



LAGUARDIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

LONG ISLAND CITY
QUEENS, NEW YORK

53RD ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY 2025

THE TWENTIETH OF JUNE
AT NINE IN THE MORNING

THE QUAD
AT QUEENS COLLEGE
65-30 KISSENA BOULEVARD
FLUSHING, NEW YORK





THE CEREMONIAL MACE

The history of the ceremonial mace dates back to the 13th century at which time it was borne by the sergeant at arms, a royal bodyguard established in France by Phillip II and in England by Richard I. When used in a graduation ceremony, the mace symbolizes the dignity and authority of the university and leads the academic procession. Its placement and removal from a place of honor signifies the opening and closing of ceremonial sessions. The Grand Marshal carries the LaGuardia Community College mace during the processional and recessional march.

LaGuardia's mace is made of solid African rosewood, and the metal units are bronze with heavy gold plating. The three-unit node consists of the College's seal, the "Little Flower," representing Mayor LaGuardia; the seal of The City University of New York; and excerpts from the "Oath of the Young Men of Athens," which Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia used in his Inaugural Address in January 1934.

THE TRADITION OF ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The caps, gowns, and hoods worn at college and university functions originated during the Middle Ages when monks and students used them to keep warm in medieval castles and halls of learning. From these practical origins, they have evolved into the academic costumes that today symbolize scholarly achievement.

Standard form requires that all gowns be black. The associate and bachelor gowns have long, pointed sleeves and are designed to be worn closed. The master gown is distinguished by an oblong sleeve which is square cut at the base, while the doctoral gown is faced with black velvet and has three velvet bars on the full, round sleeves. Both the master and doctoral gowns may be worn either open or closed. Hoods consist of a black shell trimmed in a color of velvet that indicates the field of learning. The silk lining of the hood is the color representing the institution at which the degree was earned. A wider velvet rim and broad flat panel at the back also distinguishes the larger doctoral hood.

Faculty members and guests in the processional are robed in gowns and hoods, which represent the institutions from which they earned their degrees. The colors representing some of the disciplines you will see in today's ceremony are as follows:

Arts, Letters & Humanities – *White*
Accountancy, Business – *Drab*
Education – *Light Blue*
Fine Arts – *Brown*
Law – *Purple*

Library Science – *Lemon*
Music – *Pink*
Philosophy – *Dark Blue*
Science – *Golden Yellow*
Social Science – *Citron Yellow*

During commencement exercises at LaGuardia, it is traditional for members of the graduating class to rise as a unit immediately following the conferring of degrees. At this time, they turn their tassels from the right front corner of the mortarboard to the corresponding left corner. This symbolizes their official attainment of the degree-holding status.



THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The Commencement exercises begin with the academic procession, a traditional ceremony in which college dignitaries and graduating students march together wearing traditional academic dress.

Each party of the academic procession will be represented by student marshals carrying a gonfalon, a banner that hangs from a crosspiece or frame. Gonfalons originated in the medieval republics of Italy as an ensign of state or office and are used by many colleges and universities around the world during graduation ceremonies.

The LaGuardia Community College Academic Procession will march as follows:

1. The Graduating Class of 2025
2. The Faculty, Professors Emeriti, Staff and Alumni
3. College Vice Presidents, Deans and Chairpersons
4. Special Guests
5. President Kenneth Adams

ORDER OF THE GRADUATING CLASS

ENGLISH

Student Marshal: Gabriel (Angel) Figueroa

- English

NATURAL SCIENCES

Student Marshal: Snigdha Halder Laxme

- Biology
- Environmental Science
- Physical Sciences

EDUCATION & LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

Student Marshal: Carrie Munoz Romero

- Education
- Education Associate: The Bilingual Child
- Spanish-English Translation

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Student Marshal: Sarah Eshel

- Human Services: Mental Health
- Nutrition and Culinary Management
- Public and Community Health
- Therapeutic Recreation

HUMANITIES

Student Marshal: Athos Argue-Hassanein

- Communication Studies
- Film and Television
- Fine Arts
- Industrial Design Technology
- Music Performance
- Music Recording Technology
- New Media Technology
- Philosophy
- Photography
- Theater

LIBERAL ARTS

Student Marshal: James Chavez

- Liberal Arts: Math and Science
- Liberal Arts: Social Science and Humanities

HEALTH SCIENCES

Student Marshal: Sade Braham

- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Paramedic
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Practical Nursing
- Radiologic Technology
- Veterinary Technology

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Student Marshal: Don Lam Len

- Criminal Justice
- Psychology

BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

Student Marshal: Selena Rattigan

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Hospitality, Tourism and Events Management
- Paralegal Studies

MATH, ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Student Marshal: Hifza Riaz

- Computer Science
- Computer Technology
- Cybersecurity
- Electrical Engineering
- Energy Technician
- Mechanical Engineering
- Programming and Software Development

Special thanks to Faculty Marshals

Dr. Ryan Mann-Hamilton and Dr. John Toland

PROGRAM

PRESIDING

Kenneth Adams, BA, MA, EdD honoris causa
President of LaGuardia Community College

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance, March No. 2 by Sir Edward Elgar

WELCOME

Jessica Boehman, BA, MA, PhD
Grand Marshal

President Adams

MUSIC

Star Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key (1814)
Performed by the LaGuardia Vocal Ensemble
Under the direction of Prof. Lisa DeSpain, BMus, MMus

The audience is requested to remain standing until after the National Anthem is performed.

