



54TH ANNUAL

COMMENCEMENT

Friday, May 13, 2022

Herkimer County Community College
Herkimer, NY



PROGRAM

PRESIDING

Isabella S. Crandall, *Chairwoman, College Board of Trustees*

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Blake Pitcher, *Associate Professor, Digital Graphics - Macebearer*

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Adriana Doria Davis Sumter '22, *Music Industry A.S., Dobbs Ferry, NY - Soloist*

Peyton McKinney '22, *Business Administration A.A.S., Herkimer, NY - Signer*

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Kassandra Garcia '22, *Communication and Media A.S., Rome, NY*

"Red Light, Green Light"

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CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

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CANDIDATES FOR

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Students who have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.25–3.79 as of the completion of the winter 2022 semester are awarded the associate degree cum laude; 3.80–3.99 are awarded the associate degree magna cum laude; 4.0 are awarded the associate degree summa cum laude.

Art Studio

MacKenzie Rose Daley, *Cum Laude*
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Business: Accounting A.A.S.

Morgan Shae Cool-Dineen
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Katrinia M. Carro
Mee Ra Da, *Magna Cum Laude*
Besim Ferhatovic
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Klur Doh Soe, *Magna Cum Laude*
Theodore Connor Upson, *Magna Cum Laude*
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Business: Fashion Buying & Merchandising A.A.S.

Naiya M. Briscoe
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Niana Aliya Johnson
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Business: Health Services Management Technology A.A.S.

Dawn Arlene Fanfarillo, *Magna Cum Laude*
Cassandra Jean Goldy, *Magna Cum Laude*
Katelyn Irene Lincourt
Amanda J. McLean
Mark A. Perry
Tracy Ann Warner, *Cum Laude*

Business: Human Resource Management A.A.S.

Victoria Lynn Archer
Jennifer Rose Goodman
Karesha Renee Goodspeed, *Cum Laude*
Kailee Elizabeth Jasewicz, *Cum Laude*

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Kathleen Elizabeth Krinke, *Cum Laude*
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Mayra E. Silverio

Business: Marketing A.A.S.

Joel S. De Leon*
Hannah Rhyan DeRock, *Cum Laude*
Thalia Hussain Codd
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Business: Small Business Management A.A.S.

Tatiana E. Berrios
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Business: Sports & Recreation Management A.A.S.

Austin Mack Barnao, *Magna Cum Laude*
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Emiri Kikuchi, *Cum Laude*
Michaela Elizabeth Ponticello, *Cum Laude*
D'Ante Charles Quinlan, *Cum Laude*

Communication Arts: Music Industry A.S.

Jordan Baskerville
Adriana Doria Davis Sumter, *Cum Laude*
Jack Douglas Shelhamer, *Cum Laude*

Communication and Media A.S.

Kassandra M. Garcia, *Cum Laude*
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Elijeannah M. Monroe*

Computer and Network Security A.A.S.

Matthew James Archer
David Patrick Cook, *Magna Cum Laude*
Marwane Damnati
Zane Richard Eckler

Computer Network Technologist A.A.S.

Braeton H. E. Henzel

Computer Science A.S.

Kody James Curtis, *Cum Laude*
Meiwu Liu
Mitchel F. Martinez

Criminal Justice A.A.S.

Chase Mitchel Bowman*
Riley Austin Brewer, *Cum Laude*
Mikayla Lynn Evans

Shaquan Rayshawn Myers
Naomi Natasha Perez
Lydia Bresson Wyche, *Cum Laude*

Criminal Justice A.S.

