

Syracuse University Commencement

MAY 11, 2025





Syracuse University

Order of Exercises

Syracuse University Wind Ensemble

Timothy W. Diem
Conductor

Processional

Degree Candidates, Emeriti Faculty, Faculty,
Chancellor’s Council, Board of Trustees,
Academic Deans and the Chancellor’s Party

Mace Ceremony

Bea González G’04
Mace Bearer

Presentation of Colors

Army and Air Force ROTC Cadets

National Anthem

Olivia Scanzera ’25
College of Visual and Performing Arts

Ceremonial Opening

Tadodaho Sidney Hill
Haudenosaunee Confederacy

Invocation

The Rev. Brian E. Konkol
Vice President and Dean, Hendricks Chapel

Welcome

Lois Agnew
*Vice Chancellor,
Provost and Chief Academic Officer (Interim)*

Greetings

Kent Syverud
Chancellor and President

Welcome to Syracuse University Alumni

Peter A. Giancesini Jr. ’94
President, Syracuse University Alumni Association

Message From University Scholars Class of 2025

Jonathan Collard de Beaufort ’25
College of Arts and Sciences

Introduction of Commencement Speaker

Kent Syverud
Chancellor and President

Commencement Speaker

Carmelo Anthony
*10-time NBA All-Star, 2003 NCAA Champion,
3-time Olympic Gold Medalist, Entrepreneur
and Philanthropist*

Conferring of Honorary Degrees

Kent Syverud
Chancellor and President

DOCTOR OF LETTERS

Robert “Bob” Mankoff ’66

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

Ali Meders-Knight
Judith Greenberg Seinfeld ’56

Recognition of New Emeriti Faculty

Jamie L. Winders
Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs

Recognition of Class Marshals and University Scholars

Lois Agnew
*Vice Chancellor,
Provost and Chief Academic Officer (Interim)*

Recognition of Army and Air Force ROTC Cadets

Lois Agnew
*Vice Chancellor,
Provost and Chief Academic Officer (Interim)*

Recognition of Master of Laws and Juris Doctor Degrees

Terence J. Lau L’98
Dean, College of Law

Conferring of Doctoral and Master’s Degrees and Certificates of Advanced Study

Kent Syverud
Chancellor and President

Candidates presented by Peter A. Vanable
*Associate Provost for Graduate Studies
and Dean of the Graduate School*

Conferring of Bachelor’s and Associate Degrees

Kent Syverud
Chancellor and President

Candidates presented by the Academic Deans
and Julie Hasenwinkel
Associate Provost for Academic Programs

Alma Mater

Enzo Cupani ’25
College of Visual and Performing Arts

Recessional

Chancellor’s Party, Academic Deans, Board of Trustees,
Chancellor’s Council, Faculty and Emeriti Faculty

Academic Deans

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Michael A. Speaks

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Behzad Mortazavi

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Kelly Chandler-Olcott

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

J. Cole Smith

DAVID B. FALK COLLEGE OF SPORT AND HUMAN DYNAMICS

Jeremy S. Jordan

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Peter A. Vanable

SCHOOL OF INFORMATION STUDIES

Jeff Hemsley (Interim Dean)

COLLEGE OF LAW

Terence J. Lau L’98

LIBRARIES

David Seaman

MAXWELL SCHOOL OF CITIZENSHIP AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

David M. Van Slyke

S.I. NEWHOUSE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Mark J. Lodato

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Michael J. Frasciello G’15

COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Michael S. Tick

MARTIN J. WHITMAN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Alex McKelvie (Interim Dean)

University Marshal

Kira Reed
*Associate Professor of Management,
Martin J. Whitman School of Management*

Associate University Marshal

Tula Goenka G’86
*Professor and Graduate Program Director,
S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications*

Academic Heraldry

Academic caps, gowns and hoods date back to the Middle Ages, when monks and students wore them as a shield against the dampness and drafts in 12th-century castles and monasteries.

Bachelor’s gowns have a semi-stiff yoke, long pleated front and intricate shirring across the shoulders and back. The gown—which may be worn open or closed—is distinguished by its long, pointed sleeves.

Master’s gowns are worn open. The very long sleeves are square and closed at the end, with the forearm coming through a slit near the elbow.

Doctoral gowns carry broad velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on full, round, open sleeves. This trimming may be black or a color representing a specific discipline. Doctoral caps may be velvet and the tassels gold.

Bachelor’s degree candidates wear tassels on the right and transfer them to the left when degrees are awarded during the ceremony.

Marshals of the Class of 2025

Mark Nzasi
Yifan “Ivan” Shen

School and College Marshals

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Rebecca Goetzke
Qianzhen Li

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Ellen Clark
Megan Edenfeld
Owen Opalenick

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Sofia DaCruz
Joshua Spodek

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Tessa DeCicco
Brady McKenna

DAVID B. FALK COLLEGE OF SPORT AND HUMAN DYNAMICS

Laura Jayne
Rylee Brook Pepper

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Qingyang Liu

SCHOOL OF INFORMATION STUDIES

Rebecca Skier
Ellie Walker

COLLEGE OF LAW

Noah H. Centore

MAXWELL SCHOOL OF CITIZENSHIP AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Christopher Bezdedeau '23

S.I. NEWHOUSE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Charlotte Anais Ebel
Ryan E. Myers

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Robert L. Salvato

COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Morgan Albano
Paige Hartquist

MARTIN J. WHITMAN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Evan Kalish
Talia St. Angelo

Syracuse University Scholars

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AND SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Yifan “Ivan” Shen

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Jonathan Collard de Beaufort
Yuming Jiang
Morgan Louise Opp
Skyla Ross-Graham
Sophia Marie Znamierowski

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AND COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Kerrin Anne O’Grady

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Timothy Paek

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AND MAXWELL SCHOOL OF CITIZENSHIP AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Abigail Greenfield
Sierra Jade Kaplan

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AND S.I. NEWHOUSE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Charlotte Anais Ebel

MARTIN J. WHITMAN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Emmy Wanditi Njue

Alma Mater

WHERE THE VALE OF ONONDAGA

MEETS THE EASTERN SKY

PROUDLY STANDS OUR ALMA MATER

ON HER HILLTOP HIGH.

FLAG WE LOVE! ORANGE! FLOAT FOR AYE,

OLD SYRACUSE, O’ER THEE.

LOYAL BE THY SONS AND DAUGHTERS

TO THY MEMORY.

— Junius W. Stevens, Class of 1895

