

BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

— 56th —
*Commencement
Exercises*

Friday, June 3, 2016
Tanglewood • Lenox, Massachusetts

Commencement Program

PRELUDE

From *Water Music*, George Frideric Handel

PROCESSIONAL

Berkshire Highlanders

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Lindsay R. DeWinkleer, *Graduate*

CALL TO ORDER

Thomas Bowler, *Berkshire County Sheriff*

WELCOME

Ellen Kennedy, *President*

INTRODUCTION OF VALEDICTORIAN SPEAKER

Dr. Frances Feinerman, *Vice President for Academic Affairs*

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Laura P. Forero

PROFESSOR EMERITUS RECOGNITION

Dr. Eric Gauger, *Professor Emeritus of Business*

Dr. D. Clifford Myers, *Professor Emeritus of Chemistry*

Audrey Ringer, *Professor Emeritus of Human Services*

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Ellen Kennedy, *President*

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

State Senator Benjamin Downing

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DIPLOMAS

Program Advisors

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Darlene Rodowicz, *Chair — Board of Trustees*

ALUMNI WELCOME

Cindy Shogry-Raimer, '91, *President — BCC Alumni Association*

CLOSING OF CEREMONY

Thomas Bowler, *Berkshire County Sheriff*

RECESSIONAL

Berkshire Highlanders

POSTLUDE

From the *Brandenburg Concertos*, Johann Sebastian Bach

Previous Award Winners

Year	Valedictorian	Salutatorian
1962	Marian E. Clark	Richard P. Russ
1963	Grace E. Clark	Steven J. Salvi
1964	Penelope L. Volin	Robert A. Russo
1965	Helen Wood McCarthy	William R. Dingas
1966	Lazaras V. Sakellariou	MaryAnn Downing Matthews
1967	Dominic M. Caparello	James A. Martin
1968	Jeffrey S. Nicholson	Bonnie Jean Cousineau
1969	Teresa Amuso Librizzi	Michael J. Ryan
1970	Mary A. Zmistowski	Donald P. Maurus
1971	Susan N. Loucks	John H. Miller
1972	David F. Demick	Deborah J. Hansen
1973	Johanna C. Cornock	Valerie J. Zack
1974	Lisa A. Sammet	Nancy A. Novak
1975	Linda S. Wichlac	Wanda M. Nichols
1976	Martin H. Patoka	Rosemarie G. Fields
1977	Dana Linstead Keefe	Mark Howson
1978	Nancy L. Bashaw	Lori B. Krumpholz, Theresa Farrell Packard
1979	Lisa Anne Teot	Richard C. Warren
1980	Gayna J. Minardi	Janice M. Leibinger
1981	A. Ernest Whiton, III	Gari-Ellen Overstreet
1982	Eileen M. (Pat) Nichols	Delphina Coster
1983	Ann C. Phipps	Nancy C. Stringer
1984	Mireille S. Gustafson	Mary L. Ryan
1985	Joycelyn F. Anderson	Douglas A. Witter
1986	James R. Volckhausen	Nancy Anne Twing
1987	Lillian R. Carbin	Mary E. Verdi
1988	Cathy Anne Leone	Shirley L. Humphrey
1989	Christine M. DeWitt, Jennifer M. Szukala	Not Awarded