Brittany Arena
Chloe Danielle Bryant, *Cum Laude*
Tiasia Ebony Ghee-Martin
Monica Marlen Hartlieb, *Magna Cum Laude*
Aaron Michael Niederkorn
Ricky D. Patterson
Cha law Eh Paw
Ashanti Natasha Shand, *Cum Laude*
Carmen Alexandria Smith, *Cum Laude*
Logan Emily Stansfield, *Cum Laude*
Joshua Peter VanAlstyne

Criminal Justice: Crime & Intelligence Analysis

Dave M. Bowne, *Magna Cum Laude*
Raquel Diane Dawn Burton
Francesca Sara Camileri, *Cum Laude*
Holly Lynn Ingersoll-Bozzuto, *Cum Laude*
Noah Alexander Kelsey, *Cum Laude*
Christopher Brian Myers
Tyler Carden Smith, *Cum Laude*
Brayden Mykel Zahniser, *Cum Laude*

Criminal Justice: Cybersecurity

Harmoni Elizabeth Burge
Robert Joseph Conley

Criminal Justice: Forensic Investigations A.A.S.

Angelina Kristen Caiazza, *Cum Laude*
Naila Civic, *Cum Laude*
Shayla Thi Kim, *Cum Laude*
Sarah A. Superak
John Verenich
Sierra Marie Williams

Cybersecurity & Digital Forensics A.S.

Jonathan Alan Cabana
Ginger Veitinger, *Magna Cum Laude*

Early Childhood A.A.S.

Dana Bailey, *Cum Laude*
Lailar Be, *Summa Cum Laude*
Nyarre Raniah Dobbs*
Katherine Izabella Niedziela

Electrical Technology A.A.S.

Timothy M. Day, *Cum Laude*

Health Professions A.S.

Mustafa Abdelrhman, *Cum Laude*
Kla Awar*
Anesa Begic
Katlin Marie Cole, *Cum Laude*
Sarah Lynn Eastwood, *Cum Laude*
Meretta L. Everson
Katelyn Eileen Lowell
Hannah Irene Ouderkirk, *Cum Laude*
Marla Marie Proulx, *Cum Laude*
Caitlin Zagas, *Cum Laude*

Human Services A.A.S.

Ericka M. Arancio, *Cum Laude*
Scott M. Ashley II, *Cum Laude*
Jessica G. Bergeron, *Magna Cum Laude*
Jordan Lee Brelinsky, *Magna Cum Laude*
Amisha Shacole Burrow, *Cum Laude*
Coreena M. DeJohn, *Cum Laude*
Maria Josephine Dellagatta
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Kayla Renee Foti
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Moriah A. Giles
Elizabeth Anne Gregorek, *Magna Cum Laude*
Brittini Skyler Lynn Hebert, *Magna Cum Laude*
Sabrina C. Hunt
Kelly Michelle Marks, *Summa Cum Laude*
Hannah Faith Napier, *Magna Cum Laude*
Josuhe Polanco
D'Mila Mariyah Revill
Jasmine M. Rivera
CharliRose Seeley
Kristina Lynne Shafer, *Cum Laude*
Brooke Smith Stoecklin, *Cum Laude*
Kayla Marie Suppa*
Haley Nicole Anne Thomas, *Magna Cum Laude*
Haley Murrie Wood
Katherine L. Yaworski, *Cum Laude*

Legal Studies A.A.S.

Nicole Gail Fowler-Brown
Hannah J. Gandon, *Magna Cum Laude*
Alexander Grayson Hilley
Jennifer L. Hull, *Cum Laude*
Michaela Arlene York Kelly
Marlene B. Lammie, *Magna Cum Laude*
Luke Joshua Mahoney, *Magna Cum Laude*
Amy Lynn Morley
Maxx Nathaniel Smith, *Cum Laude*

**Liberal Arts & Sciences:
Childhood Education A.S.**

Casey Nichole Buckley
Madalyn Grace De Carr
Aliyah Rae Gross, *Cum Laude*
Sydney M. Loux, *Cum Laude*
Ehdoh Paw, *Cum Laude*
Carliza Ellen Roark, *Magna Cum Laude*
Jianna Scalise
Hannah Noel Young, *Cum Laude*

Liberal Arts & Sciences: General Studies A.A.

