CLASS OF
2021
29th COMMENCEMENT

4:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021
HARTFORD HEALTHCARE AMPHITHEATER, BRIDGEPORT, CT
On behalf of the Gateway Community College faculty, staff and administration, I want to congratulate all of you on earning your degrees and certificates, and especially for accomplishing all that you did under the shadow of the pandemic that gripped the entire world.

The story of the Class of 2021—as well as that of the Class of 2020, who we welcome to this year’s Commencement Exercises—is truly a story of resilience and perseverance. You have overcome all the challenges that circumstance has thrown your way, and you have finished what you started.

As we celebrate your becoming college graduates, we encourage you to always remember the encouragement you have received from loved ones and friends, from the college, and from our communities. Be sure to thank everyone who has helped you along your way.

GCC’s mission is education and service, and we encourage you to take what you learn, and even some of what you earn, to help someone else along their life’s journey. Stay connected with GCC and let us celebrate your future successes with you. Become an active GCC alumnus/a, and together we will share your GCC story to inspire students still with us and those yet to come.

Class of 2021 (and of 2020), we are incredibly proud of each of you and all that you have accomplished. We wish you every success in all your future endeavors.

With respect and admiration,

William (Terry) Brown, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer
Gateway Community College
President’s Award for Community Leadership

MIMI LINES

Mimi Lines is a lawyer in the Hartford office of Robinson + Cole LLP, one of the 200 largest law firms in the United States. As a member of the Real Estate Group, she regularly represents landlords, tenants, buyers, sellers, owners, and lenders in connection with the sale, acquisition, financing, and leasing of commercial real estate.

Ms. Lines holds a bachelor’s degree, magna cum laude, in Psychology from Yale University. She earned her J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law. She is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association's Real Property Section and the Real Estate Finance Association.

Ms. Lines was listed in the Connecticut Super Lawyers list from 2006 to 2013 and the Best Lawyers in America© list in the area of Real Estate Law (Copyright 2016, Woodward/White, Inc., Aiken, South Carolina) since 2017. She served on the Board of The Neighborhood Music School in New Haven, and she served as the president of the University of Connecticut Law School Alumni Association from 2010 - 2011.

Honorary Degree

WILLIAM PETER VILLANO

William (Bill) Villano has served as President & CEO of Workforce Alliance since 1982. Workforce Alliance administers multiple federal, state, and municipal workforce development funds and oversees the four American Job Centers serving businesses and jobseekers in South-Central Connecticut.

The Fairfield County Business Council recognized Workforce Alliance as the first Workforce Board in the country to develop a partnership with Uber to transport people to interviews and work. Through multiple federal and industry-sector grants, Workforce Alliance serves at-risk youth and ex-offenders in health care, information technology, engineering, and manufacturing. The Skill Up for Manufacturing training partnership with Connecticut’s community colleges was recently recognized by the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce.

Under Bill’s leadership, Workforce Alliance expanded services to citizens re-entering the workforce after incarceration and hosted a site visit from former Labor Secretary Thomas Perez. Bill was also active in the steering committees of both New Haven’s Enterprise Community and Empowerment Zone projects and currently serves on the Greater New Haven Chamber’s board of directors and the Tweed-New Haven Airport Commission.

In 2016 Bill launched the Workforce Today podcast and has hosted a series of conversations with locally based, but globally thinking business and public-sector leaders. He serves on the board of directors of the National Association of Workforce Boards, the Workforce Development Council of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and other local and regional organizations. He has a bachelor’s degree in sociology and a master's degree in urban studies.

Commencement Speaker

BRAXTON D. DARDEN, SR.

A proud GCC graduate (2009), Braxton Darden overcame multiple personal obstacles to reach his academic and career goals. After a rocky start to his academic journey, things turned around when he took a work study position in the GCC Registrar’s Office and a leadership role on the college basketball team. Braxton went on to earn a bachelor’s degree from Albertus Magnus College (Cum Laude) and a master’s degree in Criminal Justice from the University of New Haven.