Year	Valedictorian	Salutatorian
1990	Jennifer J. Roucheleau, Daniel J. St. John, Debra A. Stasi	Not Awarded
1991	Karola D. Walden	Donna M. Moffett
1992	Edith Louise LaSala	Phyllis J. Clark
1993	Julie M. Marcotte	Robert L. Peck
1994	Paul K. Butler	Donna Maree, Victoria Salvatore
1995	Edith M. Almstead	Joseph R. Ellsworth, Christopher J. Perfetto
1996	Doo Kyung Choi	Jennifer Sawran
1997	Susan D. Persson	James A. Reynolds, Jr.
1998	Oliver G. Osterwind	Karen L. Berrian
1999	Karen Abdallah, Gerol Petruzella	Not Awarded
2000	Jeffrey R. Welliver	Laurie A. Dumais, Mary E. Daigneault
2001	Gagan Singh	Frederick L. Warren
2002	Kimberly A. Favre	Shane McLean
2003	Bryan Clay	Fan Wang
2004	Rhiannon Kopynec	Lauren Laurent, Elizaveta Litvinova
2005	Casey L. Lynch	Kathleen R. Waldheim, Ann-Marie Racine
2006	R. Laurence Stalvey, Juli A. Kowach	Not Awarded
2007	Bridget Gormalley	Not Awarded
2008	Laura B. Saldarini	Not Awarded
2009	Michelle M. Loubert, Kimberly A. Gritman	Not Awarded
2010	Kendal K. Lenihan	Not Awarded
2011	Lucas Yannis-Kowalczyk, Amanda Garceau	Not Awarded
2012	Caitlyn Bassette	Not Awarded
2013	George D. Leibinger, Xavier N. Domjan	Not Awarded
2014	Shelby S. Carr (Myers)	Not Awarded
2015	Juan José Carrión-Almeida	Not Awarded
2016	Laura P. Forero	Not Awarded

President's Award Recipients

Berkshire Community College has an important and long-standing tradition of honoring individuals from the community who have made significant contributions to the college.

Presented at graduation, the President's Award recognizes those whose quality of service and level of commitment to the institution and its mission have been remarkable.

Year	Recipient	Year	Recipient	Year	Recipient	Year	Recipient
1978	Alice Pederson	1987	Edward J. Connolly, Jr., Gerald B. O'Connor	1996	Marie Viale	2006	James J. Brosnan
1979	Silvio O. Conte	1988	CASP CIS Students	1997	Helen Kimpel, Faith Mong	2007	John Lambert
1980	Foster Furcolo, Thomas C. Wojtkowski	1989	Arthur Stein	1998	Kimball Cartright, Jr.	2008	David E. Phelps
1981	Robert M. Boland	1990	Eugene Dellea	1999	Anne Everest Wojtkowski	2009	Arthur Sherman, Christopher Nye
1982	Dennis J. Duffin, Frank J. Matrango, Joseph S. Scelsi	1991	BCC Staff	2000	Jean Aulisio	2010	Arthur Sherman, Emily Jahn
1983	Esther V. Loucks	1992	Dr. Phyllis Lord Diamond	2001	Richard Whitehead	2011	James M. Ruberto, Patrick J. Muraca
1984	William C. Hurt	1993	Donald & Marion Lathrop	2002	Dr. Gary Lamoureux, Sean Stanton	2012	Not Awarded
1985	Thomas E. O'Connell	1994	P. Keyburn Hollister	2003	Chris Adams, Jan Geyer, Jean Walden	2013	Not Awarded
1986	Grace U. Meyers	1995	Jane M. Swift	2005	Bill Hines, Sandra Zink	2014	Not Awarded
						2015	Not Awarded



Line of March

Thomas Bowler
Berkshire County Sheriff

Ellen Kennedy
President

**State Senator
Benjamin Downing**
Commencement Speaker

Darlene Rodowicz
Chair, Board of Trustees

Eugene A. Dellea
President, BCCF

Linda Tyer
Mayor, City of Pittsfield

Gladys Garcia-Rijos
BCC Student Trustee

Laura P. Forero
Valedictorian

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Vice President for Academic Affairs

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of Chemistry

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Professor Emeritus
of Human Services

Smitty Pignatelli
State Representative

Paul Mark
State Representative

Tricia Farley-Bouvier
State Representative

Gailanne Cariddi
State Representative

Patricia Marshall
Department of Higher Education

Paul Caccaviello
BCC Trustee

Roberto Laurens
BCC Trustee

Dr. Marcella Bradway
BCC Trustee

Jeffrey Hiltbold
BCC Trustee

Douglas Crane
BCC Trustee

Kathleen McCormick
BCC Trustee

Peter Mirante
BCC Trustee

Cindy Shogry-Raimer
President of the Alumni Board

John C. Law
Vice President for Administration
and Finance

William Mulholland
Vice President for Community Education
and Workforce Development