INTRODUCTIONS

Billie Gastic Rosado, BA, MA, EdM, PhD
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Denise B. Maybank, BA, MA, PhD
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, The City University of New York

Reine T. Sarmiento, BA, MS, EdD
Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management, The City University of New York

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37th Assembly District, New York State Assembly

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26th Council District, New York City Council

Nancy Avila, AA and Jonathan Machado
Representatives, Class of 2025

PRESENTATION OF THE GRADUATES

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Vice President of Student Affairs

President Kenneth Adams
Provost Gastic Rosado

Readers

Philip Gimber, AAS, BS, MS, RN, NP, PhD **Silvia Lin Hanick**, BA, MA, MS
Arthur C. Lau, BA, MA, MEd, EdD **Michelle Lugones**, BFA, DVM

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

President Kenneth Adams
Candidates presented by Provost Gastic Rosado

RECESSIONAL

Musical Medley

The audience is requested to remain seated until the Recessional is completed.



CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF

Associate of Applied Science

Computer Technology	7
Cybersecurity	7
Energy Technician	7
Industrial Design Technology	7
Music Recording Technology	7
New Media Technology	7
Nursing	7
Nutrition and Culinary Management	8
Occupational Therapy Assistant	8
Paralegal Studies	8
Paramedic	8
Photography	8
Physical Therapist Assistant	8
Programming and Software Development	9
Radiologic Technology	9
Veterinary Technology	9

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Ariel Calderon
Charles Castro
Dibesh Century
Elizabeth Chen **
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Christopher Chung-A-On
Dean Clarke
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Associate of Arts

Communication Studies	11
Education	11
Education Associate: Bilingual Child	11
English	11
Film and Television	12
Human Services: Mental Health	12
Liberal Arts: Social Science and Humanities	12
Philosophy	13
Psychology	13
Spanish-English Translation	13

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PRESIDENT, LAGUARDIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Kenneth Adams is the fourth president of LaGuardia Community College. LaGuardia is one of seven community colleges of the City University of New York. Founded in 1971 in Long Island City, Queens, the college serves approximately 25,000 students per year.

Since joining LaGuardia in 2020, President Adams has led efforts to rebuild enrollment, improve student success, increase government and philanthropic support, and strengthen the college's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

In March, 2024, President Adams announced that LaGuardia had received \$116.2 million from the Steven & Alexandra Cohen Foundation, led by philanthropist and New York Mets owner Alex Cohen, to build the Cohen Career Collective, a state-of-the-art workforce training center that will ensure economic mobility for New Yorkers while providing skilled workers for local employers. This extraordinary gift is the largest ever to a community college in the US, and the largest donation in the history of the City University of New York. *



Billie Gastic Rosado, BA, MA, EdM, PhD
PROVOST AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS,
LAGUARDIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dr. Billie Gastic Rosado is the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs of CUNY's LaGuardia Community College. Prior to joining CUNY, Dr. Gastic Rosado was an Associate Dean at the NYU School of Professional Studies, the inaugural Chief Research Officer at the Relay Graduate School of Education, served on the New York State Professional Standards and Practices Board for Teaching, and on faculty at UMass Boston and Temple University. She serves on the board of directors of the Domestic Violence Crisis Center (CT) and the advisory board of Connecticut CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). Dr. Gastic Rosado earned a Ph.D. in the Sociology of Education and an M.A. in Sociology from Stanford University, an Ed.M. from Harvard University, and a B.A. in Economics from Yale University.



Henry T. Berger, BS, JD
TRUSTEE, THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Berger was appointed by Mayor Bill de Blasio as a Trustee of The City University of New York on June 20, 2017. Trustee Berger was reappointed on July 01, 2021 for a term to expire on June 30, 2028.

Mr. Berger has been an esteemed election law attorney and policy expert for more than three decades. He has worked both in the private and public sector, serving as a New York City Council member and later Special Counsel and Advisor to Mayor de Blasio from 2014 through 2018. Previously, as an attorney in private practice, he worked on legal issues related to election law, such as campaign finance compliance and ballot access regulations, and labor relations and civil litigation.

