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## ORDER OF EXERCISES

### GRADUATE PROGRAMS AND SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION CEREMONY MAY THE SIXTEENTH, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE PETERSON RECREATION CENTER

#### PROCESSIONAL

*Pomp and Circumstance No. 1*  
by Sir Edward Elgar

*A Festival Prelude*  
by Alfred Reed

“The Earle of Oxford’s March” from *William Byrd Suite*  
by Gordon Jacob

*March and Procession of Bacchus*  
by Léo Delibes

#### THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

*The Star-Spangled Banner*  
Lyrics by Francis Scott Key  
Music by John Stafford Smith  
Vocals by Shannon K. Flaherty ’25G

O say, can you see, by the dawn’s early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight  
O’er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets’ red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,  
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Performed by the Providence College Symphonic Winds  
Eric C. Melley, DMA  
Director of Instrumental Activities

#### WELCOME

Reverend Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P., Ph.D. ’78, ’82G  
President

#### INVOCATION

The Most Reverend Robert C. Evans, D.D., JCL  
Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Providence

#### GREETINGS

Reverend Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P., Ph.D. ’78, ’82G  
President

Brian P. McManus ’90  
President of the Providence College National Alumni  
Association

#### PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE AND ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Sylvia Maxfield, Ph.D.  
Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic  
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*Candidates for the School of Continuing Education,  
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Madeleine A. Metzler, M.A.  
Associate Dean of the School of Continuing Education

*Candidates for the School of Continuing Education,  
Associate of Arts*  
Madeleine A. Metzler, M.A.  
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Interim Dean of the School of Business

*Candidates for Degree, Master of Education and Master of Arts*  
Yune K. Tran, Ph.D.

Dean of the School of Education and Social Work

## **CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE**

*Presented by*  
Reverend Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P., Ph.D. '78, '82G  
President

## **HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT**

Michael A. Cox '97SCE  
Commissioner of the Boston Police Department  
*Honorary Doctor of Public Service*

## **ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATES**

Michael A. Cox '97SCE  
Commissioner of the Boston Police Department

## **BENEDICTION AND BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES**

Reverend Damian Day, O.P., STL '15  
Assistant Chaplain

## **THE ALMA MATER**

From *Finlandia*  
by Jean Sibelius  
Vocals by Lauren E. Aldrich '25 and Julia M. Carson '25

Mother of Truth, we proudly pledge to thee  
Undying love and steadfast loyalty.  
From thee we learned the wondrous work of God,  
His goodness, grace, and holy power;  
Clear hast thou shown what pathways must be trod;  
All fearless now we brave life's hour!

Though failure frown, though kindly fortune smile,  
Firm our advance; naught can us e'er beguile.  
To honor bound, to love and virtue sworn,  
Lift we our voice in full acclaim;  
Our lives shall thee with noble deeds adorn;  
Hail Providence! We praise thy name!

## **RECESSIONAL**

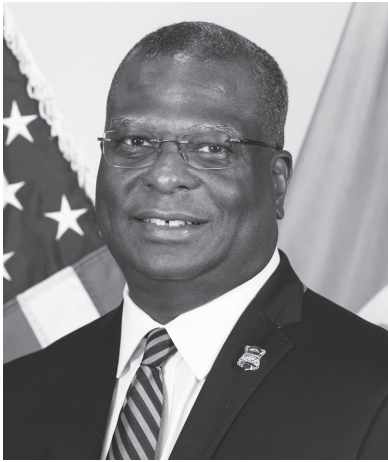
*Sine Nomine*  
by Ralph Vaughan Williams

“Folk Songs from Somerset” from *English Folk Song Suite*  
by Ralph Vaughan Williams

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Eric C. Melley, DMA  
Director of Instrumental Activities

## **HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT**

**MICHAEL A. COX '97SCE**



### **COMMISSIONER OF THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT HONORARY DOCTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE**

Michael A. Cox '97SCE was appointed the 44th police commissioner of the Boston Police Department on August 15, 2022, by Boston Mayor Michelle Wu. Born and raised in the Roxbury neighborhood of Boston, he has devoted his life to public service, joining the Boston Police Department in 1989. Through the years, he has held key positions, including roles in the Anti-Gang Violence Unit, Internal Affairs Division, and the Intelligence Unit. He commanded the Emergency Operations Center and the Bureau of Investigative Services and served as superintendent overseeing the Bureau of Professional Development.

From 2019-2022, Commissioner Cox served as the chief of police for the Ann Arbor Police Department in Ann Arbor, Michigan. During his tenure, he prioritized community-oriented policing, fostering trust between law enforcement and the community.

As Boston police commissioner, he has focused on critical challenges such as gun violence, intelligence-led policing, and improving police-community relations. He is committed to reforming the department, emphasizing accountability, transparency, and professional development. His leadership reflects his belief in a collaborative approach where the police department works hand-in-hand with the community to ensure safety and justice.

Through his leadership, Commissioner Cox advocates for inclusivity, equity, and procedural justice within the department. He envisions a police force respected and trusted by all residents, regardless of their background. Through heightened community engagement, he aims to create lasting partnerships and incorporate neighborhood input in decision-making.

Commissioner Cox's contributions have earned him numerous accolades, including the Boston Police Medal of Honor. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Police Executive Research Forum Senior Management Institute for Police. His academic achievements include degrees in business management from Providence College, a master's degree in criminal justice from Curry College, and an MBA from Boston University's Questrom School of Business.

Commissioner Cox and his wife, Kimberly Cox, M.D., are the parents of three adult children, Michael Jr., Nicholas, and Mickey.

