



Sullivan University

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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Saturday, October 28, 2023



PLATFORM PERSONNEL

Ian Hester.....Commencement Speaker

Glenn Sullivan.....Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer
The Sullivan University System

Tim Swenson..... President
Sullivan University

Kimberly Daugherty.....Vice President and Provost
Sullivan University

David Tudor.....Vice President
Sullivan University, Lexington Campus

Donya Bell.....University Registrar
Sullivan University

James Klein.....University Ombudsman
Sullivan University

Nicole McComas.....Musician

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Prelude.....Nicole McComas

* Processional

Pomp and Circumstance, Op. 39.....No. 1 Edward Elgar

Organ Meditation.....Nicole McComas

Platform Personnel.....Kimberly Daugherty
Commencement Marshal

Faculty.....Jacqueline Young
Faculty Marshal

Graduates.....Antonia Allen, Chris Ernst
James Taylor, Ashley Proffitt, Kara Looney, Adriana Fisher,
Lauren Kelly, Cara Dillard, Everly Sloane
Graduate Marshals

Master Degree Graduates
Bachelor Degree Graduates
Associate Degree Graduates
Diploma Graduates
Certificate Graduates

** Organ Interlude

Air in G minor.....Henry Purcell

Welcome and Introduction of the Chancellor.....Tim Swenson

Chancellor' s Welcome.....Glenn Sullivan

Introduction of Platform Personnel.....David Tudor

Introduction of the Speaker.....David Tudor

Commencement Speaker.....Ian Hester

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Awarding of Certificates,
Diplomas, and Degrees.....Glenn Sullivan
Tim Swenson
Kimberly Daugherty
James Klein
Donya Bell

Conferring of Certificates,
Diplomas, and Degrees.....Glenn Sullivan

* Benediction.....James Taylor

*** Recessional
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee.....Beethoven

* Congregation standing

** Late guests may be seated at this time

*** Congregation is to remain standing but at their seats until the recessional is over

Congratulatory Applause

You are requested to refrain from loud expressions of pleasure for an individual graduate. Such expressions frequently detract from the recognition due the next graduate in line. Your cooperation is respectfully requested.

Children

Parents with small children are asked to help preserve the dignity of the ceremony by removing them if they become disruptive.

BIOGRAPHY

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Ian Hester is the Director of the KY Department of Agriculture's Food Distribution Division, which administers several federal and state programs that provide food to schools and food banks across the Commonwealth. Additionally, he oversees two new grant programs that purchase food from local farmers and distribute it to schools and underserved populations.

Ian is the son of a US Air Force veteran and his first career was as an active-duty Air Force logistics officer. He holds a BA from Southern Illinois University and an MS from the Air Force Institute of Technology. Upon his retirement from the Air Force, he attended Sullivan University and earned an AS in culinary arts. He subsequently worked in the food service industry for several years before returning to Sullivan as faculty. He worked as a Chef Instructor, primarily teaching Basic Skills students, for four years before transitioning to state service.

Ian is married to Angela and has three children, two cats, and a sourdough starter named Pete.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD RECIPIENTS

Deland Scot Abney
Puneet Aggarwal
Funmilayo Otuyinka Akinosun
Lindsey Joy Anderson
Juline Anorjuste
Drake Baldwin
Amanda Rae Beirne
Miranda Aaron Bernd
Darryl Edwin Bryant
Robert Anthony Burchett
Tevia Calicott
John P Carter
Bridget Mikel Cleary
Catherine Jeanine Coble
Amelia Nicole England
Allison Flynn
Stephanie Leigh Fortner
Rickey Ray Garcia
Jeremy Allen Garvin
Hannah Foley Gray
Courtney L Gross
Dustin C. Hall
Philip Michael Elliot Hampton

Kaitlin E. Huddleson
Ryan S. Imhof
Jakob Tyler Jaskolka
Jessica Johnson
Joseph Eugene Justice, Jr.
Glenda Alix Kuehl
David E Lawrence
Matthew Michael Lehman
Theresa Schwartz Lyons
Preslie Marie Mann
Heaven Leigh Mathews
Sonja C McDaniel
Brittany Ann Mills
Soleil Mutezinka
Angela Kaye Moore
Cameron Nally
Maggie Danielle Nein
Anna Lee Newcomb
Austin Trace Parsons
Talia Morgan Patrick
Darin William Perkins
Alisha Marie Reyes