Along with his career in law enforcement and academic accomplishments, Braxton is a loving husband and the father of two boys. “My boys are everything to me. I’m so fortunate to have such beautiful boys. Healthy and intelligent. Sometimes I look at their pictures in awe and can’t believe they’re mine,” says proud dad, Braxton.
COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM ORDER

PROCCESSIONAL ................................................................. “Pomp and Circumstance”
                                           Arthur Hernandez, D.M.A.
                                           Music Department
                                           Gateway Community College

PRESIDING ........................................................................... William T. Brown, Ph.D.
                                           Chief Executive Officer
                                           Gateway Community College

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

NATIONAL ANTHEM ....................................................... Soloist: Evelyn Gard, M.A.Ed.
                                           Associate Dean of
                                           Communications and Marketing
                                           Connecticut State Colleges & Universities
                                           Shoreline-West

POSTING OF THE COLORS

OPENING OF THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES ................. Stephen Fries, M.S.
                                           Professor of Business
                                           Gateway Community College
                                           Grand Marshall

                                           Pastor, Jesus Stands For Love and Justice
                                           Ministries, Inc.
                                           Professor of Business
                                           Gateway Community College

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS ..................................... William T. Brown, Ph.D.
                                           Chief Executive Officer
                                           Gateway Community College

GREETINGS ............................................................................ The Honorable Ned Lamont
                                           Governor, State of Connecticut
                                           Matt Fluery, M.B.A.
                                           Chair
                                           Connecticut Board of Regents for
                                           Higher Education
                                           Jane Gates, Ph.D.
                                           Interim President
                                           Connecticut State Colleges & Universities
                                           Thomas Coley, Ph.D.
                                           Regional President
                                           Connecticut State Colleges & Universities
                                           Shoreline-West
PRESIDENT’S AWARD FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ........... Mary Ellen Cody, B.A.
Dean of Development and
Community Partnerships
Gateway Community College
Chief Regional Officer for External Affairs
Connecticut State Colleges & Universities

Awarded to:
Mimi Lines, Esq.,
Robinson & Cole, LLP
GCC Foundation Member

HONORARY DEGREE PRESENTATION ............................................
Thomas Coley, Ph.D.
Regional President
Connecticut State Colleges & Universities
Shoreline-West
William T. Brown, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer
Gateway Community College

Awarded to:
William Villano, President & CEO
Workforce Alliance, Workforce Investment Board
President’s Executive Advisory Committee Member

BOARD OF REGENTS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS...........
Thomas Coley, Ph.D.
Regional President
Connecticut State Colleges & Universities
Shoreline-West
William T. Brown, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer
Gateway Community College

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS SPEAKER .. Alese Mulvihill, M.S.
Dean of Student Affairs
Gateway Community College

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ............................................................
Braxton D. Darden, M.S.
Gateway Community College
Alumnus, Class of 2009

RECOGNITION AND AFFIRMATION ....................................
OF THE CLASS OF 2020
William T. Brown, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer
Gateway Community College
PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES ........................................... Mark Kosinski, Ph.D.
FOR DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES
Dean of Academic Affairs
Lauren Doninger, Ed.D.
Professor of Social Sciences

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES................. William T. Brown, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer
Gateway Community College

In honor of their service, Veterans will be called first to receive their degrees and certificates

WELCOME TO NEW ALUMNI ................................................................. Helene Augustine
Chairperson
Gateway Community College Foundation

CLASS OF 2021 GIFT TO THE COLLEGE........................................ Brenna Yeager
Vice President
Student Government Association
Gateway Community College

GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALMA MATER......................... Soloist: Evelyn Gard, M.A.Ed.
(see page 23 for lyrics)
Communications and Marketing
Connecticut State Community College
Shoreline-West

CLOSING REMARKS................................................................. William T. Brown, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer
Gateway Community College

CLOSING OF THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES .................. Stephen Fries, M.S.
Professor of Business
Gateway Community College
Grand Marshall

RECESSION OF GRADUATES .................................................. Arthur Hernandez, D.M.A.
Music Department
Gateway Community College

The audience will please remain seated until recessional is completed.

