Kimberly Gulbert

Jessica Gustafson  
Taron Harley  
Erica Haug  
Marrielle Hernandez  
Gianna Horvath  
Dominique Jones  
Fatima Khawaja  
Beatriz Lara  
Shannon Lewis  
Heather Lignelli  
Marianne Luyster  
Tamirah Mallory  
Alexa Manochio  
Carolanne Marsden  
Cheryl Matson  
Mackenzie Matura  
David McCoy  
Leah McGill  
Madison McGloin  
Kelley McGuckin  
Dana Measday  
Alejandra Medina-Ramos  
Alma Melton  
Christopher Morton  
Taylor Norton  
Erika Ortiz  
Lizbeth Ortiz  
Rande Palmer  
Krista Pappas  
Ryan Pelikan  
Michael Pendleton

Vanessa Puk  
Nelcy Ramos  
Destiny Resto  
Madeline Riggi  
Kiara Robinson  
Amber Rogers  
Charlotte Rombach  
Brenda Rzemysk  
Brandon Santiago  
Brendan Sarao  
Cassandra Shea  
Rebecca Shingelo  
Julissa Soriano  
Leianne Teresa  
Isabella Trimble  
Sahory Valdez Torres  
Carlie Vetrini  
Ava Williams  
Erick Wilson  
Lasheenah Wyatt  
Ashleigh Zappala  
Joshua Zilinek

*The names listed are those of degree candidates as of April 10, 2025 not those who have been graduated officially.  
Not every individual who is listed has received a degree from Stockton University, and there may be omissions of graduates as well.*

---

## *Program Distinction*

---

Graduate programs may convey recognition of remarkable performance in the program based on criteria printed in the respective Program Handbooks. Program Distinction for graduate students will be noted on the student's transcript.

Jessica Abrahims	Margo Macasadia
Alisha Akins	Kimberly Menck
Falduto Anthony	Brooke Mischlich
Natalie Bernard	Madison Nagel
Lindsey Casey	Levy-Smith Noam
Katharine Cox	Elizabeth Olesky
Blake Cronin	Melissa Ortiz
Lauren Cruse	Purvi Patel
Grace Curry	Mianna Patterson
Celeste DeRose	Jessica Pisano
Travis Diller	Marissa Primo
Justin Donnamaria	Christina Puglisi
Cheyenne Espinal	Nelcy Ramos
Frederick Fulper	Madison Sauder
Jeffrey Gatton	Megan Sooy
Juliette Gioia	Meghan Sooy
Amber Glenn	Gregory Sousa
Jillian Gray	Katie Squindo
Emmanuella Hammond	Andrew Staub
Olivia Harris	Hannah Steinmeyer
Mary Houghtaling	Emily Thompson
Long Kayla	Nikita Torres
Carley Kowaleski	Alexandra Tredy
Bazile Lamart	Isabella Trimble
Christina LaPlaca	Kristen Wadams
Karen Lucas	Julia Wilson

*The names listed are those of degree candidates as of April 10, 2025 not those who have been graduated officially. Not every individual who is listed has received a degree from Stockton University, and there may be omissions of graduates as well.*

---

## *Stockton University*

Stockton University was founded in 1969 as Richard Stockton State College, a public four-year college within the New Jersey system of higher education. A residential institution with students drawn from across the state, Stockton is located at the edge of the New Jersey Pinelands, 12 miles northwest of Atlantic City and 50 miles southeast of Philadelphia. The largest campus in New Jersey, Stockton's award-winning buildings are set within 1,600+ acres of forest, streams, and lakes.

The University first offered instruction in 1971 and currently offers distinctive baccalaureate programs in liberal arts, professional studies, and general education as well as master's and doctoral degree programs designed to stimulate and challenge students intellectually. Stockton is strongly committed to preparing graduates for careers and advanced education, a commitment that encompasses helping students acquire interest in lifelong learning and in contributing to society.

Stockton's faculty members have gained a national reputation for their teaching, accessibility, and scholarship. In addition, faculty members actively mentor students, involving them in original research, hands-on learning, and community engagement. Through academic and co-curricular programming, faculty members guide undergraduate and graduate students to develop their independent and critical thinking skills both inside and outside the classroom.