Sage Elisabeth Ashton, *Cum Laude*
Allyson M. Atkinson, *Cum Laude*
Emily J. Beames, *Cum Laude*
Amber C. Been
Ryan Scricca Brown
Corriana Jeriliz Campbell*
Riley Elizabeth Caracane
Salvatore Nicholas Carricato
Angelina Clark
Drew Michael Coelho, *Cum Laude*
Keneeff Bernal Danzy
Vincent DeGeorge
Devin Thomas Disonell
Tremeshiah N. Drayton-Green
Shelby Lynn Dunham
Patricia Fernandez, *Cum Laude*
Rory Robin Fisher, *Cum Laude*
Gabriel Gomez, *Magna Cum Laude*
Adam Brian Goodhines
Jensen Ellie Grescheck
Danisha Samantha Afiya Hewitt
Amanda Rae Hill, *Cum Laude*
Jacob Tyler Hisert
Ara Margaret Homer*
Anthony Edward Jack*
Matthew Franklin Kelly, *Cum Laude*
Benjamin Peter Konchar
Ruofeng Liu
Mark William Loomis, Jr.*
Carla Jayne Lyon, *Magna Cum Laude*
Fiston Mbhoneza Makoma*
Anna Grace McDonald, *Magna Cum Laude*
Kendra Lynn McGovern, *Cum Laude*
Gabrielle Michelle McNally, *Cum Laude*
David Montalvo, III
Ryan Packard, *Cum Laude*
Ethan Dale Patch
Julia Kate Perkins, *Cum Laude*

Michael Joseph Politis
Robert Francis Powers*
Maiya Ashley Reinhart
Akino Sato, *Cum Laude*
Michele L. Sheldon, *Magna Cum Laude*
Isaiah Cole Stockdale
Hailey Annmarie Traut, *Cum Laude*
Alexis Madison Van Patten
Jasmine Vargas-Rodriguez
Kayleigh R. Voce, *Summa Cum Laude*
Samantha Marion Weaver
Kaitlyn Paige Wells
Elora Grace Wilmot, *Magna Cum Laude*
Riley Jade Wisheart
Kiley M. Wren, *Cum Laude*

Liberal Arts & Sciences: Humanities A.A.

Quallan Jeremiah Brown
Michael J. Cardiff
Alexandria Adaire Feliciano, *Cum Laude*
Maju Iijima, *Cum Laude*
Javaun Smith

Liberal Arts & Sciences: Physical Education A.S.

Vincent Edward Armstrong
Sianna May Kenyon*
Samantha Payton Berube
Gianna Marie Casillas, *Cum Laude*
Kelsey Rebecca Girard, *Cum Laude*
Jesse Gene Ondrako, *Cum Laude*
Joseph Scott Ondrako, *Cum Laude*
Tanner Hayes Vogel, *Cum Laude*

Liberal Arts & Sciences: Science A.S.

Seth Pierce Arsenault
Erica Ann Baldanza, *Magna Cum Laude*
Anna Lynne Bowers, *Magna Cum Laude*
Kyle Phillip Caccamise
Madison L. Cieslak
Mariah M. Galletta, *Cum Laude*
Alyssa Faith See, *Magna Cum Laude*

Liberal Arts & Sciences: Social Science A.A.

Brittany Rose Anderson
Trevor J. Howard, *Magna Cum Laude*
Dylan M. James
Maureen Page Kimbrell
Alexis Marie Platts, *Magna Cum Laude*
Jerry Lee Plows
Sean Patrick Spellman
Julia Carol Yardley, *Magna Cum Laude*

Physical Therapist Assistant A.A.S.

Erin Louise Brooks, *Cum Laude*
Catherine Jade Chapman
Emily Mary Conroe, *Summa Cum Laude*
Ashley Alexandra Edick, *Cum Laude*
Justin Losowski, *Magna Cum Laude*
Laura Dianne Noble, *Summa Cum Laude*
Catherine Lynn Paradis
Katelynn Rebecca Phalen, *Cum Laude*
Collin Abram Shelton
Alanna M. Zehr, *Cum Laude*

Psychology A.A.