Please leave aisles clear at all times. Photography of graduates on the floor is not permitted.
Class of 2021

Associate of Applied Science

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY - HONDA P.A.C.T.
Aidan Kane

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY - GENERAL MOTORS
Alexander Boothroyd
Gustav J. Cariglio
Kyle N. Foy

COMPREHENSIVE AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR & SERVICE
Dah Htoo
Cortney Lagomarsino McKenney
Jailene B. Paez
Gary Predestin
Jason Elias Vallejo

Associate of Arts

CSCU TRANSFER: BIOLOGY STUDIES
Emily Robinson
Lisaida Vega

CSCU TRANSFER: BUSINESS STUDIES
Bernard Adu
Brandon James Aiudi
Roqshan Akther
Adriana Bustos Rivas
Fortier Lucien
Erynn M. Francino-Quinn
Haley Rose Franco
Edwin Garcia
Asia D. Ginoria
Valery A. Green
Tatyannah Yvonne Alexandra Haynes
Kayla Marie Hipona
Dana Z. Ismail
Ardita Jonuzi
Mohammad Sharif Kakar
Katherine Matute
Michelle Nicole McCullough
Clara Oshiro
Jaimin Patel
Brian Portolese
Tyler C. Riemann
Luis Angel Santos
Tateana Almada Soares
Rahul Thapa
Yadira Torres
Shanece Wilson

CSCU TRANSFER: CHEMISTRY STUDIES
Timothy A. Hadden

CSCU TRANSFER: COMMUNICATION STUDIES
Andrew Collins
Julian Michael Hanabarger
Ryan Kelems
Sandra Watson
Wesley Webb
Felicia Michelle Whatley

CSCU TRANSFER: COMPUTER SCIENCE STUDIES
Michael L. Cosenza
Bryan Looby
Claudia Oshiro
Daniel Ramirez
Timothy A. Rodgerson
Zhicheng Xiao

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY - HONDA P.A.C.T. - HONDA P.A.C.T.
CSCU TRANSFER: CRIMINOLOGY STUDIES
Ahndiya D. Bradley
Cameron Desrosier
Madison K. Dzwonkowski
John Michael Galaburri
Kaytlin Samantha Gomez
Lynequa N. Graham
Kevin S. Jubb
Michael Lane
Brenna Nicole Yeager

CSCU TRANSFER: ENGLISH STUDIES
Riley J. Noel

CSCU TRANSFER: HISTORY STUDIES
Samyah M. Wilson

CSCU TRANSFER: MATH STUDIES
Joshua C. LaMoria

CSCU TRANSFER: PSYCHOLOGY STUDIES
Heather Catherine Affinito
Paule Christie Baptiste
Alexis Leya Hill
Aislynn Rosalynn Hurd
Christina S. Nichols-Aponte
Janice Plass
Drew Maverick Souza
Kaylee Nancy Wagner

CSCU TRANSFER: SOCIAL WORK STUDIES
Christina Ann Nerone

CULINARY ARTS
Patricia Gay
Danyne Mercer
Melvin Riley, Jr.

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Julio C. Alvarenga, Jr.
Mahmood Majed Abdelghani
Alaa Achour
Sarah E. Anderson
Zaria Anderson
Fallon Ayuyuye
Sidra Baloch

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Ingrid Barthelemy
Tyebrea Battle
Alexandra Bestos
Danielle N. Bousquet
Ivyhanca Marie Boyer
Stephane Asantewa Brefo
Christopher Willis Brockenberry, Jr.
Lisa Michelle Caldwell
Raven Marie Carolano
Cote Louis Carr
Cecilia Josephine Casey
Marawa Tarek Chater
Amanda Michelle Chirskey
Ashley Gipollini
Moise Cisse
Hayle S. Cochrane
Andrew Collins
Cesia M. Colon
Carolina Doria Conde
Erika Cortezano
Ceeonna Nadirah Covington
Emily Cox
Yomaira Crespo
Nelsa M. Daffus-Bryant
William Michael D’Avignon
Ezekiel Gene Daye
Taisha Diaz
Jenna Dimenstein
Helen Amankwanoah Dondorful-Amos
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Pee Bessa Ekpede
Nylever Edmee Elias
Taryn Allegra Esdaile
Cadet Faro
Denicene L. Fernandez
Natasha Fernandez
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Lesley Flores
Sandy Flores
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Elmer Enrique Galvez
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Marissa P. Dugan
Leisamarie Gonzalez
Ariana Marlet Hernandez Ricano
Martha Milena Jaramillo
Nikki Kureczka
Jashawna Cierra Lewis
Jesenia M. Pizarro
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Beyza Sariaydin
Amanda Marie Surphin
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Alexander Boothroyd
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Michael T. Cariglio
Kyle N. Foy