Craig Smith
Vice President for Institutional Advancement
and Executive Director of BCC Foundation

Michael F. Bullock
Vice President for Student Affairs
and Enrollment Services

Carlton E. Maaia
Professor of Hospitality Sciences
Management

Sherry L. Scheer
Professor of Allied Health

Thomas P. Carey, Jr.
Professor of Allied Health

Anne K. Fortune
Professor of Allied Health

Abu K. Selimuddin
Professor of Business

Anne M. Moore
Director of Financial Aid

Reena L. Bucknell
Professor of Criminal Justice

Gary C. Bradway
Professor of Engineering

Beth A. Wallace
Director of Student Engagement

Annette M. Guertin
Professor of Mathematics

Kevin F. Kennedy
Director of Food Services

Constance M. Flynn
Professor of Nursing

Heidi J. Sammon
Professor of Reading

Dr. Michele F. Darroch
Professor of Physical Therapist Assistant

Deborah A. Cote
Vice President for Human Resources

Mary K. Kasuba
Professor of Nursing

Dr. Wayne Klug
Professor of Psychology

Timothy J. Flanagan
Professor of Life Sciences

Lisa J. Mattila
Senior Academic Counselor

Julie M. Hannum
Director of Off Campus Centers

Geoffrey T. Tabor
Coordinator of Transfer Affairs

Dr. Christine M. DeGregorio
TRIO Coordinator

Pamela A. Farron
Coordinator of Disability Services

Christopher S. Weingartner
Coordinator of Financial Aid

Elizabeth Recko-Morrison
Coordinator of Assessment and Testing

Nancy P. Zuber
Professor of Mathematics

June Sprigg Tooley
Professor of History and Government

Lisa F. Griffith
Professor of Fine Arts

Joseph T. Hennessey
Academic Coordinator of Learning Resources

Thomas F. Tynning
Professor of Life Sciences

Jeffrey P. Dupuis
Computer Systems Analyst

Marguerite A. Cookson
Student Success Advisor

Denise M. Johns
Director of Corporate Training

Thomas J. Curley
Dean of Humanities

Fayette A. Reynolds
Professor of Life Sciences

Dr. Ellen C. Shanahan
Professor of Music/Fine Arts

Dr. Constance L. Berman
Professor of Communication

Richard S. Wixsom
Director of Information Technology

Karen Carreras-Hubbard
Coordinator of Library Services

Gregory N. Panczner
Professor of Computer Information Systems

Tina M. Schettini
Sr. Admissions Counselor

Mary Martin
Assistant to Vice President for Student
Affairs

Michael Shakeshaft
Learning Specialist,
Computer Information Systems

Mark A. Sumy
Database Analyst/Programmer

Kim Brookman
Assistant to the President

Mitchell Saviski
Comptroller

Dr. Charles Kaminski
Dean of Business, Science, Mathematics
and Technology

Dr. Stacy Evans
Professor of Sociology

Dr. Judith Gawron
Professor of Physical Therapist Assistant

Christopher Laney
Professor of History

Line of March

John D. Osthoff

Professor of Computer Information Systems

Jennifer Wilczak

Professor of Nursing

Peggy L. Williams

TRIO Academic Counselor

Dr. Frank Schickor

Professor of Biology

Eric Nystrom

Fitness Center Coordinator

Anna Gallo-Foss

Dean of Nursing, Health & Social Sciences

Paul Christopher

Database Analyst/Programmer

Adam Emerson

Registrar

Lois B. Cooper

Professor of Foreign Languages

Gina A. Stec

Director of Grants Development and Management

Chantal D. Rhind

Professor of Mathematics

Marion Wolf

Business Analyst

Louise Hurwitz

Director of Developmental and Transition Programs

Eleanore Velez

Sr. Admissions Counselor – Multicultural Admissions

Susanne M. Grant

Assistant Director of Human Resources

Charles Prescott

Professor of English

Linda Morelli

Director of Community Education

Elizabeth Fiscella

Associate Professor of Nursing

William T. Mannix Jr.