Stephanie Jean Parkhurst

Quality Assurance – Science A.S.

Christopher Edward Cater, *Cum Laude*
Joshua Carlos Diaz, *Cum Laude*
Tiffany L. Nitka, *Cum Laude*

Travel & Events Management A.A.S.

Andrea R. Mills
Alicia Angelia Williams

EMT/Paramedic Certificate

Bridgette Anne Haley
James Carl Marosek

Medical Coding/Transcriptionist

Mary Katherine Audycki, *Magna Cum Laude*
Pamela M. Bert, *Magna Cum Laude*
Jessica L. Clark, *Cum Laude*
Tanzania Renee Coleman
Karie Lynn Collins, *Cum Laude*
Justina Michael Davenport, *Summa Cum Laude*
Candace Marie Doetsch, *Summa Cum Laude*
Christina Gardner, *Cum Laude*
Hollie L. Harris DePasquale, *Cum Laude*
Leanne M. Hill, *Cum Laude*
Ashley Marie Hyde
Meagan Johnson, *Cum Laude*
Karen Elaine Lopez
Jacquelyn Marie Schaffer, *Cum Laude*
Jordan M. Talma, *Cum Laude*

Paralegal

Austin R. Arlington, *Magna Cum Laude*
Yesika Mariela Carrasquillo, *Summa Cum Laude*
Ligia Del Cid
Tanya Lynn Dowd, *Cum Laude*
Andrea I. Fisher
Emma Mackenzie Hjelm, *Magna Cum Laude*
Jessica Lindsay Jablonowski

Cassie N. Knoblauch, *Cum Laude*
Kyla Amanda McKenzie Marino, *Cum Laude*
Michaela N. Monohan, *Cum Laude*
Kelly Ann Parker, *Cum Laude*
Tara Nicole Quinn, *Magna Cum Laude*
Desiree Chelsea Paige Santana
Emily Elizabeth Vacco
Elyssa Cosette Vernold
Amber Michelle Walsh, *Magna Cum Laude*

Pre-Employment Police Basic Training

Karl Baia, *Cum Laude*
William Bateholts
Jeff Chase, *Cum Laude*
Thomas Edward Chase, *Magna Cum Laude*
Austin Dlugas
Darya Don
Elijah Griffin

Michael Hagan
Michael Joseph Inman, *Magna Cum Laude*
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Giosue Lanza
Emily Jean Lincoln
Dustin Marc McCartney, *Magna Cum Laude*
Tyler Michael James O'Connor, *Cum Laude*
Katarenna Pate
Tyler Perkins
Justin Dequane Richards, *Cum Laude*
Neiko Scarano
Timothy C. Scharett, *Cum Laude*
Jonathon Williams
Jordan Rose Zaccagnino

Honors Program Graduates

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Francesca Sara Camileri
Mary R. Davis Fralick
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Abigail Heather Maurelli

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Forensic Investigations
Janemarie Verri '96, *Professor, Social Science*

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Pepe Aragon '91, *Associate Professor,*
Physical Education
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Robert Gassmann, *Professor, Communication*
and Media
April Harris, *Associate Professor, Criminal Justice/*
Cybersecurity
Karen Jones '93, *D.P.T., Associate Professor,*
Physical Therapy
Nicole McDaniels, *Ph.D., Associate Professor, Biology*
Joshua Parkinson, *Director of Instructional Design*
Mark Polkosnik, *Ph.D., J.D., Professor, Paralegal*
Robin Riecker, *Ed.D., Associate Dean of Academic*
Affairs, Humanities/Social Science
William Stack, *Assistant Professor,*
Forensic Investigations

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COMMENCEMENT

SYMBOLS AND MEANINGS

The Presidential Medallion

The medallion worn by the President at commencement and official occasions is an emblem of office and symbol of the authority vested in him/her as the President.