Joel William Rhea
Joel Sallee
Chad Scanlon
Mary Ann Schiffinger
Bailee Elisabeth Schwartz
Jenna Michelle Scrogam
Gabriela Sedivy
Mackenzie Lauren Segoviano
Hannah Mae Sizemore
Morgan Rae Smith
William Tyler Smith
Brittany Alice Sparks
Shateama Starr
Megan Elizabeth Staten
Mary E Stearns
Paulette M. Sterling-Turner
Claudine Super
Deshaun Swift
Brandon Michael Teague
Vigneshraj Thanabalan
Alec Justus Tibbitts
Kristen Marie Wells
Ashley Elizabeth Williams

CERTIFICATE AND DIPLOMA GRADUATES

*Alexis Lee Armour.....	Hospitality Studies Certificate
*Breck Taylor Bennett.....	Limited Medical Radiography Diploma
Melissa Benoit.....	Practical Nursing Diploma
Jennifer Marie Bowden.....	Business Administration Certificate
*Latisha Y. Briggs.....	Cannabusiness Studies Certificate
Bianca Jernet Brown.....	Medical Coding Certificate
Caitlin Marie Burkey.....	Limited Medical Radiography Diploma
***Tevia Calicott.....	Business Administration Certificate
Wanda Cruz Cook-Garcia.....	Medical Coding Certificate
*Ronnie Craft.....	Cannabusiness Studies Certificate
Danielle Antionette Deberry.....	Cannabusiness Studies Certificate
*Mahogany Shanell Dobbins.....	Business Administration Certificate
Jakob Evan Durham.....	Business Administration Diploma
William Frank Effinger.....	Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Technology Certificate
Erin Alexandria Elmore.....	Practical Nursing Diploma
Kayla Dawn Farmakis.....	Medical Coding Certificate
Elizabeth Hope Fields.....	Business Administration Certificate
Crystyll Jade Figueroa.....	Community Pharmacy Certificate
Asianna T Flemons.....	Practical Nursing Diploma
Katie Lynn Flood.....	Community Pharmacy Certificate
Shannon Michele Flood.....	Medical Coding Certificate
***Allison Flynn.....	Cannabusiness Studies Certificate
***Rickey Ray Garcia.....	Cannabusiness Studies Certificate
Crystal Lynn George.....	Medical Coding Certificate
Katherine Glass.....	Practical Nursing Diploma
Crystale Kenise Gresham.....	Cannabusiness Studies Certificate
Sha'Rayn Marie Hawkins.....	Community Pharmacy Certificate
Jomaika Hope Hayes.....	Medical Coding Certificate
Michelle Vasiliki Hayes.....	Practical Nursing Diploma
**Tarris Horton.....	Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Technology Certificate
Savannah Nicole Howell.....	Limited Medical Radiography Diploma
**Victoria Marie Luker Jones.....	Limited Medical Radiography Diploma
Sandra Raissa Kengne Fotsing.....	Practical Nursing Diploma