#### Latin Honors

*Summa Cum Laude* - Gold Cord

*Magna Cum Laude* - Silver Cord

*Cum Laude* - White Cord

« Summer 2024 graduate

\*\* December 2024 graduate

\* December 2025 graduate

° January 2025 graduate

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€ Combined Plan Engineering Program

For a list of academic honors based on eight semesters, go to [commencement.providence.edu/latin-honors-2025/](https://commencement.providence.edu/latin-honors-2025/)



## CANDIDATES FOR DEGREE

### SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Warren M. Bassett †

*Magna Cum Laude*

Carl Kasper Bjorkqvist †

*Cum Laude*

Sarah Bowater \*

Belinda Braxton \*

Matthew Dale

Vanessa C. Daluz \*

Jennifer Lee De La Cruz

*Magna Cum Laude*

Robert Garofalo

Dominique M. Heaphy

Catherine A. Hughes-Fury

*Magna Cum Laude*

Zachary N. Lapierre °

Carolyn A. Mariorenzi

Adalberto Rodriguez

Kimberly Rose Sanchez †

Carmen B. Silva-Rivera

*Cum Laude*

Jaxson Stauber \*

*Magna Cum Laude*

Betsy L. Sullivan \*

Carlos Rafael Vargas †

Norma Vera †

Melissa Wathen

*Magna Cum Laude*

#### ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Clyde Thomas Britt, Jr.

Jason D. Clarke

Jeannette Jensen °

Brandi Sanchez †

## CANDIDATES FOR DEGREE

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### ADVANCED DEGREES

#### MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY

Kristen Marie Black \*\*  
Emma Bodmer †  
Courtney Garrity  
Grace Elizabeth Heffernan  
Jacqueline Marie Michels †  
Sydney Nance †  
Sapphire Ryder  
Christopher W. Stanley  
Connor James Tully †  
Alexander Whitehead

#### MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING MATHEMATICS

Nina A. Di Iorio  
Ariana Packard

#### MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

James F. Brennan  
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Joseph John Brendan Clossick «  
Kennedy Chibueze Ogujiuba «  
Sister Maria Caeli Parmeter, O.P.  
Domenico Schiavone «  
Steven R. Valliere «

#### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Christopher Clifford Azar  
Anna Bajak †  
Talia Ann Barreira \*\*  
Brooke Becker  
Brendan Ryan Bellemore †  
Claire Margaret Bjarno †  
Sophia Frances Bossolini †  
Francis Brissette †  
Thomas Adams Buchbinder †  
Lukas John Burns †  
Timothy Cahill †  
Isabella Margaret Caprio

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Matthew Clarke †  
Jenna Marie Cobb †  
Anthony Colangelo †  
Ryan Collins †  
William Michael Collins †  
Lily Connor  
Sophia Cross †  
Olivia Ann D'Antonio  
Michael DeFusco †  
Corinne Amanda Dente †  
Drew Connor Desormeaux †  
Marisa DeVine †  
Nicholas James Diverio †  
Mary Margaret Dolan †  
Daniel Donahue †  
Hannah Marie Doorley  
Caitlin Victoria Downing †  
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Brynn Gabrielle Farrell †  
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Shannon Kinnane Flaherty †  
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Colin Gallagher †  
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Julissa Jaimet Magnone  
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Ashley Fleury

Lauren Elizabeth Fritz  
Marcela Garces  
Olivia Rose Gasbarro  
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Kathryn Pemberton  
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Yvette Noelle Rabideau  
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Allison J. Kennedy †  
Gabriela Muñiz Gonzalez †  
Tory Reece †  
Olivia Stich †  
Cristina Philomena Tighe †

MASTER OF ARTS IN GLOBAL EDUCATION AND TESOL

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Akugbeoretin Efosa-Aguebor †  
Molly Mabel Ferro  
Shannon Flockhart  
Luis Garcia Martinez °  
Genna Hartman  
Liria Arlete Loria  
Alexandra Grace Millard  
Quang Nhan Nguyen \*\*  
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Harry Scarborough †  
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Kate Anders Ward

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN URBAN TEACHING

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Ashley Seldon

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN URBAN TEACHING-TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Eliana Damaris Lopez †  
Michael James Millen, Jr. \*\*

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Christopher J. Belmore  
Caroline Kuhlman  
Lindsey Marie Larivee  
Clare Rose O'Brien  
Cassandra Caitlynn Scherer  
Marco Peter Spataro

MASTER OF EDUCATION MATHEMATICS-TEACHER CERTIFICATION

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## HONOR SOCIETIES AND SPECIAL DISTINCTIONS

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### **MEMBER OF ALPHA SIGMA LAMBDA - SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION**

*National Honor Society for Adults in  
Continuing Education*

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Betsy L. Sullivan \*\*  
Melissa Wathen

### **MEMBER OF PHI ALPHA THETA - GRADUATE**

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Jacqueline Marie Michels †

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*National Business Administration  
Honor Society*

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## **ACADEMIC REGALIA**

Academic regalia, rooted in traditions that began at 12th century European universities, conveys historical significance and specific meaning to contemporary academic ceremony. Often lacking buildings of their own, those universities would undertake teaching and learning in churches, with academic activities involving both clerics and laypeople. Historians suggest that scholars of the day wore hoods and long robes as a means for staying warm in unheated church buildings. From those origins has evolved a colorful tradition rife with symbolism and meaning.

According to standards adopted by American universities, the cut of the gown signifies whether the wearer has a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree, with the doctoral robe adorned with three bars on each sleeve and front panels. The hood represents both the wearer's field of study and the institution that awarded his or her degree. Headwear, both the mortarboard cap and tam, and the tassel itself, may be assigned to represent a specific field of study.

*Information sources: The American Council on Education and Herff Jones*