From 1982 to 2000 Mr. Berger was a partner with Berger, Poppe and Janiec and then with Fisher, Fisher & Berger, working on commercial litigation, election law and labor relations for clients including health care professional unions, university professors' associations and major state, county and city political candidates. In 1977, Mr. Berger served as a Member of the New York City Council, representing the Fourth District of Manhattan. He served on the Transportation, Parks and Economic Development committees. *

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Denise B. Maybank, BA, MA, PhD

VICE CHANCELLOR FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS, THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Denise B. Maybank is the vice chancellor for student affairs at The City University of New York. In this role, she assumes responsibility for coordinating the functions of the University's Central Office to guide the work of supporting student development from recruitment to completion. Under her leadership, Student Affairs facilitates the academic progress and success of students through holistic approaches to engagement beyond the classroom, addressing areas such as health and wellbeing, essential needs, student government and leadership development.

Prior to joining CUNY, Maybank served as the vice president and associate provost for student affairs and services at Michigan State University. During her 15-year tenure there, she served in progressive leadership roles beginning as an associate vice president in 2005. Maybank contributed to significant initiatives structuring the undergraduate experience; developed partnerships with the Graduate School and colleges to initiate the Graduate Student Life and Wellness emphasis; and conceived and implemented lasting innovative programs and services. *



Reine T. Sarmiento, BA, MS, EdD

VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT, THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Reine Sarmiento has achieved notable success in her 30-year career in the private and public sectors as an innovative and inclusive leader committed to higher education. Increasing enrollment and the college's profile in her various leadership positions, she has served The City University of New York for the past 19 years. Sarmiento served twelve years at LaGuardia Community College as assistant dean for enrollment services and most recently spent seven years at Lehman College as vice president for enrollment management and associate provost. She has cultivated diverse teams and leveraged partnerships that have increased access and opportunity in under-served communities at record levels in both institutions. Lehman was recently ranked third in the nation as a top engine of social mobility.

She is known for inclusive leadership and belief in shared governance by aligning academic affairs, student services, finance and information technology. She was selected as Lehman College's lead in the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) Center for Student Success Pilot cohort. She is a recent graduate of AASCU's prestigious Millennial Leadership Institute. *



The Honorable Donovan Richards, BS

PRESIDENT, BOROUGH OF QUEENS

Donovan Richards Jr., a lifelong resident of Southeast Queens, was elected as Borough President in November of 2020.

Growing up he lived in Jamaica, St. Albans, Hollis, and Rosedale, with frequent visits to grandparents who lived in the Rockaways. He attended Jamaica High School and Redemption Christian Academy before studying communications, radio, and TV at Nyack College. He later received a degree in Aviation Management from Vaughn College.

Donovan got his start in politics after the tragic killing of a close friend inspired him to get more involved in his community and join the fight to end gun violence. He worked in numerous positions within the City Council where he connected with the community and developed a hands-on approach to helping constituents. This knowledge was crucial in getting him elected to the city council in 2013.

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Senator Kristen Gonzalez, BA

59TH SENATE DISTRICT, NEW YORK STATE SENATE

Kristen Gonzalez is a former tech worker and community organizer, born and raised in a working-class family in Queens. She represents District 59, covering parts of Western Queens, Northern Brooklyn and the East Side of Manhattan. As the youngest woman ever elected to the NYS Senate and Chair of both the Internet and Technology and the Elections Committees, she's passed legislation helping safeguard the right to an abortion by protecting private health data, regulating the government's use of AI, and protecting our elections from deceptive media amongst others. She believes every New Yorker deserves to live a dignified life, which is why she champions workers' rights, a Green New York, deeply affordable housing, and tenant protections. Before being elected to the NYS Senate, Senator Gonzalez worked in the New York City Council, the Obama White House, and Senator Chuck Schumer's office. She has also organized in her community with the Western Queens Community Land Trust, served on her community board, and helped launch a citywide campaign for public internet.



Assembly Member Claire Valdez, BFA

37TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

Claire Valdez represents the 37th Assembly District in Queens, which includes Long Island City, Sunnyside, Woodside, Maspeth, and Ridgewood. She was elected in 2024.

She ran for State Assembly because she recognized that Queens workers are fed up with poverty wages, skyrocketing rent, and ConEd rate hikes, all while the real estate industry devastates our neighborhoods and the rich get richer. She knows what it's like to live paycheck to paycheck, pay too much in rent, and be exploited and taken advantage of at work. She also knows that when people come together, we can win a better life for ourselves and our community.