CERTIFICATE AND DIPLOMA GRADUATES

*Stefani Lynn Kerber.....	Medical Coding Certificate
Amy Renee Knox.....	Medical Coding Certificate
**Glenda Alix Kuehl.....	Practical Nursing Diploma
***Matthew Michael Lehman.....	Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Technology Certificate
*Ava Marie Liberty.....	Limited Medical Radiography Diploma
Tonya Logsdon.....	Limited Medical Radiography Diploma
*Brian Luna.....	Cannabusiness Studies Certificate
*Heather Michelle Lyell.....	Medical Coding Certificate
David Lorenzo Mack.....	Cannabusiness Studies Certificate
*Victoria Falon Madison.....	Medical Coding Certificate
***Heaven Leigh Mathews.....	Administrative Accounting Certificate
Brandon Melendez.....	Cannabusiness Studies Certificate
***Angela Kaye Moore.....	Information Technology Diploma
Heather Morgeson.....	Community Pharmacy Certificate
*Destiny Morris.....	Cannabusiness Studies Certificate
Alayna Murray.....	Medical Coding Certificate
Sandra M Nutt.....	Community Pharmacy Certificate
*Watson Octave.....	Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Technology Certificate
Callison Oller.....	Practical Nursing Diploma
Emeli Guadalupe Padilla.....	Medical Assisting Diploma
Daniella Perez.....	Community Pharmacy Certificate
Blake Kylie Peters.....	Practical Nursing Diploma
Ashley Michelle Porter.....	Practical Nursing Diploma
Jillian Powell.....	Culinary Arts Certificate
*Lillie Marie Prince.....	Community Pharmacy Certificate
Lorena Cecilia Ramos.....	Cannabusiness Studies Certificate
Kyle Reed.....	Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Technology Certificate
*Amanda Nicole Rispoli.....	Cannabusiness Studies Certificate
**Barbara Ciara Rivera.....	Medical Coding Certificate
Taariq-Shaheed Robertson.....	Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Technology Certificate
Angelica Nicole Roeder.....	Practical Nursing Diploma
***Joel Sallee.....	Cybersecurity Certificate
**Mary Ann Schiffinger.....	Medical Coding Certificate

CERTIFICATE AND DIPLOMA GRADUATES

Landon James Schlueter.....	Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Technology Certificate
Allissa K Schwerin.....	Hospitality Studies Certificate
Tasheay Slaughter.....	Medical Coding Certificate
***Morgan Rae Smith.....	Professional Baker Diploma
***Claudine Super.....	Hospitality Studies Certificate
**Deshaun Swift.....	Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Technology Certificate
Mallory True.....	Practical Nursing Diploma
***Brandon Michael Teague.....	Business Administration Certificate
Michael Christopher Turner.....	Practical Nursing Diploma
Amelia Vandeventer.....	Limited Medical Radiography Diploma
Hailey Brooke Walls.....	Practical Nursing Diploma
Cha'Dai Cerra White.....	Culinary Arts Certificate
David Anthony Williams.....	Cybersecurity Diploma
Jayla Simone Wilson.....	Community Pharmacy Certificate

ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Shanesse T Adams.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
Angel Marie Ahilon.....	Associate of Science in Justice and Public Safety Administration
Kainat Ahmed.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
Lakeshia Necole Alexander...	Associate of Science in Logistics and Transportation Management
***Lindsey Joy Anderson.....	Associate of Science in Business Management
Porsha Shauniese Battle.....	Associate of Science in Business Management
***Amanda Rae Beirne.....	Associate of Science in Surgical Technology
Hayley Renae Belcher.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
**Miranda Aaron Bernd.....	Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology
Kamryn Brooke Berry.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
Amber Victoria Birkhead.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
Emily Anne Blaszczyk.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
*Madeline Blake Bohler.....	Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology
**Shannon Renee Bowers.....	Associate of Science in Business Management
Mason Ray Bowman.....	Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology
Nathan Euriah Brown.....	Associate of Science in Cybersecurity
William David Brown.....	Associate of Science in Justice and Public Safety Administration
Kaitlyn Rynanne Brown.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
***Darryl Edwin Bryant.....	Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology
***Robert Anthony Burchett.....	Associate of Science in Computer Information Technology
Stacey Evette Calloway.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
Jessica Carter.....	Associate of Science in Culinary Arts
Nikiya Larae Grace Carter.....	Associate of Science in Culinary Arts
**Evan William Clarke.....	Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology
DeAsia Janay Clements.....	Associate of Science in Culinary Arts
*Joseph Michael Collins.....	Associate of Science in Community Health Services
Meagan E. Compton.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
**Kaitlynn Noelle Crone.....	Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology
Allison Catherine Davis.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
Gailey Denis.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
*Susil Dhaurali.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
Sharada Dhungyel.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
*Ana Madelin Diaz Quinones.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
Kerry Dickerson.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
Maidevis Dominguez.....	Associate of Science in Logistics and Transportation Management
**Fally Drammeh.....	Associate of Science in Cybersecurity

ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Cameron Alexander Dunaway.....	Associate of Science in Culinary Arts
*Rose Eberhardt.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
*Samuel McKinney Ellis.....	Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology
**Amelia Nicole England.....	Associate of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management
Brianna Rose Erb.....	Associate of Science in Culinary Arts
Emma Grace Feit.....	Associate of Science in Baking and Pastry Arts
***Stephanie Leigh Fortner.....	Associate of Science in Accounting
Alicia Chantey Foushee.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
Everline Adhiambo Freeman.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
*Kristin Ann Gallagher.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
Andrianna Deshea Gay.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
Joel Alexander Gitter.....	Associate of Science in Cybersecurity
Chloe "Nyx" Goen.....	Associate of Science in Culinary Arts
Yohamys Maria Gonzalez Diaz.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
***Hannah Foley Gray.....	Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology
Mary Greenwell.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
***Courtney L Gross.....	Associate of Science in Computer Information Technology
*Kevin Ngoc Ha.....	Associate of Science in Business Management
***Philip Michael Elliot Hampton.....	Associate of Science in Computer Information Technology
April Nichole Hardin.....	Associate of Science in Accounting
Melissa Dawn Harper.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
Amanda Jean Hasty.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
Imani Hester.....	Associate of Science in Baking and Pastry Arts
**Calvin M Howell.....	Associate of Science in Community Health Services
Alanah Taylor Howell.....	Associate of Science in Culinary Arts
Kara Brooke Hubbuch.....	Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology
Alexa D. Hughes.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
*Adrian Hunter.....	Associate of Science in Computer Information Technology
***Jakob Tyler Jaskolka.....	Associate of Science in Information Technology
Ismalia Jeng.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
**Rachel Dawn Jensen.....	Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology
**TaHondra Johnson.....	Associate of Science in Business Management
Tiffani Johnson.....	Associate of Science in Health Information Management
Savanna Janadele Johnson.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
**Jessica Johnson.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
Ja'Sontie Neaveh Jones.....	Associate of Science in Justice and Public Safety Administration

ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Mahmoud Kadah.....	Associate of Science in Business Management
Bina Kaur Kandola.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
*Kamal Khanal.....	Associate of Science in Computer Information Technology
Maria Nicole-Hilpp Leshner.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
"Sebastian" Kevin Lester.....	Associate of Science in Community Health Services
Hannah Jo Linstedt.....	Associate of Science in Baking and Pastry Arts
Jaden Taylor Little.....	Associate of Science in Culinary Arts
Courtney Rashae Lohrey.....	Associate of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management
Savanna Lopez-Woirol.....	Associate of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management
***Theresa Schwartz Lyons.....	Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology
Rashawn Masden.....	Associate of Science in Cybersecurity
Courtney Lynn McCleave.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
Hanna Elizabeth McIntyre.....	Associate of Science in Community Health Services
Rebecca Rose Menk.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
**Brittany Ann Mills.....	Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology
Emily Miniard.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
Brian Mitchell.....	Associate of Science in Computer Information Technology
Leticia Mouser.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
Patience Isabella Mumford.....	Associate of Science in Justice and Public Safety Administration
Mufaro Mutangi.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
**Cameron Nally.....	Associate of Science in Culinary Arts
Taylor Rene Napier.....	Associate of Science in Community Health Services
Ornella Nations.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
Mark Andrew Neal II.....	Associate of Science in Culinary Arts
Amber Rose Neblett.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
***Maggie Danielle Nein.....	Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology
Christina Marie Nelson.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
**Anna Lee Newcomb.....	Associate of Science in Business Management
***Talia Morgan Patrick.....	Associate of Science in Community Health Services
**Darin William Perkins.....	Associate of Science in Business Management
Margarita Antonia Ramirez-Gonzalez.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
***Joel William Rhea.....	Associate of Science in Cybersecurity
Charity Dean Richardson.....	Associate of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management
Andrew Nathan Riley.....	Associate of Science in Culinary Arts
Alexis Renee Ritchie.....	Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology

ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Alma Marissa Rodriguez.....	Associate of Science in Accounting
Richard Paul Ruley.....	Associate of Science in Justice and Public Safety Administration
Samantha Nicole Ruth.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
Breanna Nicole Salyer.....	Associate of Science in Justice and Public Safety Administration
**Bailee Elisabeth Schwartz.....	Associate of Science in Baking and Pastry Arts
Peyton Scott.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
***Jenna Michelle Scrogam.....	Associate of Science in Business Management
***Mackenzie Lauren Segoviano.....	Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology
Don E. Sells.....	Associate of Science in Information Technology
*Terah C Sexton.....	Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology
Clea Shoults.....	Associate of Science in Culinary Arts
***Hannah Mae Sizemore.....	Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology
Brooke Cassidy Smith.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
***William Tyler Smith.....	Associate of Science in Cybersecurity
Kayla Jolie Snawder.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
**Brittany Alice Sparks.....	Associate of Science in Medical Assisting
*Kennedei Laree Spencer.....	Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology
**Mary E Stearns.....	Associate of Science in Culinary Arts
*Charlie Lee Steele.....	Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology
Megan Stumph.....	Associate of Science in Accounting
Kaitlyn Sumner.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
Nate Swenson.....	Associate of Science in Accounting
Stephelen Brianna Taylor.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
Sylnia Diana Thomas.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
**Alec Justus Tibbitts.....	Associate of Science in Culinary Arts
Ethan Hunter Vanover.....	Associate of Science in Culinary Arts
Heather Nicole Vincent.....	Associate of Science in Business Management
Rachel Ward.....	Associate of Science in Nursing
Brendan Scott Webster.....	Associate of Science in Culinary Arts
**Kristen Marie Wells.....	Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology
***Ashley Elizabeth Williams.....	Associate of Science in Community Health Services
Melony Pael Wolf.....	Associate of Science in Nursing

BACHELOR DEGREE GRADUATES

***Deland Scot Abney.....	Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies
***Juline Anorjuste.....	Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies
Miranda Kay Baker.....	Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Leadership
***Drake Baldwin.....	Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
*Christopher James Barrett.....	Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies
**Ashton Diane Bartley.....	Bachelor of Science in Accounting
Donald T. Bearden.....	Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
Zachary Reed Bolton.....	Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity
*Sarah Elliott Boone.....	Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Leadership
*Taerrius Terone Boyd Dickerson.....	Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies
Peyton Hunter Brock.....	Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity
***John P Carter.....	Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
Darion Elaine Castle.....	Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
***Catherine Jeanine Coble.....	Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies
*Jessica M Coolidge.....	Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
*Stephen James Corbin.....	Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
*Nicholas T Curtis.....	Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity
*Anthony Yarri Davis.....	Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies
Jayne H Davis.....	Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies
Zachary Michael Finnell.....	Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design
***Jeremy Allen Garvin.....	Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity
***Kaitlin E Huddleson.....	Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
Michael Antonio Jacobs.....	Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
Kristina E Jones.....	Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
***Joseph Eugene Justice, Jr.....	Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
Anthony Todd Lampton.....	Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
**David E Lawrence.....	Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies
Sabrina Renee Lochner.....	Bachelor of Science in Accounting
*Tanisha Logan.....	Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Leadership
**Preslie Marie Mann.....	Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management
*Daniel Lloyd Mars.....	Bachelor of Science in Accounting
Karen McCullough.....	Bachelor of Science in Justice and Public Safety Administration
**Sonja C McDaniel.....	Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies
*Dakota Drake Michel.....	Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
**Kathleen Moore.....	Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

BACHELOR DEGREE GRADUATES

**David Doe Ofoe.....Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management
***Austin Trace Parsons.....Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity
Sasha Lace Perez.....Bachelor of Science in Justice and Public Safety Administration
*Hillary Faye Sanders.....Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design
Hunter Thomas Sanford.....Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity
*Coorine Savoury.....Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Leadership
***Chad Scanlon.....Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies
Chadwick David Sharritt.....Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
April L Simmons.....Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies
**Ollie Lloyd Taylor, Jr.....Bachelor of Science in Accounting
**Patricia Ann Umila Boston.....Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
Tiphani Walker.....Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design
Yolanda Marie Washington.....Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Leadership
Kevin Richard Watson.....Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
*Joe Randall Waugh.....Bachelor of Science in Justice and Public Safety Administration
Andrew Wood.....Bachelor of Science in Accounting