Director of Procurement

Christina L. Barrett

Director of Marketing and Student Recruitment

John A. Tatro

Assistant Professor of Engineering Technology

Maura B. Delaney

Associate Professor of English

Nicole Mooney

Associate Professor of English

Kevin McGerigle

Technical Director of Theatre

Susan Downey Luhrmann

Associate Professor of Nursing – A.D.N.

Dr. Margaret Stephenson

Director of Institutional Effectiveness

Judith F. Monachina

Coordinator of Career Planning and Placement

Shelly M. Armstrong

Career Development Counselor

Jaclyn Koldys

Graphic Designer

Thomas Warner

Network and Systems Administrator

Colin Adams

Associate Professor of Sociology

Gina M. Foley

Assistant Professor of Life Sciences

Julianna Spallholz

Associate Professor of English

Susan St. John

Associate Professor of Nursing

Katie J. Hickey

Assistant Director of Food Services

Heidi M. Weber

Public Relations Manager

Dr. Barbara A. Baker

Senior Special Programs Coordinator – Project Link

Kelly Jourdain

Academic Coordinator – Southern Berkshire Community Adult Education Center

Lauren E. Pellegrino

Director of Recreational Services

Laura B. Saldarini

Assistant to Vice President for Academic Affairs

Karrie M. Trautman

Coordinator of Financial Aid

Christine D. Hoyt

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Dr. Traci L. Dundas

Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Francis J. Van Valen

Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Joanne L. Heaton

Assistant Professor of Nursing

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Director of Facilities

Megan Whilden

Executive Director of OLLI at BCC

Richard Felver

Director of the Library

Kelly M. Kemp

Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice

Nell McCabe

Assistant Professor of English

Matthew Muller

Assistant Professor of English

Bruce Winn

Assistant Professor of Life Sciences

Jason Chiang

Assistant Professor of Psychology

Dr. Kari Dupuis

Assistant Professor of Human Services

Patricia Kay

Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education

Wendy Meehan

Assistant Professor of Business

Dr. Charles Park

Assistant Professor of English

Addie Van Deurzen

Sr. Special Program Coordinator – CVTE

Elizabeth Lapierre

Sr. Special Program Coordinator – GP/STEM

Paul Johansen

Research Analyst

Jennifer Larkin

Assistant to Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Erin Murphy

Graphic Designer

Dr. Jennifer Collins

Assistant Professor of Chemistry

John Brower

Assistant Professor of Practical Nursing

David Lesure

Director of Safety & Security

Michele Henderson

Assistant to the VP for Administration and Finance

Dr. Tochi Ubani

Director of Nursing

Douglas Oldham

Website Manager

Lauren F. Goodman

Director of Teaching & Learning

Tamara Westlake

Academic Counselor, Advising

Lyndsay Isham-Morton

Academic Counselor, Advising

Ashton Darrett

Academic Counselor, Advising

Liza Palmer

Reference Librarian

Sheriann Stanton

Clerk, Tutorial Center

Marsha Estabrook-Adams

Instructor of Health Information Management

R. Laurence Stalvey

TRIO Learning Specialist

— CANDIDATES FOR —
Degrees & Certificates

**Associate in Arts
 BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Presented by Wendy Meehan		Graduation Date
Giancarlo Bravo	•	
Abigail Casian	Φ *	
Lindsay L. Cavanaugh	*	12/15
Jose A. Cruz	•	
Nathan J. DiLego-Heath		08/15
Jessica L. Ferry	•	
Laura P. Forero	Φ * ✦	
Taylor J. Foss		12/15
James P. Kelley		
Joshua R. Kuhn	Φ •	
Lisa M. Laughnane	Φ *	
Brittany Lekov		12/15
Austin M. O'Neil		
Vinicius M. Onorato	Φ •	
Michele B. Raty	Φ •	
Nicholas A. Sanders	•	08/15
James Patrick Schmidt	•	12/15
Suni Ton	Φ *	
Jessica M. Whitten		

**Associate in Science
 BUSINESS CAREERS**

Presented by Wendy Meehan		Graduation Date
Jennifer M. Arpante		
Robyn E. Chojnowski		
Kostyantyn Latyshenko	•	
Korey M. Leonard	•	
George E. Roach, Jr.		
Christopher J. Rodick		
Pavlo Shamrai		