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Jaimin Patel
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Luis Angel Santos
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Rebecca Brennan

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION: BOOKKEEPING
Diane Lefers
Marvin M. McIntyre

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Michael J. Graney
Crystal Antoinette Jones
Lisa Marie Kelley
Tamisha Michelle Maldonado
Nicolette Ilana Tasi

BUSINESS OFFICE TECHNOLOGY: OFFICE APPLICATIONS SKILLS UPDATE
Lisa A. Corbeil
Michael J. Graney
Crystal Antoinette Jones
Lisa Marie Kelley
Diane Lefers
Tamisha Michelle Maldonado

CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE CREDENTIAL
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The Meaning of Academic Regalia

The custom of academic dress originated at Oxford and Cambridge Universities in England during the Middle Ages. Since most members of the universities’ faculty were clerics, the style of dress is reminiscent of ecclesiastical robes.

Over the years, the use of a standard academic dress spread to other countries, with each nation adopting regulations of its own. In the United States, as more and more institutions of higher learning were established after the Civil War, a movement to create a single system of academic dress arose. On May 16, 1895, the “Conference at Columbia University” formulated and adopted a standardized form of costume. Since then, only a few changes have been made.

Be sure to take a close look at the academic robes. The sleeves, in particular, reveal what degree a person holds. Long, pointed sleeves indicate the bachelor’s degree; oblong sleeves with a “hook” at the end represent the master’s degree; a bell-shaped sleeve with three horizontal velvet bars is indicative of a doctoral degree.

If you are interested in knowing the subject area of someone’s studies, take notice of their hood. The color of the velvet trimming the edge of the hood indicates the field of study (see list below), while the colors of the silk lining represent the institution which awarded the degree. The hood’s length is also indicative of the degree attained; the longer the hood, the higher the degree.

The hat (or mortarboard) completes the academic costume. Except for those with a doctoral degree, everyone wears the standard black mortarboard. Tassels are either black or the discipline color. Velvet caps symbolize the doctorate and may have a gold tassel.

### ACADEMIC DEGREE COLORS

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### HONORS

Graduates wearing gold honor cords have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.4 or higher.

Graduates wearing gold stoles are members of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society and have a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Veterans are wearing stoles adorned with their branch of service.
Gateway Alma Mater

Evelyn Gard  Theodulph

All rise and sing to Gateway

1. All rise and sing to Gateway, Our Pride, the blue and white. The path to lifelong learning and futures that are bright. We regard we persevere now, with ever grateful hearts.

2. All rise and sing to Gateway, Our journey here did start. A jewel where elms and ivy stand, where all strength and knowledge grew. For friendship ever lasting and open doors and minds. We are and will become, to you we're ever true.

GCC Mission & Purposes

Gateway Community College offers high-quality instruction and comprehensive services in an environment conducive to learning. We respond to the changing academic, occupational, technological, and cultural needs of a diverse population. To realize this mission, Gateway Community College:

- Offers a broad range of credit and credit-free liberal arts and sciences, technical and career associate degrees and certificate programs, and courses leading to transfer, employment, and lifelong learning;
- Encourages student success and inclusion through stimulating learning opportunities, innovative teaching, support services, and co-curricular activities;
- Supports economic development through partnerships with business, industry, government, and our community by providing workforce development, business development, and technology transfer;
- Strengthens our community through the sponsorship of intellectual, cultural, social, and recreational events and activities;
- Engages students and community members as active, responsible leaders.

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*Your success and safety are our priority.*