



# BOSTON COLLEGE

WOODS COLLEGE OF ADVANCING STUDIES

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Presentation of Degrees  
Monday, May 20, 2024

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COMMENCEMENT 2024

# Order of Ceremonies

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## FACULTY PROCESSION

### WELCOME

Akua Sarr, Ph.D.

*Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs, Boston College  
Interim Dean, Woods College of Advancing Studies  
and Boston College Summer Session*

### INVOCATION

Fr. Gabriel Afumbom Tokoh

*Graduating Student, M.S. in Leadership and Administration*

### DEAN'S REMARKS

Akua Sarr, Ph.D.

## AWARDS, HONORS, AND PRESENTATION OF DEGREES

Michael Campitelli, M.Ed.

*Associate Dean, Enrollment Management*

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## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Michelle Elias Bloomer, J.D.

*Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs*

### STUDENT SPEAKER

Amanda Aiello-Dapper '24, Bachelor of Arts

## PRESENTATION OF DEGREES

Michelle Elias Bloomer, J.D.

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**GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

Tristan Johnson, Ph.D.

*Associate Dean, Graduate Programs*

**STUDENT SPEAKER**

Neil M. M. Morrison '24, Master of Science in Sports Administration

**PRESENTATION OF DEGREES**

Basel Tarab, M.D., M.B.E., M.H.A.

*Advisory Board Member and Faculty, Master of Healthcare Administration*

Aleksandar Tomic, Ph.D.

*Program Director and Associate Dean of Strategy, Innovation, and Technology*

*M.S. in Applied Analytics and M.S. in Applied Economics*

David Escalante, B.A.

*Director, Computer Security & Policy, IT Assurance, Boston College*

*Faculty, M.S. in Cybersecurity Policy and Governance Program*

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*

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**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME**

Colleen E. Connelly, MCAS '91, WGCAS '14, P'19

**CLOSING**

Akua Sarr, Ph.D.

# Awards and Honors

## **THE WOODS COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT AWARD**

One individual from the Bachelor of Arts Program and one individual from the Graduate Program are selected to receive their degree from Boston College President William P. Leahy, S.J., during the University Commencement ceremony. The honor is given to students who embody scholarly excellence, inspire others through active leadership, and have a clear vision for how they can be more in the world.

### RECIPIENTS:

**Amanda Aiello-Dapper '24**, Bachelor of Arts

**Shea Elizabeth Healy '24**, Master of Science in Leadership and Administration

## **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.

### RECIPIENT:

**Amanda Aiello-Dapper '24**, 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:

**Brian Dillon Jr. '24**, 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:**

**Cameron J. Hopper '24**, Bachelor of Arts

### **THE WOODS COLLEGE GRADUATE PROGRAM AWARDS**

The Woods College Graduate Program 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 their life to humble leadership and caring service to others.

#### **RECIPIENTS:**

**Rachel Marie Becker '24**

Master of Healthcare Administration

**Saatvick Vejjandla '24**

Master of Science in Applied Analytics

**Thomas Francis Laffey '23**

Master of Science in Applied Economics

**Scott Vincent Chambers '23**

Master of Science in Cybersecurity Policy and Governance

**Matthew Hunt '24**

Master of Science in Leadership and Administration

**Samantha Chapps '24**

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:

**Leonard Keno Brown '24**, 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:

**Lin Zhang '24**, Master of Science in Applied Economics  
**Michael Patrick Kelly '24**, Master of Science in Cybersecurity  
Policy and Governance

# Faculty Marshals

## BACHELOR'S PROGRAM

Michael Heaney, M.S.

*Faculty and Director of Corporate Engagement*

Michael Paul, Ph.D.

*Faculty and Academic Advisor*

## MASTER'S PROGRAM

Patty Raube Keller, Ed.D.

*Faculty and Program Director, M.S. in Sports Administration*

Arvind Sharma, Ph.D.

*Assistant Professor of the Practice, Applied Economics*