**Certificate in
 HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**

Presented by Marsha Estabrook-Adams		Graduation Date
Melissa A. Girard		
Tammi Elaine Haines		08/15
Charles Ivar Kronick		08/15
Christopher J. Rodick		
Ann Marie Shaw		08/15
Meaghan Alexandra Shepard		12/15
Mary E. Smith		08/15

**Certificate in
 MEDICAL CODING TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Presented by Marsha Estabrook-Adams		Graduation Date
Patricia A. Brown		12/15
Torey A. Crawford		12/15
Barbara M. Faulkner		08/15
Kathleen A. Franco		12/15
Judith A. Giardina		12/15
Tammi Elaine Haines		08/15
Laura J. Mitchell		08/15
Christopher J. Rodick		
Stephanie D. Sanderson		
Kylie A. Sheedy		
Jennifer M. Segala		12/15
Ann Marie Shaw		08/15
Mary E. Smith		08/15

**Associate in Science
 COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

Presented by John Osthoff		Graduation Date
Sean B. Grady	Φ *	
Andrew W. Hayden		
Christopher J. Kulig		
Cody W. Reagon		
Dominick E. Smith	•	
Cullen F. Tierney		
Marcus B. Widitor		

**Certificate in
 COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS, NETWORKING**

Presented by John Osthoff		Graduation Date
Rae Langsdale		

**Certificate in
 COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS, PROGRAMMING**

Presented by John Osthoff		Graduation Date
Daniel J. Clukey		12/15
Sean B. Grady	Φ	
John F. Kilfeather		

— CANDIDATES FOR —
Degrees & Certificates

**Associate in Science
 CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Presented by Reena Bucknell		Graduation Date
Caleb D. Appleton	Φ •	12/15
Anthony J. Baroli		
Monica P. Bernal-Neira		
Joseph R. Bongini		
Mathieu C. Brzostek		
Henry R. Cadorette, III		
Evan M. Crocker		
Eric J. Desautelle	•	
Rhonda Jean Ellery	Φ •	
Jackson R. Gifford		
Michael S. Graham		12/15
Clayton M. Kohlenberger		
Connor M. Lein		
Andrew R. Mais	Φ *	12/15
Danielle Morgan Milesi		
John L. Nowlan		
Chad M. Ouimette	*	
Yessy S. Rodriguez		
William M. Straub		
Heidi L. Zeitler	Φ *	12/15
Carl J. Zurrin		

**Associate in Science
 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

Presented by Patricia Kay		Graduation Date
Kristina B. Hallock	•	

**Certificate in
 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, INTRODUCTORY**

Presented by Patricia Kay		Graduation Date
Candice L. Benoit-Peck		
Samary I. Cardona		
Danielle H. Davis		
Amanda Y. Donkor		08/15
Brittany Anne Gable		08/15
Meghan E. McClellan		

**Certificate in
 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, INTERMEDIATE**

Presented by Patricia Kay		Graduation Date
Amanda Y. Donkor		12/15
Brittany Anne Gable		08/15
Carrie L. Rogers		

**Associate in Science
 ENGINEERING**

Presented by Gary Bradway		Graduation Date
Ryan T. Dion	Φ •	
Jake L. Kordana	Φ •	
Chase B. Lewis		
James F. O'Brien	•	
Chuanqi Xiong	•	12/15

**Associate in Science
 ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY**

Presented by Gary Bradway		Graduation Date
Roy L. Chapman	•	12/15
Robert J. Mulvey		
Shane A. Smith		

**Certificate in
 APPLIED MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY**

Presented by Gary Bradway		Graduation Date
Alexander J. Wirtes		

**Associate in Science
 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**

Presented by Timothy Flanagan		Graduation Date
Kessa T. Battaini	Φ *	12/15
Keith W. Budness	*	12/15
Timothy J. Desmarais		12/15
Page Ellsworth	•	
Amanda J. Evangelisto	•	12/15
Noel J. Goldberg	•	
Payton Alexandra Hines		08/15
Emma N. Hobson	Φ •	
Richard J. Houghtaling		
Maura L. Marchese	•	
Paul Thomas Newton-Ireelan	Φ *	
Monica Katherine Stegemann		