Claire came to politics through work in her union, UAW Local 2110 at Columbia University. She served on her unit's bargaining committee and was elected Unit Chair of her shop in 2022 to represent 500 of her coworkers. She was also part of the organizing effort to democratize the UAW and elect reform candidates to union leadership – a campaign which transformed the UAW, led to the historic Stand Up strike, and helped inaugurate a new era of labor militancy across this country. *



Council Member Julie Won

26TH COUNCIL DISTRICT, NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL

Julie Won represents the 26th Council district in Western Queens covering the neighborhoods of Long Island City, Sunnyside, Astoria, and Woodside. She is the first woman and immigrant to represent this district in the city's history. As a tenant and activist, Julie has committed to a new vision for her community with a deep focus on creating and preserving affordable housing, increasing access to city resources for all New Yorkers, ensuring that access to quality and affordable internet is guaranteed, and many other issues that are top of mind for her constituents.

At the age of eight, Julie immigrated to New York City with her family looking for a new beginning, an experience she shares with over half of the constituency she represents. Prior to her election, Julie served her neighbors as board member of Queens Community Board 2, Community Capacity Development (CCD), 696 Build Queensbridge, QNS Together, and was a co-founder of the Queens Small Business Alliance (QSBA). In addition, she also worked to make sure that her community was fully counted in the 2020 census as the founder of the Tech Action Group as part of the Queens Borough President's Complete Count Committee. *



Nancy Avila, AA

REPRESENTATIVE, CLASS OF 2025

Nancy Avila, 46, is a Colombian immigrant, mother of four, and aspiring educator who is celebrating completion of an Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education. She is already pursuing a bachelor's degree in Bilingual Studies at York College.

Ten years ago, Nancy moved to New York with her children—Dayana (30), Laura (26), Sebastián (24), and Kevin (16)—motivated by a desire to learn English and pursue a career in education. Inspired by her daughters' experiences at LaGuardia—both Dayana and Laura are graduates, with Dayana earning a degree in Business Administration and Laura earning a degree in Commercial Photography—Nancy began her own academic journey. She started with free English courses through the New York City Adult Literacy ESOL Civics Program offered through LaGuardia's Adult and Continuing Education Division, and gradually progressed to advanced English language courses, all while working as a home attendant.

Balancing family responsibilities while learning a new language and adapting to a new culture came with challenges, but Nancy remained focused. She passed the TOEFL exam and enrolled in college, where she discovered new interests through courses in music, biography, and poetry. These classes helped her develop academically and encouraged her to reflect on her personal story.

During her time at LaGuardia, Nancy built strong connections with classmates and faculty. A friendship with Ester Enríquez, whom she met in a Spanish class, led to an opportunity to work with the NYC Department of Education. She also collaborated with fellow education student Taylin Morales on group projects that enriched her learning experience. Nancy credits Professor Michele de Goeas-Malone for providing guidance during a difficult time, helping her stay grounded and motivated. At home, her cat George offered quiet companionship during long nights of study. *



Jonathan Machado

REPRESENTATIVE, CLASS OF 2025

Jonathan Machado, 33, is graduating with an Associate of Science in Biotechnology and will continue his studies in Bioinformatics at Hunter College.

Before enrolling at LaGuardia in 2023, Jonathan worked as a professional chef in kitchens across New York City. When the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the restaurant industry, he found himself out of work. That pause gave him time to reflect and ultimately led him to trade his chef's coat for a lab coat—eager to pursue a new path in science and research.

At LaGuardia, Jonathan joined the ASAP program and connected with the Office of Accessibility for personalized academic support, which helped him thrive in a rigorous STEM curriculum. He credits staff members Jhony Nelson and Astrid Adriana Niebles for helping him build confidence and embrace academic challenges. "They helped me realize it's okay to ask for support—and that I can achieve whatever I set my mind to," he says.

Jonathan served as President of the LaGuardia Phi Theta Kappa chapter, a President's Society Ambassador, and editorial chief of the Honors Student Advisory Committee. He also served as Vice Chair of the Student Government Elections Review Committee and completed a legislative internship at the New York State Senate through the SOMOS CUNY Summer Internship Program, where he explored the intersection of science and public policy.

He also took advantage of research opportunities at LaGuardia, collaborating with infectious disease expert Dr. Richa Gupta (Natural Sciences) to study SARS-CoV-2 subvariants. After being selected as a National Institutes of Health (NIH) Bridges to the Baccalaureate Scholar, he received a grant to work with Dr. Gupta again. Together with fellow student Suborna Singha, they conducted a review of studies on the efficacy of natural compounds in combating antitubercular drug resistance. *

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I urge you to continue on your educational journeys to prepare yourselves for rewarding careers, active citizenship, meaningful participation in your communities, and service to others. Your LaGuardia professors, advisors, staff, and administrators expect no less of you. Indeed, mindful of all you have accomplished in order to receive your degrees today, we are confident that you will succeed and contribute to creating the just, equitable, and prosperous society we all seek.

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Kenneth Adams
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