## *Stockton University Foundation*

The Stockton University Foundation, a non-profit organization founded to support innovative University programs, provides the means for individuals, organizations, and corporations to make gifts, grants, and bequests to the University. This private support enables the University to finance programs not typically funded through State appropriations.

Gifts donated to the Foundation support student scholarships, faculty and student research fellowships, improvements to equipment and facilities, and enrichment of student services and cultural programs. These offerings enhance the University's excellent record recruiting dedicated faculty, retaining students, and engaging friends.

The Chair of the Foundation's Board of Directors is Dr. Brigid Callahan Harrison '88. For further information on the Stockton University Foundation, contact Daniel Nugent, Vice President for University Advancement and Executive Director of the University Foundation, at [Daniel.Nugent@stockton.edu](mailto:Daniel.Nugent@stockton.edu).

---

## *Academic Regalia*

Academic garb dates back to medieval times, when heavy gowns, hoods, and caps were worn by students to protect them against the cold, dank, and drafty corridors of their universities. In the Middle Ages, Europeans wore clothing of distinctive colors to indicate their status or profession. It was only natural, therefore, that when monks and students began to don distinctive costume for bachelor's (apprentices), master's (teachers), and doctor's (teachers who completed postgraduate study) degrees, the most conspicuous distinctions appeared on the hood.

The academic gowns of the past have been replaced by gowns made of lighter fabric, as students no longer wear them to keep warm and since most commencement ceremonies today take place in the late spring and early summer. Typically, commencement gowns are black, although some institutions have adopted gowns in school colors.

The bachelor's gown, comparatively simple in design, usually has no adornment other than its characteristic long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown has oblong sleeves, which are open at the wrist. The doctor's gown differs from the bachelor's and master's gowns because it sports velvet panels down the front and around the neck and three velvet bands across round, open sleeves.

The bachelor's and master's caps are traditional mortarboard while some doctor's degree caps are a soft, large beret. The tassel, which is usually black for bachelor's and master's degrees, occasionally comes in a color representing the student's field of study and may be gold for doctors and presidents. Prior to conferral of a degree, the tassel falls to the right; upon conferral, students switch the tassel ceremoniously to the left.

The hood, as the most distinctive and symbolic piece of the academic costume, indicates the level of the degree, the field of study, and the institution conferring the degree. The length of the hood denotes the degree; bachelor's hoods are three feet, master's three and a half feet, and doctor's four feet long. There are also similar variations in the length of the velvet trimming. This trimming denotes the field of study for which the degree was awarded. The lining of the hood represents the color or colors of the institution conferring the degree. Some of the colors of the trimming are as follows:

Arts, Letters, Humanities, <i>White</i>	Nursing, <i>Apricot</i>
Accountancy, Business, Commerce, <i>Drab</i>	Occupational Therapy, <i>Slate Blue</i>
Agriculture, <i>Maize</i>	Optometry, <i>Sea Foam Green</i>
Communication Sciences and Disorders, <i>Sage Green</i>	Oratory (Speech), <i>Silver Gray</i>
Counseling, <i>White</i>	Pharmacy, <i>Olive Green</i>
Dentistry, <i>Lilac</i>	Philosophy, <i>Dark Blue</i>
Economics, <i>Copper</i>	Physical Education, <i>Sage Green</i>
Education, <i>Light Blue</i>	Physical Therapy, <i>Teal</i>
Engineering, <i>Orange</i>	Podiatry-Chiroprody, <i>Nile Green</i>
Fine Arts, <i>Brown</i>	Public Administration, <i>Peacock Blue</i>
Forestry, <i>Russet</i>	Public Health, <i>Salmon Pink</i>
Journalism, <i>Crimson</i>	Science, <i>Golden Yellow</i>
Law, <i>Purple</i>	Social Science, <i>Cream</i>
Library Science, <i>Lemon</i>	Social Work, <i>Citron</i>
Medicine, <i>Green</i>	Theology/Divinity, <i>Scarlet</i>
Music, <i>Pink</i>	Veterinary Science, <i>Gray</i>

---

## *Mace*



The origins of the ceremonial mace can be traced to the Middle Ages when knights wielded maces as weapons. As knighthood became obsolete, the mace became symbolic of power. It is now a traditional symbol of authority in churches, government, and universities.

