



BOSTON COLLEGE

WOODS COLLEGE OF ADVANCING STUDIES

Presentation of Degrees
Monday, May 22, 2023

COMMENCEMENT 2023

Order of Ceremonies

FACULTY PROCESSION

WELCOME

Karen Muncaster, Ph.D.
*Dean, Woods College of Advancing Studies
and Boston College Summer Session*

INVOCATION

Maurice Ashley Agbaw Ebai, S.J.

DEAN'S REMARKS

Karen Muncaster

AWARDS, HONORS, AND PRESENTATION OF DEGREES

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Michelle Elias Bloomer, J.D.
Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs

STUDENT SPEAKER

Joanna Edwards Long '23, Bachelor of Arts

PRESENTATION OF DEGREES

Michelle Elias Bloomer, J.D.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Tristan Johnson, Ph.D.
Associate Dean, Graduate Programs

STUDENT SPEAKER

Nikki Taylor Seiler '23, Master of Healthcare Administration

PRESENTATION OF DEGREES

Joni Beshansky, RN, MPH, LP.D.
Program Director, Master of Healthcare Administration

Aleksandar (Sasha) Tomic, Ph.D.
Program Director, M.S. in Applied Analytics and M.S. in Applied Economics

Kevin Powers, J.D.
Program Director, M.S. in Cybersecurity Policy and Governance

Mary Ellen Joyce, Ph.D.
Program Director, M.S. in Leadership and Administration

Patty Raube Keller, Ed.D.
Program Director, M.S. in Sports Administration

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME

Colleen E. Connelly, MCAS '91, WGCAS '14, P'19
Chair, Woods College Alumni Council

CLOSING

Karen Muncaster

Awards and Honors

THE RICHARD LOMBARD AWARD

The Lombard Award is given to the student who displays unmatched academic excellence. This award is presented to an undergraduate student with the highest cumulative GPA through the semester prior to Commencement. Through this student's achievements, they embody the spirit of lifelong learning and exemplify the sacrifices required of the post-traditional learner.

RECIPIENTS:

Joanna Edwards Long '23, Bachelor of Arts

Cody Bertrand '23, Bachelor of Arts

THE REV. MICHAEL HARDING, S.J. AWARD

The Harding Award is given for outstanding achievement in Corporate Systems, Business, or Economics. Students in these disciplines are challenged to interweave theory, practice, and an interest in management with a broad liberal arts education and a focus on social responsibility. This award recognizes a student who has met this challenge while also excelling personally and academically. This awardee also has the honor of carrying the school banner and leading their fellow graduates into the University Commencement ceremony.

RECIPIENT:

Derek P. Michaels '23, Bachelor of Arts

THE JOSEPH MCGUINNESS AWARD

The McGuinness Award is given to a graduating student with outstanding achievement and a commitment to excellence in the humanities or social sciences. Through dedication to these fields, this individual has pursued rigorous intellectual inquiry and has sought to better understand society, the human mind, and behavior. This awardee also has the honor of carrying the school banner and leading their fellow graduates into the University Commencement ceremony.

RECIPIENT:

Robert Szudra '23, Bachelor of Arts

THE REV. JEREMIAH O'CONNOR, S.J. AWARD

The O'Connor Award is given to a student who has demonstrated leadership and engagement with his or her community and professional field and/or through personal commitments. This individual exemplifies the Jesuit ideal of "men and women for others" and has lived the Jesuit vision of servant-leadership through community engagement.

RECIPIENT:

Anyeris Paulino '23, Bachelor of Arts

THE WOODS COLLEGE GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

The Woods College Graduate Student Award is given to a graduating student who brings together a spirit of service and leadership. Through initiative, academic excellence, strength of character, and a generous spirit, this individual dedicates his or her life to humble leadership and caring service to others.

RECIPIENTS:

Ekaterina Funk '22, Master of Healthcare Administration

Elif Çakır '23, Master of Science in Applied Analytics

Patrick Beksha '23, Master of Science in Applied Economics

Peter Prunty '23, Master of Science in Cybersecurity Policy
and Governance

Emma M. Stewart '23, Master of Science in Leadership
and Administration

Alexis Nagle '22, Master of Science in Sports Administration

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THE REV. GEORGE A. MORGAN, S.J. AWARD

The Morgan Award is given to a graduating student who embodies post-traditional education through demonstrated excellence personally, professionally, and academically. Post-traditional students are confronted with a broad array of challenges, and the recipient of this award has confronted these challenges while maintaining a high level of excellence.

RECIPIENT:

Jamie C. Silva '23, Master of Science in Leadership
and Administration

THE WOODS COLLEGE GRADUATE AWARD

This award is given to students who best represent the Woods College's commitment to leadership and service. Recipients have the honor of carrying the school banner and leading their fellow graduates into the University Commencement ceremony.

RECIPIENTS:

Michael Samuel Finklea(y) '23, Master of Healthcare
Administration

Jordyn Kamis '23, Master of Science in Sports Administration

Faculty Marshals

BACHELOR'S PROGRAM

Michael Paul, Ph.D.
Faculty and Academic Advisor

Martha Whalen, Ph.D.
Faculty

MASTER'S PROGRAM

Joni R. Beshansky, RN, MPH, LP.D.
Program Director, Master of Healthcare Administration

Patty Raube Keller, Ed.D.
Program Director, M.S. in Sports Administration

AWARDS AND HONORS READER

Sarah Piepgrass, M.S.
Assistant Director, Academic Services