SYMBOLS

- Φ **Phi Theta Kappa**
 Yellow Stole
*Min. Cum. GPA 3.600
 with Community Service*
- ★ **High Honors**
 Gold Tassel
 Associate Degree
Cum. GPA 3.750-4.000
- ✦ **Valedictorian Honors**
- ◆ **Berkshire Honors Scholar**
- **Honors**
 Silver Tassel
 Associate Degree
Cum. GPA 3.250-3.749

— CANDIDATES FOR —
Degrees & Certificates

**Associate in Arts
FINE ARTS**

Presented by Ellen Shanahan		Graduation Date
Devin T. Campbell		
Lindsay R. DeWinkleer	•	
Melanie A. Griffith	Φ *	
Michael A. Haywood	•	
Devon P. Lennon	•	
Dustin L. Malossini	Φ •	
Allison R. Pierce	•	
Tammy S. Proctor	•	
Vanessa C. Reese		
Peter M. Ross	Φ *	
David M. Solak	•	
Kyle P. Strack	Φ *	

**Associate in Science
FIRE SCIENCE**

Presented by Kelly Kemp		Graduation Date
Justin Michael Ferraro		

**Associate in Science
HEALTH SCIENCE**

Presented by Sherry Sheer		Graduation Date
LaKeisha S. Beckett		
Kellie L. Berkeley		
Jenna L. Bolte		08/15
Gabriana Noël Brooks	Φ *	
Lindsey J. Carter		12/15
Monica L. Deyermenjian	•	
Phourasamy Din		
Penny M. Fletcher	Φ •	08/15
Lexia Lee Gillette	•	
Theodore Fred Griffith	•	
Tawnia M. Harrington	•	
Megan M. Heppleston	•	
Katielynn Marie Hoffman		08/15
Alicia F. Jones	•	12/15
Tracy Lynn Kipp		08/15
Alix C. Kirshner		
James N. Koomson	Φ •	12/15
Jennifer N. Lechleitner	Φ •	
Holly F. Leskovitz	•	
Patrick M. McDonough		08/15
Haley M. Morgan		
Lacie K. O'Keefe	•	12/15
Lindsay a. Ostellino	•	

Mariah M. Parise		
Anthony W. Riello		
Kelly J. Robertson	Φ •	
Gabrielle M. Schnopp		
Lora R. Wade	Φ	

**Certificate in
PHYSICAL FITNESS**

Presented by Sherry Sheer		Graduation Date
Nadine M. Schweitzer		

**Associate in Science
HOSPITALITY ADMINISTRATION**

Presented by Carlton Maaia		Graduation Date
Jennifer A. Fenn	•	12/15
Christopher J. Garner		
Selena van Lingen		12/15

**Certificate in
CULINARY ARTS**

Presented by Carlton Maaia		Graduation Date
Andrew A. Alfonso		
Shirley Maria Borrero		08/15
Kyle J. Boudreau		
Alex D. Feiden		12/15
Mitchell D. Gavazzi		
Adam Gazit	Φ	
Andrew B. Goodermote		
Aaron J. Gwozdz		12/15
William A. Harvey		
Bethany J. Healey		
Katherine E. Widor		

**Certificate in
LODGING MANAGEMENT**

Presented by Carlton Maaia		Graduation Date
Jennifer A. Fenn		12/15
Selena Ann van Lingen		12/15

— CANDIDATES FOR —
Degrees & Certificates

**Associate in Science
HUMAN SERVICES**

Presented by Kari Dupuis	Graduation Date
Lisa A. Barbagallo	12/15
Ronald W. Berkeley, Jr.	
April L. Haecker	•
Tonika S. Hall	08/15
Lucas James Mancari	Φ * 12/15
Jennifer J. Mercier	Φ * 12/15
Ariel C. Ramirez	12/15
Sabrina M. Renaud	
Kevin G. Richard	Φ •
Richard T. Robillard	Φ *
Dawn M. Schultz	Φ *
Michelle L. Slater	Φ • 12/15
Nicholas W. Swain	•