The face of the medallion bears Herkimer County Community College's corporate seal. In 1967, Herkimer College's first President, **Robert McLaughlin**, sponsored a contest among Herkimer County high school students to create a college seal. The winning design concept, submitted by **Marie Johnson** of Frankfort, was completed and executed by **Bronson Quackenbush**. His finished design was put on a brass plate by **Casimer Rakowski** of SUNY Farmingdale, hung from a green and white ribbon, and worn for the first few years until the current medallion was made.

Today's medallion bears the seal with the words "Herkimer County Community College" in green lettering on a gold background in a circular design. The center of the seal reads "State University of New York" around the edges of a triangular shape. Inside the triangle is a drawing of General Herkimer, representing the College's location. The upper right-hand corner bears an open book with a quill, representing learning and knowledge, in front of a world globe. The date on the seal, 1966, is the year Herkimer County Community College was founded. The medallion hangs from a chain of office, with the names of all those who have served as Herkimer County Community College's president engraved on the links. It serves as a tribute to them.

The Ceremonial Mace

One of the oldest symbols of authority, the earliest ceremonial maces were actually practical weapons intended to protect the King's person, borne by a royal bodyguard. Later, cities and parliaments adopted their use. Heads of medieval universities also followed suit, and today, a university's mace is carried before the president or chancellor and platform-party dignitaries during commencement and inaugural and other academic ceremonial processions. The mace serves its vital role as the object vested with the power of the institution.

A gift to the institution from **President Cathleen C. McColgin** and her husband **Robert McColgin**, in recognition of Herkimer County Community College's 50th anniversary, the hand-made custom mace honors and represents the authority of the College. The College's 49th Commencement on May 19, 2017 was the first academic ceremony at which the mace was carried. Herkimer College's mace is crafted from American black cherry wood harvested from the campus property near the nature trail. Designed and crafted by **George and Theresa Olsen** of Richmondville, NY, the mace features the official college seal, cast in bronze, on each of the four sides. A cage-type finial showcases a beautiful Herkimer Diamond, a double-terminated quartz crystal found in Herkimer, New York and donated by Gems Along the Mohawk.

The macebearer is selected from the faculty by his or her peers to lead the procession and represents the Professional Association on the dais.

Academic Regalia

AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, Sixteenth Edition.

New York: Walter deGruyter, Inc., 2001

Gowns recommended for use in the colleges and universities of this country have the following characteristics. The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves. It is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, like the others. The sleeve base hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut and the front part has an arc cut away. The gown is so designed and supplied with fasteners that it may be worn open or closed. The gown for the doctor's degree has bell-shaped sleeves. It is so designed and supplied with fasteners that it may be worn open or closed. As a means of adaptation to climate, the material of the gowns may vary from very light to very heavy provided that the material, color, and pattern follow the prescribed rules. Gowns for the bachelor's or master's degrees are untrimmed. For the doctor's degree, the gown is faced down the front with black velvet; three bars of velvet are used across the sleeves. These facings and crossbars may be of velvet of the color distinctive of the disciplines to which the degree pertains, thus agreeing in color with the binding or edging of the hood appropriate to the particular doctor's degree in every instance.

The length of the hood worn for the bachelor's degree must be three feet, for the master's degree three and one-half feet, and for the doctor's degree, four feet. The hood worn for the doctor's degree only shall have panels at the sides. The hoods are to be lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree; more than one color is shown by division of the field color in a variety of ways, chevron or chevrons, equal division, etc. Mortarboards are generally recommended. A long tassel is to be fastened to the middle point of the top of the cap only and to lie as it will thereon. The tassel should be black or the color appropriate to the subject, with the exception of the doctor's cap that may have a tassel of gold.

Only members of the governing body of a college or university, whatever their degrees, are entitled to wear doctor's gowns (with black velvet), but their hoods may be only those of degrees actually held by the wearers or those especially prescribed for them by the institution.

Members of religious orders may suitably wear their customary habits. The same principle applies to persons wearing military uniforms or clad in special attire required by a civil office.



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