Ned Gerber, Port Republic woodcarver who served on Stockton's founding committee, carved the mace carried by the Faculty Grand Marshal at Stockton graduation ceremonies. The three-foot shaft of the Stockton mace is crafted from walnut and holly, woods indigenous to southern New Jersey. The walnut is from a century-old tree hewn by Tom Lang, a retired member of the Stockton staff. Pewter, the metal employed in Stockton's mace, was a popular and practical metal in New Jersey during colonial times.

Stockton's mace is crowned with the flame of knowledge and carved in holly to denote mission. At the foot is a carved acorn, which indicates growth. Below the flame of knowledge is a triad of Stockton's former logo, a symbol of two trees, denoting environmental concern. Linked edge-to-edge and inlaid with holly, this symbol represents the three populations comprising the University community: students, faculty, and staff. The Great Seal of New Jersey, cast in pewter, signifies Stockton's aegis and sponsorship. A fluted section of walnut below the seal suggests the academic curriculum and the self-discipline necessary for each student to achieve a degree. Below that is a pewter cylinder engraved with the names of the first three Presidents of Stockton University. Finally, an engraved pewter nameplate identifies "Richard Stockton State College founded 1969."



---

## STOCKTON UNIVERSITY SEAL



### LOGO:

The original official logo of Richard Stockton State College as approved by the first Board of Trustees. The ribbon highlights the year in which the College was established.



### RAMPANT LION:

Adopted from the Richard Stockton family crest, this symbol represents courage and strength.



### BOOK AND CANDLE:

This symbol indicates the enlightenment acquired through lifelong learning.



### TREE:

This image refers to Stockton's location in the New Jersey Pinelands.



### OSPREY:

Stockton's official mascot, native to the southern New Jersey region and saved from extinction through the efforts of Stockton faculty members, now names Stockton's renowned athletic teams.



### COLOR USAGE:

In keeping with the motto "An Environment for Excellence," blue represents the sky. Gold (ink or foil) complements the blue, adds an element of elegance, and emphasizes the value of educational enlightenment.

---

### *Board of Trustees*

Nelida Valentin, '86, Chair  
Jose Lozano, '03, Vice-Chair  
Michelle Lenzmeier Keates, Secretary  
Raymond R. Ciccone, '79, CPA CFF  
Rev. Collins Days, Sr.  
Madeleine Deininger, '80  
Dr. Sonia Gonsalves  
Kristi Hanselmann  
Amy Kennedy  
Timothy J. Lowry  
Stephanie Lutz  
Mary Maples  
Dr. Mukesh Roy  
Dr. Fotios Tjoumakaris, '96  
Juan Diego Chaparro Villarreal, Student Trustee  
Melanie Chin, Student Trustee Alternate  
Dr. Joe Bertolino, President and Ex-Officio

### *University Leadership*

Dr. Joe Bertolino, President  
Dr. Terricita Sass, Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff  
Dr. Michael A. Palladino, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Darren L. Bush, Interim Vice President for Enrollment Management  
Donald Hudson, Senior Vice President for Facilities and Operations  
Scott Huston, '06, '11, Vice President for Information Technology Services  
and Chief Information Officer  
Brian K. Jackson, Vice President for Community Engagement  
Brian Kowalski, Esq., General Counsel  
Dr. William Latham, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs  
Daniel Nugent, Vice President for University Advancement  
and Executive Director of the University Foundation  
Jennifer Potter, '20, Senior Vice President for Administration & Finance and Chief Financial Officer

### *University Deans*

Dr. Ian Marshall, Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities  
Dr. Warren Kleinsmith, Dean of the School of Business  
Dr. Kimberly Dickerson, Interim Dean of the School of Education  
Dr. Robert Gregg, Dean of the William T. Daly School of General Studies  
Dr. Brent Arnold, Dean of the School of Health Sciences  
Dr. Amanda Norvell, Dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics  
Dr. Marissa Levy, '00, Dean of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences  
Dr. Haley Baum, Assistant Vice President for Student Advocacy, Belonging  
and Campus Standards & Dean of Students