**Certificate in
HUMAN SERVICES**

Presented by Kari Dupuis	Graduation Date
Michelle A. Armstrong	
Andreen Blake	12/15
Heather M. Decker	
April L. Haecker	12/15
Austin Jared Herzig	12/15
Kimberly A. Mills	
Stephanie V. Orestil	12/15
Sheryl L. Satun	12/15
Jeanette A. Tuttle	

**Associate in Arts
LIBERAL ARTS**

Presented by Maura Delaney	Graduation Date
Philomina Erika Akor	
Nicole M. Andrus	
Natalie P. Appel	•
Clark E. Bailey	08/15
Elizabeth M. Bean	
Lion A. Bierbower	Φ * 12/15
James K. Bodine	
Jessica C. Brasie	
Courtney Bussiere	
Collin David Campbell	08/15
Jonah H. Carlson	* 08/15
Polana Casian	Φ •
Jeffrey R. Catan	08/15
Cameron W. Civello	

Katrina B. Clukey		12/15
Eamon J. Connor		
Kristina M. Cook	Φ •	
Anthony M. Corbett		08/15
Katherine Cortes Ruis	Φ * ◇	
Megan Rose Creamer	Φ •	
Tierney L. Crocker	•	
Victoria S. Crophier	Φ *	
Keiland Ramier Cross		
Courtney E. Daley		
Rachel Ann Dewar	Φ * ◇	08/15
Rachael A. DiGrigoli	•	12/15
Connor A. Duval	•	
Nickole R. Erbin		
Adrianna Ivory Fox		
Hannah A. Gajda		
Gladys Garcia-Rijos	Φ •	
Zachary A. Gardner	•	12/15
Allyson Marie Garofoli	Φ •	08/15
Joan Carol Grossman		
Mark A. Harford, Jr.	•	
Brodi R. Harrington		12/15
Brianna M. Holsborg		12/15
Jennifer Tegan Hunt	Φ * ◇	
Abigail E. Jones	•	
Timothy Joutras		12/15
Joel C. Kania		08/15
Patrick J. Kline		
Joshua R. Kuhn	Φ •	
Matthew B. Lee	Φ •	
Cassidy A. Lewis	Φ * ◇	
Richard E. Loftus		
Justin T. Lowery	•	
Alex Andrew Christopher Lussier	•	12/15
Shamus MacDonald		
Emily A. Martinelli	•	
James J. Montgomery		
Jennifer Rose Monyahan		

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- ◇ **Berkshire Honors Scholar**
- **Honors**
Silver Tassel
Associate Degree
Cum. GPA 3.250-3.749

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Degrees & Certificates

Brittany S. O'Donnell				12/15
Angelica L. Ortiz				
Robert Michael Perry				
Walker F. Phillips				
Benjamin J. Pigott				
Aneli Karu Vakhurovna Poland				
Brittany A. Polito				
Kayla M. Racine		•		
Andrew J. Rinaldi				08/15
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Emily M. Rudd	Φ	*	◇	
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— HISTORY OF —
Academic Heraldry

Much of what is being seen today has antecedents which date back several centuries to the medieval universities of Europe. The academic procession is one of the oldest traditions throughout the world.

In medieval times the ordinary dress of the university scholar, whether student or teacher, was the dress of the cleric. He wore a long gown, and often in the cold weather he wore a cloak with a hood which could be pulled up over the head for cover and protection.

Although fashions have changed since the 16th century, the scholars of the post-medieval period retained the academic attire. Eventually the attire was prescribed by university statutes to distinguish the different faculties and degrees-of-learning. The bachelor, master and doctor gowns differ stylistically in cut and decorative motif.

The colorful hoods, which indicate fields of learning and the institutions conferring the degree, were originally worn over the head, but during the 16th century, caps were adopted and the hood was draped over the shoulder. The origin of the cap, as part of the academic regalia, is uncertain. As under Roman Law, the slave was freed by being allowed to put on a cap, so at Oxford the cap of the M.A. was the sign of independence.