MASTER DEGREE GRADUATES

*Becky Renee Abbott.....	Master of Business Administration
***Puneet Aggarwal.....	Master of Science in Managing Information Technology
***Funmilayo Otuyinka Akinosun.....	Master of Science in Human Resource Leadership
*Nikola A Blake.....	Master of Science in Human Resource Leadership
*Holland Tiara Branch.....	Master of Science in Human Resource Leadership
Alan Curtis Brown.....	Master of Business Administration
***Bridget Mikel Cleary.....	Master of Science in Management
*Vernida Jones Emerson.....	Master of Business Administration
*Latoya S. Gilmore.....	Master of Business Administration
***Dustin C. Hall.....	Master of Science in Management
**Courtney Paige Helms-Colwell.....	Master of Science in Human Resource Leadership
*Rodney Eugene Hukan, Sr.....	Master of Science in Management
***Ryan S. Imhof.....	Master of Science in Management
Isaac Louis Jones II.....	Master of Science in Human Resource Leadership
***Soleil Mutezinka.....	Master of Science in Management
***Alisha Marie Reyes.....	Master of Business Administration
Tyler Wayne Ridner.....	Master of Science in Management
***Gabriela Sedivy.....	Executive Master of Business Administration
*Kristina Loren Smith.....	Master of Business Administration
***Shateama Starr.....	Master of Science in Management
***Megan Elizabeth Staten.....	Master of Science in Human Resource Leadership
***Paulette M. Sterling-Turner.....	Master of Science in Human Resource Leadership
***Vigneshraj Thanabalan.....	Master of Science in Management

DOCTORATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Jennifer Louise Breeden.....Doctor of Philosophy in Management
Ryan Thomas Niles.....Doctor of Philosophy in Management

HONOR DESIGNATIONS

*Cum Laude 3.30 - 3.59

**Magna Cum Laude 3.60 - 3.79

***Summa Cum Laude 3.80 - 4.00

President's Award 3.70 - 4.00

Individuals listed are candidates for the indicated Certificate, Diploma, or Degree.

Alumni Association

Congratulations on receiving your degree!

We know you're going to do great things and we want to hear about them.

Please take a moment to register with the Alumni Association at alumni.sullivan.edu/register so we can follow your future success.

Professional Photography

Today's ceremony was photographed by Megan Stearman Photography.

To view and/or purchase pictures, you may go online to:

<https://meganstearmanphotography.zenfolio.com/sullivan> and click on October 2023 Graduation Ceremony.

A limited supply of custom Sullivan University diploma frames are available for purchase at the University's bookstore.

Special Recognition

Green and white tassels for associate degree graduates

Black tassels for Bachelor and master degree graduates

Hood draped down the back for master degree graduates

Medallions represent completion with academic honors

Red, white, and blue cords signify an active or prior military graduate

Purple cords signify a Paralegal honor graduate

Yellow cords signify Justice & Public Safety Administration honor graduate

President's Award is for graduates who earn 3.70 GPA or higher

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

As early as the twelfth century, the first modern colleges and universities, located in Bologna and Paris, were the centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes, as well as hoods to protect their shaved heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape that could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As more colleges and universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated various ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published, and sometimes tailors who departed from the authorized design were punished.

The academic hat was a later development adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree and existed in various forms: some were round, some were square, and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated in Oxford.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied, as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council on Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, and it was again reviewed and revised in 1960.

Today there are three basic types of gowns and hoods. The associate and bachelor's gowns have pointed sleeves and are designed to be worn closed. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and has three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or of a color related to the subject of the degree.

The hoods worn by those who hold the master's, and doctoral degrees are lined with the official color of the institution awarding the degree. The binding or edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and somewhat fuller, with the colors of the lining being those of the institution granting the degree. It is considered an honor to earn an academic credential that allows one to wear their appropriate academic attire, thereby signifying attainment of an academic degree.