A long tassel is attached to the middle point of the top of the cap to drape over the left edge of the mortar board. The tassel may be black, gold, or the color appropriate to the academic field of the wearer. On BCC graduates, a silver tassel indicates honors, a gold, high honors. A yellow stole means the graduate is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

An intercollegiate code has been adopted to represent the different departments of learning and has set the standards for academic dress in the United States. The hoods are lined with the official colors of the college from which the wearer received his/her highest degree, while the collar of the hood denotes the academic subject area in which the wearer majored.

ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES BY COLOR

Agriculture	Maize
Arts, Letters and Humanities	White
Business Administration	Drab
Dentistry.....	Lilac
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Engineering.....	Orange
Fine Arts.....	Brown
Forestry	Russet
Home Economics.....	Maroon
Journalism	Crimson
Law	Purple
Library Science.....	Lemon
Medicine.....	Green
Music	Pink
Nursing.....	Apricot
Oratory (Speech)	Silver Grey
Pharmacy	Olive Green
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Physical Education.....	Sage Green
Public Administration	Peacock Blue
Public Health.....	Salmon Pink
Science	Gold-Yellow
Social Science	Citron
Theology or Divinity.....	Scarlet
Veterinary Science.....	Gray

State Senator Benjamin Downing

State Senator Benjamin Downing was elected in 2006 at the age of 24. He was re-elected in 2008, 2010, 2012 and 2014. During his decade of service, Downing, who announced earlier this year that he will not seek a sixth term, has represented 52 communities of the Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden District, the largest Senate District in the Commonwealth.

Downing's priorities have included clean energy, the environment, expanding broadband Internet access, the expansion of transgender rights and mitigating poverty. An advocate for higher education, he has worked to secure investments in higher education – including the multi-million dollar Center for Science and Innovation at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.

He chairs the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy and the Senate Committee on Redistricting; vice chairs committees on tourism and on audit and oversight; and is a member of the influential Ways and Means Committee.

Before his election to the Senate, Downing worked for U.S. Representatives William Delahunt, Richard Neal and John Olver. A Pittsfield native, his family has a long history of public service.

He is the son of Pamela Downing and the late Berkshire District Attorney Gerard Downing.

He has earned numerous awards, including twice being selected Legislator of the Year by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (2007, 2014). He was named the 2016 Public Advocate of the Year by the Food Bank Coalition of Massachusetts for his successful efforts to increase state funding for the Massachusetts Emergency Food Assistance Program. He was recently honored at BCC's 40 Under Forty Awards. Downing is part of the inaugural group of young professionals who are excelling in their industries through their leadership roles.

Downing received his B.A. in Political Science from Providence College in 2003 and an M.A. from Tufts University's Department of Urban and Environment Policy & Planning in 2008.

He is married to Micaelah B. Morrill.

Alma Mater

by Craig Cusson, Class of 1964

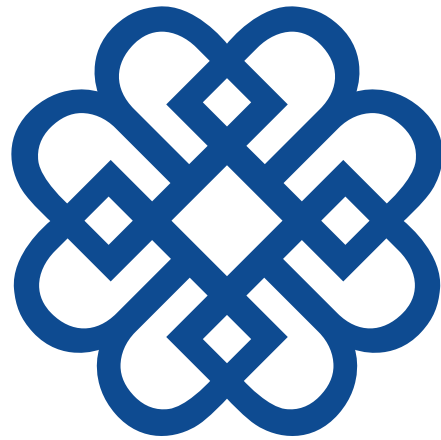
When the day has swiftly pass'd to evening
And the twilight dimly shows the way,
When the valley rests in gentle slumber,
We recall with pride our college day.

When the Falcon soars in golden sunlight,
Then the world will fall away below;
To our college dream we will be faithful
While our El Dorados distant glow.

And so proudly lift your voice to our college,
For the Berkshire Blue and Green will long survive;
We'll "travel hopefully," knowing that we'll arrive,
Knowing that we will arrive!

Now our College day too soon has ended,
Now too soon our farewells must we say;
But our memories most dear and lasting
May this day guide us on our way.





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